

Belfast/St Peter and St James/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101020

Details

Status Received

Registered 2014-10-23

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Activities

Purposes: The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£166,627	£176,382	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jill Bradley		
Michael Moore		
Mr Daryl Meldrum		
Mr David Howard Alexander Cromie		
Mr Jim Wilson		
Mr Matthew Lambert		
Mr Nigel David James Macauley		
Mr Quintin Mulligan		
Mr Robert James Marx Long		
Mr Victor Davis Ba Acis		
Mrs Ashlee Tracey Mccune		
Mrs Clodagh Webb		
Mrs Dora Hanna		
Mrs Margaret Mckenna Black		
Mrs Sandra Hutchman		
Mrs Yvonne Crozier		
Ms Daphne Mcclements		
Rev Brian Lacey Bsc Bth		

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Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2024</u>	<u>Total Funds 2023</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Free will offerings	2	78,589	-	-	78,589	79,188
Donations and grants	3	24,490	300	43,999	68,789	50,505
Interest and other investment income	4	3,066	-	-	3,066	2,795
Rental income - St. James Property			-	-	-	1,350
Insurance re Organ repairs				16,183	16,183	-
		106,145	300	60,182	166,627	133,838
EXPENDITURE						
Clergy costs	5	56,170	-	-	56,170	54,676
Rectory costs	6	3,696	7,340	1,500	12,536	9,253
Church costs	7	15,981	-	19,613	35,594	19,882
Parochial hall costs	8	1,765	-	-	1,765	1,702
General costs	9	42,277	-	22,247	64,524	48,055
St. James property costs	10	5,793	-	-	5,793	7,786
		125,682	7,340	43,360	176,382	141,355
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		(19,537)	(7,040)	16,821	(9,756)	(7,517)
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 1 January 2024		20,780	66,040	32,352	119,172	126,689
Accrued expenditure	13	17,815	(17,815)	-	-	-
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 31 December 2024		19,058	41,185	49,173	109,416	119,172

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Statement of Financial Activities
as at 31 December 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	12	115,012	114,636
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	13	31,690	6,596
Bank balance - Progressive Building Society		51,389	30,679
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Current account		20,023	22,008
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Deposit account		20,746	73,561
		<u>123,848</u>	<u>132,844</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accrued expenses	14	(7,176)	(6,040)
Net current assets		<u>116,672</u>	<u>126,804</u>
Total net assets		<u>231,684</u>	<u>241,440</u>
Financed by:-			
CAPITAL FUND	15	122,268	122,268
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Unrestricted funds		19,058	20,780
Designated funds		41,185	66,040
Restricted funds		49,173	32,352
		<u>109,416</u>	<u>119,172</u>
		<u>231,684</u>	<u>241,440</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 13th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

Mrs Ashlee T McCune

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting policies

The financial statements of The Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast have been prepared in accordance with the Statement or Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receiveable basis.

Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on a receipts basis.

Resources expended

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

Costs of raising and generating funds,

Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives,

The costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives represent the cost of goods and services and ancillary trading costs that have been incurred in charitable activities,

Support costs of activities,

Support costs of activities for charitable purposes include salary costs,

Management and administration of the charity,

Management and administration costs represent expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

Taxation

As a charity, the church benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by legislation. It is not therefore liable to tax on any income or gains falling within those exemptions.

Church Buildings

The Church Buildings are deemed to be a Heritage Asset as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102).

These Heritage Assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

Church Halls

There are no records of the cost of this construction, available and any valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result this building is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

Rectory

There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction.

As a result this building is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

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2 Incoming resources - Free will offerings

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes, standing orders and annual subscriptions	57,304	-	-	57,304	56,847
FWO gift aid rebates - Note 20	15,683	-	-	15,683	18,732
Other giving - Note 20	4,177	-	-	4,177	1,660
Cash/plate collections	1,425	-	-	1,425	1,948
	<u>78,589</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,589</u>	<u>79,188</u>

3 Incoming resources - Donations and grants

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Advertising Revenue	200	-	-	200	200
St. James' Endowment Fund Grant For Ministry					
Apprenticeships and Music Ministry	-	-	15,989	15,989	15,989
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	110	-	-	110	455
Belfast City Council "Still Active" Grant Repaid	-	-	(571)	(571)	1,152
Belfast City Council Friendship Group Grant	-	-	-	-	300
Bequests	5,000	-	-	5,000	1,000
Charity collections - Note 20	-	-	3,320	3,320	1,881
Donations - Note 20	2,150	-	2,557	4,706	1,568
Easyfundraising	201	-	-	201	71
Filming fees*	-	300	-	300	7,600
Gazette - subscriptions and sales	252	-	-	252	242
Hall hire - Note 20	16,577	-	-	16,577	15,588
Hinds Endowment	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
Hinds memorial window donation	-	-	7,704	7,704	-
St. James' Endowment Fund Grant For Ministry Assistants	-	-	-	-	4,160
TLG Family Fun Grant	-	-	-	-	300
	<u>24,490</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>43,999</u>	<u>68,789</u>	<u>50,505</u>

* Designated funds received from filming at St Peter's and St James will be allocated between a Fabric Fund and a Special Purposes Fund according to the determinations of the Select Vestry.

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4 Incoming resources - Investment income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Charifund - Dividends	1,962	-	-	1,962	1,864
Danske Bank - Current account - Interest	20	-	-	20	20
Progressive Building Society - Interest	710	-	-	710	582
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest - Note 11	176	-	-	176	152
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions - Note 11	199	-	-	199	177
	<u>3,066</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>2,795</u>

5 Expenditure - Clergy

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rector's Stipend, locomotory expenses and employers NIC	46,760	-	-	46,760	44,579
Less: - CIT - Various stipend bequests	(341)	-	-	(341)	(336)
- RCB - Various stipend bequests	(721)	-	-	(721)	(664)
Pension fund	10,242	-	-	10,242	10,848
Relief clergy	230	-	-	230	250
	<u>56,170</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,170</u>	<u>54,676</u>

6 Expenditure - Rectory

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rates	1,555	-	-	1,555	1,510
Insurance and part contents	160	-	-	160	148
Repairs	2,086	7,340	1,500	10,926	7,698
Less:- CIT - Rectory maintenance bequest	(105)	-	-	(105)	(103)
	<u>3,696</u>	<u>7,340</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>12,536</u>	<u>9,253</u>

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7 Expenditure - Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church repairs - Note 20	508	-	-	508	2,404
Water and sewerage	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,137
Insurance - Church and hall	3,136	-	-	3,136	2,959
Organist's employment costs	8,019	-	-	8,019	8,019
Cover/supplemental organist fees	60	-	1,450	1,510	1,390
Organ repairs/maintenance	1,063	-	16,183	17,246	-
Less: - CIT Organ maintenance bequest	(210)	-	-	(210)	(207)
Sunday school	119	-	-	119	109
Choral Bursary	-	-	1,980	1,980	2,000
St Paul's Priest-in-charge fee	2,080	-	-	2,080	2,080
Less - CIT - Various Bequests for church upkeep	(8)	-	-	(8)	(8)
RCB - Various Bequests for church upkeep	-	-	-	-	-
	15,981	0	19,613	35,594	19,882

8 Expenditure - Parochial Hall

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church hall and contents - Insurance	863	-	-	863	802
Hall cleaning	840	-	-	840	900
Hall maintenance	62	-	-	62	-
	1,765	0	0	1,765	1,702

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9 Expenditure - General

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Annual donations - Note 20	-	-	3,114	3,114	1,881
Computer and IT	134	-	-	134	729
Danske Bank Fees	162	-	-	162	191
Diocesan Assessment	10,038	-	-	10,038	9,686
Electricity and gas - Church and hall	8,206	-	-	8,206	8,324
Less - RCB - Various bequests	(8)	-	-	(8)	(8)
Gazette costs	252	-	-	252	252
Ministry assistant's employment costs (Paid from St James' Endowment Grant)	-	-	7,946	7,946	1,440
Miscellaneous	2,436	-	542	2,979	3,313
New equipment	-	-	-	-	1,002
Parish catering	422	-	255	677	1,448
Printing and stationery, net of receipts	1,734	-	-	1,734	1,475
Secretarial employment costs incl, pension and national ins.	16,201	-	-	16,201	16,201
Telephone and broadband	2,005	-	-	2,005	1,783
TLG fees (Paid from Board of Education TLG Grant and Hope Beyond Grant)	-	-	-	-	900
Accountancy	875	-	-	875	875
Lansdowne parish lunches	-	-	1,269	1,269	-
Choir Surplices	1,307	-	1,416	2,723	-
Hinds Memorial Window	-	-	7,704	7,704	-
Less - CIT Various Bequests for parish purposes	(934)	-	-	(934)	(922)
Less - RCB - Various bequests for parish purposes	(551)	-	-	(551)	(515)
	42,277	0	22,247	64,524	48,055

10 Expenditure - St. James Property

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity and gas	48	-	-	48	467
Insurances	1,422	-	-	1,422	1,323
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	6,236
Legal fees	3,336	-	-	3,336	-
Property valuation fee	540	-	-	540	-
Water and sewerage	447	-	-	447	352
Less - Contributions for utility costs	-	-	-	-	(592)
	5,793	0	0	5,793	7,786

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

11 Interest capitalised

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest	176	-	176	152
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions	199	-	199	177
	<u>375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>330</u>

12 Investments

	<u>Cost</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2024</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
RCB - Lands sale (NIE) - Cash on deposit	5,141	4,965	5,141	4,965
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI) (Including £85.77 uninvested cash)	19,165	18,966	46,124	45,091
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,701	34,701	58,949	53,768
CIT - Capital Fund Unit Trust	21,005	21,005	48,840	48,589
M&G Investments (Charifund)	35,000	35,000	32,092	31,277
	<u>115,012</u>	<u>114,636</u>	<u>191,146</u>	<u>183,690</u>

	<u>Nominal</u> <u>Holding</u> <u>Units</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2024</u> <u>p per unit</u>
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI)	10,622.53	4.334
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,356.10	1.7158
CIT - Capital Fund - Unit Trust	28,464.77	1.7158
M&G Investments (Charifund)	2,179.59	14.724

NOTE

At the date of signing the accounts, confirmation of ownership, the number of and value of, the CIT Capital Fund was outstanding.

