

Lisburn/Lisburn Cathedral(Blaris)/ Cathedral of Christ Church, Lisburn/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101233

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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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

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£438,218	£376,379	£-99,939	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Rachel Mccullough		
Mr Bryn Lister		
Mr Kenneth Gibson		
Mr Martin Lester		
Mr Nathan Howe		
Mr Raymond Mccullough		
Mr Richard Thompson		
Mr Rodney Dowling		
Mr Simon Sellars		
Mr Tam Dikibo		
Mr Timothy Flanigan		
Mrs Hayley Howe		
Mrs Jackie Armstrong		
Mrs Jill Lester		
Mrs Katy Gaston		
Mrs Pam Irwin		
Mrs Rachel Mcilwrath		
Rev Lee Boal		
Rev Pete Meenagh		
Very Rev. S. Wright		

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from:	Notes				
Donations and Legacies	2	281,698	121,790	403,488	430,376
Investment Income	3	19,706	17	19,723	17,282
Other Income	4	15,007	-	15,007	4,194
Total incoming resources		<u>316,411</u>	<u>121,807</u>	<u>438,218</u>	<u>451,852</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	(277,245)	(74,038)	(351,283)	(374,377)
Support Costs	5	(25,036)	(60)	(25,096)	(25,149)
Total expenditure		<u>(302,281)</u>	<u>(74,098)</u>	<u>(376,379)</u>	<u>(399,526)</u>
Net income before transfers		<u>14,130</u>	<u>47,709</u>	<u>61,839</u>	<u>52,326</u>
Fund balances brought forward		243,786	297,647	541,433	489,107
Fund balances carried forward		<u>257,916</u>	<u>345,356</u>	<u>603,272</u>	<u>541,433</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		176,991		170,067
Current assets					
Debtors	8	14,184		19,384	
Cash at bank and in hand		512,036		360,887	
		<u>526,220</u>		<u>380,271</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(99,939)</u>		<u>(8,905)</u>	
Net current assets			426,281		371,366
Net assets			<u>603,272</u>		<u>541,433</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	10		257,916		243,786
Restricted funds	10		345,356		297,647
Total funds			<u>603,272</u>		<u>541,433</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24th February 2026 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by



[Sam Wright \(Feb 24, 2026 21:56:48 GMT\)](#)

**Very Rev. S Wright
Trustee**



[RP Thompson \(Feb 24, 2026 13:05:55 GMT\)](#)

**RP Thompson, Hon. Treasurer
Trustee**

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2. Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3. Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4. Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Investment income is recognised once the income has been declared and notified to bank accounts.

1.5. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	2% Straight line
Equipment	-	15% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7. Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.10. Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2. Donations and legacies				
Special collections and events	8,800	41,405	50,205	103,105
Freewill offerings	209,881	24,340	234,221	205,275
Gift aid	44,108	4,694	48,802	55,820
Donations	9,535	19,461	28,996	41,022
Grants	6,600	27,919	34,519	17,450
Organisations	2,774	3,971	6,745	7,704
	<u>281,698</u>	<u>121,790</u>	<u>403,488</u>	<u>430,376</u>

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3. Investment income				
Deposit account interest	10,064	17	10,081	7,185
Rents received	9,642	-	9,642	10,097
	<u>19,706</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19,723</u>	<u>17,282</u>

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3. Other income				
Sundry income	4,396	-	4,396	1,913
Other appeals	821	-	821	2,281
Insurance claim	9,790	-	9,790	-
	<u>15,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,007</u>	<u>4,194</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
5. Charitable activities				
Trustees' salaries	77,775	31,092	108,867	93,149
Trustees' social security	5,008	1,416	6,424	6,661
Trustees' pensions paid	18,544	127	18,671	17,924
Trustees' expenses	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Other salaries	18,104	10,150	28,254	27,608
Other social security	721	161	882	68
Other pensions paid	238	-	238	-
Utility costs	18,760	-	18,760	23,755
Insurance	7,422	-	7,422	7,804
Office costs	2,766	59	2,825	2,963
Sundries	908	-	908	2,758
Parochial ministry costs	9,525	238	9,763	8,245
Repairs and maintenance	45,065	5,592	50,657	68,679
Missionary and other donations	20,605	2,380	22,985	43,061
Diocesan expenses	28,281	-	28,281	25,813
Organisations	8,523	22,823	31,346	30,889
	<u>277,245</u>	<u>74,038</u>	<u>351,283</u>	<u>374,377</u>

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Support costs				
Bank charges	738	60	798	773
Church cleaning	9,697	-	9,697	10,148
Legal expenses	2,163	-	2,163	2,636
IT costs	1,487	-	1,487	1,218
Depreciation	8,962	-	8,962	7,894
Accountancy	1,989	-	1,989	2,480
	<u>25,036</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>25,096</u>	<u>25,149</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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6. Employees

Number of employees	2025	2024
The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were:		
Pastoral	4	4
Admin- support	2	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Trustees' Remuneration and benefits	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	108,867	93,149
Trustees' social security	6,424	6,661
Trustees' pensions paid	18,671	17,924
	<u>133,962</u>	<u>117,734</u>

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 December 2025. During the year, trustees' reimbursements for expenses incurred and for non-trustee work carried out totalled £7,552 (2024 £2,403). Trustees' office and locomotory expenses totalled £15,000 (2024 £15,000).

