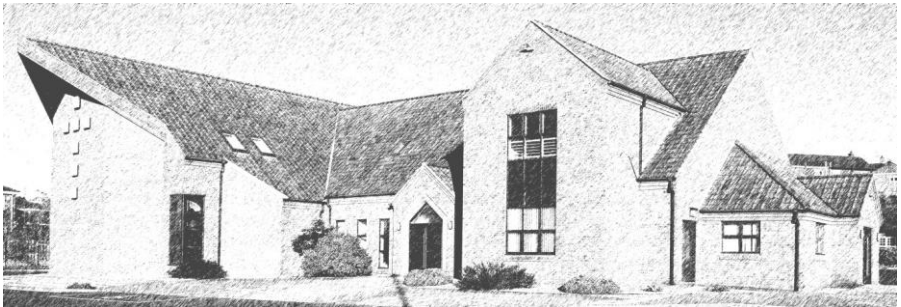


Cairnshill Methodist Church

Annual Report

2013



Serving Christ in the Community

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Message from Minister

Dear Friends

I commend to you this Cairnshill Methodist Annual Report for 2013.

The regular work of the church continues through our various organisations and I am sure you will be encouraged by the reports from many of our activities. We should all be grateful and thankful for the people who are involved; it takes commitment, dedication and a willingness to put the needs of others before our own. It is an example of loving our neighbour in a sacrificial way.

We should also be thankful for all of the work of the church that goes on behind the scenes, often unrecognised, un-thanked and unreported. There are many jobs in the life of a church which we only notice when they are not done! We thank God for those who are willing to give of their time to serve quietly in the background. It can take discernment to spot those engaged below the radar, but they deserve our heartfelt thanks.

In 2013 we saw a continuing exploration of what it means to ‘Serve Christ in our Community.’ The Church Council expended much effort into this question, eventually leading; as a first step in finding ways to work this out; to the Lay witness weekend. From the decision to invite the Lay Witness team to the weekend itself was a tight deadline. The successful planning and organisation was only possible through a great deal of hard work and dedication by the all the people involved, at all levels, in making it happen.

A spin off in the preparation for the weekend was the Monday night prayer gathering, initially intended as a forum to pray for the Lay

Witness Weekend preparations and for the Mission of our church, it has taken off in a much wider and deeper way.

A further development is the 'Reflect and Connect' Café Church - a relaxed and informal worship forum to explore ways in which the people of Cairnshill can connect with others and engage in the mission of our church. If you feel called to be more involved in church life but not sure where to start, the 'Reflect and Connect' evenings would be a good start.

Engaging in mission is not always easy. There can be frustrations and tears as well as joy and celebration. As you go into the future with your new minister may you be richly blessed in the work you are doing for the Kingdom.

It is with sadness I note this will be the last time I will write an introduction to the Cairnshill report. I am very grateful for the support and encouragement I have received over the last five years from Cairnshill and across the Circuit. Change invariably brings uncertainty and anxiety. However, "... we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him ...". Dear friends, I encourage you to put your trust in the Lord and serve Him diligently. Let Love and Grace be at the heart of all you do, in your relationships with one another and in your engagement with the world.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Colin

Lay Witness Weekend
‘Connect with God and One Another’
22nd – 24th November 2013

On a weekend at the end of 2013 and before the pre-Christmas rush a team representing the Lay Witness Movement had been invited by the Church Council to share with us and lead us in worship.

This was an opportunity for our congregation to experience a different style and format to our usual worship. From Friday evening until the conclusion of the Sunday morning worship the team were responsible for leading us as we heard in relaxed settings how God was working in the lives of these ordinary people from within the wider Methodist Connection.

The theme for the weekend ‘Connect with God and One Another’ was chosen to reflect the Council’s desire to see the members of the congregation grow closer together and to use the opportunity to re-connect with those members who had not been worshipping with us on Sundays for some time.

During the weekend, which involved the sharing of personal testimonies from the team and explaining how their personal relationship with God helped them cope with illness, difficult personal circumstances and life changing decisions that they all faced.

In addition, the members of the team were available outside the scheduled weekend events to spend time with individuals and offer prayer support as members of the church reflected on their own situations and were happy to explore the extent of their relationship with God.

After the team left a service of celebration was held on the Sunday evening. This resulted in a number of people sharing their thoughts and experiences during the weekend. Overall there was a positive response and a feeling that the Spirit had been present during the weekend, and that this was a significant event in the life of the church that needs to be developed to ensure we continue to grow as Christians and a community.

