



**Maze**

**Presbyterian Church**

Knowing, Serving and Sharing Jesus

**Annual Report**

**2024**

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### What's On Around the Church?

<b>MONDAY</b>	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, 7:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tuesday Club, Second Tuesday of the month, 10:30am Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 8:00pm Luncheon Club, first Tuesday of each month, noon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 10:00am Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 8:00pm Fortnightly Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Parent & Toddlers, 9:30am Women@Maze, As announced, 8:00pm Men@Maze, As announced, 8:00pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Youth Club, 6:30-8:00pm (weekly) Crossroads, 8:00-9:30pm (fortnightly)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Sunday Club & Bible Class, 10:15am Prayer Room, 10:45am Morning Worship, 11:30am Youth Fellowship, 7:30-9:00pm

## **Church Record 2024**

### **Baptisms**

Elsie, Daughter of Curtiss and Melissa McDonald  
Noah Francis, son of Stuart and Michele Thompson  
Isaac John, son of Timothy and Jenifer Mewha  
Jacob William Mark, son of Stephen and Sarah-Louise Simpson  
Ezra Alexander, son of David and Gemma Gilmore  
Cali Elizabeth, daughter of Neal and Emma Dorman

### **Marriages**

Linzi Bell to Jonathan Kyle  
Caitlin Trimble to Lewis McKelvey

### **Deaths**

Mr Allison Montgomery  
Mr Graeme Larmour  
Mrs Marjorie McLeod  
Mr Hugh Cole  
Mrs Olive Martin  
Miss Elaine Westfield  
Mrs Doreen Bell

## Session Report

Session had six stated meetings in 2024 alongside our annual conference. Each meeting begins with a short time of devotion and prayer, recognising our need for guidance and wisdom from God, as we seek to spiritually guide our Congregation. Session members also meet prior to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, specifically to pray for each other, those in our respective districts and for the activities within our Congregation.

We are grateful to God for His many blessings on us as a Congregation, not least of which is the fact that in 2024, we have been able to pay off the bank loan on our Church building, with only some interest free loans remaining to be paid back. Our 2024 Session Conference therefore reviewed our financial position and the potential ways we could invest in God's Kingdom moving forward. It was decided to progress with the development of a new Manse (significant project planning activity has already been undertaken), to proceed with an evangelistic outreach in Maghaberry and to seek a recently retired minister who would be willing to support the ministry team in a part-time capacity. We are therefore delighted to be welcoming Rev Howard Gilpin who will support pastoral activities within our Congregation, such as visitation. Rev Gilpin will take up his post in early 2025.

We are also grateful for all the work Ryan Higgins has put into establishing an outreach activity into Maghaberry, with a monthly service taking place in the local Community Centre on the third Sunday of each month at 4:30pm since September. Initially, the services were primarily aimed at those from our own Congregation, especially those who live in the Maghaberry area, to come together to worship God and to pray for the local community. The fact we were meeting in the Community Centre raised awareness among locals, who were then invited to a special Christmas Carol Service via a leaflet drop to every house in the area. It was really encouraging to see around 100 people coming together to participate in the Carol Service and then hang around afterwards for a cup of tea/coffee and a bun. We plan to continue having a Service each month in 2025 and look forward to God's leading in this initiative.

We also give thanks for George Redpath's long and dedicated service as our Church Treasurer over the past 16 years and as Gift Aid/Covenant Secretary from 1990. George has indicated that he wishes to step down from the role, effective from the close of the 2024 accounts. We are grateful that Cameron Bell has agreed to take over all new business from the 1 January 2025. We thank George for his wiliness to ensure a suitable handover to Cameron and for his offer of ongoing support and advice as Cameron becomes accustomed to the role.

Finally, the Prayer sub-Group of Session continues to actively encourage participation in corporate prayer among our Congregation. For example, to help us pray more intelligently, those participating in our Service each Sunday are displayed on the whiteboard in the prayer room which is open for prayer prior to the Service. We are also sending out suggested prayer topics to each Fellowship group to encourage us corporately to be praying for the same things and we are grateful to Tom McKendry who continues to faithfully produce our regular prayer diary. The team has been encouraged to hear of many within our congregation who meet to pray in a "prayer triplet". Please do continue to pray for one another and for the Session and Ministerial Team within our Congregation. It does make a difference!

Paul Hanna, Clerk of Session

## Committee Report

The Church Committee consists of eighteen members of the congregation and Elders. Its main job is to look after the smooth running and maintenance of church buildings and the manse. During 2024 Committee met five times and the following business formed much of our discussion:

1. **Church finances.** George Redpath gave notice of his decision to stand down as Treasurer at the end of the 2024 and we thank him for all the work he has carried out throughout the last financial year and during his tenure. Cameron Bell was appointed Treasurer and he will take up his new role at the start of 2025. The Treasurer kept us up to date with regular reports on the state of church accounts. Committee agreed to make the final repayments on the church development loan, and this has now been paid off, although some interest free loans from our own members remain to be paid back. Our finances remain on track and organisations have submitted accounts which have been examined and approved.
2. **Use of church premises.** We continue to make our buildings available for use by others. This year we were pleased to accommodate local government elections, Lisburn and Castlereagh Council BeeSafe programme, Christian Guidelines marriage preparation classes, Scripture Union training events, Lisburn GP Federation, various PCI groups, blood donation sessions and the annual conference of the Northern Ireland Ministry Assembly.
3. **Property maintenance and manse redevelopment.** Maintaining the carpark continues to be a challenge, however during the year planning permission was submitted and approved to increase the car park by approximately twenty additional spaces. We continue to look at ways to increase our parking capacity. The redevelopment of the manse has not gone ahead due to rising costs of materials and rising interest rates. A sub-committee was formed which is currently looking at how to progress the build. The redevelopment will continue to be a priority for Committee.
4. **AV improvements.** Committee regularly gives thought to how best to use our excellent facilities to enhance worship and to make our services accessible to those who are unable to join us on a Sunday. The AV equipment is now over ten years old and is starting to become less reliable. The Tech Sub Committee is currently looking at options and will report back to Committee in the New Year.

