

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim
Annual report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for All Saints' Parish Church Antrim for the year ended 31 December 2023.

All Saints' Parish Church, Antrim, is situated in the heart of Antrim town, and the Parish Centre is one minute's walk away in Railway Street.

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Purpose

The principal function of the Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical.

All the functions of the Parish relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners of all ages especially the sick and elderly and others in our community.

The Parish has the custody of many historical items and the maintenance of these and the various buildings is undertaken as a secondary charitable purpose. All properties and other valuable items are fully insured and regularly revalued.

Governance, Structure and Management

Governance

The principal document for the governance of Antrim Parish is Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, which governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Diocesan Regulations are also issued periodically, and these interpret some aspects of the Constitution where that responsibility has been delegated by the General Synod to Diocesan Councils and Synods.

The other major factor in parish governance is civil law, particularly Health and Safety, Child Protection legislation, Safeguarding Trust regulations, and Employment and Management procedures for lay staff. For example, as children and young adults are important in our Charity, we carry out the necessary checks on all youth leaders and we are fully compliant with the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust.

A Health and Safety team ensures that the users of the Parish Centre comply with the Conditions of Use and are fully compliant with Fire Evacuation procedures and that all Parish Centre users carry out and adhere to Risk Assessments. Regular Fire Evacuations are carried out in both Church and Parish Centre, and procedures are updated when improvements are recommended.

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Structure

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18, and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the General Vestry of the parish; this allows them to attend and vote at meetings of the General Vestry and to stand for election to the Select Vestry.

Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year, and at the Annual General Vestry meeting, held at Easter time, the Select Vestry members are elected. The Select Vestry hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually, and there is no limit to the number of terms that they may serve. The members of the Select Vestry make up the Charity Trustees.

Trustees:

Chair: The Ven. Dr. S. R. McBride

Jacqueline Adams

Cecil Barton

Sylvia Barton

Rev Peter Blake

Colin Brooks

Cynthia Cherry

Brian Ford

Irene Gates

Willaim Hurst

Stephen Kelly

John McMaster

Brian Neill

Paul Smyth

Wendy Smyth

David Tate

Rev Claire Thompson

Sheila Thompson

John Wallace

Management

The Select Vestry meets regularly at times fixed by the members, with the Vicar or the Rev Blake in the Chair. Ad hoc meetings may be called by the Vicar when necessary. Vestry meetings in 2023 were held in person.

The primary responsibility of the Select Vestry is to ensure that the ministry and witness of the Parish is maintained, developed and safeguarded both legally and financially. It has specific responsibility for the administration of the Parish finances and the care of the buildings both internally and externally ("Finance, Fabric and Furnishings"). It is also the legal employer for all lay staff and has responsibility for Health and Safety, insurance and the care of the Parish's assets.

The Select Vestry may delegate responsibility for aspects of its work to persons or to sub-committees, who report back to the Select Vestry. The Finances are managed by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Brian Neill, who reports back to the other Trustees at Vestry meetings monthly or in-between if necessary. The Trustees are updated with the financial situation at each meeting.

The security and safeguarding of all monies are important to the Trustees and all money is counted under dual control.

The Church of Ireland organises 5-yearly inspections of its buildings which are carried out by a qualified architect or conservation specialist with a qualification in historic buildings conservation. Parishes are supplied with a Quinquennial Inspection Report which may contain recommendations for repairs. As a parish we are diligent in our compliance to carry out the recommend repairs. In recent years, following receipt of our Quinquennial Reports from the Diocesan Surveyor, Chris McCollum, we have undertaken improvements such as the erection of external safety railings, internal balustrading in the church gallery and improvements in the vicarage.

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In view of all the various organisations that utilise the Parish Centre (see Public Benefit section), and events such as funeral teas, a catering team has been formed. The team members all hold HABC Level 2 in Food Safety in Catering, a qualification which is updated regularly. The local Council inspects the premises regularly and we currently have a rating of 5.

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Finances

Income

Our income from parishioners and visitors showed an encouraging increase on the 2022 figures. The Freewill Offering (including Gift Aid) totalled £137,050 (2022: £124,107), and Fabric Fund (including Gift Aid) came to £23,121 (2022: £19,540). Loose donations on the collection plate at the Sunday and Wednesday services came to a total of £2,647 (2022: £3,302). Taken together, these figures represent an increase of 10.8% over the previous year. A major contributing factor was a donation from one household of £4,000 to the Fabric Fund, a response to the upcoming repairs to the Church tower and roof.

The Parish Centre is used by a number of organisations, including Starburst Theatre School and the Contact Centre. The financial contributions towards the running expenses of the Parish Centre totalled £7,390 (2022: £6,825). This figure is highly encouraging, as we had feared a big decrease due to the loss of the Slimming World groups; however other organisations such as Muckamore WI have started to make use of our facilities.