It also helped us recognise the need to develop our personal Spiritual lives if we are to achieve anything for God’s kingdom by way of Mission in the community that we serve. This community could be within the church, or in the community around our church.

Following the weekend we have all been challenged to examine our own personal story of how significant God is in our lives and how we can maximise the blessings that are available to us from God.

It has been encouraging that the Café Church style worship has been well supported along with the other activities which are available to help our spiritual growth.

It is through the support and prayers from all involved that the weekend was a success and that there is a desire to continue praying for each member and the future of the church.

This however may only be the start of an experience or deepening of our personal commitment, and we must ensure we do not let this fire go cold, but draw on the closeness and prayerful support of each other for the future and keep the fire alive

Keith Irvine

Mother and Toddlers Report

I am delighted to report that the number of people attending the Mother and Toddlers morning continues to be high. Generally there are normally between 20-30 mothers (fathers/grandmothers/carers/child-minders) every week and often between 35-40 children.

As before Lorna Hamilton and I continue to organise the morning. We are greatly supported by Hilary Uprichard, who continues to do craft work with the children-often the most popular event in the morning; Arlene Haslett and Ruth Johnston, who work tirelessly in the kitchen and Heather Douglas and Eileen Speer who willingly work in the kitchen or hall, wherever the need is!

Our prayer time before the arrival of the mothers and toddlers is now a regular and essential part of our morning. Also the choruses sung by the children and often led by Nigel Hamilton is a great way to finish the morning.

As always I am indebted to everyone who helps to put out all the equipment, toys etc. in the hall after the service on Sunday morning and also to the men who come at 12 noon to help tidy away the chaos! Thanks to each one of them, we would not be able to provide this service without their unending support.

Pearl Maconaghie

Cairnshill Methodist Church Junior Youth Club

We have had another very successful year at JYC with numbers still growing rapidly (top attendance was 107 children). 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.

Two of the junior leaders came up with the idea "Take 7". This is based on the same idea as Take 5, however it is for the P7 age group. This started just before the beginning of the transfer tests and prayer has been an important feature. It has proved very successful and the children have really enjoyed it.

Unfortunately, last year we lost 5 senior leaders. However, Richard, Flo, Paddy, Ivie, Pearl, Donna, Les, Christine and Joe have stepped into help and we are really grateful for their support. (We are always on the lookout for more leaders so if anyone is free for an hour on a Friday night they would be very welcome.

We continue to support Adopt a Child because not only is it such a worthwhile cause but also we feel this is our children giving to children less fortunate than themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity (again) to thank our "Duke of Edinburgh helpers" (there are 10, age between 15-17) as we would be really lost without them. They come to Youth Club every week and give their time to help.

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 & Mary Aspin

FLOWER REPORT

As always we have had a great support for the Flower Ministry during the year.

Each week it's a pleasure to see an expression of God's Creation. It is so important too for us to remember special anniversaries and occasions. It is a real blessing to receive the gift of flowers and to remember those very specially who are ill, bereaved, anxious and broken in spirit. We are touched by the expressions of support for each other and very especially those who cannot be with us. We share with love, the gift of flowers and prayers for those in need of a special thought and support.

This year our Harvest was celebrated with less flowers and fruit, instead we donated gifts of toiletries and clothing to the Women's Refuge, what a special harvest for those so much less fortunate than ourselves.

Through the year we have celebrated our gifts of flowers with GB coffee morning, MWI Service, Healing Services, Prayers for Syria, Night for support of Human Trafficking, our special Lay Witness Weekend and especially each Sunday Service.

The Praise Group give great support each year in decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas, its much appreciated by us all. Thanks to Lorna for all her support especially this year.

Psalm 50: 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Ivie Jamison

If anyone would like to add their name, change dates on the flower list or help in any other way with the flower ministry please contact: Ivie
Telephone number: 02890812268

G B Report

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 **J**esus, **o**thers and **y**ourself (JOY).

The Explorers have a very varied programme which involves games, bible stories, colouring-in, baking, decorating and craft making on alternative weeks. Our Explorer sections are experts at decorating buns and biscuits

but sometimes you may have to use your imagination to recognise the finished article or at least be diplomatic.

