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## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

### Assets

			750415
		<u>2021 Movement</u>	
Church General Accounts	265826		8336
Benevolent Fund	5576	26	
Organisations	15278	1239	
Maintenance	9069	6950	
Boiler Fund	0	6000	
District Outreach	3026	-1869	
Tear Fund	70	-70	
Magazines	-331	586	
United Appeal	<u>243</u>	<u>-210</u>	12652
Missions	420510		-9807
Africa	<u>31148</u>		<u>-11148</u>
	750415		750448

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## Minister's Letter

To all members of Immanuel

The year 2021 was the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of Agnes Street and Bethany congregations under the new name of Immanuel. Since that original amalgamation in 1971, Oldpark and Nelson Memorial have joined us so that we are now four congregations in one.

The name Immanuel comes from the Old Testament. Isaiah 7:14 tells how the Lord gave a sign to King Ahaz: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.' The name is also repeated in Isaiah 8. It appears again in Matthew 1 where Matthew explains that the birth of the Lord Jesus to Mary took place 'to fulfil what was said through the prophet'. Matthew then quotes Isaiah 14:7: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.' Matthew goes on to tell us that Immanuel means 'God with us'.

The Lord Jesus is 'God with us', because he is the Eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity and the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of his nature. Along with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, he is God. And he is 'God with us' because he came into the world as one of us when he was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to Mary. As one of us, he gave up his life to pay for all that we have done wrong and he shed his blood to cleanse us from our guilt. By believing in him, we receive forgiveness from God and the gift of his Spirit to guarantee what is yet to come, which is eternal life in the presence of God. And so, the Eternal Son of God became 'God with us' so that we can be with God forever in the life to come.

Therefore the name Immanuel signifies the good news of Jesus Christ. However, the name Immanuel is also a fitting name for a church, because whenever we gather for worship as a congregation, God is with us. We cannot see him, of course. But we can hear him speak to us through the reading and preaching of his word. And he uses his word to convince and convert unbelievers to a true faith in Christ and to build up believers in holiness and comfort. And God has promised that his word will not return to him empty, but it always accomplishes what he has purposed.

Therefore, when we gather together for worship, God is with us and he speaks to us by his word. We also believe that God is with us individually. In Psalm 121, the psalmist is on his way to Jerusalem. But there are many dangers on the way. He wonders who will help him. And the answer comes: 'My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.' In the rest of the psalm, he's reminded that the Lord is watching over him all of the time to help him.

We believe that we are on our way to the heavenly Jerusalem in the life to come. As we make our way, we face troubles and trials and difficulties and heartache. But we know that we do not face those things on our own, because God is with us to help us. Just as he watched over the psalmist, so the Lord will watch over us both now and for evermore.

The year 2021 was the 50th anniversary of Immanuel. But every year is the anniversary of God with you, because God has been with you from the moment you were conceived. And because this is true, then every day you can turn to him through Jesus Christ and seek the help you need.

Yours sincerely

**Colin Gamble**

**Minister**

## EXPENDITURE

<b>Unrestricted Payments</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Assembly Assessments	23070	20815
Presbytery Fees	805	821
<b>Ministry &amp; support staff</b>		
Minister	35647	35647
Minister's Expenses	6242	6242
Pension & Nat. Ins.	4572	4562
Minister's Mileage Allowance	482	216
Pulpit Supply & Speakers	285	1283
Apprenticeship Levy	<u>178</u>	<u>177</u>
	47406	48127
Congregational running exps.	<u>39052</u>	<u>32729</u>
	110333	102492
<b>Restricted Payments</b>		
Congregational running exps.		
Outreach, Orgs. & Fresh	2442	3368
United Appeal	9403	7800
Magazines & Literature	616	0
Vine support	10000	10000
Maintenance	<u>2083</u>	<u>3362</u>
	24544	24530
<b>Donations to missions/charities</b>		
Africa	0	11148
Missions Support	4605	3300
Charities	235	0
Tear Fund	1518	1650
Benevolent Fund	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
	7158	16098
Organisations	<u>12989</u>	<u>9176</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>155024</u>	<u>152296</u>

