

**The Church of Ireland
Ballinderry Parish Church**

**Charity Trustees' Annual Report
And
Receipts and Payments accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Charity No: NIC 101439

Ballinderry Parish Church

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Ballinderry Parish Church, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of Ballinderry Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Ballinderry Parish Church 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.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, Ballinderry Parish Church has custody of property and of records, material and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of Ballinderry Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

Ballinderry Parish Church, including the historic Middle Church which is part of the European Heritage Day, is under the incumbency of the Reverend Trevor Cleland.

As a church we provide weekly services of morning prayer, which during the month will also include services of Holy Communion, and a Family Service. We also provide for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and pastoral support which includes hospital visitation, home visitation by the rector and a pastoral visitation team seeing the housebound, sick or bereaved.

For our children we run a weekly Sunday School. Also in partnership with CEF Ireland we run a Good News Club in the local primary school at Ballinderry, and in the summer past we held an annual Holiday Bible Club in August for the local community.

For our other weekly activities, we have a Church Lads Brigade, and Guides (including rainbows, brownies, guides and rangers). There is a bowling club. We have various study groups which consist of the Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday morning, a Wednesday night Bible Study and a Home Group Bible Study on Thursday evening. There are opportunities for people to meet for prayer weekly on a Sunday evening via zoom and in person monthly. The Ladies Fellowship and MUG (men's fellowship) meet through the year on a quarterly basis and as an outreach and support to the wider community there is a senior servers group providing food and fellowship for the elderly which meets on a bi-monthly basis.

As a parish we are active in raising funds and supporting the work of mission societies and various charities. We have mission partners whom we directly support as a parish in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Sunday School sponsor children in Ethiopia.

As a church we are represented on the board of governors at the two local primary schools. In Ballinderry Primary we have two transferor representatives including the rector who is chairman to the board, and in Ballycarrickmaddy Primary where there is one transferor representative.

Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with Safeguarding Trust policies of the Church of Ireland.

For those who are housebound, but equally to a wider audience and outreach our church services are available online via YouTube video.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Financial Review

The Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31 December 2024 and the financial position at that date to be satisfactory.

Expenditure consisted of normal church running costs and there were no major additional items of expenditure in the year. Many parishioners continue to pay directly into the church bank account by standing order (SO) while others continued to use the Free Will Offering envelopes. This continued to be the main source of our regular income. During the year £5090 was received from bequests and donations and plate and special collections rose by 22.8 per cent on the 2023 figures.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

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, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the Select Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry 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.

Pay and remuneration of Trustees

Acting in his role as the Rector/Incumbent of Ballinderry Parish Church, the Rev Trevor Cleland received a stipend and office and locomotory expenses, in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. Two members of the select vestry each received a salary in their roles as groundsman and caretaker for the church, in accordance with figures approved by the chairperson and other Select Vestry persons. No other trustees receive any remuneration from Ballinderry Parish Church.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish (the incumbent), the church warden, the rector's warden and generally not more than twelve members of the general vestry elected at a General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how parish funds are to be applied.

In 2024 the Select Vestry met 10 times during the year. These were 10 standard monthly meetings. The average attendance at these meetings was 83%. The Select Vestry met every month with the exception of July and August.

The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipt and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 Denis Ferguson

Trustee 2 Ian Megarry

Date 22 June 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF BALLINDERRY PARISH CHURCH

I report on the accounts of Ballinderry Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8-12

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 the 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.