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 and this year we looked at how Jesus used the parts of his body to help others and how we should do likewise. Our Physical Section can cover anything from team games through to all sorts of different dances. This year we all learned how to play badminton, learning all the rules. It may have taken a few of us a little more time to get the eye and hand co-ordination right but we all succeeded in the end. As part of our Service, the girls learned sign language and through games and experiments, they experience what it's like to have a physical difficulty.

At the end of October we held our Annual Enrolment Service with Heather Bell as our special speaker.

Once again at the beginning of November we held our Coffee morning, which was greatly attended and my thanks for all who supported us. With the monies raised, we divided it between GB funds and a chosen charity. Our Annual display is held at the end of our year and in 2013 it was on 19th April, slightly later than usual. Family and friends are able to come and support the girls and enjoy a varied programme with the little ones stealing the show.

In May 2013 we ran a Cake Competition and Coffee Evening to raise money for Charlotte, one of our Brigaders' as she travelled to Romania with the Senior Youth Club. 23 cakes were baked and entered into the competition. Heather & Alison (our judges) had such a hard job sampling every cake. Denise Barnes won the Judges vote and Jennifer Busby won the audience's vote. All the cakes were absolutely wonderful and everyone was able to taste them over a cup of tea.

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 2013-2014

The Praise Group has continued to play its part at Cairnshill by presenting a variety of hymns and songs each Sunday. By introducing new pieces of music we hope to inspire and enhance the worship experience. Our first challenge to follow Easter last year was the service of favourite hymns held on Sunday 12th May. This was a wonderful opportunity for members of the congregation to present hymns which were of particular significance to them. What a special occasion it was! The choices included hymns both old and new such as 'Glorious Things of Thee are spoken' and 'Thine be the Glory' and 'There is a Hope' and 'Who can know'. As it was Impossible to include all suggestions that day it is hoped to have this opportunity again at a later date.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed our participation in family occasions and the baptisms of babies Benjamin Wright and Grace Clarke were very special.

On Sunday 16th June our morning worship was led by members of the Worship Team when we sang 'Great is the Lord' 'Lord I Lift your name on high' and 'Jesus is the name we Honour'. This was an uplifting experience with rousing tunes to praise the Lord.

On special occasions we are also joined by our newly formed 'orchestra'. Keith & Ailsa playing flutes, Brian, Heather and Emma (brass section) Rachel playing oboe and Michael cello. This has been a great blessing to us as we continue to lead the worship in music and song. One of these occasions was our Harvest Thanksgiving held at the end of October. It was lovely to sing again 'These are the days of Elijah' and to include 'The Splendour of the King' and 'Let the Heavens Rejoice' in our praise time.

For our church anniversary service on 20th October it was a pleasure to welcome back Rev. David Clements who spoke on the theme of 'Good News'. We had prepared a rousing start with 'Praise is Rising' and 'Lord I lift Your Name on High' making this a memorable and nostalgic morning.

In contrast our Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November included the traditional hymns 'O God our Help in Ages Past' and 'Abide with me' alongside 'In Christ Alone' and 'I'll go in the strength of the Lord'. During Advent we had prepared a special piece 'Hills to the North Rejoice' which accompanied a reading for two voices sent by the president Rev Dr

Heather Morris. This was a very beautiful hymn sung to the tune of Darwell's 148th which was appreciated by many of the congregation.

Much of our time in December was spent practising for our children's nativity play 'The Angry Hotel Man'. We had to learn the 'song script' and part of the Hallelujah Chorus! We are very appreciative of the support and advice of Ann Ferguson who returned to lead us in our singing. We had a lovely service of Carols by Candlelight where all our old favourites and some new were sung.

Just before Christmas we enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Cregagh Nursing Home where we sang and played for Stanley Ross and the other residents. It was a joy to have them accompany us on their tambourines and maracas!!!

We have been praying that new people would join our team of musicians and singers so it was wonderful that Cecilia and Valerie joined us when we resumed our practices in September.

As the New Year begins we are looking forward to the resumption of our practices. We are sure that Florence, our Musical Director will have some new ideas 'up her sleeve'. We look forward to the challenge this will bring and to the fellowship and friendship we have together. We thank her for all the hard work she does in bringing us all together to play and sing. Thanks to all who encourage us each week and especially to the Sound Team who are an invaluable support.

Katie Pearson

Monday night Prayer Meeting

'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Saints.'
Ephesians 6 v 18 (NIV)

Groups of us have met regularly week by week through the year to come to prayer. The Monday night meeting has been conducted by various folk including friends from outside.

