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YEARS
2025



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Directory, Statement of Accounts
and Organisation Reports

Love God and love your neighbour

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 Licensor

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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Northern Ireland charity number: NIC104556

Organisation name: Cregagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

All monetary amounts in the Directory and Statement of Accounts are in £ Sterling.

The names listed below are correct at the time of going to print – May 2026

Sub Committees

Finance

Mrs E Gillespie
Mr G Dunlop
Mrs E Skeet
Mr J McCurry
Mrs E Molyneaux
Mr R Molyneaux
Mr M Graham

Auditor (Organisations)

Mr G Ashfield

Collectors

All Committee Members

Agents and Convenors

Presbyterian Herald	Mrs J Taylor	9 The Beeches	9064 1262
Christian Aid	Mrs B Dunlop	5 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829
Leprosy Mission	Mrs R Clarke	3 Downshire Park South	07753 590690
Orphan & Children Soc.	Mrs D Platt	395 Cregagh Road	07803 264286
Missions Convenor	Vacant		
'Fresh from the Word'	Mrs B Dunlop	5 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829
'Inspire'	Mrs D Platt	395 Cregagh Road	07803 264286
Joint 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	Mrs R Clarke	3 Downshire Park South Email: rebecca.clarke1981@gmail.com	07753 590690
Directory 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 07815 817411
United Appeal & Missions Treasurers	Mr L H Ferguson & Mrs C Ferguson	16 Cairnshill Park	07880 672836
Website Co-ordinator	Mr A McNair	Email: alanmcnair@gmail.com	07821 227567

Congregational Notices

MORNING WORSHIP	Sunday at 11.00am
AFTERNOON WORSHIP	Monthly Prayer and Bible Study Sundays at 4.00pm (as announced)
EVENING WORSHIP	Cafe Connect at 6.30pm. Monthly Choral Service and Special Services at 7.00pm. (Dates as announced).
LORD'S SUPPER	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' CLASSES	As arranged.
KIDZONE	Leader: Mrs K McCurry 07552 606550. Held during morning worship.
KIRK SESSION	Third Tuesday of February, May & September at 7.45pm. Business Committee at 7.30pm
CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE	Second Monday February, May, September & November at 7.45pm. Finance Committee at 7.15pm.
BIBLE STUDY BLOBS BIBLE STUDY GROUPS	Wednesday mornings and evenings (as arranged). As stated in Weekly News Sheet.
MORNING WATCH	Alternate Tuesdays at 10.45am in Dennison Mahood Room
CAFE 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, 10.00am – 12.00 noon
MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS	Please contact the Minister as early as possible.
BAPTISMS	By arrangement with the Minister.
ILLNESS	Members are especially requested to report cases of illness to the Minister without delay.
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	Richard Molyneux	07799 718817 r.molyneux@btinternet.com
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)	Allen	1st Monday	2.30pm	Lesley McKenzie (Leader) Heather Sharpe (Treasurer) Carol Ferguson (Secretary)	07809 674065 07954 317603 07880 672836 carolaferguson@sky.com
Girl Guides	Allen	Thursday	6.30pm	Gillian Simons	9187 4687 gillianhsimons@yahoo.co.uk
93rd Belfast Trefoil Guild	Allen	2nd and 4th Thursday	8 - 9pm	Roxy Thompson (Chair) Vicky Thompson (Treasurer) Susan Forsythe (Secretary)	07545 56156 07910 169150 93rdbelfasttrefoilguild@gmail.com 07910 460917 07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com
93rd Belfast Rangers	Dennison Mahood Room	2nd and 4th Thursday	8 - 9pm	Roxy Thompson (Leader in charge) Susan Forsythe (Ass't Leader) Vicki Thompson (Ass't Leader)	07910 169150 roxy.thompson@hotmail.co.uk 93rdbelfastrangers@gmail.com 07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com 07910 460917 93rdbelfastbrownies@gmail.com
Brownies	Stewart	Thursday	6.30pm to 7.45pm	Vicki Thompson (Leader in Charge) 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

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Rainbow Guides	Barbour	Thursday	6.00pm	Emma Davey	07454 005686 emma.davey56@gmail.com
				Danielle Wilson	07510 151994 dani-da-viking@hotmail.co.uk
				Dara Caskey	07545 612049 dara_93@hotmail.co.uk
				Susan Forsythe	07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com
Youth BIG Night	Youth Centre	Saturday monthly	7-9pm	Rev E. McKenzie Lesley McKenzie	07809 674068 07809 674065 youth@cragaghpresbyterian.org
				Susan Forsythe	07710 243712 littlesusy29@googlemail.com
				Thomas Clarke	07887 380227
				Laura Armstrong	07597 684104
Evergreens	Barbour	3rd Wednesday	2.30pm	Barbara Dunlop	9045 3829 barbaradunlop54@icloud.com
				Carol Ferguson (Treasurer)	07880 672836 carolaferguson@sky.com
Cafe Connect	Allen	Sunday evenings as announced		Vacant	Vacant
KidZone	Stewart	Sunday 11am - noon		Karen McCurry	07552 606550 j.k.mccurry@tinyonline.co.uk
Handbell Choir	Allen	Wednesday	6.45-7.45pm	Dorothy Platt	07803 264286 dorothy.platt395@gmail.com
Crèche	Pebbles Crèche Sunday	Sunday	11am	Kirsty Diver	07791 983611 kirsty.diver@gmail.com
Morning Bible Study	WhatsApp	Wednesday twice monthly as arranged		Barbara Dunlop	9045 3829 barbaradunlop54@icloud.com
				Robyn McCullough	9079 5574 therobynbird@hotmail.com

Organisation	Hall	Day	Time	Leader(s)	Contact Details
Cregagh Youth Bible Class	Dennison Mahood Room	Sunday mornings	10.15am	Susan Forsythe	07710 712243 littlesusy29@gmail.com
				Emma Davey	07454 005686 emma.davey56@gmail.com
				Rev E McKenzie	07809 674068 youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org
Tea and Talk	McIntyre Suite	2nd & 4th Weds each month	2-3.30pm	Dorothy Platt Ruth Hill	07803 264286 dorothy.platt395@gmail.com 07753709108 r.hill22@ntlworld.com
The Brews Brothers	McIntyre Suite	Alternate Tues	12.30-2.00pm	Michael Graham Richard Molyneaux	07548 635075 07799 718817
Book Club	Homes	Every six weeks	As arranged	May Gordon Carol McCormick	07969 149048 07936 529562
Boys Brigade	Allen	Friday Evenings	6:30-7:30pm	George Taggart MBE JP (Company Captain)	07762 909819
			Junior Section (P5-7) 7:30-9:15pm		
Army Cadet Force	Allen	Monday Evenings	7-9pm	Company Section (11-17 years) -	info@cregaghadets.com

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS 2025

Kirk Session Report

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

The year 2025 was a significant and joyful milestone in the life of our congregation, as we commenced the celebrations marking the 125th anniversary of our church. It was a year shaped with thanksgiving, reflection and renewed commitment, as we looked back with gratitude on God's faithfulness through the generations and looked forward with confidence to the future to which he continues to call us.

Throughout the year, a series of special anniversary services and events were held, providing opportunities for worship, fellowship and remembrance. We were particularly pleased to welcome back to the pulpit former ministers and assistant ministers, whose presence reminded us of the enduring bonds within our church family and the continuity of ministry that has shaped and sustained our congregation over many years.

These celebrations were not only an occasion to honour our past, but also a time to reaffirm our shared calling as a worshipping, witnessing and serving community.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Mindful of Christ's command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, our congregation continues to recognise its responsibility to support mission and charitable work, both at home and overseas.

We give thanks for the many opportunities afforded to us to contribute to God's work beyond our own parish, through financial giving, practical support, and faithful prayer. Our offerings to mission organisations and various charities are a tangible expression of our desire to share the love of Christ with those in need, near and far. Kirk Session wishes to place on record its appreciation to all members of the congregation who give so generously and prayerfully to these causes which enables our church to play its part in the wider mission of God's Kingdom reaching far beyond our own community.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:1-2)

Kirk Session offers its sincere condolences to all who have been bereaved within our church family over the past twelve months. We remember with love those who have passed away, and we hold their families and friends in our thoughts and

prayers, asking that God's comfort and peace be with them. We also pause to remember with gratitude the life and faithful service of Anne Gamble, who was called home during the year. Anne Served on Kirk Session from 1981-2019, offering nearly four decades of wise counsel, steady commitment, and quiet devotion to the life of our congregation. Her faithfulness, gracious spirit, and love for the church were an example to all who had the privilege of serving alongside her. We give thanks to God for Anne's long and dedicated service, and we remember her with affection and deep appreciation.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6)

Prayer is an important part of worship life. Kirk Session recognises the significance of the Morning Watch prayer group, where members gather in quiet reflection and prayer. We also give thanks for the Sunday morning prayer group, which offers a time of shared intercession for the needs of our congregation, community and wider world. In addition, we welcome the opportunity to join together in prayer at our monthly Prayer and Bible study service, where we seek to deepen our understanding of God's word and to support one another through shared faith. These gatherings help to nurture our spiritual growth and strengthen the bonds of fellowship within our church family.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." (Colossians 3:23)

Kirk Session also wishes to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the many members of our congregation who participate so faithfully in the life and witness of the church week by week, serving God in a variety of ways.

Special thanks are due to the collective worship team, the creche and Kidzone leaders and helpers, those who serve at the Sound Desk, and the count teams, whose quiet diligence ensures the smooth running of our services and stewardship. Session further recognises the considerable work undertaken by our Congregational Secretary, members of the Church Committee, our Church Officer, Church Treasurer, Property Fund Convenors, Missions Support Group, Gift Aid Secretary, and all agents, convenors, and leaders of our church organisations. Their faithful efforts, often unseen and unheralded, are a true testament to the love, commitment, and spirit of service that so clearly define our church family.

"Sing to the Lord, for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the world." (Isaiah 12:5)

Music continues to play a vital role in enhancing the spiritual beauty and reverence of our worship. Kirk Session records its sincere appreciation to our Choirmaster and members of the Choir for their faithful leadership and commitment throughout

the year. We also give thanks for the contribution of the Praise Group, Junior Choir, and Handbell Choir, whose participation in various services has enriched our worship and helped to lead the congregation in praise in a meaningful and uplifting way.

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7)

Kirk Session recognises the importance of offering a warm and genuine welcome to all who attend our services of worship, ensuring that each person feels valued within the fellowship of our congregation. Equally, we remain mindful of our pastoral responsibility to those who, through age, illness, or circumstance, are unable to join us in worship each Sunday. Through visits, contact and prayerful support, we seek to maintain these vital connections, sharing in one another’s joys and burdens, and reflecting the love and care of Christ within our church family.

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7)

We offer sincere gratitude to our minister, Edward, for the wonderful work he does among us. His preaching inspires us, his care strengthens us, and his example encourages us to walk in faith. We are grateful to him for his tireless service, his wisdom, and the way he continually uplifts our church family. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to Lesley, Alfie, Esme and Jack for their quiet support, understanding, and encouragement throughout the year. Their willingness to share in the demands of ministry is deeply valued and is a blessing to our whole congregation.

