

Stoneyford/Stoneyford/St.John/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101441

Details

Known as St. John Stoneyford

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-03

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

Contact

Address 29 The Beeches Manor
Stoneyford
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County Antrim
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Phone 07398790911

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	£62,837	£59,386	£0	0
2024-12-31	£86,689	£66,785	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Al		
Dessie Mccourt		
Jason Mccourt		
Jennifer Kennedy		
John Farr		
Mr Barrie King		
Mr Owen Finlay		
Mr Peter Hunt		
Mrs Donna Morrow		
Mrs Mae Finlay		
Ms Avril Mccleery		
Nichola		
Norma Parker		
Pam		
Rebecca Smyth		
Sharon		
Terence Smyth		

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Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, STONEYFORD

Charity registration number: **NIC101441**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST December 2025

Rector – Rev. John Farr



Rector's Churchwarden

Mr Desmond McCourt

Peoples' Churchwarden

Mrs Donna Morrow

Honorary Secretary

Mrs Jennifer Kennedy

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Jason McCourt

St. Johns Parish Stoneyford

2026 Easter General Vestry election

Wardens

- Desmond McCourt – Rectors Church Warden
- Peter Hunt – Rectors Glebe Warden
- Donna Morrow – Peoples Church Warden
- Terrence Smyth – Peoples Glebe Warden

Vestry Members

- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
- Pamela Geddis
- Sharon Harbinson
- Jennifer Kennedy (Hon. Secretary)
- Barry King
- Nicola McCann
- Avril McCleary
- Jason McCourt (Hon. Treasurer)
- Norma Parker
- Rebecca Smyth
- Al Beattie

2026 Parochial Nominators

- Desmond McCourt
- Norma Parker
- May Finlay (supplemental)
- Owen Finlay (supplemental)

2026 Diocesan Synod Member

- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
- Rebecca Smyth
- Avril McCleary (supplemental)
- Donna Morrow (supplemental)

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	NOTE	2025
INCOME		
Freewill Offering	£	32,666
Weekly loose Plate Collection	£	837
Tax Refund- Gift Aid	£	6,084
Tax Refund- Gift Aid Small donations	£	1,940
Easter Gift Day	£	620
Childrens Day	£	282
Harvest Thanksgiving	£	1,250
Investment income dividends	£	2,245
Use of Church Hall	£	300
Gift Aid envelope	£	20
Rent of Rectory	£	9,919
Appeals	£	3,038
Graveyard	£	1,695
Terence Smyth- Glebe Rent	£	800
Offerings misc	£	160
Fundraising	£	981
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	£	62,837
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The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	NOTE	2025
EXPENDITURE		
Stipend, etc		
Clerical Stipend	£	34,032
Diocesan Support - Clergy Pension Fund	£	1,119
Visiting Clergy	£	270
	£	<u>35,421</u>
Rectory Costs		
Rectory Expenses	£	<u>1,942</u>
Organist(s) Fee		
Organist(s) Fee	£	<u>2,845</u>
Diocesan Levy (ies)		
Diocesan General Fund	£	5,048
	£	<u>5,048</u>
Premises etc		
Insurances	£	2,254
Light & Heat	£	1,094
Church Expenses	£	3,408
Church Hall Expenses	£	1,196
Church Activities	£	400
General Expenses	£	276
Presents	£	872
Donations	£	3,876
	£	<u>13,376</u>
Miscellaneous		
Accountancy Fee		
Stationery and Postage	£	299
Sunday School	£	-
Bank Fees	£	454
	£	<u>753</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	<u><u>59,386</u></u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	£	<u><u>3,451</u></u>

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	2024	2025
INVESTMENTS		
St James Place Wealth Management	£ 91,790	£ 102,940
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Ulster Bank Ltd	£	48,067
Ulster Bank Ltd - Big Account	£	34
Cash on hand	£	-
	<u>£</u>	<u>48,101</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	£	-
Diocesan General Fund		
	<u>£</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES	<u>£</u>	<u>48,101</u>
NET ASSETTS	<u>£</u>	<u>48,101</u>
REVENUE RESERVE		
Brought forward	£	44,650
Surplus/deficit for year	£	3,451
	<u>£</u>	<u>48,101</u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED	<u>£</u>	<u>48,101</u>

These Financial statements on pages 1-4, were approved at a meeting of the Select Vestry held on 14th April 2026 and where signed on its behalf by:-

Mr, J. McCourt 

Honorary Treasurer

Rev. John Farr 

Chairman

Stoneyford/Stoneyford/St.John/Connor/Church of Ireland

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St. Johns Parish Stoneyford

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- Zelda Hearst – Rectors Glebe Warden
- Donna Morrow – Peoples Church Warden
- Terrence Smyth – Peoples Glebe Warden