Our property in Innishmoyne realised a rental of £7,550. During the year considerable sums were outlaid on repairs and maintenance, such as replacing the rear porch windows and sills. These expenses totalled £4,120, and with the usual expenses of management fees, rates and insurance totalling £1,987, our surplus for the year was £1,443 (2022: £3,369).

The parishioners continue to donate 20p coins in "Smartie tubes" and the proceeds contribute to our annual donation to CMSI, which helps fund students training to be church ministers at the Kitwe Theological Seminary. In 2023 the Smartie tubes total was £1,124 (2022: £1,301).

The "Extra Mile" bucket continues to gather in coins, banknotes and even cheques at the back of the church. At the start of 2023 we were still collecting for Women's Aid; in February and early March we collected for the Bishops' Appeal for victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria; and from mid-March onwards we collected

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for the organisation ShelterBox (this project continued into 2024). As a result of this ongoing work, in 2023 we collected £4,610, but with contributions made in 2022 we were able to hand over £2,200 to Women's Aid, £1,870 to the Bishops' appeal, and an interim payment of £1,600 to ShelterBox.

A total of £1,335 was donated by several individuals and families to general church funds, usually in memory of loved ones. Interest on endowments brought in £6,384. A grant of £500, received from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, was used to help pay for the Evergreens' Christmas Lunch, and we acknowledge our thanks to the Council for this contribution.

Special collections were lifted at four church services, with the proceeds being passed on as appropriate:

March: £230 raised at the midweek Lenten service for the Rural Deanery project.

September: £450 raised at Claire's ordination for the Bishop's Ministry Fund.

October: £500 raised at our Family Service for NI Hospice.

November: £418 raised at the Town Carol Service for the Mayor's Charities.

Expenditure

The bulk of our expenditure is on "normal" expected items, such as salaries and wages; utility bills for electricity, gas, oil, water, telephone; buildings and contents insurance; buildings maintenance.

In 2023, there were a few items which were not run-of-the-mill:

£ 549 for a new computer for the Vicarage.

£2,028 to A McCartney for Organ magnets.

£ 769 to Hayes & Finch for Rev. Claire Thompson's Communion Set.

£3,942 was paid to Chris McCollum for plans, specifications and schedules for our grant application. Planning for the repairs needed to the Church tower and roof continued during 2023. Seminars organised by NCT and Heritage Lottery were attended, and while encouraging progress was made with NCT, changes to the Heritage Lottery application system meant that we were advised to delay our application until 2024.

Annual donations

The healthy nature of our finances allowed us to continue our tradition of making Christmas donations to a variety of Church organisations and missions, such as the Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast, the Chaplaincy at the Missions to Seamen and the Church of Ireland Youth Department. Eleven donations ranging from £250 to £400, and totalling £3,000, were made.

The second annual payment of £1,800, to pay for tuition fees for two students studying at the Theological College in Zambia, was paid via CMS Ireland in April. We are committed to one more annual payment.

The third of three annual payments of £3,000 each to Muckamore Parish Development Association (as described in the 2021 report) was made in December, and we welcomed a speaker from MPDA at the November Select Vestry meeting.

In summary

The financial situation at the end of 2023 is:

Current account	in credit by £41,504.88
Deposit account	in credit by £97,304.48

The Deposit account is designated to cover urgent maintenance and repairs to Church properties as advised by the Diocesan surveyor.

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All other Assets and Liabilities are stated in the Annual Report and all properties are vested in the RCB and owned by the Parish.

All legitimate invoices and requests for payment in 2023 were paid in full when received.

Although our income is below the required level, we have continued to use the accruals accounting system.

Public Benefit

The charity Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that our activities help to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a suitable benefit to the beneficiaries. Our activities, and their benefits, are detailed here.

The charity's main function is the advancement of religion, the provision of spiritual care for the elderly or infirm, and the development of younger people in the community. Regular worship and reaching out into the community as well as other activities both social and fundraising have been carried out through the year to fulfil our statement of Public Benefit.

The Church

Church Services - a full programme of services has been led by the parish clergy team including a monthly Family Service in the Parish Centre on the third Sunday of each month, offering a more informal form of worship aimed at younger families in the parish. This service is preceded by refreshments, giving parishioners an opportunity to chat in a relaxed atmosphere. The parish also took part in the annual 'Big Coffee Break' at the Family Service in October. This was well supported by parishioners, raising £500 for the NI Hospice.

The parish continues to see an increase in the size of its congregation, with several new families from different ethnic backgrounds joining us. A common comment is that an exploratory visit to church had met with such a warm and friendly welcome that the newcomers decided to make All Saints' their place of worship.

On Sunday 2nd April, All Saints' Parish moved to using the Common Cup at Holy Communion services, as directed by the House of Bishops. This was a welcome return to the sharing of the Cup of the Lord and widely accepted by parishioners.