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.” (Matthew 25:23)

Kirk Session records sincere thanks to three members of Session who retired during the year after many years of faithful service. Tommy McCluskey served from 1970 to 2025, Gordon Dunlop served from 1977 to 2025 and Beth McCluskey who served from 1990 to 2025. Between them, they devoted an extraordinary number of years to the oversight and care of our congregation. Their wisdom, dedication, and steadfast commitment have helped shape the life and witness of our Church across generations. We are deeply grateful for their service and the quiet faithfulness with which they carried out their duties, and we thank God for the lasting contribution each has made to our fellowship.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

As we reflect on the past year in the life of our congregation, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for God's continuing faithfulness to us. We give thanks for every opportunity to worship, to serve, and to witness in His name. Looking ahead, we commit ourselves afresh to the work to which He calls us, trusting in His guidance, strengthened by our fellowship, and encouraged by the knowledge that the Lord continues to build his church in this place.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Michael Graham
Clerk of Session

Congregational Committee Report

The year 2025 was a year both of positives and negatives. On a positive note, we were about to celebrate the 125th Anniversary since our church was formed, and with this landmark, an entertaining, varied and commemorative programme of special events to mark the occasion, was planned. But on the negative side we have quite a bit of upkeep and maintenance to keep our buildings functioning properly, so we are able to safely accommodate both the regular and special events planned for the year.

We have seen quite a few more extreme weather patterns recently meaning heavier and prolonged rain, and stronger winds, leading to several leaks springing up around the church as well as dislodged roof and ridge tiles, all of which have to be replaced to prevent further water ingress.

The worrying leak entering the church from the Bell Tower through the Choral Gallery is still an ongoing issue as we await our building contractor coming out to advise on the best course of action. The leak above the disabled toilet was eventually halted on the third attempt but sadly when one gets fixed another seems to pop up.

The issue of rising power costs for gas and electricity remains ongoing but rest assured that competitive quotes are regularly being sought so we get the most cost-effective supplier where possible.

Fire safety and other Health & Safety procedures remain important, however whilst we have not had time yet to hold updated Fire Warden training, some organisations are being proactive with practising their fire evacuation procedures. The replacement of our emergency lighting seems to have been ongoing for years. As soon as a quote is received to fix the faulty ones, then more fail as well, several of

which are at high level, meaning the added expense of hiring scaffolding to get them replaced. There is an inevitability that all our emergency lights should be replaced to solve this ongoing issue once and for all.

The relationship with our neighbouring Cricket Club remains productive with both parties agreeing to a joint plan to check on roof tiles, gutters, and even the weeds and ivy growing up the side of our buildings.

The newly installed nets are stopping around 95% of the balls coming over, and the Cricket Club has changed the timings of their Sunday matches to avoid balls hitting the cars in our carpark during the service. Our communication with the Cricket Club is now more open and positive.

A badly needed new AV Projector was purchased for the Allen Hall in an effort to improve the viewing quality when organisations are holding talks and presentations. The Puppy & Dog classes also resumed on a Tuesday night under the instruction of Robin Bates, creating both a community service and some additional income for the church from the room hire.

The work at the Manse of opening up two rooms was completed with some minor cosmetic jobs such as painting and flooring completed too.

Parking in the church grounds and on the main road has become a problem at times. Some people have received parking fines on the Cregagh Road because their car wheels were on the pavement, and within the grounds we have asked that the limited spaces available be prioritised for those with mobility issues. We would also urge drivers to take care when entering through the church gates as children and pedestrians are often being left off in that area, so new parking restrictions are going to be implemented at these busy times.

Each month a different 125 event was planned, but Committee had to think of something original to perform at our 125 Anniversary Pageant, where each organisation was asked to represent a different decade in the past 125 years of our church's history. Sadly, the event planned for October was cancelled at the very last minute due to strong winds, but it eventually got rescheduled for November when Committee took to the stage to re-enact a Dibley Parish Council meeting and all the shenanigans that ensued with the Vicar in charge.

As part of the 125 celebrations, a selection of merchandise was obtained to commemorate our Anniversary with either a picture of the church, or our special 125 church logo, embellished on the items. In order to help with the sale of this, and payment for other things within the church's fundraising efforts, two 'Sum Up' credit card readers were purchased. This has proved a great addition with almost 80% of purchases and payments being made this way by card.

With the support of the families concerned, new memorial garden benches were pur-

chased for outside of the Welcome Suite, to replace the existing ones that had finally succumbed to the elements. These were in place for our Flower Festival, and a welcome place to relax in the fine weather for visitors coming to see the floral exhibits. So much of our time and resources are still taken up with building maintenance.

New fire extinguishers were purchased, and a new timer clock was installed for the floodlighting as we had been in the dark for quite some time. All the usual inspections and servicing was carried out in order to maintain our Entertainments Licence, but more maintenance will be required in the near future with regards to our Boilers, our Air Curtain and all our electronic control panels. It seems to be a never-ending cycle of work.

It is important to take care to maintain the grounds around our church too. Our caretaker, Don, had noticed an increase in dog fouling which is being monitored. He had locked the gates of the grassy area to the side of the church to stop locals using it, but often the dog fouling still continued. After weeks of monitoring this he discovered a very guilty looking cat in that area on a regular basis which could well be the culprit, and who enjoyed the fact that the dogs were getting the blame!

A tidy up was also needed down the side of the Allen Hall where a lot of unwanted items had started to gather up, and which could become a fire risk. Thanks to Jim Hill for getting this stuff all away to the dump.

We had been donated the use of a Bouncy Castle for our Family Day, but under Health & Safety guidelines we had to make sure we got sufficient insurance in place to use it, as well as the associated risk assessments. We now have the decision to make as to whether we keep it, and if so, where it can be stored safely.

A big thank you must go to all the volunteer keyholders, including our newest recruit Vicky Thompson, who help us to run all our events and organisations each week. It is important for all leaders to let us know when they are not meeting so that we can pass on the information to the relevant keyholder, and caretaker, who controls the heating.

I would also like to thank the Committee members that regularly help with the weekly offering count, and to the Team leaders who make sure it is all safely lodged in the bank. We have finally managed to recruit a new count team leader to fill our vacant slot, and I would like to thank Ian Sheppard for volunteering to take on this role. We have tried to streamline the number of lodgements made each month to take some of the pressure off the Team leaders and so far this seems to be going well. We also welcomed Gillian Simons on to Committee, who is coming on board to take on the position of Property Fund Convenor, and she is receiving excellent guidance and tuition from Elaine & Richard Molyneaux, our outgoing convenors who are showing her the ropes.

Once new elders are installed and the new system of working for Kirk Session comes into force, we will be relying on the Committee more for visiting and delivering church literature to members, and I thank them all for what they have done regarding this in the past and what they will be taking on in future. In 2026 the districts will be looked at more closely to see if there are beneficial changes that could be made to help those concerned. A joint meeting between Committee and Kirk Session had been arranged for November 2025 to look at collective issues involving both parties, but this had to be postponed until early 2026.

One of the more challenging tasks that the Building Maintenance Group had to oversee in 2025 was the transportation of a two-ton rock from the hills outside Moneymore, and install it safely in the grounds outside our church, as a lasting anniversary tribute to the meaning of the word 'Cregagh' in that we now have our very own 'Rock of Cregagh'. I would like to thank the Carmichael family for donating the rock, which turned out to have a fascinating history of its own, and to Kirkwoods for helping us move it all that way. It proved a much more difficult task than we had anticipated and I don't think Kirkwoods will be wanting to do something like this again anytime soon.

I am very grateful to Ruth Hill for taking the minutes at our face-to-face meetings and to my wife Karen for looking after most of my admin and correspondence relating to meetings and the work of the Building Maintenance Group.

I appreciate the support I get from Michael Graham, Rev. McKenzie, Gordon Dunlop and the Molyneaux's, all of whom help to keep me on the right track especially when there are challenging decisions to be made.

Our sub-committees do an amazing job, without which our church life would not run as smoothly. Thanks go to David Gillespie as he oversees the Communications Group, Anne Graham and her Catering Committee, James McCormick and my wife Karen for sorting out the weekly coffee bar, and Robert McNair and his IT team for ensuring that all our digital records are kept safe and up to date. And last but not least, my two partners in crime on the Building Maintenance Group, Don Jackson and Nigel Platt, who are willing to tackle almost any problem around the church (without complaint!).

We have survived the past 125 years relatively unscathed, so let us hope that in future we will continue to be guided in God's good grace.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

We pray that our church will continue to be a ROCK in the community for the glory of God, and somewhere that people find strength and friendship for many years to come.

Jim McCurry
Congregational Secretary

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

I am very pleased to report that the General Account finished the year with a surplus of £18,672 (as compared to a deficit of £9,811 in 2024). Total income in 2025 was £131,388 (£109,576 in 2024) and total expenditure was £112,716 (£119,387 in 2024). Of particular note is the fact that 2025 saw a very welcome increase in Weekly Free-will Offering (£92,646 compared to £85,332 in 2024). Whilst £4,000 of the increase was due to a very generous donation from Tommy and Beth McCluskey, it is nonetheless very pleasing to report that the decline in WFO over recent years has been reversed.

The Flower Festival in June and the subsequent sale of Festival calendars also made a very significant contribution (£6,450). The effort and commitment involved in making the Flower Festival such a success cannot be exaggerated and Maureen Mulligan and everyone involved deserve our praise and congratulations!

Regarding General Fund expenditure, the reported decrease arises from the further transfer of property related costs to the Property Fund, most notably the salary of our Church Officer. It has to be pointed out, however, that CPC's overall operating expenditure continues to increase year on year.

Gift Aid and Charitable Giving

The proceeds from Gift Aid continue to provide a vital source of income and 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. The General Fund's Gift Aid income in the year under report was £18,906, compared to £17,794 in 2024.

Collections for mission and charitable causes enabled us to support a substantial number of charitable causes. Donations from our Mission & Charities Fund totalled £20,270, details of which are recorded separately (please refer to the respective income / expenditure statement). Included in this total is our contribution of £9,000 to PCI's United Appeal (exceeding the set "target of honour" of £8,876). Another very worthy cause, Emmanuel Ministries, which we support through Maureen Mulligan, received £3,200 via fundraising and donations. The third largest beneficiary of the Mission Fund, Christian Aid, received £2,131.

The Malawi Fund's income (including Gift Aid) totalled £10,791, of which £4,500 was transferred to Malawi, and a further £50 to Diane Cusick (please refer to the Malawi Group's report and income /expenditure statement).

In accordance with Kirk Session's previous ruling, the proceeds from the Christmas Offering (£1,416) were again allocated to our Mission & Charities Fund. During the year, our Mission Support Group oversaw the allocation of funds to mission and charitable projects, and our thanks are due to Geraldine Haire for continuing to act as convenor of the Group.

Financial Administration

Once again, I would like to pay tribute to all those who have played a part in our financial administration during the year. Elaine Gillespie, assisted by Heather Sharpe (Gift Aid and Charitable Giving) and Elaine and Richard Molyneaux (Property Fund) have once again done a wonderful job and have given me tremendous support over the entire year. Ian Sheppard has continued to oversee the Malawi Fund and I am most grateful to Ian, Emma, and all of the Malawi Group for managing this very important area of our missional work. Grateful thanks are also due to Leslie and Carol Ferguson (United Appeal) and to Leslie Ferguson and Karen McCurry for ensuring the church records are maintained and updated. Thanks are also due to our count teams led by Karen McCurry, Kathryn Glover, Ian Sheppard and Ruth Hill. All of the above give of their time unstintingly and, in that particular regard, a special word of thanks is due to Robert McNair for his expert technical support over the whole area of financial administration.