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**Accounts For Year Ended 31st Dec. 2021****Income****Opening Balance** 754587 750415**Unrestricted Funds** 2020 2021FWO 89115 93628  
Loose Offerings 1847 2300  
Gift Aid 18291 16548  
Urban Mission Trust 3000 112253 0 112476**Non assessable income**Church Magazines 285 586  
Bequest 0 6000  
Trussell Trust 0 100  
Bank Interest 658 51  
Misc. 213 0  
**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME** 113409 119213**Restricted Funds**

Maintenance income 6911 6911 10312

**Charitable activities**Rec'd for Organisations 1526 1500  
Charities 376 177  
United Appeal 8036 5979  
Gift Aid 1592 9628 1611 7590  
Tear Fund 1588 1580  
Organisations 14808 27926 10415 21262

## Investment income

Africa Interest 68  
Mission interest 2329 2397 1516 1516  
Benevolent Fund 189 26  
**TOTAL INCOME** 150832 152329

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**Office Bearers 2020****Minister Emeritus**

Rev. Victor Patterson

**Clerk of Session**

Alan Bridle

**Deputy Clerk of Session**

Russell Coates

**Congregational Secretary**

Timothy Fitzsimons

**Asst. Congregational Secretaries**

Eric Beck

***Elders and Congregational Committee during 2021***

<b>District</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Committee</b>
1	D Bailey	N Simpson E White
2	T Smith	I Walker E Coates
3	R Coates	W Gourley J Stewart
4	D Harvey	I Houston
5	R Coates	S Irwin
6	M Beck	P Irwin
7	T Hamilton	J Smith M Bryans
8	J Fittis	S Smyth C Hamilton
9	B Davidson	A Fittis W Watt
10	T Irwin	D Bridle
11	E Beck	M Gregg
12	S Houston	C Taylor
13	I Stewart	P Stewart
14	A Bridle	

<b>Congregational Running Expenses</b>		<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Copyright Licenses (Worship Resources)	1312		958
Printing	1083		774
Accountant's Fees	680		600
Sundry Expenses	373		697
Church Events	0		0
Cleaning	6279		3868
Equipment	0		119
Bank Charges	387		355
Electricity & gas	9372		6560
Water	533		435
Telephone & Internet	307		251
Manse rates & Ground Rent	1377		1388
Repairs - Planned Maintenance	0		0
Manse Repairs	0		0
Missions in lieu - Pianists	0		1500
Mini-bus	120		0
Insurances	4529		4746
Christian Education & Training	<u>700</u>		<u>1475</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	27052		23726
<b>Mission Support</b>			
D. & W. Murphy		<u>12000</u>	<u>9003</u>
		12000	9003
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>		<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Church General Accounts		265826	274162
Maintenance	9069		16019
Boiler Fund	0		6000
Organisations	15278		16517
Benevolent Fund	5576		5602
District Outreach	3026		1157
Tear fund	70		0
Magazines	-331		255
United Appeal	<u>243</u>	32931	<u>33</u> 45583
Missions	420510		410703
Africa	<u>31148</u>	<u>451658</u>	<u>20000</u> <u>430703</u>
		<b>750415</b>	<b>750448</b>

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**120th BB Old Boys Association**

To Balance			
Balance Blg. Soc. b/fwd	800.00	By BC-Martin Residential Trust	50.00
" Cash in Hand	65.48	" BC-N.I. Children's Hospice	50.00
		" George Murray insertion	25.00
		" Dementia NI (Jim Lyle)	20.00
		" Building Society-Santander	655.00
		" Cash in Hand	65.48
	865.48		865.48

**120th Belfast Company Boys Brigade  
(Junior Section & Anchor Boys )**

To Balance b/fwd	431.71	By Drinks & Confectionary	47.67
" Donations	100.00	" Christmas Gifts	87.50
" Registrations	90.00	" Uniforms, Crafts & Resour	77.00
" Uniforms	15.00	" Postage	18.48
		" Cash in Hand	406.06
	636.71		636.71