Vestry Members

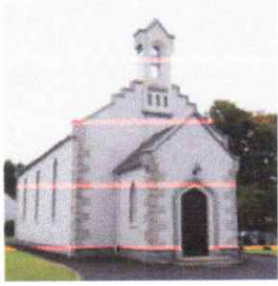
- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
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- Barry King
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- Avril McCleary
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- Norma Parker
- Rebecca Smyth

2023 Parochial Nominators

- Desmond McCourt
- Norma Parker
- May Finlay (supplemental)
- Owen Finlay (supplemental)

2023 Diocesan Synod Member

- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
- Rebecca Smyth
- Avril McCleary (supplemental)
- Donna Morrow (supplemental)



STONEYFORD PARISH ST JOHN'S CHURCH

6th May 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you for your continuing support over the past year as Priest-in-charge of St John's and assure you of my ongoing commitment to Stoneyford Parish in the future. I would especially like to thank the wardens, Donna, Zelda, Dessie and Terence, Treasurer, Jason, Secretary, Jennifer and all the members of the Select Vestry who have been instrumental in building and maintaining the Parish here in Stoneyford.

Thanks go to our Organist Rosemary for leading us in our Praise along with Andrew, Sophie and Lucy to support Rosemary in this Ministry going forward. Lucy will be completing her Organ Scholarship in June.

.I would also like to take the time to thank those whose ministry in the Church is not as obvious. Those who keep the grass cut in the graveyard and grounds, keep the graveyard regulated, clean the church and hall, help with the Summer Kids club etc. etc.,. The 'Lawn Rangers' headed up by Vicar's Glebe Warden Zelda and her team of volunteers have continued the maintenance of the Church grounds for the past year. A fantastic Ministry which all can appreciate and an opportunity for everyone to get involved in serving in the church.

The excellent giving in Stoneyford continues as is the tradition in this hard-working Parish allowing the increase of God's Kingdom both in the fabric of the buildings and in the Gospel mission. St John's continues to work with Mission Partners such as Christian Aid, CMS, CEF, Crosslinks etc in order to share in the wider work of Christ's church incarnate here on earth. .

I would like to pay tribute to the work of the Stoneyford Community and Youth Association for the great seniors clubs they run in the Parish Hall. I know that many of our members enjoy participating in these activities along with the wider community. We are always glad to support them in their events and activities in the Community when we can.

It has been great to have our hall and vestry repainted last summer, a special word of thanks to Mark and his Dad for the great job they did.

We still have good numbers tuning into our services online, a valuable resource for those unable to get to Church for Sunday services, Funerals and Weddings. I would like to thank all those who have made this continuing ministry possible, in particular, Jason, Jennifer, Lyndsey, Sarah, Claire, Dessie, Caroline and Rebecca for their time and talents. We are open to more Volunteers for these jobs.

On a sadder note, we have had 4 funerals in the Parish over the past year, Roy Lewis, Derek Smyth, Hilda Canning and Annie McDonald, Peoples church warden for over 30 years and stalwart of St John's. Their families are still very much in our thoughts and prayers.

It just leaves me to wish you all a blessed year to come in St John's, Stoneyford.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.” Psalm 127

Yours in Christ,



Reverend John Farr, 60 Belfast Road, Glenavy, Co. Antrim, BT29 4HR
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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Johns Parish Church Stoneyford

I report on the accounts of the St John's for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Charities Act 2011. It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65(3a) of the Charities Act NI 2008.
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 67 of the Charities Act NI 2008.
3. 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 63 of the Charities Act NI 2008 and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 of the Charities Act NI 2008.

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 the Charities Act NI 2008.
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 NI 2008 and Charities Act 2011.
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.

Leslie Howe 21-5-2025

Leslie Howe FCCA
Falconer Stewart Ltd - Accountants
Date:

248 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3EU

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	2024
INCOME		
Freewill Offering	£	33,488
Weekly Plate Collection	£	1,094
Tax Refund- Gift Aid	£	6,088
Tax Refund- Gift Aid Small donations	£	1,830
Easter Gift Day	£	757
Childrens Day	£	282
Harvest Thanksgiving	£	1,092
Use of Church Hall	£	2,450
Gift Aid envelope	£	82
Rent of Rectory	£	8,351
Appeals	£	2,275
Graveyard	£	1,625
Fundraising	£	1,725
Investment Inome-RCB	£	841
Terence Smyth- Glebe Rent	£	700
Offerings misc	£	140
Council Grant	£	13,660
FWO 2023 money lodged in 2024	£	10,209
	£	86,689

