

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101581

Details

Known as Holy Trinity Soldierstown

Status Received

Registered 2014-12-23

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	£183,656	£198,245	£0	4
2024-12-31	£121,303	£135,152	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Donald Frazer		
Elizabeth Reid		
Gavin Murray		
Hilary Wilson		
Jackie Montgomery		
John Watson		
Joy Frazer		
Larry Donaghey		
Noel Murray		
Norman Mcalister		
Rev Paul Mcadam		
Robert Clarke		
Roy Hanna		
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Wendy Malcomson		

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Accounts

**Holy Trinity Church
(Soldierstown)**

Parish of Aghalee



**Trustees' Annual Report and
Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2025**

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 101581

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2025

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Holy Trinity (Soldierstown), Parish of Aghalee, for the year ended 31st December 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

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

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Aghalee Parish Heritage Project:

During the year, the parish concluded the work of the Aghalee Parish Heritage Project. This project was developed from 2018 and delivered between May 2020 and December 2025. It involved major restoration work to Holy Trinity Church and the promotion of the heritage of the parish, along with its links to the Lagan Navigation and nearby hamlet of Soldierstown.

The three main aims of the project were to:

- Conserve the C17th built heritage of Holy Trinity Church, Aghalee
- Document and disseminate built, social and industrial heritage of the parish area
- Create a parish website to host a digital heritage archive of the parish area.

These aims were achieved through –

The restoration of Holy Trinity Church

- Delivering a program of heritage talks, concerts, open days and other events
- Publication of leaflets and a heritage book.
- Installation of heritage information panels
- Development of a website, social media, and a digital archive of parish records, photos and other heritage material.
- Training of volunteers

The final public event of the project was a concert by the choir Kings Chorale, with soloist Clover Watts; held on Friday 14th March.

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On Thursday 5th June, at the request of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we hosted an engagement event for eight other faith groups who were considering undertaking their own heritage projects; we shared our experiences of developing and delivering our project.

During the autumn season, we worked with Diane Ruddock MBE to carry out an evaluation of the whole project; Diane then produced an evaluation report. This, along with our Completion Report, and final Management & Maintenance Report, was submitted to and approved by the Heritage Fund in December 2025.

Aghalee Parish Heritage Project (2018 – 2025) was supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund - with a grant of £185,400 to part-fund this project.

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the funding received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which has made possible the Aghalee Parish Heritage Project. Further information, including the evaluation report, is available on the parish website.

Organisations & Activities

Our parish organisations are open to all-comers. In particular, the Mums & Tots, GFS, CLB and Bowling Club usually have many members who are not parishioners; and we are delighted to welcome everyone. Parish organizations are: -

- **'Jigsaw' Sunday School** – welcomes all children and usually meets during service-time each Sunday. Sunday School runs from September - June under the leadership of a team of volunteers.
- **The Parish Choir** contributes to the worship of the church and offers members a chance to build friendship and enjoy singing together. Practice evenings are held frequently on Thursday evenings; and as needed for special occasions such as Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- **Soldierstown Tots Group**: usually meets on a Monday morning in the parish youth-hall. It welcomes children of pre-school age along with their mums (also dads, grannies, grandads, carers – are all welcome!). Some members, who had no previous connection to the church, have found this a very welcoming and engaging group. By nature of the group, attendance fluctuates - but it welcomes approx. 6-12 children each week.
- **Girls' Friendly Society** – usually meet on Monday evenings between September and April. The current enrolment is ~25 drawn from both parishioners and non-members. There are 7 volunteer leaders who are enthusiastic and encouraging for the girls. The GFS girls also participate in various activities and competitions at Diocesan level.
- **Church Lads' Brigade** – also meets on Monday evenings between September and April. CLB has a membership of ~15 - both parishioners and non-members. The boys enjoy a great variety of activities and outings.
- **Mothers' Union** - is a long-standing organisation within the parish and has ~9 regular members. M.U. meets occasionally on the 2nd Tuesday of the months - members enjoy regular outings, Diocesan events, and the chance to meet with other M.U. branches. M.U. actively supports of the Women's Refuge Centre by organizing a collection of toiletries etc.
- **Ladies Fellowship** usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. The program of activities is progressive and imaginative and engages regularly with around 15-20 attendees. Ladies Fellowship is open to all, including those from beyond the church family.
- **Men's Group** aims to build friendship and fellowship amongst the men of the parish – meeting on the third Wednesday morning of each month, with a program of visiting speakers.
- **Soldierstown Bowling Club**: competes in the Lisburn & District Indoor Bowling League. Home matches and friendly / practice evenings are held on Wednesday evenings in the church hall. The club welcomes all bowlers.
- **Midweek Fellowship / Bible Study Group**: Usually meets on Wednesday evenings in the Parochial Hall, Aghalee. It is for those who wish to explore and share the Christian faith with others, in a friendly, welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.
- **Also - Sunday Morning "Cup of Tea"** usually allows service-goers to meet up before the services to chat in an informal setting.

Youth Hall Restoration

During the course of the year restoration work was carried out in the youth hall. This included laying a new floor, some repairs to plaster-work and complete re-decoration. The hall was closed for six months (July – December) during which time all activities transferred to the main church hall.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Aghalee Parish is governed and managed in accordance with the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and the Diocesan Regulations of the Diocese of Down & Dromore.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of Aghalee Parish are the members of the Select Vestry.