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*Elders and Congregational Committee during 2021*

**Elder Emeritus**

A Beck

N Cranston

H McClure

J McKelvey

G Ussher

**Committee**

T Fitzsimons

K Harvey

D Newburn

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## *Church Sub-Committees during 2021*

### **Finance**

**Convenor:** K Harvey  
**Committee:** A Bridle, E Coates,  
J Stewart, I Walker, E White

### **Property**

**Convenors:** D Newburn & S Houston  
**Committee:** R Coates, S Smyth, T Smith,  
C Taylor, W Watt

### **Reception**

**Convenor:** N Simpson  
**Committee:**

**Kitchen & Cleaning** J Stewart  
**Committee** E Coates, J Smith

### **Report & Publications**

**Convenor:** B Davidson  
**Committee:** J Fittis, I Stewart

### **Mini-Bus & Car Parking**

**Convenor:** T Fitzsimons  
**Committee:** D Bailey, M Beck

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## **120th Belfast Company Boys' Brigade (Company Section)**

To Balance b/fwd	2679.33	By Bank Fees & Charges	24.60
" EA Authority Grants	850.00	" Capitation Fees	925.00
" Interest	0.92	" Tear Fund Sponsorship	180.00
" Subscriptions	310.00	" Outings-Summer/Aut Prog	240.17
" Other	150.00	" Christmas B'fast & gifts	191.99
		" Balance in Bank	2428.49
	3990.25		3990.25

## **234th Belfast Girls Brigade**

To Balance b/fwd	2372.99	By Awards & Presents	966.44
" Uniform Sales	95.00	" Badge Work	20.25
" Weekly Dues	776.50	" Bank fees	32.20
" Grant	1800.00	" Crafts	238.69
		" Equipment & Resources	151.02
		" Parties, Outings & Activities	463.83
		" Balance at Bank	2652.16
		" Cash in Hand	519.90
	5044.49		5044.49

### Ladies Bright Hour

To Balance b/fwd	138.14	By Leprosy Mission	150.00
" Donations	84.58	" Cash in Hand	72.72
	222.72		222.72

### Fresh

To Balance b/fwd	2962.08	By Christmas Trail	131.04
" Cash in Hand	65.52	" Summer programme	178.00
" Gifts from Church	550.00	" Advertising	46.00
		"	
		"	
		" Balance in Bank	3222.56
	3577.60		3577.60

### Immanuel Tots

To Balance b/fwd	73.65	By Cash in Hand	73.65
	73.65		73.65

### Junior Christian Endeavour

To Balance b/fwd	1091.26	By Christmas party	96.40
" Gifts	575.90	" Balance in Bank	1394.01
		" Cash in Hand	176.75
	1667.16		1667.16

### Organisation Leaders and Church Agents

Anchor Boys Leader .....	Mrs E Coates
Bible Reading Notes .....	Mrs J Anderson
Boys' Brigade Captain .....	Mr S Houston
Child Protection Officer .....	Mr W Gourley
Children's Church Leader .....	Mrs M Cooke
Christian Endeavour President ..	Rev. C Gamble
Church Choir Secretary .....	Mr D Harvey
Church Magazines .....	Mrs J Stewart
Cradle Roll .....	Mrs R Irwin,
Creche Leader .....	Mrs R Irwin
Flowers for Church .....	Mrs K Bridle
Fresh .....	Mr J McAteer
FWO Secretary .....	Miss E White
Girls' Brigade Captain .....	Mrs M Cooke,
Junior CE Leader .....	Mrs G Beck
Junior Section Lieut. in Charge .	Mr P Irwin
League of Church Loyalty .....	Mrs K Bridle
Leprosy Representative .....	Mrs E Paddock
Immanuel Tots .....	Mrs Dorina Bailey & Mrs K Harvey
Old Boys' Assoc. Chairman ... ..	Mr H McClure
Old Boys' Assoc. Secretary .....	Mr D Black
Presb. Orphan & Childrens Soc.	Mr A McAteer
Presbyterian Women Leader .....	Mrs Y Gamble
Sunday Fresh Superintendant ....	Mr A McAteer
Tea Leaf .....	Miss E Campbell & Mrs B McClure
Tear Fund Representative .....	Miss N Simpson
Wider World Agent .....	Mrs Y Gamble
Women's Bright Hour Leader ...	Mrs M Murphy
Youth Fellowship Leader .....	Mr P Stewart