Andy Irvine, Secretary

## Pastoral Care Update

At Maze the process whereby the pastoral care needs of the congregation are met was reconfigured at the end of 2023 and in January 2024. 11 pastoral care visitors were trained and commenced working with the congregation. The aim is to support the pastoral work of the ministerial team and session.

Fellowship groups also link into the pastoral care system via the pastoral care link person, one was appointed within each group (10 in all). This link person will liaise with the pastoral care co-ordinator and be responsible for organising the pastoral support provided by each group to their members.

The pastoral care team want to bring the love and care of the church family, in Christ's name, to any member of Maze both in times of great joy, such as the birth of a baby, or in times of need/anxiety/sadness such as a bereavement, illness, isolation or any crisis situation.

Over 2024, the pastoral care visitors have contacted, on behalf of the congregation, over 70 households. We have visited and provided individual support, sent cards, undertaken garden tidy-ups and delivered meals. Regarding the latter, as a congregation we are indebted to a handful of people who have undertaken to make/provide meals for the pastoral care freezer which enables this ministry to continue.

Of course, supporting one another happens as we informally chat and share our situations and concerns with one another, and we are encouraged to do this. The pastoral care team, together with the ministerial team and elders, provide a more formal response that is on behalf of the church family. All these interactions are love in action as we aim to emulate Christ's love and care for to us.

To support this ministry we would ask that you:

- Pray for this work and for the pastoral visitors, that they would be encouraged and experience wisdom and guidance from God as they encourage and support others.
- Pray for the team as we review what has happened over the past year and consider how we can move forward and extend this work.
- Consider making or providing food for the freezer (please speak with Heather for more information).
- Consider how the skills/attributes you have may fit into supporting the church family within this pastoral framework.

Heather Houston

## Prayer Ministry Update

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

The Prayer subgroup consists of members of our Congregation whose ages represent a spectrum of those who engage in the life of our Church from week to week. This enthusiastic group meet every 2/3 months, and our sole purpose is to encourage and stimulate people to pray, individually and corporately.

2024 was a busy year for the subgroup both in reinforcing some established prayer practices as well as introducing a number of new initiatives. We liaise with organisation leaders on an ongoing basis and one of the outcomes is the creation of a 4 monthly Prayer/Focus Diary which hopefully provides an insight into what is happening across our Church as well as encouraging prayer for God's intervention in all these activities. We plan to make this diary available to all in hard copy form in early 2025.

On a weekly basis we prepare the white-boards in the Prayer Room to assist those who come in to pray before the Sunday morning Service - we would like to encourage everyone to make use of the Prayer Room as it's a great way to still our minds and prepare our hearts for what God has to say to each of us.

We support the Elder's fortnightly prayer meeting, along with the fortnightly congregational prayer meeting and encourage the House Groups to pray corporately for specific situations that may exist within our own Church or the wider church at any point in time.

We aim to practically support and encourage the ongoing prayer life of our own Church, both individually or collectively through our organisations and to this end we are presently supporting the Sunday Club on several

initiatives that hopefully will allow the Congregation to get actively involved in praying for both the kids and the teachers on an ongoing basis.

As we enter 2025 our prayer is that God will continue to strengthen the prayer life of our Church and reinforce the importance of regular communication with our Father in Heaven through prayer. Without communication in our daily lives, relationships fall apart! So too our relationship with God suffers when we do not communicate with him! The sub-group is open to any suggestions that you may have on this very important topic - if you have, please speak to Stewart Houston.

Stewart Houston

## Organisation Reports

### Crossroads

Crossroads Youth Club meets fortnightly on Friday evenings from 8:00pm to 9:30pm running from September to May each year. It is designed for secondary school-aged kids and teenagers, offering a relaxed, youth club-style environment. Attendance typically ranges from 15 to 30 young people from the local area.

Each session starts with a 10-minute Christian talk delivered by one of the leaders, followed by a 20-minute group game or activity in the hall. Afterward, attendees can choose between different options: enjoying snacks at the tuck shop, relaxing and chatting in the welcome area, or participating in structured games and activities in the main hall or Bell Room.

The program also features various themed nights, which this year included events like a movie night, an ice hockey trip, a visit from "Believers on Mountain Bikes," pizza-making, an escape room, board games, crazy golf at Scrapyrd Golf, and a BBQ.

Crossroads serves as a continuation of the "Junior Youth Club," helping local kids transition from primary to secondary school while maintaining connections with their peers and the church. It offers a safe, Christian-focused environment where young people can explore faith and engage in meaningful conversations. The group welcomes participants with varying levels of connection to the church, aiming to reach out, build relationships, and encourage involvement in other church and Christian activities.

Keith Redfern

### Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Maze is currently registered as an Open Award and provides the opportunity for young people between the ages of 14-25 to complete their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award within a Christian environment. This year we had 21 participants working towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. These participants included young people from Maze Presbyterian, local churches and from the local communities.

Training for the expedition section of their Award takes place on a Monday evening between the months of October to April. During these training sessions the young people learn the principles of navigation, camp craft skills and basic first Aid. These skills are then put into practice on day walks in the Mourne.

The practice and qualifying expeditions of Bronze, Silver and Gold ran over three consecutive weekends after Easter in April. The Bronze Practice expedition followed the North Down coastal path, camping at

Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, with Bronze and Silver qualifying expeditions taking place in the Mourne, camping at Tollymore Forest Park. Following a successful practice weekend in the Mourne the Gold group completed a 4 day expedition in the Wicklow Hills over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Five of our leaders attended a 2 day Rescue and Emergency Care training course in Newcastle. This is completed every 3 years to ensure competency in First Aid in the Mountains.

