



2021
Directory, Statement of Accounts
and Organisation Reports

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Congregational Landmarks

- 1900 7th December – inaugural service of nucleus congregation in Brown Memorial School, Redcar Street
- 1902 Application to Belfast Presbytery for recognition as a congregation of the Irish Presbyterian Church
- 1902 March – opening of the 'Iron Church' on approximate site of the present Allen Memorial Hall
- 1902 2nd September – oversight accepted by Belfast Presbytery
- 1902 27th October – Church Extension Committee petitioned to invite the Rev. David Stewart, B.A., Minister of Tralee, "to come and organise the people into a congregation"
- 1903 January – the Rev. David Stewart takes up his duties at Cregagh
- 1903 June – the General Assembly sanctions 'the erection' of the congregation to be known as 'Cregagh'
- 1903 22nd October – installation of the Rev. David Stewart, B.A.
- 1906 January – the first issue of the church magazine, 'The Blue Banner'
- 1910 8th July – the Rev. David Stewart, B.A. appointed Presbytery Licenser
- 1910 Hymns and instrumental music introduced in congregation praise
- 1914 2nd November – branch of Senior Girls' Auxiliary formed. (Discontinued in 1965)
- 1919 November – purchase of extra ground from Cregagh Athletic Club
- 1920 April – Weekly Freewill Offering system introduced
- 1925 Branch of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary formed. (Discontinued in 1963)
- 1925 22nd October – registration of 66th Boy Scout Troop
- 1926 9th March – registration of 66th Wolf Cub Pack
- 1928 20th September – opening and dedication of present church
- 1929 23rd February – opening and dedication of Allen Memorial Hall
- 1931 Registration of 93rd Girl Guide Company
- 1933 27th March - formation of Women's Christian Union (The Women's Missionary Association since 1958, Presbyterian Women's Association since 1971 and the Presbyterian Women's Group since 2008)
- 1933 Registration of 93rd Brownie Pack
- 1943 Retirement of the Rev. David Stewart, B.A.
- 1944 17th January – installation of the Rev. William Arthur James Barbour, B.A.
- 1944 22nd January – formation of the Young People Fellowship (The 4Cs from 1972 and Youth Fellowship since 1987)
- 1944 Doctorate in Divinity conferred on the Rev. David Stewart B.A. by the Faculty of Assembly's College
- 1944 Formation of the 70th Boys' Brigade Company. (Discontinued in 1981)
- 1944 Formation of the 70th Life Boy Team. (Discontinued in 1977)
- 1948 30th May – unveiling of the 1939-1945 War Memorial Windows and Tablet
- 1948 Formation of Cradle Roll Mother's Circle. Young Women's Group P.W.A. from 1971 and Friendship Circle P.W.A. since 1977. Friendship Circle closed in 2002.
- 1948 Electrical heating installed in church and halls
- 1949 Formation of Men's Social Circle (discontinued 2011)
- 1951 Manse purchased at 108, Cregagh Road
- 1952 5th January – opening and dedication of church hall for our daughter congregation, St. Andrews, Rosetta Road
- 1952 7th September – commencement of Primary Sunday School in Montgomery Road. (Discontinued in 1968)
- 1953 9th November – unveiling of Dunlop Memorial Window
- 1956 14th January - opening and dedication of Stewart Hall (temporary Minor Hall from 1969 until demolished in 1989 for site of Sleith Youth Centre).
- 1959 25th March – decision to undertake extensive building programme and installation of new pipe organ
- 1959 27th September – launch of Building Fund and dedication of Visitors and Collectors
- 1961 25th March – death of the Rev. David Stewart, B.A., D.D.

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The names listed below are correct at the time of going to print – September 2022

Sub Committees

Finance	Auditor
Miss H Sharpe	Mrs D Johnston
Mr G Dunlop	
Mrs D Johnston	
Mr J McCurry	Collectors
Mrs E Molyneaux	All Committee Members
Mr R Molyneaux	
Mr M Graham	

Agents and Convenors

Presbyterian Herald	Mrs J Taylor	9 The Beeches	9064 1262
Christian Aid	Mrs S Harper	82 Sydenham Avenue	9065 0627
Leprosy Mission	Mrs R Clarke	3 Downshire Park South	07753 590690
Orphan & Children Soc.	Mr L H Ferguson	16 Cairnshill Park	9070 2297
Missions Convenor	Vacant		
IBRA	Mrs B Dunlop	5 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829
Wider World	Mrs D Platt	395 Cregagh Road	07803 264286
Flower Convenors	Mr T D Mahood Ms M Mulligan	229 Cregagh Road 36 Haddington Gardens	07891 920261 07730 435377
Tear Fund	Ms M Mulligan	36 Haddington Gardens	07730 435377
Weekly News Sheet	Mr T D Mahood	229 Cregagh Road Email: dennison.mahood@yahoo.com	07891 920261
Report and Church News Co-ordinator	Mr D Gillespie	1 Gibson Park Avenue Email: d.gillespie@ntlworld.com	07964 150960
Computer Convenors	Mr L H Ferguson Mr R McNair	16 Cairnshill Park Email: rmcnair@compuserve.com	9070 2297
United Appeal & Missions Treasurers	Mr L H Ferguson & Mrs C Ferguson	16 Cairnshill Park	9070 2297

Congregational Notices

MORNING WORSHIP	Sunday at 11.00am
EVENING WORSHIP	6.30pm, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month (September to June)
LORD'S SUPPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Sunday in January & October at morning service.• Palm Sunday at morning service and third Sunday in June at evening service.• Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm
COMMUNICANTS' CLASS	As arranged.
KIDZONE	Leader: Mrs K McCurry 07552 606550. Held during morning worship.
KIRK SESSION	Third Tuesday, bi-monthly, at 7.45pm, September to May Business Committee at 7.30pm
CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE	Second Monday, bi-monthly, at 7.45pm, September to May Finance Committee at 7.15pm
BIBLE STUDY	Wednesday mornings and evenings, as stated in Weekly News Sheet.
MORNING WATCH	Alternate Tuesdays at 10.45am in Session Room
CONNECT (Mission Awareness)	As stated in Weekly News Sheet.
PRAYER LINK	Requests for prayer may be forwarded to the minister, Rev Edward McKenzie (07809 674068).
OPEN CHURCH	Church open Fridays, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS	Please contact the Minister as early as possible.
BAPTISMS	By arrangement with the Minister.
ILLNESS to the Minister without delay.	Members are especially requested to report cases of illness
CHANGE OF RESIDENCE	Members changing their residence are requested to give notice to the WFO Secretary.
BEQUESTS	Bequests from late members are always greatly appreciated. Anyone considering furthering the work and witness of this congregation in this way should please speak to the Session Clerk or Church Treasurer.

DETAILS OF ORGANISATIONS

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Organisation	Hall	Day	Time	Leader(s)	Contact Details
Church Choir	Barbour	Thursday	7.30pm	Dawn Johnston	07909 972683 dawjohnston@deloitte.co.uk
Junior Choir	Barbour	Tuesday	6.30pm	Maureen Mulligan	07730 435377 maureen.mulligan@btinternet.com
Praise Group	Church	Thursday (once monthly)	6.45pm	Kathryn Glover	07810 276546 kathrynglover@ymail.com
Presbyterian Women's Group (PW)	Barbour	1st Monday	2.30pm	Robyn McCullough (Leader) therobynbird@hotmail.com Maggi Hamilton (Treasurer) Carol Ferguson (Secretary) carolaferguson@sky.com	9079 5574 07808 745143 9029 9236 07880 672836
Girl Guides	Allen	Thursday	6.30pm	Gillian Simons gillianhsimons@yahoo.co.uk Rebecca Clarke	9187 4687 07545 561560 07753 590690 rebeccanday@sky.com
Trefoil Guild	Allen	Thursdays as arranged		Susan Forsythe (Chair)	07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com
Rangers	Session Room	2rd and 4th Thursday as arranged		Roxy Thompson (Treasurer) Dara Caskey (Secretary) Susan Forsythe (Chair)	07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com roxy.thompson@hotmail.co.uk 93rdbelfastrangers@gmail.com
Brownies	Stewart	Thursday	6.30pm	Vicki Thompson (Leader) Roxy Thompson (Ass't Leader) Susan Forsythe (Ass't Leader)	07910 460917 93rdbelfastbrownies@gmail.com 07910 169150 roxy.thompson@hotmail.com 07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com
Beavers	Allen	Wednesday	6.30pm	Carolyn McMillan	

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Rainbow Guides	Barbour	Thursday	6.00pm	Emma Davey	emma.davey56@gmail.com 07454 005686
Youth BIG Night	Youth Centre	Sunday	8-9pm	Rev E. McKenzie Lauren Fincham Laura Armstrong	dani-da-viking@hotmail.co.uk 07510 151994 07545 612049 dara_93@hotmail.co.uk 07809 674068
Mothers & Toddlers	Stewart	Thursday (term time)	10am	Josephine Darragh (Leader)	lwatson5@hotmail.co.uk youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org
Evergreens	Barbour	3rd Wednesday	2.30pm	Barbara Dunlop	9045 3829 barbaradunlop54@icloud.com
Cafe Connect	Allen	Sunday evenings as announced		Carol Ferguson (Treasurer)	9070 2297 Vacant
KidZone	Stewart	Sunday	11am - noon	Karen McCurry	07552 606550 j.k.mccurry@tinynonline.co.uk
Handbell Choir	Stewart	Wednesday	7.15pm	Dorothy Platt	07803 264286 dorothy.platt395@gmail.com
Crêche	Pebbles Crêche Sunday		11am	Barbara Dunlop	9045 3829
Bible Study	WhatsApp				
Cregagh Youth Bible Class	Session Room	Sunday mornings	10.15am	Susan Forsythe	07710 712243 littlesusy29@gmail.com
				Emma Davey	
				Rev E McKenzie	
Tea & Talk	McIntyre Suite	2nd & 4th Weds	2-3.30pm	Dorothy Platt dorothy.platt395@gmail.com Ruth Hill	07803 264286 07753709108
				r.hill2@ntlworld.com	

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS 2021

Kirk Session

It's hard to believe as we reflect on 2021 that it has been another year that has been dominated by Covid-19. With the emergence of new variants of the virus, the vaccine rollout and restrictions being imposed, or lifted, Covid was seldom out of the headlines. The challenges continued for families trying to balance work and childcare with periods of self-isolation and ongoing Covid testing. Many employers also faced challenges as they tried to make up for many months of closure in some sectors, and in ensuring they would have the staff needed to run their businesses. It was also the year in which we witnessed the heart-breaking image of our Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, sitting alone in compliance with coronavirus restrictions, during the funeral service of the Duke of Edinburgh, her husband of over seventy years, and the person who she described as being her 'strength and stay'.

At the beginning of the year our country went into lockdown and once again we had to close our church and cancel all activities including Sunday worship. During this time of enforced closure we introduced the additional opportunity to share in worship when each Thursday we uploaded a recording of a midweek praise service entitled 'preaching to the choir'. This included musical items, prayer, scripture readings and a devotion. Each Friday morning Rev. McKenzie produced an update 'keeping connected again' which was emailed to the congregation and hand delivered to those without access to the internet. Zoom Bible study continued each Monday evening with Bible class on Sunday mornings catering for our young folk (P7 and upwards). Open Church each Friday morning provided a time for quiet reflection and comfort at a time of crisis.

'Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.'

(Psalm 95:6)

We were delighted to be able to resume public worship in our church when on Good Friday we celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion. However, it was not a return to normality as we had to reinstate all of the safe practices we had in place following the previous period of lockdown including providing two services of worship each Lord's Day at 10am and 12noon which enabled us to comply with the two metre social distancing requirement. The wearing of face coverings during services of worship, provision of hand sanitising stations, and registering attendance in advance, were some of the precautions taken to reduce the transmission of the virus.

