

**BALLEE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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NORTHERN IRELAND CHARITY REGISTRATION No. NIC105747

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for 2022**

**(Having regard to the Charity Commission for NI Guidance on public benefit)**

The charity trustees during the year were Allan Chambers, Roy Kelly, Joyce McBride, Jim Kelly, Cecil Telford, James Cleland, Alan Lightbody and Jayne Caven.

The church is governed by Trust Deed and acts in accordance with the Constitution and Code of Discipline of the Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

The church seeks as its charitable purposes to promote the inalienable right of every Christian to search the records of divine truth for his or her own instruction and guidance, to form their own opinions with regard to what they teach and to worship God in sincerity to the dictates of his or her own conscience, without privation, penalty, or inconvenience by their fellow-men.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic situation things were still difficult. We were however able to get back to some normality which enabled services to be held. These included two Communion Services, Children's Day Service, Harvest Service, Remembrance Sunday Service and a Service to mark the Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Although our Minister Rev, Dr David Steers resigned at the end of December 2021 we were fortunate in that he undertook the duties of Minister in Charge whilst was vacant. In June the Rev. Rosalind Taggart was issued with a 'Call' which she accepted. Unfortunately due to two accidents her installation had to be postponed. She has not yet been installed as minister but is officially minister elect.

Through the Sunday school and church activities the children are encouraged to fully participate in church activities.

In carrying out activities throughout the year the trustees had regard to the benefits to enrich the lives of church members and their families.

Members of the Congregation provide financial support through Free Will Offerings, Stipend, donations and collections. They also supported other charities including the Earl Haig Fund, the Salvation Army Family Appeal the Denominational Orphan Society and sister churches in our Denomination and other Denominations in the local area.

During the year the Rev. Dr David Steers conducted one 'Blessing Service'.

There were 'no safeguarding' issues during the year.

The Church is considered to be in sound financial standing.

Signed on behalf of the charity Trustees:

Chairman:

*Donna Lightbody*  
*Jayne Caven*

Date: 17-04-23

*17/4/23*