After 22 years of service as Property Fund Convenors, Elaine and Richard have decided to retire. It probably goes without saying that they will be a hard act to follow but I am delighted to report that Gillian Simons has agreed to take over the role from January 2026. The Property Fund has been entrusted to a very safe pair of hands and I have no doubt that Gillian's advice and support will be of great benefit in the years ahead.

Summary

In summary, 2025 has proved to be a very good year for the General Fund. Whilst income from our main source of funds, Weekly Freewill Offering, increased for the first year since 2017, it has to be pointed out that this year's very significant surplus is a consequence of further cost re-allocation to the Property Fund and the two one-off contributions referred to above. The overall outlook remains challenging as the church continues to face further cost increases in the year ahead.

Consequently, I would urge all our members to review their contributions to church funds and also keep their giving up-to-date, including United Appeal and Missions. I commend the use of standing orders as the easiest and most efficient way of doing so. Please continue to support your church as best you can in the year ahead.

Finally, looking at the overall picture and taking into account our capital reserves, I am pleased to affirm that, in the year under report, our finances have remained in good standing.

Gordon Dunlop
Church Treasurer

Property Fund Report

This is our twenty-second and final annual report as Property Fund Convenors and for the final time we extend our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fund during the year through giving by envelope, online lodgement, standing order, Harvest Gift Day, by donation or fund-raising, and where appropriate by gift aiding contributions.

We are pleased to report that total income for 2025, from all sources, amounted to £50,535.23, and though representing a 0.2% drop year-on-year it is a credible performance. We thank each and every contributor for your continuing support and whilst income from envelopes, online lodgements and standing orders dropped by 3%, we benefited once again from donations and fund-raising, and contributions from Harvest Gift Day and Gift Aid grew. However, once again our church family lost a number of valued members during the year and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the bereaved families.

For the record income is itemised as follows:

	£
Envelopes	10,709.10
Online lodgements	2,430.00
Standing Orders	15,491.00
Donations	5,245.00
Fund-raising	3,160.00
Harvest Gift Day	3,527.00
Gift Aid	9,973.13
TOTAL	50,535.23

We received some donations during the year and this included £4,000 from Beth and Tommy McCluskey for which we are so very grateful. Beth and Tommy have given a lifetime of devoted service to this congregation and on behalf of the congregation we say thank you for the leadership and dedicated service they have given. In March

2025 they celebrated their 65th blue sapphire wedding anniversary, a wonderful achievement, and they both continue to take a close interest in congregational life. We are also very grateful for donations received from the Wilkins and Simons families in memory of Roy; and from PW, The Praise Group, Reverend Hastings McIntyre and Audrey Gillian.

Fund-raising in 2025 amounted to £3,160 of which £3,110 was raised by the Catering Committee who continue to kindly donate the proceeds for the provision of refreshments at the 'Services of Thanksgiving' for the late Fred Cartlidge, Helen Cartlidge, Margaret Rodgers, George Smith, John Forsythe, Anne Gamble and Nell Armstrong. We are most grateful to the families, and the Catering Committee led by Anne Graham and Beth McNair, who continue to provide a valued service that gives great comfort to families at a time of bereavement. David Gillespie continues to provide his long established service of transferring video content to the DVD format and we are thankful for his good work, as we are to Diane Hoy who sold further copies of her publication 'Faith and Feasts Esther's Banquet : a feast from the Holy Land'.

Total expenditure was down year-on-year in 2025 from £33,654 to £24,802. We continue to keep our church buildings, including the Manse, in a good state of repair with maintenance and repair work undertaken during the year. As before, the fund also covered church insurance costs and Manse rates. With the Restoration and Refurbishment project behind us and the Ulster Bank loan paid in full we are now in a better position to take on board property related costs that have historically been kindly met from the General Number 1 account by the Treasurer, Gordon Dunlop. As a result the salary and related costs of the Church Officer, from January 2025, has been met by the Fund.

Once again we were in the fortunate position to be able to transfer £30,000 in December to an interest earning account and this reflects the continuing strong support we receive from the congregation, enabling us to maintain and enhance our suite of buildings as necessary.

At the end of yet another year we convey our grateful thanks to the wider team for all their help and support. It is a team effort and it is an exceptional team with talent in every department:

- Gordon Dunlop for his continuing and exceptional service as Treasurer, and for all the help and support he has given us since his appointment in 2012. His guidance and advice particularly in relation to the annual accounts audit has been very much appreciated by us both;
- Robert McNair for the valued and outstanding support he has given on all information technology matters in relation to financial reporting, and supporting Elaine Gillespie on Gift Aid;
- Elaine Gillespie for her excellent work as Gift Aid Convenor which continues to be a much valued source of income;
- All the members of the Count Teams who faithfully count and lodge your

- contributions led by Karen McCurry, Ruth Hill, Kathryn Glover and Ian Sheppard;
- Don Jackson for the great work he does as Church Officer and together with Nigel Platt for the great work they do on the property and maintenance front knowledgeably advising Committee;
- Karen and Jim McCurry for all the work they do on the property side, arranging and managing work to be done and liaising with contractors as necessary. And a special thanks for all the work they have done for the 125 Anniversary year; and
- The Building Maintenance Committee for the good work they do to ensure that our suite of buildings are kept in a good state of repair.

It is also appropriate that in this our 125 Anniversary Year we should remember and recall the contributions of others during our 22 year term as Joint Property Fund Convenors, and those who led us from the Brown Memorial School in Redcar Street in December 1900 to the Iron Church, in the area where the Allen Hall is sited, and then to the opening of our existing church building in September 1928. We are grateful to all those who built and nurtured the church family to where we are today.

In conclusion, thank you all once again for the great support you give the Property Fund. Since we took office in June 2004, you, the congregation, and friends of the congregation, have raised £1.5m from all sources of income and it has been our privilege to manage the Fund during a time of momentous change. May the spirit of 125 be a time for renewal and positive optimism, a time to review our contributions perhaps, and if you can, increase your giving, as we strive to strengthen Christ's kingdom here in Cregagh. To God be the Glory great things he has done and continues to do.

Gillian Simons has kindly agreed to become your new Property Fund Convenor from 1 January 2026. Gillian brings a wealth of experience from the financial services sector and will be an asset to the Finance Committee.

As at 31 December 2025 the balance on the Ulster Bank Property Fund Account was £36,682.84.

Fund-raising and donations in 2025 were as follows:

	£
Donations	4,145
Catering Committee	3,110
In Memory	900
PW	150
Praise Group	50

	£
David Gillespie - video to DVD	30
Diane Hoy - Esther's Feast	10
Coin Jar	10

Richard & Elaine Molyneaux
Joint Building Fund Convenors

Malawi Report

Throughout 2025, with the generous support of the congregation, the Malawi Working Group (MWG) has been able to continue to assist our friends in Malawi at Chifundo3. We continue to support 16 secondary school students through paying school fees and supplying uniforms, and providing vital nutrition to the nursery school children through the provision of maize and fortified porridge. As part of the

We were blessed to welcome Kenneth and Christine Nsona from Blantyre to share with us as a congregation in Cregagh on 31 August. The team who visited Malawi in 2023 were hosted for a meal at the home of Kenneth and Christine and it was lovely to be able to return the favour with a lunch after the service. Kenneth, who was former Session Clerk at Makata CCAP, and his wife, Christine, shared with the congregation some of the projects they are involved in at present, including a school and continued involvement in Makata church. They spoke about the turbulent economic conditions in Malawi and how inflation rates of around 28% made it difficult to purchase basic products such as food and building materials as the demand for this, coupled with inflation, meant huge price increases.

As a result, we are currently consulting with John Munthali and Makata CCAP to identify the best way to support the local community, considering distributing food parcels or financial support. We have also pledged to provide Chifundo3 with an additional payment each month until the end of March 2026 to relieve some of this economic pressure.

In addition, the MWG received a bequest from the family of the late Ann McClenaghan to support educational needs in Malawi and we are currently looking into completing a classroom fit out with desks and resources with these funds.

The MWG is extremely grateful for the opportunity to support our friends in Malawi and thank the congregation for their ongoing commitment to our work there.

Emma Skeet
Chair

Kirk Session

The names of Kirk Session members are correct at the time of going to print – May 2026

Dist.No.	Name	Address	Telephone
1	Maureen Mulligan	36 Haddington Gardens	07730 435377
2	Beth McNair	12 Everton Drive	9079 7431
3	Anne Graham	63 Church Road, Moneyreagh	07922 674647
4	David Gillespie	1 Gibson Park Avenue	07964 150960
5	Avril Pollock	3 Castle Court	9079 8872
6	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
7	Joan Taylor	9 The Beeches	9064 1262
8	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
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 (R) 07922 646535 (E)
12	Robert McNair	12 Everton Drive	07815 817411
13	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

Members without districts:

Gordon Dunlop	9 Ardenlee Avenue	9045 3829 (Treasurer)
Michael Graham	63 Church Road, Moneyreagh	07548 635075 (Clerk of Session)

Congregational Committee

The names of Committee members are correct at the time of going to print – May 2026

Dist. No.	Name	Address	Telephone
1	Angela Watson Heather Sharpe	47 Orby Gardens 34A Breda Gardens	07891 554807 07954 317603
2	Robyn McCullough Carol McCormick	27 Ballygowan Road 80 Ladas Drive	07808 745143 07936 529562
3	Ivan Taylor Sarah Platt	29 Orby Drive 241 Cregagh Road	07816 080670 07738 354584
4	Elaine Gillespie Laura Armstrong	1 Gibson Park Avenue 2 Ballylenaghan Park	07990 610918 07597 684104
5	Don Jackson Alan McNair Susan Forsythe	79 Church Road, Moneyreagh 265 Castlereagh Road 22 Belfast Road, Ballygowan	07752 989950 07821 227567 07710 243712
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 07749 054079
8	James McCormick Margaret Maclaren	56 Manna Grove 77 Ravenhill Park	07796 947913 07912 112479
9	Thomas Clarke	3 Downshire Park South	07887 380227
10	Nigel Platt Emma Skeet Carol Ferguson	395 Cregagh Road 17 Stirling Gardens 16 Cairnshill Park	07595 904260 07738 224021 07880 672836
11	Ruth Hill Kirsty Diver	21 Ormiston Drive 12 Castlegowan Road	07753 709108 07791 983611
12 Nursing Homes	Christine Sharpe	8 Douglas Court	07845 397569
13 Postal	Andrew Todd Jim Hill Kathryn and Stephen Glover	63 The Brackens, Carnmoney 21 Ormiston Drive 16 Vestry Road, Ballygowan	07821 085964 07595 899790 07810 276546

Members without districts:

Jim McCurry 4 Albert Drive
Karen McCurry 4 Albert Drive

07587 185445 (Congregational Secretary)
07552 606550 (WFO/Membership Secretary)

**Statement of Financial Activity
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	121,106	84,968	206,074	198,737
Charitable activities	3	10,215	4,201	14,416	3,850
Bank Interest	4	438	4,915	5,353	3,926
Total		131,759	94,084	225,843	206,513
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(112,716)	(85,451)	(198,167)	(203,062)
Total		(112,176)	(85,451)	(198,167)	(203,062)
Net Income / (expenditure)		19,043	8,633	27,676	3,451
Transfers between funds	8	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		118,693	1,840,923	1,959,616	1,956,165
Total funds carried forward		137,736	1,849,556	1,987,292	1,959,616

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9	-	1,688,607	1,688,607	1,720,426
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	1,688,607	1,688,607	1,720,426
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Current assets					
Debtors	10	4,867	4,935	9,802	6,671
Cash at bank and in hand	11	136,765	157,064	293,829	237,814
Total current assets		141,632	161,999	303,631	244,485
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Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,896)	(1,050)	(4,946)	(5,295)
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Net current assets or liabilities		137,736	160,949	298,685	239,190
Total assets less current liabilities		137,736	5561,849,	1,987,292	1,959,616
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		137,736	1,849,556	1,987,292	1,959,616

**Balance Sheet (contd.)
as at 31 December 2025**

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Restricted income funds		-	1,849,556		
Unrestricted funds	<i>14</i>	137,736	-	137,736	118,693
Total charity funds		137,736	1,849,556	1,987,292	1,959,616

Approved by Kirk Session on 19 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael R. Graham
19 May 2026

W. Gordon Dunlop
19 May 2026

Notes to the Accounts

31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS102 – 2019) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity.

JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

There are no areas of significant judgement or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

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 and the 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 of 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 2025
	£	£	£	£
Weekly Freewill Offering	92,646	28,630	-	121,276
Loose and Special Collections	2,859	3,537	-	6,396
Donations and Gifts	6,695	5,245	-	11,940
Gift Aid	18,906	9,973	-	28,879
Legacies and Bequests	-	-	-	-
Organisations	-	3,030	-	3,030
Missions & Charities Funds	-	34,553	-	34,553
	121,106	84,968	-	206,074

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
Weekly Freewill Offering	85,332	29,518	-	114,850
Loose and Special Collections	1,362	3,155	-	4,517
Donations and Gifts	4,888	6,457	-	10,945
Gift Aid	17,794	7,666	-	25,460
Legacies and Bequests	-	-	-	-
Organisations	-	2,338	-	2,338
Missions & Charities Funds	-	40,627	-	40,627
	108,976	89,761	-	198,737

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	10,215	3,150	-	13,365
Grants	-	1,051	-	1,051
	10,215	4,201	-	14,416

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
Income from charitable activities				
Fundraising events	-	3,850	-	3,850
Grants	-	-	-	-
	-	3,850	-	3,850

4. BANK INTEREST

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	E'dowment Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	438	4,915	-	5,353
	438	4,915	-	5,353

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	E'dowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
Deposit interest	600	3,326	-	3,926
	600	3,326	-	3,926

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,970	-	-	9,970
Minister's stipend	42,098	-	-	42,098
Ministry and support staff costs	31,184	9,996	-	41,480
Congregational running expenses	27,304	15,975	-	43,279
Donations to Missions & Charities	-	24,841	-	24,841
Governance costs	2,160		-	2,160
Depreciation	-	34,639	-	34,639
	112,716	85,451	-	198,167

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	10,662	-	-	10,662
Minister's stipend	40,674	-	-	40,674
Ministry and support staff costs	40,422	-	-	40,422
Congregational running expenses	25,589	17,199	-	42,788
Donations to Missions & Charities	-	32,242	-	32,242
Governance costs	2,040		-	2,040
Depreciation	-	34,234	-	34,234
	119,387	83,675	-	203,062

Governance costs include the Independent Examiner's fee of £2,160 (£2,040 in 2024).

6. EMPLOYMENT COSTS

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	68,601	66,066
Social Security Costs	7,344	5,328
Pension contributions	7,367	9,762
	83,312	81,096

Number of Employees

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

	2025	2024
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 contribution rate reduced to 17.5% from 1 January 2025.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were:

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Contributions	£7,367	£9,762

The Congregation has two part-time employees (an organist and a church officer). Both have been offered pension scheme membership but both have declined.

8. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

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

During the year capital expenditure of £2,820 was incurred for a new projector system.

No depreciation has been applied to the manse property which is subject to maintenance to maintain its value. The residual value is considered to be at least equal to the carrying valuation.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Church	Manse	Fix, Fittings & Equip't	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At start of year	1,475,727	380,456	51,240	1,907,423
Additions	-	-	2,820	2,820
Disposals		-	-	-
At end of year	1,475,727	380,456	54,060	1,910,243
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Depreciation				
At start of year	(176,961)	-	(10,036)	(186,997)
Provision for year	(29,515)	-	(5,124)	(34,639)
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At end of year	(206,476)	-	(15,160)	(221,636)
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Net Book Value				
At end of year	1,269,251	380,456	38,900	1,688,607
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At start of year	1,298,766	380,456	41,204	1,720,426

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10. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
Gift Aid Recoverable	9,302	5,940
Other	500	731
	9,802	6,671

11. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025	2024
Current account	293,426	237,814
Cash in hand	403	-
	293,829	237,814

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
Creditors and accruals	4,946	5,295
	4,946	5,295

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

	2024	2023
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	-	-

14. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1/1/25	Income	Expend	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	85,042	131,388	112,716	-	103,714
Cregagh 125	-	371	-	-	371
Development Fund	33,651	-	-		33,651
	118,693	131,759	112,716	-	137,736
Restricted Funds					
Renovation Fund	1,085,672	4,915	34,865	-	1,055,722
Property Fund	339,573	50,535	22,032	-	368,076
Mission & Charities Funds	32,720	34,553	24,841	-	42,432
Organisational Funds	2,502	4,081	3,713	-	2,870
Manse Fund	380,456	-	-	-	380,456
	1,840,923	94,084	85,451	-	1,849,556
Total Funds	1,959,616	225,843	198,167	-	1,987,292

	Balance at 1/1/24	Income	Expend	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	94,853	109,576	119,387	-	85,042
Cregagh 125	-	-	-	-	371
Development Fund	33,651	-	-		33,651
	128,504	109,576	119,387	-	118,693
Restricted Funds					
Renovation Fund	1,116,698	3,208	34,234	-	1,085,672
Property Fund	318,530	50,646	14,147	(15,456)	339,573
Mission & Charities Funds	24,217	40,745	32,242	-	32,720
Organisational Funds	3,216	2,338	3,052	-	2,502
Manse Fund	365,000	-	15,456	-	380,456
	1,827,661	96,937	83,675	-	1,840,923
Total Funds	1,956,165	206,513	203,062	-	1,959,616

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation, who was appointed minister in September 2018, received remuneration of £42,098 (£40,674 in 2024) and expenses of £8,383 (£7,836 in 2024) for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £7,367 (£9,792 in 2024) 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 –

- £10,662 for congregational assessments (excluding minister's employment costs).
- £10,000 towards the United Appeal.
- £1,250 towards the World Development Appeal.
- £1,000 towards the Children's Society.

The congregation contributed £854 in respect of Presbytery fees during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Note

The additional financial information provided on the following pages does not form part of the above independently examined Church Accounts. The figures shown have, however, been incorporated into the accounts.

General Fund 2025 - Summary of Income and Expenditure

	Totals £		Totals £	
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Specified Sources		Stipend	42,098	42,098
Weekly Freewill Offering	92,646	General Assembly Assessment		
Gift Aid	18,906	PCI Funds	9,970	
Church Collection	2,8	PCI Pension Scheme (2009) Fund	7,367	
		National Insurance	6,398	
		Other PCI charges	210	23,945
Organisations to Church funds		Salaries & Related Expenses		
Other income		Organist	6,499	
Bank interest	438	Inc.Tax - Employer's NIC	2,537	
PCI publications	900	Minister's General Expenses	2,956	
Prayer books and literature	33	Minister's Car Expenses	5,427	
Use of halls	2,890	Guest Organists	1,455	
		Pulpit Supply	510	19,384
Fund Raising		Other expenses		
Flower Festival		Audit fees	2,160	
Flower Festival calendars		Bank charges	204	

	Totals £		Totals £	
Donations - External Sources				
		1,670	Copying machines	664
			Computer/IT	752
			Gregagh 125	600
			Flower Festival and Calendars	3,765
Total Income		131,388	Health and Safety	571
Total Expenditure		112,716	Licences	652
Deficit		18,672	Light and Heat	11,140
			PCI Publications	920
			Prayer books and literature	53
			Presbytery Fees	905
			Stationery and printing	2,483
			Telephone / broadband	1,017
			Water charges	534
			Other expenses	869
				27,289
			Total Expenditure	112,716

Property Fund 2025
- Summary of Income & Expenditure

	Totals (£)		Totals (£)
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Envelopes / Standing Orders	28,630	Maintenance, Repairs & Enhancements	
Loose & Special Collections	3,537	Manse Rates	1,572
Gift Aid	9,973	Property Insurance	4,201
		Church Maintenance	1,017
		Church Repairs	1,261
		Church enhancement	2,800
		Manse maintenance	385
		Manse repairs	490
		Manse Enhancement	-
Donations			
Donations and Gifts	5,245		
Fund raising	3,150		
		Fund Raising	311
		Salary and Related Costs	
		Church officer	9,996
Total Income	50,535	Expenditure	22,032
		Transfers	30,000
Total Income	50,535		
Total Expenditure	22,032		
Surplus	28,503		

Mission & Charities Fund 2025
- Summary of Income & Expenditure

	Totals (£)		Totals (£)
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Charitable Collections	18,418	Charitable Donations*	20,270
Gift Aid	5,344	Bank fees	21
Total Income	23,762	Total Expenditure	20,291
		*	
		PCI United Appeal	9,000
		PCI World Development Appeal	1,000
		PCI Children's Society	1,000
		Christian Aid	2,131
		Emmanuel Ministries	3,200
		Tear Fund	500
		Royal British Legion	350
		Mission Africa	100
		Flourish	250
		Other Charitable Causes	2,739
		Total	20,270

Malawi Fund 2025
- Summary of Income & Expenditure

	Totals (£)		Totals (£)
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations	5,220	Transfers to Malawi	4,500
Legacy	2,000	CPC Malawi re Diane Cusick	50
Gift Aid	1,501		
Marathon	1,411		
Pence for Porridge	287		
Bank Interest	134		
Miscellaneous donation	238		
Total Income	10,791	Total Expenditure	4,550