Parish Choir – the mixed voice parish choir leads the singing at all services, providing special music on feast days and special occasions. Its members range in age from 11 to over 80 years and the choir practices each Sunday morning from 10am to 11am. The choir continues to be an integral part of worship at all the church services, expertly led by choirmaster and organist Mr Alex McBride who celebrated 10 years of service in June 2023.

Wednesday morning services – a service of Holy Communion continued in 2023, preceded by time for a coffee and chat. There is a regular and faithful group of parishioners who benefit greatly, both spiritually and socially, from the shared experience of the Wednesday morning service.

Late evening office and prayer meeting – every third Sunday evening parishioners are able to participate in this traditional Late Evening Office service including a time of prayer and reflection.

Unite – these monthly services provide a relaxed atmosphere and contemporary music, hopefully appealing to the young and young-at-heart. The praise band consists of musicians and singers (of all ages) from our own congregation led by two members of neighbouring St Jude's parish. This service continues as a permanent feature of the parish.

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The Church Calendar

Friday 3rd March – the World Day of Prayer was hosted by All Saints' Parish in 2023. World Day of Prayer is an annual event that brings together people to observe a common day of prayer and learn from women in different countries. This year's WDP focused on Taiwan with the theme, "I have heard about your faith," based on a passage from the Book of Ephesians in the Bible.

Lenten and Easter Services – mid-week Lenten services were hosted by the churches around the Rural Deanery and well attended by All Saints' parishioners.

During Holy Week, members of the local town churches joined together for cross-denominational evening services. These were held in High Street Presbyterian, Antrim Methodist and the Christian Fellowship churches, with a special Tenebrae service held in All Saints on Good Friday.

Also, the Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' was able to take place under normal conditions and this very popular event, in its 17th year, was attended by members from across the entire community, helping strengthen a sense of shared community, benefitting the local and surrounding area.

On Easter Day, a special early morning service of Holy Communion was held by the shore of Lough Neagh, followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre. A Family Holy Communion service was celebrated in church at 11.30 am. Both these services were memorable occasions and well attended by the parishioners.

Sunday 7th May – the morning service took the form of a special service of thanksgiving as parishioners joined millions of people around the globe to mark the historic coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Over 130 parishioners attended a Coronation buffet lunch in the Parish Centre after the service.

Sunday 10th September – the Rev Claire Thompson was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison. Rev Peter Blake was the preacher and other clergy present included The Rev Canon Kevin Graham - Director of Ordinands, The Rev Aaron McAlister and The Vicar. This special service was followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre for parishioners, friends and family of Rev Claire.

Harvest Service – each year after the special celebrations of Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers are distributed to housebound parishioners.

Saturday 11th November – a very successful Diocesan Mothers' Union Council meeting was held in the parish church, incorporating the Act of Remembrance and followed by a 'time of quiet reflection' conducted by All Ireland Mothers' Union Chaplain, Archdeacon S R McBride. The meeting was attended by members from across the diocese.

Sunday 12th November – the Royal British Legion, Antrim Branch held the Remembrance Service in the parish church attended by local dignitaries and councillors, led by Councillor Mark Cooper BEM, Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey Council.

Sunday 19th November – the Rite of Confirmation takes place for our young adults when they are approximately 13-14 years old. A series of classes take place on the Sunday evenings preceding the service of Confirmation and these classes centre on the core aspects of the Christian faith as received by the Church of Ireland. Every effort is made to encourage our young adults to continue their faith development through their participation in our Next Steps programme. The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison confirmed ten young people at this special service, attended by family, friends and parishioners.

Thursday 23rd November – as part of the ongoing commitment by the parish to support events in the local community, the Antrim Town Carol service was held in the church for the first time. The service followed the 'switching on' of the Christmas tree lights and music was provided by the Ballyduff Silver Band. Local dignitaries, councillors and members of the Antrim community attended this festive service. The retiring collection from this service was donated to the Mayor's nominated charities for his term in office.

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Monday 4th December – All Saints' Parish parishioners, Victoria McClements and Connor Taggart, best known as 'Bello Duo', gave a number of free candlelight concerts in churches across Northern Ireland during the autumn months. One of these concerts was held in All Saints in December and enjoyed by parishioners and friends.

Christmas services – during Advent, there is a full programme of services including a Family Service of Carols for Christmas, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight, as well as the very popular Christmas Eve service and First Holy Communion of Christmas. Every year, the Funday club children can take part in the Christmas Nativity play which is performed during the Christmas morning service.

Bible Study - parishioners met together in February/March 2023, for a bible study based on 'The Chosen' series, a powerful retelling of the story of Jesus and his followers, providing a platform for considerable thought and discussion for those attending. The bible studies were open to all parishioners and aimed to provide a social element as well as the opportunity to explore how religion can have a beneficial impact on our daily lives.