It was encouraging to witness that the number of those attending our church services had not diminished and we also enjoyed the company of

many visitors to our services of worship. Rev McKenzie preached a series of themes throughout the year, the 'I Am', the Seven Churches of Revelation and the Beatitudes. Each topic was divided into individual sermons which were delivered over a period of weeks. We were thankful that we were able to follow our proposed calendar of services for the remainder of the year including summer and autumn Communion, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday and our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Carry each others burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.'

(Galatians 6:2)

2021 has been a challenging year for so many of our church family because of illness, advancing years, bereavement & loneliness. Life can be a struggle and the love and support of Christian friends through prayers and actions can be such a blessing. Pastoral care became more important than ever during the pandemic and we thank and praise God for all the pastoral care that takes place in the name of Jesus. Kirk Session commends the ministry of God's servant Rev Dr. Harold MacConnell who during his role as Pastoral Assistant brought comfort and encouragement to so many in his quiet and personal way. As he retires from Pastoral Assistant duties he takes with him the good wishes, thanks and prayers of the congregation. On Sunday 5th December 2021 Rev Dr. MacConnell conducted his farewell service to the congregation following which a presentation of an inscribed hand carved wooden bowl was made to Harold, and a bouquet of flowers was presented to his wife Adelaide. We pray that God will pour his grace upon Harold and Adelaide and continue to bless them in the years ahead.

'For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.' (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Kirk Session delighted in welcoming four new communicants to the roll and rejoiced in the marriage of one couple and the baptism of two children.

'And the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.' (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

Kirk Session records with regret the great loss suffered by our Church family with the passing of a number of faithful servants during the year, and extend to all the bereaved families and friends affected our sincere sympathy. Three former long serving Committee members, including two former Treasurers, were amongst those who passed to Glory, and we are grateful for the service Jim Greer, Trevor Hanna, and Margaret Hughes, made to church life. Jim was a member of the congregation for over 60 years and served as Treasurer, and later as an Honorary Auditor, during Rev. Albert Sleith's ministry, and was held in the highest esteem by his church family. Trevor served as Treasurer at the tail end of Rev. Sleith's time in Cregagh and the early years of Rev. Hastings McIntyre's ministry. He was highly respected and played an active role in church life encouraging and

supporting the ministry team. Margaret was a Committee and PW member for many years and her late husband Noel was an Elder in the 1980's. She loved her church and was delighted to see the completion of the restoration and refurbishment project.

'Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth; burst into jubilant song with music.'

(Psalm 98:4)

In upholding and strengthening the choral tradition so long associated with worship in Cregagh, Kirk Session acknowledge and give thanks to the members of our church choir for their enthusiasm and commitment under the inspiring direction of our choirmaster John Dallas. Our gratitude is also extended to Kate Glover and the Praise group for the high standard and variety of music and song presented as they regularly lead us in worship. It was wonderful to have the junior choir perform at our Harvest and Christmas services under the leadership of Maureen Mulligan and Dorothy Platt, and we offer our grateful thanks to them for their contribution to worship. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions and guidance issued in response to the pandemic, it was with much disappointment that our handbell choir was again unable to perform at any of our services of worship.

'Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.' (Jeremiah 3:15)

Kirk Session are thankful for the positive, pastoral and inspiring leadership of our minister Rev. Edward McKenzie. We are blessed by God in Edward's ministry, for his tireless effort and commitment in the way he has enabled us to continue in worship and mission throughout the most challenging of circumstances. We cannot express how much we value his incredible hard work and dedicated ministry. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the Manse family – Lesley, Alfie, Esme and Jack.

Our outreach Mission programme, locally and overseas, was once again disrupted by the pandemic, but through prayer and giving we continue to support work in Malawi, India and Nigeria, led by Sheena Stewart, Maureen Mulligan and Rev McKenzie. Please continue to pray for our work in the Mission field as we seek to bring the word of God to countries in need.

I am also grateful to all the Agents and Convenors, and leaders of all our organisations, for their dedicated work in serving Christ.

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men.' (Colossians 3:23)

The Lord has blessed Cregagh with many selfless and dedicated people, and Kirk Session give thanks to all those who contribute to the life of this

congregation week by week through faithful witness serving God in many ways. We are forever grateful to those who willingly give of their time to welcome, clean, arrange flowers and serve refreshments. Four of our flower arranging team, Rosemary Carlisle, Dorothy Law, Jeanette Irwin and Ann Day decided to retire and we extend our grateful thanks to them all for the wonderful creative work they did over a period of many years. Flowers bring comfort and healing to the sick and the bereaved and help to demonstrate our pastoral support for those in need. They also, of course, bring joy to those celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, or family event, and we are so very grateful to all the ladies who arrange the flowers week by week. I am pleased to report that four volunteers have expressed an interest in joining the flower team and we look forward to the contribution they will make to Sunday worship. Once again I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our collective worship team for the support they provide every Sunday at Kid Zone, on the sound desk, providing services online, and the count teams.

Special thanks are due to our Congregational secretary Jim McCurry and Church committee members for their dedicated service, our Church officer Don Jackson who conscientiously maintains our building and grounds and ensures the necessary preparations are made for our services of worship, organisation meetings, functions etc.

We are very grateful to our Treasurer Gordon Dunlop, our Building Fund Convenors Richard and Elaine Molyneaux, Gift Aid Convenor Heather Sharp, United Appeal and Missions Treasurers Leslie and Carol Ferguson, and Honorary Auditor for our Organisations Dawn Johnston, for the sound financial stewardship of the resources they have been entrusted with, and for providing Kirk Session and Congregational Committee with up to date and accurate records.

We are not out of the storm yet but it feels like it is settling. Whatever our journey, whatever our path and however hard or easy the road, we are reminded that with God's grace and guidance we can begin to plan for a return to church life for what is beyond.

In closing I am reminded of the words contained in the hymn 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' and pray that our Faithful God would continue to grant us "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow".

Michael Graham
Clerk of Session

Congregational Committee Report

I ended my report last year on a positive note that with a nationwide vaccination programme well underway there was the hope that life would soon be getting back to normal, but sadly here we are another year on where many of the regulations on Covid introduced by the PCI are still with us with regards to our Church services and activities.

Despite a successful vaccination programme, we then got hit with the new Omicron strain of the virus which seems a lot more transmittable, and I know that many in the church have experienced this, in particular our younger folk, and at times we had almost half of KidZone either with the virus or isolating because of it.

However, life goes on, and we have tried to create a sense of normality where possible to make sure that our church life is disrupted as little as needs be.

Despite the pandemic we did manage to hold three Committee meeting in May, September and November 2021, with a fair amount of business being dealt with at each in order to keep church life going and the buildings maintained.

One major area under discussion was to do a partial refurbishment of our church kitchen. Whilst we could not afford a full new kitchen it was agreed to upgrade, by installing new much needed appliances, so that we can get back to much safer catering practices once guidelines allow. This included a new convection cooker, large double fridge, integral dishwasher that will do a cycle in just a few minutes, and a stainless steel storage and food preparation area.

Although major catering functions have not resumed, our weekly after church Coffee Bar started up again in October, and the upgraded kitchen facilities have made things a lot easier for the kitchen staff.

The equipment was all professionally supplied and installed by Stephens Catering, but I would particularly like to thank Nigel Platt and Don Jackson for the arduous task of disconnecting and dismantling the old appliances and kitchen cupboards, and fitting things like the new taps and first aid cabinet.

I would also like to thank Peter Armstrong for organising his 'man with a van' to dispose of all the leftover kitchen equipment and cupboards at no cost to the church.

We have kept our skills base maintained by running a new Emergency First Aid course for some of our key workers and volunteers. Thanks to the various lockdowns, this 8 hour course took almost 10 months to complete between the two training sessions! As well as this, our catering committee all renewed their food safety certificates over the summer, so we're all good

to go for any forthcoming fundraising events.

With regard to PCI regulations relating to Covid, it is still a requirement for organisations to undertake a risk assessment of their activities. This is not meant to be prohibitive or exhaustive, merely a way of ensuring that all possible precautions to keep our members safe have been examined and recorded as a guide for all to follow.

We still require ushers on a Sunday, from both Committee and Kirk Session, to ensure good social distancing in church. Doors need to remain open in the main body of the church and halls to ensure good ventilation, so my advice is to wrap up warm if you are prone to draughts!

Although we still cannot lift the offering in person during the service, we are now allowed to count and lodge it after the service. I would like to thank the Count Teams for looking after this, and my wife Karen and Heather Sharpe for ensuring that contributions were counted and lodged throughout the lockdown.

Whilst we have not been in a position to host any fundraising events requiring entertainment, it has still been necessary to maintain our Entertainments License. Part of our Fire Safety review meant upgrading to some new water mist fire extinguishers, and in the future we are also looking at the possibility of installing LED lighting in the Allen Hall rather than the existing fluorescent tubes that are difficult to replace.

2021 saw a major reshuffling of our member districts, and WFO number allocation. Some members may have found themselves with a new Elder and Committee member, or a new WFO number. This has all been drawn up to improve efficiency and streamline our member services, so we hope it hasn't caused too much disruption to those concerned.

We would like to thank all the church members for returning their questionnaires so that we can ensure that your details and preferences are now up-to-date, and that all your data will be securely stored and managed in line with GDPR practices.

We had two resignations from Committee during 2021 with Sheila Beattie and Stuart MacKenzie choosing to step down. I would like to thank them both for the time that they served on Committee and the contribution they made to church life and hope they will continue to advise if required in the future.

We were also sad to lose several former Committee members in 2021, with the deaths of Jim Greer, Margaret Hughes and Trevor Hanna. The combined years of service that these faithful members of Cregagh gave to their church in different roles must be well over 100, and their loyalty and expertise will be greatly missed.

With regard to our Building Project, after over three and a half years since its completion, we eventually received our 'Making good of defects

certificate' from our architects Knox & Markwell, so any withheld payments were finally made. This also means that any problems arising now are most likely to be our responsibility and no longer under warranty, and so it makes it all the more important to follow a building maintenance plan to keep things in check and pre-empt any problems.

The Building Project Panel (BPP) was officially disbanded, thanked and discharged, and in its place, we now have a smaller Building Maintenance group that will try and identify area that need attention and manage the repairs accordingly. Their main function will be to:

- Develop a maintenance plan
- Review buildings and roofs regularly
- Agree and manage a budget to cover regular maintenance
- Create a list of reliable contractors and suppliers for regular use.

One thing that already requires attention is the Bell Tower as vegetation is already seem growing out of some of the cracks and guttering. This may well require hiring a 'cherry-picker' to reach the high up areas and stop further problems developing.

There are also ongoing issues with things like the automatic Welcome Suite doors, heating pumps and alarm systems, so regular servicing will definitely be required to keep things functioning properly.

With our now annual Christmas storms, we did experience a certain amount of leakage through our main church roof near the Bell Tower as well as the Stewart Hall roof. We hope to get these repairs done in the coming months, but it acts as a reminder of the ongoing responsibilities we undertake in looking after such a large suite of buildings.

One big concern during the coming year will be the need to upgrade our Audio-Visual equipment. Technology moves on so quickly as even though new equipment was installed less that four years ago, some of it is not now fit for purpose as we have had to move to a lot on online streaming due to the pandemic with many members relying on watching our services from home.

I am indebted as ever to all the faithful members on Committee for their commitment and patience, particularly in a year where there have been many challenges to contend with. Their wisdom and maturity in discussing the variety of issues put to them at meetings or online is a tribute to those that elected them on to Committee to make these often difficult decisions.

I want to particularly thank Ruth Hill, Pauline Gibson and my wife Karen for making sure the minutes and Reports are recorded and circulated efficiently, and also to my right-hand man Don Jackson, who I certainly could not do without when it comes to knowing what needs done or if a problem arises. I am also indebted to both Michael Graham and Rev Mackenzie for steering

me on the right track and uplifting me when challenges make it hard to keep going, and to Gordon Dunlop and the Molyneauxs for making sure I don't spend too much!

The pandemic has made us all evaluate what is important to us in our lives and certainly in our church life I am grateful to have such a loving Cregagh family behind me.

Working alongside all the various talents and skills of the members on Committee reminds me of some of the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 and why we are all here working together in the first place.

