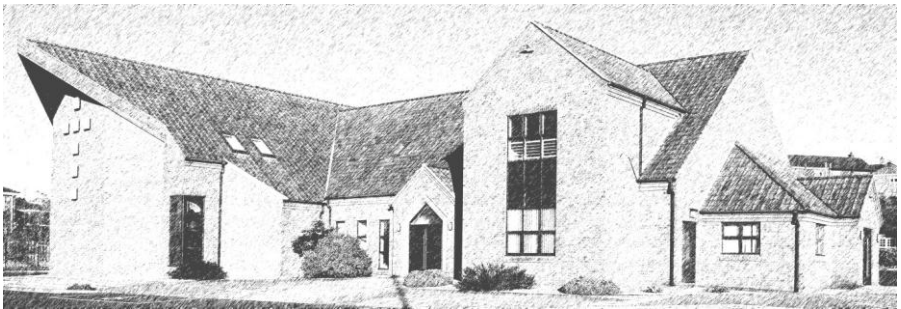


Cairnshill Methodist Church

Annual Report

2011



Therefore my dear brothers stand firm let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor 15 v 58

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Message from the Minister

My Dear Friends

I am delighted to present the Cairnshill Methodist Church Annual Report for 2011.

The year began with three new members joining the Church Council for a three year term of office as Congregational Representatives – Sharon Irvine, Arlene Irvine and Duncan Burnett. We are very grateful to Paddy Abbott, Jennifer McMaster and Ruth Johnston for many years service in the Church Council who all stood down in 2010, Ruth having served as Council Secretary.

Last year saw two major fund raising appeals. Pearl's appeal for the 'Door of Hope' in Johannesburg closed in April having raised about £3k. This was a project Brenda and I were privileged to visit during our trip to South Africa last year. You can be assured that the funds for this project are being well used. We began fundraising in September for another project I visited in SA; the Phakamisa Project. As I write now, this project is coming close to meeting its target of £5k. An excellent effort all round.

The pulpit exchange between Andrew Robinson from Hillcrest Methodist near Durban and me was a great blessing to us both, and I trust, to the churches involved. I thank the people of Cairnshill for supporting and allowing this exchange to take place, and to thank you for the welcome and support that was offered to Andrew.

Our new church website was launched in September. The primary purpose of the website is to keep the people of our church informed of what is happening; in the church, in our Circuit and in the wider body of Christ. The website calendar is an important tool for planning church events and booking rooms. There is great potential for the website to grow as a means of keeping ourselves informed of what is happening in the church and to communicate amongst ourselves.

This report gives a taste of a number of activities going on within the church. I am sure you will find it informative. There are many other

groups and events which are not included but which are an important part of our mission and life of Service for our Lord.

Mission should always be the primary focus of our church life. Property and Finance are important, but they are resources for mission not ends in themselves. However, we still have a responsibility for good stewardship of both these areas of church life. 2011 has been a challenging year for property and finance. The beginning of the year saw extreme cold weather and associated damage caused by burst pipes and frost damage to walls, slabs and roof tiles. Grateful thanks ought to go especially to our Property Steward Arlene Haslett for coordinating emergency and other repairs to the damage caused. Maureen Thompson worked with the Insurance Company to recover some of the costs. Les Drew and his lads replaced some of the exterior lighting much improving the situation for us, particularly in the winter. We continue to be grateful for the team of men, Joe, David and Kenny in particular, who quietly go about maintaining the grounds. Thanks also to John Johnston who spend many hours inside the building with a paintbrush in his hand doing much to lift the decor.

In common with many other churches, finances are going through a tight patch. Giving took a hit in 2011– the figures on page 16 and graphs on page 18 show the degree of this, while expenses continue to rise. Gift Aid showed a mark drop. Gift Aid is a difficult thing to accurately compare from year to year. Depending on whether payments from the tax office are on time or delayed might mean only receiving three quarterly payments through the books one year while other years there are five quarterly payments. Gift Aid giving however is an important income stream for the church. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your giving at no additional expense to yourself. Contact Arlene Irvine or David Welch for more information.