WhatsApp - the parish also has an 'active WhatsApp group' with the clergy team, where parishioners regularly comment on the United Christian Broadcaster's Word for Today daily devotional material or share their insights on the daily bible readings set out on the weekly News Sheet.

Flower Guild – the church Flower Guild is a small group of volunteers who, on a rota basis, arrange fresh flowers for the church each week. This service provides an opportunity for parishioners and non-parishioners who wish to donate towards church flowers in memory of family members, or to celebrate a special anniversary and is much appreciated by the clergy and those at our services.

Electronic Tablets – this facility, for parishioners without internet access who cannot attend church in person, has continued throughout the year. A team of volunteers download the Sunday service on to the tablets, distribute them at the start of the week, and collect them again later in the week. This continues to be hugely appreciated and, as well as allowing parishioners to "attend church", many new friendships were formed on the doorsteps as tablets were delivered and collected.

Home visits – pastoral visiting is the backbone of parish life. It enables the clergy to get to know new families in a more relaxed setting of their own homes. It is also a way to keep up regular contacts with those who are house bound. Times of illness or bereavement are occasions when pastoral visits are most effective. Our clergy team prioritise such visits and it is encouraging to know that many members of the parish provide less structured but equally effective visits to their fellow parishioners who are experiencing difficult times.

Extra Mile projects – during 2023 the parish supported the purchase of fuel vouchers for Women's Aid in the local community, the annual Bishop's Appeal and also Shelterbox, an organisation providing emergency shelter after a disaster for families in need as they rebuild their lives. Cumulatively this amounted to £5,900.

Smartie Tube Appeal – Smartie tubes were distributed at the services over the Christmas period inviting parishioners to fill them with 20p pieces or £1 coins as we continue to support the students who are studying to be future clergymen in the Church of Zambia. The fees for one student are £600 per year and we are committed to sponsoring two students for the next two years.

Saints Alive – a quarterly magazine is produced and distributed to parishioners, informing them of all activities in the Parish. During the year, a weekly **News Sheet** continued to be produced for circulation at Morning Service to keep parishioners up to date with current and future events happening in the parish and includes weekly bible readings. A copy of the News Sheet is also available on the parish website each week.

In association with the Oasis Group, the parish has been joining with churches in Antrim to support the **Food Bank project** which has provided much needed practical care for families in the Antrim area who are enduring difficult times.

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Christian Aid – over the years, the parish put a good deal of effort into the door to door collection that took place during Christian Aid week. However, due to demographic changes in the town and the two years of Covid, this activity has ceased. Collection envelopes are placed in the pews and parishioners are encouraged to support this worthy cause. The success of the Extra Mile Bucket projects has had an effect on the total collected for Christian Aid.

European Heritage Open Days (EHOD) – a celebration of architecture, history and a chance for everyone to explore the wonderful shared cultural heritage right on our doorstep. As part of the 2023 event, All Saints' Parish church opened its doors to the public on Saturday 9th September from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteer parishioners were on hand to act as visitor guides.

The Parish Centre

All Saints' Parish Centre is located in the centre of Antrim town, providing a venue used by both parish groups and external organisations from the local and surrounding community.

Next Steps - this group consists of young adults from 11 years up to 18 years, meeting on a Sunday evening, from September to June, for fun, food and fellowship. Thanks to the generosity of Education Authority Funding and the Massereene and Ferrard Bequest, which is specifically for youth work, it has been possible to fund trips such as visits to the Glengormley Bowling Lanes, several trips to McDonald's, Go-Karting and Antrim Omniplex. 'Connor Takes the Castle' continues to be a favourite event in the Next Steps' calendar and All Saints' provides one of the largest parish groups attending the event. Next Steps is a group aimed at helping young people to build new friendships and explore faith in an appropriate and encouraging way.

Parish Youth groups are open and welcoming to all young people in the area, catering for all ages, and are well attended; indeed, at times a waiting list for new members has to be in place. The groups are made up of young people of diverse backgrounds, and all are made welcome.

Scouts - 5th Antrim Scouts meet every Tuesday evening from September to June. The Scouts cater for young adults between the ages of 10½ to 14½ years and the Explorer Scouts cater for those aged between 14½ and 18 years.

Scouts and Explorer Scouts take part in a programme which enables members to find out about the world in which they live, encourages them to know their own abilities and the importance of keeping fit. The structured badge work helps develop their creative talents and it also provides opportunities to explore their own values and personal attitudes. Scouting is about being with friends, as part of a team, and participating fully in the adventure and opportunities of life. Scouting encourages members to look beyond themselves and we have been involved in activities to raise funds for local charities such as Lough Neagh Rescue.

When weather permits, activities have a focus on the outdoors in preparation for camp which is held under canvas. Scouts learn how to pitch tents, camp safely, prepare a menu for their fellow scouts, incorporating items such as food hygiene, safe storage of foods, vermin control, country code, fire safety and first aid.

