



CLOGHER VALLEY FPC ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

2026 MOTTO TEXT

The Lord gave the
Word: great was the
company of those that
published it

Psalm 68:11

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How quickly time passes on. As I write, the summer has passed and we are approaching the autumn of 2026.

Now, however, it is time to pause, rewind and reflect on 2025.

Financial Report

We are grateful to the Lord for another most commendable Financial Report. On behalf of the Session and Committee, we record our thanksgiving to Him, the Giver of every good gift and every perfect gift. We also express our appreciation to our congregation for the consistent and regular giving to the treasury of God.

A word of thanks is due to our Church Treasurer, Mr Neville Robinson, and the treasury team which assists him. The report with which you are presented is the result of his painstaking labour and meticulous record keeping.



Overall, the offerings increased from the 2024 total. This included an increase of approximately £5,000 in Free Will Offerings and £4,000 in missionary giving. There was a reduction in the Building Fund total, but at £38,140 this was most commendable.

Building Fund

Our current debt, which is all interest-free, stood at £295,000 at the close of December 2025. This year, however, £85,000 from funds carried forward from 2024, together with at least £50,000 generated during 2026 to date, is available to reduce this debt. Therefore, we anticipate that our borrowings at 31st December 2026 will be reduced to at least £160,000.

In addition to our monthly Building Fund offerings, there will be a special Harvest Building Fund offering. Please consider this prayerfully.

We are, therefore, on target to eliminate all of our Building Fund debt within a three to four year time frame. Ideally, it would be quite remarkable if we could realise this by 2030, as this will mark our Sixtieth Anniversary as a congregation.

Back in 2021, when the new building was opened, 2030 was the realistic goal with respect to clearing all of our existing debt. It is such a blessing to see an end in sight.

This would not have been possible without your sacrificial giving. We are also indebted to those who have provided interest-free loans. It has been calculated that these interest-free loans have saved our congregation approximately £75,000 in bank interest. This is significant and would otherwise have pushed our time frame back by perhaps two years.

Interest-Free Loan Appeal

A large proportion of our interest borrowing must be repaid by the end of this year. To avoid bank interest and charges, we require, either by offerings or interest-free loans, an extra £70,000 by the end of the year.

If anyone feels exercised about providing an interest-free loan, can you please speak to either myself or our Treasurer, Mr Neville Robinson, by the end of October? This will give time for the necessary arrangements to be made before the close of the current year.

I wish to reassure all prospective interest-free lenders. All monies are repaid on death or on request. No one will know the names of



those who lend to the Church in this way, with the exception of myself and the Treasurer. Based on current projections, you can expect full repayment by 2031 at the latest.

Pastoral Reflection

It is with sadness that we remember and honour three precious saints of God who were promoted to glory during 2025.

Mrs Laura Boyd was a foundation member whose support and prayers were unwavering. As one who could not attend God's House regularly, she was one of my frequent visits. It was always a pleasure and a blessing to be with her, and she will be remembered with great fondness.

Mrs Noeline Culbertson was a godly lady, a friend to many and a faithful prayer warrior whose place was rarely missed. As a neighbour in Willand Crescent, Noeline was naturally much more than a Church member to our family. She was a granny to our children as they were growing up! With their grandparents living so far away, we will forever be grateful for her gentle and sweet, godly influence, which touched our own family particularly.

Mr Wills Robinson was a Church Elder, one of my first Kirk Session members when I first came as a young minister to the Clogher Valley. He was an adviser and an example to many. To me, he was a friend, a confidant and a dear brother in Christ who is greatly missed.

We continue to pray for all who have been bereaved, that each one will know and experience grace and comfort in days of sorrow.

We know that there are several in our congregation suffering from long-term illness and infirmity. We continue to pray for sustaining and sufficient grace.

Once again, it was a joy to see the new arrivals in the Church family during 2025. Allan and Rachel Neville were blessed with the birth of their daughter Victoria; Bethany and Gary Donaldson rejoiced when baby Ruby was born; while Stephen and Amy Andrews welcomed their son Charlie on Christmas Day.

We had two of our young couples married in 2025; Robert James and Roberta McFarland and Ian and Sarah Beacom. We pray that God will bless both them and all of our young couples and families.



Sabbath School

During 2025 we were delighted to enrol Autumn Baxter, Elijah Irwin and Albert Robinson. Among our seniors Sophie Elliott, Jay Graham and Luke Robinson came to the end of their Sabbath School journey. Luke Robinson completed his time by reciting all 107 questions of the Shorter Catechism. Please continue to pray for our Superintendent, teachers and pupils as they teach our children and young people each Lord's Day morning.

The Ballygawley Tent Mission

Among our many and varied Church activities throughout 2025, the Ballygawley Tent Mission was a major highlight.

Joining with Dungannon, Sixmilecross and Aughnacloy congregations was a unique experience which inspired unity of purpose among Christians and brought hundreds under the sound of the Gospel.

Under the simple gospel preaching of Rev John Morrow, a work was done for God which only eternity will reveal.

The significance of the quiet influence of the Holy Ghost came home to me recently with respect to the Ballygawley Tent Mission. A young lady was sitting in the tent as the appeal hymn was sung. A believer herself, she was filled with a burden to go to her dying grandfather, still unsaved, and tell him of Jesus. She did just that, and God saved her grandfather before he closed his eyes in death. Gospel ministry has a reach which God alone can accomplish, a reach that is beyond our compass.

Gratitude

Finally, a word of gratitude to our Session and Committee for their hard work and commitment to the work of God in our congregation.

We commend all who play a personal role in assisting the work of the Church, either through personal involvement or in leading a particular ministry.

In so many ways, through the Media Ministry, Social Media outreach (the quality of which was improved greatly last year), Radio Broadcast, Encounter, Faithtime, the monthly Thursday morning meeting, Gilbrooke outreach, Ladies' Fellowship, the winter and the summer children's Bible Clubs, Teen Challenge and Sabbath School -



God's Word is reaching many lives and giving us all an opportunity to serve.

Special thanks to our organist, Mrs Ingrid Irwin, for her constant commitment, and to the team of pianists who accompany the organ. We also appreciate the dedicated work of our Church Caretaker, Mrs Sarah Smith. Appreciation to William Cuthbertson and his team for looking after the grounds in summer while salting the car park and keeping us safe in icy weather.

May God bless each one of you as we work our way towards the end of yet another year in the Master's service.

Your Pastor and friend in Christ,

Peter McIntyre