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	2024
EXPENDITURE		
Stipend, etc		
Clerical Stipend	£	33,528
Diocesan Support - Clergy Pension Fund	£	1,097
Visiting Clergy	£	310
	£	34,935
Rectory Costs		
Rectory Expenses	£	2,552
Organist(s) Fee		
Organist(s) Fee	£	2,270
Diocesan Levy (ies)		
Diocesan General Fund	£	4,655
	£	4,655
Premises etc		
Insurances	£	2,129
Light & Heat	£	1,968
Church Expenses & Internet	£	4,062
Church Hall Expenses	£	7,824
Church Activities	£	300
General Expenses	£	563
Retiring / special collections	£	873
Donations / Charity	£	3,554
	£	21,274
Miscellaneous		
Accountancy Fee	£	300
Fundraising expense	£	50
Stationery and Postage	£	301
Sunday School	£	60
Bank Fees	£	387
	£	1,098
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	66,785
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	£	19,904

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2023	2024
INVESTMENTS		
St James Place Wealth Management	£ 85,602	£ 91,790
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments		£ -
Ulster Bank Ltd		£ 37,530
Ulster Bank Ltd - Big Account		£ 46
Cash on hand		£ 7,074
		<u>£ 44,650</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals		£ -
Diocesan General Fund		£ -
		<u>£ -</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		<u>£ 44,650</u>
NET ASSETTS		<u>£ 44,650</u>
REVENUE RESERVE		
Brought forward		£ 24,746
Surplus/deficit for year		£ 19,904
		<u>£ 44,650</u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED		<u>£ 44,650</u>

These Financial statements on pages 1-4, were approved at a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 and where signed on its behalf by:-

Mr. J. McCourt



Honorary Treasurer

Rev. John Farr



Chairman

year ended 31 December 2024			Free Will Offering	Easter Gift Day	Children's Day	Harvest	Gift Aid	Total
1	Abbott	Mr & Mrs Albert	506.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	145.50	726.50
2	Adams	Mr & Mrs Kenneth	325.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	90.00	455.00
3	Bickerstaff	Mr & Mrs Paul	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Campbell	Mr & Mrs Jennifer	60.00	20.00	-	10.00	36.25	126.25
5	Canning	Mrs Hilda	400.00	-	-	-	121.25	521.25
6	Canning	Mr & Mrs Robert	360.00	-	20.00	-	110.00	490.00
7	Canning	Mr & Mrs David	25.00	-	-	-	-	25.00
8	Dawson	Mrs Coral	450.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-	465.00
9	Farr	Mrs Angela	1,050.00	2.30	1.50	2.01	271.73	1,327.54
10	Finlay	Owen & Mae	2,080.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	-	2,140.00
11	Gawley	Mrs Margaret & Mr George	375.00	20.00	-	10.00	-	405.00
12	Geddis	Mr & Mrs Jim	510.00	-	-	20.00	120.00	650.00
13	Geddis	Mr & Mrs Robert	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
14	Gilmore	Linda Jayne	40.00	-	-	-	-	40.00
15	Greer	Mr & Mrs Mark	150.00	-	-	20.00	47.50	217.50
16	Harbinson	Mr Trevor & Mrs Sharon	660.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	75.00	785.00
17	Hearst	Mrs Zelda	664.00	140.00	-	125.00	187.38	1,116.38
18	Johnston	Mr & Mrs Terry	200.00	-	-	20.00	47.50	267.50
19	Kennedy	Mr Brian & Mrs Jennifer	310.00	10.00	-	-	83.75	403.75
20	Kennedy	Miss Rebecca	5.00	-	-	-	-	5.00
21	King	Mr. Barrie	490.00	10.00	-	20.00	130.00	650.00
22	Lowry	Mr & Mrs Stanley	540.00	10.00	-	10.00	152.50	712.50
23	Lowry	Mrs Elanor	250.00	5.00	-	10.00	-	265.00
24	McCandless	Mr & Mrs William	363.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	111.25	534.25
25	McCandless	Miss Lisa	95.00	-	-	10.00	21.25	126.25
26	McCann	Mr & Mrs Kenny	260.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	72.50	362.50
27	McCleery	Mrs. Avril	480.00	10.00	-	20.00	132.50	642.50
28	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Hall	825.00	-	-	200.00	252.50	1,277.50
29	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Desmond	910.00	20.00	-	20.00	282.50	1,232.50
30	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Jason	530.00	50.00	20.00	100.00	165.00	865.00
31	McDonald	Mrs Annie	260.00	50.00	10.00	-	415.00	735.00
32	McMillan	Mr & Mrs Wallace	150.00	-	-	-	105.00	255.00
33	Mitten	Mr & Mrs Dennis	490.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	-	560.00
34	Morrow	Mr Glen & Mrs Donna	540.00	20.00	-	40.00	140.00	740.00
35	Morrow	Mr & Mrs Mark	55.00	-	-	-	15.00	70.00
36	Morrow	Miss Emma	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
37	Parker	Mr Sam & Mrs Norma	775.10	100.00	20.00	100.00	257.00	1,252.10
38	Scott	Mr & Mrs William	520.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	550.00
39	Scott	Mr & Mrs John	270.00	-	-	20.00	-	290.00
40	Scott	Miss Lynn	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Smyth	Mr Terrance & Mrs Dorothy	1,040.00	50.00	20.00	100.00	310.00	1,520.00
42	Watson	Mrs May	320.00	10.00	-	10.00	-	340.00
43	Watson	Mrs Beryl	90.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	95.00	245.00
44	Watson	Mr John	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
45	Whiteside	Mr Gary and Mrs Sharon	131.00	20.00	-	-	-	151.00
46	Willis	Mr Mark & Mrs Ruby	200.00	-	-	-	72.50	272.50
47	Willis	Mrs Oonagh	220.00	20.00	-	-	35.00	275.00
48	Willis	Miss Sorana	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
49	Armstrong	Mrs Suzanne	5.00	-	-	-	2.50	7.50
50	Woods	Miss Claire	43.00	10.00	-	-	-	53.00
51	Woods	Mr & Mrs William	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00
52	Woods	Morgan & Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Wright	Mrs Elaine	165.00	20.00	-	5.00	40.00	230.00
54	Berry	Miss Rachel	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Canning	Mr & Mrs Trevor	80.00	-	-	-	-	80.00