Statistical Summary 2025

NOTE: Please refer to 2013 Directory and Statement of Accounts for information relating to 2009 - 2013 and to the 2020 Directory for information relating to 2014 - 2020.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of envelopes allocated	254	248	231	235	230
Number of families:					
- contributing to WFO	182	181	165	151	157
- under the Pastoral care of the congregation	211	207	196	194	194
This number of families accounts for 399 individuals (was 519 in 2019) made up as follows:					
Under 18	50	45	42	42	46
Age 19 – 64	206	194	183	180	181
Over 64	166	172	174	172	167
Recorded Contributors to WFO	304	292	275	269	273
(excludes non-contributing families)					
Baptisms	2	1	2	2	6
Marriages	1	1	1	0	0
Deaths	12	5	6	10	10
Communicants on Roll	211	220	211	210	213
Communicants attended at least once	138	137	148	140	139
New Communicants by Profession	1	1	0	4	4
New Communicants by Certificate	3	3	2	0	2
KidZone	25	19	21	19	18
KidZone leaders	12	12	14	13	12
Youth Bible Class	6	5	10	10	10
Youth Bible Class leaders	3	3	3	3	3
Bible Study	15	14	12	12	12
Holiday Bible Club	-	60	45	60	60
Holiday Bible Club leaders	-	20	20	24	25
Church Choir	24	24	22	23	25
Junior Choir	13	11	12	13	14
Praise Group	11	12	14	16	15
Handbell Choir	18	16	19	19	18
PWG	27	26	32	29	25
Rangers	3	5	10	11	9
Girl Guides	8	14	6	17	25
Brownie Guides	15	22	21	25	18
Rainbow Guides	13	14	16	16	9
Trefoil Guild	6	6	8	7	7
Boys Brigade Anchor Boys (with Cregagh Methodist)		8	7	5	-

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Boys Brigade Company Section	-	-	10	11	11
Boys Brigade Junior Section	-	-	9	10	10
Leaders across all Sections	-	-	-	10	9
Youth BIG Night	14	16	24	30	30
Evergreens	20	20	18	16	10
Tea and Talk	18	21	25	27	26
Brews Brothers	-	-	16	26	26
Connect	DNM	Now Cafe Connect			
Blobs 1 (Bible Study Group)	-	-	-	-	11
Blobs 2 (Bible Study Group)	-	-	-	-	10
Subscribers to Inspire (new name for Wider World)	46	40	41	30	30
Subscribers to Presbyterian Herald	45	35	35	35	31
Subscribers to IBRA	2	-	-	-	-
Subscribers to Day by Day with God	8	8	7	8	9
Subscribers to Scripture Union Daily Bread	1	1	1	2	2
Fresh from the Word Bible Notes (new name for IBRA)	-	2	2	1	1

DNM = Did not meet

Congregational Offerings

It is requested that inaccuracies are reported without delay to the Minister and WFO Secretary.

Abbreviations and Symbols

Envelope Number (Env. No.): 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

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£590.00	£360.00	£1,070.00	£267.50
3	£15.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27.00	£60.00	£520.00	£622.00	£0.00
4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
5	£10.00	£165.00	£110.00	£240.00	£240.00	£600.00	£1,365.00	£341.25
6	£0.00	£190.00	£10.00	£0.00	£240.00	£600.00	£1,040.00	£260.00
7	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
8	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£105.00	£105.00	£26.25
11	£150.00	£340.00	£216.00	£120.00	£300.00	£1,200.00	£2,326.00	£581.50
12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£130.00	£130.00	£0.00
13	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
14	£50.00	£30.00	£70.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,650.00	£412.50
16	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£620.00	£620.00	£1,280.00	£2,520.00	£630.00
17	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£0.00
18	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£60.00	£15.00
19	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£960.00	£960.00	£240.00
22	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00	£360.00	£0.00
23	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
24	£220.00	£1,000.00	£220.00	£240.00	£240.00	£1,460.00	£3,380.00	£845.00
25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£220.00	£200.00	£1,840.00	£2,260.00	£0.00
26	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£120.00	£145.00	£0.00
27	£6.00	£0.00	£62.00	£29.00	£144.00	£377.00	£618.00	£154.50
28	£20.00	£0.00	£30.00	£85.00	£120.00	£1,040.00	£1,295.00	£0.00
29	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	£390.00	£410.00	£102.50
30	£100.00	£0.00	£140.00	£240.00	£220.00	£1,800.00	£2,500.00	£625.00
31	£100.00	£330.00	£160.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,500.00	£3,290.00	£822.50
32	£50.00	£0.00	£40.00	£20.00	£30.00	£910.00	£1,050.00	£262.50
33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	£510.00	£610.00	£0.00
34	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£120.00	£360.00	£730.00	£1,230.00	£307.50

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
35	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£60.00
36	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	£180.00	£0.00
37	£0.00	£90.00	£20.00	£120.00	£110.00	£2,150.00	£2,490.00	£445.00
38	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£200.00	£300.00	£0.00
39	£6.00	£0.00	£10.00	£14.50	£25.00	£251.50	£307.00	£76.75
40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£130.00	£130.00	£0.00
41	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£0.00
42	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£530.00	£670.00	£0.00
43	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00
45	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£305.00	£305.00	£0.00
46	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£400.00	£0.00
47	£20.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	£670.00	£167.50
48	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00
49	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£75.00	£260.00	£365.00	£0.00
51	£30.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£50.00	£800.00	£900.00	£225.00
53	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£50.00	£90.00	£22.50
54	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£26.00	£26.00	£0.00
55	£10.00	£0.00	£20.00	£15.00	£150.00	£360.00	£555.00	£138.75

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£120.00
57	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
58	£20.00	£0.00	£60.00	£40.00	£180.00	£200.00	£500.00	£125.00
59	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£26.00	£60.00	£220.00	£311.00	£0.00
60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00	£0.00
61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£105.00	£115.00	£28.75
62	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,030.00	£1,030.00	£2,060.00	£515.00
63	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
64	£40.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£200.00	£1,400.00	£1,660.00	£0.00
65	£10.00	£120.00	£0.00	£150.00	£250.00	£700.00	£1,230.00	£307.50
66	£25.00	£250.00	£170.00	£120.00	£200.00	£2,055.00	£2,820.00	£705.00
67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£33.00	£33.00	£0.00
68	£100.00	£10.00	£211.00	£0.00	£7.00	£960.00	£1,288.00	£322.00
69	£50.00	£200.00	£225.00	£360.00	£360.00	£1,080.00	£2,275.00	£568.75
71	£100.00	£0.00	£165.00	£360.00	£720.00	£1,080.00	£2,425.00	£606.25
72	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£90.00	£80.00	£210.00	£380.00	£0.00
73	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
74	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
75	£20.00	£0.00	£90.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£2,510.00	£627.50

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
76	£80.00	£20.00	£160.00	£240.00	£840.00	£840.00	£2,180.00	£545.00
77	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21.00	£21.00	£0.00
78	£5.00	£90.00	£40.00	£60.00	£81.00	£472.00	£748.00	£187.00
79	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00
80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	£0.00
81	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£520.00	£520.00	£130.00
82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£40.00	£10.00
83	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
84	£0.00	£480.00	£80.00	£120.00	£120.00	£240.00	£1,040.00	£260.00
85	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3.70	£17.60	£13.70	£45.00	£0.00
87	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£260.00	£260.00	£0.00
88	£40.00	£100.00	£40.00	£240.00	£480.00	£1,060.00	£1,960.00	£490.00
89	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£84.00	£84.00	£0.00
90	£20.00	£120.00	£120.00	£90.00	£600.00	£600.00	£1,550.00	£387.50
91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£11.00	£43.00	£54.00	£13.50
92	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£500.00	£710.00	£1,320.00	£0.00
93	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00
94	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22.00	£60.00	£273.00	£355.00	£0.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
95	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.00	£35.00	£0.00
96	£50.00	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00	£120.00	£320.00	£500.00	£125.00
97	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00
98	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£245.00	£270.00	£0.00
99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
100	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00
101	£50.00	£305.57	£75.00	£0.00	£600.00	£600.00	£1,630.57	£407.64
102	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00	£1.25
103	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
104	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£7.50
105	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£70.00	£0.00
106	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00
107	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£105.00	£105.00	£26.25
108	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£560.00	£560.00	£0.00
109	£50.00	£250.00	£150.00	£240.00	£600.00	£600.00	£1,890.00	£472.50
111	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	£0.00
113	£20.00	£300.00	£160.00	£240.00	£960.00	£1,340.00	£3,020.00	£755.00
114	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£19.50	£19.50	£0.00
117	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£120.00	£240.00	£420.00	£105.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
118	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
119	£10.00	£20.00	£901.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£3,331.00	£832.75
120	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00
122	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
123	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£180.00	£300.00	£620.00	£0.00
124	£20.00	£0.00	£85.00	£120.00	£240.00	£600.00	£1,065.00	£266.25
125	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
127	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00	£220.00	£55.00
128	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00	£250.00
129	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£26.00	£26.00	£0.00
130	£10.00	£0.00	£58.00	£55.00	£120.00	£920.00	£1,163.00	£290.75
132	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
133	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£125.00
134	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£50.00	£260.00	£380.00	£95.00
135	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£152.00	£202.00	£0.00
136	£0.00	£10.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	£660.00	£165.00
137	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£105.00	£280.00	£385.00	£0.00
139	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
140	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£120.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
141	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£80.00	£0.00
142	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£0.00
143	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00
144	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£85.00	£85.00	£0.00
145	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00
146	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£156.00	£156.00	£39.00
147	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
148	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	£55.00	£105.00	£480.00	£660.00	£165.00
149	£0.00	£0.00	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£290.00	£325.00	£81.25
151	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£30.00
153	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00
154	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£600.00	£300.00	£1,200.00	£2,300.00	£575.00
157	£20.00	£0.00	£30.00	£110.00	£220.00	£530.00	£910.00	£227.50
159	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,300.00	£1,320.00	£0.00
162	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.00	£35.00	£0.00
163	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£120.00
165	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£26.00	£26.00	£52.00	£104.00	£26.00
166	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£200.00	£0.00
167	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	£60.00	£240.00	£360.00	£680.00	£170.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
168	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
169	£10.00	£0.00	£6.00	£0.00	£0.00	£305.00	£321.00	£80.25
172	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£20.00	£30.00	£7.50
173	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£180.00	£240.00	£480.00	£0.00
174	£20.00	£0.00	£95.00	£240.00	£220.00	£510.00	£1,085.00	£271.25
175	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45.00	£45.00	£0.00
176	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£220.00	£240.00	£60.00
179	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£270.00	£320.00	£660.00	£0.00
180	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£300.00	£420.00	£105.00
184	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
185	£100.00	£0.00	£120.00	£60.00	£660.00	£660.00	£1,600.00	£400.00
188	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£220.00	£55.00
189	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
190	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£110.00	£510.00	£690.00	£172.50
191	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
192	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£30.00	£0.00
193	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£300.00	£720.00	£1,260.00	£315.00
194	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£55.00	£85.00	£96.00	£241.00	£60.25
195	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
196	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£5.00
197	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00
198	£20.00	£0.00	£30.00	£150.00	£165.00	£600.00	£965.00	£241.25
199	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
200	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
202	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£240.00	£0.00
206	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£70.00	£80.00	£210.00	£52.50
207	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£130.00	£32.50
208	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£25.00
210	£20.00	£10.00	£115.00	£60.00	£180.00	£840.00	£1,225.00	£306.25
211	£25.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£255.00	£260.00	£600.00	£0.00
212	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£35.00	£230.00	£315.00	£0.00
213	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
215	£800.00	£20.00	£335.00	£310.00	£700.00	£720.00	£2,885.00	£721.25
216	£30.00	£130.00	£50.00	£120.00	£300.00	£410.00	£1,040.00	£260.00
217	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6.47	£3.50	£48.00	£57.97	£0.00
218	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£5,300.00	£6,300.00	£1,575.00
219	£0.00	£0.00	£98.00	£0.00	£240.00	£600.00	£938.00	£234.50
221	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
224	£0.00	£0.00	£90.00	£0.00	£180.00	£1,140.00	£1,410.00	£352.50
226	£0.00	£180.00	£40.00	£145.00	£480.00	£488.00	£1,333.00	£333.25
227	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£300.00
228	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
229	£0.00	£240.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£630.00	£900.00	£225.00
230	£50.00	£0.00	£10.00	£80.00	£270.00	£660.00	£1,070.00	£267.50
231	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	£0.00
233	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	£220.00	£55.00
237	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	£180.00	£45.00
238	£30.00	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£260.00	£260.00	£790.00	£197.50
239	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£520.00	£520.00	£130.00
241	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£30.00	£20.00	£120.00	£190.00	£47.50
243	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
245	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00	£40.00
246	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
247	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£60.00
248	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£102.00	£102.00	£0.00
249	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22.00	£22.00	£0.00
254	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	£0.00