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13 Debtors and prepayments

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
BCC grant receivable	-	300
Bridge Club donation	1,299	-
Cavehill Community Choir concert	-	30
Chairs deposit - Designated funds	16,065	-
Fireplace deposit - Designated funds	1,750	-
Gift aid refund	5,631	-
Hall hire	100	-
Insurance prepaid	5,887	5,598
Rates prepaid	393	376
Re Choir surplices	259	-
Water and sewerage prepaid	307	292
	<u>31,690</u>	<u>6,596</u>

14 Creditors and accrued expenses

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Accountancy	875	875
Benevolent Fund - Funds, Note 16	1,082	1,555
Bridge Club - Funds, Note 18	2,299	619
Charitable donations	25	25
Charities Action Group - Funds, Note 17	1,492	892
COPTS chair deposit	200	200
Crafty Goodness - Funds	137	137
Key deposits	100	100
Parish Choir - Funds, Note 19	628	658
PAYE and pension contribution	-	778
Roots Sunday School resource	119	-
Water and sewerage	282	201
	<u>7,176</u>	<u>6,040</u>

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15 Capital Fund

<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2023</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Received and</u> <u>Capitalised</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u> <u>and</u> <u>Transfers</u>	<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2024</u>
£	£	£	£
122,268	0	0	122,268

16 Benevolent Fund

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £
Funds received	0	30
Gift aid tax on funds received	0	0
Funds expended	(473)	(864)
	(473)	(834)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	473	834
	0	0

17 Charities Action Group

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £
Funds received	480	1,155
Gift aid tax on funds received	120	289
Donations made	0	(600)
	600	844
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	(600)	(844)
	0	0

18 Bridge Club

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £
Funds received	2,580	2,366
Donations made	(3,199)	(1,850)
	(619)	516
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	619	(516)
	0	0

19 Parish Choir

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £
Funds received	0	310
Gift aid tax on funds received	0	63
Donations made	(30)	(130)
	(30)	243
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund		(243)
	(30)	0

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20 Miscellaneous note

Other Giving

	£
Summer special collection	2,572
SumUp/PayPal	605
Anonymous Donation	1,000
	<u>4,177</u>

Charity collections

	£
Anonymous	593
Cavehill Community Choir Concert	1,111
For Children's Hospice	206
Christian Aid	1,113
Poppy Appeal	60
Greenisland Parish	237
	<u>3,320</u>

Paid out as follows;

Church charity donations

	£
ChildAid	426
Air Ambulance NI	426
North Belfast Foodbank	426
NI Hospice	426
Christian aid	1,113
Poppy appeal	60
Greenisland Parish	237
	<u>3,114</u>

The Children's Hospice collection will be paid out in 2025 together with collections to be made in 2025.

Church donations received

	£
From Bookstall	151
From St John's Donegore	200
For Lansdowne parish lunches	1,000
For Men's Christmas lunch	140
For Choir Surplices Fund	1,416
Bridge Club	1,799
	<u>4,706</u>

Church Repairs/Maintenance

	£
Sump Pump Service	250
Kitchen Repairs	49
Fire Extinguisher Service	209
	<u>508</u>

Hall Hire

	£
A Magee	120
Baby Sensory	1,860
Children's Art	418
Dog Training Club	2,535
KOK Tutoring	525
NB Historical Society	315
Diocesan Council	100
PhysioPilates	3,654
POP Photography	316
Priory Singers	2,100
Speech and Drama	2,510
Walkers Group	74
WeightWatchers	2,050
	<u>16,577</u>

Gift Aid

	£
Received and receivable	15,803
To Charities Action Group	(120)
	<u>15,683</u>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101020

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	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> Funds	<u>Designated</u> Funds	<u>Restricted</u> Funds	<u>Total</u> Funds 2023	<u>Total</u> Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Free will offerings	2	79,188	0	0	79,188	77,500
Donations and grants	3	19,123	7,600	23,782	50,505	28,694
Interest and other investment income	4	2,795	0	0	2,795	2,376
Rental income - St. James Property		1,350	0	0	1,350	1,800
HMRC - Employment allowance		5,089	0	0	5,089	4,750
		<u>107,545</u>	<u>7,600</u>	<u>23,782</u>	<u>138,927</u>	<u>115,120</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Clergy costs	5	58,804	0	0	58,804	53,890
Rectory costs	6	2,718	6,660	0	9,378	3,317
Church costs	7	17,538	0	2,235	19,773	16,541
Parochial hall costs	8	1,702	0	0	1,702	2,341
General costs	9	43,516	0	5,484	49,001	52,946
St. James property costs	10	7,786	0	0	7,786	3,152
		<u>132,065</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>7,719</u>	<u>146,444</u>	<u>132,187</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		(24,520)	940	16,063	(7,517)	(17,067)
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 1 January 2023		45,300	65,100	16,290	126,690	143,757
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 31 December 2023		<u>20,780</u>	<u>66,040</u>	<u>32,352</u>	<u>119,173</u>	<u>126,690</u>

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Statement of Financial Activities
as at 31 December 2023

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	12	114,636	114,307
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	13	6,596	15,096
Bank balance - Progressive Building Society		30,679	30,097
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Current account		22,008	20,168
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Deposit account		73,561	77,731
		<u>132,844</u>	<u>143,092</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accrued expenses	14	(6,040)	(8,441)
Net current assets		<u>126,804</u>	<u>134,651</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>241,441</u></u>	<u><u>248,958</u></u>
Financed by:-			
CAPITAL FUND	15	122,268	122,268
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Unrestricted funds		20,780	45,300
Designated funds		66,040	65,100
Restricted funds		32,352	16,290
		<u>119,173</u>	<u>126,690</u>
		<u><u>241,441</u></u>	<u><u>248,958</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 18 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

Ashlee McCune

Mrs Ashlee T McCune

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

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Accounting policies

The financial statements of The Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast have been prepared in accordance with the Statement or Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receiveable basis.

Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on a receipts basis.

Resources expended

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

Costs of raising and generating funds,

Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives,

The costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives represent the cost of goods and services and ancillary trading costs that have been incurred in charitable activities,

Support costs of activities,

Support costs of activities for charitable purposes include salary costs,

Management and administration of the charity,

Management and administration costs represent expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

Taxation

As a charity, the church benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by legislation. It is not therefore liable to tax on any income or gains falling within those exemptions.

Church Buildings

The Church Buildings are deemed to be a Heritage Asset as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102).

These Heritage Assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

Church Halls

There are no records of the cost of this construction, available and any valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result this building is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

Rectory

There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction.

As a result this building is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

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2 Incoming resources - Free will offerings

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes, standing orders and annual subscriptions	56,847	-	-	56,847	54,707
FWO gift aid rebates - Note 20	18,732	-	-	18,732	17,287
Other giving - Note 20	1,660	-	-	1,660	2,760
Cash/plate collections	1,948	-	-	1,948	2,746
	<u>79,188</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,188</u>	<u>77,500</u>

3 Incoming resources - Donations and grants

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	455			455	1,115
Bequests	1,000			1,000	0
Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile	71			71	158
Filming fees*	0	7,600		7,600	2,600
Gazette - subscriptions and sales	242			242	160
Hall hire - Note 20	15,588			15,588	8,709
St. James' Endowment Fund Grant For Ministry Assistants	0		4,160	4,160	8,320
St. James' Endowment Fund Grant for Ministry Apprenticeships and Music Ministry	0		15,989	15,989	0
Advertising Revenue	200			200	290
Belfast City Council Friendship Group Grant	0		300	300	1,200
Belfast City Council "Still Active" Grant			1,152	1,152	0
TLG Family Fun Grant	0		300	300	300
Donations - Note 20	1,568			1,568	2,626
Charity collections - Note 20	0		1,881	1,881	1,706
RCB Covid Grant	0			0	1,510
	<u>19,123</u>	<u>7,600</u>	<u>23,782</u>	<u>50,505</u>	<u>28,694</u>

* Designated funds received from filming at St Peter's and St James will be allocated between a Fabric Fund and a Special Purposes Fund according to the determinations of the Select Vestry.

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4 Incoming resources - Investment income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Charifund - Dividends	1,864	-	-	1,864	1,809
Danske Bank - Current account - Interest	20	-	-	20	83
Progressive Building Society - Interest	582	-	-	582	224
Bond Maturity	0	-	-	0	3
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest - Note 11	152	-	-	152	26
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions - Note 11	177	-	-	177	231
	<u>2,795</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,795</u>	<u>2,376</u>

5 Expenditure - Clergy

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rector's Stipend, locomotory expenses and employers NIC	48,707	-	-	48,707	44,837
Less: - CIT - Various stipend bequests	(336)	-	-	(336)	(371)
- RCB - Various stipend bequests	(664)	-	-	(664)	(704)
Pension fund	10,848	-	-	10,848	9,883
Relief clergy	250	-	-	250	245
	<u>58,804</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>58,804</u>	<u>53,890</u>

6 Expenditure - Rectory

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rates	1,510	-	-	1,510	1,439
Ground rent	0	-	-	0	40
Insurance and part contents	274	-	-	274	358
Repairs	1,038	6,660	0	7,698	1,594
Less:- CIT - Rectory maintenance bequest	(103)	-	-	(103)	(114)
	<u>2,718</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,378</u>	<u>3,317</u>

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7 Expenditure - Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church repairs - Note 20	2,404			2,404	1,878
Water and sewerage	1,137			1,137	1,026
Insurance - Church and hall	2,850			2,850	3,028
Organist's employment costs	8,019			8,019	7,861
Cover/supplemental organist fees	1,155		235	1,390	290
Organ repairs/maintenance	0			0	908
Less: - CIT Organ maintenance bequest	(207)			(207)	(223)
Sunday school	109			109	99
Choral Bursary			2,000	2,000	800
St Paul's Priest-in-charge fee	2,080			2,080	1,040
Less - CIT - Various Bequests for church upkeep	(8)			(8)	(9)
RCB - Various Bequests for church upkeep	0			0	(157)
	<u>17,538</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>19,773</u>	<u>16,541</u>

8 Expenditure - Parochial Hall

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church hall and contents - Insurance	802	-	-	802	853
Hall cleaning	900			900	800
Hall maintenance	0	-	-	0	370
Hall intruder and fire alarm system	0	-	-	0	318
	<u>1,702</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,702</u>	<u>2,341</u>

