

MAGHERAGALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO, NIC105328

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2023 together with a statement of assets and liabilities at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Magheragall Presbyterian Church

9 School Lane

Upper Ballinderry

Lisburn, Co Antrim

BT28 2NT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105328)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

J Adair, W G Anderson, M A Christie, M E F H Collins, R A Crothers, E L Ireland, A J Kelly, A I McCullagh, Rev A A McCullough, M Priestley, R A Priestley and B Thomson.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister - Rev Angus A McCullough

Clerk of Session - William G Anderson

Congregational Secretary - Richard A Crothers

Treasurer - Alexander I McCullagh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Stephen J Givan FCA

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Chartered Accountants

7 Delamont

5 Dundela Park

Belfast

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SOLICITORS

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTS

The principal activity remains the making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion and thereby providing a public benefit which flows from the purposes of the church, including spiritual and moral development and care for those in the community who are sick, disabled or bereaved.

GOVERNANCE

Magheragall Presbyterian Church is governed by the Kirk Session who are the charity Trustees. The governing document is The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Kirk Session has delegated the temporal affairs of the congregation, including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation, to the Congregational Committee. The Kirk Session members are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

REVIEW

The Trustees are content that the objects of the church are being delivered in line with the public benefit guidance issued by Charity Commission for N I. The church is open to all and there is no harm flowing from the purposes of the charity. No private benefits ensue other than to the Minister but these are considered incidental to and necessary for the work of the church.

During 2023 most of our organisations returned to normal activities and numbers were encouraging. A determined effort has been made to encourage a return to and stimulate growth in the Sunday school (re-named 'BLAST') and to recruit leaders and helpers.

In 2023 the donations and contributions income for the general charitable activities of the church increased by 16.9% to £124,632. Investment income increased by 7.0% to £2,462.

The expenditure on charitable activities increased by 8.3% to £123,286 and establishment expenses increased from £11,991 to £54,770 reflecting major internal repair and refurbishment to the manse kitchen and cloakroom (£40,636) and the laying out of the graveyard extension (£12,400).

The Trustees are grateful to the many volunteers who give their time to the charity through serving on committees and working within the organisations of the church.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees will continue to work to provide a Christian witness in the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees regularly consider the reputational and financial risks that might arise and review protocols and procedures in place to mitigate those risks.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice. As the congregation's total income is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payments 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.

RESULTS

The net expenditure for the year was £18,673 compared with net income of £10,460 in the previous year

By order of the Trustees



Rev A A McCullough
Chair

Approved by the Trustees on 22nd April 2024