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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7. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	200,000	37,370	10,000	247,370
Additions	-	15,886	-	15,886
At 31 December 2025	<u>200,000</u>	<u>53,256</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>263,256</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	40,000	27,303	10,000	77,303
Charge for the year	4,000	4,962	-	8,962
At 31 December 2025	<u>44,000</u>	<u>32,265</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>86,265</u>
Net book values				
At 31 December 2025	<u>156,000</u>	<u>20,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,991</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>160,000</u>	<u>10,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,067</u>
8. Debtors			2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income			4,757	10,026
Prepayments			9,427	9,358
			<u>14,184</u>	<u>19,384</u>
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2025 £	2024 £
Other taxes and social security costs			3,470	2,524
Accruals and deferred income			96,469	6,381
			<u>99,939</u>	<u>8,905</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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10. Statement of funds:

	Balance 1 January 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 December 2025
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	243,786	316,411	302,281	257,916
	<u>243,786</u>	<u>316,411</u>	<u>(302,281)</u>	<u>257,916</u>
Restricted funds				
South Lisburn Community	2,076	49,269	(40,256)	11,089
Other Special Collections	22,832	2,077	(9,372)	15,537
Building Fund	84,058	46,061	(745)	129,374
SLCC Development	162,630	-	-	162,630
Other Organisations	26,051	24,400	(23,725)	26,726
	<u>297,647</u>	<u>121,807</u>	<u>(74,098)</u>	<u>345,356</u>
Total funds	<u><u>541,433</u></u>	<u><u>438,218</u></u>	<u><u>(376,379)</u></u>	<u><u>603,272</u></u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted reserve fund £	Restricted reserve fund £	Total £
Fund Balances at 31 December 2025 represented by:			
Net assets	257,916	345,356	603,272
	<u>257,916</u>	<u>345,356</u>	<u>603,272</u>

12. Related party transactions

Trustees' remuneration and expenses are detailed in Note 6. These were the only related party transactions in the year ended 31 December 2025.

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**Trustees' Annual Report and
Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2024**

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 101233

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal function of this 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, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to, and engaging with, society as a whole, and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

All functions of the Parish relate to the expression of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, in particular the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young and is a public benefit.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of regular worship, giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups.

In addition to the principal function, the Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of this parish.

Management

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 and who give financially to the parish in an identifiable way, may register as members of the General Vestry of the parish, allowing them to stand for elected office and vote at annual meetings of the General Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. Fourteen members of the Select Vestry are elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry members will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The Select Vestry meets monthly with the exception of July, August and December.

The elected Select Vestry members form the Charity Trustees, along with the current clergy, who are automatically members and two people appointed to specialist roles by the rector under the rules set out by the Church of Ireland constitution.

No trustee receives any remuneration, reward or private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

Public benefit

Lisburn Cathedral seeks to engage with all of our local community through the ministries outlined below:

Regular Activities

Sunday Worship: On Sunday mornings there are normally 2 services (9.30am traditional & 11.00am contemporary). Evening Services are held at key points in the year at Easter, Harvest, Christmas and for specific areas of ministry.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Children and Youth work: Parents and Toddlers, Sunday School (P4 to P7) and Sunday Night Youth (Y8+) running regular formal and informal gatherings and additional irregular events. Scouts (all sections from Beavers to Explorers) also have regular use of Cathedral facilities for weekly meetings.

Prayer: Parish prayer time, prayer ministry, parish prayer chain, prayer appointments. Monthly Prayer and Praise event on Sunday evenings.

Lisburn Community Choir & Lisburn Community Children's Choir. The community choir (a separate charity in its own right) meets on a regular basis on a Monday to rehearse in the Cathedral building.

Lisburn Community Orchestra: We support the community orchestra through use of our church hall building as their venue to meet and practise weekly.

Mission: South Lisburn Community Church - We have a committed team who work within the Hillhall and the South Lisburn wider community and they continue to expand their efforts through offering fellowship, support, worship and teaching across a range of pastoral and social issues. This work has continued to expand in 2024 with establishment of a regular Sunday worship service and a community hub – Chit Chat Café – for informal social activities and the continued development of a community spirit. The team, now lead by a full time Pioneer Minister appointed in September, have also been working with children and young people through a mentoring scheme in partnership with Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) facilitated through and in conjunction with the local primary school.

Pastoral care: Our clergy, along with our team of pastoral visitors, meet people in their homes, and particularly seek to stand alongside those with particular needs, the housebound and the bereaved.

Discipleship and Fellowship: A number of groups meet regularly providing a range of activities for fellowship, community and friendship including Housegroups, Ladies Bible study, GEM (God Enriched Moments) Women's group, Mother's Union, Alpha, Nimble Fingers, Men's Fellowship, Cameo club for our senior citizens.

Coffee Room/Honesty Café: We have a coffee room which enables anyone to come and sit in a beautiful, historic building in warm comfortable surroundings, run by volunteers. The Coffee Room currently operates once a week on Friday mornings.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt counselling: Lisburn Cathedral has partnered with CAP and other local churches to offer debt counselling in our area. The service we offer is free.

Foodbank: The foodbank is an ongoing project to support people from the Lisburn area whose lives have been affected by the current economic recession which we actively support.