The new Award season recommenced in October with all 3 levels of the Award running with 24 young people enrolled. Their training will continue into the New Year. We also had a number of new leaders joining us this year while a few stepped back after many years of much appreciated commitment.

Barbara Carlisle

### Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club has been taking place for one year now. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the welcome area. A three course meal is provided, which includes a main course, dessert, tea or coffee and biscuits. On a Monday evening Ann and I set up the tables and leave them ready for the meal.

I am helped in the kitchen to prepare the lunches on the Tuesday morning by Heidi, Edward, Dale and Adam.

We introduced an epilogue in October to bring God's word to those who attend and to encourage them in their faith.

I would like to thank David Couples, Alan Martin, Ryan Higgins, Donald Patten and Howard Gilpen for giving of their time to share Gods word with us. If you would like to join us for lunch once a month we would be glad to see you and you will be made very welcome.

Douglas Walker

### Men@Maze

It has been another busy year for Men at Maze as we aim to deliver a range of activities that develop faith, deepen fellowship and provide some time to wind down as well.

Our first event for 2024, Curry Night, got the taste buds heated up for the cold February night. We had 31 men attending and, thanks to the guys who provided curry, had plenty to eat! Plenty of chat and a few games followed!

The March event has traditionally been a visit to the Irish Men's Convention in Assembly Buildings. This has always been a well-attended event and this year, Carl Matthei, delivered 3 sessions on 'How to Change the World' based on Titus. The first talk focused on 'What is wrong with the World?' with a following talk on 'Bringing About Order'; looking at eldership and church leadership. The final talk 'Remind Them', focused on how we should behave from the eldest to the youngest. Food always features well in this day also, tucking in to a scone and coffee at Assembly Buildings during the morning break and then lunch at Flame Restaurant.

Last March we trialled a completely new event, a Lads and Dads Day which was a part of Exodus Legacy Project. This event went down really well with both dads and the lads taking part. We promised we would return the following year with the opportunity for dads and daughters. This took place in Ballyclare on

Saturday 20th April. We had 5 pairs attending this event which started with a Falconry Experience. This was an excellent experience, and we were all amazed at the ability of the birds to fit through tight spaces. Unfortunately for us it was US that were creating the tight spaces for the birds to fly between! Later in the afternoon we went to a church hall for a chance to walk and talk with conversation starters and to have a 'chippy dinner'. After dinner, Andy Lamberton led us with a short devotion and got us to think about our family crest and to create these. The day was a great opportunity for dads to spend a very different day with their daughters and hopefully to have built that greater bond which allows us to talk more openly. We hope to run more of these events in the future.

In the middle of May, 17 of the men from the church headed up to the Boardwalk Collective in Portrush. On Friday evening we got settled into the accommodation and got some dinner. Later that evening we were led in worship by Lewis and Matt, from Boardwalk. We took some time in a Bible study and completed some team building games. While we only headed up on the Friday evening and stayed one night, the whole experience felt much longer, likely due to a very late night for many on the Friday night, with games and conversation! On Saturday morning, after a decent breakfast and plenty of warm up and stretches, we embarked on the surf lesson, planned by Boardwalk. This was a great experience and was great to see so many getting some time up on the boards. After lunch in Portrush, everyone headed home. This was a great opportunity to get to know some of the men in the church and shows the importance of making time to disconnect from the normal routine of life and to change routine, especially with other Christian men.

As you have read, there is plenty of activity and opportunity for you to meet others within the church. Maybe you haven't come along before? Why not think about coming along? Keep an eye out for more planned events in the future.

Mark Kirkwood

### Parents and Toddlers

Parents and Toddlers meets every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. Each week we follow the same routine of free-play in the main church hall, alongside a craft and a themed activity, followed by a singing and story time in the welcome area, coffee and snack for adults and kids and finishing up with some nursery rhymes.

Our group is open to all families, regardless of background or church connection. In 2023/24 we had a total of 69 children registered, with weekly attendance usually around 30–35 children and their respective parents or carers and it continues to be very encouraging to see the same consistent families attending regularly.

Our aim is that all who attend our group will receive a warm, unconditional welcome and will feel a sense of belonging amongst people who genuinely care for them. Our plan for each week includes Christian focused songs, Bible stories and crafts however we also know that often the most effective way of sharing faith is through relationship. To this end, we are so grateful for the consistent core group of regular church families, who are fantastic at integrating with and getting alongside those who join us from outside of the church and we firmly believe that the Holy Spirit is at work through these relationships in our group.

In 2024 our highlights, as usual, included our Easter trail, end of year Teddy Bears' Picnic and Christmas party. It is always a joy to see nearly 40 toddlers and babies exploring the Easter story with their parents and carers at our Easter trail as they complete different craft activities and tasks together. Especially at times like these

we pray that seeds will be sown in our toddlers' hearts however limited their understanding but also that the Holy Spirit will be at work in the lives of the adults who don't yet know Jesus.

At our Teddy Bears' Picnic in June (which wasn't quite as sunny as last year!) we acknowledged those who moved on to start preschool in September. This year we said goodbye to 24 children, many of whom had been a part of our group since they were small babies. They were each presented with a book about how God will be with them wherever they go and that ultimately the most important thing is that they have Jesus as part of their lives. We pray that what those children and adults have encountered at our group will be embedded and that seeds planted will continue to be fed and nourished. The families also received information about other activities at church and it continues to be encouraging to see some of our families attend events such as the Christmas Trail.

At the end of 2024 we were aware that there were numerous expectant non-church mums within our group. To this end, we have formed a group of leaders and church members from within our group who have committed to providing some meals for these families once their babies are born. We pray that this practical form of outreach will be another effective witness to these families at a busy and often challenging time in their lives.

In 2024 it was fantastic to welcome a number of new leaders to serve in this ministry. With larger numbers attending, extra help has been essential to allow us to effectively manage our Thursday mornings. However, we are always on the lookout for those who could give some time, even on a rota basis to help.

