

# KILFENNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

2023-2024

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The Trustees who served during the year or who were members of the Board at the end of the year were:

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Mr. Charles King

**KILFENNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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**

Kilfennan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105604)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

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## **KILFENNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held 8 times in 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. Kilfennan congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry and Donegal 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.

#### **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 a 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.

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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation continues to be the advancement of religion.

Kilfennan 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 congregation's mission purposes are to Make and Mature Disciples. Kilfennan Congregation believes that the Church is mandated by Jesus to be intentional in the making of disciples.

The Congregation believes that becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is much more than becoming a member of the Church and requires a personal response of saving faith in Christ.

To mature disciples is through the teaching of Jesus; disciples mature as they grow in their faith in Him, as they live out their faith and as they serve Christ both in the local Church and Community.

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

- a) Holding services of worship and other religious activities -these, and all that follows, are open to anyone of appropriate age and/or gender to access, without regard to whether they are members of our congregation.
- b) Through prayer - support our members, our own Church, other Christian Churches, the community and leaders in society and government.
- c) Organising meetings and events that promote our charitable purpose.
- d) Participating in the life of the local community.
- e) Participating in and supporting what the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the supervising Presbytery does.
- f) Supporting other secular and Christian organisations and charities through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation normally meets for worship every Sunday morning and evening and visitors are welcome to join.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was held on 3 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.

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The congregation holds regular Bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations meeting as shown below.

**Organisation Schedule**

<b>Kidszone</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Totszone (crèche for young children)</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>
<b>Teens zone</b>	<b>Boys Brigade</b>
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>Connect Bible studies and Home Groups</b>
<b>Presbyterian Women's meeting</b>	<b>Girls Brigade</b>
<b>Bowling Club</b>	<b>Table Tennis Club</b>
<b>Youth Club</b>	<b>Toddler Time</b>
<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>Young Adults</b>
<b>Other Ad hoc Activities</b>	
<b>Missionary and Student Committee</b>	<b>Pastoral Visitation (as and when)</b>
<b>Elders Congregational District Visitation (biannually and in time of specific need)</b>	<b>Community Hub</b>

**Objectives:**

The congregation's common objectives of all the various Church Activities as set out above are as follows:

Objective 1: To deepen and strengthen our relationships with each other within the church family and to build trust and a sense of belonging amongst all members.

Objective 2: To see every member utilising their gifts effectively in support of the church's ministry.

Objective 3: To see all members grow in their faith and Christian life and developing closer relationships with each other and support for each other.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer.**

The congregation normally meet regularly for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and at 6.30pm.

During the week the two Connect Bible Studies and two Home Groups provide an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. A short time for prayer is also held before the evening service. Prayer Triplets have been set up where members can meet to pray for the needs of the church and community.

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As well as our regular services during the year we sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 and following revision there were 644 communicant members and 311 families connected with the congregation. The normal average weekly attendance at morning worship during 2023 was 225.

### **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 or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation has a range of normal weekly activities focused on the following groups:

#### Young people

- Many young people have attended organisations such as Boy's Brigade (15), Girl's Brigade (100), Youth Fellowship (10) and Young Adults {15}. At each activity there are opportunities for the truth of God's word to be explained for example in Bible Classes, epilogues, participative bible study.
- Toddlers/Mothers/Grandmothers/Guardians met weekly enjoying sharing and caring for each other.

#### All age groups

- Many folk in all age groups have met together for activities with a strong emphasises on social interaction which helps to address the feeling of isolation e.g. Bowling club (40), Men's Club (50), Table tennis Club (12). The church is open on a Friday morning for Coffee and a chat.

#### Senior Folks

- A team of visitors from the Church have visited the more senior members who may not be able to get out to church based activities; this is an invaluable way of maintaining contact and encouraging these folks in their Christian life.