Env No	Harvest Gift Day	Malawi	Misc Gift Aid	Mission	Property Fund	W.F.O.	Total	Total Tax
257	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£260.00	£260.00	£0.00
258	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00
259	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
261	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£15.00
263	£10.00	£10.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,500.00	£4,540.00	£1,135.00
264	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
265	£30.00	£0.00	£262.00	£0.00	£120.00	£240.00	£652.00	£163.00
268	£10.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£295.00	£325.00	£81.25
270	£30.00	£0.00	£65.00	£30.00	£600.00	£780.00	£1,505.00	£376.25
271	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£0.00	£245.00	£360.00	£610.00	£152.50
275	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
276	£5.00	£100.00	£45.00	£0.00	£240.00	£540.00	£930.00	£232.50
277	£100.00	£0.00	£475.00	£980.00	£1,040.00	£1,040.00	£3,635.00	£908.75
278	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00
279	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£104.00	£104.00	£0.00
282	£20.00	£120.00	£70.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£1,170.00	£292.50
283	£150.00	£0.00	£240.00	£180.00	£140.00	£780.00	£1,490.00	£372.50
285	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
287	£40.00	£0.00	£35.00	£100.00	£50.00	£240.00	£465.00	£116.25

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288	£20.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£240.00	£600.00	£910.00	£227.50
291	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£280.00	£450.00	£112.50
293	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£30.00	£0.00
294	£40.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£10.00	£270.00	£340.00	£85.00
298	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£50.00	£80.00	£0.00
299	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£63.00	£68.00	£17.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00	£40.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£115.00	£135.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£480.00	£720.00	£180.00

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BAPTISMS

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me”

5th January	Anjal Katsitsarang Kuzatyi
6th February	Freya Eliza Clarke
25th May	Arthur Thomas George Jordan
20th July	Max Robert Bailie
20th July	Sophie Emily Bailie
16th November	Maureen Hurndall (adult baptism)

MARRIAGES

“Whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder”

None

DEATHS

“I am the resurrection and the life,” said the Lord

21st January	Amy Craig
30th January	Fred Cartlidge
9th February	Helen Cartlidge
9th May	Margaret Rodgers
9th May	Pat Dunwoody
10th August	George Smith
22nd August	John Forsythe
23rd September	Laurance Keys
25th September	Anne Gamble
15th December	Ellen ‘Nell’ Armstrong

ORGANISATION REPORTS 2025

Church Choir

New Year Communion was the opening service of 2025 and the February Choral evening had the theme of 'Prayer' when we sang 'A prayer for peace', 'Let not your heart be troubled' and 'The Lord's Prayer'. The Psalm service on 23 March was well received by the congregation who were invited to dress in Edwardian/Victorian attire. The service proceeded without instrumentation and the pieces included Psalm 100 'All people that on earth do dwell', 96 'O sing a new song to Jehovah', 23 'The Lord's my Shepherd, and 121 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes'.

Our Easter services once again started with Communion on Psalm Sunday and Maundy Thursday followed by 'Lights Out' on Good Friday and the morning service on Easter Day. On the Wednesday of Holy Week, we were invited to participate in a service hosted by the Salvation Army and it was a most moving experience. Special services quickly followed in May when we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with the anthem 'O Brother man', and Reverend McKenzie launched 'Cregagh 125', the 125th anniversary year of this congregation on 18 May when our Minister Emeritus, Reverend Hastings McIntyre, was the guest preacher. A series of special services are planned from May 2025 – April 2026, and the choir will be very much involved in the celebrations. We ended May with a couple of services to mark the Flower Festival 29-May – 1 June, and we extend congratulations and grateful thanks to Maureen Mulligan and everyone involved in this very successful outreach event.

Noel Williamson was our guest organist at the morning service on 'Trinity Sunday' 15 June, and we were grateful to Kathryn Glover who kindly deputised on the piano that evening for Communion when we sang 'God be in my head'. We were most grateful that Noel and Kathryn together with others including Audrey Gillian and Gordon Myers deputised for John Dallas during the early summer whilst he recuperated from illness, and we were delighted to welcome John back in mid-July. The Choir Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 29 June after the morning service followed by lunch at Hollywood Golf Club, and this brought the 2024/25 season to a conclusion.

The autumn season included the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Remembrance Sunday. Haydn's 'Sanctus' was the anthem at the Harvest evening service. We also participated in the Cregagh 125 Pageant in the Allen Hall on 7 November when decade by decade the church organisations played to a full house and celebrated congregational life over 125 years in word, song and dance. The Choir celebrated the 1960s with three pieces which included a 1963 chart hit for Gerry & the Pacemakers 'You'll never walk alone' from the musical 'Carousel'.

December 2025 was a very special month for the congregation when during Advent we celebrated our 125th Anniversary with a special service on Sunday 7 December, marking 125 years to the day and date when the inaugural service of a nucleus congregation was held in the Brown Memorial School, Redcar Street. We were delighted that 18 former members of the choir joined us for the service and we sang the anthem 'Non Nobis Domine'. We were also delighted that 3 former members decided to return to choir membership: Carol McCormick, Rosemary Patton and James Millar and we extend a warm welcome as they join us in leading worship in Cregagh.

Our Advent season began with a service of carols and readings which included the anthem 'The Magnificat'. Once again, we had the 'Carols in the Carpark' outreach event which attracted a good crowd. The choir sang 'Joseph and the Angel', and there were contributions from the Salvation Army Band, Glenburn Methodist and local clergy. The Nine Lessons & Carols included 'The Lord at first did Adam make', 'The little road to Bethlehem', 'Ding Dong merrily on high', 'Calypso Christmas' and 'O Holy Night'. Grateful thanks are extended to Reverend Hastings McIntyre who once again augmented the bass line over Christmas and to Gordon Myers, our guest Organist, for playing whilst John conducted.

In November we were sorry that a highly respected stalwart of the choir, Dixie McKenzie, decided to hang up his robe and retire. A lifelong member of the congregation, Dixie has made a major contribution to the choir down the years, and of course many of you will remember him from his time with Canticle and the Belfast Philharmonic choir. We were delighted that Dixie was able to join us for the 125 Anniversary service in December and we extend our grateful thanks for the contribution he has made to musical life in Cregagh.

There were a couple of notable personal achievements this year. Kathryn Glover represented Northern Ireland at the World Transplant Games in Dresden 17-24 August and the team were invited to Stormont in November by the Sports Minister, Gordon Lyons, and Health Minister Mike Nesbitt, to mark and celebrate their achievements on the world stage. For the record, Kathryn won 1 Gold and 2 Bronze. I should also add that at the British Games in Oxford 31 July – 3 August, Kathryn won 3 Golds including a personal best in the 200m freestyle. Diane Hoy launched her first novel at the end of November 'The Spirits of Place' at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club. A number of choir members were there to support Diane on her very special day and we wish her well with this and future projects.

Grateful thanks are extended once again to our Choirmaster and Organist John Dallas, Chairman Robert McNair, Deputy Chair Dorothy Platt, Treasurer Christine Sharpe, Librarian Richard Woods, Wardrobe Mistress Ruth Hill, and all the Committee representatives, for their good work during the year.

And finally thank you to all the choir members for their dedicated service throughout the year.

Richard Molyneaux

Choir Secretary

Praise Group

The Praise Group continues to lead worship services throughout the year, including monthly morning services and the more informal Café Connect evening services. These services give us an opportunity to play a mix of some new contemporary worship pieces as well as updating some traditional hymns.

Our membership this year has remained steady with around 14 regular members.

One of the highlights of our year was the PW Friendship Night in the church in early May when the group performed something a little bit different - with pieces ranging from the Beatles to the Carpenters and even The Monkees! As well as leading a few well-known hymns, we also played a short tribute of war-time songs to coincide with the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Later in the year in November, the Praise Group chose the 1920's as their decade to celebrate their part in the 'Cregagh 125 Church Pageant'. The decade displayed themes of post-war loyalty, optimism, and sticking together through hard times. We sang two popular standards of the era - 'Side by side' and 'Bye-Bye Blackbird'.

May I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Praise Group for their continued support and help throughout the year with the many behind-the-scenes tasks that need completed in preparation for services.

Finally as always, anyone with an interest in joining the Praise Group would be extremely welcome – feel free to talk to anyone in the group! We meet on a couple of Thursday nights per month from 6.45 to 7.30pm, so the commitment is very manageable.

Kathryn Glover

Praise Group Leader

Handbell Choir

Our first Bell performance of 2025 was in Cregagh on 21st March at the PW fund-raising concert along with the Imperial Guards Flute Band and soloist David Curry. This was a very enjoyable evening and it was great to play to a full church.

On 7th April we played for the PW in Greenwell Presbyterian, Newtownards. It was

lovely to see a former Bellringer in the audience...Rosamund McIntyre.

On 26th November Willowfield Parish were holding a Christmas Tree Festival themed on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. The Bells were invited to play while the public walked around viewing the displays.

We played at Ballymacash Church of Ireland on Sunday 30th November at a service including carols and flower arranging. Our last performance of 2025 was in Cregagh at the annual Handbell service the Sunday before Christmas. It is always a pleasure for us to provide all the music for this service and it was great that the Bible Class joined us leading the prayers and readings. Thank you to all the bell ringers for their hard work and support.

Dorothy Platt

Leader and Conductor

Junior Choir

We were blessed to end the year with 14 very talented young people in the Junior Choir.

We played our part at the Mother's Day service by singing and giving little bunches of Daffodils to all the ladies at Church.

In May we held our annual concert where everyone played a part with individual items, small group items, as well as singing a variety of songs as a choir. This year we raised £756.26, including Gift Aid, to help with the wonderful varied work undertaken by Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta, in Kolkata, India.

At the Children's Day service the Junior Choir sang two pieces. We then had a buffet lunch followed by a creative session when the children chose which animal they would like to make. There was great concentration and chat as each person shaped and stuffed their cuddly toy animal. They also completed their animal's birth certificate including giving them a name. When finished they all looked fantastic and everyone very proudly took their creation home.