Beavers/Cubs - there were seven Beavers (girls and boys aged 5yrs 10 months to 7yrs 11 months) during 2023, led by two female leaders and two Explorer Scouts who were given the opportunity to increase their leadership skills in Young Leader roles. A total of 90 badges were awarded covering teamwork, cook, creative, disability awareness, gardener, health and fitness, hobbies, international, explore, safety, sports, and hikes. Many games were played, and fun was had, allowing the young people to reconnect with those of the same age and develop social skills.

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There were eight Cubs (a mixture of girls and boys from various faiths, aged 8 – 11 years) in 2023. The leadership team consisted of two adult female leaders and one adult male leader. There was also an Explorer Scout who is currently undertaking his 'young leader' badge and one former scout volunteering as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Members of this section continued to engage in a full and busy programme of badgework, earning 142 badges in the following areas: outdoors, team leader, world, artist, book reader, collector, communicator, environmental conservation, fire safety, international, local knowledge, my faith, emergency aid and time on water. 7 Silver awards were attained throughout the year– this is the highest award able to be achieved at this age of Scouting.

The Cubs still do regular litter-picks of the Castle Gardens, Lough Shore and the area around the Parish Centre. Various Cubs also participated in District events such as orienteering, district hike, district football, district flag challenge night, 2 nights indoor camp with another local group, 2-night camp under canvas with 7 other scout groups from Co. Antrim. The outcome of all these activities was that the Cubs learned valuable skills for life, gaining confidence by being encouraged to challenge themselves in a safe environment.

Brownies – there were 9 girls (aged 4 to 7 years) during 2023, meeting every Monday evening, mid-September through to the end of April. The Brownie programme includes badge work for interest badges such as construction, book lover, animal lover, family tree etc. The Brownies also acknowledge the Christian holidays of Easter and Christmas and in 2023 had the privilege of performing a short play for the Church Family Service before Christmas. They renew their Promise every year at an evening that parents, friends and family can attend - 'I promise to think about my beliefs and to be kind and helpful'.

Rainbows - meet on Monday evenings in the Parish Centre, catering for girls aged between 4 and 7 years. There are currently ten members who enjoy different crafts and games each week, led by two leaders. These crafts and games help the girls to develop useful life skills in a fun way. The girls also do badge work, following guidance from Girlguiding UK. The Rainbows performed a small play at the Church Carol service in December and the girls also take their Rainbow Promise yearly.

The Funday Club - is for children of Primary School age, and takes place on Sundays in the Parish Centre, at 12.00 pm until approximately 12.45 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month due to the Family service which the children are encouraged to attend with their families. We regularly have between 10-20 children aged 4 to 13 years who come along to learn about God and have some fun, including a range of activities such as:

- Song and dance to children's worship songs.
- Fun games such as individual and team games which link to our bible story.
- Listen to bible stories and watch short videos of the stories
- Create some crafts which relate to the bible story.
- Group discussions
- Take part in quizzes which are related to the bible stories.
- Learn about other countries and world issues such as famine

Every year, the Funday club children can take part in the Christmas Nativity play which is performed during the Christmas morning service.

Each year the children are invited to attend the Holiday Bible club for a week in the month of August where they enjoy fun, games, craft, songs and learn about Jesus. Each year follows a different theme. In 2023 the theme was John Hardwick's 'Cops and Robbers' and several Funday club children attended. This club is also open to all young children of primary school age from the local community.

The Funday Club is of great benefit to children as they enjoy fellowship together, learn how God can have an impact on their life and feel free to discuss issues and ask questions. They also are learning skills of turn taking, talking and listening and working with others. Parents of the children have the opportunity to focus on the church service knowing that their children are being looked after and also learning about the Christian life. It is

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also beneficial for the leaders as they enjoy the interaction with the children and feel that they are having a positive impact on the life of the church.

The organisations mentioned above are open not only to young people of our parish, but to children of all denominations (or none), with each organisation meeting from September to June on their allocated evening. We hope that by enjoying events in the Parish Centre, the young people can be attracted to our church worship as well.

The Evergreens - a group for the 'young at heart' in the parish and from the local community, meet on the second Tuesday of each month, with a guest speaker covering a wide range of topics, followed by lunch. Up to 50 members regularly enjoyed topics such as the History of Belfast, the 'life of a milkman', as well as several music inspired meetings. In June the Evergreens closed their programme with a special lunch at a local hotel and a Christmas party was held at a local restaurant. All events are held in a Christian atmosphere, helping foster meaningful friendships and a sense of shared community.

Tots 'n' Us – meet each week during school term time, supported by volunteers in our Parish offering a welcome and safe place for parents/carers and their youngsters. The volunteers are a very welcoming group who reach out to our local community, and as a result we have parents and carers from different faiths and cultures. All are treated equally, and respect is shown to all beliefs and lifestyle choices. On an average Friday there can be up to 20 adults and up to 30 children. A different craft activity is offered each week, there are ample toys to amuse and educate the children and a sing and rhyme session is included regularly. The children develop self-confidence and social skills which will help them transition to Nursery school, and at the same time the adults have time to relax, get to know other people from the community, build friendships or just enjoy a chat.