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. 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. Meetings of the General Vestry are held (at least) annually within three weeks of Easter.

Members of the Select Vestry are elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting and 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 Trustees / Select Vestry so elected are listed at the start of this report.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consisted of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe-wardens and twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the Rector. The Select Vestry has been responsible in the period for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the parish funds have been allocated.

The Select Vestry met 9 times in the period and the average attendance was 12.

Financial Review

The income for the parish was £183,656 with payments of £198,245 giving a deficit of (£14,590). The Bank and Cash Balance as at 31 December 2025 was £104,294 (of this balance £71,615 were unrestricted funds, £32,679 restricted funds and £Nil endowment funds)

It is the Trustees' policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies and have adequate funds for maintenance of church property and to further the objectives and activities of the parish.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure the parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025 can be signed off as a going concern.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Trustees have 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.

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul McAdam
Rector/Chair

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH AGHALEE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

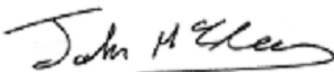
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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



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Chartered Accountants Ireland
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Date: 10 February 2026

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	2	102,096	3,918	106,014	95,904
Charitable Activities	3	9,625	28,990	38,615	15,869
Other trading activities	4	3,349	-	3,349	1,919
Investment Income	5	1,668	1	1,669	288
Other	6	34,009	-	34,009	7,324
		<u>150,747</u>	<u>32,909</u>	<u>183,656</u>	<u>121,304</u>
Payments					
Charitable Activities	7	165,962	32,283	198,245	135,152
		<u>165,962</u>	<u>32,283</u>	<u>198,245</u>	<u>135,152</u>
Total		<u>(15,216)</u>	626	<u>(14,590)</u>	<u>(13,848)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(15,216)	626	(14,590)	(13,848)
Transfer between funds		<u>(2,155)</u>	2,155	-	-
Net movement in funds		(17,371)	2,781	(14,590)	(13,848)
Funds brought forward		<u>88,986</u>	<u>29,898</u>	<u>118,884</u>	<u>132,732</u>
Funds carried forward	8	<u><u>71,615</u></u>	<u><u>32,679</u></u>	<u><u>104,294</u></u>	<u><u>118,884</u></u>

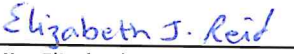
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	88,986	29,898	118,884	132,732
Net movement in funds	(17,371)	2,781	(14,590)	(13,848)
Bank and cash at end of year	71,615	32,679	104,294	118,884
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts			-	-
Bank Current Accounts			104,260	118,879
Cash in Hand			34	5
			104,294	118,884

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


Rev Paul McAdam
Rector/Chair


Miss Elizabeth Reid
Treasurer

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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 AND EXPENDITURE

All items of income and expenditure recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

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.

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE PARISH'S OWN USE

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

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Church Hall
- Rectory
- Parochial Hall

The Church Building and Graveyard 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 Parochial Hall and Church Hall are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as they were built at a time when there were no reliable records of construction costs and a valuation of such buildings lacks sufficient reliability.

The rectory is held for the purposes of the ministry of the parish. No value has been included for the rectory in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as it was built at a time when there were no reliable records of construction costs and a valuation of such buildings lacks sufficient reliability. The Select Vestry has not obtained a current valuation. The property is insured under the parish insurance policy for reinstatement purposes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 December 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Recorded giving	61,565	-	61,565	57,924
Loose collections	4,227	-	4,227	1,481
Donations and gifts	16,553	3,918	20,471	26,405
Gift Aid	12,981	-	12,981	10,092
Legacies and bequest	6,770	-	6,770	-
	<u>102,096</u>	<u>3,918</u>	<u>106,014</u>	<u>95,903</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Grants	9,625	28,990	38,615	15,869
	<u>9,625</u>	<u>28,990</u>	<u>38,615</u>	<u>15,869</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Rents received	3,349	-	3,349	1,919
	<u>3,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>1,919</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Investment income	1,384	-	1,384	-
Deposit interest	283	1	285	288
	<u>1,668</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,669</u>	<u>288</u>

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Insurance claim	30,100	-	30,100	-
Other Income	3,910	-	3,910	7,324
	<u>34,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,009</u>	<u>7,324</u>

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Ministry and support staff costs	63,991	-	63,991	61,298
Congregational running expenses	99,272	29,823	129,095	66,365
Donations to Mission and charities	1,666	1,460	3,126	6,414
Governance costs	1,033	1,000	2,033	1,074
	<u>165,962</u>	<u>32,283</u>	<u>198,245</u>	<u>135,152</u>

8. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General fund	88,986	150,747	(165,962)	(15,216)	(2,155)	71,615
Restricted Funds						
New Project fund	26,720	29,990	(29,965)	25	2,255	29,000
Coffee bar	1,670	707	(416)	291	-	1,961
Ladies Fellowship	865	234	(600)	(366)	-	499
Bowling club	638	784	(236)	548	-	1,186
Mums and Tots	5	234	(106)	128	(100)	34
Orange Order	-	257	(257)	-	-	-
Gaza Appeal	-	400	(400)	-	-	-
Royal British Legion	-	304	(304)	-	-	-
	<u>29,898</u>	<u>32,909</u>	<u>(32,283)</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>2,155</u>	<u>32,679</u>
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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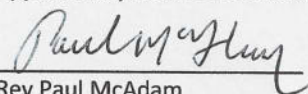
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev Paul McAdam