As I write this, activities are starting to wind down for the end of the Church year. Please pray for our church and all who are involved in serving the Lord through it. May the the Lord Bless you all.

Colin
7th April 2012.

MWI Report - January - December 2011

On 26 January we started with our Visitors' Night. Mr Raymond King came to tell his story about being shipwrecked in Antarctic in 2007. We collected £150 and gave half to Oxfam and half to the Children's Hospice in Kiladeas, Co Fermanagh.

February 9th was our next meeting. Mrs Heather Gunning gave a presentation about her missionary work in the Far East. It was very informative and enjoyable and the meeting was well attended with several visitors from within our congregation. We then enjoyed a nice cup of tea/coffee afterwards.

Our annual MWI Service was held on Sunday, 13 February and Mrs Margaret Weir, All Ireland President was the speaker. Margaret also spoke to the children before they went out to Sunday School and they all seemed to enjoy it.

The "Handbag Fairy" could not make it on 23 February but Ivie Jamison very kindly helped us out and gave a talk on reflexology and told us about how different parts of the feet, hands and ears are connected to our internal organs.

Next, on 4 March we had the Women's World Day of Prayer in Cairnshill. There was a reasonable turnout and we had a cup of tea afterwards.

Eric Clarke was due to speak to us on 9 March. This had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. He is visiting us on 23 March instead. We had a bit of fun with a beetle drive instead! Eric Clarke made it to our next meeting on 23 March and gave a very interesting presentation on Nigeria and how easy it is to save the sight of people with cataracts and just how grateful these people are afterwards. It is something that we in a richer part of the world take almost for granted.

We all travelled to Donaghadee on 13 April to visit the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Mr Alan Couser gave a talk for almost one hour, explaining the work of the RNLI. It was interesting to us all and gave an insight into “behind the scenes”. Afterwards, Brenda, our President, invited us back to the Manse where we had a lovely supper and lots of chat. This was the final meeting of the 2010/2011 Session.

Our new 2011/2012 Session started on 28 September. Brenda gave a presentation on the time she and Colin visited South Africa in early summer 2011. It was lovely to hear reports about the locals and see photographs of Hillcrest Methodist Church etc.

On 13 October we again hosted, in Cairnshill, the Belfast District Autumn Rally. Sandra Dixon spoke about the World Assembly in Johannesburg and accompanied it with photographs.

On 26 October, Lizz Glendinning was to have been our speaker on Paper Craft. Unfortunately, Lizz was ill and had to cancel at the last minute. We quickly organised a quiz among ourselves.

The AGM and Box Opening were held on 9 November 2011. Sam Campbell from the Resource Centre at Edgehill came to our meeting on 23 November to show us the “Christmas Box” and how he uses it to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas. He explained how the idea of it started when his children were very young and the tradition is still carried on.

On 14 December we arranged an outing to Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra for an evening of traditional music. It was held in one of the old churches on the museum site and was in fact being recorded by RTE radio for broadcasting in the New Year. Tea, coffee and mince pies were served during the interval.

Maura Middleton (Secretary)

Girls Brigade Report 2011

The Girls' Brigade year runs from September to March/April. The girls range from the age of 3 through to 18. GB is about having fun and learning about Jesus, others and yourself.

The Explorers have a very varied programme which involves games, bible stories, colouring-in, baking, decorating and craft making on alternative weeks.

The company section badge work is always under the headings of Spiritual, Service, Educational & Physical. We cover the scripture course every year which is set by GB Headquarters. Our physical can cover anything from team games through to all sorts of different dances.

Once again at the beginning of November we held our Coffee morning, which was greatly attended and my thanks for all who supported us. The girls and Kathy made lovely Christmas decorations, which were sold on that morning. With the monies raised, we divided it between GB funds and two chosen charities.

Sunday 27th November was our Enrolment Service conducted by Colin Duncan with the Explorers singing "Be Bold Be Strong" and the Junior Section of the Company sang "I believe in God the Father".