'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit distributes them.

There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same Lord at work.'

Jim McCurry
Congregational Secretary

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

The General Fund finished the year with a surplus of £8,716 (as compared to a surplus of £4,640 in 2020). Total income in 2021 was £113,463 and total expenditure was £104,747. Given that 2021 has been another difficult year, both on an individual and congregational level, due to the continuing Covid pandemic, this is a very welcome outcome.

An analysis of the underlying figures does, however, present some concerns. On the income side, we again experienced a fall in our Weekly Freewill Offering (WFO). Total WFO decreased from £89,633 in 2020 to £88,975 in 2021 or 0.7%. Whilst this decrease may be considered inconsequential, it has to be pointed out that, from a peak figure of £100,727 in 2017, WFO has declined by 12%. As I have indicated previously, this decline in our main source of revenue should not be attributed to the pandemic but viewed in the context of the reduction in our core membership over recent years.

Our operating expenditure in 2021 was much influenced by the cost savings achieved during our period of closure. The HMRC Job Retention Scheme contributed £2627, in effect a partial rebate of salary costs. If we compare our overall expenditure in 2021 to the last "normal year" 2019, (discounting certain property related expenditure which since 2020 has been covered by the Building Fund), we can see that the General Fund spend decreased by over £9,000. When normality does return, we can expect our operating

expenditure to increase very substantially.

Building Project

I am very pleased to report that all outstanding invoices relating to the renovation and refurbishment of the church have been presented and paid and the only Project related debt which remains is our Ulster Bank loan. As you will note from the Building Fund report, we made great progress in 2021 in reducing the amount owed to Ulster Bank and we are well on track to repay the loan in full in 2022.

In the course of the Project we received over £380k of government support through DCMS sponsored grant schemes. As I have previously reported, Dixie MacKenzie took on the important role of applying for and securing these funds and we owe Dixie a great debt of gratitude for enabling us to gain maximum benefit from this vital source of funding.

The final cost of the Project (inclusive of VAT) was £1,764,539 (CPC funding £1,384,261 and Government grants accounting for £380,278).

Gift Aid and Charitable Giving

The proceeds from Gift Aid continue to provide a vital source of income and, in the year under report, the General Fund benefited by £15,611. I would like to thank those members who have already signed a Gift Aid Declaration form and encourage those who have not to consider doing so.

Collections for missions and charities, supplemented by Gift Aid, enabled us to support a substantial number of charitable causes. Donations from our Mission & Charities Fund totalled £22,490, details of which are recorded separately in Appendix 3 of the Annual Accounts. Included in this total is our contribution of £9,700 to PCI's United Appeal (exceeding the set "target of honour" of £9,575). In addition, we were also able to donate £7,850 to our friends in Malawi, with a further £5,000 held in reserve for future use. Another very worthy cause, Emmanuel Ministries, which we support through Maureen Mulligan, received £5,500 via fundraising and donations.

For the second year running, Covid-related restrictions curtailed our charitable fund-raising activities. Consequently, following the precedent set last year, Kirk Session decided that the proceeds of the 2021 Christmas Offering (£1,474) should go to our Mission & Charities Fund, and not to the Building Fund as had been the case in previous years.

Financial Administration

Once again, I would like to express my personal thanks to all those who have played a part in our financial administration. At the forefront of that effort are Heather Sharpe (Gift Aid, Charitable Giving and Standing Orders) and Elaine

and Richard Molyneaux (Building Fund) - three financial “stalwarts” of CPC who do an exceptional job each and every year and give me great support. I am also grateful to Leslie and Carol Ferguson (United Appeal) and to Leslie Ferguson, Karen McCurry and Robert McNair for ensuring the church records are maintained and updated. Thanks are also due to our count teams led by Karen, Elaine, Kathryn and Ruth and to Dawn Johnston for auditing organisation accounts. A special note of thanks is due to Jim and Karen McCurry for once again undertaking count duties for much of the year when Covid restrictions on social distancing prevented the use of our count teams. Finally, all of us on the finance team were greatly saddened by the passing of Jim Greer and Trevor Hanna during the year. Both Jim and Trevor had lengthy tenures of office as Church Treasurer. They each brought their own special qualities to the role which they carried out with great distinction.

Summary

In summary, the year under report has closely mirrored its predecessor (2020). We have finished the year with a healthy surplus in the General Account but this was, in no small part, due to a number of one-off factors, including the HMRC Job Retention Scheme (furlough scheme).

2022 will pose some difficult financial challenges. Notably, we can expect a very substantial increase in our energy costs. Indeed, our overall operating expenditure is likely to increase very significantly, assuming we return to normal operation in 2022. Consequently, I would urge all our members to keep their contributions to church funds up-to-date, including (United Appeal and Missions) and I commend the use of standing orders as the easiest and most efficient way of doing so.

In conclusion, I thank you for your continued support which will be all the more important in the year which lies ahead.

Gordon Dunlop
Church Treasurer

Building Fund Report

This is our eighteenth annual report as Building Fund Convenors, and once again we extend our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fund during the year through faithful giving by envelope or standing order, Harvest Gift Day, and by donation or supporting fund-raising activities. We are pleased to report that total income for 2021, from all streams of income, amounted to £74,283.00 which, given the restrictions placed on worship and fund-raising due to the pandemic, is a magnificent outcome. Your continuing unwavering support in difficult times is very much appreciated

and we now have 42 households contributing by standing order, compared to 39 in 2020. We recognise that many families have been adversely affected by the pandemic and we understand that for some it has been a worrying time financially and we thank each and every contributor for your support.

For the record income is itemised as follows :

	£
Envelopes	19,245.32
Standing Orders	15,965.00
Fund-Raising & Donations	23,584.09
Harvest Gift Day	5,143.84
Gift Aid	10,344.75
	74,283.00

This reflects an 11.5% increase year-on-year, and reminds us that though the church building may have been closed for periods during the last two years, the hearts and minds of our congregational family remained focused on serving Christ through the grace of giving. The key barometer of giving is, of course, by envelope & standing order, and though we had a 12% drop year-on-year, it must be remembered that the congregation lost many faithful servants during 2021 and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, and give thanks for the contribution they made to church life. We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Trevor Hanna, who served this congregation as Treasurer, and passed to Glory in December. Trevor was a gentleman and a man of integrity and it was a pleasure to work with him. His business acumen, probity, and attention to detail made him a perfect appointment, and we will remember him with great affection. Jim Greer, another former Treasurer, passed to Glory in June, and we give thanks for the contribution he made in that capacity and as Honorary Auditor and committee member. A member of the congregation for over 60 years he was held in the highest regard by his church family and we give thanks for his dedicated service and friendship. We are also most grateful to everyone who made a donation to the Fund in memory of Mum, Margaret Hughes. She was a member of Committee and PW for many years and was extremely supportive of our work as Building Fund Convenors. When her journey with dementia came to an end in November, the support of all our friends in Cregagh was gratefully received.

A Bequest was received from the estate of Bobby Irvine, a humble servant of Christ who loved his church family in Cregagh. Bobby's contribution to church life remains vivid in the memory and he is greatly missed by us all.

Revenue from fund-raising & donations more than doubled in 2021 and this included a donation, gratefully received, from the Pollock family in memory of Dorothy, a lifelong member who served the congregation with distinction in so many ways. We also received two anonymous donations for £10,000 & £4,500, with the caveat that the former be used exclusively for upgrading the kitchen. The project was undertaken and completed before Christmas, and as a congregation we are most grateful to the donor for this most generous gift.

Unfortunately our fund-raising campaign was curtailed once again by the pandemic but we are grateful to Maureen Mulligan and Wilma McCluskey for the work they continue to do on the craft stall. Wilma raised £400 during the pandemic from the sale of cards, and we thank her for the great work she does making quality customised cards for every conceivable occasion. Maureen also made a contribution through Flower Power, and the Catering Committee led by Anne Graham and Beth McNair made a welcome return towards the end of the year, utilising the upgraded kitchen for the first time. Fund-raising is a revenue stream that has richly benefited the congregation in recent years and we hope that we might be able to undertake some events in 2022, subject to circumstances, at any particular given time, that may be in place. With that clear caveat, if you have a tentative idea for a potential event please speak to our Fund-Raising co-ordinator, Maureen Mulligan. Having conceptual ideas in the bank will help to keep us ahead of the game and help us to hit the ground running when it is safe to do so.

In terms of expenditure the Fund spent £16,612, including meeting the costs of the Manse rates, the insurance premium for all the church buildings and some gardening work in the Manse. It also met the costs of the upgraded kitchen project, and once again we extend our thanks for the kind and generous donation that made it possible.

We wish to put on record the grateful thanks of the congregation to the Building Project Panel (BPP) for managing the restoration & refurbishment project. Led by Jim & Karen McCurry, the project was officially signed-off at the tail end of 2021 when we received the 'Making good of defects' certificate from our architects Knox & Markwell, and the final payment to the contractors was made. We thank Jim & Karen, Stuart Mackenzie, David Gillespie, Avril Pollock, Gordon Dunlop and Dennison Mahood, for serving the congregation so ably. Jim & Karen managed the project on a day to day basis, in addition to their work as Congregational Secretary, and we thank them for the tremendous contribution they make to church life year after year. As a congregation we are so very fortunate to have a committed and dedicated leadership team led by Reverend Edward McKenzie and our Clerk of Session, Michael Graham, and for this we are blessed.

The Ulster Bank loan remains the key liability on the balance sheet but despite the pandemic we have continued to meet our repayment obligations and at 31 December 2021 the balance was £44,380, which means that in just over three years reduced the loan from £264,000, meeting the strategic aspiration to aim to repay the ten year loan over a much shorter timescale. We are delighted to report that all being well it is anticipated that the loan will be repaid in full by the summer of 2022. Thank you so much for your support.

With the disbandment of the BPP, a Building Maintenance Committee has now been established, tasked to develop and manage a maintenance plan for all the Church buildings, including the Manse. Your continuing support for the Fund will be very much appreciated as we endeavour to protect the investment we have made, maintaining and upgrading as necessary. When the global economic crash struck in 2008 we asked families to give as best they could, and that message remains valid in 2022, as it should in the good and the bad times. Inflation is growing and the cost of living is rising, affecting every family in the congregation, and the message to give as best you can is rooted in scripture, 2 Corinthians 9 v 7-8, 'Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all your grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work'.

At the end of yet another year we want to convey our grateful thanks to the wider team for their help and support :

- Gordon Dunlop for his guidance, advice and dedicated commitment to the office of Treasurer. In addition to the day to day financial management of congregational finances he managed the finances around the restoration & refurbishment project, for which as a congregation we are very grateful;
- Heather Sharpe for the great work she continues to do on gift aid and standing orders;
- Dawn Johnston , our Honorary Auditor, for her valuable advice and support;
- Robert McNair for the outstanding work he does, and support he gives, on all information technology matters;
- All the members of the count teams who faithfully count and lodge the money every week led by Karen McCurry, Ruth Hill, Kate Glover and Elaine Gillespie. Karen & Jim undertook this important work during lockdown, as did Heather Sharpe, and we are most grateful that they gave of their time, in difficult circumstances, to keep the finances moving;
- Don Jackson and Nigel Platt for the good work they do on the maintenance front. They bring a wealth of experience to Committee and their contribution is highly valued.

As we look forward to the challenges that 2022 might bring, we should be mindful of how fortunate we are in being able to worship every Sunday here in Cregagh. You may be aware that the congregation of Windsor Presbyterian have taken the decision to move to Great Victoria Street due to the spiralling costs that would be incurred in restoring the stonework of their church building. This is a timely reminder of how blessed we are to be able to continue worshipping on this site in our 122nd year. Maintaining and upgrading our facilities remains a key strategic aim for Session & Congregation, but we can only achieve that with congregational support. We thank you for your wonderful support which since 2008 has helped us to raise over £1m. To God be the Glory great things he has done, and continues to do.

As at 31 December 2021 the balance on the Ulster Bank Building Fund Account was £46,246.30.