Mothers' Union - the branch meetings of All Saints' Mother Union are held every second Thursday of the month – excluding the summer months - and are attended by members and non-members. Members range in age from 40 years to approximately 98 years. Members who are no longer able to attend meetings owing to age or illness are visited during the year and kept up to date by the leader and other members. An annual Enrolment Service was held in January 2023, when members renewed their commitment to the Mothers' Union objectives. No new members were enrolled to the branch in 2023. The speakers at the branch meetings during 2023 covered a wide range of interesting topics including a nurse's experience of her work helping families at home and abroad, flower arranging, history of our church, health and wellbeing, 16 days of activism against gender based violence, Oberammergau Passion Play and a party to celebrate King Charles 111 Coronation.

On Sunday 11th June 2023, members and parishioners attended a service of commissioning of the Vicar, Archdeacon S R McBride, as the new All Ireland Mothers' Union Chaplain. The Archdeacon continues as the Mothers' Union Chaplain for Connor Diocese.

Members also attended the annual Festival Service in St Anne's Cathedral, the Area service in Broughshane parish and Diocesan Council meetings.

All Saints' Mothers' Union members enjoy attending the branch meetings, along with the cup of tea and time to chat with friends. They are always ready to volunteer their assistance, preparing and donating a number of toiletry wash bags to Antrim Area hospital, as well as helping at the many events in the parish.

Bowling Club - meets on a Wednesday night in the Parish Centre. The club is open to anyone who would enjoy a good night's fun and fellowship, whether they have played bowls before or not. Since the pandemic the club has concentrated on fun bowls each week and would welcome new members.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Heritage

All Saints' Parish Church in Antrim was built in 1596 and has been described by Dr Paul Larmour, one of Ireland's leading architectural historians, as the finest example of an Elizabethan Gothic church in Ireland.

The church building continues to be the central focus for any major acts of civic worship, the most recent being a service of commemoration following the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September 2023, at which the mayor and representatives of the Council attended.

Although the physical building is over 425 years old and has been the focal point in the lives of so many people, we are grateful that it continues to be a place where the living stones, the disciples of Jesus, still come to worship and receive their spiritual guidance and direction. We take seriously our duty with regards the safe keeping of parish records and items of historical interest, and these can be viewed on request by interested parties.

In conclusion, All Saints' is a thriving and vibrant church, with an industrious clergy team and church services well attended. The parish is in a sound financial position, and this report aims to cover examples of the activities of life and worship that goes on in the church enabled by a wide range of volunteers.

Our links with local churches help to ensure the Christian religion continues to thrive throughout the Antrim area. Antrim was once statistically Northern Ireland's, most sectarian town. Thankfully, through the lead of several local churches including All Saints, initiatives such as the Borough's Community Safety Partnership and the Civic Forum (which dealt with flags and emblems issues), the town is a more settled area and incidents of a sectarian nature have diminished.

The clergy from All Saints, St Jude's Muckamore, Antrim Methodist, High Street Presbyterian, St Joseph's and St Comgall's parishes and Antrim Christian Fellowship Church meet quarterly for prayer breakfasts in the 'Top of the Town'. The social gathering helps cement the cordial relationships between the clergy, evaluate the previous events and make plans for coming activities. In a town where each of these denominations are relatively strong and with full parish activities, it is encouraging that every effort is made to look beyond our own denominational boundaries. Our joint Holy Week services, Walk of Witness and Lough Shore Dawn Communion on Easter Sunday are a very significant sign of the good relations that exist not only between the clergy but the parishioners of the above denominations. In December, a packed congregation from all the town's churches joined together in High Street Presbyterian Church to celebrate 50 years in their relocated church premises.

We appreciate the tremendous efforts of our clergy and acknowledge how they strive to keep pushing forward and developing ways to attract more people of all ages into following the way of Christ.

Statement as to disclosure to our examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

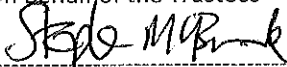
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Independent Examiners

The examiner, Ian Johnston (A.F.A.), for and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants, has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning the reappointment was agreed by the Vestry on 8th April 2024.

On Behalf of the Trustees



Ven. Dr S.R. McBride

Date: 8th April 2024



Mr Brian Neill (Hon Treasurer)

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Independent Examiners Report to the charity trustees of All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 17 to 27.

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.