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH AGHALEE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

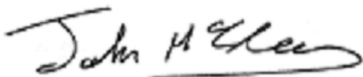
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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



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Chartered Accountants Ireland
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Date: 4 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2024

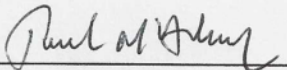
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	2	90,084	5,819	95,903	95,412
Charitable Activities	3	-	15,869	15,869	90,153
Other trading activities	4	1,919	-	1,919	1,775
Investment Income	5	288	-	288	349
Other	6	7,324	-	7,324	4,853
		<u>99,615</u>	<u>21,688</u>	<u>121,303</u>	<u>192,542</u>
Payments					
Charitable Activities	7	107,080	28,072	135,152	192,823
		<u>107,080</u>	<u>28,072</u>	<u>135,152</u>	<u>192,823</u>
Total		<u>(7,464)</u>	<u>(6,384)</u>	<u>(13,849)</u>	<u>(281)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(7,464)	(6,384)	(13,849)	(281)
Transfer between funds		<u>52,180</u>	<u>(52,180)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		44,715	(58,564)	(13,849)	(281)
Funds brought forward		<u>44,271</u>	<u>88,462</u>	<u>132,732</u>	<u>133,014</u>
Funds carried forward	8	<u><u>88,986</u></u>	<u><u>29,898</u></u>	<u><u>118,884</u></u>	<u><u>132,733</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	44,271	88,462	132,732	133,014
Net movement in funds	44,715 -	58,564 -	13,849	(281)
	88,986	29,898	118,884	132,733
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts			-	-
Bank Current Accounts			118,879	132,696
Cash in Hand			5	37
			118,884	132,733

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



 Rev Paul McAdam

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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 AND EXPENDITURE

All items of income and expenditure recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

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 donar 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	57,924	-	57,924	53,070
Loose collections	1,481	-	1,481	1,360
Donations and gifts	20,586	5,819	26,405	30,952
Gift Aid	10,092	-	10,092	10,030
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-
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	90,084	5,819	95,903	95,412

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Grants	-	15,869	15,869	90,153
	-	15,869	15,869	90,153

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Rents received	1,919	-	1,919	1,775
	1,919	-	1,919	1,775

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit interest	288	-	288	349
	288	-	288	349

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Other Income	7,324	-	7,324	4,853
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Ministry and support staff costs	61,298	-	61,298	55,353
Congregational running expenses	43,171	23,195	66,365	135,770
Donations to Mission and charities	1,537	4,878	6,414	854
Governance costs	1,074	-	1,074	846
	107,080	28,072	135,152	192,823

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

8. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General fund	44,271	99,615 -	107,080	36,806	52,180	88,986
Restricted Funds						
Development fund	52,180	-	-	52,180	(52,180)	-
Project fund	33,307	16,353 -	22,941	26,720	-	26,720
Coffee bar	996	674	-	1,670	-	1,670
Ladies fellowship	975	-	110	865	-	865
Bowling club	967	301 -	630	638	-	638
Mums and tots	37	182 -	214	5	-	5
Orange Order	-	202 -	202	-	-	-
Breast Cancer Now	-	3,731 -	3,731	-	-	-
Royal British Legion	-	244 -	244	-	-	-
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A restricted fund described as the "Development Fund" amounting to £52,180 has been transferred to unrestricted funds in the year. The Trustees have determined that these funds are to be used for the general running of the church and should therefore be classed as unrestricted.

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and
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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

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

The principal function of Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee is to support the advancement of the Christian religion. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering pastoral care and support to 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, Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee has custody of certain property, records, materials and artefacts which are of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of the whole community. The maintenance of these is undertaken by the select vestry of Holy Trinity, Aghalee.

Compliance with Public benefit

The Trustees have 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.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The church cherishes its motto "Creating and sustaining Christians" and has spent the last year working towards its continuing commitment to deliver on this motto.

Under the leadership and pastoral care of the Rector, and with the active participation of a good number of volunteers, the parish continues to carry forward the Christian outreach and pastoral ministry required to sustain a rural parish.

During the early part of the year, services were held in the church hall due to ongoing restoration work to the church building. However, on completion of the restoration work, services in the church resumed from late March.

Occasional special services were held to mark the major Christian festivals etc. Easter Sunday (95); Harvest Thanksgiving (202); Remembrance Sunday (110); Christmas Carol Service (102) and Christmas Eve/Day (70).

Throughout the year, the parish maintained an online presence - developing better use of the parish Facebook page (@AghaleeParish) and Youtube channel. Sunday services were streamed on the parish Youtube channel (average ~70 weekly viewers).

The parish maintains artefacts, materials and historic buildings for the benefit of the public and in particular for those appreciative of longstanding Christian heritage. Access to Church buildings is restricted for public safety reasons - however, visitors can access the church by arrangement, when they will be accompanied by a member of the parish.