Our aim has been to encourage regular informed prayer for the Church, Sunday worship, events like the Lay Witness Weekend, the organisations,

members of the Cairnshill family fellowship, the community, the Church at large and other topics.

We have sensed the motivating power of the Holy Spirit; we invite you to pass on personal requests at any time and to come along. You will be made most welcome.

David Welch

Friday Friends

Friday Friends takes place every other Friday from 11am to 12.30pm in the Fellowship room and is open to everybody.

We enjoy elevenses – tea, coffee, scones cakes and biscuits.

We enjoy the chat, discussions and debates – any subject you like!

Men after the cuppa have a game of pool.

If you are feel for a few hours on a Friday morning and enjoy good company why not come along you are guaranteed a very warm welcome.

Winnie Burton

MWI REPORT FROM JANUARY – DECEMBER 2013

On 9 January 2013 some of us went to Olio's for a meal and then on to the Opera House to see "Cinderella". It was a great night and I think all those present enjoyed it.

Unfortunately our meeting on 23 January had to be cancelled due to heavy snow, particularly in the Cairnshill area. We had booked an organization called "Skywatch" to speak and it was disappointing that we had to cancel. However, they will be on our schedule for next session.

George Busby from the "Gilnahirk Listeners" took our meeting on 13 February. He explained all about the listening-in to the Germans during World War II. The premises used were not too far from us here and the whole evening was very interesting.

On 27 February, Mrs Heather Lyle met with us and she told us a little of her earlier life as a school teacher. Hearing about her adopted daughter from Thailand was very interesting and Heather and husband hope to adopt another child.

Our last meeting for the session was held on 13 March and we had Lizz Glendinning making paper and showing us her soaps and crystals. It was a fun evening but nevertheless very interesting.

Sept 2013

Our opening meeting on 25 September 2013 was amalgamated with a Pyjama Party held in the church. This was to support Women's Aid and a good night was enjoyed by all.

On 10 October our members went to the District Autumn Rally in Finaghy Methodist. There was a reasonable turnout from the Belfast Groups.

Our speaker, Barbara Long, was ill so she was unable to come to our meeting on 23 October. However, we enjoyed some fun entertainment thanks to Patricia and Brenda.

Our Visitor's Evening was held on 13 November. We had our speaker booked - DCC J Gillespie, for about 18 months and very sadly she was unable to come at the last minute. Supt Yvonne Davidson came as her replacement and she spoke for about 30 minutes and then invited questions from the audience. We had a very good turnout from other groups in the district and the evening was a success. Half of the retiring offering was sent to the RUC Benevolent Fund and half to MWI funds.

The AGM was held on 27 November 2013.

On 11 December we were scheduled to have a speaker come and tell us all about the keeping of bees! Unfortunately she was unable to come to us so Patricia (our President) gave a most interesting talk about the Samaritans. This was the final meeting for 2013.

Maura Middleton (Secretary)

Freewill Envelope Giving

Env No	FWO	Gift Aid	Total
2	36.00	0	36.00
3	200.00	0	200.00
5	21.00	5.5	26.50
6	130.50	0	130.50
7	1200.00	300	1500.00
8	185.00	50	235.00
9	540.00	135	675.00
10	110.00	0	110.00
11	260.00	67.5	327.50
14	3675.00	900	4575.00
16	640.00	142.5	782.50
18	105.00	0	105.00
20	360.00	72.5	432.50
21	90.00	70	160.00
21	220.00	70	290.00
22	260.00	58.75	318.75
23	385.00	147.5	532.50
24	520.00	130	650.00
25	260.00	66.25	326.25
26	520.00	112.5	632.50
28	1000.00	250	1250.00
29	260.00	62.5	322.50
30	1200.00	300	1500.00
32	280.00	0	280.00
33	360.00	90	450.00
34	97.95	30.9875	128.94
35	190.00	50	240.00
36	550.00	132.5	682.50
37	840.00	210	1050.00
38	445.00	105	550.00
39	1800.00	450	2250.00
40	70.00	0	70.00
40A	3500.00	0	3500.00
41	255.00	66.25	321.25
42	480.00	166.25	646.25
43	80.00	0	80.00
44	120.00	15	135.00
45	255.00	0	255.00