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9 Expenditure - General

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Annual donations - Note 20	0		1,881	1,881	3,256
Computer and IT	729			729	1,053
Danske Bank Fees	191			191	184
Diocesan Assessment	9,686			9,686	9,523
Electricity and gas - Church and hall	8,324			8,324	5,895
Less - RCB - Various bequests	(8)			(8)	(7)
Gazette costs	252			252	184
Ministry assistants employment costs (Paid from St James' Endowment Grant)			1,440	1,440	8,320
Miscellaneous	2,564		732	3,296	1,856
New equipment - Note 20	1,002			1,002	0
Parish catering	917		531	1,448	2,679
Printing and stationery, net of receipts	1,475			1,475	1,246
Secretarial employment costs incl, pension and national ins.	17,163			17,163	16,849
Telephone and broadband	1,783			1,783	1,444
TLG fees (Paid from Board of Education TLG Grant and Hope Beyond Grant)			900	900	873
Accountancy	875			875	875
Less - CIT Various Bequests for parish purposes	(922)			(922)	(1,019)
Less - RCB - Various bequests for parish purposes	(515)			(515)	(265)
	<u>43,516</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,484</u>	<u>49,001</u>	<u>52,946</u>

10 Expenditure - St. James Property

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity and gas	467			467	647
Insurances	1,323			1,323	1,411
Repairs and maintenance*	6,236			6,236	541
Legal Fees				0	1,200
Water and sewerage	352			352	295
Less - Contributions for utility costs	(592)			(592)	(942)
	<u>7,786</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,786</u>	<u>3,152</u>

* £5,580 was spent on the removal of the St. James finial.

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11 Interest capitalised

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest	152	-	152	26
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions	177	-	177	231
	<u>330</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>257</u>

12 Investments

	<u>Cost</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2023</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
RCB - Lands sale (NIE) - Cash on deposit	4,965	4,812	4,965	4,812
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI) (Including £83 uninvested cash)	18,966	18,789	45,091	43,610
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,701	34,701	53,768	51,387
CIT - Capital Fund Unit Trust	21,005	21,005	48,589	48,589
M&G Investments (Charifund)	35,000	35,000	31,277	32,029
	<u>114,636</u>	<u>114,307</u>	<u>183,690</u>	<u>180,427</u>

	<u>Nominal</u> <u>Holding</u> <u>Units</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2023</u>
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI)	10,577.68	4.255
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,356.10	1.565
CIT - Capital Fund - Unit Trust	28,464.77	1.707
M&G Investments (Charifund)	2,179.59	1.435

NOTE

At the date of signing the accounts, confirmation of the number and value of the CIT Capital Fund was outstanding.

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13 Debtors and prepayments

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cavehill Community Choir Concert	30	0
FWO monies outstanding	-	395
Gift aid refunds receivable	-	7,916
Insurance prepaid	6,266	5,250
Plate collections	-	196
Rates prepaid	-	384
Utility contributions receivable	-	108
Water and sewerage prepaid	-	260
BCC grant receivable	300	0
Amazon Smile donations	-	7
St Paul's ReMarkable device contribution	-	200
Donation	-	60
Special collections	-	320
	<u>6,596</u>	<u>15,096</u>

14 Creditors and accrued expenses

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Accountancy	875	875
Charitable donations	25	1,775
C Grogan key deposit	20	0
Dog trainers key deposit	40	0
Electricity	-	1,624
Gas	-	251
Water and sewerage	201	108
PAYE and pension contribution	778	621
Weight Watchers key deposit	40	40
Bank fees	-	15
Litte Kickers key deposit	-	40
Bridge Club - Funds, Note 18	619	103
Benevolent Fund - Funds, Note 16	1,555	2,389
Charities Action Group - Funds, Note 17	892	48
Crafty Goodness - Funds	137	137
COPTS chair deposit	200	0
Parish Choir - Funds, Note 19	658	415
	<u>6,040</u>	<u>8,441</u>

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15 Capital Fund

<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2022</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Received and</u> <u>Capitalised</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u> <u>and</u> <u>Transfers</u>	<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2023</u>
£	£	£	£
122,268	0	0	122,268

16 Benevolent Fund

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £
Funds received	30	330
Gift aid tax on funds received	0	75
Funds expended	(864)	(470)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	834	65
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

17 Charities Action Group

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £
Funds received	1,155	840
Gift aid tax on funds received	289	198
Donations made	(600)	(3,325)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	844	(2,287)
	<u>(844)</u>	<u>2,287</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

18 Bridge Club

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £
Funds received	2,366	1,353
Donations made	(1,850)	(1,250)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	516	103
	<u>(516)</u>	<u>(103)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

19 Parish Choir

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £
Funds received	310	350
Gift aid tax on funds received	63	75
Donations made	(130)	(450)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	243	(25)
	<u>(243)</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

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20 Miscellaneous note

Other Giving

	£
Harvest collection	1,640
SumUp	20
	<u>1,660</u>

Charity collections

	£
Bishops' Appeal*	267
Charities Fund incl. Gift Aid*	268
Blythswood Shoebox Appeal	10
Paid to Blythswood Shoebox Appeal	(10)
Poppy Appeal	143
Paid to Poppy Appeal	(143)
Cavehill Community Choir Concert*	1,346
	<u>1,881</u>

* Paid out as follows;

Church charity donations

	£
Bishops' Appeal	267
Air Ambulance NI	323
Friends of the Cancer Centre	323
Tear Fund	323
Sands NI	323
Prison Fellowship NI	323
	<u>1,881</u>

Church donations received

	£
Bridge Club (Heat and light)	1,250
Crafty Goodness (Heat and light)	100
Drama Group (Refreshments)	100
Bookstall	118
	<u>1,568</u>

New Equipment

	£
Projector	420
Piano keyboard	369
SumUp Card Reader	76
Church Heaters	138
	<u>1,003</u>

Church Repairs/Maintenance

	£
Asbestos Encapsulation	624
Church Gutters	450
Electrical Work	598
Lightning Test	246
Landscaping	144
Fire Extinguishers Service	142
Smaller Payments	200
	<u>2,404</u>

Hall Hire

	£
Baby Sensory	2,515
Various Charities	95
Children's Party	30
Dog Training Club	2,350
Drama Time	600
Electoral Office	500
IOCNI	200
KOK Tutoring	475
Learning Unlocked	460
Lutheran Church	90
NB Historical Society	315
NB Men's Group	35
National Childbirth Trust	71
PhysioPilates	2,770
POP Photography	126
Priory Singers	550
Speech and Drama	2,450
Unislim	390
Walkers Group	206
WeightWatchers	1,360
	<u>15,588</u>

Gift Aid

	£
Received and receivable	19,083
To Charities Action Group	(289)
To Choir Fund	(63)
	<u>18,732</u>

Belfast/St Peter and St James/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101020

Annual report

CLERGY, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES (on 31st December 2023)

CLERGY

Bishop of Connor	The Rt Rev'd George Davison
Archdeacon of Belfast	The Venerable Barry Forde
Rural Dean of North Belfast	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Rector of St Peter & St James, Belfast	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Rev'd Dr Ken Houston
Associate Minister	The Rev'd Andrew Irwin

SELECT VESTRY (comprising Senior Officers and Representatives)

Rector	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Rector's Churchwarden	Daphne McClements
People's Churchwarden	Margaret McKenna Black
Rector's Glebewarden	Victor Davis
People's Glebewarden	Michael Moore
Honorary Secretary	Yvonne Crozier
Honorary Treasurer	Ashlee McCune
Representative	Adam Alexander
Representative	Noel Beattie
Representative	Jill Bradley
Representative	David Cromie
Representative	Dora Hanna
Representative	Sandra Hutchman
Representative	Matthew Lambert
Representative	Sarah McCusker
Representative	Quintin Mulligan
Representative	Clodagh Webb

SAFEGUARDING TRUST PANEL

Panel Member	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Panel Member	Clodagh Webb
Panel Member	Philip Williamson

PARISH OFFICERS

Choir Librarian	Noel Beattie
Convenor of St Peter's Bridge Club	Florrie Greer
Convenor of St Peter's Crafty Goodness	Daphne McClements
Convenor of St Peter's Walking Group	Jill Bradley
Coordinator of the Count Team	Hilary Shields
Coordinator of Church Flowers	Sandra Davison
Coordinator of Groundskeepers	Noel Beattie
Coordinator of Intercessors	Rosemary Johnston
Coordinator of Refreshments	Sandra Hutchman
Free Will Offering & Gift Aid Secretary	Noel Beattie
Organist & Choir Master	Robert Thompson
Parish Administrator	Anne Cromie
Parish Reader	David Cromie
Parish Reader (in training)	Dora Hanna

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Clerical Synodsperson	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Lay Synodsperson	Sarah McCusker
Lay Synodsperson	Quintin Mulligan
Lay Supplemental Synodsperson (1)	Michael Moore
Lay Supplemental Synodsperson (2)	Clodagh Webb

BOARD OF NOMINATION

Parochial Nominator	David Cromie
Parochial Nominator	Dora Hanna
Parochial Nominator	Noel Beattie
Parochial Nominator	Ashlee McCune
Supplemental Nominator (1)	Jill Bradley
Supplemental Nominator (2)	Yvonne Crozier
Supplemental Nominator (3)	Adam Alexander
Supplemental Nominator (4)	Michael Moore

REGISTERED MEMBERS (as recorded on 20th February 2023)