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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

In September, a series of leaflets was produced, detailing the heritage of Holy Trinity Church, the Lagan Navigation and the hamlet of Soldierstown.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

101581

Principal address

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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

Trustees

Mrs Irene Culbert
Mr Larry Donaghey
Mrs Sheila Duncan (resigned 18.4.23)
Mrs Helen Laird (resigned 18.4.23)
Mr Donald Frazer
Mr Roy Hanna
Mrs Jennifer Martin
Rev Paul McAdam
Mr Jim McLorn (deceased 23.2.23)
Mrs Jacqueline Montgomery
Mr Stephen Montgomery
Mr Gavin Murray
Mr Noel Murray
Mr David Twigg
Mr John Watson
Mr Norman McAlister
Mrs Sylvia Thompson
Mr Tom Bradley (appointed 18.4.23)
Mrs Joy Frazer (appointed 18.4.23)
Ms Elizabeth Reid (appointed 18.4.23)

Independent Examiner

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Mr. Donald Frazer

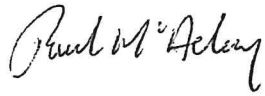
Secretary: Mr. Norman McAlister

Treasurer: Miss Elizabeth Reid

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul McAdam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Rev Paul McAdam - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee**

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

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

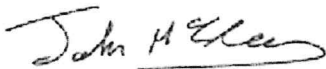
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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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Date: 5 March 2024

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**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	80,926	104,639	185,565	101,965
Investment income	3	2,124	-	2,124	1,600
Other income		<u>4,259</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>4,853</u>	<u>6,104</u>
Total		<u>87,309</u>	<u>105,233</u>	<u>192,542</u>	<u>109,669</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs		109,027	75,628	184,655	142,373
Support costs		<u>8,128</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>8,168</u>	<u>5,663</u>
Total		<u>117,155</u>	<u>75,668</u>	<u>192,823</u>	<u>148,036</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	7	(29,846)	29,565	(281)	(38,367)
		<u>(7,756)</u>	<u>7,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(37,602)	37,321	(281)	(38,367)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		81,873	51,141	133,014	171,381
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>44,271</u>	<u>88,462</u>	<u>132,733</u>	<u>133,014</u>

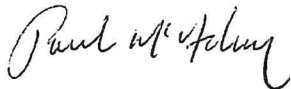
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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		44,271	88,462	132,733	133,014
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>44,271</u>	<u>88,462</u>	<u>132,733</u>	<u>133,014</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		44,271	88,462	132,733	133,014
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET ASSETS		<u>44,271</u>	<u>88,462</u>	<u>132,733</u>	<u>133,014</u>
 FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			44,271	81,873
Restricted funds				<u>88,462</u>	<u>51,141</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>132,733</u>	<u>133,014</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul McAdam - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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 and expenditure

All items of income and expenditure recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
FWO offering	53,070	50,111
Loose offering	1,360	723
Gift aid	10,030	11,203
Grants	90,153	16,742
Harvest	8,165	7,480
Sundry income	1,047	660
Development fund income	16,891	14,349
Other donations	2,510	358
New Project Income	<u>2,339</u>	<u>339</u>
	<u>185,565</u>	<u>101,965</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

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

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Small grants	-	1,510
Education Grant	4,743	9,787
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	9,860	5,445
RCB Grant	24,500	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund	<u>51,050</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>90,153</u>	<u>16,742</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Rents received	1,775	1,350
Deposit account interest	<u>349</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>2,124</u>	<u>1,600</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	44,349	40,701
Trustees' social security	4,318	4,176
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>3,390</u>	<u>3,110</u>
	<u>52,057</u>	<u>47,987</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

5. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.12.23	31.12.22
Pastoral	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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	81,764	20,201	101,965
Investment income	1,600	-	1,600
Other income	<u>5,938</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>6,104</u>
Total	<u>89,302</u>	<u>20,367</u>	<u>109,669</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct costs	105,281	37,092	142,373
Support costs	<u>5,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,663</u>
Total	<u>110,944</u>	<u>37,092</u>	<u>148,036</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(21,642)	(16,725)	(38,367)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>103,515</u>	<u>67,866</u>	<u>171,381</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>81,873</u>	<u>51,141</u>	<u>133,014</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	81,873	(29,846)	(7,756)	44,271
Restricted funds				
Development fund	35,289	16,891	-	52,180
New project fund	13,402	12,149	7,756	33,307
Coffee bar	402	594	-	996
Ladies fellowship	1,015	(40)	-	975
Bowling Club	996	(29)	-	967
Mums and Tots	<u>37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>51,141</u>	<u>29,565</u>	<u>7,756</u>	<u>88,462</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,014</u>	<u>(281)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,733</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	87,309	(117,155)	(29,846)
Restricted funds			
Development fund	16,891	-	16,891
New project fund	87,748	(75,599)	12,149
Coffee bar	594	-	594
Ladies fellowship	-	(40)	(40)
Bowling Club	<u>-</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(29)</u>
	<u>105,233</u>	<u>(75,668)</u>	<u>29,565</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,542</u>	<u>(192,823)</u>	<u>(281)</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	103,515	(21,642)	-	81,873
Restricted funds				
Development fund	20,940	14,349	-	35,289
New project fund	40,644	(31,242)	4,000	13,402
Coffee bar	4,235	167	(4,000)	402
Ladies fellowship	948	67	-	1,015
Bowling Club	1,062	(66)	-	996
Mums and Tots	<u>37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>67,866</u>	<u>(16,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,141</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>171,381</u>	<u>(38,367)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,014</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,302	(110,944)	(21,642)
Restricted funds			
Development fund	14,349	-	14,349
New project fund	5,784	(37,026)	(31,242)
Coffee bar	167	-	167
Ladies fellowship	67	-	67
Bowling Club	<u>-</u>	<u>(66)</u>	<u>(66)</u>
	<u>20,367</u>	<u>(37,092)</u>	<u>(16,725)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,669</u>	<u>(148,036)</u>	<u>(38,367)</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	103,515	(51,488)	(7,756)	44,271
Restricted funds				
Development fund	20,940	31,240	-	52,180
New project fund	40,644	(19,093)	11,756	33,307
Coffee bar	4,235	761	(4,000)	996
Ladies fellowship	948	27	-	975
Bowling Club	1,062	(95)	-	967
Mums and Tots	<u>37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>67,866</u>	<u>12,840</u>	<u>7,756</u>	<u>88,462</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>171,381</u>	<u>(38,648)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,733</u>