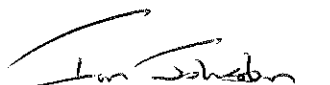
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

Date: 8th April 2024

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income</u>						
Donations & legacies	3	149,377	31,731	0	181,108	166,034
Other trading activities	4	18,140	0	0	18,140	14,240
Investments	5	2,621	0	5,310	7,931	4,180
Charitable activities	6	970	554	0	1,524	1,524
Other income		0	0	0	0	0
Total Income		171,108	32,285	5,310	208,703	185,978
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Generating funds	7	497	0	0	497	463
Charitable activities	7	154,514	21,182	778	176,474	171,629
Other costs	7	549	6,163	0	6,712	3,303
Total Expenditure		155,560	27,345	778	183,683	175,395
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before transfers		15,548	4,940	4,532	25,020	10,583
Transfers between funds		(2,768)	1,991	777	0	0
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		12,780	6,931	5,309	25,020	10,583
Gain/(loss) on investment assets		895	0	1,219	2,114	(14,507)
Net movement in funds		13,675	6,931	6,528	27,134	(3,924)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		134,419	903,299	110,426	1,148,144	1,152,068
Total funds carried forward		148,094	910,230	116,954	1,175,278	1,148,144
Broken down as:						
General account fund		148,094	909,024	116,954	1,174,072	1,146,359
Affiliation accounts funds		0	1,206	0	1,206	1,785
Total funds		148,094	910,230	116,954	1,175,278	1,148,144

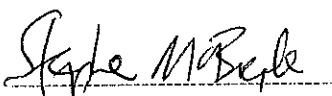
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Statement of Financial Position / (Balance Sheet) as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	780,000	780,000
Investment Properties	11	110,000	110,000
Investments	12	128,726	126,612
Total fixed assets		<u>1,018,726</u>	<u>1,016,612</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	21,994	12,201
Cash and cash equivalents		140,015	125,778
Total current assets		<u>162,009</u>	<u>137,979</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	14	5,457	6,447
Net Current Assets		<u>156,552</u>	<u>131,532</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>1,175,278</u>	<u>1,148,144</u>
The funds of the parish			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	145,216	130,482
Designated funds	15	2,878	3,937
Total unrestricted funds		<u>148,094</u>	<u>134,419</u>
Restricted Funds	15	910,230	903,299 ¹
Endowment Funds	15	116,954	110,426
Total charity funds		<u>1,175,278</u>	<u>1,148,144</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 15 to 25 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 8th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Ven. Dr S.R. McBride


Mr Brian Neill (Hon Treasurer)

Date: 8th April 2024

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parish meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis

c) Income

Plate Collections, Weekly Envelopes, Fabric Fund income, Gift Aid and catering income are accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected. Any gift aid not received at the year end is included as a debtor.

Income arising from the rental of Parish Centre facilities to third parties is recognised when the parish has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Legacies are included within Income under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their fair value to the Parish.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Tangible assets

The assets of the Parish comprise:-

- Church Hall
- Vicarage
- Other property

The Church Buildings at Church Street, Antrim are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included on the balance sheet 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.

The Church Hall is recognised at cost / deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31 December 2023. No depreciation has been provided on the Church Hall as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Vicarage is recognised at cost / deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31 December 2023. No depreciation has been provided on the Vicarage as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The other property, namely the house at Inishmoyne, is also recognised at cost / deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31 December 2023. No depreciation has been provided on the house as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

f) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each balance sheet date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the fair value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and fair value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the fair value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses in investments are reported within "Net Gains / (Losses) on Investments" within the Statement of Financial Activities.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within creditors amounts falling due within 1 year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

h) Financial instruments

The Parish only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

i) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Parish.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the Parish.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

2. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Parish's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Weekly envelopes / FWO	113,782	19,061	0	132,843	119,693
Tax recovered on Donations	23,268	4,060	0	27,328	23,954
Collections/donations	8,593	1,524	0	10,117	13,043
Mission and Charity giving	0	2,723	0	2,723	1,967
Grants	3,734	0	0	3,734	6,188
Other income - affiliations	0	4,363	0	4,363	1,189
	<u>149,377</u>	<u>31,731</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>181,108</u>	<u>166,034</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rental Income	7,550	0	0	7,550	7,015
Use of Church hall	7,390	0	0	7,390	6,825
Other	3,200	0	0	3,200	400
	<u>18,140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,140</u>	<u>14,240</u>

5. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest on investments	1,162	0	31	1,193	274
Dividends from investments	1,459	0	5,279	6,738	3,906
	<u>2,621</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,310</u>	<u>7,931</u>	<u>4,180</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Weddings, baptisms and funerals	970	0	0	970	1,220
Youth weekend	0	450	0	450	0
Publications	0	104	0	104	304
	<u>970</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>1,524</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Generating funds					
Fundraising costs	497	0	0	497	463
Charitable activities					
Wages and salaries	98,020	0	0	98,020	90,216
Diocesan costs/assessment	15,435	0	0	15,435	19,870
Property running costs	14,523	0	0	14,523	18,404
Charitable donations	11,820	3,195	0	15,015	10,951
Administration costs	8,191	0	0	8,191	8,057
Property repairs and maintenance	0	11,977	0	11,977	11,585
Congregation running costs	6,525	0	0	6,525	8,043
Event expenses and catering	0	950	778	1,728	2,486
Publications	0	118	0	118	316
Other expenses - affiliations	0	4,942	0	4,942	1,701
	<u>154,514</u>	<u>21,182</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>176,474</u>	<u>171,629</u>
Other costs					
Property improvements and equipment	549	6,163	0	6,712	3,303

Governance costs are included within Administration costs above.