56	Johnston	Ms Denise	35.00	-	-	-	-	35.00
57	Crawford	Ian (William David)	245.00	-	-	-	-	245.00
58	Webb	Mrs Stacey	45.71	-	-	-	-	45.71
59	Brown	Mrs Helen	405.00	-	10.00	10.00	82.50	507.50
60	Smyth	Mrs Ivy	110.00	-	20.00	20.00	-	150.00
61	Watson	Mrs Susan & Mr Declan	20.00	-	-	-	-	20.00
	Abbott	Mr & Mrs Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Abbott	Mrs Georgina	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Abbott	Mr Sidney Jnr	50.00	-	-	-	12.50	62.50
	Berry	Mr Keith	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Berry	Mr Victor	40.00	-	-	-	10.00	50.00
	Black	Mr Clive	-	-	-	-	33.75	33.75
	Boyd	Mrs Evelyn	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Bushe	Mrs M A	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Canning	Mr & Mrs John	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Canning	Mrs Anne	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Coulter	Mr Raymond	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Collins	Stephen	60.00	-	-	-	-	60.00
	Dane	Mark & Heather	200.00	-	-	-	-	200.00
	Davies	Mrs Georgina	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
	Dawson	Mr Sam	365.00	-	-	-	112.50	477.50
	Dawson	Mr George	300.00	-	-	-	75.00	375.00
	Dawson	Mr John	1,000.00	-	-	-	250.00	1,250.00
	Dawson	Miss Olwyn	60.00	-	-	-	-	60.00
	Dawson	Mr & Mrs Richard	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Dawson	Mr Winston	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
	Dawson	Mrs Kate	150.00	-	-	-	-	150.00
	Donald	Mr & Mrs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Farr	Rev John	3,000.00	20.00	-	-	750.00	3,770.00
	Farr	Miss Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Farr	Miss Cathy Ann	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fenton	Rev Wallace	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ferguson	Mr David	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Gordon	Mr & Mrs Derek	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
	Gracey	Mrs Margaret	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Graham	Rev. Fred	50.00	-	-	-	12.50	62.50
	Green	Mr John & Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Gregg	Nigel & Joan	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Harbinson	Mr Mark & Mrs Lisa	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Harmer	Mr. Kenneth	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hildritch	Mrs Margaret	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hudson	Mrs Joan	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hunter	Mrs Lucy & John	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Johnston	Mrs Marlene W	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Kennedy	Mrs Jean	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Kernaghan	Mrs Caryl	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Leader	Mrs Sarah	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Leckey	Mr Brendan & Mrs Florence	400.00	-	-	-	-	400.00
	Leckey	Mr & Mrs Colin	100.00	-	-	-	30.00	130.00
	Leckey	Mr Trevor	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
	Leckey	Mr & Mrs William	250.00	-	-	-	50.00	300.00
	Lewis	Mr Roy & Anne	40.00	-	-	-	-	40.00
	Lewis	Mr Neil	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lowry	Mr Keith & Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Brian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr Stanley	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr William	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00