Kathryn Kelsey

## Sunday Club

The Sunday Club team consists of 22 enthusiastic teachers and helpers, committed to faithfully teaching God's word each week to over 100 children and young people from preschool to Senior Bible Class. Each Sunday morning, from 10.10 - 11.15am, we meet together to teach them more about Jesus, share our personal faith and build relationships. Each week the primary classes begin by singing, learning memory verses and praying together. We teach from the Bible and through sharing experiences from life, to ensure the children and young people have a sound knowledge of God, and that they are supported in growing in their spiritual life, faith and understanding. We encourage them to ask questions from a young age and to learn the importance of prayer, Bible reading and connecting with other Christians to ensure they are confident in living their life for God.

In 2024, we continued using '**The Biggest Story**' curriculum as our teaching material in the primary classes and in Junior Bible Class. We encouraged parents to explore the lessons we learnt in Sunday Club each week, by signing up to receive '**The Biggest Story**' email newsletters. In September 2024, we created take home sheets to summarise the lessons taught each week and encourage families to access '**The Biggest Story**' podcast. From September 2024, teachers have also been sharing personal experiences of how God has answered their prayers and the children have been learning memory verses to help understand more about prayer. Since September, Senior Bible Class finished the Kingdom of Heaven study and started Biblical manhood and womanhood studies.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, as part of our mission focus, we held our 'Stew and Apple Pie' lunch after the morning service, raising approx. £900 to support the work of SU. We greatly appreciated the support from the church family attending the lunch, providing food, serving/clearing up and donating to SU. During the month of

March, the primary classes heard a weekly serial story about Mary Jones and her Bible which linked well with our focus on learning the books of the Bible.

At our Children's Day service on 19<sup>th</sup> May, we reflected on the faithfulness and goodness of God to us throughout the year at Sunday Club. We recalled what we had learnt about Jesus and God's wonderful love for us from the Bible lessons in The Pentateuch, recited the books of the Bible, retold the story of Mary Jones and her Bible through drama and enjoyed a sword drill with the congregation. At the end of the service, all of the children and young people received books as gifts from Sunday Club.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, the children and young people had the privilege of leading an all-age service, retelling the story of the first Christmas using a nativity script entitled 'Good News' written by Shelley Spiers. Throughout the service, we were reminded to see what God has done in sending us a Saviour, the promised King.

Throughout the year we enjoyed some social activities together, including Bible Class breakfasts in the church building and in McDonalds, a Movie Morning and lunch for the primary classes on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, a Christmas Craft morning on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and our Sunday Club outing to **High Rise** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, which again proved to be a memorable adventure for everyone who participated in the activities!

The Sunday Club team greatly values the ongoing prayer, encouragement and support from all of the prayer partners and from the whole church family.

Debbie Davidson

### Tuesday Club

Tuesday club meets on the second Tuesday of most months of the year for the senior members of the congregation and the surrounding area. Our programme is generally one of tea/coffee followed by a speaker.

Speakers during the year were:

- David Cupples, who spoke about his journey on the route of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.
- Robert Clelland, who spoke of his work with Living in faith and trust (LIFT) in Nazareth.
- Brian Swan, who spoke of his work in Hillsborough Castle
- Ryan Higgins, who spoke about his life and faith journey

A successful afternoon tea was held in July as an alternative to our usual outing and our Christmas lunch with twenty-four people was enjoyed in Gowdies.

Whilst we had a number of new members joining during the year we are always welcome new folk.

Ann Peoples

### Walking Group

The walking group has been going for a few years now and has been getting numbers consistently in the high teens. It meets every month between March and June and between September and November.

The walks try to fit the ability of those walking, splitting into faster or slower groups as required but are usually at least 3 miles in length. All the walk leaders have been trained by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust, and are insured by them whilst walking. All the walks end with tea/coffee and scones!

During the year we have walked in Shaws Bridge, Clare Glen, Stormont, Antrim Castle Gardens, Gosford Forest Park, Craigavon Lakes and Lurgan Park.

The walking group is open to all ages and whilst it is Maze PC walking group, it is open to anyone. The benefits of walking are many and it is one of the most enjoyable forms of exercise. It is also great for getting to know folk. With a bigger church it is easy to see people on a Sunday morning but not get the chance to speak to them. I think all who come would agree there is as much talking as walking, and they don't notice how far they've walked!

So why not join us? A new programme for 2025 is available in the church newsletter and on the Maze Presbyterian Church website, so look out for it.

Walk Leaders: Hazel Swan  
Ann Peoples  
David Cameron  
Alastair Peoples

For more information, please contact **Alastair Peoples** ([alastair.peoples@mazepc.org](mailto:alastair.peoples@mazepc.org))

Alastair Peoples

### [Women@Maze](#)

We have had a very encouraging year in Women@Maze with a variety of meetings and events. Most of our meetings are on a Thursday night and we usually have around 30 in attendance. The welcome area is very conducive to warm fellowship as we chat together over supper or after a speaker.

We are always keen for women and girls of all ages to join together so that we can learn from each other and interactive evenings like the Ages and Stages Night allow us to do that in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. We were very grateful to Rosie Cupples and Rachael Higgins for sharing their experience of God's help along unexpected turns in their life's journey on that evening.

In February Judith Hooks shared her cancer story and the ministry she now has to other young women with cancer - Fire Lily. She brings pamper boxes and a Christian message of hope.

The rest of our meetings seemed to revolve around food! In June we enjoyed supper at Alex Ward's home in Hillsborough and were blessed to meet Amy Hannon from Arkansas who spoke about Christian hospitality.

September saw us at breakfast tucking into a fabulous spread from Rare Grazing. Members of the committee shared passages of Scripture and books that had helped them go deeper with God.

We finished on a high with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner in November where as well as enjoying a traditional dinner, we played games and spoke about what we were thankful for. It was lovely to watch old and young together sharing what God was doing in their lives.