2021 Fund-Raising and Donations

	£
Donations	14,745.00
In Memory	4,650.00
Bequest Mr R Irvine	3,470.19
Craft Stall	491.50
Catering Committee	200.00
Coin Jar	22.40
Flower Power	5.00

Richard & Elaine Molyneaux
Joint Building Fund Convenors

Kirk Session

The names of Kirk Session members are correct at the time of going to print – September 2022

No	Name	Address	Telephone
1	Maureen Mulligan Tommy & Beth McCluskey	36 Haddington Gardens 16 Stirling Avenue	07730 435377 9079 8135
2	Beth McNair	12 Everton Drive	9079 7431
3	Anne Graham	63 Church Road, Moneyreagh	
4	David Gillespie	1 Gibson Park Avenue	07964 150960
5	Avril Pollock	3 Castle Court	9079 8872
6	Robert Oliver Anne Sheppard	5 Brook Meadow Apt 3 Newforge House 9 Newforge Lane	9070 1912 9079 4407
7	Joan Taylor	9 The Beeches	9064 1262
8	Barbara Dunlop	5 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829
9	Rebecca Clarke	3 Downshire Park South	07753 590690
10	Dorothy Platt	395 Cregagh Road	07803 264286
11	Richard & Elaine Molyneaux	14 Meadow Way, Crawfordsburn	07799 718817
12	Robert McNair	12 Everton Drive	07815 817411
13	Barbara Dunlop	5 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829

Congregational Committee

The names of Committee members are correct at the time of going to print – September 2022.

District No	Name	Address	Telephone
1	Angela Watson Heather Sharpe	47 Orby Gardens 34A Breda Gardens	9028 6106 07954 317603
2	Robyn McCullough Carol McCormick	27 Ballygowan Road 80 Ladas Drive	07808 745143 07936 529562
3	Ivan Taylor Karen Collins	29 Orby Drive	9070 4485 07545 757894
4	Elaine Gillespie Laura Armstrong	1 Gibson Park Avenue 2 Ballylenaghan Park	07990 610918 07597 684104
5	Kathryn & Stephen Glover Don Jackson Alan McNair	16 Vestry Road, Ballygowan 79 Church Road, Moneyreagh 265 Castlereagh Road	07810 276546 07752 989950 07821 227567
6	Maggi Hamilton Jenny Mooney	9 Carolhill Park 21 Thiepval Avenue	07887 395372 07890 487815
7	Pauline Gibson Wilma McCluskey	7 Thiepval Avenue 8 Downshire Park North	07790 701125 9040 2059
8	Dorothy Elliott Dawn Johnston	29 Ravenswood Park 43 Onslow Parade	9070 5538 07909 972683
9	James McCormick Margaret Maclaren	56 Manna Grove 77 Ravenhill Park	07796 947913 9029 8563
10	Nigel Platt Emma Skeet	395 Cregagh Road 17 Stirling Gardens	07595 904260 07738 224021
11	Ruth Hill Kirsty Diver	21 Ormiston Drive 12 Castlegowan Road	07753 709108 07791 983611
12 Nursing Homes	Christine Sharpe	8 Douglas Court	9065 4856
13 Postal	Andrew Todd Peter Armstrong Murray & Lauren Dalzell	63 The Brackens, Carnmoney 7 Vestry Road, Ballygowan	07821 085964 07427 629956

Members without districts:

Jim McCurry	4 Albert Drive	07587 185445 (Congregational Secretary)
Karen McCurry	4 Albert Drive	07552 606550 (WFO/Membership Secretary)
Jim Hill	21 Ormiston Drive	07595 899790
Carol Ferguson	16 Cairnshill Park	9070 2297 (United Appeal)

Statement of Financial Activity
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	110,778	112,962	223,740	209,204
Charitable activities	3	2,627	697	3,324	5,009
Investments	4	58	267	325	246
Total		113,463	113,926	227,389	214,459
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(104,747)	(69,982)	(174,729)	(185,874)
Total		(104,747)	(69,982)	(174,729)	(185,874)
Net Income / (expenditure)		8,716	43,944	52,660	28,585
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		155,996	1,722,417	1,878,413	1,849,828
Total funds carried forward		164,712	1,766,361	1,931,073	1,878,413

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	8	-	1,763,735	1,763,735	1,779,634
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	1,763,735	1,763,735	1,779,634
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Current assets					
Debtors	9	4,417	3,852	8,269	6,238
Cash at bank and in hand	10	163,760	44,225	207,985	265,189
Total current assets		168,177	48,077	216,254	271,427
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Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,465)	(45,451)	(48,916)	(78,745)
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Net current assets or liabilities		164,712	2,626	167,338	192,682
Total assets less current liabilities					1,972,316
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12				(93,903)
Total net assets or liabilities		164,712	1,766,361	1,931,073	1,878,413

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	13	-	1,766,361	1,766,361	1,722,417
Unrestricted funds	13	164,712	-	164,712	155,996
Total charity funds		164,712	1,766,361	1,931,073	1,878,413

Approved by Kirk Session on 17 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael R. Graham

W. Gordon Dunlop

Notes to the Accounts

31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the congregation is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

Incoming Resources

(i) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the congregation becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(ii) Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

(iii) Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the congregation has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

(iv) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

(v) Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

(vi) Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

(vii) Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

(viii) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

(ix) Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

(x) Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss

resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

(xi) Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the congregation to pay out resources.

(xii) Governance costs

These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

(xiii) Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

(xiv) Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

(xv) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £2,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is recorded on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows

Buildings:	- over 50 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- over 10 years
Computers, software and technical equipment	- over 4 years

(xvi) Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Weekly Freewill Offering	88,975	35,210	-	124,185	130,599
Loose and Special Collections	295	5,166	-	5,461	6,857
Donations and Gifts	5,897	19,395	-	25,292	8,681
Gift Aid	15,611	10,345	-	25,956	26,747
Legacies and Bequests	-	3,470	-	3,470	1,350
Organisations	-	1,497	-	1,497	2,280
Missions & Charities Fund	-	37,879	-	37,879	32,690
	110,778	112,962	-	223,740	209,204

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	697	-	697	2,208
Grants	2,627	-	-	2,627	2,801
	2,627	697	-	3,324	5,009

4. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	E'dowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	58	267		325	246
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rents	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
	58	267	-	325	246

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	24,887		-	24,887	26,797
Minister's stipend	36,081		-	36,081	36,081
Ministry and support staff costs	24,745		-	24,745	23,927
Congregational running expenses	17,207	9,992	-	27,199	33,431
Donations to Missions & Charities		30,518	-	30,518	34,366
Governance costs	1,827	-	-	1,827	1,800
Depreciation	-	29,472	-	29,472	29,472
	104,747	69,982	-	174,729	185,874

6. EMPLOYEES

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	52,945	52,986
Social Security Costs	4,622	4,632
Pension contributions	8,659	8,659
	66,226	66,277

Number of Employees

The average number of employees, including the minister of the congregation, during the year was

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Average number of employees	3	3

There were no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

7. PENSION COSTS

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average re-valued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit. The contributions made by the congregation during the year were as shown below. The Congregation has two

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Contributions	£8,659	£8,689

part-time employees (an organist and a church officer) neither of whom qualify for automatic enrolment into a workplace pension scheme. Both have been offered pension scheme membership but both have declined.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Assets Under Construction	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At start of year	1,838,578		1,838,578
Additions	11,424		11,424
	2,149		2,149
At end of year	1,852,151	-	1,852,151
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Depreciation			
At start of year	(58,944)	-	(58,944)
Provision for year	(29,472)	-	(29,472)
Disposals	-	-	-
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At end of year	(88,416)	-	(88,416)
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Net Book Value			
At end of year	1,763,735	-	1,763,735
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At start of year	1,779,634		1,779,634

Land and buildings at the start of the year comprised the church and manse properties. During the year, capital expenditure of £11,424 was incurred in upgrading the church's kitchen facilities.

The redevelopment of the church building was completed in 2018. Depreciation (at 2%) has been applied from 1 January 2019.

No depreciation has been applied to the manse property which is subject to regular maintenance to maintain its value (£365,000). The residual value is considered to be at least equal to the carrying valuation.

9. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
Gift Aid Recoverable	6,278	5,897
VAT Recoverable	417	
Other	1,574	341
	8,269	6,238

10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021	2020
Current account	207,985	265,189
Cash in hand		
	207,985	265,189

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Building retention	-	39,149
Bank loan	44,381	35,662
Other creditors and accruals	4,535	3,934
	48,916	78,745

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Bank loan	-	93,903
	-	93,903

13. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

	Balance at start	Income	Expend	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	88,489	113,463	(104,747)	-	97,205
Development Fund	67,507	-	-	-	67,507
	155,996	113,463	(104,747)	-	164,712
Restricted Funds					
Renovation Fund	1,148,973	267	29,472		1,119,768
Property/Building Fund	196,991	74,283	8,290		262,984
Mission & Charities Fund	8,191	37,879	30,518	-	15,552
Organisational Funds	3,262	1,497	1,702	-	3,057
Manse Fund	365,000			-	365,000
	1,722,417	113,926	69,982	-	1,766,361
Total Funds	1,878,413	227,389	174,729	-	1,931,073

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation, who was appointed minister in September 2018, received remuneration of £ 36,081 and expenses of £ 6,791 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £ 8,659 were paid by the congregation, in respect of the minister, to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration or expenses in connection with their duties.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity.

£24,887 for congregational assessments (includes above pension contribution).

£9,700 towards the United Appeal.

£1,400 towards the World Development Appeal.

£500 towards the Children's Society.

The congregation contributed £804 in respect of Presbytery fees during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.

Appendix 1: General Fund 2021 - Summary of Income and Expenditure

	Totals £		Totals £
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Specified Sources		Stipend	36,081
Weekly Freewill Offering	88,975	General Assembly Assessment	
Gift Aid	15,611	PCI Funds	11,606
Church Collection	295	PCI Pension Scheme Fund	8,659
		National Insurance	4,622
			24,887
Organisations to Church funds			
PW	200	Kidzone & Bible Class	461
Evergreens	206		
Brownies / Rangers	200	Salaries & Related Expenses	
		Church Officer	6,835
		Organist	5,558
Other income		Inc. Tax - Church Officer & Organist	3,098
Bank interest	58	Minister's General Expenses	2,497
JRS Grant	2,627	Minister's Car Expenses	4,294
Donations	4,315	Guest Organists	760
WiderWorld	6	Pulpit Supply	330
Use of Halls	870	Rev H MacConnell	1,373
			24,745

	Totals £			Totals £	
Wedding Contributions	100	7,976			
Total Income		113,463	Maintenance and Repairs		
Total Expenditure		104,747	Manse	102	
Surplus		8,716	Church	1,779	1,881
			Other Expenses		
			Audit Fees	1,827	
			Bank Charges	102	
			Copying Machines	954	
			Computer /IT	259	
			Licences	514	
			Light and Heat	6,251	
			Prayer Books and Literature	338	
			Presbytery Dues	804	
			Presentations & Gifts	1,701	
			Stationery & Printing	2,050	
			Telephone / Broadband	574	
			Water Charges	332	

Appendix 2: Building Fund 2021
- Summary of Income & Expenditure

	<u>Totals (£)</u>		<u>Totals (£)</u>
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Offering		Church Loan	
Envelopes / Standing Orders	35,210	Interest Payments	3,102
Loose & Special Collections	5,166	Property Costs	
Gift Aid	10,345	Manse Rates	1,336
Sub-total	50,721	Property Insurance	3,312
		Manse garden	360
		Manse heating	180
		Sub-total	5,188
Donations			
Donations and Gifts	19,395	Fund Raising	
Bequests	3,470	Nil	
Fund Raising	697		
Sub-total	23,562		
Total Income	74,283	Total Expenditure	8,290
Total Expenditure	8,290		
Surplus	65,993		

Note: The above summary excludes all capital costs, which comprise the upgrading of the kitchen project and expenditure incurred in repayment of loan capital. Repayments in 2021 reduced the loan balance from £129,565 to £44,380 (funded from cash reserves and Building Fund income).

