

**TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for
the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105149)

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Tullyallen congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Tullyallen Road
Glenanne
Co. Armagh

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland **NIC105149**

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Mr Sam Qua
Mr Samuel Greer
Mr Cecil Hendren
Mr Kenny Qua
Mr Jim Henning

Mr Raymond Hunter
Mr George Hamilton
Mr Robert Qua
Rev. Nigel Reid

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev. Nigel Reid
Clerk of Session Mr George Hamilton
Treasurer Mr Gregg Johnston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Shriver Price & Co
49 Downshire Rd, Newry BT34 1BA

BANKERS

Ulster Bank

20 High St, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 1HU Danske Bank 45-48 High St, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 1LB

SOLICITORS

Nelson-Singleton 71 Main Street, Markethill, Armagh BT60 1PH

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Tullyallen congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion. Tullyallen congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations mission purposes is, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which

- : - is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper.

The congregation holds regular bible study meetings (Mid-Week) and has a wide range of organisations including but not limited to:

- Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship
- Boys Brigade
- Bowling Club
- Presbyterian Women
- Ladies Bible Study
- Men's Fellowship & Men's choir
- Badminton Club

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer the congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am and 7pm as advertised. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life by hosting the Sacrament of Baptism, we conducted marriage services and held services of Thanksgiving for those who had died and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 219 communicant members and 135 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 135.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders. Mission and outreach at a local level the congregation sought to reach out to the local community through a range of activities and special events including the following:-

- Special Services
- Ladies Walk & Talk
- Holiday Bible Club for children

Each home in our area is visited twice a year with invitations to attend our events and services

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to Christian Aid, Presbyterian Children's Society, Sunday School project, B Posiitve, Noeleen's Helping Hands, Earl Haig Fund & Southern Area Hospice.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

The Congregational committee has the responsibility for maintenance and to ensure that the congregation's property is fit for purpose. No major works were carried out during 2023.

Organisations

The organisations draw membership from both congregations and the wider community.

Sunday School

Held on a Sunday morning before Church. To teach the Bible, to share in praise and to bring the good news of the Lord Jesus to children and young people

The Boys' Brigade

Held on a Tuesday & Thursday evening to promote the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys. Events and activities are organised to challenge and stimulate the boys. Also included in each section is a Bible Class.

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship meets twice monthly on a Sunday evening in Mowhan Hall. They seek to encourage Christian Fellowship among young people as they study the Bible and important issues for them as young people in a modern age.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

The PW usually meets on the 1st Thursday of the month and supports mission at home and overseas and encourages Ladies to be disciples of Christ through a variety of speakers and activities throughout the year.

Ladies Bible Study

This is primarily a Bible Study group, where discussions take place on Biblical books using materials from precept ministries.

The Men's Fellowship

This is primarily a Bible Study group, where discussions take place on Biblical books using materials and DVD's as resources.

Men's Choir

The Choir meets on Monday evening to promote praise among men in the congregations, and to be a gospel witness in the wider community.

Bowling Club

Meeting on a Wednesday evening in Mountnorris, The Bowling club is an all age organisation.

Badminton Club

Held Monday and Wednesday is an all age group encouraging sport for recreation.

Mid-Week Fellowship:

Held on a Thursday evening in the Church Hall to study the Bible with praise and prayer time.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and adhoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

TULLYALLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
(cont'd)

Financial Review

The congregation's main source of income is contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. The total income and expenditure during the year is as detailed in the Financial statements of Tullyallen Presbyterian Church.

Statements of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accounting practice.

At the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64 (3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 23rd October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

(Name) *George Hamilton*

(Name) *Walter E. R. O.*

(Date) *23/10/24.*

(Date) *23/10/24*