Choir practices recommenced in September when we practised to take part in the Pageant to celebrate the 125th anniversary of our church. We joined with members of 'Tea and Talk' to sing some second world war songs representing the decade of the 1940's.

The Junior Choir sang two pieces at the morning Harvest service, two pieces at the Christmas Candlelight service and a different piece on Christmas morning.

I would again like to thank the Church Choir for their continuing support.

I would also like to thank and recognise the invaluable assistance, support and

musical guidance from my sister, Dorothy Platt.

The Junior Choir meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.15pm and children from age 4 will be very welcome to join us.

Maureen Mulligan

Junior Choir Leader

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Presbyterian Women's motto is 'Living for Jesus'. This year's theme was 'God ever present.' Psalm 46 v 1. 'God is our refuge and strength an ever present help in trouble'.

We welcomed several new members but were saddened by the death of 3 long standing faithful members, Helen Cartlidge, Anne Gamble and Nell Armstrong.

Our speakers talked on a variety of topics, the Bible Society N.I.; hymn writer Isaac Watts; the war years; and Life in the Salvation Army. We also had an afternoon of flower arranging with Maureen Mulligan. Reverend McKenzie started the year with his New Year message and in April chaired our AGM when the committee were re-elected.

We held our Friendship Night in May. It was very well attended by ladies from 9 local churches. They were entertained by our own Cregagh Praise Group, followed by supper.

This year the PW held a concert to raise funds for PCI projects, Malawi, Emmanuel Ministries, Mission Africa, Leprosy Mission and South Sudan. This excellent evening was led by Cregagh Handbell Choir, Imperial Guards Flute Band and singer David Curry.

In November we were delighted to welcome PW President Linda Beattie to our Annual service. We rounded off the year with a delicious Christmas lunch provided by Cafe Nicole, with entertainment provided by Anne Stevenson and her sister Helen Dyatt.

Carol Ferguson

PW Secretary

Evergreens

2025 was a mixed year for The Evergreens. Our programme included two visits from Audrey Gillian and her community choir, chair aerobics, and our annual favourite of fun and games with Anne Stevenson, accompanied by her sister Helen Dyatt on the piano. On that occasion this year we were joined by Tea and Talk. Our outings were to The Festival of Scripture Banners in 2nd Comber Presbyterian and afternoon tea at Cameron's Garden Centre. All was enjoyed by everyone.

We were saddened during the year by the deaths of Helen Cartlidge in February and Anne Gamble in September. These two ladies were stalwarts of the group. They are missed and we extend our sympathy to their families.

The year also brought challenging health issues to some of our members and for a few, that meant a change to where they live. Despite difficulties, our members remain faithful and rise to the challenges life presents.

Barbara Dunlop

Leader

Rainbow Guides

When Rainbows re-commenced in September 2025 after the summer break, we had 9 girls on our books. During this term, we completed the 'Know Myself' badge and our 'Rainbow Promise' Badge. We finished the term with a drumming workshop, Christmas baking and games. On our last night we made melting snowmen and had a Christmas party with a visit from Santa. Thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule!

This upcoming term we plan to continue our badge work with activities such as baking, colouring and craft work. We are also planning an outing to the Girl Guide Centre at Lorne and other venues. As well as badge work during our weekly meetings we play games with the girls such as Stick in the Mud, What's the Time Mr Wolf? and Duck Duck Goose. All activities encourage the girls to interact with each other, which is an important life skill.

We have a WhatsApp Group, and a weekly message is posted informing parents of the week's activities and any other relevant information. We also welcome the girls having an input on the upcoming programme.

Emma Davey

Leader

93rd Belfast Brownies Unit

We all know Girls can do anything and our Brownies have taken on a lot of challenges this year.

We had a Sleepover at the end of January - with Task Mistress challenges and games. We made ziplines, had a memory challenge, played human battleships and charted a course through a lava field.

Our Brownie Pack Holiday was at Robinson Village at Lorne. We took part in Archery, the Gladiator Challenge & Zipline, & designed and built wheel barrows. As well as playing games and having fun, the girls are learning to work together, to solve problems and to help make a difference in the world. They have been working on Skills Builders and unit meeting activities, which all go towards earning theme awards. The themes we continued with this year were -

Take Action – We looked at different charities and chose to support Cancer Research. The girls decided they would make bracelets to sell. They raised an amazing £335.26 for Cancer Research. The girls became ‘environmental detectives’ to find ways to help the environment, making an ‘Impact-o-meter’ to record the impact of changes they made.

Skills for my Future - We tried some experiments with magical mixtures & bubbles. They put their detective skills to the test with ‘The great chocolate heist’ and took charge of leading activities such as a Record Challenge and Brownies Market.

Be Well – Learning First Aid - from assessing a casualty and getting help, to putting them in the recovery position and bandaging wounds.

The girls took part in the Centenary pageant, dancing to ‘A Million Dreams’. We also took part in the Thinking Day Service and attended the Remembrance Day Service. Many Interest Badges and Awards have been earned - including Charities, and My Rights and Languages. We were also delighted to award 14 Bronze Awards, 2 Silver Awards and 8 Gold Awards.

Vicki Thompson

Leader in Charge

Girl Guides

We started 2025 with 11 guides regularly attending our weekly meetings as we continue working our way through the guiding programme. This included badge work focusing on the theme “every girl has a voice”, this helps build confidence within the girl, allowing them to have self belief and the skills to support them through the many different challenges they may face during their teenage years.

February was a busy month as we prepared for our annual Thinking Day Service, this allows us to join with the Rainbows, Brownies & Rangers to celebrate what guiding means to us in Cregagh. We celebrated Pancake Tuesday & St Patrick's Day by looking at how these traditions have continued to be part of life each year.

Returning after Easter, we continued on our Skill builder challenge badges, with most activities undertaken outside. We had our annual walk to Mauds Ice cream shop and the Guides served tea & Coffee after the opening of the 125 Celebration Flower festival. This was an opportunity for the girls to not only take part in the celebrations but also view the amazing display of flowers around the church. We finished off the year with an afternoon Tea party and presentation of cups and shields to the girls for all their hard work and dedication during 24/25.

We started back in September with 25 girls! WOW, this was a big change for us as over the last few years our numbers had fallen back due to covid and the older girls moving up to the Rangers. Our first activity was to prepare for the 125 Concert as the guides were doing a melody of Abba songs, with everyone getting involved. I must say as leaders we were so proud of each of the girls as they really did put their heart and soul into the performance. A special thank you to Nicola who taught us each step and this really did make the performance what it was. Although Nicola was unable to perform due to a prior engagement, Debbie Gaston stepped in and did an amazing job.

The new guides made their promise just before we broke up for Halloween and it is great to see them starting to complete their badges and activities together. As always we made our Christmas Table decorations and attended the Panto performed by the Belvoir Players.

I want to thank the parents for all their support and encouragement and they all should be very proud of their daughters as they are a pleasure to work alongside every week.

A big thank you to Nicola and Jenny without whom the Unit just wouldn't be able to function. This year we have had the pleasure of welcoming a young lady, Kate, from Enniskillen, who is in her final year at Queen's and comes each week to help us. Kate has fitted right in and brings her own guiding experience as her mum is a Brownie Leader in her home church in Enniskillen.

And finally to you the congregation, you have always supported and encouraged our guide unit and we appreciate your prayers and good wishes for another successful guiding year.

Gillian Simons

Leader

93rd Belfast Trefoil Guild

Throughout the year the members of the Trefoil organised activities for the group. We kicked off 2025 with a visit to the Panto at the Grand Opera House, which was 'Peter Pan'. At our first meeting we had some fun with board games. We also did a craft about the planets and the solar system, and made plant based brownies for the 'Land Sea and Air' badge. We did the 'World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' (WAGGGS) 'World Thinking Day Pack' looking at the past, present and future of Guiding. We tried our hands at building some Lego flowers and also had a go at the Irish Girl Guides coding game 'Campfire Quest'.

We attended the National Trefoil Guild AGM at the Waterfront Hall on 7 June - we got to meet other members from all over the UK and enjoyed listening to an inspiring speaker, Clodagh Dunlop, with entertainment from the Belfast Operatic Company and SOLAS Dance by Claire McCloskey.

Since September we have been working on the 'Alphabet Challenge' badge - we played yahtzee and bingo, had a go at operation and x-tiles board games, did some string art and tested our knowledge of flowers, and the monopoly board, with quizzes.

Towards the end of the year we took a trip to the cinema to see 'Wicked Part 2', and finished up by making Christmas Trees by folding old Trefoil magazines and attending the Wreath making workshop at the church.

Roxy Thompson

Leader

93rd Belfast Rangers

We all know girls can do anything and our Rangers have taken on a lot of challenges this year.

The Rangers planned workshops to kick-off the year and ran these with the others over a few weeks to complete their 'Skills for My Future Skills Builder' - they learned about space, drawing and origami.

We followed this with the 'First Aid Skills Builder', learning about how to react in an emergency and safely administer first aid, as well as about the importance of mental health.

The Rangers also enjoyed some games, especially the 'Unit Meeting Activities' (UMAs) 'Laugh Like A Hyena' and 'Secret Octopus'.

They are also very concerned citizens of the world, as demonstrated by the 'Guidetopia' activity where they had to plan the perfect world, and decide what and who was most important - this led to some insightful and passionate conversations which could have lasted much longer than our 1 hour meeting!

In June, we enjoyed our annual camp at Lorne - 6 Rangers attended. They completed the 'Self-care Interest' Badge, did a beach scavenger hunt and sandcastle competition, enjoyed some crafting and did some finger painting as part of the 'Rainbow Rewind' activity (you can see the results of this on our noticeboard!). They also had a go at the 'Gladiator Challenge' and the zipline at Lorne. All the girls got involved in cooking dinner, and on Saturday night we joined another local unit for a campfire. In September, we started back with the 'Innovate Skills Builder' from Express Myself. This involved trying out new and different art styles and planning escape rooms. We also made fabric pumpkins for Halloween, and in December Christmas decorations in the preferred style of each Ranger.

Roxy Thompson
Leader in Charge
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Boys Brigade

Cregagh Presbyterian & Cregagh Methodist Churches

The 25th Belfast Company was formed in September 1922 and is now celebrating its 4th year as a joint company with Cregagh Methodist and Cregagh Presbyterian Churches. Sadly neither of the 2 churches would be in a position to sustain a company on their own, hence the reason for taking the opportunity to combine resources.

Boy membership on the roll is 21 with 9 staff divided across 2 sections:

Junior Section aged 8 to 10 meets from 6.30pm to 7.30pm; and

Company section aged 11 to 17 meets from 7.30pm to 9.15pm.

The parade nights are held on a Friday evening in the halls of Cregagh Methodist Church, and staffed by both officers and helpers from both churches.

The session started on 12th September 2025 and will end on 20th March 2026 with a Parents' night in Cregagh Methodist Church hall.

Staff are as follows:

Joint Chaplains: Rev. Colin Duncan B.Th, and Reverend Captain Edward McKenzie B.A., B.D., Dip.Min., M.Th., C.F.