The Charity Trustees feel that the activities entered into during the year have achieved the Parish's objectives, as well as providing public benefit as referred to in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidelines.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Financial reports are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Select Vestry (Trustees) and are also reviewed on completion of the Annual Accounts. The Select Vestry presents the accounts at the annual meeting of the General Vestry prior to the elections.

Points to note during 2024 for our Parish:

- In 2024 we saw our staff change with reductions in our paid youth staff and the move of our part time minister in South Lisburn to a full time position.
- Building maintenance continues to be a notable ongoing cost, as is expected with an estate containing buildings dating from the 1600s, 1800s and 1900s.
- The planned fundraising to support remedial work on the hall is an ongoing project and as part of this we have received and spent grant funding from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to replace the windows in the hall. Additional funds have also been donated, however further substantial funds are needed before new work can be started.
- Our rental property, previously Gardner & Allen Opticians, has remained available for rent throughout the year. Like many properties in Lisburn there has been no demand for this unit. This has resulted in some additional costs in rates and maintenance, compounding the loss of rental income. Further options for the use of this space are currently being reviewed by the Select Vestry.
- During the year ended 31 December 2024, Total Expenditure was £399,526 and Gross Income was £451,852. Sources of Income and Expenditure incurred during the year are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- A reserve, equivalent to around 2 months' regular spending, has been maintained in 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

101233

Name as shown on the Charity Commission website

Lisburn/Lisburn Cathedral(Blaris)/ Cathedral of Christ Church, Lisburn/Connor/Church of Ireland

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (continued)

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Rev. Peter Meenagh
Rev. Lee Boal

Miss Grace Broddle
Mr David Davidson
Mr Tam Dikibo
Mr Rodney Dowling
Mr Timothy Flanigan
Mrs Heather Gibson (until 14/04/2024)
Mr Kenneth Gibson
Mrs Julie Harper (appointed 14/04/2024)
Mrs Hayley Howe
Mrs Joanne Irwin

Mrs Pam Irwin (appointed 14/04/2024)
Mrs Jill Lester (appointed 14/04/2024)
Mr Martin Lester
Mr Michael McCune (until 14/04/2024)
Mrs Rachel McIlwrath (until 14/04/2024)
Mr Steve Martin (until 14/04/2024)
Mr William Moore
Mr Richard Norris
Mr Simon Sellars
Mr Richard Thompson

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (continued)

Office Bearers

Dean - Very Rev. Sam Wright

OLM (Ordained Local Minister)/Church Plant Leader - Rev. Pete Meenagh

Curate - Rev. Lee Boal

Honorary Secretary - Mrs Jill Lester (appointed 14/04/2024)

Honorary Treasurer - Mr Richard Thompson (reappointed 14/04/2024)

Peoples' Church Warden - Mr David Davidson (appointed 28/03/2023)

Rector's Church Warden - Miss Grace Broddle (until 14/04/2024)

Rector's Church Warden - Mrs Julie Harper (appointed 14/04/2024)

Rector's Glebe Warden - Mrs Heather Gibson (until 14/04/2024)

Rector's Glebe Warden - Mr Tam Dikibo (appointed 14/04/2024)

Peoples' Glebe Warden - Mr Richard Norris (appointed 28/03/2023)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Lee Boal

Rev Lee Boal

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LISBURN CATHEDRAL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lisburn Cathedral (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

The 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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19 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2024

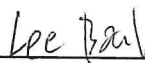
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and Legacies	2	262,077	168,299	430,376	318,404
Investment Income	3	17,282	-	17,282	17,507
Other Income	4	4,194	-	4,194	15,663
		<u>283,553</u>	<u>168,299</u>	<u>451,852</u>	<u>351,574</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable Activities	5	255,732	118,645	374,377	312,400
Support Costs	6	24,176	973	25,149	29,594
		<u>279,908</u>	<u>119,618</u>	<u>399,526</u>	<u>341,994</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		3,645	48,681	52,326	9,580
Funds brought forward		<u>240,141</u>	<u>248,966</u>	<u>489,107</u>	<u>479,527</u>
Funds carried forward	12	<u>243,786</u>	<u>297,647</u>	<u>541,433</u>	<u>489,107</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9	170,067	-	170,067	174,188
Current assets					
Debtors	10	15,990	3,394	19,384	14,497
Cash at bank and in hand		65,419	295,468	360,887	311,403
Total current assets		81,409	298,862	380,271	325,900
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,690)	(1,215)	(8,905)	(10,981)
Net current assets		73,719	297,647	371,366	314,919
Total assets less current liabilities		243,786	297,647	541,433	489,107
Total net assets		243,786	297,647	541,433	489,107
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	12			243,786	240,141
Restricted income funds	12			297,647	248,966
Total charity funds				541,433	489,107

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Rev Lee Boal


Mr Richard Thompson

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Equipment	- 15% on cost

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
31 December 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Special collections and events	2,985	100,120	103,105	17,684
Freewill offerings	200,571	4,704	205,275	196,836
Gift aid	43,970	11,850	55,820	39,560
Donations	6,710	34,312	41,022	30,439
Grants	6,602	10,847	17,449	27,174
Organisations	1,239	6,465	7,704	6,711
	<u>262,077</u>	<u>168,299</u>	<u>430,376</u>	<u>318,404</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit account interest	7,185	-	7,185	2,940
Rents received	10,097	-	10,097	14,567
	<u>17,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,282</u>	<u>17,507</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Sundry income	1,913	-	1,913	4,235
Other appeals	2,281	-	2,281	11,428
	<u>4,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,194</u>	<u>15,663</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
31 December 2024