At the end of our year, the girls prepare for their Annual display, which is held two weeks before Easter. Family and friends are able to come and support the girls and enjoy a varied programme with the little ones stealing the show.

All the leaders would like to thank the girls in attending faithfully every week and especially their parents for their continued support. We look forward to another year where we can continue to live up to our motto of 'Seek, Serve and follow Christ.

Christine McKibbin (Captain)

PRAISE GROUP 2010 - 2011

The Praise Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm and brings together the musicians and a small faithful group of singers. Our purpose is to lead the congregation as we worship on Sundays and also to provide everyone with an opportunity to learn new hymns and praise pieces in order to take part in special events in our circuit.

The first such event was the first Sunday in Advent (28th November 2010) when we sang a favourite song 'Shine Jesus Shine! This was the beginning of our candle lighting ceremony when each week of Advent an organisation took part in lighting our Advent Ring.

December was then upon us and we started to practise for our annual Christingle and Carol Services which combine the traditional carols with more modern pieces such as Keith and Kristyn Getty's Christmas songs 'Glorious Light' and the 'Celtic Blessing.' As you will recall the weather last year was a challenge to us all and unfortunately many people were prevented from attending due to ice and snow.

Our practices resumed in the New Year with preparations for our Easter services when we joined with Ballynafeigh for Palm Sunday Circuit Praise. Holy week had services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday where the Ministers from the circuit washed the feet of members of the congregation. We included some wonderful pieces at our Easter services such as 'O to see the Dawn' and the newly arranged 'There is a Green Hill.' On Easter Sunday we began our service with the up-lifting 'See what a Morning' and closed with a rousing 'Thine be the Glory.'

At the beginning of May the Rev. Andrew Robinson arrived from South Africa on an exchange visit while Colin and Brenda took his place in Hillcrest Methodist Church. We had been learning some new pieces – 'Praise is Rising' and a new song which has become very dear to our own Nigel - 'There is a hope' - we were delighted that Andrew enjoyed our music so much he took copies back to his own church.....

When we resumed our practices after the summer break we were soon preparing for Harvest when amongst others we sang our old favourite "Let the Heavens Rejoice". In the evening we joined with our friends in Saintfield Road Presbyterian for a wonderful joint Harvest Praise Service.

Adrian conducted a service at the start of November at which Paul led us in a very moving piece by Godfrey Birtill 'There's a lot of pain - Just one touch from the King'.

Remembrance Sunday was particularly poignant when Paul sang 'Outrageous Grace' another wonderful piece written by Godfrey Birtill and so brilliantly led by Paul.

We were delighted that so many singers turned up to swell our numbers at Christmas this year and would be delighted to welcome new voices at any time – no auditions needed but take note you may be asked to sing a solo!!!

We are always kept busy by Flo who is keen for us to learn new pieces. However, we do have time for a bit of fun and enjoy a few sweeties at the end of each practice! All in all this has been another very successful year for Cairnshill Methodist Praise Group and I know we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the sound team for their invaluable support at all times. Edgar, Norman, Ian and Philip do such a good job that we need to remind ourselves that music and access to words on the screen would not be there if the sound team was not. We acknowledge your huge contribution in enhancing praise and worship.

Katie Pearson

Flower Ministry Report

The New Life and Joy of Spring is now almost upon us!

As another year unfolds so does our gratitude for the beauty of nature and God's gift of creation.

As a church we are blessed to travel through the seasons celebrating this gift. The flowers are a special part of our ministry, especially for those who are ill, bereaved and broken in spirit.

We are reminded weekly of those anniversaries or occasions so special to us individually. We are blessed to share these memories and thoughts with our church family each week.

Thank you for all the support to the flower ministry and to those who share in the decoration of the church at Harvest and Christmas. We always have a great time of fellowship and fun. We would welcome anyone who would like to help with this in the future. (No experience required).