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	176,611	(228,099)	(51,488)
Restricted funds			
Development fund	31,240	-	31,240
New project fund	93,532	(112,625)	(19,093)
Coffee bar	761	-	761
Ladies fellowship	67	(40)	27
Bowling Club	<u>-</u>	<u>(95)</u>	<u>(95)</u>
	<u>125,600</u>	<u>(112,760)</u>	<u>12,840</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>302,211</u>	<u>(340,859)</u>	<u>(38,648)</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustee remuneration received by Rev Paul McAdam is detailed in note 4 to the accounts.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
FWO offering	53,070	50,111
Loose offering	1,360	723
Gift aid	10,030	11,203
Grants	90,153	16,742
Harvest	8,165	7,480
Sundry income	1,047	660
Development fund income	16,891	14,349
Other donations	2,510	358
New project Income	<u>2,339</u>	<u>339</u>
	185,565	101,965
Investment income		
Rents received	1,775	1,350
Deposit account interest	<u>349</u>	<u>250</u>
	2,124	1,600
Other income		
Coffee bar	594	166
Graveyard fees	1,450	3,550
RCB / CIT distribution	1,202	1,262
Parish organisation	1,260	750
Events	110	241
Special services	<u>237</u>	<u>135</u>
	<u>4,853</u>	<u>6,104</u>
Total incoming resources	192,542	109,669
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	44,349	40,701
Trustees' social security	4,318	4,176
Trustees' pensions paid	3,390	3,110
Pensions	4,407	4,043
Rates and water	881	854
Insurance	4,961	4,602
Carried forward	62,306	57,486

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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	62,306	57,486
Light and heat	6,083	9,223
Organists	3,296	2,800
Diocesan levies & charges	7,768	7,488
Parish centre costs	6,756	5,398
Charitable donations	854	600
New project expenditure	75,599	37,026
Bowling club expenses	29	66
Repairs and maintenance	<u>21,964</u>	<u>22,286</u>
	184,655	142,373
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	275	111
 Other		
Sundries	3,228	2,917
Administration costs	<u>3,819</u>	<u>1,825</u>
	7,047	4,742
 Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>846</u>	<u>810</u>
 Total resources expended	<u>192,823</u>	<u>148,036</u>
 Net expenditure	<u>(281)</u>	<u>(38,367)</u>

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Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Annual report

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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 Activities

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

The principal function of Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee is to support the advancement of the Christian religion. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering pastoral care and support to 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, Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee has custody of certain property, records, materials and artefacts which are of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of the whole community. The maintenance of these is undertaken by the select vestry of Holy Trinity, Aghalee.

Compliance with Public benefit

The Trustees have 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.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The church cherishes its motto "Creating and sustaining Christians" and has spent the last year working towards its continuing commitment to deliver on this motto.

Under the leadership and pastoral care of the Rector, and with the active participation of a good number of volunteers, the parish continues to carry forward the Christian outreach and pastoral ministry required to sustain a rural parish.

During the early part of the year, services were held in the church hall due to ongoing restoration work to the church building. However, on completion of the restoration work, services in the church resumed from late March.

Occasional special services were held to mark the major Christian festivals etc. Easter Sunday (95); Harvest Thanksgiving (202); Remembrance Sunday (110); Christmas Carol Service (102) and Christmas Eve/Day (70).

Throughout the year, the parish maintained an online presence - developing better use of the parish Facebook page (@AghaleeParish) and Youtube channel. Sunday services were streamed on the parish Youtube channel (average ~70 weekly viewers).

The parish maintains artefacts, materials and historic buildings for the benefit of the public and in particular for those appreciative of longstanding Christian heritage. Access to Church buildings is restricted for public safety reasons - however, visitors can access the church by arrangement, when they will be accompanied by a member of the parish.

Access to historical church records can be provided to any member of the public requiring information for research and genealogical purposes.

Heritage Project: Throughout the year, the parish continued the work of our Heritage Development Project involving major restoration work to Holy Trinity Church and promotion of the heritage of the parish, along with its links to the Lagan Navigation and nearby hamlet of Soldierstown.

Aghalee Parish Heritage Project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund – who have made a grant of £185,400 available to part-fund this project. The Trustees would like to acknowledge the funding received during the year ended 31 December 2023 of £51,050 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which will make possible the completion of the delivery stage of this project.

The restoration work to the church building was largely completed by March 2023, pending a settlement period. The contractor was J.S. Dunlop Construction Ltd; and the architect/project supervisor is Leighton Johnston Associates.

A service of rededication was held on Passion Sunday, 26th March 2023; at which gifts of choir books, communion linens, pulpit & lectern falls were presented.