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**Presbyterian Women**

To Balance b/fwd	903.96	By Speakers	20.00
“ Offerings	92.70	“ Independent Missions:-	
“ Mission Donations	3504.30	“ Open Doors	240.00
		“ Hope for Youth Mimisteries	240.00
		“ Vine Centre	240.00
		“ Eggshell Cambodia	240.00
		“ Slavic Gospek Mission	240.00
		“ Mission Africa	240.00
		“ Leprosy Mission	240.00
		“ Tearfund	240.00
		“ House of Hope	240.00
		“ Jersey St CM	240.00
		“ Julie Fenton CEF	240.00
		“ Heather McCracken	240.00
		“ PCI Nepal	240.00
		“ Latin Link	240.00
		“ Home Mission	240.00
		“ PCI Missions	580.00
		“ Mrs Neilly in Memory	30.00
		“ Expenses	44.00
		“ Bank Fees	67.51
		“ Balance in Bank	103.15
		“ Cash in Hand	56.30
	4500.96		4500.96

**Young People's CE**

To Balance b/fwd	245.71	By Balance in Bank	245.71
	245.71		245.71



**Sunday School**

To Balance b/fwd	524.03	By Bank charges	4.00
" Bank Interest	0.12		
		" Balance in Bank	486.15
		" Cash in Hand	34.00
	524.15		524.15

**Tea Leaf**

To Balance b/fwd	561.80	By Easter cards	7.00
" Gift	20.00	" Stamps	33.00
		" Christmas Cards	12.75
		" Balance in Bank	460.00
		" Cash in Hand	69.05
	581.80		581.80

**Youth Fellowship**

To Bank balance b/fwd	2294.19	By Fellowship	190.86
" Cash balancw b/fwd	68.32	" Books	175.37
" BELB Grants	1400.00		
		" Balance in Bank	3327.96
		" Cash in hand	68.32
	3762.51		3762.51

**Notices - see also Church Website [www.immanuelbelfast.com](http://www.immanuelbelfast.com)**

- Public Worship ..... Sunday 11.30 am and 7.00 pm.
- Children’s Church ..... Each Sunday during morning worship.
- Creche ..... Each Sunday during morning worship.
- Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper .. At morning worship First Sunday  
January, April and October;  
last Sunday in June. (Normally)
- Sunday Fresh ..... Sunday 10:30 am.
- Bible Classes ..... BB Sunday 10.15 am.  
Old Boys’ - Sunday 3.00 pm
- YP/YA Christian Endeavour Sunday 4.00 pm.
- Youth Fellowship ..... Sunday 8.15 pm.
- Junior Christian Endeavour ..... Monday 7.00 pm.
- Kirk Session ..... Fourth Monday 7.30 pm.
- Congregational Committee ..... 2nd Mon 7.45 pm. Sept, Nov, Feb, May
- Presbyterian Women ..... 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7.45pm
- Women’s Bright Hour ..... Tuesday 3.00 pm.
- Girls’ Brigade ..... Explorers & Juniors Tuesday 6.45 pm  
Seniors & Brigaders Tuesday 7.45 pm
- Tea Leaf ..... Wednesday 10.30 am
- Mid-week Bible Class ..... Wednesday 7.45 pm.
- Immanuel Tots ..... Thursday 10 am - 12 noon
- Old Boys’ Association ..... Thursday 7.45 pm.
- Choir Practice ..... Thursday 7.30 pm.
- Boys’ Brigade ..... Anchor Boys Friday 6.45 pm  
Junior Section Friday 7.00 pm  
Company Section Friday 7.45 pm.
- Mens Prayer Meeting ..... Friday 7.00 pm.