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Trustees' salaries	73,448	19,702	93,149	70,378
Trustees' social security	5,749	912	6,661	2,588
Trustees' pensions paid	17,924	-	17,924	14,326
Trustees' expenses	15,000	-	15,000	11,265
Other salaries	17,607	10,000	27,608	33,906
Other social security	6	62	68	31
Other clergy pensions	-	-	-	1,836
Utility costs	23,755	-	23,755	22,337
Insurance	7,804	-	7,804	7,463
Office costs	2,963	-	2,963	2,926
Sundries	2,463	295	2,758	3,258
Parochial ministry costs	8,245	-	8,245	7,880
Repairs and maintenance	23,539	45,140	68,679	40,349
Missionary and other donations	23,658	19,404	43,061	34,191
Diocesan expenses	25,813	-	25,813	25,208
Organisations	7,759	23,130	30,889	25,733
400 year centenary expenses	-	-	-	8,725
	255,732	118,645	374,377	312,400

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Bank charges	735	38	773	725
Church cleaning	10,148	-	10,148	9,608
Legal expenses	1,701	935	2,636	2,358
IT costs	1,218	-	1,218	947
Conservation work	-	-	-	4,550
Property depreciation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Office equipment depreciation	2,894	-	2,894	3,069
Loss on disposal	-	-	-	929
Accountancy	2,480	-	2,480	2,408
	24,176	973	25,149	29,594

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
31 December 2024

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	93,149	70,378
Trustees' social security	6,661	2,588
Trustees' pensions paid	17,924	14,326
	<u>117,734</u>	<u>87,292</u>

Trustees' expenses

During the year, trustees' reimbursements for expenses incurred and for non-trustee work carried out totalled £2,403 (2023 £8,150). Trustees' office and locomotory expenses totalled £15,000 (2023 £10,093).

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Pastoral	4	4
Admin - support	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

9. FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property	Equipment	Fixtures & fittings	Total
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	200,000	33,597	10,000	243,597
Additions	-	3,773	-	3,773
At 31 December 2024	<u>200,000</u>	<u>37,370</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>247,370</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	36,000	24,409	9,000	69,409
Charge for year	4,000	2,894	1,000	7,894
At 31 December 2024	<u>40,000</u>	<u>27,303</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>77,303</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>164,000</u>	<u>9,188</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>174,188</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>160,000</u>	<u>10,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,067</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
31 December 2024

10. DEBTORS

Accrued Income	10,026	5,578
Prepayments	9,358	8,919
	<u>19,384</u>	<u>14,497</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,524	1,607
Accruals	6,381	9,374
	<u>8,905</u>	<u>10,981</u>

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General fund	240,141	283,553	279,908	3,645	-	243,786
	<u>240,141</u>	<u>283,553</u>	<u>279,908</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,786</u>
Restricted Funds						
South Lisburn Community	12,444	21,227	31,595	(10,368)	-	2,076
Other Special Collections	24,615	10,077	11,249	(1,172)	(611)	22,832
Building Fund	14,075	107,466	38,094	69,372	611	84,058
SLCC Development	170,000	-	7,370	(7,370)	-	162,630
Other Organisations	27,832	29,529	31,310	(1,781)	-	26,051
	<u>248,966</u>	<u>168,299</u>	<u>119,618</u>	<u>48,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,647</u>
Total fund balances	<u>489,107</u>	<u>451,852</u>	<u>399,526</u>	<u>52,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541,433</u>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Trustees' remuneration and expenses are detailed in Note 7. These were the only related party transactions in the year ended 31 December 2024.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101233

Annual report

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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In addition to the principal function, the Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of this parish.

Management

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 and who give financially to the parish in an identifiable way, may register as members of the General Vestry of the parish, allowing them to stand for elected office and vote at annual meetings of the General Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. Fourteen members of the Select Vestry are elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry members will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The Select Vestry meets monthly with the exception of July, August and December.

The elected Select Vestry members form the Charity Trustees, along with the current clergy, who are automatically members and two people appointed to specialist roles by the rector under the rules set out by the Church of Ireland constitution.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

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Foodbank: The foodbank is an ongoing project to support people from the Lisburn area whose lives have been affected by the current economic recession which we actively support.

The Charity Trustees feel that the activities entered into during the year have achieved the Parish's objectives, as well as providing public benefit as referred to in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidelines.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Financial reports are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Select Vestry (Trustees) and are also reviewed on completion of the Annual Accounts. The Select Vestry presents the accounts at the annual meeting of the General Vestry prior to the elections.

Points to note during 2024 for our Parish:

- In 2024 we saw our staff change with reductions in our paid youth staff and the move of our part time minister in South Lisburn to a full time position.
- Building maintenance continues to be a notable ongoing cost, as is expected with an estate containing buildings dating from the 1600s, 1800s and 1900s.
- The planned fundraising to support remedial work on the hall is an ongoing project and as part of this we have received and spent grant funding from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to replace the windows in the hall. Additional funds have also been donated, however further substantial funds are needed before new work can be started.
- Our rental property, previously Gardner & Allen Opticians, has remained available for rent throughout the year. Like many properties in Lisburn there has been no demand for this unit. This has resulted in some additional costs in rates and maintenance, compounding the loss of rental income. Further options for the use of this space are currently being reviewed by the Select Vestry.
- During the year ended 31 December 2024, Total Expenditure was £399,526 and Gross Income was £451,852. Sources of Income and Expenditure incurred during the year are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- A reserve, equivalent to around 2 months' regular spending, has been maintained in 2024.