Appendix 3: Mission & Charities Fund 2021
 - Summary of Income & Expenditure

	<u>Totals (£)</u>		<u>Totals (£)</u>
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Charitable Collections	21,031	Charitable Donations*	22,490
<u>Gift Aid 4,406</u>		Total Expenditure	22,490
Total Income	25,437		
		*	
		PCI United Appeal	9,700
		PCI World Development Appeal	1,400
		PCI Children's Society	500
		Christian Aid	2,700
		Emmanuel Ministries	5,500
		Tear Fund	1,150
		Royal British Legion	375
		<u>Other Charitable Causes</u>	<u>1,165</u>
		Total	22,490

Statistical Summary 2021

Refer to 2013 Directory and Statement of Accounts for information relating to 2009 - 2013 and to the 2020 Directory and Statement of Accounts for information relating to 2014 - 2020.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Number of envelopes allocated	267	254
Number of families:		
- contributing to WFO	202	182
- under the Pastoral care of the congregation	226	211
This number of families accounts for 442 individuals (was 519 in 2019) made up as follows:		
Under 18	55	50
Age 19 – 64	212	206
Over 64	175	166
Recorded Contributors to WFO	324	304
(excludes non-contributing families)		
Baptisms	2	2
Marriages	3	1
Deaths	16	12
Communicants on Roll	226	211
Communicants attended at least once	150	138
New Communicants by Profession	5	1
New Communicants by Certificate	2	3
KidZone	25	25
KidZone leaders	6	12
Bible Class	7	6
Bible Class leaders	4	3
Bible Study	14	15
Holiday Bible Club	-	-
Holiday Bible Club leaders	-	-
Church Choir	29	24
Junior Choir	12	13
Praise Group	12	11
Handbell Choir	18	18
PWG	26	27
Senior Section Guides (includes leaders)	-	-
Rangers	3	3
Girl Guides	24	8
Brownie Guides	9	15

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Rainbow Guides	13	13
Trefoil Guild	6	6
Scout Troop	-	-
Cub Scouts	15	Did not meet
Beavers	14	Did not meet
Squirrels	17	Did not meet
Youth BIG Night	12	14
Mothers and Toddlers	15	Did not meet
Evergreens	22	20
Tea and Talk	20	18
Connect	10	Did not meet
Subscribers to Wider World	46	46
Subscribers to Presbyterian Herald	43	45
Subscribers to IBRA	2	2
Subscribers to Day by Day with God	8	8
Subscribers to Scripture Union		
Daily Bread	-	1

Congregational Offerings

It is requested that inaccuracies or changes of address be reported without delay to the Minister and WFO Secretary.

Abbreviations and Symbols

Envelope Number: The contributor's envelope number.

Building Fund: Contributions in building fund envelopes or by standing order

Mission: Contributions in mission (United Appeal) envelopes or by standing order

W.F.O.: Contributions in weekly freewill offering envelopes or by standing order

Total Tax: Tax reclaimed if your contributions are Gift Aided

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
2	360.00	-	-	120.00	360.00	840.00	236.92
3	60.00	10.00	-	19.00	260.00	349.00	-
5	240.00	100.00	35.00	120.00	480.00	975.00	275.00
6	240.00	10.00	-	-	530.00	780.00	220.00
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	115.00	115.00	32.44
11	300.00	100.00	590.00	120.00	720.00	1,830.00	516.15
12	-	-	-	-	52.75	52.75	-
14	240.00	-	840.00	-	1,500.00	2,580.00	727.69
15	-	200.00	80.00	40.00	660.00	980.00	276.41
16	425.00	200.00	-	345.00	980.00	1,950.00	-
17	280.00	-	-	230.00	550.00	1,060.00	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
18	190.00	-	40.00	75.00	610.00	915.00	258.08
19	240.00	40.00	-	8.00	1,180.00	1,468.00	-
21	-	-	-	-	80.00	80.00	-
22	120.00	25.00	-	120.00	165.00	430.00	-
23	100.00	-	60.00	-	500.00	660.00	186.15
26	20.00	20.00	-	-	107.00	147.00	-
28	59.02	5.00	-	-	260.00	324.02	-
29	20.00	-	-	-	360.00	380.00	107.18
30	-	100.00	120.00	-	1,200.00	1,420.00	400.51
32	140.00	30.00	50.00	-	640.00	860.00	242.57
33	30.00	-	-	25.00	500.00	555.00	-
34	360.00	20.00	20.00	140.00	600.00	1,140.00	321.54
35	-	-	-	-	240.00	240.00	67.69
36	-	20.00	-	-	180.00	200.00	-
37	110.00	-	-	120.00	520.00	750.00	-
38	100.00	20.00	-	10.00	160.00	290.00	-
39	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.50	241.80	266.30	75.11
40	15.00	-	-	-	170.00	185.00	-
41	-	-	-	-	121.50	121.50	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
42	-	20.00	-	-	600.00	620.00	-
43	-	20.00	-	-	400.00	420.00	-
44	-	5.00	-	-	95.00	100.00	-
45	600.00	30.00	-	220.00	980.00	1,830.00	-
46	150.00	-	-	-	200.00	350.00	-
47	300.00	20.00	-	-	300.00	620.00	174.87
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	130.00	40.00	-	-	205.00	375.00	-
50	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	28.21
51	150.00	40.00	-	-	1,030.00	1,220.00	-
52	-	-	21.50	-	10.00	31.50	8.88
53	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	200.00	56.41
54	-	-	-	-	25.00	25.00	-
55	165.00	10.00	20.00	24.00	300.00	519.00	146.38
58	180.00	20.00	135.00	110.00	353.00	798.00	225.08
59	35.00	5.00	-	-	80.00	120.00	-
60	-	-	-	-	110.00	110.00	-
61	-	-	-	-	35.00	35.00	9.87

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
62	600.00	-	20.00	-	600.00	1,220.00	344.10
64	-	-	-	-	86.00	86.00	-
65	260.00	20.00	-	140.00	1,040.00	1,460.00	411.79
68	-	100.00	160.00	-	840.00	1,100.00	310.26
69	410.00	50.00	400.00	300.00	720.00	1,880.00	530.26
70	-	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	2.82
71	720.00	100.00	265.00	360.00	1,080.00	2,525.00	712.18
72	110.00	5.00	-	85.00	520.00	720.00	-
74	-	-	-	-	540.00	540.00	-
75	1,200.00	500.00	90.00	200.00	1,200.00	3,190.00	-
76	600.00	25.00	530.00	120.00	600.00	1,875.00	528.85
77	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	-
78	30.00	-	115.00	50.00	360.00	555.00	156.54
79	-	-	-	-	52.00	52.00	-
81	-	-	30.00	-	375.00	405.00	114.23
82	-	-	-	-	80.00	80.00	22.56
83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	120.00	20.00	-	60.00	240.00	440.00	124.10
85	8.30	8.84	-	10.40	26.05	53.59	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
87	240.00	20.00	-	-	720.00	980.00	276.41
88	480.00	50.00	100.00	240.00	1,000.00	1,870.00	527.44
89	50.00	-	-	-	100.00	150.00	42.31
91	14.00	-	-	-	91.00	105.00	29.62
92	490.00	30.00	-	60.00	680.00	1,260.00	-
94	65.00	10.00	-	24.00	241.00	340.00	-
96	380.00	50.00	-	-	180.00	610.00	172.05
97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98	73.00	-	-	10.00	331.00	414.00	-
99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
101	600.00	100.00	830.00	-	600.00	2,130.00	600.77
106	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	-
107	-	10.00	-	-	130.00	140.00	39.49
108	20.00	20.00	-	-	260.00	300.00	-
109	600.00	-	476.50	120.00	480.00	1,676.50	472.86
111	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	-
113	960.00	50.00	440.00	240.00	1,080.00	2,770.00	781.28
114	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	-
116	-	10.00	-	-	780.00	790.00	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
117	120.00	10.00	-	-	240.00	370.00	104.36
118	-	-	-	-	240.00	240.00	-
119	1,200.00	40.00	608.75	-	1,200.00	3,048.75	859.90
121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
122	220.00	20.00	-	-	520.00	760.00	214.36
123	180.00	20.00	-	120.00	300.00	620.00	-
124	240.00	20.00	110.00	-	600.00	970.00	273.59
127	300.00	-	-	-	-	300.00	84.62
128	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	1,000.00	282.05
129	-	-	-	-	25.00	25.00	-
131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
132	30.00	-	-	10.00	60.00	100.00	28.21
133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
134	70.00	10.00	10.00	90.00	270.00	450.00	126.92
136	-	25.00	30.00	-	480.00	535.00	150.90
137	200.00	-	-	-	480.00	680.00	-
138	-	10.00	-	-	210.00	220.00	-
139	50.00	-	-	-	290.00	340.00	-
140	-	-	10.00	-	520.00	530.00	149.49

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
142	65.00	-	-	34.50	240.00	339.50	-
143	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	-
144	-	-	-	-	140.00	140.00	-
145	-	-	-	-	52.00	52.00	-
146	-	-	-	-	156.00	156.00	44.00
147	-	-	-	-	60.00	60.00	-
148	130.00	10.00	-	100.00	520.00	760.00	214.36
149	45.00	20.00	-	-	510.00	575.00	162.18
150	-	-	-	360.00	1,200.00	1,560.00	440.00
151	-	10.00	-	-	100.00	110.00	31.03
152	-	-	-	-	220.50	220.50	-
153	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	-
154	300.00	50.00	230.00	600.00	1,200.00	2,380.00	671.28
157	180.00	10.00	16.00	65.00	520.00	791.00	223.10
158	30.00	5.00	5.00	-	260.00	300.00	84.62
159	-	-	-	-	400.00	400.00	-
162	-	-	-	-	66.00	66.00	-
163	-	-	10.00	-	240.00	250.00	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
164	-	-	-	-	90.00	90.00	25.38
165	-	-	-	-	40.00	40.00	11.28
166	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	-
167	240.00	30.00	55.00	60.00	360.00	745.00	210.13
168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
169	220.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	511.00	811.00	228.74
171	240.00	-	-	130.00	1,800.00	2,170.00	612.05
172	20.00	-	10.00	-	20.00	50.00	14.10
173	240.00	20.00	-	40.00	240.00	540.00	-
174	240.00	100.00	320.00	160.00	520.00	1,340.00	377.95
175	-	-	-	-	62.00	62.00	-
176	-	20.00	10.00	-	270.00	300.00	84.62
179	260.00	20.00	-	20.00	260.00	560.00	-
180	55.00	-	-	55.00	300.00	410.00	115.64
184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
185	600.00	100.00	60.00	60.00	600.00	1,420.00	400.51
189	150.00	-	-	-	140.00	290.00	-
190	100.00	10.00	-	90.00	490.00	690.00	194.62
191	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
192	-	-	-	-	35.00	35.00	-
193	300.00	10.00	-	-	720.00	1,030.00	290.51
194	80.00	-	20.00	5.00	135.00	240.00	67.69
195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
196	30.00	20.00	1,020.00	60.00	90.00	1,220.00	344.10
197	-	-	-	-	52.00	52.00	-
198	180.00	20.00	30.00	180.00	550.00	960.00	270.77
199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
202	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	240.00	67.69
203	90.00	-	-	-	135.00	225.00	63.46
205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
206	-	-	-	-	90.00	90.00	25.38
207	-	-	-	-	120.00	120.00	33.85
208	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00	42.31
210	180.00	10.00	80.00	60.00	840.00	1,170.00	330.00
211	260.00	20.00	-	60.00	260.00	600.00	-
212	100.00	-	20.00	70.00	140.00	330.00	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	280.00	-	175.00	85.00	360.00	900.00	253.85
218	-	-	450.00	600.00	3,600.00	4,650.00	1,311.54
220	530.00	100.00	-	160.00	1,060.00	1,850.00	-
221	-	-	-	-	40.00	40.00	-
223	45.00	5.00	-	15.00	90.00	155.00	-
224	180.00	20.00	-	-	1,140.00	1,340.00	377.95
225	250.00	30.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	780.00	220.00
226	470.00	20.00	-	73.00	460.00	1,023.00	288.54
227	300.00	-	-	-	1,200.00	1,500.00	423.08
229	30.00	-	120.00	10.00	600.00	760.00	214.36
230	280.00	40.00	30.00	55.00	500.00	905.00	255.26
231	-	20.00	-	-	465.00	485.00	-
233	110.00	10.00	-	-	130.00	250.00	70.51
237	230.00	10.00	5.00	60.00	250.00	555.00	156.54
238	260.00	30.00	60.00	110.00	260.00	720.00	203.08
239	180.00	20.00	20.00	-	390.00	610.00	172.05
241	50.00	10.00	20.00	-	50.00	130.00	36.67
242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
245	-	-	-	-	160.00	160.00	45.13
246	-	-	-	-	45.00	45.00	-
247	-	10.00	-	-	155.00	165.00	46.54
248	-	-	-	-	104.00	104.00	-
249	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	-
250	240.00	-	-	-	480.00	720.00	203.08
252	185.00	-	-	70.10	330.00	585.10	-
253	300.00	20.00	-	-	1,050.00	1,370.00	-
254	-	-	-	-	57.00	57.00	-
256	-	-	-	-	260.00	260.00	73.33
257	-	60.00	-	-	265.00	325.00	-
258	-	-	-	-	8.50	8.50	-
259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
261	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	5.64
263	1,000.00	20.00	190.00	250.00	500.00	1,960.00	552.82
264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265	120.00	30.00	90.00	-	250.00	490.00	138.21
268	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00	8.46