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## *Kirk Session Report 2021*

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8)*

In the 2020 report we reflected on a year like no other with the emergence of the coronavirus pandemic with severe health, social and economic consequences and we again report on another year of extended impacts on Immanuel with disruption to church and family life.

With escalating cases of the virus, we started 2021 with the church buildings closed again for worship and other activities & meetings reverting to Zoom and by the end of the year news of a new variant brought fresh uncertainties and the potential return of restrictive measures again. In between, the rollout of the vaccination programme allowed a gradual relaxation in the guidance as communicated regularly by the Clerk of the General Assembly. We were delighted to hear that in-person services of worship were permitted to resume in time for Easter and other meetings a little later, although still under restrictions. Our services continued to be of a shorter duration and while attendance was lower relative to pre-pandemic, overall numbers were relatively steady and it was pleasing to see a trickle of members coming out again to worship as the year progressed. On several occasions, there was a requirement to accommodate overspill in the Baird Hall and we were grateful that we were still able to celebrate the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper and Baptism along with a wedding, all following slightly revised formats, during the year.

We would again express our appreciation to the Covid team for the preparation/cleaning of the building and stewarding at services and to congregation for complying with the guidelines on face-coverings and social distancing, keeping us as safe as possible as we meet together. We acknowledge that a significant number of our congregation have tested positive with the virus through contact in other environments which we believe underlines the continuing importance of measures that we hope help both protect health and mitigate the risks of the possible introduction of additional, more severe restrictions being placed on coming to worship.

The Kirk Session would again place on record our thanks to Rev Colin Gamble for his faithful ministry of the Word and sacraments during 2021, for his studies in both the Old and New Testaments and, during the midweek prayer meeting, a series on the attributes of God. The covid crisis has inevitably meant adjustments and a requirement to adapt to circumstances - our Minister for example, having

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## **FWO Amount(£)**

97	200.00
98	150.00
99	1500.00
101	510.00
103	2400.00
104	260.00
105	540.00
106	500.00
107	1800.00
108	1100.00
109	1690.00
111	460.00
113	138.00
115	3620.00
116	525.00
117	2400.00
118	40.00
119	1040.00
120	400.00
121	260.00
124	120.00
125	420.00
126	330.00
127	2230.00
128	960.00
129	600.00
130	120.00
131	2152.00
132	1257.80
133	1110.00
135	1201.00
136	570.00
137	100.00
138	600.00
140	600.00
142	590.00
143	545.00
144	295.00

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## **FWO Amount(£)**

145	507.00
146	530.00
147	260.00
149	145.00
150	515.00
152	1500.00
153	2810.00
154	245.00
N/A	1200.00

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**FWO Amount(£)**

1	555.00
2	40.00
3	1425.00
5	495.00
6	950.00
8	1416.00
9	550.00
10	1032.00
12	1782.00
13	330.00
16	42.00
17	1120.00
18	255.00
20	340.00
21	515.00
24	151.30
25	540.00
26	91.00
27	2940.00
28	265.00
30	512.10
31	565.00
32	348.00
33	1060.00
34	1050.00
35	77.00
36	198.00
38	1200.00
39	1660.00
40	2000.00
41	360.00
42	203.50
43	2460.00
44	37.00
45	565.00
47	1000.00
48	495.00
49	2000.00

**FWO Amount(£)**

50	400.00
51	1050.00
52	720.00
53	63.00
54	1370.00
55	535.00
56	665.00
57	64.00
58	500.00
59	265.00
60	1300.00
61	365.00
62	525.00
63	40.00
64	4.00
65	1260.00
67	1260.00
68	480.00
69	610.00
71	615.00
72	550.00
75	620.00
76	1730.00
77	1000.00
79	450.00
80	360.00
81	1190.00
82	1200.00
83	1115.00
84	2420.00
85	560.00
86	1060.00
88	550.00
89	170.00
90	1200.00
92	500.00
93	8.30
96	6300.00

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to record services for online purposes in front of empty pews and seats on Friday nights earlier in the year. Similar flexibility has been required for the Minister's pastoral and visitation work among the sick, the bereaved and the needy but it is deeply appreciated. We recognise there are many in the congregation experiencing difficulties and times of personal trial and we continue to pray for God's mercy and grace in every situation.