We enjoy many other different celebrations in our church calendar, from Harvest, Christmas, MWI, Girls Brigade, Musical Events and Special Services.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Ivie Jamison
Tel: 02890 812268

Bible Study

Bible study takes place on alternative Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship room.

It is led by Rev Colin and lasts for one hour, 10.30am – 11.30am.

Before it commenced on the 21st September 2011 it had been decided that we would study the Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel is a difficult book to understand but under Colin's guidance the dissemination of the content makes the message of the visions much clearer, very challenging and relevant even in today's world.

We are a small but very faithful group and we would dearly love to welcome new members. If you would like to increase your understanding of God's word and are free on Wednesday mornings please join us.

R.J.

Junior Youth Club

We have had a very successful Year at JYC with our numbers growing steadily. We started off in September with 50-55 members growing to 65 to 74 on average per week. One night we had 83 children attend. Amazing.

In November we had a daffodil night and gave bulbs (supplied by Marie Curie) to the children. The children also gave donations to this very worthwhile cause.

In January we had a visit from the "Owl Man". Don brought two hedgehogs and an albino hedgehog along with 2 owls. It was very interesting and the children really enjoyed learning all about the

animals. (They were actually quiet for more than 5 minutes which is some achievement).

We continue to have “Take 5” at the end of the night, this is when a guest Speaker comes and has a talk about Jesus or a story from the bible with the children.

We have 7 leaders (although not everyone can come every week) and are always on the lookout for more help so if anyone is free for an hour on a Friday night they would be very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our “Duke of Edinburgh helpers” (there are 8 of them aged between 15-16) as we would be really lost without them. They come to Youth Club every week and give their time to help. Seven leaders are not enough to cope with the amount of children we have and therefore the Duke of Ed helpers are vital to the running of the Youth Club.

Finally, I would ask that you remember the Youth Club and all the leaders/helpers in your prayers that we may continue to flourish and grow from strength to strength with God’s guidance.

Elizabeth Beggs.

Youth Club 2011-12 (The Vibe)

The Youth Club at Cairnshill known to the members as, THE VIBE continues to thrive under the joint leadership of Cairnshill Methodist and Saintfield Road Presbyterian Churches. The junior club operates from 6.30 to 7.45 every Friday for children age 6 to 11. The junior club has continued to flourish this year with weekly attendances being regularly in the high sixties and on a few occasions even over seventy. The senior club catering for 12 to 17 year olds also meets on Friday nights running from 8.00 to 10.00. The membership in the senior club has declined a little this year but we still see forty to fifty teenagers ever Friday night.

On a typical night at 'The Vibe', members engage in a range of activities which include; enjoying chatting to their friends in the coffee bar, 5-A-side football, unihoc, volleyball, electronic games as well as traditional board games, snooker, table football, air hockey and much more besides. We also run a very full arts programme which is particularly popular with the girls. Every club night at the youth club is underpinned by our, 'Centre Spot' or 'Take 5' slot, during which we present the challenge of the Christian faith in a way which is appreciated and understood by the young people. We are grateful to the volunteers who help with the Centre Spot/Take 5 presentations for the Junior Club and to the willing band of leaders who engage with the teenagers in our Senior Club.

As well as the regular activities which take place on a Friday evening members have the opportunity to sign up for and enjoy special events. This year members had the opportunity to adventure out to The Belfast Activity Centre to experience caving and climbing, enjoy sea fishing off the coast at Bangor, test their skills at Laser Quest and during the summer holidays football sessions were organised to help keep them occupied. The members of the Senior Club continued their great efforts of fundraising during the year. One thousand pounds was raised for the Oyugis project and the Club continued their sponsorship for Seynabou a ten year old girl who lives in Mali. As well as sponsoring Seynabou members also write to her and send cards at Christmas and on her birthday. Members also raised funds to support the 'Twin a Toilet' project run by Save the Children.