Having reviewed our activities mid year, in light of the Vine Project, we had a strong desire to see our group become a place where we build one another up in our faith and also challenge each other to walk more closely with God, while at the same time being honest about our failings and disappointments. It has been encouraging to see this happen and we look forward to building on this in future meetings. We also want to be able to invite non-Christian friends to our group and to be able to share the gospel with them so we would value prayer for that.

New members are always welcome and those who have joined us for the first time this year have found Women@Maze a great place to make new friends!

Janet McKendry

## Youth Club

Maze PC Youth Club started back after the Christmas break on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, welcoming local children from pre-school to P7, with an average of between 70-90 children per week. After registration and sign in the children congregate in the hall for a time of lively singing before breaking into 3 separate age groups to complete 3 zones. This year, there is an increase in younger “youth clubbers” requiring a rejigging of school classes in each of the groups to suit. Group 1 (pre - p2) remains unchanged starting the night in the craft zone, where the children show off their creativity each week by sticking and building different masterpieces each Friday. Group 2 (p3-p4) enjoy games in the upper rooms including board games, tablet tennis, pool, air hockey, alongside a refreshing snack. Group 3 (p5-p7) start the night competing in sports and games in the main hall. Every 20mins each group moves to a new zone. The last 15mins of youth club, everyone comes back together again to hear a Bible lesson given by one of the leaders, before closing with prayer to finish the night. The 23/24 youth club year finished on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, to allow for preparation for the upcoming Holiday Bible Club running from 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 24.

The 24/25 Youth Club year commenced on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept with lots of familiar faces returning after the summer break. This term in our Bible lesson slot we were thinking about Creation, marvelling at how God created everything, by speaking into existence the largest stars and planets to the smallest insects. We continue to be blessed with a steady number of children each week, as well as an amazing team of energetic leaders, however as the number of children grow, we continue to pray that God continues to raise up folk from our church family with a heart for youth ministry.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, we rounded off the youth club year with our Christmas Nativity Trail held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec and invited the whole church family and wider community to attend. Approx. 500 people supported the night, with several families at a time being led along a trail through the church buildings where the Christmas story was read at each zone, by some of MPC’s very eloquent story tellers, bringing the truths of the biblical Christmas story to life for each of the families. During each story block there were crafts and an array of animals to visit, from goats and calves to the newest members of the team – 2 donkeys, which went down very well with young and old alike! At the end of the Christmas trail, the children enjoyed a Lego themed video summarising the true meaning Christmas and how God sent his Son to earth in the form of our Saviour Jesus and what that means for our lives. The night ended with families enjoying a time of fellowship and refreshments in the hall.

Stuart Thompson

## Youth Fellowship

Maze Youth Fellowship is held every Sunday night in the Youth Room of the Church from 7:30-9:00pm. We cover the age range of Year 8 to Year 14 of high school. Our focus is to develop Christian fellowship between the leaders and the young people. We want them to start to take ownership of their faith, consider how to implement personal Bible study and prayer into their own lives and share their faith with their friends. A typical night at YF starts with singing, led by our young people, the topic for the night is then introduced by a leader, breaking into small groups for discussion and finishes with a game and some supper.

2024 has been a full packed year for YF covering multiple topics of the Bible as well as many fun activities for the kids and leaders alike! We began the year through the continuation and completion of our series on the Catechism questions. This was the end of a 14-week programme written by us to cover the 52 Catechism questions. It was a wide ranging study that touched on many good questions to get the kids thinking about their own personal faith and how it is implemented into Church life.

Moving into the Easter and Summer term, we swapped between a series titled "Be still" and "Honouring God." The 'Be Still' series took us through developing a regular rhythm and deeper daily relation with God. The 'Honouring God' series was a more application-based study with guest speakers from our own Church as well as outside organisations to cover topics such as "Honouring God Online" and "Honouring God in Church." These were to show how we can be a witness and example of Christ-like living in all areas of life.

Into September we were going through a study of 1 John with the aim of showing we must be wary of false teachings and the importance of a relationship with God. That all people are loved by God, and they can have eternal life through believing and accepting Jesus Christ. This series will continue into 2025.

Throughout the year we also had several outside organisations come in to work with the kids such as 'Coaching for Christ' and 'Made for More'. It is a great encouragement to see the work people are doing in our community and further abroad to spread the word of the Gospel.

Finally, there is always time for some fellowship through fun activities such as a make your own pizza night, our summer BBQ, a visit to Stranmillis University Christmas Pantomime and the odd movie night. We also enjoyed fellowship together at our Weekend in February 2024 at Boardwalk Collective, Portrush. Our guest speaker, Matthew Murray, led three studies in 1 Peter chapter 1 entitled 'Living Hope', 'Called to Holiness' and 'Why Bother with the Bible?'

As a leadership team we have been truly blessed to see the kids in our care grow and draw closer to God over the last year. YF does not work if the kids themselves are not engaged, and we are truly thankful and humbled at the joy the express of meeting each week.

We would greatly appreciate prayer as the new year begins that kids would be open and excited to learn more about God with us and how we can glorify him. Pray for the leaders who so generously volunteer their time each week to serve the youth of our Church. Finally pray that God would be in all that we do this year!