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Governing document

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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Mr Simon Sellars
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (continued)

Office Bearers

Dean - Very Rev. Sam Wright

OLM (Ordained Local Minister)/Church Plant Leader - Rev. Pete Meenagh

Curate - Rev. Lee Boal

Honorary Secretary - Mrs Jill Lester (appointed 14/04/2024)

Honorary Treasurer - Mr Richard Thompson (reappointed 14/04/2024)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Lee Boal

Rev Lee Boal

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LISBURN CATHEDRAL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lisburn Cathedral (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

The 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



John McCleary FCA
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19 March 2025

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 101233

**Report of the Trustees and
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
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Points to note during 2023 for our Parish

- In 2023 we celebrated the 400th anniversary of the establishment of a worshipping community on the site of Lisburn Cathedral. This was marked by a number of events and services that ran throughout the year alongside our normal programmes and services. These were successfully self-funded through various events.
- We had several staff changes through the year, but our overall staffing levels have been maintained.
- A notable amount of substantial maintenance work on our properties was carried out in 2023, aligning with changes in staff and this is reflected in the figures.
- As with everyone in 2023 we have seen costs rise across staffing, fuel, electricity and materials. Ongoing careful management of our available funds by the Select Vestry is an ever present challenge
- We have started to fund raise to support planned remedial work on the hall and as part of this we have received grant funding from Lisburn Castlereagh City Council to be spent in the 2023-24 council financial year.
- With the closure of Gardner & Allen Opticians in September our rental income has dropped. This commercial space in Castle Street is now with McClelland Salter as a commercial letting opportunity.
- During the year ended 31 December 2023, total expenditure was £341,994 and gross income was £351,574. Sources of Income and Expenditure incurred during the year are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.
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Lisburn Cathedral

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Mrs Rachel McIlwrath
Mr Steve Martin
Mr William Moore
Mr Richard Norris (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mr Jim Price (until 28/03/2023)
Mr Simon Sellars
Mr Richard Thompson

Independent Examiner

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Lisburn Cathedral

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Office Bearers

Dean - Very Rev. Sam Wright

Vicar - Rev. Danielle McCullagh (until 14/02/2023)

OLM - Rev. Pete Meenagh

Curate - Rev. Lee Boal (appointed 01/09/2023)

Honorary Secretary - Mrs Rachel McIlwrath (reappointed 30/03/2023)

Honorary Treasurer - Mr Richard Thompson (reappointed 30/03/2023)

Peoples' Church Warden - Mr Philip McConnell (until 28/03/2023)

Peoples' Church Warden - Mr David Davidson (appointed 28/03/2023)

Rector's Church Warden - Miss Grace Broddle (appointed 30/03/2022)

Rector's Glebe Warden - Mrs Heather Gibson (appointed 18/04/2021)

Peoples' Glebe Warden - Mr Martin Lester (until 28/03/2023)

Peoples' Glebe Warden - Mr Richard Norris (appointed 28/03/2023)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Very Rev Sam Wright - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lisburn Cathedral**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lisburn Cathedral

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lisburn Cathedral (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

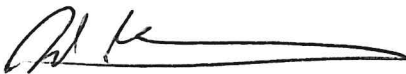
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the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



John McCleary FCA

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12 March 2024

Lisburn Cathedral

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	251,359	67,045	318,404	309,656
Investment income	3	17,507	-	17,507	21,376
Other income		<u>7,306</u>	<u>8,357</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>16,629</u>
Total		<u>276,172</u>	<u>75,402</u>	<u>351,574</u>	<u>347,661</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs		249,675	62,725	312,400	323,052
Support costs		<u>24,436</u>	<u>5,158</u>	<u>29,594</u>	<u>27,951</u>
Total		<u>274,111</u>	<u>67,883</u>	<u>341,994</u>	<u>351,003</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 2,061	 7,519	 9,580	 (3,342)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,080</u>	<u>241,447</u>	<u>479,527</u>	<u>482,869</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>240,141</u>	 <u>248,966</u>	 <u>489,107</u>	 <u>479,527</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Lisburn Cathedral

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	174,188	-	174,188	177,393
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	14,403	94	14,497	13,812
Cash at bank		<u>60,464</u>	<u>250,939</u>	<u>311,403</u>	<u>292,624</u>
		74,867	251,033	325,900	306,436
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,914)	(2,067)	(10,981)	(4,302)
		<u>65,953</u>	<u>248,966</u>	<u>314,919</u>	<u>302,134</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>65,953</u>	<u>248,966</u>	<u>314,919</u>	<u>302,134</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		240,141	248,966	489,107	479,527
NET ASSETS					
		<u>240,141</u>	<u>248,966</u>	<u>489,107</u>	<u>479,527</u>
FUNDS					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				240,141	238,080
Restricted funds				<u>248,966</u>	<u>241,447</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>489,107</u>	<u>479,527</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sam Wright

Very Rev Sam Wright - Trustee



Mr Richard Thompson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Lisburn Cathedral