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
270	780.00	30.00	-	30.00	855.00	1,695.00	478.08
271	140.00	-	50.00	10.00	360.00	560.00	157.95
275	-	-	-	-	45.00	45.00	-
276	240.00	20.00	140.00	60.00	480.00	940.00	265.13
277	1,280.00	100.00	11,250.00	1,400.00	860.00	14,890.00	4,199.74
278	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	-
279	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	-
280	-	-	-	-	440.00	440.00	-
282	505.00	25.00	-	-	480.00	1,010.00	-
283	120.00	100.00	300.00	-	780.00	1,300.00	366.67
284	1,200.00	40.00	770.00	-	1,200.00	3,210.00	905.38
285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
286	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
287	140.00	-	-	140.00	140.00	420.00	118.46
288	240.00	-	40.00	-	295.00	575.00	162.18
291	220.00	20.00	-	-	230.00	470.00	132.56
293	-	-	-	-	120.00	120.00	-
294	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00	-
295	-	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	-

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
298	20.00	-	-	20.00	70.00	110.00	31.03
299	17.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	39.00	86.00	24.26
300	-	-	-	-	200.00	200.00	-
302	40.00	-	-	35.00	295.00	370.00	-
303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
304	10.00	-	-	-	-	10.00	2.82
306	350.00	10.00	353.20	120.00	1,612.00	2,445.20	689.67
308	600.00	50.00	500.00	30.00	600.00	1,780.00	502.05
310	94.00	10.00	10.00	54.00	945.00	1,113.00	313.92
311	1,200.00	500.00	425.00	-	1,200.00	3,325.00	937.82

Envelope No.	Building Fund	Harvest Gift Day	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
312	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	28.21
313	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,250.00	2,250.00	-
315	720.00	700.00	130.00	240.00	605.00	2,395.00	675.51
316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
317	-	-	-	2.50	7.50	10.00	-
318	-	25.00	15.00	-	500.00	540.00	152.31
319	-	20.00	10.00	-	410.00	440.00	124.10
320	-	-	-	-	300.00	300.00	-
322	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
323	-	20.00	22.50	-	1,760.00	1,802.50	508.40
324	-	-	380.00	50.00	590.00	1,020.00	287.69
327	175.00	10.00	94.11	24.00	323.00	626.11	176.60
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The Congregational Register 2021

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

18th July	Lola Elizabeth Esther Daughter of Mr & Mrs D McMillan
1st August	Daisy Joyce Daughter of Mr & Mrs S Boyd

MARRIAGES

"Whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

25th September 2021 Peter John Graham to Shannen Ruth Elizabeth Scott

DEATHS

"I am the resurrection and the life," said the Lord.

11th February	Mr Harry Hamilton
24th April	Mr Alec Martin
28th May	Mrs Violet Taylor
27th June	Mr Jim Greer
3rd July	Miss Eileen Todd
30th July	Mrs Susan Higgins
13th August	Mrs Evelyn Hamilton
3rd November	Mrs Margaret Hughes
11th November	Mr Leslie Scott
30th November	Mrs Elsie Leith
17th December	Mr Trevor Hanna
24th December	Mr Robert Connery

Church Choir

Our choral tradition at Cregagh is important to the church and congregation as it showcases a music ministry designed to complement our prayer and study of the Word in glorifying God. However, for the choir membership, our choral tradition is not only one of musical worship, but of friendship, fellowship and mutual support. I composed my last annual report, for the 2019 calendar year, in the 7th week of the first lockdown due to Covid 19 in March 2020. Little did we know the disruption, restriction and overwhelming impact of the pandemic on all of our lives. It robbed us of a connectivity and face to face fellowship that I pray we will never again take for granted – but it did not break our bonds of friendship and neighbourliness. We adapted to the closure of the church by using recordings and social media, when possible we accommodated social distancing with two weekly services, when required we duplicated our services to ensure that worship was accessible to all members of the congregation, and we sang, and continue to sing, through the barrier of masks and face shields. Praise God, we responded with innovation, resilience, determination and faith. And outside the church, the friendship of our choir members has continued to flourish through the warmth, humour, encouragement and affection shared via our WhatsApp group. So let me begin this report by thanking my fellow choristers for their prayers, good wishes and practical support over a personally challenging period for me. Thank you to Robert McNair for preparing the 2020 Choir Report and also filling in the blanks for me over the early part of 2021, as I began the year as I had finished 2020, with a period of self-isolation.

The 2021 church calendar began with communion on Epiphany Sunday 3rd January, with empty choir stalls. During the months of February and March, with our beautiful church closed down to weekly worship in person, 'Preaching to the Choir' was introduced. At 6.30 each Thursday evening, Edward, together with John and a limited number of choir members, recorded a short service of prayer, readings, devotion and musical items. In addition to the issue of Edward's weekly edition of 'Keeping Connected', this recording enabled us to enjoy the fellowship of shared worship, albeit remotely. Thank you to those choir members who unselfishly gave of their time to support this initiative.

The last recording of 'Preaching to the Choir' took place on 1 April, Maundy Thursday, and we were delighted to again open our doors to the congregation for services on 2 April, Good Friday and 4 April, Easter Sunday. There were choral performances at both services, and whilst we

were unable to present a full choir, it was a privilege to support our congregational worship at such a crucial time of year.

During the late Spring and Summer months, in person worship continued, with two consecutive morning services held to accommodate the two metre social distancing rule. Whilst the re-opening of the church was indeed a blessing and to be welcomed, the two services demanded commitment, energy and stamina from Edward, John, and those responsible for ushering and managing the track and trace obligations, in particular Michael and Dennison. We thank God for their dedication and loyalty.

From 1 September 2021 PCI reduced the social distancing requirements to one metre, and on 5th September we reverted to a single morning service and the choir were delighted to return to worship, opening the resumption of our single services with an old favourite, the Crimond setting of the 23rd Psalm. Choir practice also resumed, taking place in the main body of the church for better ventilation and social distancing. And one week later we were pleased to play our part in the final service of our former minister, Hastings McIntyre. Hastings and Rosamund have long been supporters of the choir and we have enjoyed their fellowship on many an occasion. We wish them both good health and God's blessings.

On the 3rd and 10th October we did a 'double shift'. Despite the reduction of social distancing to one metre the previous month, the change did not afford enough space for all those members of the congregation who wished to attend communion and Harvest to do so comfortably. To accommodate this, the same service was repeated at 11.00 am and 7.00 pm on both of these Sundays.

On Tuesday 2 November we added a new event to our calendar, albeit a one-off, as Cregagh hosted the November meeting of the East Belfast Presbytery. Following participation in our Remembrance Sunday service on 14 November, we brought the month to a close with our Advent Service on 28 November.

December is always a busy month – and 2021 was no exception. On 5 December we were happy to join in the last service of Rev Harold MacConnell. We thank him for his pastoral support and appreciation of the choir and send him our best wishes. On 12 and 19 December we led the choral worship at two 'Carols by Candlelight' services – the same service repeated, again to accommodate the restriction on congregation numbers imposed by social distancing. Christmas Day and Boxing Day services brought the year to an end – and for these and a number of our other 'spe-

cial' services we are thankful for the support of our guest organist Gordon Myers, and for the welcome contribution from our talented soloists. Our activities have, undoubtedly, been affected over the last couple of years. For the second year running we have been unable to hold our AGM and the dinner that customarily followed it. We have been unable to enjoy past collaborations, such as those with the choir of St Columba's Church at Advent, and a number of our choir members continue to shield and are therefore unable to join us in person. To them we send our love and best wishes – your absence does not diminish our care or affection for you. It brought us joy to go carol singing in December outside the homes of Beth, Tommy and Edith. The smiles of shared fellowship brought warmth better than any fireside. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a formal farewell and thank our esteemed colleague, Alan Spence, for his many years of faithful service and fellowship in the choir. We wish Alan and Hilary many happy and healthy years ahead.

Thank you to our office bearers, and again thanks to our soloists and guest organists, and our choirmaster John for his thoughtful choral leadership and dedication. We are grateful for the resumption of our church worship and weekly practices. We raise our hearts to God in praise and are grateful to be able to share the gifts given to us.

The poetry of many of our favourite hymns better expresses than I ever could the blessings of our faith and fellowship together, so I'll conclude with the words of Folliott Sandford Pierpoint:

*'For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.'*

Dawn Johnston
Choir Secretary

Praise Group

2021 had a subdued beginning as we all know, with another lockdown bringing 'Live' services to a halt again and the music was once again temporarily silenced.

In early February however, we were able to record a number of praise items for use in weekly pre-recorded Sunday worship broadcasts on our Cregagh YouTube channel, within the confines of rules and risk assessments for what was possible at that time.

In April, as positive news of decreasing cases and a growing vaccine roll-out, we began to worship together again in person and the instrumentalists were able to return to playing at monthly services.

From September to December some normality ensued with the singers joining the band once again at the front of the church and it was heart-warming to hear the collective sound once again, all be it at a 2 metre distance (and through masks or visors).

Thanks as always goes to all the members of the group whose support is a great encouragement to me. I would also like to extend my thanks to our Audio-Visual Team who prepare the Powerpoints each week, and manage the sound of our Praise band - two jobs which do take the pressure off in terms of preparation for services.

As always, a very warm invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to join the group – we are a friendly, enthusiastic bunch who enjoy fellowship together whilst making music.

Kathryn Glover
Praise Group leader

Handbell Choir

2020's Handbell Choir report ended with the words "We hope and pray there will be some bell ringing done in 2021."

Unfortunately with the social distancing regulations continuing throughout 2021 we had another year of not being able to meet. Here's hoping 2022 will be a better year for us all!

Dorothy Platt
Leader

Junior Choir

We were delighted to be able to meet again and learn new musical items. We held our practices in the Church as it gave scope for both distance between family bubbles and more ventilation.

It was lovely to have three new members, Jack, Harry and Jake bringing our total to thirteen.

We couldn't sing or give Daffodils to the ladies on Mothers Day as no Church Services were allowed at that time.

We sang on Children's Day, however, because of restrictions, we weren't able to go for our outing which is usually enjoyed by both leaders and children.

To accommodate the socially distanced numbers in the congregation identical Harvest services took place at the morning and evening services on Harvest Sunday. The Junior Choir sang at both services.

For the same reason the Christmas Candlelight service was held over two Sunday evenings. These were identical services and the Junior Choir played a full part at both.