Ruth & Steven Kidd

## Accounts and Donations by FWO Number and Fund

	<b>FWO</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>United Appeal &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Maze Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	£480.00					£480.00
2	£115.00					£115.00
3	£670.00	£100.00		£100.00		£870.00
4	£3,800.00		£250.00		£120.00	£4,170.00
5	£260.00					£260.00
6	£1,000.00		£200.00			£1,200.00
7	£75.00	£55.00				£130.00
8	£960.00	£600.00	£500.00		£480.00	£2,540.00
12	£400.00	£450.00	£150.00			£1,000.00
13	£500.00				£500.00	£1,000.00
14	£636.00	£240.00	£300.00		£240.00	£1,416.00
15	£760.00	£760.00	£1,000.00	£240.00	£420.00	£3,180.00
18	£260.00	£240.00	£20.00	£60.00		£580.00
19	£11.00					£11.00
20	£260.00					£260.00
22	£500.00	£500.00				£1,000.00
23	£110.00					£110.00
24	£300.00		£500.00	£100.00	£100.00	£1,000.00
25	£3,000.00	£580.00	£500.00	£300.00		£4,380.00
26	£275.00					£275.00
27	£5.00					£5.00
29	£640.00	£200.00		£100.00		£940.00
31	£220.00	£60.00	£200.00			£480.00
32	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£800.00		£600.00	£4,400.00
34	£200.00					£200.00
35	£1,300.00	£720.00	£100.00			£2,120.00
36	£900.00		£300.00			£1,200.00
37	£480.00	£240.00				£720.00
38	£600.00					£600.00
40	£400.00	£100.00	£100.00			£600.00
41	£310.00		£50.00			£360.00
42	£2,200.00					£2,200.00
44	£960.00		£250.00			£1,210.00
45	£265.00	£60.00	£10.00	£75.00		£410.00
46	£255.00				£900.00	£1,155.00
47	£3,650.00		£1,900.00			£5,550.00
48	£60.00					£60.00
51	£140.00					£140.00
53	£1,780.00		£40.00	£40.00		£1,860.00
54	£700.00		£125.00		£120.00	£945.00

	<b>FWO</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>United Appeal &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Maze Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
55	£3,600.00	£600.00		£600.00	£600.00	£5,400.00
56	£105.00		£10.00			£115.00
59	£520.00	£150.00	£100.00	£20.00		£790.00
60	£510.00					£510.00
62	£20.00					£20.00
63	£600.00		£100.00		£60.00	£760.00
64	£1,020.00	£110.00				£1,130.00
65	£250.00	£40.00	£100.00	£40.00		£430.00
66	£500.00		£1,000.00		£960.00	£2,460.00
67	£1,000.00					£1,000.00
68	£40.00					£40.00
69	£240.00	£120.00	£300.00			£660.00
70	£40.00					£40.00
71	£1,400.00					£1,400.00
72	£10.00					£10.00
72	£40.00					£40.00
73	£260.00	£600.00	£100.00	£60.00		£1,020.00
77	£2,650.00					£2,650.00
78	£500.00					£500.00
80	£500.00	£200.00		£100.00		£800.00
81	£200.00					£200.00
83	£1,800.00					£1,800.00
84	£570.00	£360.00	£250.00	£160.00		£1,340.00
85	£35.00		£30.00			£65.00
86	£103.50		£10.00			£113.50
87	£650.00	£650.00	£200.00	£650.00		£2,150.00
88	£300.00	£60.00	£50.00	£60.00		£470.00
89	£980.00		£60.00			£1,040.00
90	£500.00					£500.00
93	£1,200.00					£1,200.00
94	£1,028.00					£1,028.00
95	£240.00					£240.00
96	£190.00		£100.00			£290.00
98		£240.00				£240.00
100	£75.00		£5.00			£80.00
101	£550.00	£240.00				£790.00
102	£260.00	£5.00	£20.00	£55.00		£340.00
103	£180.00					£180.00
104	£2,400.00					£2,400.00
105	£45.00		£10.00			£55.00
108	£1,440.00		£1,200.00			£2,640.00
110	£20.00					£20.00
111	£2,520.00	£3,240.00	£5,000.00			£10,760.00

	<b>FWO</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>United Appeal &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Maze Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
113			£500.00			£500.00
115	£120.00					£120.00
117	£2,700.00		£200.00			£2,900.00
118			£10.00			£10.00
120	£260.00		£160.00			£420.00
121	£490.00		£60.00			£550.00
122	£10.00	£10.00				£20.00
123	£2,245.00					£2,245.00
124	£2,400.00					£2,400.00
125	£70.00		£10.00			£80.00
126	£176.20	£80.00	£100.00	£100.00		£456.20
127	£700.00		£100.00			£800.00
128	£10.00					£10.00
129	£1,200.00		£100.00			£1,300.00
130	£225.00					£225.00
131	£150.00					£150.00
132	£1,420.00	£1,400.00		£710.00		£3,530.00
136	£550.00					£550.00
137	£780.00	£780.00	£60.00	£30.00		£1,650.00
138	£720.00					£720.00
141	£530.00		£20.00			£550.00
142	£1,600.00					£1,600.00
144	£1,200.00					£1,200.00
146	£3,168.00		£500.00	£100.00	£600.00	£4,368.00
147	£1,800.00	£900.00	£500.00	£600.00	£600.00	£4,400.00
148	£360.00				£240.00	£600.00
150	£170.00		£10.00			£180.00
151	£1,245.00		£100.00			£1,345.00
154	£3,000.00					£3,000.00
155	£1,200.00		£100.00			£1,300.00
156	£1,320.00		£100.00	£50.00		£1,470.00
157	£190.00		£10.00			£200.00
158	£160.00					£160.00
159	£2,400.00					£2,400.00
160	£580.00	£240.00	£100.00	£170.00		£1,090.00
161	£260.00					£260.00
162	£600.00					£600.00
163	£770.00					£770.00
164	£265.00					£265.00
165	£60.00					£60.00
167	£2,000.00	£1,290.00	£1,150.00		£600.00	£5,040.00
168			£50.00			£50.00
170	£40.00					£40.00