Signed

John Cupples
Honorary Examiner

Dated 25 August 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations & plate collection	87293	18640	105933	105545
Gift Aid	17372	2527	19899	18703
Hall Donations	1156	-	1156	1131
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	2925	-	2925	1736
Legacies	3598	120	3718	1673
Bank & Deposit interest	112	43	155	1073
Investment income (RCB/CITI)	582	790	1372	1293
Grants	1051	0	1051	3339
Other receipts	1000	3116	4116	340
Receipts from Parish Organisation's	6585	-	6585	5303
				-
<u>Total Receipts</u>	121674	25236	146910	140136
<u>Payments</u>				
Wages and salaries	62044		62044	57816
Diocesan costs/Assessment	20601		20601	21054
Church Running Costs	17531	15931	33462	40722
Adminstration costs	8657		8657	7471
Charitable Donations	-	19484	19484	19180
Payments from Parish Organisations	4489		4489	5699
				-
<u>Total Payments</u>	113322	35415	148737	151942
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers	8352	-10179	-1827	-6434
Transfers	-10006	10006	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers	-1654	-173	-1827	-6434

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 Denis Ferguson

Trustee 2 Ian Megarry

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	2024	2024	2024		
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	35154	15688		50842	38290
Deposit Accounts	89424			89424	85675
Total Cash Funds	124578	15688		140266	123695
Investment Assets					
RCB (Book cost £7,304)				31654	31082
CITI (Book Cost £9835)				16876	15393
Total Investment Assets				48530	46475
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Centre	250000			250000	250000
Glebe House	265000			265000	265000
Fixture and Fittings					
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	515000			515000	515000

On behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 Denis Ferguson

Trustee 2 Ian Megarry

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included with the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- Church Building (known as Middle Church) and Graveyard
- Church Building (known as Parish Church)
- Parish Hall
- Rectory

Middle Church (a Plantation Church) and Graveyard was consecrated in 1668, and this church along with Upper Church (which was built in 1824 at a cost of £2,200) are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The parish hall had a valuation carried out on 6 May 2023 by Alan Newell Estate Agents, and was valued at £250,000. No depreciation has been provided on the parish hall as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Glebe House had a valuation carried out on 6 May 2023 by Alan Newell Estate Agents, and was valued at £265,000. No depreciation has been provided on the glebe house as the current residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

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.
- Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Parish.

Investments

RCB Unit Trusts Nominal £7304

CITI Unit Trusts Nominal £9835

RCB & CITI unit trusts are valued at 31 December 2024

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the Year	144729
Receipts for the Year	150659
Payments for the Year	165127
Total Cash Funds at End of the Year	130261

3. Movements in Funds

Restricted Funds	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric Fund a/c	13280	7324	13068	2019	9555
Missions a/c	4205	8586	18101	7727	2417
Middle Ch a/c	3546	2773	2863	260	3716
Sunday School	700		700		0
Sub total	21731	18683	34732	10006	15688
Unrestricted Funds					
General a/c	33573	121642	125906		29309
Organisations a/cs	3750	6585	4489		5846
Deposit a/cs	85675	3749			89424
Sub total	122998	131976	130395	-10006	93809
Total Funds	144729	150659	165127	0	130261

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Fabric Fund :- a fund to provide for the maintenance of the church property

Missions:- monies for donations to charitable activities

Middle Church :- a fund for burial fees etc and for maintenance of the Middle church property

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

4. Collections for Third Parties

<u>Expenditure details</u>	<u>2024 £</u>	<u>2023 £</u>
Sams	1700	1500
ICM	2600	1800
Crosslinks Mwangi's	2000	2000
CEF	1500	1800
Leprosy Mission	1730	1909
Open Doors	1200	1000
Operation Rescue	1275	1300
Tearfund	1200	1000
Agape	300	900
CMJ	700	500
Church Army	600	600
Bible Society	250	150
Revival Movement	250	250
Good News for Everyone	150	150
Barnabus Fund	500	0
Col Orphans	390	430
Growing Young Disciples	910	934.50
Baby Basics	305	0
Mercy Ships	230	0
Air Ambulance	311	0
Earthquake Appeal Turkey	0	1184
Ballinderry Primary School	0	550
Bishop's Missionary Fund	0	105
	18101	18062.50

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under 2024 and in Payments for the Year under 2024

5 Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid expenses of £850 relating to the running costs of the glebe house which is occupied by the rector. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. 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.

6. Governance Costs

There were no governance costs during the year.