The year ended with the Junior Choir singing at the Christmas Morning service. For various reasons there were only six children in the choir. While we were very small in numbers the choir sang beautifully.

I thank the Church Choir for their ongoing support, and my sister Dorothy Platt for her continuing support and advice.

The Junior Choir meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.15pm and any children from age four will be very welcome.

Maureen Mulligan
Junior Choir Leader

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Presbyterian Women meetings were severely disrupted and our organised programme had to be cancelled from January to May in 2021 due to Covid. Members were kept in touch with through phone calls and post. In June we had our first meeting in the church. Robyn updated the ladies about past members with special mention of Sheila Beattie (ex secretary) who had moved to Portrush and long standing member Anne Gamble who had left to live with her daughter Lynne in Ballymoney. The meeting took the form of a service opened by Rev McKenzie. A video of ongoing mission work was played, followed by a short talk, several readings and hymns. On a lighter note the Rev McKenzie and his wife Lesley (our assistant leader) took part in a lighthearted 'Mr and Mrs' quiz. It being a lovely day a 'socially distanced' tea was served outside.

In September our meetings restarted with 27 members on roll. The year's theme was women growing together 'Side By Side' with the message from 1 Thessalonians 5 : 11 'encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing.'

Our speaker in September was a previous member Roberta Stevenson who spoke on 'Traffic Lights and God's Answer.' In October, Evelyn White told us about her life as a deaconess and pastoral assistant. Naomi Dudgen gave an interesting talk in November about her outreach work in West Belfast concluding with a quiz on West Belfast place names. We also met to watch a recording of June's P.W. Conference.

The Annual P.W. Service in November was led by members and P.W. Overseas Vice President Anne Wilson. The year finished with an afternoon of Christmas entertainment provided by Anne Stevenson, followed by afternoon tea.

The PW continues to meet in the Barbour hall on the first Monday of the month at the new time of 2.30pm with the aim of supporting the missionary work of the church, have a devotional time and fellowship together.

Carol Ferguson
PW Secretary

Evergreens

As January 2020 saw us in another lockdown, the Evergreens were unable to meet in person. However, the amaryllis bulbs we were all given in the autumn were blooming and Kathryn Glover kindly created a montage of our photographs with our blooms. This was distributed to the congregation with the weekly 'Keeping Connected' leaflet.

Our next project to keep us connected was adult colouring-in of a Bible quote. Following that, we had a quiz on St. Patrick and then we gave out Easter eggs. As restrictions eased, we planned an event for June. Tea & Talk and members of the congregation joined us. John Dallas and Marie Campbell entertained us with music and prose. We all went home with afternoon tea in a bag, supplied by Blethers Restaurant.

We decided to resume our monthly meetings in October when Anne Stevenson facilitated an activity programme and music was provided by Audrey Gillian. In November we got active doing chair yoga with Beryl Moffatt. We ended the year in December by planting bulbs for spring followed by lunch. Entertainment was provided by Audrey Gillian and Margaret MacLaren. An enjoyable end to the year.

The year was difficult for our group as some ladies had indifferent health and Edith Heyburn moved into nursing care in Annadale Nursing Home. We were also saddened by the deaths of Violet Taylor and Evelyn Hamilton, two

longstanding members of our group. We extend our sympathy to their families. We miss them.

Barbara Dunlop
Leader

Rainbow Guides

When Rainbows re-commenced in January 2021 after our Christmas break we had 13 girls on our books. During this term, we completed various activities, including our Take Action theme award, making Disney apples and promise activities which led to a special party where the girls made their promises. We finished the term with some Christmas baking and a trip to see Santa at Lorne. On our last night we had a Christmas party with a visit from Santa - our thanks to him for taking time out of his busy schedule! We decided at the start of this term to keep the WhatsApp Group going. A message is sent out on a weekly basis informing parents of the week's activities and any other relevant information.

This term all our meetings have been face to face, observing social distancing, where we played favourite games such as Can't Cross the Red Sea and What's the Time Mr Wolf? The girls also completed activities for their badges and promise, including baking and crafts

Our Christmas party was our last face to face meeting of the year. The girls played Christmas bingo, Pin the Nose on Rudolph and drew some Christmas pictures. After this Santa came to visit to give out their presents. We are planning to start back on the second week in January 2022. For the rest of the year, we hope to do some more badge work, make our own play dough, do baking and crafts and some games too.

2022 will see Rainbow meetings continuing to be face to face and hopefully in the better weather have more outdoor meetings. We always welcome the girls having an input on the upcoming programme.

Emma Davey
Leader in charge

93rd Belfast Brownies Unit

Our Brownie meetings remained on Zoom from January because of the continuing COVID restrictions. Along with lots of virtual games and challenges, like Scavenger Hunts, guessing games and 'I Spy', the girls

worked on the Space badge. We made sunspot viewers, thought about what the food would be like for astronauts, and made a space suit helmet. We had a virtual visit from two Peer Educators who led a Think Resilient session, giving the girls the skills needed to be more resilient in these difficult times.

Our programme is divided into different themes. We worked on the Have Adventures theme, learning about the Country Code and map co-ordinates. The Express Myself theme included making an aerial runway for a teddy to see which would be fastest and creating a work of art. We also played a Top Trumps style game about inspiring women and learnt about building tall structures and how to support them. The Know Myself theme included creating a flag to represent what was important to us, learning about different jobs and exploring our local area. We also celebrated Black History Month learning about Mary Seacole, who helped treat sick and injured soldiers during the Crimean War.

The Brownies love to make sweet treats. For Thinking Day, we made Chocolate Truffles from Switzerland, and for Easter we made Easter Bonnet Biscuits. We also learnt to make home-made ice-cream. As well as cooking, the girls decorated suncatchers at Easter and made Peace Doves for Thinking Day. We had an online Thinking Day celebration with the Rainbows.

In May we began meeting outdoors in the church grounds. We had obstacle races and made boomerangs, played games and made up a rain dance. This was so successful that we had to go back on Zoom the following week because of torrential rain! We enjoyed a Lorne themed Virtual Escape Room and earned a badge, so it wasn't so bad.

We had a day out at Lorne for the end of the summer term. The girls completed the Shine Badge with activities such as making cards, Rangoli sand art, Dicerobics and identifying leaves. They also made lighthouses and wind chimes. Two Brownies made their Promise, and badges and awards were given out.

We returned to indoor meetings in September and completed activities from the Take Action and Skills for My Future themes, including experimenting with slime and becoming detectives to work out fact from speculation and solved the Great Chocolate Heist. We decorated pebbles with positive messages and explored traditions around the world by making a dreidel to celebrate Hanukkah. Girls also worked on Languages and Speak Out badges.

We finished the year with an outing to We Are Vertigo, enjoying the soft play, high ropes and climbing followed with pizza and ice-cream. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, and look forward to another busy year for Brownies.

Vicki Thompson
Leader in Charge

Girl Guides

We started 2021 with the uncertainty of another lockdown. Although we could have used this as an excuse as we were unable to meet face to face, Nicola and I decided to embrace the challenge of Zoom to enable the girls to meet on a weekly basis.

In February we received the sad news that Rebecca Clarke after 23 years service had decided to resign from our Guide company due to family commitments. Rebecca and I took over the Guide unit back in 1997 and have shared many years and experiences together. Although we will miss her from the Guides I understand how busy it is trying to balance work and family life. We would like to thank her for all her years of service and commitment she has given to our Guide Unit, also we would like to wish Rebecca, Thomas and Daniel every blessing for the years ahead. Hopefully one day Rebecca will be back with us as the door is always open. Hopefully as we move into 2022 we will have the opportunity to have a night out to show our appreciation to Rebecca, as it has not been possible in 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

Meeting virtually has seen some weeks better than others as parts of the programme just didn't work virtually or we ended up have technical issues. However we didn't give up and each week it did get easier. We carried out quiz nights, virtual escape room, cooking, mother days crafts. It was great to be able to see the girls each week along with many family pets and parents joining in on the fun.

After lockdown and although nervous we started to meet on a face to face basis. I must say the guidance we receive from both Girl Guiding Ulster and from the church was both positive and supportive. Considering some guide units were not meeting and did not receive this guidance, as always in Cregagh we are blessed both with the leaders we have and also the support from the church.

After Easter we were able to meet outside and we could meet in the open air at the church and visited Lorne to play games and carryout crafts and complete our badge work.

To finish the summer term, we had a great day at Let's Go Hydro, with even the leaders joining in even though at one stage I thought I was drowning, but let's say I survived to tell the story.

We started back in September with eight guides and four girls working towards their Young Leadership qualification. The girls have worked hard on their badge work achieving five badges during this first term. We had a fun night at Halloween at Lorne with the girls doing archery and Australian crafts. We also had the opportunity to bake, had a visit from Edward speaking about Remembrance and our annual visit from Maureen Mulligan where each Guide was taught to make a Christmas Door wreath. We were to go to the Belvoir Players Christmas Pantomime but it had to be cancelled due to Covid.

As a Guide Unit we are into our 90th Year in Cregagh with our company being registered on 10th November 1931. As we move into 2022 our plan is to hold a fun day, camp and finish in November with a Service of thanksgiving in the church Covid, restrictions permitting. If any former members have any photos, or stories, or anything else of interest we would love to hear from you as we want to share with you what we have achieved over the years.

I would like to finish by thanking Nicola Armstrong for her continuing support, and to Jenny Mooney for starting to help us out as a Unit helper this year, and Susan Forsythe District Commission for her guidance and support in what has been another difficult year. Also to you our church family, Edward and Kirk Session for all your prayers and encouragement for allowing us to get back to some normality.

Gillian Simons
Leader

93rd Belfast Trefoil Guild

January 2021 saw us in the midst of another lockdown and we dived straight back into Zoom meetings. We started by planning our activities for the following months.

February / March

We worked on the time travel badge which allowed us to bring the past

to life, gaze into the future and gave us fun creating our very own Guiding history. We took part in our Thinking Day Service on Zoom alongside the Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers, in an event organised by our District Commissioner. We took a look at the Girlguiding Ulster online escape room to test it out to see if it was something we could do with the Rainbow and Brownie units. We made our very own desk tidies using recycled materials.

April

We made edible campfires using digestive biscuits, matchsticks or chocolate fingers and sweets. We also had a debate on various topics.

May

During this month we started working on the Girlguiding Ulster SHINE resource pack and badge. Some of the activities saw us have a pamper evening and do a scavenger hunt in which we had to find something to do with each letter of the word.

June

We were able to meet to face to face and we decided to go to Tim Hortons for a drink and a doughnut. Unfortunately the weather was not in our favour and we were unable to go for our planned walk to CS Lewis Square. During the summer months we met up twice. In July we took advantage of the glorious weather we were having and went to Ormeau Park for a picnic, where we made paracord bracelets. In August we went out for lunch near Botanic Gardens, followed by a visit to the Ulster Museum.

September

We made campfires using colanders and toasted marshmallows over the fire to make s'mores, while enjoying a chat about our camping experiences. We completed the final part of our SHINE badge by making lighthouses.

October

We made a Hallowe'en craft and enjoyed trip to Escapade HQ Escape rooms in Dundonald. this was a great evening but unfortunately we were unable to "Save the City" in the allocated time slot.

November

We decorated pebbles with either positive quotes, Girlguiding trefoil or Remembrance Day pictures.

December

We finished the year by going out for Christmas Dinner to the Secret Garden, where we enjoyed a lovely meal and exchanged secret Santa presents. It was a lovely evening and got us in the Christmas mood.

We would like to thank Edward and the church for their continued support and guidance and we look forward to seeing what 2022 brings for us.

Susan Forsythe
Leader

93rd Belfast Rangers

We started back in January 2021 in the midst of a further lockdown and dived straight back into Zoom meetings.

The first meeting back, we had a look at the promise and based the activities around this. Over the next few meetings, we worked on the Girlguiding Scotland badge called Window on the World, which allowed the girls a chance to explore the five continents and discover their wonders. Each section of the badge related to one of the Girlguiding Themes, and activities included; building an animal out of household objects, designing a safari vehicle, planning a road trip across North America, creating a Carnival float to represent themselves out of a shoebox, designing a manga character and making a comic strip. We also did some cooking, making ham and cheese jambons, which the Rangers all enjoyed.

