



**GARVAGHY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Garvagh congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
102 Garvagh Church Road
Banbridge
BT32 3SB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105246)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report
Rev David Conkey
James Smyth
Victor Ervine

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Convenor	Rev David Conkey
Elder	James Smyth
Treasurer	Patricia Adair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Howard Murray
33 Fernhill Road
Katesbridge
BT32 5QT

BANKERS

Danske Bank
Donegall Square West
Belfast
BT1 6JS

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Garvaghy 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 Scripture 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 throughout the world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ both through our individual lives and through worship on Sunday mornings.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 12 noon and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's 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. As well as regular services during the year we celebrated special events and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31st December 2024 there were 77 communicant members and 62 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 50.

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church through illness or age are visited by the elders on a regular basis.

At a local level the congregation has supported the Ukraine Disaster appeal through Tearfund and British Poppy Appeal. The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The congregation also contributes to the annual World Development Appeal.

The congregation was represented at regular Presbytery meetings, this provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structure of the church.

ORGANISATIONS

Sunday School meets every Sunday during Church service

Fusion (Ladies group) meets 1st Thursday of each month

Christian Endeavor meets every Tuesday evening

Midweek prayer and Bible Study

Bowls meets every Tuesday evening

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

Signed by James Smyth Elder and Trustee of Garvaghy Presbyterian Church