46	1380.00	295	1675.00
47	590.00	154.5	744.50
48	104.00	26.75	130.75
49	60.00	145	205.00
49	980.00	145	1125.00
50	440.00	110	550.00
51	240.00	51.25	291.25
52	195.00	0	195.00
53	350.00	0	350.00
54	260.00	70	330.00
55	510.00	132.5	642.50
57	245.00	66.25	311.25
59	320.00	82.5	402.50
60	495.00	136.25	631.25
61	109.00	0	109.00
62	285.00	0	285.00
63	775.00	192.5	967.50
66	280.00	89.75	369.75
70	493.00	122.5	615.50
71	535.00	135	670.00
72	300.00	0	300.00
73	250.00	0	250.00
75	145.00	0	145.00
77	8.00	0	8.00
78	1300.00	162.5	1462.50
80	492.00	57	549.00
81	371.00	0	371.00
82	435.00	110	545.00
83	720.00	187.5	907.50
84	140.00	0	140.00
85	254.00	67.25	321.25
87	216.00	0	216.00
89	60.00	0	60.00
93	295.00	0	295.00
94	40.00	20	60.00
96	330.00	0	330.00
98	1000.00	267.5	1267.50
99	115.20	0	115.20
100	520.00	130	650.00

Society Account - 2013.

2012	RECEIPTS	2013
£	Freewill Offering	£
34,495	Envelopes & Standing Orders	37,078
2,179	Loose	2,475
8,311	Gift Aid	6,918
44,985		46,471
	Collections for Connexional Funds and Other Organisations	
246	Child Care	0
482	Easter Offering	362
309	Home Missions	248
375	MMS (Ireland) - Tax Refund	300
956	World Mission	125
149	Christian Aid	0
332	East Africa	0
372	Jenghana	0
700	Tiny Life	0
5200	Phakamisa	291
36	JMA	459
64	World Development	62
81	Adopt-A-Child	285
0	Belfast Central Mission	130
0	Childrens Hospice	355
13	Miscellaneous	0
9,315		2,617
	Donations	
	Church Organisations	1,750
946	Miscellaneous	1,402
946		3,152
	Miscellaneous	
3,825	Use of Premises	4,585
20	Miscellaneous	33
3,845		4,618
59,091	Total Receipts	56,858

2012	PAYMENTS	2013
£	Salaries	£
31,097	Minister (Half Share)	31,030
<u>-14,400</u>	Less Contribution by Belvoir	<u>-14,400</u>
16,697		16,630
3,402	Organist	3,504
<u>410</u>	Pulpit Supply	<u>498</u>
20,509		20,632
	Connexional Assessment & Allocations	
14,120	Assessment	12,034
<u>9,315</u>	Transfers to Connexional Funds & Other Org'ns	<u>2,617</u>
23,435		14,651
	Premises	
	Church Manse	
10,640	Electricity & Oil	9,726
2,355	Insurance	2,387
1,146	Ground Rent & Rates	1,186
<u>2,880</u>	Cleaning	<u>3,589</u>
17,021		16,888
	Administration	
408	Audit	408
1,748	Advertising, Printing & Stationery	1,687
798	Telephone (Church £281; Manse £663)	944
<u>0</u>	Church Website	<u>384</u>
2,954		3,423
	Ministry	
688	Copyright & Other Licences	577
180	Donations	336
300	Payment to Circuit	300
353	Ministers Expenses	125
<u>533</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>1,012</u>
2,054		2,350
	Organisations	
<u>308</u>	Sunday School	<u>208</u>
<u>308</u>		<u>208</u>
<u>66,281</u>	Total Payments	<u>58,152</u>

Property Account 2013

2012	RECEIPTS	2013
£	Donation	£
1000	Senior Youth Club	0
2179	Other	958
<hr/> 3179		<hr/> 958
	Fund Raising Functions	
874	Spring Fair	0
330	Tea party	0
703	Car Boot Sale	597
293	BBQ & Quiz	0
526	Gospel Choir	0
<hr/> 2726		<hr/> 597
<hr/> 19173	Property Board Grant	<hr/> 0
19173		0
<hr/> 25,078 <hr/>	Total Receipts	<hr/> 1,555 <hr/>

2012**PAYMENTS****2013****Repairs & Renewals - Church**

264	Fire Alarm Maintenance	235
109	Heating & Electrical Maintenance	367
1800	Roof Repairs	0
660	Door Repairs	0
342	Replace Coffee Pots	0
0	Sound System	210
0	Miscellaneous	16
0	Sign	540
3,175		1,368