8. Taxation

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

9. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	95,039	87,187
National insurance costs	32	167
Employer pension costs	2,949	2,862
Total	<u>98,020</u>	<u>90,216</u>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2023	2023
	Number	Number
Ministerial support	2	2
Other staff	1	1
Premises maintenance	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Key Management and Trustees

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. The parish paid expenses of £4,346 (2022: £5,802) relating to the running costs of the Vicarage which is occupied by the Vicar. The following Trustees received remuneration and/or reimbursement of the following amounts during the year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
The Ven Dr SR McBride	46,234	43,177
Rev Peter Blake	24,836	22,087
Cecil Barton	95	201
Claire Thompson	0	380
David Tate	72	90
Cynthia Cherry	0	817
Irene Gates	270	179
John McMaster	137	0
Paul Smyth	138	0

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At beginning of the year	780,000	780,000
Additions	0	0
At end of the year	<u>780,000</u>	<u>780,000</u>
Depreciation		
At beginning of the year	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Disposals	0	0
At end of the year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 Net book value at beginning of the year	 <u>780,000</u>	 <u>780,000</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>780,000</u>	<u>780,000</u>

11. Investment properties

	£
Balance at beginning of the year	110,000
Additions during the year	0
Disposals during the year	0
Fair Value Gains / (Losses)	0
Balance at end of the year	<u>110,000</u>

12. Investments

	Listed Investments £	Other Investments £	Total £
Balance at beginning of the year	0	126,612	126,612
Profit/(loss) on investments	0	2,114	2,114
Balance at end of the year	<u>0</u>	<u>128,726</u>	<u>128,726</u>
Analysis of Investments			
Other unlisted investments	0	128,726	128,726
	<u>0</u>	<u>128,726</u>	<u>128,726</u>

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

13. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry debtors and prepayments	21,994	12,201
	<u>21,994</u>	<u>12,202</u>

14. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	5,457	6,447
	<u>5,457</u>	<u>6,447</u>

15. Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	780,000	0	780,000
Investment Property	0	0	110,000	0	110,000
Investments	17,081	0	0	111,645	128,726
Current Assets	133,592	2,878	20,230	5,309	162,009
Current Liabilities	(5,457)	0	0	0	(5,457)
Net assets at 31 Dec 2023	<u>145,216</u>	<u>2,878</u>	<u>910,230</u>	<u>116,954</u>	<u>1,175,278</u>

All Saints' Parish Church Antrim

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

16. Funds of the Parish

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Profit/ (loss) on investment assets £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Endowment funds						
William & Irene Whiteside Trust	16,018	31	0	(1)	(1,615)	14,433
Masserene & Ferrard Trust	94,408	5,279	(778)	778	2,834	102,521
	<u>110,426</u>	<u>5,310</u>	<u>(778)</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>116,954</u>
Restricted funds						
General Fund	901,514	27,922	(22,403)	1,991	0	909,024
Affiliation Funds	1,785	4,363	(4,942)	0	0	1,206
	<u>903,299</u>	<u>32,285</u>	<u>(27,345)</u>	<u>1,991</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>910,230</u>
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	130,482	166,498	(149,890)	(2,768)	895	145,217
Designated Fund	3,937	4,610	(5,670)	0	0	2,877
	<u>134,419</u>	<u>171,108</u>	<u>(155,560)</u>	<u>(2,768)</u>	<u>895</u>	<u>148,094</u>
Total funds	<u>1,148,144</u>	<u>208,703</u>	<u>(183,683)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,114</u>	<u>1,175,278</u>

Purposes of Endowment Funds

- Income from the William & Irene Whiteside Trust is to be used to provide Sunday school teaching materials.
- Income from the Masserene & Ferrard Trust is to be used to provide teaching materials and resources for the children of the parish.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

- Fabric Fund: This is a fund to assist with the cost of building repairs, improvements and renovations.
- Affiliation Funds: These are funds for the affiliations' running expenses and income.
- Mission and Charities Fund: This is a fund to be used towards mission and charity
- Church properties: These are properties for the use of the Parish with sale proceeds used strictly for other properties as specified by the RCB.
- Anonymous donation: a donation which is to be used to be used for youth work.
- Donation of £1,000 to be used to purchase a credence table.
- Donations in memory of Sadie Jenkins, Peter Chestnutt and Bert Kennedy: to be used to purchase items in their memory.