On 1st July, a special music event was held to mark the centenary of the church organ; 13 organists played during the course of the day and around 250 visitors called in to listen. The organ was originally dedicated to those members who served or lost their lives in the Great War; so information about the 'Soldiers of Soldierstown' was also put on display.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

In September, a series of leaflets was produced, detailing the heritage of Holy Trinity Church, the Lagan Navigation and the hamlet of Soldierstown.

Also, in September the parish took part in the European Heritage Open Days.

On October 13th - 15th, a 3-day Heritage Festival was held - being officially opened by Dame Mary Peters. Floral displays in the church depicted various aspects of parish heritage; a costume pageant told the story of our history from pre-Christian times; and the minor hall was transformed into a heritage cafe. Approximately 1,250 people attended during the course of the Festival.

In December, a 112-page book entitled 'Soldiers, Sailors, Saints and Spinners' was published, telling the story of our parish and heritage. The book was designed by Jo-Ann Smyth (Evolution Graphics) and printed by Print-It (Moirra).

Also in December, a new parish website was launched enabling us to share details of our heritage and parish activities. The web-developer was Jonathan Higgins (ConceptNI). The website can be viewed at: www.aghalee.dromore.anglican.org

Throughout the year, a series of Heritage Talks was held on the following subjects:

- Professor Brian Walker, 'Our Holy Heritage' (the church history of Aghalee parish)
- Mr Simon Walker, 'A Caroline Church' (church architecture of the Caroline period)
- Dr Ciaran Toal, 'Lagan & Linen' (the linen industry of the Lagan Valley).

Our parish organisations are open to all-comers. In particular, the Mums & Tots, GFS, CLB and Bowling Club usually have many members who are not parishioners; and we are delighted to welcome everyone. Parish organisations are: -

- **'Jigsaw' Sunday School** - usually meets during service-time each Sunday; although has not yet fully resumed following the pandemic.
- **The Parish Choir** contributes to the worship of the church and offers members a chance to build friendship and enjoy singing together. Practice evenings are held frequently on Thursday evenings; and as needed for special occasions such as Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas services.
- **Soldierstown Tots Group**: usually meets on a Monday morning in the parish youth-hall. It welcomes children of pre-school age along with their mums (dads, grannies, grandads, carers - are all welcome!) Some members, who had no previous connection to the church, have found this a very welcoming and engaging group. By nature of the group, attendance fluctuates - but it welcomes from 6-12 children each week.
- **Girls' Friendly Society** - usually meets on Monday evenings between September and April. The current enrolment is ~25 drawn from both parishioners and non-members. There are 7 volunteer leaders who are enthusiastic and encouraging for the girls. The GFS girls also participate in various activities and competitions at Diocesan level.
- **Church Lads' Brigade** - also meets on Monday evenings between September and April. CLB has a membership of ~15 - both parishioners and non-members. The boys enjoy a great variety of activities and outings.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

- A relaxed, small-scale Parents Evening was held in April - the first time GFS / CLB had been able to do so since the start of the pandemic.
- **Mothers' Union** - is a long-standing organisation within the parish and has ~12 regular members. M.U. meets occasionally on the 2nd Tuesday of the month - members enjoy regular outings, Diocesan events, and the chance to meet with other M.U. branches. M.U. actively supports the Women's Refuge Centre by organising a collection of toiletries etc.
- **Ladies Fellowship** usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. The program of activities is progressive and imaginative and engages regularly with around 15-20 attendees. Ladies Fellowship is open to all, including those from beyond the church family.
- **Men's Group** was established as a new venture, beginning in September 2023, to build friendship and fellowship amongst the men of the parish - meeting on the last Wednesday morning of each month, with a program of visiting speakers.
- **Soldierstown Bowling Club**: competes in the Lisburn & District Indoor Bowling League. Home matches and friendly / practice evenings are held on Wednesday evenings in the church hall. The club welcomes all bowlers.
- **Midweek Fellowship / Bible Study Group**: Usually meets on Wednesday evenings in the Parochial Hall, Aghalee. It is for those who wish to explore and share the Christian faith with others, in a friendly, welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

The income for the parish from various sources was £192,542 with payments of £192,823 giving a deficit of £281. The bank and cash balances as at 31 December 2023 were £132,733 (of this balance £44,271 were unrestricted funds, £88,462 restricted funds and £Nil endowment funds).

It is the Trustees' policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies and have adequate funds for maintenance of church property and to further the objectives and activities of the parish.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure the parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Aghalee Parish is governed and managed in accordance with the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and the Diocesan Regulations of the Diocese of Down & Dromore.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees of Aghalee Parish are the members of the Select Vestry.

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. 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. Meetings of the General Vestry are held (at least) annually within three weeks of Easter.

Members of the Select Vestry are elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting and 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.

Organisational structure

The Select Vestry has been responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consisted of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe-wardens and twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the Rector. The Select Vestry has been responsible in the period for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the parish funds have been allocated.