McCullough	Mrs Vivien	-	-	-	-	-	-
McGreehan	Mr Michael	-	-	-	-	-	-
McIlroy	Trina & Kenny	-	-	-	-	-	-
McKinstry	Mr Ian	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLoughlin	Mrs Annie	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Mitten	Mr & Mrs Robert	360.00	-	-	-	107.50	467.50
Mormechecha	Mr Michael	120.00	-	-	-	30.00	150.00
Moulds	Mr Terry	300.00	-	-	-	-	300.00
Moulds	Mr Alwyn & Jane	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
Neil	Mr Jim	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirk	Mrs Nicole	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Redhead	Mrs Sylvia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richardson	Mr William Jnr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richardson	Mr & Mrs Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reid	Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott	Mr Mervyn	100.00	-	-	-	25.00	125.00
Sharkey	Mrs Margaret	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Smith	Mrs Carol	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith	Claire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith	Josephine	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
Smyth	Mrs Dorothy	200.00	-	-	-	-	200.00
Smyth	Miss Rebecca	180.00	-	-	-	-	180.00
Smyth	Mr William & Jenny	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
Smyth	Mr Desmond	-	-	-	-	125.00	125.00
Speers	Mr Philip	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevenson	Mr Mairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevenson	Miss Andrea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watson	Mr Colin & Mrs Arlene	720.00	-	-	-	180.00	900.00
Watson	Mr Robert	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Watson	Mr & Mrs Tom	240.00	-	-	-	-	240.00
Wright	Mr & Mrs David	-	-	-	-	-	-

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THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, STONEYFORD

Charity registration number: NIC101441

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31ST December 2023

Rector – Rev. John Farr



Rector's Churchwarden

Mr Desmond McCourt

Peoples' Churchwarden

Mrs Annie McDonald

Honorary Secretary

Mrs Jennifer Kennedy

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Jason McCourt



STONEYFORD PARISH ST JOHN'S CHURCH

9th April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Last summer Angela and I were at a Johnny Cash Tribute Concert at the Sheddings, Glenarm (My Birthday present). During his introduction the main act was saying how good it was to be back performing after being off for 2 years. Angela whispered, 'I wonder why he was off for 2 years???' . 'Erm Hello! everybody was off for 2 years! Covid !!!'

It is easy to forget however, Lockdowns, Social distancing, Masks, Travel and activity restrictions, working from home are more or less gone. Hand sanitizers' lie empty and unused. Covid seems like a long-forgotten nightmare. Unless of course you have been badly affected by or lost a loved one to the virus!

Or indeed you are a Church who has seen Congregations, numbers and income failing to recover from the lockdowns. While Stonyford's finances are holding firm our weekly Sunday attendances have dropped especially with regard to the Sunday School.

This does not bode well for the long-term future of Stoneyford Parish. Plans and actions are underway to connect with and encourage involvement of Parishioners who have become disconnected from the Church and indeed wider members of the Community. We are certainly not alone in this phenomenon in St Johns, and it is a worry for many Parishes.

On a more positive note, we do have good numbers tuning into our services online, a valuable resource for those unable to get to Church for Sunday services, Funerals and Weddings. I would like to thank all those who have made this continuing ministry possible, in particular, Jason, Jennifer, Laura, Lyndsey, Sarah, Claire, Dessie and Rebecca for their time and talents. We are open to more Volunteers for these jobs, so if anyone is available, please let me know.

We welcome new members Jakob, Rose and Hugo to the Church by Holy Baptism in the past year.

We also celebrated the Marriage of Stephen McCarrigher and Rachel Berry.

On a sadder note, the Stevenson family have been particularly hard hit in the past year with the loss of Gary and Nell. Their families are still very much in our thoughts and prayers. We also remember the McCourt family as both George and Tilly were interred in the Churchyard last year.

I would like to thank the congregation for your continuing support over the past year as Priest-in-charge of St John's.

I would especially like to thank the wardens, Zelda, Annie, Terence and Dessie, Treasurer Jason, Secretary Jennifer and all the members of the Select Vestry who have been instrumental in building and sustaining the Church here in Stoneyford and our Organist Rosemary for leading us in our Praise. We welcome Lucy Steele to support Rosemary in this Ministry going forward. Lucy will be completing her Organ Scholarship next year.

The 'Lawn Rangers' headed up by Vicar's Glebe Warden Zelda and her team of volunteers have continued the maintenance of the Church grounds for the past year. A fantastic Ministry which all can appreciate and an opportunity for everyone to get involved in serving in the church.

St John's continues to work with Mission Partners Christian Aid, CEF, Crosslinks and CMS to share in the wider work of Christ's church incarnate here on earth.