Max Abbott	Rebecca Delaney	Vi Johnson	Quintin Mulligan
Hilary Adams	Julie Douglas	Rosemary Johnston	Anne Noblett
Adam Alexander	Olivia Dornan	Jane Keyes	Bertie Nulty
Kenneth Archer	Betty Frazer	Jim Knowles	Karl O'Connor
Olabimpe Archer	Joan Gallagher	Janice Knowles	Caroline O'Kane
Annette Beattie	Peter Gallagher	Laura Lacey	Meta O'Neill
Noel Beattie	Albert George	Gareth Larmour	Forde Patterson
Colin Bell	Frances Gooding	Matthew Lambert	Karen Patterson
Moya Bell	Derek Graham	Joan Lawther	Margaret Patterson
Roy Bell	Lovelle Graham	Dorothy Logan	Mary Anne Quigley
Jill Bradley	Barbara Greenlees	Deirdre Madill	Anne Roberts
Marie Burrowes	Michael Greenlees	Garnet Maguire	Eileen Sharpe
Lisa Faulkner Byrne	Florrie Greer	Hazel Maguire	Norleen Sharpe
Brian Callaghan	Valerie Guest	Anna McAlpine	Hilda Sherwood
Alan Campbell	Adrian Hall	Pamela McCamley	Hilary Shields
Tom Campbell	Dora Hanna	Dorothy McCausland	Colin Stark
Vivien Clarke	Kathryn Hennessy	Daphne McClements	Vivien Stark
Billy Clarke	Carolyn Hilditch	Ashlee McCune	Anne Stewart
Michelle Cole	Wes Holmes	Sarah McCusker	Ernie Stewart
Peter Coiley	Ken Houston	Beryl McDowell	Heather Swan
Margi Crawford	Patricia Houston	Margaret McK Black	Eileen Taylor
Anne Cromie	Joyce Hunter	Ivor Millar	Jaqueline Thompson
David Cromie	Cheryl Hurson	Lila Millar	Joan Walker
Samuel Cromie	Jane Hurst	Ann Mitchell	Adele Watt
Thelma Cross	Sandra Hutchman	Harold Mitchell	Clodagh Webb
Aaron Crozier	Sam Hutton	Florence Moore	Jim Wilson
Yvonne Crozier	Harold Jacobs	Michael Moore	Philip Williamson
Victor Davis	Basil Jeffers	Edith Morrow	
Brian Davison	Eileen Jeffers	Margaret Mulligan	
Sandra Davison	Brian Johnson	Peter Mulligan	

TRUSTEES' REPORT

INTRODUCTION

We are the Parish of St Peter & St James, Belfast, and our charity number is 101020. We were formed in 1900 and registered with the Charity Commission in 2014. Our address is St Peter's Church, Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast, BT15 4EB. The governing document of the Church of Ireland is our Constitution, which can be viewed online at www.ireland.anglican.org/about/the-constitution.

As a Christian Church, the purpose of our parish is to worship the Triune God, to proclaim the Good News of our salvation by and through our Lord Jesus Christ, to teach the Bible and Christian theology, to pray for the world and ourselves within it, to equip people for Christian ministries, to care for people in need, and to form supportive and encouraging friendships. Many people are involved in our worship, in our mission and ministries, in the management of our resources, in the care of our buildings and grounds, in organising activities and events, and in representing us. We are grateful for each other.

MINISTRY

There were two baptisms, one wedding, and seven funerals.

Our Bible Fellowship met on Thursday evenings, discussing Matthew's Gospel. In September, two new groups were formed, each meeting monthly: The Discipleship Group – which was open to members of our neighbouring parishes as well as our own - met to learn about the theory and practices of Christianity, and a Bible Study Group met on the last Wednesday morning of each month, following our mid-week Holy Communion, at which we studied the Book of Micah. In addition, on several occasions during the year, a short service of prayers, Bible reading, and reflection, was delivered online using ZOOM.

Our Bereavement Group, which met once a week during March and April, provided a safe and supportive space for those who were mourning to talk through their feelings.

Four parishioners were involved in the "Transforming Lives for Good" project, which supported children in local primary schools with their emotional wellbeing. This project came to an end in July.

In August, our Prayer Group completed their training with the Acorn Healing Academy, which had been conducted online once a month for a year. There were four Healing Services in church, and private prayer was offered after most services.

Our Community Larder in the halls provided essential food and hygiene products for those from our local community who were struggling financially, and we made donations of such items to both the North Belfast Food Bank and the Welcome Organisation.

Recognising that we are limited in what we can do ourselves, we also raise funds to support other charities which help people at their point of need, whether at home or abroad. In May, a sponsored walk raised funds for Christian Aid. During the Autumn, we took part in the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. In addition, our Bridge Club donated to Marie Curie and Lighthouse, and our Charities Action Group donated to ChildAid. Over the course of the year we raised funds for the Friends of the Cancer Centre, Air Ambulance NI, Prison Fellowship NI, Sands NI (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death), and Tearfund. We also supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, and the Bishop's Appeal. A fundraising concert was held in St Peter's on 1st December by the Cavehill Community Choir, which was very well attended.

WORSHIP

Our main act of worship was at 11am on Sundays throughout the year, with our praise beautifully amplified by our robed choir. These services followed a pattern of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays, and Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays.

For much of the year, there were also services at 10am on Sundays, with a Family Service on the first Sunday, Holy Communion on the second and fourth, and Morning Prayer on the third. During that time, our Kids' Church met in the halls, providing age appropriate praise and learning for children. There was also a traditional service of Choral Evensong at 6pm on the first Sunday of most months.

In addition to our regular mid-week services on Wednesdays at 10:30am, evening services were held throughout Holy Week and in the run up to Christmas – including our service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is always popular with members of our local community.

Our guest preachers were the Rev'd Brian Courtney, the Rev'd Andrew Irwin, the Rev'd Mellisa Jeffers, the Rev'd Alan Millar, the Rev'd Clifford Skillen, and Mr Graham Chipperfield. Continuing our tradition of providing Student Readers, Parish Readers, and Diocesan Readers with training placements in a liturgically traditional and choral setting, we were joined by Mr Jonny Watson, a second year Student Reader at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, from January until April.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Every week, our Walking Group met on Monday mornings, Crafty Goodness met on Tuesday mornings, and the Bridge Club met on Wednesday afternoons.

Our parish halls were also used by various community organisations and businesses, including: Baby Sensory, Brownies, Glandore Dog Training Club, Guides, Little Kickers, North Belfast Historical Society, PhysioPilates, Priory Singers, Rainbows, Unislim, and the Belfast School of Speech and Drama.

On 18th May, St Peter's was used as a polling station for the Northern Ireland Assembly elections.

A Men's Breakfast was organised on 11th March, and lunches open to the local community were organised on one Wednesday of each month. We invited young people from our local primary school to children's parties on 21st January and 30th September.

There were celebratory lunches in the Lansdowne Hotel on Petertide Sunday on 25th June, and again on 16th December in the run up to Christmas.

St Peter's was open to the public two days each week for private prayer or tourism, and we were delighted to welcome students from Goodenough College on two occasions.

Both St Peter's and St James' have featured as locations in television and film productions in recent years. In February 2023, the BBC drama "The Woman in the Wall" was filmed in St Peter's. For exterior shots, the adjacent road was renamed "*Bothar an Mbuilinn*" (Mill Road) to reflect its fictional location in the Republic of Ireland. At the same time, scenes of the film adaption of the Niall William's novel "Four Letters of Love" were filmed at St James.

We were very grateful to various teams organised by the Probation Board, who tended the grounds at both St Peter's and St James as part of their Community Service.

MANAGEMENT

The Rector is responsible for managing worship, mission, and ministries in accordance with the beliefs and practices of the Church of Ireland. In addition to officiating and preaching at regular and occasional acts of worship, he conducted baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and provided pastoral leadership.

The Select Vestry is responsible for the management of our human, physical, and financial resources, and the implementation of civil and canon law. It met nine times during the year (once a month, except during July, August, and December). Its members, who are deemed Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, were the Rev'd Brian Lacey, Adam Alexander, Noel Beattie, Margaret McKenna Black (*from April*), Jill Bradley, Peter Coiley (*until April*), David Cromie, Yvonne Crozier, Victor Davis, Dora Hanna, Sandra Hutchman, Matthew Lambert, Daphne McClements, Sarah McCusker, Michael Moore, Peter Mulligan (*until April*), Quintin Mulligan, and Clodagh Webb (*from April*).

Although the parish is predominantly a voluntary organisation, we employed four members of staff: Anne Cromie (Parish Administrator), Robert Thompson (Organist & Choir Master), and – until March - David Cromie (Ministry Assistant), and Laura Lacey (Coordinator for Transforming Lives for Good).

Any adult who subscribes financially to the parish, in such a way that their donation can be recorded against their name, is entitled to register as a member, enabling them to participate at the General Vestry, with the right to vote for – and stand for election to – our Select Vestry. The list of Registered Members was revised on Monday 20th February. There were 111 members.

The General Vestry met on Sunday 23rd April 2023 to receive the financial accounts for 2022 and to elect a new Select Vestry. The members present appointed David Hunter (of D. Hunter & Co., Chartered Accountants) as their Independent Examiner for this report.

The Trustees who approved this report on Monday 18th March 2024 were the Rev'd Brian Lacey, Noel Beattie, Jill Bradley, Dora Hanna, Matthew Lambert, Daphne McClements, Ashlee McCune, Sarah McCusker, Michael Moore, and Clodagh Webb.

In the production of this report, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended).

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry on 18th March 2024 by

Brian Lacey

Ashlee McCune

Rev'd Brian Lacey, *Rector*

Ashlee McCune, *Honorary Treasurer*

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

OVERVIEW

We ended 2023 with a **deficit of £7,517** (compared to a deficit in 2022 of £17,067). Our assets at the end of the year amounted to £241,441 (compared to £248,958 in 2022). They are comprised of fixed assets of £114,636 and net current assets of £126,804.

It is positive that planned giving in the form of FWO and standing orders (which forms the core of our income) remained stable, and that our income was boosted by increased hall hire and the award of grants but the fact that our income still fails to meet our day to day running costs remains an ongoing challenge.

INCOME

Total income in 2023 amounted to £138,927 compared to income in 2022 of £115,120.

Our main sources of income remained the same: contributions from members of the congregation, donations from parish organisations, proceeds from filming that took place on church premises, various grants, rental income, and distributions and interest from investments.

FWO envelopes, standing orders and annual subscriptions amounted to £56,847 in 2023. We are pleased to report that this is an increase of £2,140 compared to the previous year. We are very grateful for your contributions and also thank you for giving generously to the Harvest Special Collection in October 2023 which raised £1,640 for general funds. The financial stability of our church is inextricably tied to our generosity as believers and it is our hope that such generosity is founded on joyful gratitude for God's provision and the recognition that all we have comes from and belongs to Him. In this spirit of gratitude, may we all review what we are comfortably able to contribute, especially if it has been some time since we last considered any increase.