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Equipment	- 15% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Special collections and events	17,684	9,955
Freewill offerings	196,836	196,696
Gift aid	39,560	38,810
Donations	30,439	27,196
Grants	27,174	32,123
Organisations	<u>6,711</u>	<u>4,876</u>
	<u><u>318,404</u></u>	<u><u>309,656</u></u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
EA - SE region	2,200	2,600
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	10,500	3,150
Orphans and Children Society	-	6,155
Connor Diocese	-	1,710
Priorities Grant	-	8,000
SSP grant	-	270
CAP Bursary	1,200	1,188
Mindmatters	-	1,750
History Grant	-	5,500
Government Support Grant	600	-
Youth Training Grant	-	1,800
Department of Justice	674	-
RCB	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>27,174</u></u>	<u><u>32,123</u></u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Rents received	14,567	20,717
Deposit account interest	<u>2,940</u>	<u>659</u>
	<u><u>17,507</u></u>	<u><u>21,376</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	70,378	84,056
Trustees' social security	2,588	4,409
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>14,326</u>	<u>19,904</u>
	<u>87,292</u>	<u>108,369</u>

Trustees' expenses

During the year, trustees reimbursements for expenses incurred and for non-trustee work carried out totalled £8,150 (2022 £5,312). Trustee's locomotory expenses totalled £10,093 (2022 - £14,782).

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
Pastoral	4	4
Admin - support	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	250,407	59,249	309,656
Investment income	21,376	-	21,376
Other income	<u>8,985</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>16,629</u>
Total	<u>280,768</u>	<u>66,893</u>	<u>347,661</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct costs	265,805	57,247	323,052
Support costs	<u>27,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,951</u>
Total	<u>293,756</u>	<u>57,247</u>	<u>351,003</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,988)	9,646	(3,342)
Transfers between funds	<u>(170,200)</u>	<u>170,200</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES -
continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Net movement in funds	(183,188)	179,846	(3,342)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	421,268	61,601	482,869
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>238,080</u>	<u>241,447</u>	<u>479,527</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023	200,000	10,000	31,281	241,281
Additions	-	-	5,793	5,793
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,477)</u>	<u>(3,477)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>200,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>33,597</u>	<u>243,597</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	32,000	8,000	23,888	63,888
Charge for year	4,000	1,000	3,069	8,069
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,548)</u>	<u>(2,548)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>36,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>24,409</u>	<u>69,409</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	<u>164,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>9,188</u>	<u>174,188</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>168,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,393</u>	<u>177,393</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
Accrued income		5,578	6,627
Prepayments		<u>8,919</u>	<u>7,185</u>
		<u>14,497</u>	<u>13,812</u>
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
Taxation and social security		1,607	2,255
Other creditors		<u>9,374</u>	<u>2,047</u>
		<u>10,981</u>	<u>4,302</u>
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net movement	At
	At 1.1.23	in funds	31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	238,080	2,061	240,141
Restricted funds			
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	6,951	(634)	6,317
Kidzone	363	(317)	46
Cameo club	1,294	(675)	619
Catering	399	-	399
Football	51	-	51
Paddlers	42	39	81
Rector and Church Warden fund	19,172	1,147	20,319
South Lisburn Community Church	23,835	(11,391)	12,444
Organ Maintenance	4,324	-	4,324
SLCC Development	170,000	-	170,000
Other Special Collections	15,016	5,275	20,291
Building Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>14,075</u>	<u>14,075</u>
	<u>241,447</u>	<u>7,519</u>	<u>248,966</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>479,527</u>	<u>9,580</u>	<u>489,107</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	276,172	(274,111)	2,061
Restricted funds			
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	18,406	(19,040)	(634)
Kidzone	782	(1,099)	(317)
Cameo club	3,266	(3,941)	(675)
Paddlers	311	(272)	39
Rector and Church Warden fund	2,283	(1,136)	1,147
South Lisburn Community Church	10,344	(21,735)	(11,391)
Other Special Collections	25,327	(20,052)	5,275
Building Fund	<u>14,683</u>	<u>(608)</u>	<u>14,075</u>
	<u>75,402</u>	<u>(67,883)</u>	<u>7,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>351,574</u></u>	<u><u>(341,994)</u></u>	<u><u>9,580</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	421,268	(12,988)	(170,200)	238,080
Restricted funds				
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	6,778	423	(250)	6,951
Kidzone	674	(311)	-	363
Cameo club	217	877	200	1,294
Catering	399	-	-	399
Football	50	1	-	51
Paddlers	6	36	-	42
Rector and Church Warden fund	18,748	424	-	19,172
South Lisburn Community Church	30,405	1,700	(8,270)	23,835
Organ Maintenance	4,324	-	-	4,324
SLCC Development	-	-	170,000	170,000
Other Special Collections	<u>-</u>	<u>6,496</u>	<u>8,520</u>	<u>15,016</u>
	<u>61,601</u>	<u>9,646</u>	<u>170,200</u>	<u>241,447</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>482,869</u></u>	<u><u>(3,342)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>479,527</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	280,768	(293,756)	(12,988)
Restricted funds			
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	19,758	(19,335)	423
Kidzone	-	(311)	(311)
Cameo club	2,102	(1,225)	877
Football	52	(51)	1
Paddlers	387	(351)	36
Rector and Church Warden fund	2,367	(1,943)	424
South Lisburn Community Church	23,138	(21,438)	1,700
Other Special Collections	<u>19,089</u>	<u>(12,593)</u>	<u>6,496</u>
	<u>66,893</u>	<u>(57,247)</u>	<u>9,646</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>347,661</u>	<u>(351,003)</u>	<u>(3,342)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	421,268	(10,927)	(170,200)	240,141
Restricted funds				
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	6,778	(211)	(250)	6,317
Kidzone	674	(628)	-	46
Cameo club	217	202	200	619
Catering	399	-	-	399
Football	50	1	-	51
Paddlers	6	75	-	81
Rector and Church Warden fund	18,748	1,571	-	20,319
South Lisburn Community Church	30,405	(9,691)	(8,270)	12,444
Organ Maintenance	4,324	-	-	4,324
SLCC Development	-	-	170,000	170,000
Other Special Collections	-	11,771	8,520	20,291
Building Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>14,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,075</u>
	<u>61,601</u>	<u>17,165</u>	<u>170,200</u>	<u>248,966</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>482,869</u>	<u>6,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,107</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	556,940	(567,867)	(10,927)
Restricted funds			
CAP (Christians against Poverty)	38,164	(38,375)	(211)
Kidzone	782	(1,410)	(628)
Cameo club	5,368	(5,166)	202
Football	52	(51)	1
Paddlers	698	(623)	75
Rector and Church Warden fund	4,650	(3,079)	1,571
South Lisburn Community Church	33,482	(43,173)	(9,691)
Other Special Collections	44,416	(32,645)	11,771
Building Fund	<u>14,683</u>	<u>(608)</u>	<u>14,075</u>
	<u>142,295</u>	<u>(125,130)</u>	<u>17,165</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>699,235</u></u>	<u><u>(692,997)</u></u>	<u><u>6,238</u></u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees' remuneration and expenses are detailed in note 4. These were the only related party transactions in the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Special collections and events	17,684	9,955
Freewill offerings	196,836	196,696
Gift aid	39,560	38,810
Donations	30,439	27,196
Grants	27,174	32,123
Organisations	<u>6,711</u>	<u>4,876</u>
	318,404	309,656
Investment income		
Rents received	14,567	20,717
Deposit account interest	<u>2,940</u>	<u>659</u>
	17,507	21,376
Other income		
Sundry income	4,235	5,665
Other appeals	<u>11,428</u>	<u>10,964</u>
	<u>15,663</u>	<u>16,629</u>
Total incoming resources	351,574	347,661
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	70,378	84,056
Trustees' social security	2,588	4,409
Trustees' pensions paid	14,326	19,904
Trustees' expenses	11,265	14,782
Wages	33,906	27,305
Social security	31	108
Other clergy pensions	1,836	-
Utility costs	22,337	18,958
Insurance	7,463	7,008
Office costs	2,926	3,308
Sundries	3,258	3,624
Parochial ministry costs	7,880	7,660
Repairs and maintenance	40,349	45,257
Carried forward	218,543	236,379