Repairs & Renewals - Manse

180	Fire Alarm & Electrical Maintenance	174
180		174

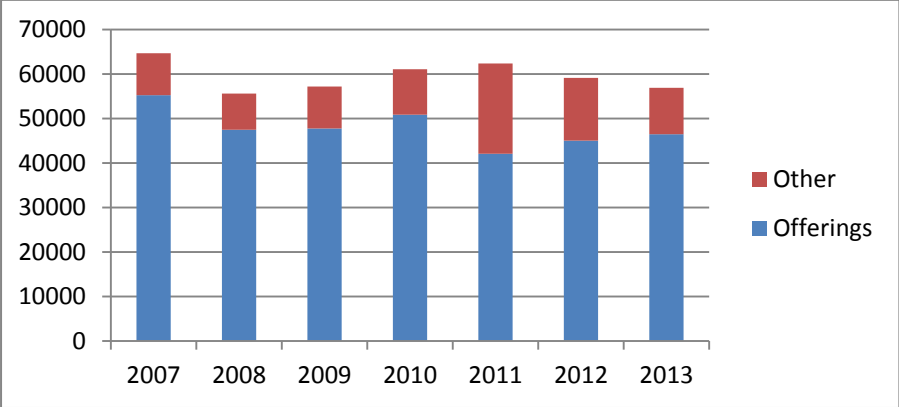
3,355**Total Payments****1,542**

**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2013**

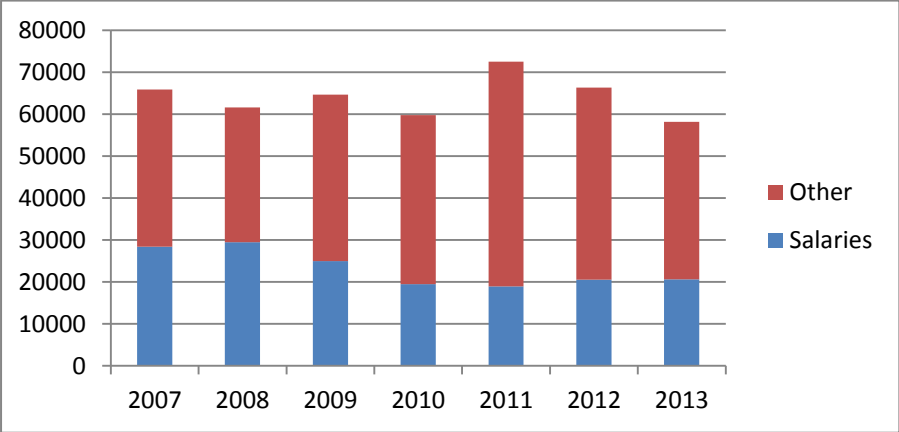
	Society	Property	Total
	Account	Account	
	£	£	£
Balances at 1 Jan 2013	-4,530	-13,778	<u>-18,308</u>
Receipts	56,858	1,555	<u>58,413</u>
Payments	-58,152	-1,542	<u>-59,694</u>
Balances at 31 Dec 2013	-5,824	-13,765	<u>-19,589</u>

Society Account Trends

Trend of Income:



Trend of Expenditure:



Ministers and Leaders In Office 2013 and Present.

Minister	Rev Colin Duncan
Retired Minister	Rev Stanley Ross
Society Steward	Mrs Maureen Thompson
Circuit Steward	Mr John Warren
Church Council Secretary	Mrs Pearl Maconaghie
Treasurer	Mr Eric Cunningham
Property Steward	Mrs Arlene Haslett
Musical Director	Mrs Flo Johnston
Sunday Club Superintendent	Mr Les Drew
GB Captain	Mrs Christine McKibbin
BB Junior Section Leader	Mr Harry Grey
Envelope Stewards	Mrs Arlene Irvine & Mr David Welsh
Gift Aid Steward	Mrs Arlene Irvine
Pew Stewards	Sir Nigel Hamilton & Mr Bill McBride
MWI President:	Mrs Patricia Lamont
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
Access NI & Child Protection	Mrs Christine McKibbin Mrs Arlene Irvine
JMA Secretary	Mrs Mary Aspin
Church Council Congregational Reps: Standing down at the end of 2013: Sharon Irvine, Arlene Irvine, Les Drew. Continuing for 2014: Duncan Burnett, Flo Johnston, Ivie Jamison, Keith Irvine, Mary Aspin, Jennifer McMaster, Adrian Gundy. New Members for 2014: Ian Atkinson, Elizabeth Beggs, Christine McKibbin, Hilary Uprichard.	