We thank our parish organisations, the Bridge Club and Crafty Goodness, for their contributions to general funds which totalled £1,350.

The church makes use of Gift Aid (the legitimate recovery of tax from HMRC on certain types of financial income) which enabled us to reclaim almost £19,000. This will continue to be an important source of income to the parish and it is particularly important for those who give regularly to the parish to declare Gift Aid wherever it is legitimate to do so. Please contact Noel Beattie should you require a form.

Filming on church premises generated £7,600. This money has been classified as designated funds and has been added to film income from previous years. The Select Vestry will determine its investment and allocation on the advice of the Finance Committee in the coming months.

Grants continued to be important in funding mission projects. We were fortunate to receive total funds of £1,452 from Belfast City Council which funded catering and supplies for the Friendship Club and newly formed "Still Active" group. Further engagement with the local community was facilitated by grant of £300 from TLG which funded a children's party. We received £4,160 from the St James' Endowment Fund which covered the costs of employing our two ministry assistants, David Cromie and Laura Lacey, into early 2023, and we were delighted to receive a further £15,989 towards the ministerial apprenticeship post awarded to Robert Long and various musical applications.

It is pleasing that income from hall hire increased substantially and brought in £15,588 from a wide range of users from charitable, political, educational and leisure sectors (as detailed in Note 20 to the accounts).

Rooms in the former St James' church were hired by St Stephen's Coptic Orthodox Church until September 2023 which generated rental income of £1,350.

We hold investments with M&G Charifund, the Progressive Building Society, the RCB (cash on deposit and in the General Unit Trust) and in unit trusts with the Church of Ireland Trustees. You will find the income from these investments detailed in Note 4, and various distributions deducted from the expenses to which they pertain under expenditure. The investments themselves are laid out in Note 12.

EXPENDITURE

Our expenditure in 2023 totalled £146,444.

No significant works in the church were undertaken in 2023 but expenditure beyond general repairs and maintenance included asbestos encapsulation at a cost of £624 as legally required for health and safety purposes, and electrical work at a cost of £598. You will find our general running costs detailed in Notes 7-9 to the accounts (which reflect the impact of rising inflation and utility costs just to keep our church running).

Regarding St James, the most significant cost was £5,580 for the removal of the finial in order to stabilise the spire; this was prudent and necessary to ensure the safety of the building.

Rectory bathroom renovations costing £6,660 were covered by funds received from filming which have been classified as designated funds to include such repairs. Other small maintenance works at the Rectory totalling £1,038 came out of general funds.

The Diocese receives the bulk of its income through the General Fund assessment on all parishes and we paid our share of £9,686 in 2023 in full.

Clergy expenditure (including relief clergy and pension contributions) was £58,804 (an increase of just over £4,900 compared to 2022). The Rector received a stipend and office and locomotory expenses in accordance with figures provided by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

We believe in the importance of using our resources to support good causes beyond the mission of St Peter's and our parish boundaries and we were pleased to support Air Ambulance NI, Friends of the Cancer Centre, Tearfund, Sands NI and Prison Fellowship NI with donations of £323 each comprised of donations from parishioners and the proceeds of the Cavehill Community Concert (as detailed in Note 20 to the accounts). Parishioners also generously donated £267 to the Bishops' Appeal and gave £143 to the Poppy Appeal as well as supporting the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal by filling boxes and making cash contributions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank you for your continued financial support and acknowledge that giving takes many forms; the time, talents and resources given so freely by so many of our members in addition to monetary contributions are much appreciated.

We are very grateful to Noel Beattie for his continued efforts in recording planned giving and claiming the associated Gift Aid and to all those involved in collecting, counting and banking church collections. We thank David Hunter for his assistance and the preparation of the Independent Examiner's Report.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS (received by 31st December 2023)

002	£450	086	£500	182	£100
003	£300	087	£720	184	£710
004	£1,500	089	£100	185	£240
007	£560	090	£120	186	£600
008	£220	091	£480	187	£760
012	£480	092	£540	190	£500
014	£1,150	094	£700	196	£240
016	£780	096	£445	197	£1,300
017	£1,100	099	£600	202	£100
018	£850	100	£745	203	£120
023	£480	105	£720	209	£1,160
026	£1,930	109	£732	211	£1,800
028	£870	110	£300	217	£700
032	£760	112	£120	218	£1,560
034	£450	114	£100	221	£510
037	£900	115	£250	223	£169
038	£180	116	£1,000	224	£390
042	£1,160	117	£300	226	£120
044	£1,100	118	£200	228	£350
047	£330	121	£490	234	£1,200
048	£500	124	£480	235	£760
052	£660	125	£180	237	£120
057	£720	127	£480	238	£380
060	£1,300	128	£610	244	£1,310
062	£865	131	£300	245	£220
063	£320	139	£360	247	£300
066	£430	142	£142	248	£235
069	£520	153	£480	251	£1,440
070	£2,440	155	£240	252	£1,200
072	£495	156	£490	255	£205
075	£140	162	£600	256	£910
077	£250	171	£1,280	257	£455
078	£610	174	£1,200		
085	£384	177	£480		

Belfast/St Peter and St James/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101020

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast

I report on the accounts of the Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



David Hunter FCA
Chartered Accountant
Kings Court, Templepatrick, Co Antrim
18 April 2024

Belfast/St Peter and St James/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101020

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2022</u>	<u>Total Funds 2021</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Free will offerings	2	77,500	0	0	77,500	85,865
Donations and grants	3	13,269	2,600	12,825	28,694	88,944
Interest and other investment income	4	2,376	0	0	2,376	2,210
Rental income - St. James Property		1,800	0	0	1,800	1,650
HMRC - Employment allowance		4,750	0	0	4,750	3,984
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme		0	0	0	0	7,197
		<u>99,695</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>12,825</u>	<u>115,120</u>	<u>189,850</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Clergy costs	5	53,890	0	0	53,890	52,838
Rectory costs	6	2,121	0	1,196	3,317	5,664
Church costs	7	22,749	0	480	23,229	30,506
Parochial hall costs	8	1,541	0	0	1,541	4,488
General costs	9	32,148	0	14,910	47,058	43,587
St. James property costs	10	2,621	0	531	3,152	5,296
		<u>115,070</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,117</u>	<u>132,187</u>	<u>142,379</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR						
		(15,375)	2,600	(4,292)	(17,067)	47,471
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 1 January 2022						
		57,956	62,500	23,301	143,757	96,436
Interest capitalised						
		0	0	0	0	(150)
Transfer from capital fund						
		0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated surplus of income over expenditure carried forward at 31 December 2022						
		<u>42,581</u>	<u>65,100</u>	<u>19,009</u>	<u>126,690</u>	<u>143,757</u>

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Statement of Financial Activities
as at 31 December 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Notes	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed assets			
Investments	12	114,307	114,050
 Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	13	15,096	12,880
Bank balance - Progressive Building Society		-	15,210
Bank balance - Progressive Building Society		30,097	29,873
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Current account		20,168	28,985
Bank balance - Danske Bank - Deposit account		<u>77,731</u>	<u>75,660</u>
		143,092	162,608
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accrued expenses	14	(8,441)	(10,633)
 Net current assets		<u>134,651</u>	<u>151,975</u>
 Total net assets		<u><u>248,958</u></u>	<u><u>266,025</u></u>
 Financed by:-			
CAPITAL FUND	15	122,268	122,268
 FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Unrestricted funds		42,581	57,956
Designated funds		65,100	62,500
Restricted funds		<u>19,009</u>	<u>23,301</u>
		126,690	143,757
		<u><u>248,958</u></u>	<u><u>266,025</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 17 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-



Mrs Ashlee T McCune

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements of The Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast have been prepared in accordance with the Statement or Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receiveable basis.

Investment income

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on a receipts basis.

Resources expended

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:-

Costs of raising and generating funds,

Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives,

The costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives represent the cost of goods and services and ancillary trading costs that have been incurred in charitable activities,

Support costs of activities,

Support costs of activities for charitable purposes include salary costs,

Management and administration of the charity,

Management and administration costs represent expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

Taxation

As a charity, the church benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by legislation. It is not therefore liable to tax on any income or gains falling within those exemptions.

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

2 Incoming resources - Free will offerings

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes, standing orders and annual subscriptions	54,707	-	-	54,707	52,378
FWO gift aid rebates - Note 19	17,287	-	-	17,287	17,070
Other giving - Note 19	2,760	-	-	2,760	14,435
Cash/plate collections	2,746	-	-	2,746	1,982
	<u>77,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,500</u>	<u>85,865</u>

3 Incoming resources - Donations and grants

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	1,115			1,115	600
Belfast City Council MICROT3 Grant				0	760
Bequests				0	3,000
Donation for Tony Swan memorial (incl. gift aid claim)				0	1,250
Easyfundraising/AmazonSmile	158			158	127
Every Grant				0	148
Filming fees*		2,600		2,600	63,500
Gazette - subscriptions and sales	160			160	160
Hall hire - Note 19	8,709			8,709	3,730
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - Donation				0	470
St. James Endowment Fund Grant For Ministry Assistants			8,320	8,320	8,320
Treasure Ireland Grant				0	2825
VCSE Covid PPE Grant				0	2,293
Advertising Revenue	290			290	0
Belfast City Council Friendship Group Grant			1,200	1,200	0
TLG Family Fun Grant			300	300	0
Donations - Note 19	1,327		1,299	2,626	0
Charity collections - Note 19			1,706	1,706	1,761
RCB Covid Grant	1,510			1,510	0
	<u>13,269</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>12,825</u>	<u>28,694</u>	<u>88,944</u>

* Designated funds received from filming at St Peter's and St James will be allocated between a Fabric Fund and a Special Purposes Fund according to the determinations of the Select Vestry.