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Lisburn Cathedral

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	218,543	236,379
Missionary and other donations	34,191	35,282
Diocesan expenses	25,208	25,619
Organisations	25,733	23,905
Clergy and staff training	-	1,060
400 year centenary expenses	<u>8,725</u>	<u>807</u>
	312,400	323,052
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	725	716
Other		
Church cleaning	9,608	10,062
Legal expenses	2,358	4,198
IT costs	947	959
Conservation work	4,550	-
Property depreciation	4,000	4,000
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	1,000	1,000
Office equipment depreciation	3,069	4,692
Loss on disposal	<u>929</u>	<u>-</u>
	26,461	24,911
 Governance costs		
Accountancy	<u>2,408</u>	<u>2,324</u>
 Total resources expended	<u>341,994</u>	<u>351,003</u>
 Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>9,580</u></u>	<u><u>(3,342)</u></u>

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Lisburn/Lisburn Cathedral(Blaris)/ Cathedral of Christ Church, Lisburn/Connor/Church of Ireland
Northern Ireland - Charity number 101233

Annual report

Lisburn Cathedral

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal function of this 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, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to, and engaging with, society as a whole, and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

All functions of the Parish relate to the expression of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, in particular the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young and is a public benefit.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of regular worship, giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups.

In addition to the principal function, the Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of this parish.

Management

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 and who give financially to the parish in an identifiable way, may register as members of the General Vestry of the parish, allowing them to stand for elected office and vote at annual meetings of the General Vestry. Meetings of the General Vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry members will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The Select Vestry meets monthly with the exception of July, August and December.

The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

No trustee receives any remuneration, reward or private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

Lisburn Cathedral

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Lisburn Cathedral seeks to engage with all of our local community through the ministries outlined below:

Regular Activities

Sunday Worship: On Sunday mornings there are normally 2 services (9.30am traditional & 11.00am contemporary). Evening Services are held at key points in the year at Easter, Harvest, Christmas and for specific areas of ministry.

Children and Youth work: Parents and Toddlers, Kidzone youth club (P4 to Yr 8) and Mettle (Y8+) running weekly youth club, bi-weekly football, regular after school drop in and additional irregular events. Scouts (all sections from Beavers to Explorers).

Prayer: Parish prayer time, prayer ministry, parish prayer chain, prayer appointments. Monthly Prayer and Praise event on a Sunday evening, and a monthly Saturday day of prayer.