The Select Vestry met 8 times in the period and the average attendance was 12.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

101581

Principal address

C/o Miss Elizabeth Reid
15 Broadwater Park,
Aghalee
Craigavon
Co. Armagh
BT67 0EW

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

Mrs Irene Culbert
Mr Larry Donaghey
Mrs Sheila Duncan (resigned 18.4.23)
Mrs Helen Laird (resigned 18.4.23)
Mr Donald Frazer
Mr Roy Hanna
Mrs Jennifer Martin
Rev Paul McAdam
Mr Jim McLorn (deceased 23.2.23)
Mrs Jacqueline Montgomery
Mr Stephen Montgomery
Mr Gavin Murray
Mr Noel Murray
Mr David Twigg
Mr John Watson
Mr Norman McAlister
Mrs Sylvia Thompson
Mr Tom Bradley (appointed 18.4.23)
Mrs Joy Frazer (appointed 18.4.23)
Ms Elizabeth Reid (appointed 18.4.23)

Independent Examiner

John McCleary FCA
McCleary & Company Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Garvey Studios
14 Longstone Street
Lisburn
Co. Antrim
BT28 1TP

Bankers

Danske Bank

Office-Bearers

Rector:	Rev Paul McAdam
Churchwardens:	Mrs. Joy Frazer Mr. John Watson
Glebe-wardens:	Mr. Noel Murray Mr. Donald Frazer
Secretary:	Mr. Norman McAlister
Treasurer:	Miss Elizabeth Reid

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Paul McAdam - Trustee

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee**

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

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

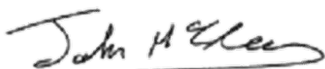
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the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

McCleary & Company Ltd
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Date: 5 March 2024

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Accounts

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	81,764	20,201	101,965	279,283
Investment income	3	1,600	-	1,600	1,795
Other income		5,938	166	6,104	8,239
Total		<u>89,302</u>	<u>20,367</u>	<u>109,669</u>	<u>289,317</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs		105,281	37,092	142,373	290,839
Support costs		5,663	-	5,663	3,964
Total		<u>110,944</u>	<u>37,092</u>	<u>148,036</u>	<u>294,803</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 (21,642)	 (16,725)	 (38,367)	 (5,486)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		103,515	67,866	171,381	176,867
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u><u>81,873</u></u>	 <u><u>51,141</u></u>	 <u><u>133,014</u></u>	 <u><u>171,381</u></u>

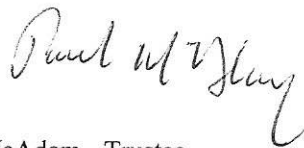
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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		81,873	51,141	133,014	171,381
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>81,873</u>	<u>51,141</u>	<u>133,014</u>	<u>171,381</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		81,873	51,141	133,014	171,381
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NET ASSETS		<u>81,873</u>	<u>51,141</u>	<u>133,014</u>	<u>171,381</u>
FUNDS					
	7			81,873	103,515
Unrestricted funds				51,141	67,866
Restricted funds				<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>133,014</u>	<u>171,381</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul McAdam - Trustee

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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 and expenditure

All items of income and expenditure recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
FWO offering	50,111	49,326
Loose offering	723	464
Gift aid	11,203	9,694
Grants	16,742	40,664
Special Collections	-	269
Harvest	7,480	8,420
Sundry income	660	1,578
Development fund income	14,349	16,544
Other donations	358	34,710
New Project Income	339	117,614
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	101,965	279,283
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Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

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

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Small grants	1,510	5,073
Education Grant	9,787	-
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	5,445	35,591
	<u>16,742</u>	<u>40,664</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Rents received	1,350	1,350
Deposit account interest	250	445
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,795</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	40,701	39,730
Trustees' social security	4,176	3,930
Trustees' pensions paid	3,110	3,020
	<u>47,987</u>	<u>46,680</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Pastoral	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	109,534	169,749	279,283
Investment income	1,795	-	1,795
Other income	8,239	-	8,239
Total	<u>119,568</u>	<u>169,749</u>	<u>289,317</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct costs	87,771	203,068	290,839
Support costs	3,964	-	3,964
Total	<u>91,735</u>	<u>203,068</u>	<u>294,803</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	27,833	(33,319)	(5,486)
Transfers between funds	<u>(10,582)</u>	<u>10,582</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	17,251	(22,737)	(5,486)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	86,264	90,603	176,867
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>103,515</u></u>	<u><u>67,866</u></u>	<u><u>171,381</u></u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	103,515	(21,642)	-	81,873
Restricted funds				
Development fund	20,940	14,349	-	35,289
New project fund	40,644	(31,242)	4,000	13,402
Coffee bar	4,235	167	(4,000)	402
Ladies fellowship	948	67	-	1,015
Bowling Club	1,062	(66)	-	996
Mums and Tots	37	-	-	37
	<u>67,866</u>	<u>(16,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,141</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>171,381</u>	<u>(38,367)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,014</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,302	(110,944)	(21,642)
Restricted funds			
Development fund	14,349	-	14,349
New project fund	5,784	(37,026)	(31,242)
Coffee bar	167	-	167
Ladies fellowship	67	-	67
Bowling Club	-	(66)	(66)
	<u>20,367</u>	<u>(37,092)</u>	<u>(16,725)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,669</u>	<u>(148,036)</u>	<u>(38,367)</u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	86,264	27,833	(10,582)	103,515
Restricted funds				
Development fund	59,588	16,545	(55,193)	20,940
New project fund	24,483	(49,614)	65,775	40,644
Choir	250	(250)	-	-
Coffee bar	4,235	-	-	4,235
Ladies fellowship	948	-	-	948
Bowling Club	1,062	-	-	1,062
Mums and Tots	37	-	-	37
	<u>90,603</u>	<u>(33,319)</u>	<u>10,582</u>	<u>67,866</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>176,867</u></u>	<u><u>(5,486)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>171,381</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	119,568	(91,735)	27,833
Restricted funds			
Development fund	16,545	-	16,545
New project fund	153,204	(202,818)	(49,614)
Choir	-	(250)	(250)
	<u>169,749</u>	<u>(203,068)</u>	<u>(33,319)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>289,317</u></u>	<u><u>(294,803)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,486)</u></u>

