

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

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105542)**

**BURNSIDE 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 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Burnside congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Mill Road  
Portstewart  
County Londonderry  
BT55 7SW

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105542)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Derek Birrell

Wilfred Dickey  
Richard Gregg  
Norman Stevenson

Anne Freeman  
Joseph Nevin

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister

Richard Gregg

Clerk of Session

Derek Birrell

Treasurer

Francis Kerr

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**Paul A. Taylor & Co.**

**Unit 4**

**12 Spittal Hill Bushmills Road,**

**Coleraine**

**BT52 2BY**

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**BANKERS**

**Danske Bank  
22 The Diamond,  
Coleraine  
BT52 1DE**

**SOLICITORS**

**Not Applicable**

## **BURNSIDE 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 bi-monthly.

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. Burnside congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Coleraine & Limavady 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.

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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**

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

BURNSIDE 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 to *know Jesus and make Jesus known*.

*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.*

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**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

- Presbyterian Women
- Girls' Brigade
- Choir
- Bowling Club
- Friendship Group
- Drop-In Cosy Community Hub

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am. During the week the Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship and to pray for the community and the church.

As well as our regular services during the year there were a number of funeral services and a wedding service.

At 31 December 2022 there were 176 communicant members and 139 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 64 and evening worship has not started back after the pandemic.

**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 and elders.

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**Mission and outreach**

Throughout the year donations were given to external missions and agencies

Moderator's Appeal for Ukraine £2705.00

World Development Appeal £5488.00

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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 the denominations annual World Development Appeal and any other special appeals. This year £6315 was given to United Appeal.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church. Although there were significantly fewer meetings due to Covid Restrictions.

### **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 property has been kept in a good general state of repair .

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**Organisations**

Each Monday and Thursday our Indoor Bowling Club meets and provides friendship and competition for members. Matches take place internally and against other clubs and money is raised for a local charity at the annual church service. About 25 men, women and children attend.

Monthly the Presbyterian Women meet on a Monday afternoon to support mission and enjoy friendship. About 25 women attend.

Each Tuesday the Girls Brigade meet. About 26 girls from age 3+ enjoy games, craft, activities and learning about mission and charity across the world.

Choir meet weekly before special services to practice items of praise to sing during Harvest, Christmas and Easter services

Friendship Hour meets monthly on a Tuesday providing friendship for Senior Citizens and an informative talk, often supporting charities or missions

Drop-In Community Cosy Hub meets each Thursday morning providing a warm space and free Tea, Coffee and Scones for the community.

**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.

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**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 congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 91 contributors during the year donating a total of £88,380

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £125,987

Total expenditure for the year was £114,368

**STATEMENT 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 accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BURNSIDE CONGREGATION OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**BURNSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022 Funds	Total 2021 Funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Freewill Offering	55,244		55,243.80	55,051
Congregational Collections	5,062		5,061.55	3,444
Gift Aid			-	14,340
PCI Appeals		9,355	9,355	9,942
Special Contributions		412	412	475
General Missions			-	-
Other Gift Aid			-	126.64
Heat & Light			-	-
Bank Interest Received	142		142	129.92
Friendship Hour		721	721	-
Building Society Interest Received	249		249	98.90
Flowers			-	-
Presbyterian Herald	345		345	125.88
Miscellaneous	30		30	285.00
Donations	1,300		1,300	-
Carol Service	141		141	-
Business Investment		14,649	14,649	1,001
Business Investment Interest		45	45	7
Building Fund		33,136	33,136	33,957
Sunday School/Bible Class		-	-	-
Girls Brigade		509	509	1,019
PW Service		1,784	1,784	1,124
Christmas Box appeal	40		40	-
Thursday drop in	149		149	-
Bowling Club		993	993	-
Choir	557	0	557	-
Youth Club			-	-
Parent & Toddler	1,125		1,125	-
Cheques not lodged			-	103
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>64382</b>	<b>61605</b>	<b>125987</b>	<b>121229</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Stipend	33411		33,411	32,676
Minister's Expenses			-	-
National Insurance on Stipend	3543		3,543	3,291
Organist	2340		2,340	2,280
Assembly Assessments	22800		22,800	22,757
PCI Appeals		8193	8,193	9,238
Special Contributions			-	-
General Missions	574		574	565
Heat & Light	4762		4,762	210
Insurance	3928		3,928	3,580
Bank Fees	216		216	201
Rates & Water Charges	1459		1,459	1,438
Copyright Licence	204		204	122
Audit Fee			-	690
Presbytery Fees	438		438	382
Presentation/Gifts			-	-
Printing, Advertising & Stationery			-	-
Pulpit Supply	562		562	310
Catering	192		192	-
Donation Envelopes			-	449
Repairs			-	-
Presbyterian Herald	324		324	-
League of Church Loyalty			-	-
United Christian Broadcasters			-	-
Miscellaneous	111		111	383
Donations			-	-
Friendship Hour		562	562	176
Business Investment			-	-
Business Fund		25238	25,238	-
Organ repairs	300		300	24,217
Sunday School/Bible Class			-	-
Girls Brigade		1311	1,311	292
PW Service		1652	1,652	1,138
Bowling Club		565	565	-
Choir	557		557	-
Youth Club			-	-
Parent & Toddler	1125		1,125	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>76846</b>	<b>37522</b>	<b>114368</b>	<b>104395</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>-12465</b>	<b>24083</b>	<b>11618</b>	<b>16834</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END</b>	<b>22831</b>	<b>120725</b>	<b>143557</b>	<b>126723</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>10366</b>	<b>144808</b>	<b>155175</b>	<b>143557</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Derek Birrell

Derek Birrell (Clerk Of Session) 6/6/23

Richard Gregg

Richard Gregg (Minister) 6/6/23

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