In October, we were able to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Immanuel albeit in a more limited manner than we would have liked, given the circumstances. As a small memento to mark the occasion, special commemorative mugs were given to the congregation, and this proved popular.

On consecutive Sunday's it was a joy to welcome back to the pulpit the Rev Dr Ivan McKay, a former Moderator of PCI and the congregation's first Assistant, the Rev Victor Patterson, Minister Emeritus, the Rev Denis Bannerman and Rev David McGaughey, both of whom served as Assistants. All took the opportunity, to reflect with thankfulness on their period of ministry in Immanuel and to reaffirm " the gospel as the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Each speaker also encouraged the congregation to have complete confidence in our unchanging God in the times ahead. One of our guest preachers referred to Paul's advice to young Timothy which we do well to remember for the times that we live in – "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind " (2 Timothy 1:7).

Also in October, it was pleasing to see many of the organisations and fellowships resume in-person meetings and activities in the church buildings after completion of risk assessments. Feedback from the representative elders who visited was very positive – the regular gatherings during the week had been sorely missed by adults, parents, and children alike.

Reflecting lower numbers of children, the Kirk Session approved changed arrangements for the Children's Church with an increase in age up to 11 which, in effect and with sadness, ended (at least for the time being) Fresh on Sunday or Sunday School as formerly known. The Kirk Session again expresses our thanks to all the teachers for their work and indeed all the leaders of organisations who freely give of their time and talents to instruct children and young people. We thank Phil Stewart who stepped down as Immanuel YF leader and we continue to search for a successor. We request this as a matter for prayerful consideration. In the interim, several elders continue to look after YF each Sunday evening on a rota basis.

In the Autumn, the Kirk Session also wrote to the North Belfast Presbytery regarding the diminishing number of young people in our congregations and to explore ways of working together better. In discussions, it has come to light that several congregations now have insufficient numbers of young people to support a youth fellowship. We look forward to this engagement continuing in 2022.

In December, after the enforced absence of 2020, we were able to return to the Christmas Tract distribution and some Carol Singing in the district. Our thanks again to all who participated and helped restore some sense of normality. The tract spoke of “the gift too wonderful for words” (2 Cor 9:15). We continue to pray that God through His Holy Spirit would do a mighty work among the people of the Shankill and Crumlin Roads, an area where there are many problems, addictions, much despair and where the sense of hopelessness and spiritual darkness can seem overwhelming.

At the end of 2021 it was a joy for the Kirk Session to approve and welcome three of our younger members as new communicants, on profession of faith and having completed classes with the Minister. We commit each of them to the care and keeping of a Sovereign Lord and pray that they might use their gifts to serve Him and His church in this place.

We would like to express our appreciation to all who work diligently in the congregation in the service of the Lord and His church whether it is pastoral care and encouragement, looking after the practical matters of finance and property, musicians, sound desk and catering. Much of it goes on quietly and without fuss. We give thanks also for those who work alongside and support external agencies such as the Vine Centre, the Foodbank, and the International Meeting Point at Carlisle Circus. A special thank you to Russell Coates, our Deputy Clerk, for his valued support and ever willing helping hands.

While we lament the continued disruption and restrictions on our lives, we might look ahead and ponder if, in 2022 society will adjust to managing Covid as an endemic disease. During 2021 the Kirk Session reflected on a PCI theme of “The church in changed times” and some emerging wider research on the toll the pandemic was taking including, a pattern of more infrequent attendance at services of worship and prayer meetings, declining numbers of volunteers, barriers to sharing faith, general weariness and spiritual fatigue/struggle among pastors and leaders. May we be content to leave our times in His hands and to rest in His promises, reassured that God will help us to persevere in the knowledge of His sovereignty and the hope that we have in Jesus Christ as Lord.