Company Captain: Mr. George Taggart M.B.E., J.P.,

Officers: Laurence Corbett, Norma Corbett, Emma Ferguson, Kurtis Drysdale

Helpers: Glen Willis, Ethan Patterson, Jacqui Barker, Knox Wilson

George Taggart MBE JP (Company Captain)

Leader

OKAY Group

The Family Fun Day organised by the OKAY Group was held on 17th May. Our theme for this year was, A Happy Birthday Party, celebrating the Church's 125th Anniversary.

As usual we ran this event free of charge for all ages and it continues to be an out-reach event.

Everyone arrived ready for a party and there were lots of things to get involved with, including making Birthday cards, decorating birthday buns, making party hats, games, quizzes, treasure hunts and a lot more. We also had a photo booth for lots of memories to be recorded.

We had hot and cold very tasty food for lunch at the Birthday Party before we had another wellie throwing competition.

OKAY is a small group where everyone works well together to plan, prepare and carry out everything needed to make the Fun Day such a success. I truly appreciate their constructive attitude and friendship.

James McCormick, on behalf of OKAY, continues to produce the rota for tea /coffee after church so we can all enjoy some fellowship.

The Family Fun Day in 2026 will be on Saturday 12th September. Please put the date in your diary and have a great day no matter what your age.

Maureen Mulligan

Chair of OKAY Group

KidZone

We had 18 children on the roll and 12 leaders helping, and as 2025 was the special 125th Anniversary year for the Church, it was important to include the children wherever possible with all the celebrations.

The Anniversary year was launched with the 'Family Day' when most of the Children in the church enjoyed a Birthday themed morning of fun, with plenty of party food to match, and the first of many Cregagh Birthday cakes that would have their candles blown out during the year. This was followed by the 'Starship 125 Holiday Bible Club', where I'm sure another Cregagh Birthday cake was involved, and then our thoughts had to turn to what KidZone were going to perform in our 125 Anniversary Pageant.

KidZone were tasked with choosing something from the 1930's so we went with a World War two theme but headed off to Austria just as the war was taking hold. And so followed our tribute to 'The Sound of Music'. The children transformed themselves into Von Trapp family lookalikes and the leaders became the Nuns from the local Salzburg Abbey. The children performed the popular song 'Do-Re-Mi' and then we had a special guest appearance from a Mr Mahood as the Mother Superior as we finished off with 'Climb Every Mountain'. A great night was had by all, and I hope it was something that the children will remember for years to come.

But perhaps our greatest honour of the 125 celebrations was that KidZone were asked to unveil our special commemorative 'Rock of Cregagh' which was installed in time for our anniversary service on the 7th December. Sadly, the weather did not behave and we had to get the children kitted out in their coats at the end of the service to go out in bucketing rain and do the countdown to the big reveal. They did a sterling job despite the weather and thankfully we have it captured on video for posterity.

The week after our Anniversary Service was our KidZone Christmas Tree service. Due to popular demand the children did a reprise of their 'Do-Re-Mi' song from the Pageant, as well as some Happy Birthday Jesus songs to celebrate both the Baby Jesus' birthday at Christmas as well as the 125th birthday of Cregagh. I was delighted to give a talk and slideshow that Sunday on the history of the 'Rock of

Cregagh' that the children had unveiled the week before, and the arduous journey as to how we got it from Moneymore to Cregagh.

Rather than have a Christmas outing, we went back to having a KidZone Christmas party in the church halls, but with a bit of a twist. We joined with the Bible Class too and Rev. McKenzie took the older ones in one hall for some fun and games whereas the younger ones went into the Allen Hall and were treated to a session with 'Monkeynastix' coach Sarah, who put them through their paces with lots of gymnastics equipment and games. By the time their session was over, everyone was ready for plenty of party food, and not to mention the visit to the 'Big Man in Red' at the end of the night. Thank you to my helpers that helped make the party go so well and to Santa himself for taking the time to drop by.

KidZone still has a healthy core of children that attend regularly, with some also overlapping with Bible Class too. We have had a few new 3-year-olds join us, but it is also good to see several new babies in creche growing up so quickly that it will not be too long before they are joining us in Kidzone, ensuring its future for years to come.

The bulk of our KidZone leaders are also the parents of our children, and I am really indebted to them for taking the time and interest in the children's religious instruction to become part of the Children's Ministry team in Cregagh.

Come the start of the New Year we plan to try out a new set of Resource books so that we have a more formal structure of learning to follow and make it easier for leaders to plan their lesson. We would always welcome new leaders, if you were interested in helping out, as it is sometimes a struggle to fill each week on the rota. The WhatsApp group is still invaluable for letting us know how many are likely to attend on a Sunday, helping greatly with preparation, sharing information on upcoming events, or even if we just need extra help with something.

KidZone may only have been in existence for the past 23 years, but it has made a big imprint in Cregagh's 125 year history. As we look to the future, we hope that our children continue to be part of the Cregagh family and enjoy the fellowship and belonging that comes from meeting and playing together on a Sunday morning. People often say that the children are our 'future' – but they are not. They are our 'today'.

Now is the time to show them God's love and teach them how he wants us to live, so that they grow to be faithful and loyal members of Cregagh and the wider Church.

Karen McCurry

KidZone Co-Ordinator

Cregagh Youth Bible Class

Bible Class meets on a Sunday Morning 10.15-10.45am, for young people in P7 and Secondary school age. Bible Class doesn't meet on the Sundays when Café Connect is on, the idea being that the young people help lead in the evening, helping them to develop their reading and prayer writing skills. Bible Class has focused on a number of different topics such as the structure and flow of the Bible. Bible Class also lead two youth services, one at Christmas and another at Easter. We also enjoyed our special Christmas Olympics afternoon when we took on a number of fun challenges. We would typically have 8-10 young people at each meeting

Susan Forsythe

Reverend Edward McKenzie

Emma Davey

Youth Bible Class Leaders

Youth BIG Night

Youth Email – youth@cregaghpresbyterian.org

Youth 'Big Night' meets on a Saturday evening, once a month, 7-9pm. It is for young people in P7 and Secondary school age. The evenings activities are usually based around a theme normally something relating to pop culture, this includes Bible teaching, food and games. Some of the themes this past season have been 'Tim Burton' and 'sports' and a Burn's Night. Youth Big Night also has an annual walk and outdoor 'field' service as well as an annual BBQ. We have around 30 young people 'on the books' and would average around 25 at each meeting.

Reverend Edward McKenzie

Susan Forsythe

Thomas Clarke

Lesley McKenzie

Laura Armstrong

Leaders

Tea and Talk

Tea and Talk meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2pm - 3.30pm. We start with a cuppa and some food and each week we have a variety of activities and quizzes to get our brains and bodies working. We always close with singing accompanied by Nigel on guitar.

We were saddened during the year with the passing of our friend Margaret Rodgers. Please come along and join us at Tea & Talk. You will get a warm welcome.

Dorothy Platt and Ruth Hill

Leaders

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We continue to meet twice a month, starting with coffee and scones at 10.30am. We continued our study of the gospel of Mark, taking a break in the Spring to do a Lent study. We had another enjoyable outing in August to Whitehead. A favourite, starting with a pleasant train journey, short walk and lunch.

New members are welcome and details of our meetings are in the News Sheet.

Robyn McCullough

Leader

Brews Brothers

The Brews Brothers Men's group continues to meet every other Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Welcome Centre. These gatherings provide a valued opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and community amongst members.

Each meeting features an invited guest who delivers a talk or presentation on a wide range of interesting and informative subjects. Alongside this, members enjoy the chance to read the daily newspapers while sharing tea or coffee, accompanied by scones, buns, and other refreshments, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

During the year, we were deeply saddened by the passing of one of our members, Laurance Keys, in September. We remember him with affection and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

The year concluded with our Christmas dinner held in the Allen Hall. This was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, providing a fitting and joyful end to another successful year for the group.

Michael Graham

Leader

Starship 125 Holiday Bible Club

Back in August over 60 children and 25 helpers blasted off on our Starship 125 rocket as part of our special yearlong anniversary celebrations. With the help of Lunar Jim, Herbert Tarragon the alien, and the Watt family, they journeyed across the solar system, boldly going where no-one had gone before. We explored God's many wonders of the solar system and in particular learned about Jesus and one of his closest disciples Peter.

There was plenty of fun and games making lunar rockets, flying saucers, aliens, astronaut uniforms and even decorating some Cosmic Cakes to take home. The Watt family entertained us as we explored the universe with a bit of 'Star Trek-kin' along the way, but we had to keep our wits about us so as not to get sucked into that big Black Hole.

Our Minister had to go away on a training course and could not join us in person that week, but thanks to NASA technology we managed to get a daily Message from our Supreme Commander on the Space Station even if he was many miles away.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful week and a fitting tribute for our 125th year. Where will we all be in 125 years time - Star Date 2150?

Karen McCurry
Holiday Bible Club Organiser

Book Club

The Book Club meets regularly about every 6 weeks. We have 14 members but more are welcome if you enjoy a good read - even one which pushes you out of your comfort zone. We share a meal, provided by ourselves, and have a lively discussion about the book.

To find out more, speak to May Gordon, Carol McCormick, Harry Stewart or Jim Hill.

Malawi Working Group

Throughout 2025, with the generous support of the congregation, the Malawi Working Group (MWG) has been able to continue to assist our friends in Malawi at Chifundo3. We continue to support 16 secondary school students through paying school fees and supplying uniforms, and providing vital nutrition to the nursery school children through the provision of maize and fortified porridge.

As part of the centre's Christmas celebrations, we were able to provide funds for a party for the nursery children, food and hygiene packages for them to take home, as well as a small gift for the volunteers who run the centre.

In May 2025, the MWG gathered a relay team of willing runners to complete the Belfast Marathon. Huge thanks to Aaron Diver, Lydia Easton, Alan McNair, Katie Simons and Adam Skeet who completed the 26.2 miles and raised over £1,000 for the ongoing projects in Malawi.

We were blessed to welcome Kenneth and Christine Nsona from Blantyre to share with us as a congregation in Cregagh on 31 August. The team who visited Malawi in 2023 were hosted for a meal at the home of Kenneth and Christine and it was lovely to be able to return the favour with a lunch after the service. Kenneth, who was former Session Clerk at Makata CCAP, and his wife, Christine, shared with the congregation some of the projects they are involved in at present, including a school and continued involvement in Makata church. They spoke about the turbulent economic conditions in Malawi and how inflation rates of around 28% made it difficult to purchase basic products such as food and building materials as the demand for this, coupled with inflation, meant huge price increases.

As a result, we are currently consulting with John Munthali and Makata CCAP to identify the best way to support the local community, considering distributing food parcels or financial support. We have also pledged to provide Chifundo3 with an additional payment each month until the end of March 2026 to relieve some of this economic pressure.

In addition, the MWG received a bequest from the family of the late Ann McClenaghan to support educational needs in Malawi and we are currently looking into completing a classroom fit out with desks and resources with these funds. The MWG is extremely grateful for the opportunity to support our friends in Malawi and thank the congregation for their ongoing commitment to our work there.

Emma Skeet
Chair

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.

2011 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.

2023 24th June – Rev. Edward J B McKenzie passes out from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as Chaplain with the rank of Captain.

2025 7th December - 125th Anniversary Service conducted by Rev Nigel Craig with unveiling of commemorative 'Rock of Cregagh' stone.



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