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

4 Incoming resources - Investment income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Charifund - Dividends	1,809	-	-	1,809	1,613
Danske Bank - Charity account - Interest	0	-	-	0	37
Danske Bank - Current account - Interest	83	-	-	83	96
Progressive Building Society - Interest	224	-	-	224	310
Bond Maturity	3	-	-	3	0
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest - Note 11	26	-	-	26	0
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions - Note 11	231	-	-	231	154
	<u>2,376</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>2,210</u>

5 Expenditure - Clergy

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rector's Stipend, locomotory expenses and employers NIC	44,837	-	-	44,837	43,982
Less: - CIT - Various stipend bequests	(371)	-	-	(371)	(353)
- RCB - Various stipend bequests	(704)	-	-	(704)	(608)
Pension fund	9,883	-	-	9,883	9,662
Relief clergy	245	-	-	245	155
	<u>53,890</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,890</u>	<u>52,838</u>

6 Expenditure - Rectory

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Rates	1,439	-	-	1,439	1,385
Ground rent	40	-	-	40	40
Insurance and part contents	358	-	-	358	343
Repairs*	398	-	1,196	1,594	4,005
Less:- CIT - Rectory maintenance bequest	(114)	-	-	(114)	(109)
	<u>2,121</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>3,317</u>	<u>5,664</u>

* Expenditure on repairs of £1,196 met by way of the Covid 19 Charities Grant.

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7 Expenditure - Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity and gas - Church and hall	5,895	-	-	5,895	3,388
Less - RCB - Various bequests	(7)	-	-	(7)	(7)
Church repairs - Note 19	1,878	-	-	1,878	11,370
New equipment		-	-	0	4,545
Water and sewerage	1,026	-	-	1,026	961
Insurance - Church and hall	3,028	-	-	3,028	2,828
Organist's employment costs	7,861	-	-	7,861	7,632
Relief organist	290	-	-	290	250
Organ repairs/maintenance	908	-	-	908	59
Less: - CIT Organ maintenance bequest	(223)	-	-	(223)	(217)
Sunday school	99	-	-	99	97
Church and hall cleaning	800	-	-	800	125
Choral Bursary	320	-	480	800	0
St Pauls Priest-in-charge fee	1,040	-	-	1,040	0
Less - CIT - Various Bequests for parish purposes	(9)	-	-	(9)	(7)
RCB - Various Bequests for parish purposes	(157)	-	-	(157)	(518)
	<u>22,749</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>23,229</u>	<u>30,506</u>

8 Expenditure - Parochial Hall

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Church hall and contents - Insurance	853	-	-	853	796
Hall maintenance - Note 19	370	-	-	370	3,212
Hall intruder and fire alarm system	318	-	-	318	480
	<u>1,541</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,541</u>	<u>4,488</u>

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9 Expenditure - General

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Annual donations - Note 19	1,500	-	50	1,550	1,200
Annual donations from charity collections - Note 19		-	1,706	1,706	1,761
GriefShare, Reconnect (Funded by Hope Beyond grant)		-		0	1,886
Computer and IT	403	-	650	1,053	324
Covid PP equipment (Paid from VCSE Covid Recovery Grant)		-		0	2,293
Danske Bank Fees	184	-		184	116
Diocesan Assessment	9,523	-		9,523	9,330
Gazette costs	184	-		184	160
Kickabout Club equipment (Paid from Every Grant)		-		0	158
Ministry assistants employment costs (Paid from St James Endowment Grant)		-	8,320	8,320	8,480
Miscellaneous	770	-	1,086	1,856	1,097
New equipment		-		0	1,119
Parish catering	502	-	2,177	2,679	193
Printing and stationery, net of receipts	1,198	-	48	1,246	1,142
Secretarial employment costs incl. pension and national ins.	16,849	-		16,849	12,859
Telephone and broadband	1,444	-		1,444	703
TLG fees (Paid from Board of Education TLG Grant)		-	873	873	922
Accountancy	875	-		875	875
		-			
Less - CIT Various Bequests for parish purposes	(1,019)	-		(1,019)	(967)
Less - RCB - Various bequests for parish purposes	(265)	-		(265)	(64)
	<u>32,148</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,910</u>	<u>47,058</u>	<u>43,587</u>

10 Expenditure - St. James Property

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity and gas	647	-	-	647	0
Insurances	1,411	-	-	1,411	1,317
Repairs and maintainence*	10	-	531	541	3,979
Legal Fees	1,200	-		1,200	0
Water and sewerage	295	-	-	295	309
Less - Contributions for utility costs	(942)	-	-	(942)	(309)
	<u>2,621</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>5,296</u>

* £531 of expenditure was met by way of the Covid 19 Charities Grant.

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11 Interest capitalised

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
Sale of land (NIE) - Interest	26	-	26	0
RCB - General Unit Trust Distributions	231	-	231	154
	<u>257</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>154</u>

12 Investments

	<u>Cost</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2022</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
RCB - Lands sale (NIE) - Cash on deposit	4,812	4,786	4,812	4,786
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI)	18,789	18,558	43,610	46,821
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,701	34,701	51,387	58,658
CIT - Capital Fund Unit Trust	21,005	21,005	48,589	48,589
M&G Investments (Charifund)	35,000	35,000	32,029	33,919
	<u>114,307</u>	<u>114,050</u>	<u>180,427</u>	<u>192,773</u>

	<u>Nominal</u> <u>Holding</u> <u>Units</u>	<u>Value at</u> <u>31/12/2022</u>
RCB - General Unit Trust (NI)	10,538.52	4.131
CIT - Unit Trust - Specific donations and bequests	34,356.10	1.496
CIT - Capital Fund - Unit Trust	28,464.77	1.707
M&G Investments (Charifund)	2,179.59	14.695

NOTE

At the date of signing the accounts, confirmation of the number and value of the CIT Capital Fund was outstanding.

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13 Debtors and prepayments

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Alarm maintenance prepaid	-	319
Filming fees	-	200
FWO monies outstanding	395	975
Gift aid refunds receivable	7,916	4,798
Insurance prepaid	5,250	5,540
Plate collections	196	122
Rates prepaid	384	416
Utility contributions receivable	108	156
Water and sewerage prepaid	260	246
St Paul's and St Barnabas re Zoom fees	-	108
Amazon Smile donations	7	-
St Paul's ReMarkable device contribution	200	-
Donation	60	-
Special collections	320	-
	<u>15,096</u>	<u>12,880</u>

14 Creditors and accrued expenses

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Accountancy	875	875
Charitable donations	1,775	560
Church repairs	-	385
Cleaning	-	44
Electricity	1,624	817
Gas	251	390
Water and sewerage	108	156
PAYE and pension contribution	621	823
Weight Watchers key deposit	40	40
Bank fees	15	-
Litte Kickers key deposit	40	-
Bridge Club - Funds, Note 18	103	-
Benevolent Fund - Funds, Note 16	2,389	2,454
Charities Action Group - Funds, Note 17	48	2,335
Crafty Goodness - Funds	137	336
Knitted Craft Items - Funds	-	131
Ladies Guild - Funds	-	297
Parish Choir - Funds	415	440
Social Fund - Funds	-	550
	<u>8,441</u>	<u>10,633</u>

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

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15 Capital Fund

<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2021</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Received and</u> <u>Capitalised</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u> <u>and</u> <u>Transfers</u>	<u>Held at</u> <u>31.12.2022</u>
£	£	£	£
122,268	0	0	122,268

16 Benevolent Fund

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u> £
Funds received	330	270
Gift aid tax on funds received	75	
Funds expended	(470)	(375)
	(65)	(105)
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	65	105
	0	0

17 Charities Action Group

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u> £
Funds received	840	300
Gift aid tax on funds received	198	75
Donations made	(3,325)	0
	(2,287)	375
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	2,287	(375)
	0	0

18 Bridge Club

	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u> £
Funds received	1,353
Donations made	(1,250)
	103
Transfer (Surplus)/Deficit to/from fund	(103)
	0

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES, BELFAST

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19 Miscellaneous note

Other Giving

	£
Special collections	2,760
	<u>2,760</u>

Church charity donations

	£
Belfast North Salvation Army	300
Motor Neurone Disease Association NI	300
Christians Against Poverty	300
Belfast Samaritans	300
Alzheimers Research UK	300
Lowwood Primary School (ex Hope Beyond Grant)	50
	<u>1,550</u>

Gift Aid

	£
Received and receivable	17,888
To Charities Action Group	(198)
To Benevolent Fund	(75)
To Choral Bursary	(240)
To Choir Fund	(88)
Per note 2	<u>17,287</u>

Hall Maintenance

	£
Blinds	370
	<u>370</u>

Donations received

	£
Crafty Goodness	100
Crafty Goodness	99 Restricted Fund
Book Stall	167
Choral Busary Donation	1,200 Restricted Fund
Bridge Club Donation	1,000
Gift from Parish Supporter	60
	<u>2,626</u>

Church Repairs/Maintenance

	£
Bells maintenance	120
Sump pump service	150
Asbestos survey	390
Lighting repairs	230
Fire extinguisher service	118
Roof repairs	660
Small works	210
	<u>1,878</u>

Hall Hire

	£
Baby Sensory	1,350
Weight Watchers	1,350
Pilates	630
Speech and Drama	2,380
Alliance Party	85
Priory Singers	200
Childrens Party	75
NI Assembly Election	197
Drama Time	600
NBHS	210
Walking Group	62
Little Kickers	100
Physiopilates	1,470
	<u>8,709</u>

Charitable collections

	£
Ukraine collections	1,706
	<u>1,706</u>

Charity collection disbursements

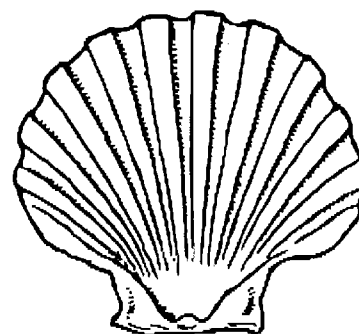
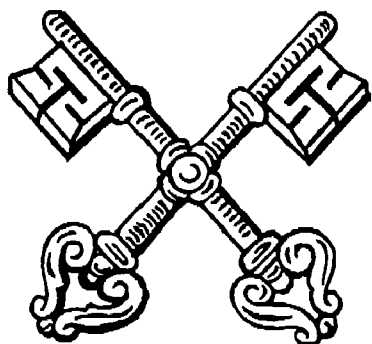
	£
Ukraine Appeal	1,706
Paid over to the charities	<u>1,706</u>

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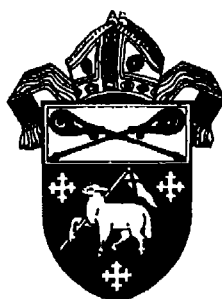
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Annual report

