

Trustees' Report for 2022

We rejoice that God has led us through another year of work and witness in Knockbracken. We were delighted to install our new pastor Rev Peter Jemphrey in June following a period of vacancy. We are also thankful for his diligence in preaching each week the whole counsel of God in Sabbath services and midweek meetings.

Knockbracken Reformed Presbyterian church is situated at the edge of a very large residential area at the junction of Knockbracken Road and Ballymaconaghy Road and opened its doors every Lord's Day to welcome members, friends and visitors with services at 11.30am and 7.00pm.

Our Sabbath School held for instruction in the Word of God for our young people and adult Bible Class have also been put on hold since the start of the Covid epidemic in March 2020.

The calendar of midweek church events included meetings for bible study and prayer, men's and ladies' bible studies, youth club events and missionary meetings. Those who attend have been blessed by the face-to-face contact following a relaxation of the covid epidemic restrictions.

The Session was constituted 9 times to deal with matters of rule and oversight of the congregation. Congregational visitation was put on hold this year.

The Committee has continued to oversee the temporal needs of church buildings, the manse and all matters financial. We continue to pray that God would protect all the facilities on our site from vandalism.

The Mums and Tots met on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.00 during the year.

We are grateful to one of the members of our congregation who has faithfully prepared and circulated monthly prayer topics, bringing to our attention many matters for prayer in relation to subjects all around the world.

As we look forward into 2023, we pray that God would uphold His witness here in Knockbracken and would add to our number. Let us take confidence from God's Word as we go. Psalm 40 tells us God has brought us out of a miry bog. He has set our feet on a rock and put a song of praise in our mouth. Let us go forward with this strength and assurance in 2023 knowing that through our faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour, our feet are on that firm foundation.

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Respectfully submitted

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