I would like to thank the Sunday school teachers, Abbie, Nichola, Jenny and Molly for all their hard work in what has been a difficult year for the Sunday School.

It just leaves me to wish you all a blessed year to come in St John's, Stoneyford.

***Jesus said 'upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'* Matthew 16v18**

Yours in Christ,



**Reverend John Farr, 60 Belfast Road, Glenavy, Co. Antrim, BT29 4HR
J20far@hotmail.com Tel.: 07808 399579**

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	NOTE	2,023 £
INCOME		
Freewill Offering	£	34,386
Weekly Plate Collection	£	958
Tax Refund- Gift Aid	£	6,032
Tax Refund- Gift Aid Small donations	£	1,960
Easter Gift Day	£	612
Childrens Day	£	437
Harvest Thanksgiving	£	1,174
Investment income dividends	£	1,495
Use of Church Hall	£	-
Gift Aid envelope	£	-
Rent of Rectory	£	8,351
Appeals	£	3,026
Graveyard	£	180
Terence Smyth- Glebe Rent	£	600
Fundraising	£	-
Misc. Income	£	234
	£	59,444

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

NOTE 2,023

EXPENDITURE

Stipend, etc

Clerical Stipend

£ 32,148

Diocesan Support - Clergy Pension Fund

£ 4,414

Visiting Clergy

£ 270

£ 36,832

Organist(s) Fee

Organist(s) Fee

£ 2,440

Diocesan Levy (ies)

Diocesan General Fund

£ 4,757

Rectory Costs

Rectory Expenses

£ 4,035

Premises etc

Insurances

£ 2,195

Light & Heat

£ 1,486

Church Expenses

£ 2,384

Church Hall Expenses

£ 130

Church Activities

£ 290

General Expenses

£ 387

Presents

£ 100

Donations

£ 5,665

£ 12,637

Miscellaneous

Accountancy Fee

£ -

Stationery and Postage

£ 230

Sunday School

£ 547

Bank Fees

£ 340

£ 1,118

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£ 61,819

SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

-£ 2,375

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
INVESTMENTS		
St James Place Wealth Management	£ <u>79,611</u>	£ <u>85,602</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments		£ -
Ulster Bank Ltd		£ 25,333
Ulster Bank Ltd - Big Account		£ 13
Cash on hand		£ -
		<u>£ 25,346</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals		£ 600
Diocesan General Fund		£ -
		<u>£ 600</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		<u>£ 24,746</u>
NET ASSETTS		<u><u>£ 24,746</u></u>
REVENUE RESERVE		
Brought forward		£ 27,121
Surplus/deficit for year		<u>-£ 2,375</u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED		<u><u>£ 24,746</u></u>

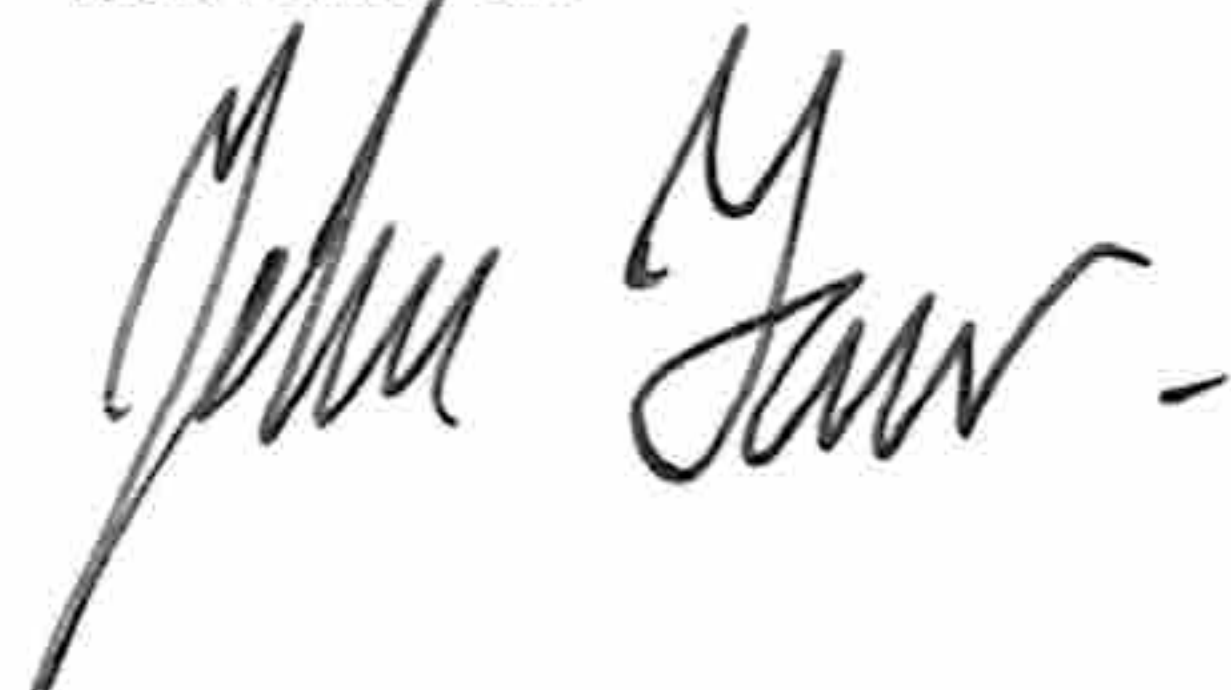
These Financial statements on pages 1-4, were approved at a meeting of the Select Vestry held on 9th April 2024 and where signed on its behalf by:-