**The Parish of
St Peter and St James
Belfast**



**Annual Report
and
Statement of Accounts
for the year
2022**



Diocese of Connor
Church of Ireland

Clergy, Officers, and Representatives (on 31st December 2022)

CLERGY

Bishop of Connor	The Rt Rev'd George Davison
Archdeacon of Belfast	The Venerable Barry Forde
Rural Dean of North Belfast	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Rector of St Peter & St James, Belfast	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Rev'd Dr Ken Houston
Associate Minister	The Rev'd Andrew Irwin

SELECT VESTRY

Rector	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Rector's Churchwarden	Daphne McClements
People's Churchwarden	Dora Hanna
Rector's Glebewarden	Victor Davis
People's Glebewarden	Peter Mulligan
Honorary Secretary	Sarah McCusker
Honorary Treasurer	Ashlee McCune
Representative	Adam Alexander
Representative	Noel Beattie
Representative	Jill Bradley
Representative	Peter Coiley
Representative	David Cromie
Representative	Yvonne Crozier
Representative	Matthew Lambert
Representative	Michael Moore
Representative	Quintin Mulligan

PARISH OFFICERS

Choir Librarian	Noel Beattie
Convenor of St Peter's Bridge Club	Florrie Greer
Convenor of St Peter's Crafty Goodness	Daphne McClements
Convenor of St Peter's Walking Group	Jill Bradley
Coordinator of Church Flowers	Sandra Davison
Coordinator of Groundskeepers	Noel Beattie
Coordinator of Intercessors	Rosemary Johnston
Coordinator of Refreshments	Sandra Hutchman
Coordinator of T.L.G.	Laura Lacey
Coordinator of the Count Team	Hilary Shields
Coordinator of the Pastoral Care Team	Dora Hanna
Free Will Offering & Gift Aid Secretary	Noel Beattie
Ministry Assistant	David Cromie
Organist & Choir Master	Robert Thompson
Parish Administrator	Anne Cromie
Parish Reader	David Cromie

SAFEGUARDING TRUST PANEL

Panel Member	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Panel Member	Florrie Greer
Panel Member	Philip Williamson
Panel Member	David Cromie

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Clerical Synodsperson	The Rev'd Brian Lacey
Lay Synodsperson	Aaron Crozier
Lay Synodsperson	Wes Holmes
Lay Synodsperson (<35 years)	Samuel Cromie
Lay Supplemental Synodsperson (1)	Ashlee McCune
Lay Supplemental Synodsperson (2)	Quintin Mulligan
Lay Supplemental Synodsperson (<35 years)	Rebecca Delaney

BOARD OF NOMINATION

Parochial Nominator	Noel Beattie
Parochial Nominator	David Cromie
Parochial Nominator	Rosemary Johnston
Parochial Nominator	Ashlee McCune
Supplemental Nominator (1)	Dora Hanna
Supplemental Nominator (2)	Hilary Shields
Supplemental Nominator (3)	Daphne McClements
Supplemental Nominator (4)	Jill Bradley

Trustees' Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

We are the Parish of St Peter & St James, Belfast, and our charity number is 101020. We were formed in 1900 and registered with the Charity Commission in 2014. Our address is St Peter's Church, Fortwilliam Drive, Belfast, BT15 4EB. The governing document of the Church of Ireland is our Constitution, which can be viewed online at www.ireland.anglican.org/about/the-constitution.

As a Christian Church, the purpose of our parish is to worship the Triune God, to proclaim the Good News of our salvation by and through our Lord Jesus Christ, to teach the Bible and Christian theology, to pray for the world and ourselves within it, to equip people for Christian ministries, to care for people in need, and to form supportive and encouraging friendships.

Many people are involved in our worship, in our mission and ministries, in the management of our resources, in the care of our buildings and grounds, in organising activities and events, and in representing us. We are grateful for each other. Recognising that we are limited in what we can do, we also raise funds to support other charities which help people at their point of need, whether at home or abroad.

WORSHIP

Throughout the year, our main act of worship was at 11am on Sundays, alternating between Holy Communion (Choral Eucharist) and Morning Prayer (Choral Matins). With the exception of the months of January, July, and August, there were also services at 10am on Sundays: Family Service on the first Sunday of each month, a celebration of Holy Communion on the second Sunday, and Morning Prayer on the remaining Sundays. From September, there was Choral Evensong at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month. In addition, there was Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10:30am, with additional mid-week services in Advent, Lent, and on Ascension Day. We were extremely blessed to have an exceptional parish choir leading praise at many of our services, directed by Robert Thompson (Organist & Choir Master). In October, we launched a choral bursary scheme to encourage newcomers to the choir. In addition to the Rev'd Brian Lacey (Rector), services were regularly led by David Cromie (Parish Reader), and by Graham Chipperfield (Diocesan Reader), the latter of whom was on a training placement in St Peter's from February until June.

MINISTRY

In June, the Rev'd Brian Lacey (Rector) was additionally licensed as Priest-in-Charge of our neighbouring parish of St Paul & St Barnabas in order to foster closer cooperation between the two parishes. At the same time, the Rev'd Andrew Irwin was licensed as Curate Assistant of St Paul & St Barnabas and appointed Associate Minister of St Peter & St James. In December, clergy and representatives from the three parishes of St Peter & St James, St Paul & St Barnabas, and St Katharine, met together to begin a conversation on the sustainability and growth of the Church of Ireland in north Belfast.

We organised both regular and one-off events to teach the Christian faith: Our Bible Fellowship met on most Thursday evenings throughout the year, exploring the meaning of several books from both the Old and New Testaments. During Lent, we held a series of weekly meetings to learn about the basics of Christianity. In September and October, our Bereavement Support Group met for six consecutive Wednesdays, providing a safe

space for those who are grieving to share their thoughts and feelings. From November, parishioners were invited to attend small group discussions on the Holy Spirit. During term time, Kids' Church was held in the halls at 10am on Sundays.

We supported people in need, both locally and around the world: Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in January, we raised funds and donated products to support refugees who were forced to leave their homes. In May, our annual Christian Aid walk raised £1,050 towards climate justice. From September, our Community Larder provided essential food and hygiene products, which could be taken – no questions asked – by anyone in the local community. As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving in October, we donated tinned goods and hygiene products to the Welcome Organisation for the homeless. In November, parishioners took part in the Shoebox Appeal for Blythswood Care, primarily supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine. We also made donations to support other charities, including the Salvation Army, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Christians Against Poverty, the Samaritans, and Alzheimers Research. Additionally, £470 of our Benevolent Fund went to help individuals in financial need.

We had a Pastoral Care Team, consisting of five lay members of the congregation, who kept in contact with parishioners by telephone, which included the offer of prayer. Four volunteers from the parish also provided therapeutic support to young people in Lowwood Primary School and Ballysillan Primary School through the Transforming Lives for Good (T.L.G.) Early Intervention Scheme. Since November, the Rector and three members of the congregation have been trained by the Acorn Healing Academy in healer-prayer ministry.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We organised social events to foster friendship and to engage with our local community: The Men's breakfast was held on three Saturdays during the year. In addition, a breakfast was served to visiting post-graduate students from Goodenough College, London, when they met with local politicians and community leaders to study societal changes in North Belfast over the past several decades. Our Walking Group met weekly on Mondays, and Crafty Goodness on Tuesdays. On Sunday, 5th June, we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a lunch in the halls, and on Sunday, 26th June, we had lunch in the Lansdowne Hotel as part of our Petertide celebrations, marking the 122nd anniversary of the consecration of our church building. Throughout June, our Friendship Club met in the parish halls on Wednesday lunchtimes, providing lunch and various activities for anyone from the local community. Also from June, the Bridge Club resumed meeting again every Wednesday. From September onwards, soup and sandwiches were provided every Wednesday in our Friendship Café in the church. On Saturday, 17th December, we hosted Afternoon Tea in the church, and children's parties were held in the halls several times during the year, to which anyone from the area was invited.

In addition to acts of worship, our church building was open to the public two days each week for private prayer or tourism; this included European Heritage Open Day on Saturday, 10th September. Various community organisations also used our premises, including: Baby Sensory, Speech & Drama, the North Belfast Historical Society, Weight Watchers, PhysioPilates, the Priory Singers, and Drama Time. Our halls were also used as a Polling Station by the Electoral Office.

MANAGEMENT

Any adult who subscribes financially to the parish, in such a way that their donation can be recorded against their name, is entitled to register as a member, enabling them to participate at the General Vestry, with the right to vote for – and stand for election to – our Select Vestry. The list of Registered Members was revised on Monday, 21st February. There were 123 members.

The General Vestry met on Sunday, 3rd April to receive the financial accounts for 2021 and to elect a new Select Vestry. The members present appointed David Hunter (of D. Hunter & Co., Chartered Accountants) as their Independent Examiner for this report.

The Rector is responsible for managing worship, mission, and ministries in accordance with the beliefs and practices of the Church of Ireland. In addition to officiating and preaching at regular and occasional acts of worship, he conducted baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and provided pastoral leadership.

The Senior Officers of the parish were the Rev'd Brian Lacey (Rector), Daphne McClements (Rector's Churchwarden), Dora Hanna (People's Churchwarden), Victor Davis (Rector's Glebewarden), Quintin Mulligan (People's Glebewarden until April), Peter Mulligan (People's Glebewarden from April), Yvonne Crozier (Honorary Secretary until August), Sarah McCusker (Honorary Secretary from August), and Ashlee McCune (Honorary Treasurer).

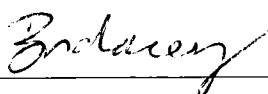
The Select Vestry is responsible for the management of our human, physical, and financial resources, and the implementation of civil and canon law. It met nine times during the year (once a month, except during July, August, and December). Its members, who are deemed Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, were the Rev'd Brian Lacey, Adam Alexander, Noel Beattie, Jill Bradley, Peter Coiley, David Cromie, Yvonne Crozier, Victor Davis, Olivia Dornan (until April), Dora Hanna, Rosemary Johnston (until April), Matthew Lambert, Daphne McClements, Sarah McCusker, Michael Moore (from April), Peter Mulligan (from April), Quintin Mulligan, and the late Geraldine Amruth (from April until June).