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The congregation participates in the local community as follows:

- The church has a team of visitors who visit shut in members twice per year.
- Others visit several members in care in local residential homes.
- Making the church available to the Blood Transfusion Service (3 occasions) for blood donation sessions with approximately 150 donations per occasion.
- A Holiday Bible club is organised at the end of the summer and is publicised in the community.
- Kilfennan Community Hub operates on a Wednesday and Friday morning for anyone in the community to avail of. Soup lunches were organised a few times through this venture. Coffee time continues each Friday morning alongside the Hub.
- Community/church family events were organised at Halloween with a light party being held and at Christmas time when a film night was held as well as carols around the Christmas tree. These were well attended by both the church family and the local community and there was a great buzz around the church.
- An Impact team organised a week of reaching out to the young people in the community as well as doing some gardening for older members in the local area.

During 2023 the congregation reached out to others in need with financial support and volunteering as follows:

- A focus on Tear Fund was maintained which encouraged members to offer prayerful and financial support to those across the world in poverty and need.
- Local mission efforts were also supported during the year.

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, Sunday School project as well as other special appeals.

## **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.

## **General Assembly**

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met during 2022 and a representative Elder of the congregation was able to attend.

## **KILFENNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Organisations**

The following is a brief summary of the main organisations of the congregation and their activities which progressively recommenced during 2022 as the congregation continued to emerge from Covid restrictions.

Kidszone for all children of primary school age met during our morning service for Bible teaching, activities and praise. This has proved beneficial to all who attend.

Teenszone and Bible Class (11 to 15 years) meet every Sunday morning from 10.30 to 11.00am.

Both the above share God's Word in an age appropriate way and engages those attending in worship.

A Crèche (renamed Totzone) is provided during Sunday morning worship for very young children.

A Youth Fellowship group is held fortnightly after evening worship and provides an opportunity for approximately 10 young people of secondary school age to grow in their Christian faith. A Young Adults group [15 in number] meets fortnightly on a Saturday evening, allowing friendships to develop as well as nurturing their faith and service.

A Bowling Club and Men's Club meet weekly providing recreation and fellowship for a membership of approximately 40 and 50 respectively. A newly formed Table Tennis Club (12 approximately in number) meets weekly, providing an opportunity for both men and women to enjoy playing games and having fellowship.

Both Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade meet weekly and follow the parent organisation's format with badge work and awards programme with average attendance of 15 and 100 respectively.

### **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.

### **Confirmation of Child Protection Arrangements**

The Trustees are acquainted with what is happening within Kiltinnan Presbyterian Church – we do this through a system of Link Elders for each organisation who report to the Trustees (i.e. at monthly Session meetings on a periodic and rotational basis. Any relevant issues arising in between reporting periods are raised as a specific item of business.

The Kirk Session has issued written guidance for organisations and organisational leaders affiliated to Kiltinnan Presbyterian Church. This document is to be read in conjunction with the Child Protection Policy for those organisational leaders associated with children and young people activities.

The Trustees have reviewed their Child Protection Policy and are satisfied that it is sufficient and current and that controls are in place to ensure effective safeguarding.

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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 by notice boards, 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 because 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.

## Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements of the congregation 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 congregation and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### **KILFENNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd) FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 196 contributing families during the year [190 in 2022] contributing a total of £79,588 [£75,760 in 2022]. This represents an increase in Freewill Offering for the year of £3,828.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £295,444, compared to £180,800 in the previous year in the main due to Legacies and Bequests of £104,598. Total expenditure reduced to £174,428 compared to £225,616 in the previous year in the main due to lower Capital Costs with much of the Capital expenditure being completed.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible 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 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.

As the congregation's total income (excluding the Legacies and Bequests of £104,598 outlined above) 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.

#### **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 ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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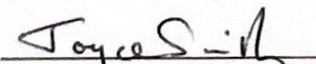
#### **RESERVES POLICY**

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 3 month's normal expenditure. At the year-end unrestricted reserves were £104,635 and are sufficient to meet this policy. The Trustees wish to continue to hold this level of unrestricted reserves through careful management of expenditure over the succeeding years.

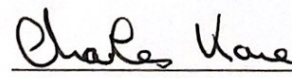
#### **RISK REVIEW**

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented including a uniform Audit for all Organisation Accounts/Funds and a circulation of "Guidance for Organisation Leaders" 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. The 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Joyce Smith, Clerk of Session

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Charles Kane, Treasurer

2024