As a church we owe a great debt of gratitude to our dedicated band of young and in some cases, not so young, band of dedicated leaders. It is particularly impressive to see our young leaders meet 30 minutes before the start of the club to discuss the programme for the night, highlight any problems which need attention and pray for the members and their families. At the end of the night's activities the leaders meet again to discuss how the evening has gone and how best we can meet the needs of the members of the club.

As always it has been a hectic but rewarding year and we appreciate the support given by both churches. Please continue to support the work of 'The Vibe' in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to the year ahead seeking to serve God as we cater for the young people of our area at THE VIBE every Friday Night. Members of both congregations are welcome to drop in any Friday night and see the club at work.

Norman Uprichard
(Cairnshill Methodist)

Johnny Bell & Gavin Hamilton
(Saintfield Road Presbyterian)

VIBE REPORT 2011-12

We've had another amazing year at The Vibe. Our fantastic team of leaders get together each Friday evening hoping to relate to a great group of young people and point them towards Jesus. At the end of December we asked our young people to come up with an A-Z of highlights from the year. Enjoy!

A is for our All Nighter which raised over a thousand pounds;
Whilst **B** is for the banter which each evening knows no bounds.

C is for our Centre Spots; we've learned on Jesus to depend;
And **D** is for our deathball game, saved each evening for the end.

E is for boundless energy that our leaders need each night
Whilst **F** is for the football, the skills displayed are quite the sight.

G is for the genius games & artwork in the girls' room;
And **H** is for the hyper ones who're wired to the moon!

I is for ice-cream, huge quantities fill our tums;
Whilst **J** is for Jo Bongo who led a brilliant evening with his drums.

K is for our amazing kids; we're often sad to see them leave,
And **L** is for lanterns which we lit on Halloween Eve.

M, Michael Jackson dancing (ask Gav Ham to show his style);
While **N** is for dear Norman who's been with us for a while.

O reminds us of the Oyugis Project – an African charity we support;
And **P** is for our pool tournaments, another popular sport.

Q is for Quality bbQs we enjoy each summer time;
And **R** is for our Rapido game that starts at a quarter past nine.

S is for a sugar fuelled tuckshop, we prefer to keep it sweet;
While **T** is for the training that 10 junior leaders did complete.

U is for UR prayers they really help to keep us sane;
And **V** reminds us of our Vaseline Santa Christmas game.

W, "Who is Jesus", our Centre Spot theme this year;
And **X** is for the X-box a source of much competitive jeer.

Y is for our young people the best found in our land;
Z, don't ZZZZ on Friday nights, join in & give us a hand!

Main Society Account for Year Ended 31st Dec. 2011 - Receipts.

2010	Receipts	2011
£	Collections for General Fund:	£
33,118	Envelopes & Standing Orders	31,900
2950	Loose	2158
11,066	Gift Aid Refund in respect of weekly freewill offerings	5,410
3710	Gift Day for General Funds	2,601
<hr/> 50,844		<hr/> 42,069
£	Received for Property	£
604	Repair fund donations from members	250
570	Gift Aid tax refunds re repair and property fund donations	
	Compensation from insurance claim	2,211
	Other repair and building fund donations	1,231
<hr/> 1,174		<hr/> 3,692
	Received on Behalf of Others:	
337	JMA	180
55	Home Mission	175
719	MMS Ireland	359
344	World Development	321
197	Childcare Society	155
458	Other	
391	Collection for other religious and charitable activities ¹	5,475
601	Gift Aid refunds for members donations for above	662
<hr/> 3,102		<hr/> 7,327
	Other Receipts:	
3,436	Use of Premises	3,665
1,288	Functions	4,115
1,055	Car Boot Sales	1,117
100	Donation(s)	310
31	Sundry Receipts	71
<hr/> 5,910		<hr/> 9,284
<hr/> 61,030	Total Receipts	<hr/> 63,372

¹ Includes Door of Hope Appeal & Phakamisa Appeal.