	<b>FWO</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>United Appeal &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Maze Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
171	£120.00		£20.00			£140.00
172	£400.00		£100.00			£500.00
173	£265.00	£60.00	£40.00	£10.00		£375.00
175	£24.00	£10.00				£34.00
178	£110.00	£50.00		£30.00		£190.00
179	£80.00	£120.00	£20.00			£220.00
180	£800.00	£350.00		£175.00		£1,325.00
181	£1,200.00	£3,100.00	£600.00	£300.00	£600.00	£5,800.00
184	£100.00					£100.00
186	£545.00					£545.00
187	£300.00	£360.00	£30.00			£690.00
188	£360.00		£150.00			£510.00
189	£20.00					£20.00
192	£1,140.00					£1,140.00
194	£5.00					£5.00
196	£880.00					£880.00
197	£3,000.00	£5,000.00				£8,000.00
198	£100.00					£100.00
199	£4,875.00	£4,875.00	£2,000.00	£200.00	£200.00	£12,150.00
202	£30.00					£30.00
203	£1,500.00					£1,500.00
204	£240.00		£30.00			£270.00
207	£1,300.00		£20.00			£1,320.00
208	£91.00		£10.00			£101.00
209	£1,200.00		£150.00			£1,350.00
210	£305.00		£1,000.00			£1,305.00
211	£505.00					£505.00
212	£170.00		£20.00			£190.00
213	£960.00	£240.00	£100.00	£120.00		£1,420.00
215	£1,440.00	£30.00	£130.00		£395.00	£1,995.00
216	£300.00	£300.00		£100.00	£150.00	£850.00
217	£245.00					£245.00
218	£275.00	£240.00				£515.00
220	£1,080.00					£1,080.00
221	£1,800.00	£600.00			£600.00	£3,000.00
226	£300.00					£300.00
227	£780.00	£390.00	£120.00	£60.00		£1,350.00
228	£40.00					£40.00
229	£20.00					£20.00
230	£840.00	£1,080.00				£1,920.00
232	£1,850.00		£100.00	£500.00	£260.00	£2,710.00
233	£960.00					£960.00
234			£50.00			£50.00

	<b>FWO</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>United Appeal &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Maze Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
236	£2,450.00	£1,200.00	£500.00	£240.00		£4,390.00
237	£215.00		£20.00			£235.00
238	£250.00		£10.00			£260.00
239	£180.00					£180.00
241	£1,700.00					£1,700.00
243	£1,060.00					£1,060.00
244	£2,200.00				£220.00	£2,420.00
245	£920.00	£30.00				£950.00
249	£240.00	£120.00				£360.00
250	£240.00		£10.00			£250.00
253	£510.00	£305.00	£60.00	£45.00		£920.00
254	£215.00					£215.00
255	£2,600.00					£2,600.00
256	£1,200.00					£1,200.00
257	£255.00	£90.00	£30.00	£110.00		£485.00
258	£190.00					£190.00
259	£600.00	£600.00		£120.00	£360.00	£1,680.00
262	£1,510.00		£50.00			£1,560.00
263	£15.00		£20.00			£35.00
264	£70.00					£70.00
265	£20.00					£20.00
266	£680.00					£680.00
267	£1,650.00			£550.00		£2,200.00
270	£240.00					£240.00
271	£2,025.00	£205.00	£195.00	£210.00		£2,635.00
272	£1,050.00	£150.00	£120.00	£150.00	£360.00	£1,830.00
273	£530.00		£50.00			£580.00
274	£7.50					£7.50
275	£2,400.00					£2,400.00
276	£1,840.00	£600.00		£40.00	£600.00	£3,080.00
277	£122.15					£122.15
278	£1,110.00					£1,110.00
279	£600.00	£300.00		£300.00	£300.00	£1,500.00
280	£2,400.00	£900.00				£3,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£159,022.35</b>	<b>£39,025.00</b>	<b>£25,635.00</b>	<b>£7,780.00</b>	<b>£11,185.00</b>	<b>£242,647.35</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		£	£	£	£	£
Regular Direct Giving	2	202,822	102,370	0	305,192	309,360
Donations and legacies	3	3,037	62	0	3,099	7,278
Other activities that generate income	4	5,842	1,022	0	6,864	4,704
Investments	5	1,119	182	0	1,301	1,585
Other		11,286	0	0	11,286	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>224,106</b>	<b>103,636</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>327,742</b>	<b>338,397</b>

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		£	£	£	£	£
Congregational Life & Work	6	18,280	14,737	0	33,017	18,168
Charitable activities	7	162,325	37,265	0	199,590	180,461
Other	8					
<b>Total</b>		<b>180,605</b>	<b>52,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>232,607</b>	<b>198,629</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments						
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>43,501</b>	<b>51,634</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95,135</b>	<b>139,768</b>
Transfers between funds		(56,151)	56,151	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	13			2,136	<b>2,136</b>	<b>3,751</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(12,650)</b>	<b>107,785</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>97,271</b>	<b>143,519</b>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		<b>107,025</b>	<b>704,722</b>	<b>45,192</b>	<b>856,939</b>	<b>713,420</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	18	<b>94,375</b>	<b>812,507</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>954,210</b>	<b>856,939</b>

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowme nt Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible assets	12	0	900,000	0	900,000	900,000
Investments	13	0	0	47,328	47,328	45,192
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>947,328</b>	<b>945,192</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Debtors	14	37,883	8,555	0	46,438	64,281
Cash at bank and in hand	15	56,492	16,047	0	72,539	126,369
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>94,375</b>	<b>24,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,977</b>	<b>190,650</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	0	0	0	0	67,976
<b>Net Current assets</b>		<b>94,375</b>	<b>24,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,977</b>	<b>122,674</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>94,375</b>	<b>924,602</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>1,066,305</b>	<b>1,067,866</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	0	112,095	0	112,095	210,928
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<b>94,375</b>	<b>812,507</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>954,210</b>	<b>856,938</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>						
Endowment funds		0	0	47,328	47,328	45,192
Restricted income funds	18	0	812,507	0	812,507	704,721
Unrestricted funds	18	94,375	0	0	94,375	107,025
Revaluation reserve						
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>94,375</b>	<b>812,507</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>954,210</b>	<b>856,938</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session and signed on its behalf by:



Very Rev Dr William Henry



Professor Paul Hanna

Date 3 September 2025

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **31 December 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

##### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

- i 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**

i Liability recognition

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

ii Governance costs

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

iii 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.

iv 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

### i Tangible Fixed Assets

Apart from land and completed and utilized buildings, the charity does not capitalize any other potential fixed assets such as fixtures and fittings or computer equipment. Instead, these costs are written off in the accounting period in which the cost occurred.