For Thinking Day this year our District Commissioner organised a Zoom event to renew our Promises, as we could not meet in person to do so. Rangers took part alongside the Rainbows, Brownies and Trefoil Guild. While Zoom was a way to stay connected and continue their Guiding journey sometimes the technology caused us all some issues, but we persevered!

May saw Guiding return to face-to-face meetings. We made spirit levels using bottles, water and food colouring, and had a go at building a small rollercoaster car. For our final meeting in June, we met in the church grounds, where the girls worked on their camping skills by building a shelter out of tarpaulins, bamboo canes and ropes. One Ranger made their promise. To finish the evening we made s'mores and chatted about their time in Guides and camping.

We started back in September with four Rangers. This was a chance for us to meet indoors again, while always following Covid guidelines. We started working on the Be Well Skills Builder and began by making some healthy

smoothies. Throughout the term we also kept fit by doing some skipping and making up an aerobics routine, and looked at ways of dealing with stress and tricks for relaxation to take care of our mental health. We also enjoyed some activities about fairness and inclusion, learning the difference between Equity and Equality, and also thinking about ways of welcoming a more diverse range of people into local Guiding.

In October we had the opportunity to have an outing to Lorne. We made some Australian crafts by designing our own Aboriginal stone paintings, had a go throwing boomerangs and had a Rangers vs Leaders fire lighting race in the bushcraft session. We made s'mores to finish the afternoon. In November we had a go at the Parliament Week resource, which the Rangers really engaged with and enjoyed learning more about politics. They designed their own sustainable Houses of Parliament and had a go at building it out of Lego. Two Rangers made their promise.

In December, for our Christmas outing we went to the EscapadeHQ escape rooms in Dundonald. We tried very hard but we were unable to complete the Houdini themes room in the allocated time - it was tough but enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank Edward and the church for their continued support. We look forward to starting back fresh in 2022!

Susan Forsythe and Roxy Thompson
Ranger Leaders

Squirrels

Squirrels did not meet in 2021 due to the pandemic. In addition the Northern Ireland Squirrel Association has now fully merged with the Scout Association.

Unfortunately, myself and Christopher have made the difficult decision to step down as leaders of 66th Squirrels. I have been involved in Squirrels for 16 years and have gained a lot of enjoyment from it but with shift work and other commitments, I feel I can no longer give the time and commitment required to run the Drey properly. I would like to thank the congregation for all the help and support over the years and to Christopher and Anna for helping out each week.

Laura Armstrong
Leader

66th Scout Group (Beavers and Cubs)

In March 2020 we had to stop meeting due to COVID-19. This had a huge impact on the group during 2021 and unfortunately Beavers and Cubs have been unable to meet. It was hoped that we could get both groups up and running towards the latter end of 2021 but due to personal circumstances with leaders this has not been able to happen.

We are working hard to resolve the issues and hopefully the 66th Scout Group will commence again during 2022.

Yours in Scouting

Carolyn McMillan
Beaver Scout Leader

OKAY Group

In early 2020 the OKAY group (Overseeing Kids and Youth) had a Family Fun Day prepared and ready to roll out, but because of the COVID Lock-down it wasn't able to take place.

As some restrictions still apply to date no other functions have happened. It is hoped that during 2022 some aspects of the OKAY Group work will be able to function and that we will be able to organise some events.

Maureen Mulligan
Chair of OKAY Group

KidZone

After the disruption to our lives in 2020, who could believe that the impact would still be there in 2021 to such an extent.

It was difficult to believe that when I said 'Goodbye' to the children at Christmas 2020, that because of a new third lockdown, I would not see them all again until Easter 2021! Thankfully this year they were able to collect their Easter eggs in person.

During lockdown we wanted to keep connected with the children at home as well as the rest of the congregation. We compiled a weekly Newsletter called 'What's the Buzz' where each week a few children would tell us what they did over Christmas and how they were coping over lockdown with home schooling.

As well as the children of KidZone age, we also heard from our younger members in Creche and our older youth in the Bible Class. I would like to thank all the children in Cregagh who contributed to this with their interesting stories and colourful photos.

With regard to a teaching programme we still worked around various themes in the Bible each week, but when it came to setting up a rota of leaders again in October and November, we went back to a more formal teaching programme from the Scripture Union, which was easier when it was different leaders taking it each week.

We had been covering some of the parables and spent quite a bit of time on 'The Lost Sheep' so when it came to deciding on what to do for our Christmas Tree Service the sheep in the Christmas story took a central role, with our younger KidZone members dressing up as adorable lambs! The children worked hard towards this, and all seemed to enjoy taking part. They stayed on after the service for a sort of scaled down Christmas party and lunch.

At the Sunday service many of the children still sit up in the choral gallery but thankfully we now only have the one service and do not have to double up as we did last year.

KidZone still met in the Allen Hall and sat in their family or school bubbles, but when the coffee bar started back in October 2021, KidZone moved back into the Stewart Hall where they used to be pre-Covid. Due to Covid all church members had to pre-register their attendance, and while this might seem tedious for some, I personally found it extremely useful to know how many kids to prepare for in my lesson. One week I had only one, yet on another I had 18. Even when this comes to an end, it would still be good to know in advance how many children are likely to turn up each week.

We still could not have a Holiday Bible Club in 2021 but it is hoped that we do something in 2022 even if it is a more scaled down version. Sadly now the Omicron variant seems rife particularly amongst children. On one Sunday at the start of this year we had half the children registered for KidZone either with Covid or self-isolating because of it in their household.

I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for continuing to make the effort of bringing their children to church and hope that they still

feel their child is gaining something beneficial from it.

As time progresses and we get more easing of restrictions from the PCI, I think it's a matter of learning to live with this virus so that we can get back to some form of 'normality' for the sake of both our mental and physical health.

Roll on 2022!

Karen McCurry
KidZone Co-Ordinator

Cregagh Youth Bible Class

We currently have six young people. We meet every Sunday morning. We started 2021 back on Zoom. We worked on a series called Hunger and Thirst games and Coffee with Jesus. This allowed us to explore more about how we can hunger and Thirst for God's word and what questions we would like to ask Jesus if we were meeting for coffee.

April gave us the opportunity to meet again in person in between each of the services. We based the following session on the beatitudes, this was chosen to work alongside Edward's sermons and gave us a chance to dive in and study them further.

In August we met up for a BBQ at the manse. Not even the rain could spoil the evening of fun and fellowship!

In September we met again and asked the young people for some suggestions of what they would like to discuss or if they had any questions. One of the questions we focused on was how do we hear God and how do we know if God answers prayer.

In November we had a breakfast morning and had a chat about the Christmas service. Over the following few weeks, we prepared and practiced. The service took place on the 19 December and was on the theme of 'A Super Christmas' which based the story being told around superheroes trying to find a new superhero name - Jesus - and following their journey to meet Him. The leaders were very proud of what we achieved and the feedback from the congregation was very positive.

We would like to thank the parents for sending their young people and giving their support during a difficult and challenging year. We look forward to diving back into God's word in 2022!

*God will
Go before you
Walk beside you
Stand behind you
I am with you always*
Matthew 28 v 20

Susan Forsythe
Youth Bible Class Leader

Youth BIG Night

Personal pizza's, socially distanced games, time with God and endless questions. This is what Youth BIG Night is all about, a time for those P6 and up to come together and share their thoughts and questions about their journey of faith. We have gone through many topics this year from 'Heroes in faith' to 'Our BIG journey through the Bible'. We had a 'bring a friend' evening, which has now turned into every week, with us welcoming some brilliant new people into our wee group. In the summer we held our annual outdoor socially distanced COVID safe BBQ. And we finished off the year with a Christmas 'party'...as well as that could be done in a pandemic situation.

2021 sure brought its challenges with, but we would like to thank all the families who continually support us throughout the year - we really appreciate you!

Hopefully 2022 will bring some normality to our little Cregagh Youth Family, although we've built this group during changing times and we believe it's only just the beginning.

Rev Edward McKenzie
Lauren Fincham
Laura Armstrong
Leaders

Tea and Talk

Tea and Talk Together were again unable to meet in 2021 due to Covid 19 restrictions. We hope and pray we will get together for fun and fellowship in 2022.

We were very saddened at the passing of two of our much loved members, Jim Greer and Margaret Hughes. They will be greatly missed by their friends in Tea and Talk Together and by the wider Cregagh family.

Dorothy Platt and Ruth Hill

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- 1961 2nd May – the Rev. W.A.J. Barbour, B.A., appointed Presbytery Licenser
- 1963 28th September – re-opening of the church after renovation and enlargement and installation of new organ and the Rev. Dr. David Stewart Memorial Bell
- 1965 25th September – first Annual Flower Show
- 1966 25th – 28th April – first Annual Music Festival
- 1967 29th January – first issue of ‘Weekly News Sheet’
- 1969 15th November – opening and dedication of the Stewart and Barbour Halls
- 1970 27th September – dedication of church floodlighting and unveiling of wall plaque in memory of Mr William Sparks
- 1975 16th November – retirement of the Rev. W.A.J. Barbour, B.A.
- 1976 March – new manse purchased at 19 Glen Ebor Park
- 1976 14th May – installation of the Rev. Albert Allen Sleith, M.A., B.Ed.
- 1976 10th August – the Rev. A.A. Sleith appointed Presbytery Licenser
- 1977 28th August – death of the Rev. W.A.J. Barbour, B.A.
- 1978 3rd September – dedication of new kitchen and toilet block
- 1979 January – first Annual Pantomime
- 1980 New manse purchased at 11 Kensington Gardens
- 1980 15th June – dedication of the Rev. W.A.J. Barbour Memorial Windows
- 1989 16th April – opening and dedication of Sleith Youth Centre by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev. A.W. Godfrey Brown
- 1994 Publication of ‘The Rock in the Plain’, a history of Cregagh Presbyterian Church, by Mrs J.C. Barbour
- 1996 4th June – the Rev. A.A. Sleith graduates as Doctor of Ministry at the McCormick Theological Seminary, University of Chicago
- 1996 27th October – new lighting and oil-fired heating installations dedicated by the Very Rev. Dr. John Ross, B.A.
- 2000 Centenary Year of Congregation
- 2000 24th September – Millennial/Centenary Window dedicated by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev. Dr. Trevor Morrow
- 2001 31st January – retirement of the Rev. Dr. A.A. Sleith, D. Min., B.A., B.Ed., Dip. Ed.
- 2001 25th March – dedication of the Eva Stewart Memorial Windows
- 2001 19th September – installation of the Rev. James Hastings McIntyre, B.Sc., B.A., B.D., Dip. Ed.
- 2002 June – new manse purchased at 15 Garland Crescent, Belfast, BT8 6YJ
- 2003 September – KidZone formed (amalgamation of Sunday School and Children’s Church)
- 2005 9th January – commenced use of New Irish Presbyterian Hymn Book
- 2008 21st February - decision to undertake a staged refurbishment of church and construction of extended ‘welcoming’ area
- 2011 31st August - retirement of the Rev. James Hastings McIntyre. B.Sc., B.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.
7th November - death of the Rev. Dr. Albert Allen Sleith. D.Min., B.A., B.Ed., Dip.Ed.
- 2012 4th October - Installation of the Rev. Paul Thomas Dalzell. B.D. (Hons.)
- 2013 6th December - Church and Allen Memorial Hall listed as Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency
- 2016 18th February – decision to undertake refurbishment and restoration of church building.
- 2017 2nd March - conclusion of Ministry of Rev. Paul Thomas Dalzell B.D. (Hons.)
- 2018 16th June – Re-opening and dedication of Church after extensive restoration and refurbishment; and Dedication of the McIntyre Suite and Rev Dr Albert Sleith Memorial Doors.
- 2018 30th August – Installation of the Rev Edward J B McKenzie B.A., B.D., Dip.Min., M.Th., C.F.



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