Mr, J. McCourt

Honorary Treasurer

Rev. John Farr



Chairman

Stoneyford/Stoneyford/St.John/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101441

Annual report

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

ST. JOHNS PARISH CHURCH STONEYFORD (NIC101441)

C/o Hon. Treasurer Jason McCourt
29 The Beeches Manor
Lisburn BT28 3PL

1ST JANUARY 2023 – 31ST December 2023

Trustees:

Rev. John Farr, Mrs Jennifer Kennedy, Mr Jason McCourt, Mrs Annie McDonald, Mrs Norma Parker, Mr Terrence Smyth, Miss Rebecca Smyth, Mr Hall McCourt, Mrs Vera McCourt, Mr Desmond McCourt, Mrs Zelda Hearst, Mrs Donna Morrow, Mrs Mae Finlay and Mr Owen Finlay, Ms Avril McCleery, Mr Barrie King and Mr Paul Bickerstaff.

Finances:

Following all the transactions of the running of St. Johns Stoneyford the accounts at the end of the year as follows:

Current Account - £25,333 credit.

St. James Place Unit Trust - £85,602

The Church is still live streaming services as it has received encouraging feedback on viewing numbers; this is done via our Facebook account.

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

Management:

The Finances are managed by the Treasurer who reports back to the 17 Trustees at Finance and Vestry meetings on a monthly basis or in between if necessary. Vestry members are elected each year at the annual Easter Vestry.

Purpose:

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 artifacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

Public Benefit:

The charity Trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance.

St. John's Parish and Gartree Parish have been grouped together under a single cure. This was done on the direction of the Bishop of Down and Connor.

Regular worship and reaching out into the community as well as other activities both social and fundraising have been carried out though the year to fulfil our statement of Public Benefit.

With the normalisation of Sunday services the Holiday Bible Club was able to return and a good response and support was enjoyed by the Stoneyford Community.

The church community came together to celebrate His Majesty King Charles's coronation.

Other retiring collections have been undertaken to support the following that in turn pass it on to benefit those who are less fortunate:

Christian Aid, Devine Healing Ministries, Church Mission Society Ireland (CMS), Royal British Legion and Crosslinks.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Johns Parish Church Stoneyford

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
3. 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.


Ernest Reddick
CMC Accountants

Date: 29-03-2024

211 Moira Road
Lisburn
BT28 2SN

Stoneyford/Stoneyford/St.John/Connor/Church of Ireland

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THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, STONEYFORD

Charity registration number: **NIC101441**

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31ST December 2022

Rector – Rev. John Farr



Rector's Churchwarden

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Honorary Secretary

Mrs Jennifer Kennedy

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Jason McCourt

STONEYFORD PARISH

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

26th April 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Two big items of news in the last 12 months are an end to Covid Restrictions, the last vestiges of the pandemic controls end in June when we return to the Common Cup for our Holy Communion services. The second event is that Stoneyford and Gartree Parishes have been grouped under a single cure.

What this means is that both Parishes remain independent with their own vestries, income, Bank accounts and buildings etc but are under the oversight of the same Minister. The goal being that in the future the 2 Parishes would be able to support a full time Rector who may live in the Rectory in Stoneyford. This will hopefully secure the status of Stoneyford and Gartree as Parishes in their own right going forward,

One throwback to COVID that we have not got rid of has been the Streaming of our services on FaceBook. We actually have more viewers online every week than in church. This service is especially beneficial to Parishioners who cannot get to Public worship due to health or mobility reasons and we intend to upgrade our service.

I would like to thank all those who have made this continuing online ministry possible in particular, Jason, Jennifer, Laura, Claire, Dessie and Rebecca for their time and talents. We could do with some more Volunteers for these jobs, so if anyone is interested please let me know.

We welcome new members Kobie, Iris, Rachel and Katie to the Church through Holy Baptism in the past year.