The charity has chosen not to depreciate the building in its accounts. This decision is based on the organization's assessment that the buildings are expected to retain their value over time due to their strategic significance, ongoing maintenance, and current market conditions.

The land and buildings are carried at its deemed valuation in the financial statements, which has been agreed by the congregational Kirk Session, ensuring transparency and consistency in reporting. Any future changes to this policy will be evaluated and disclosed accordingly

### ii 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. Regular Direct Giving

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	159,046	84,490	0	243,536	231,783
Loose	8,873	0	0	8,873	13,296
Gift Aid	34,903	17,880	0	52,783	64,281
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202,822</b>	<b>102,370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>305,192</b>	<b>309,360</b>

## 3. Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days & Special Collections	630	0	0	630	7,228
Other Gifts & Donations	2,407	62	0	2,469	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>7,278</b>

## 4. Activities that Generate Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Events	5,006	1,022	0	6,028	3,144
Sales of Books etc	836	0	0	836	1,560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,864</b>	<b>4,704</b>

## 5. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	0	182	0	182	703
General Investment Fund	1,119	0	0	1,119	882
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,585</b>

## 6. Congregational Life & Work

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship & Ministry	4,337	132	0	4,469	6,795
Mission & Outreach	13,943	14,605	0	28,548	11,373
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,280</b>	<b>14,737</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,017</b>	<b>18,168</b>

## 7. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	23,766	0	0	23,766	21,927
Governance	5,812	0	0	5,812	27,411
Ministry and support staff costs	67,490	0	0	67,490	57,780
Property & Utilities	61,912	0	0	61,912	46,311
Donations to Missions & Charities	3,345	37,265	0	40,610	27,032
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162,325</b>	<b>37,265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>199,590</b>	<b>180,461</b>

## 8. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 9. Employees

Employment Costs	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	57,962	47,333
Social Security Costs	6,450	5,068
Pension contributions	9,866	9,397
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,278</b>	<b>61,798</b>

## 10. Number of employees

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

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	2024	2023
Average number of employees	2	1

There was one employee in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

## 11. 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 revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contributions	9,866	9,397

## 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings
	£
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>	
At start of year	900,000
Additions	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	900,000
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At start of year	0
Provision for year	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	0
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
At start of year	900,000
At end of year	900,000

Land and Buildings represent the Church building, church hall, manse and lands at Kesh Road, Maze, Lisburn.

The Trustees have undertaken an assessment of the value of the charity's land and building, in line with their responsibility to ensure accurate and transparent financial reporting. The valuation has been carried out considering

relevant market conditions, professional guidance where necessary, and the specific use and context of the property within the charity's operations.

This valuation reflects the Trustees' commitment to maintaining the integrity of the charity's financial accounts and compliance with applicable accounting standards. The valuation is documented and available for review as part of the charity's financial records.

### 13. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Value at start of year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,192</b>	<b>45,191</b>
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Gains / (Losses) on revaluation	0	0	2,136	2,136
<b>Value at end of year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,328</b>	<b>47,328</b>

Investments comprise of 3,391 units in the General Investment fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

### 14. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	31,224	8,555	0	39,779	64,281
Other Amounts Recoverable	6,659	0	0	6,659	0
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>37,883</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,438</b>	<b>64,281</b>

### 15. Cash at Bank

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Ulster Bank	56,492	16,047	0	72,539	126,369
<b>Total Cash at hand</b>	<b>56,492</b>	<b>16,047</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72,539</b>	<b>126,369</b>

### 16. Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan	0	0	0	0	67,976
<b>Total Creditors falling due within one year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67,976</b>

**17. Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest Free Loans	0	112,095	0	112,095	7,000
Bank Loans	0	0	0	0	203,928
<b>Total Creditors falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112,095</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112,095</b>	<b>210,928</b>

The Kirk Session has reviewed the current status of interest-free loans and has concluded, in its opinion, these loans are not expected to be repaid within the next 12 months. This assessment is based on the latest discussions and projections.

**18. Fund balances and reconciliation of funds**

	Balance at 01 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains / Losses	Transfer & change in valuation	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	<b>107,025</b>	224,106	180,605	43,501	(56,151)	<b>94,375</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Capital Fund	<b>679,962</b>	79,322	15,473	63,849	46,409	<b>790,220</b>
Gift Aid Debtor	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	8,555	<b>8,555</b>
Endowment	<b>45,192</b>	0	0	0	2,136	<b>47,328</b>
Parents & Toddlers	<b>752</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>752</b>
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	<b>6,331</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>6,331</b>
Mission Fund	<b>14,880</b>	13,986	25,037	(11,052)	0	<b>3,828</b>
Thursday Craft Club	<b>100</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>100</b>
United Appeal	<b>699</b>	9,466	11,353	(1,886)	1,188	<b>0</b>
Youth Club	<b>1,550</b>	477	0	477	0	<b>2,027</b>
Tuesday Club	<b>0</b>	385	139	246		<b>246</b>
Women at Maze	<b>348</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>348</b>
Moderators Appeal	<b>100</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>856,939</b>	<b>327,742</b>	<b>232,607</b>	<b>95,135</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>954,210</b>

**19. Related Party Transactions**

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £41,110 and expenses of £8,414 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £9,866 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.

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

- £13,900 for congregational assessments (excluding pension fund assessment)
- £11,352 towards the United Appeal

The congregation contributed £1,132 towards Presbytery Assessments during the year.

There were no other related party transactions

**20. Post Balance Sheet Event**

None