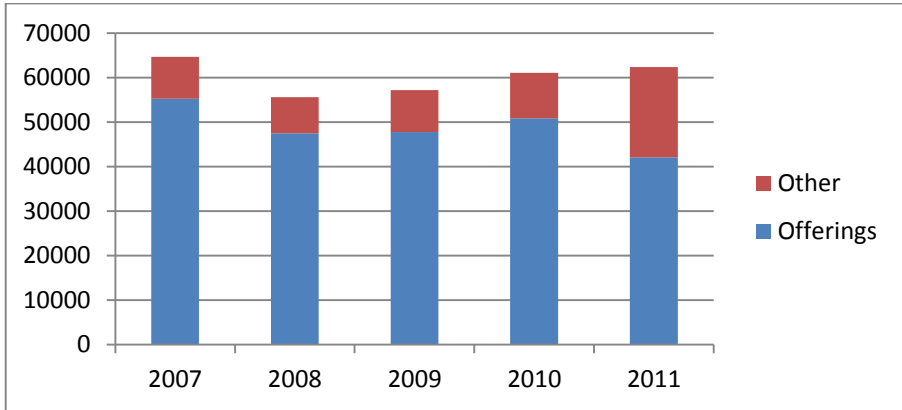
Main Society Account for Year Ended 31st Dec. 2011 - Payments

2010 £	Payments	2011 £
	Employee Costs	
11,318	Minister's Stipend (exc pension)	11,337
3,066	Organist Salary	3,312
2,122	Minister's Mileage	1,259
214	Other Minister's Payments	146
2,777	Pension Contributions to Minister	2,894
19,497		18,948
12,376	Comprehensive Assessment	12,138
	Property	
752	Church and Hall repairs	5,355
1,269	Manse Repairs and Renewals	132
1,508	Other Property Repairs and Renewals	
437	Furnishings	1,466
505	Computer and Audio Visual Equipment	7,418
4,471		14,371
	Payments for Religious and Charitable Purposes:	
2,593	Methodist Connexional Funds	1,518
509	Other Religious and Charitable Purposes	5,809
3,102		7,327
	Other Expenses	
241	Pulpit Supply	260
1,266	Rent and Rates	1,149
2,225	Insurance	2,307
8,798	Heat & Light	8,912
713	Telephone and Postage	712
1,693	Advertising & Stationery	1,391
2,970	Cleaning	3,000
31	Choir Music and Other Expenses	0
400	Audit	408
556	Licenses	632
0	Visioning Day	0
437	Alpha Course	0
358	Sunday School	318
631	Other	636
0	Miscellaneous	0
20,319		19,725
59,765	Total Payments	72,509

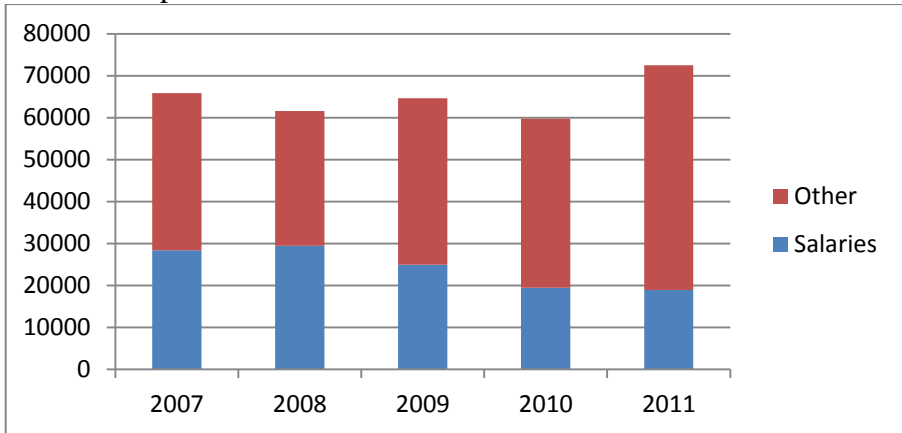
Summary of Accounts for Year Ended 31st Dec 2011.

