

**Edengrove Presbyterian Church a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105309

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Edengrove Presbyterian Church congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
15 – 17 Dromore Road
Ballynahinch
Co. Down BT24 8HP

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105309)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Scott Woodburn	Quinton Crean
Richard Currie	Kenny Blaney
Jim Stokes	Colin Patterson
Bill Reid	Ronnie Long
Roy Peake	Dave McConkey
Maurice Douglas	John Coulter
Winston Shaw	Billy McConnell

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Scott Woodburn
Clerk of Session	Roy Peake
Treasurer	William McCulla

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Stephen McKee
Heanen Stanfield & McKee Ltd
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BANKERS

Ulster Bank
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SOLICITORS

Murlands Solicitors
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Ballynahinch
BT24 8AG

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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 Session 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 minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held 10 times each year.

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. Edengrove Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Down 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 each congregation.

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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

Edengrove 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 congregation's mission purpose is-

Jesus said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age". Matthew 28:18 – 20.

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 and in obedience to Scripture, 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.

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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.

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 and has a wide range of organisations including:-
 - Sunday School
 - Girls Brigade
 - Basement - Youth Club
 - Holiday Bible Club
 - Bowling Club
 - Mid-Week Fellowship
 - Edengrove Cares

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

During 2022, there were interruptions in many of our activities due to the continuing impact of Covid-19.

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday morning at 11am and monthly at 6.30pm. 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 at two Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted one marriage service and gave thanks for faithful ministry and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31st December 2022 there were 198 communicant members and 207 families connected with the congregation.

The average week attendance at morning worship is 150.

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Pastoral care

Members who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are contacted on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. This was curtailed due to Covid-19 but since April has continued as pre-pandemic.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation works with neighboring churches to reach the lost in Ballynahinch. We actively support the work of the Edge, Food Bank, and the Hub.

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 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.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

There were no major refurbishment or additions to the property during the year which consists of the church, halls and manse.

Organisations

Sunday School – We provide a creche and have classes up to mid-teens.

Girls Brigade – The Girls Brigade meets every Monday from September to Easter.

Basement - This is our Youth Club type organisation and meets every Friday evening.

Holiday Bible Club – Each June the congregation operates a bible club for the children of the local community. We welcome over two hundred children each night.

Mid-Week Fellowship – Meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Attendees enjoy food and fellowship before engaging in the worship of God.

Bowling Club – The bowlers meet Thursday & Saturday evenings from 7.30pm

Edengrove Cares. This is an organisation established to provide practical support to members of the congregation in times of need.

All these organisations were disrupted during 2022 to a greater or lesser degree due to Covid-19.

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.

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 ad-hoc 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The pandemic had a significant impact on both income and expenditure during both 2021 and 2022. Total income increased by 4% in 2022 following an 8% recovery in 2021, having reduced by 23% in 2020, but this was offset to an extent by lower expenditure in both years.

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 209 contributors during the year [189, 2021] donating a total of £163,917 (£169,539 in previous year, 2021).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £209,834 compared to £201,555 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £280,298 to £283,827. Depreciation of £85,411 was charged during 2022 (£85,411 in 2021). When this is taken into account, cash expenditure was more or less in line with 2021 and remained about 12% less than in 2019.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregations and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregations and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2015)". 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.

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GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least three month's normal expenditure. At the year-end unrestricted reserves were £67,905 which represents a higher level of reserves. The Trustees however, consider it prudent to hold reserves at this level as the funding of its present activities is dependent of the ongoing financial support of members.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11/5/23 and signed on its behalf by

Signed on behalf by



Scott Woodburn



Roy Peake

Dated 23/5/23

Dated 23.5.23