## *Congregational Committee Attendance 2021\**

	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Apology</b>	<b>Absent</b>
D Bridle	6		
M Bryans	5	1	
E Coates	6		
A Fittis	5	1	
T Fitzsimons	6		
W Gourley	0		6
M Gregg	5		1
C Hamilton	5	1	
K Harvey	5	1	
I Houston	6		
P Irwin	6		
S Irwin	6		
D Newburn	6		
N Simpson	5	1	
J Smith	5	1	
S Smyth	0		6
J Stewart	6		
P Stewart	6		
C Taylor*	3		
I Walker	4	2	
W Watt	6		
E White	6		

**\*meetings were held on line**

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Legionella. Legionella is the Bacteria that causes Legionnaire's disease. The specialist contractor recommended the installation of a new smaller tank on top of the existing tank. The new roof space water tank was installed at the end of November. The specialist contractor also chemically flushed the water system to ensure that Legionella was eradicated from the system.

The Church Minibus vehicle licence was not renewed at the end of August 2021 and a Statutory Off-Road Notification continued to be in place on the minibus. The minibus is 16 years old and the Committee started a review of its future given the reduction in the cost of hiring a minibus.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has been difficult for everyone and effected people in various ways. Technology enabled the Committee to hold meetings thus enabling the work of the Committee to continue and the Lord's guiding hand was very much in evidence. The Committee and Kirk Session worked very closely together to achieve common aims and objectives in pursuit of the Lord's work.

I know that sometimes it is easy to forget the Committee's work in ensuring the Church is ready for the Sunday Services and the Halls are ready for the Organisations to meet and carry out their activities.

I would like to thank all members of Committee and Elders involved for their help and support.

As always, the Committee values the prayers of the Congregation. I would ask that they pray that the Committee would have wisdom to make good decisions that will bring honour and glory to the Lord.

**Tim Fitsimons**  
**Committee Secretary**

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At one of our anniversary services in October we concluded with a hymn that speaks of unchanging certainty in changing and uncertain times,

“O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears.  
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,  
unchanging still, amid the passing years.  
O Living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays...  
For this present hour...for all that is to be”

*(T Dudley-Smith)*

**Alan Bridle**  
**Session Clerk**

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*All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy chapter 3 verses 17 and 18*

This is my fifth report as Congregational Secretary of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. This report will also be the second report that features the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Committee continues in its role in looking after the material needs of the congregation in a spiritual way. To this end we endeavour to use sound judgement and the Lord's guidance on the use of the Church's resources.

The Committee Meeting held on 8th November was the only one to be held on the Church premises since February 2020 as a result of easing of the COVID-19 restrictions. Since May 2020 meeting all Committee Meetings prior to the November 2021 Meeting, were held remotely using the Zoom video conferencing App.

The Committee had committed to widening the Dunlop Hall entrance and to the refurbishment of the Foyer area. The cost of the doors needed for the extended entrance had increased substantially from the estimated cost with the possibility of additional costs being necessary. Therefore the Committee decided not to go ahead with the widening of the entrance of the Dunlop Hall due to the cost and complexity of the work involved. However, it was decided to refurbish the Foyer area. At a special Committee Meeting held on 29th November, six possible options were discussed for the refurbishment of the Foyer. It was agreed that the best option was a combination of two of the options. This resulted in providing the best benefit at a realistic price.

The Committee has also decided to have a separate fund for the future replacement of the Gas Boilers. The cost of replacing the boilers had been £22,000, when they were last replaced and a Gas boiler normally lasts between 10 and 12 years.

Inspection by a specialist contractor of the roof space cold water tank showed that the tank was rusted and needed replaced. The water tank had a 2000 Litre capacity. This meant that the tank was rarely fully emptied, thus encouraging