Lisburn Community Choir & Lisburn Community Children's Choir. The community choir (a separate charity in its own right) meets on a regular basis on a Monday to rehearse in the Cathedral building.

Community Orchestra: We support the community orchestra by allowing the use of our church hall building as their venue to meet and practise.

Mission: South Lisburn Community Church - We have a committed team who work within the Hillhall and the South Lisburn wider community and they continue to expand their efforts through offering fellowship, support, worship and teaching across a range of pastoral and social issues. This work has continued to expand in 2023 with establishment of a regular Sunday worship service and a community hub - Chit Chat Café - for informal social activities and the continued development of a community spirit. The team have also been working with children and young people through a mentoring scheme in partnership with Transforming Lives for Good (TLG).

Pastoral care: Our clergy, along with our team of pastoral visitors, meet people in their homes, and particularly seek to stand alongside those with particular needs, the housebound and the bereaved.

Discipleship and Fellowship: A number of groups meet regularly providing a range of activities for fellowship, community and friendship including Housegroups, Ladies Bible study, GEM (God Enriched Moments) Women's group, Mother's Union, Alpha, Nimble Fingers, Men's Fellowship, Cameo club for our senior citizens.

Coffee Room/Honesty Café: We have a coffee room which enables anyone to come and sit in a beautiful, historic building in warm comfortable surroundings, run by volunteers. The Coffee Room currently operates once a week on a Friday.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt counselling: Lisburn Cathedral has partnered with CAP and other local churches to offer debt counselling in our area. The service we offer is free.

Foodbank: The foodbank is an ongoing project to support people from the Lisburn area whose lives have been affected by the current economic recession which we actively support.

Lisburn Cathedral

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity Trustees feel that the activities entered into during the year have achieved the Parish's objectives, as well as providing public benefit as referred to in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidelines.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Financial reports are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Select Vestry (Trustees) and are also reviewed on completion of the Annual Accounts. The Select Vestry presents the accounts at the annual meeting of the General Vestry prior to the elections.

Points to note during 2023 for our Parish

- In 2023 we celebrated the 400th anniversary of the establishment of a worshipping community on the site of Lisburn Cathedral. This was marked by a number of events and services that ran throughout the year alongside our normal programmes and services. These were successfully self-funded through various events.
- We had several staff changes through the year, but our overall staffing levels have been maintained.
- A notable amount of substantial maintenance work on our properties was carried out in 2023, aligning with changes in staff and this is reflected in the figures.
- As with everyone in 2023 we have seen costs rise across staffing, fuel, electricity and materials. Ongoing careful management of our available funds by the Select Vestry is an ever present challenge
- We have started to fund raise to support planned remedial work on the hall and as part of this we have received grant funding from Lisburn Castlereagh City Council to be spent in the 2023-24 council financial year.
- With the closure of Gardner & Allen Opticians in September our rental income has dropped. This commercial space in Castle Street is now with McClelland Salter as a commercial letting opportunity.
- During the year ended 31 December 2023, total expenditure was £341,994 and gross income was £351,574. Sources of Income and Expenditure incurred during the year are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- A reserve, equivalent to around 2 months regular spending has been established.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

101233

Lisburn Cathedral

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Principal address

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Trustees

Very Rev. Sam Wright
Rev. Danielle McCullagh (until 14/02/2023)
Rev. Peter Meenagh
Rev. Lee Boal (appointed 01/09/2023)

Mr Blair Austin (until 28/03/2023)
Miss Grace Broddle
Mr David Davidson (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mr Tam Dikibo (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mr Rodney Dowling
Mr Timothy Flanigan
Mrs Heather Gibson
Mr Kenneth Gibson
Mrs Hayley Howe (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mrs Joanne Irwin (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mrs Jill Lester (until 28/03/2023)
Mr Martin Lester (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mr Philip McConnell (until 28/03/2023)
Mr Michael McCune
Mrs Rachel McIlwrath
Mr Steve Martin
Mr William Moore
Mr Richard Norris (appointed 28/03/2023)
Mr Jim Price (until 28/03/2023)
Mr Simon Sellars
Mr Richard Thompson

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Lisburn Cathedral

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Office Bearers

Dean - Very Rev. Sam Wright

Vicar - Rev. Danielle McCullagh (until 14/02/2023)

OLM - Rev. Pete Meenagh

Curate - Rev. Lee Boal (appointed 01/09/2023)

Honorary Secretary - Mrs Rachel McIlwrath (reappointed 30/03/2023)

Honorary Treasurer - Mr Richard Thompson (reappointed 30/03/2023)

Peoples' Church Warden - Mr Philip McConnell (until 28/03/2023)

Peoples' Church Warden - Mr David Davidson (appointed 28/03/2023)

Rector's Church Warden - Miss Grace Broddle (appointed 30/03/2022)

Rector's Glebe Warden - Mrs Heather Gibson (appointed 18/04/2021)

Peoples' Glebe Warden - Mr Martin Lester (until 28/03/2023)

Peoples' Glebe Warden - Mr Richard Norris (appointed 28/03/2023)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Very Rev Sam Wright - Trustee

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lisburn Cathedral**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lisburn Cathedral

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lisburn Cathedral (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

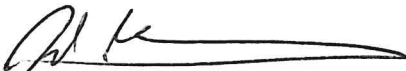
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the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



John McCleary FCA

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12 March 2024