	Society	Property	Total
	Account	Account	
	£	£	£
Balances at 1 Jan	2,118	-24,822	-22,704
Receipts	58,680	3,692	62,372
Payments	58,138	14,371	72,509
Balances at 31 Dec	2,660	-35,501	-32,841

Trend of Income:



Trend of Expenditure:



Freewill Offerings & Gift Aid:

No	Total	Gift Aid	No	Total	Gift Aid	No	Total	Gift Aid
	£	£		£	£		£	£
2	36.00		33	330.00	85.38	62	275.00	
3	490.00		34	111.00	28.29	63	780.00	201.25
5	39.00	10.01	35	30.00		66	129.00	33.37
6	123.00		36	460.00		67	210.00	
7	1,200.00	309.62	37	840.00	216.73	69	210.00	54.42
8	250.00		38	340.00		70	489.00	126.74
9	540.00	139.33	39	1,440.00	371.54	71	634.00	165.49
10	90.00		40	194.00	51.38	72	261.00	
11	275.00	71.15	41	265.00	68.65	73	265.00	
14	3,050.00	786.54	42	750.00	194.55	75	250.00	
15	280.00	72.88	43	130.00		78	1,250.00	327.72
16	655.00	169.36	44	120.00	30.96	80	536.00	138.81
17	85.00	22.37	45	330.00		81	328.00	
18	25.00		46	1,440.00	377.95	82	465.00	120.10
19	12.40		47	376.00	97.53	87	180.00	
20	135.00		48	161.10	41.62	89	85.00	
21	235.00	60.83	49	440.00	113.85	90	130.00	35.06
21			50	335.00	87.60	94	520.00	135.77
22	245.00	62.21	51	305.00	79.46	96	540.00	
23	15.00		52	235.00		98	1,000.00	260.26
24	430.00	111.67	54	240.00	62.24	99	69.00	
25	220.00	57.24	55	515.00	133.24	100	520.00	134.49
26	530.00	137.31	56	360.00	92.88			
27	37.40		57	260.00	68.21			
28	960.00	249.62	58	130.00				
29	270.00	69.26	59	300.00	78.53			
30	960.00	245.00	60	535.00	138.40			
32	485.00		61	131.80				

For information on Gift Aid giving, please contact Arlene Irvine. 9756 0859

Ministers and Leaders In Office 2011 and Present.

Minister	Rev Colin Duncan
Retired Minister	Rev Stanley Ross
Circuit Steward (2011)	Mr Norman Uprichard
Society Steward	Mrs Maureen Thompson
Church Council Secretary	Mrs Christine McKibbin.
Treasurer	Mr Eric Cunningham
Property Steward	Mrs Arlene Haslett
Church Council	Sir Nigel Hamilton (To 31/12/2011)
	Mrs Winnie Burton (To 31/12/2011)
	Mrs Pearl Maconaghie
	Dr. Adrian Gundy
	Mr Norman Uprichard
	Mrs Sharon Irvine (From 1/1/2011)
	Mr Duncan Burnett (From 1/1/2011)
	Mrs Arlene Irvine (From 1/1/2011)
	Mrs Flo Johnston (From 1/1/2012)
	Mrs Ivie Jamison (From 1/1/2012)
	Mr Les Drew (From 1/1/2012)
Musical Director	Mrs Flo Johnston
Sunday Club Superintendent	Mrs Pearl Maconaghie
GB Captain	Mrs Christine McKibbin
Envelope & Gift Aid Stewards	Mrs Arlene Irvine & Mr David Welsh
Pew Stewards	Sir Nigel Hamilton & Mr Bill McBride
MWI President	Mrs Brenda Duncan
MWI Secretary	Mrs Maura Middleton
Local Preachers	Sir Nigel Hamilton Dr Adrian Gundy Mrs Brenda Duncan (LP on trial)
Parents & Toddlers	Mrs Pearl Maconaghie
Senior Youth Club	Mr Norman Uprichard
Junior Youth Club	Mrs Elizabeth Beggs
Flower Ministry	Mrs Ivie Jamison
BB Junior Section Leader.	Mr Harry Grey (Ballynafeigh)