Although the parish is predominantly a voluntary organisation, we employed four members of staff: Anne Cromie (Parish Administrator), Robert Thompson (Organist & Choir Master), David Cromie (Ministry Assistant), and Laura Lacey (Coordinator for Transforming Lives for Good).

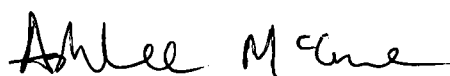
The Trustees who approved this report on Monday, 17th April 2023, were Adam Alexander, Noel Beattie, David Cromie, Yvonne Crozier, Victor Davis, Dora Hanna, the Rev'd Brian Lacey, Matthew Lambert, Daphne McClements, and Ashlee McCune.

In the production of this report, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended).

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry on 17th April 2023 by



Rev'd Brian Lacey, *Rector*



Ashlee McCune, *Honorary Treasurer*

Registered Members (on 18th February 2022)

Max Abbott	Rebecca Delaney	Eileen Jeffers	Peter Mulligan
Hilary Adams	Julie Douglas	Brian Johnson	Quintin Mulligan
Adam Alexander	Olivia Dornan	Vi Johnson	Anne Noblett
Geraldine Amruth	Betty Frazer	Rosemary Johnston	Bertie Nulty
Kenneth Archer	Joan Gallagher	Jane Keyes	Karl O'Connor
Olabimpe Archer	Peter Gallagher	Jim Knowles	Caroline O'Kane
Annette Beattie	Albert George	Janice Knowles	Meta O'Neill
Noel Beattie	Paul Gibson	Laura Lacey	Forde Patterson
Colin Bell	Janice Gibson	Gareth Larmour	Karen Patterson
Moya Bell	Frances Gooding	Matthew Lambert	Margaret Patterson
Roy Bell	Derek Graham	Joan Lawther	Mary Anne Quigley
Jill Bradley	Lovelle Graham	Dorothy Logan	Anne Roberts
Marie Burrowes	Barbara Greenlees	Garnet Maguire	Enid Saunderson
Brian Callaghan	Michael Greenlees	Hazel Maguire	Eileen Sharpe
Alan Campbell	Florrie Greer	Anna McAlpine	Norleen Sharpe
Tom Campbell	Valerie Guest	Pamela McCamley	Hilda Sherwood
Vivien Clarke	Adrian Hall	Dorothy McCausland	Hilary Shields
Billy Clarke	Dora Hanna	Daphne McClements	Colin Stark
Michelle Cole	Kathryn Hennessy	Ashlee McCune	Vivien Stark
Peter Coiley	Carolyn Hilditch	Sarah McCusker	Joyce Sterling
Margi Crawford	Wes Holmes	Beryl McDowell	Anne Stewart
Anne Cromie	Ken Houston	Margaret McK Black	Ernie Stewart
David Cromie	Patricia Houston	Ivor Millar	Heather Swan
Samuel Cromie	Joyce Hunter	Lila Millar	Eileen Taylor
Thelma Cross	Cheryl Hurson	Ann Mitchell	Jaqueline Thompson
Aaron Crozier	Jane Hurst	Harold Mitchell	Joan Walker
Yvonne Crozier	Sandra Hutchman	Florence Moore	Adele Watt
Victor Davis	Sam Hutton	Michael Moore	Clodagh Webb
Brian Davison	Harold Jacobs	Edith Morrow	Philip Williamson
Sandra Davison	Basil Jeffers	Margaret Mulligan	

Honorary Treasurer's Report

OVERVIEW

We ended 2022 with a deficit of £17,067 (compared to a surplus in 2021 of £47,471). Our assets at the end of the year amounted to £248,958 (compared to £266,025 in 2021). They are comprised of fixed assets of £114,307 and net current assets of £134,651.

At first glance, it might appear that our fortunes have taken a drastic turn in 2022. However, our income in 2021 was significantly boosted by proceeds from filming projects which took place at St Peter's and St James. This income stream is, by its nature, variable and sporadic and whilst it continued to provide revenue in 2022, smaller projects meant less income. In 2021, we were the grateful recipients of a substantial gift of £10,000 from one of our subscribers but income from such singular gifts will also vary from year to year and we did not receive substantial gifts or bequests in 2022. However, it is positive that planned giving in the form of FWO and standing orders, which forms the core of our income, increased and remained a stable income source.

INCOME

Total income in 2022 amounted to £115,120 compared to income in 2021 of £189,850.

Our main sources of income remained the same: contributions from members of the congregation, donations from parish organisations, proceeds from filming that took place on church premises, various grants, rental income, and distributions and interest from investments.

FWO envelopes, standing orders and annual subscriptions amounted to £54,707 in 2022. I am pleased to report that this is an increase of £2,329 compared to the previous year. We are very grateful for your contributions and also thank you for giving generously to the special collection in November 2022 which raised £2,760 for general funds. We also thank the Bridge Club and Crafty Goodness for their contributions.

The church makes use of Gift Aid (the legitimate recovery of tax from HMRC on certain types of financial income) which enabled us to reclaim almost £18,000. This will continue to be an important source of income to the parish and it is particularly important for those who give regularly to the parish to declare Gift Aid wherever it is legitimate to do so. Please contact Noel Beattie should you require a form.

Filming on church premises generated £2,600. This money has been classified as designated funds and has been added to film income from the previous year. The Select Vestry will determine its investment and allocation on the advice of the Finance Committee in the coming months.

Grants continued to be important in funding mission projects. We were fortunate to receive £1,200 from Belfast City Council which provided the catering and supplies for the Friendship Club. Further engagement with the local community was facilitated by grant of £300 from TLG which funded a children's party. We received £8,320 from the St James' Endowment Fund which covered the costs of employing our two ministry assistants, David Cromie and Laura Lacey, throughout 2022.

It is pleasing that income from hall hire has returned to pre-pandemic levels and brought in £8,709 from a wide range of users from the well-being, political, youth and leisure sectors (as detailed in Note 19 to the accounts).

Rooms in the former St James' church continued to be hired by St Stephen's Coptic Orthodox Church who also covered the cost of their utility bills. Rental income generated £1,800.

We hold investments with M&G Charifund, the Progressive Building Society, the RCB (cash on deposit and in the General Unit Trust) and in unit trusts with the Church of Ireland Trustees. You will find the income from these investments detailed in Note 4, and various distributions deducted from the expenses to which they pertain under expenditure. The investments themselves are laid out in Note 12.

EXPENDITURE

Our expenditure in 2022 totalled £132,187.

No significant works in the church were undertaken in 2022 but expenditure beyond general repairs and maintenance included roof repairs of £660, an asbestos survey at £390 and new blinds for the hall at a cost of £370. You will find our general running costs detailed in Notes 7-9 to the accounts. The most significant costs for St James were legal fees of £1,200 as we seek to resolve the issues involving title to the property.

Rectory garden repairs of £1,196 were covered by the restricted funds of the Covid 19 Charities grant we received in 2020 for that purpose, and other small maintenance works at the Rectory totalling £398 came out of general funds.

The Diocese receives the bulk of its income through the General Fund assessment on all parishes and we paid our share of £9,523 in 2022 in full.

Clergy expenditure (including relief clergy and pension contributions) was £53,890 (an increase of just over £1,050 compared to 2021). The Rector received a stipend and office and locomotory expenses in accordance with figures provided by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

We believe in the importance of using our resources to support good causes beyond the mission of St Peter's and our parish boundaries and we were pleased to support North Belfast Salvation Army, Motor Neurone Disease Association NI, Christians Against Poverty, Belfast Samaritans, and Alzheimer's Research UK with donations of £300 each (as detailed in Note 19 to the accounts). Parishioners also generously donated £1,706 to provide relief for the victims of the war in Ukraine in addition to the funds donated by the Charities Action Group of £3,325.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank you for your continued support, especially as we are all still navigating the effects of the pandemic whilst also facing significant increases in cost of living expenses. It might seem more prudent to talk of tightening our belts rather than loosening our purse strings but it is our hope that we view giving as a privilege in grateful recognition of everything that God has done for us. Planned giving lies at the heart of our financial security but it currently fails to meet our everyday expenses and we simply ask that you review what you are able comfortably to contribute. We acknowledge too that giving takes many forms and appreciate the time and effort given by so many of our members.

We are very grateful to all those involved in collecting, counting, and administering church funds, and we thank David Hunter for his assistance and the preparation of the Independent Examiner's Report.

Annual Subscriptions (received by 31st December 2022)

#	£	085	384.00	165	116.00
001	50.00	086	470.00	169	250.00
002	920.00	087	720.00	171	700.00
003	300.00	089	120.00	174	1,200.00
004	1,200.00	090	120.00	177	660.00
007	550.00	091	480.00	184	720.00
008	240.00	092	540.00	185	740.00
012	480.00	094	850.00	186	400.00
014	1,000.00	096	430.00	187	600.00
016	815.00	099	620.00	190	2500.00
017	300.00	100	500.00	196	240.00
018	650.00	105	720.00	197	1,280.00
023	480.00	107	600.00	201	30.00
026	1,750.00	109	612.00	202	700.00
028	1,010.00	110	100.00	203	100.00
032	675.00	112	120.00	204	160.00
034	20.00	113	250.00	209	930.00
037	780.00	114	100.00	211	1,800.00
038	180.00	115	250.00	217	700.00
042	1,040.00	116	500.00	218	1,490.00
044	980.00	117	300.00	221	430.00
047	660.00	118	200.00	223	159.00
048	510.00	121	500.00	224	250.00
052	620.00	124	440.00	226	120.00
057	720.00	125	180.00	228	305.00
060	1,700.00	126	330.00	235	690.00
062	640.00	127	480.00	237	120.00
063	320.00	128	600.00	238	495.00
066	350.00	131	300.00	239	225.00
069	520.00	136	520.00	243	746.00
070	1,642.00	139	360.00	244	1,100.00
072	495.00	142	166.50	245	110.00
075	240.00	153	380.00	247	40.00
077	250.00	155	240.00	248	201.00
078	625.00	156	510.00	252	300.00
082	480.00	162	600.00	254	960.00

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Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast

I report on the accounts of the Parish of St. Peter and St. James, Belfast for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



David Hunter FCA
Chartered Accountant
Kings Court, Templepatrick, Co Antrim
17 April 2023