In the last 12 months we have had no deaths of Parishioners which has been great as we had a particularly difficult year previously.

We have had 2 Country Gospel Dances in the Ballymac in the past year which were very successful raising well over £4000 for Church funds as well as being great social events for Parishioners and the wider community. A special thanks to Trevor, Jennifer and Jason for making those events so successful.

We had events through the year to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as well as commemorating her passing in September. We also planted 2 trees regarding both occasions on the Church Grounds. Tomorrow evening we will celebrate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III and plant a tree to mark the occasion later in the year.

I would like to thank the congregation for your continuing support over the past year as Priest-in-charge of St John's, especially during the illness and the passing of my dear mother Peggy.

I would especially like to thank the wardens, Zelda, Annie, Terence and Dessie, Treasurer Jason, Secretary Jennifer and all the members of the Select Vestry who have been instrumental in building the Church here in Stoneyford and our Organist Rosemary for leading us in our Praise.

The 'Lawn Rangers' headed up by Vicar's Glebe Warden Zelda and her team of volunteers have continued the maintenance of the Church grounds for the past year. A fantastic Ministry which all can appreciate.

St John's continues to work with Mission Partners such as Christian Aid, CEF, and Crosslinks etc to share in the wider work of Christ's church incarnate here on earth.

I would like to thank the Sunday school teachers, Abbie, Nichola, Jenny, Dorothy and Molly for all their hard work with our children throughout the year.

It just leaves me to wish you all a blessed year to come in St John's, Stoneyford.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." John 10

Yours in Christ,



Reverend John Farr, 60 Belfast Road, Glenavy, Co. Antrim, BT29 4HR
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The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTE	2022 £
INCOME		
Freewill Offering		30,563
Weekly Plate Collection		668
Tax Refund- Gift Aid		6,983
Tax Refund- Gift Aid Small donations		1,960
Easter Gift Day		628
Childrens Day		420
Harvest Thanksgiving		1,949
Gift Aid envelope		7
Fundraising		1,720
Use of Church Hall		1,220
Rent of Rectory		7,155
Terrence Smyth - Glebe rent		600
Appeals		1,665
Graveyard		1,470
Investment income dividends		835
Investment Inome-RCB		875
Insurance claim		0
Offerings misc		1,983
Refund of bank fees		26
		<hr/> 60,728 <hr/>

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTE	2022 £
EXPENDITURE		
Stipend, etc		
Clerical Stipend		29,604
Diocesan Support - Clergy Pension Fund		3,755
Visiting Clergy		170
		<u>33,529</u>
Rectory Costs		
Rectory Expenses		<u>4,419</u>
Organist(s) Fee		
Organist(s) Fee		<u>2,480</u>
Diocesan Levy (ies)		
Diocesan General Fund		4,928
		<u>4,928</u>
Premises etc		
Insurances		2,077
Light & Heat		1,812
Church Expenses		842
Church Hall Expenses		730
Church Activities		400
General Expenses		918
Presents		1,002
Donations		2,309
		<u>10,090</u>
Miscellaneous		
Accountancy Fee		0
Wealth management adjustment		8,800
Stationery and Postage		208
Sunday School		1,018
Bank Fees		377
		<u>10,403</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u><u>65,849</u></u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>-5,121</u></u>

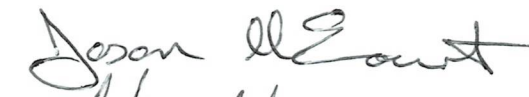

The Parish of St John Stoneyford

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	2022
	£
INVESTMENTS	
St James Place Wealth Management	79,611
CURRENT ASSETS	
Debtors & Prepayments	0
Ulster Bank Ltd	27,121
Ulster Bank Ltd - Big Account	29
Cash on hand	1,954
	<u>29,104</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accruals	0
Diocesan General Fund	0
	<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES	<u>29,104</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>108,715</u></u>
REVENUE RESERVE	
Brought forward	113,836
Surplus/deficit for year	-5,121
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FUNDS EMPLOYED	<u><u>108,715</u></u>

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Rev. John Farr

Chairman

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Finances:

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Current Account - £27,120 credit

St. James Place Unit Trust - £79,611

The Church is still live streaming services as it has received encouraging feedback on viewing numbers; this is done via our Facebook account. The internet provider has been changed from Plusnet to BT due to better upload speeds.

New carpet was purchased and installed for the Rectory. Along with repair work carried out on the chimney and some plumbing work. And repainting of some of the rooms.

All other payments in 2022 were paid when received and in full.

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Independent examiner's statement

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

Ernest Reddick
CMC Accountants (NI) Ltd

Date


3-4-2023

211 Moira Road
Lisburn BT28 2SN