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	86,264	6,191	(10,582)	81,873
Restricted funds				
Development fund	59,588	30,894	(55,193)	35,289
New project fund	24,483	(80,856)	69,775	13,402
Choir	250	(250)	-	-
Coffee bar	4,235	167	(4,000)	402
Ladies fellowship	948	67	-	1,015
Bowling Club	1,062	(66)	-	996
Mums and Tots	37	-	-	37
	<u>90,603</u>	<u>(50,044)</u>	<u>10,582</u>	<u>51,141</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,867</u>	<u>(43,853)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,014</u>

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	208,870	(202,679)	6,191
Restricted funds			
Development fund	30,894	-	30,894
New project fund	158,988	(239,844)	(80,856)
Choir	-	(250)	(250)
Coffee bar	167	-	167
Ladies fellowship	67	-	67
Bowling Club	-	(66)	(66)
	<u>190,116</u>	<u>(240,160)</u>	<u>(50,044)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>398,986</u>	<u>(442,839)</u>	<u>(43,853)</u>

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Annual report

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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 Activities

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

The principal function of Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee is to support the advancement of the Christian religion. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering pastoral care and support to 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, Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee has custody of certain property, records, materials and artefacts which are of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of the whole community. The maintenance of these is undertaken by the select vestry of Holy Trinity, Aghalee.

Compliance with Public benefit

The Trustees have 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.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The church cherishes its motto "Creating and sustaining Christians" and has spent the last year working towards its continuing commitment to deliver on this motto.

Under the leadership and pastoral care of the Rector, and with the active participation of a good number of volunteers, the parish continues to carry forward the Christian outreach and pastoral ministry required to sustain a rural parish.

Due to the on-going coronavirus pandemic, church services and parish activities were badly disrupted during the course of the year.

In-Church services were completely suspended during the early part of the year, until Easter. Services resumed in the church hall (to better enable social distancing) from Easter onwards. Services were held each Sunday morning at 11am, with an average attendance of 49.

Covid-19 guidelines were adhered to during the first half of the year; with restrictions being relaxed from September.

Occasional special services were held to mark the major Christian festivals etc. Easter Sunday (95); Harvest Thanksgiving (177); Remembrance Sunday (92); Christmas Carol Service (96) and Christmas Day (30).

Throughout the year, the parish maintained an online presence - developing better use of the parish Facebook page (@AghaleeParish) and Youtube channel.

Regular online Sunday services were held using Youtube (average 42 weekly viewers).

Throughout the pandemic, the parish have aimed to promote spiritual and mental well-being to our online followers by providing regular hymns, devotional readings and prayers on our Facebook page (average 81 visits per week / average reach ~450).

For the benefit of those who do not use social-media, a devotional phone-line was set up. Callers can listen to our Sunday service and midweek messages of hymns, readings & prayers.

The parish maintains artefacts, materials and historic buildings for the benefit of the public and in particular for those appreciative of longstanding Christian heritage. Access to Church buildings is restricted for public safety reasons - however, visitors can access the church by arrangement, when they will be accompanied by a member of the parish.

Access to historical church records can be provided to any member of the public requiring information for research and genealogical purposes.

Heritage Project: Throughout the year, the parish progressed plans for a Heritage Development Project involving major restoration work to Holy Trinity Church and promotion of the heritage of the parish, along with its links to the Lagan Navigation and nearby hamlet of Soldierstown.

Aghalee Parish Heritage Project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund - with a grant of £185,400 to part-fund this project. The Trustees would like to acknowledge the funding received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which will make possible the completion of the delivery stage of this project.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The project is on-going with a completion date of December 2023. The contractor is J.S. Dunlop Construction Ltd; and the architect/project supervisor is Leighton Johnston Associates. The parish also appointed the web-developer Concept NI to begin development of a website for the Aghalee Parish Heritage Project.

Most of the events that had been planned as part of this project had to be postponed due to the pandemic. However, events could begin from September.

A **photo-sharing evening** was held in September; about 200 photos were added to our Heritage photo-archive. In October, about 120 people attended a **Heritage Evening with the Lagan Navigation Trust**; the speaker was Brenda Turnbull.

The various organisations connected with the parish continued their activities - in as much as was possible due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Our parish organisations are open to all-comers. In particular, the Mums & Tots, GFS, CLB and Bowling Club usually have many members who are not parishioners; and we are delighted to welcome everyone. Parish organisations are: -

- **'Jigsaw' Sunday School** - usually meets during service-time each Sunday and is led by a rota of enthusiastic volunteers. Membership: ~ 15; reducing to 7 from September. Unfortunately, the Sunday School was unable to meet for most of the year due to the pandemic
- **Confirmation:** 8 members of the Sunday School were confirmed by the Bishop in June; after attending a 6-session preparation course in the early part of the year.
- **The Parish Choir** contributes to the worship of the church and offers members a chance to build friendship and enjoy singing together; practice evenings are held frequently on Thursday evenings; and as needed for special occasions. Choir members maintained contact with each other by active participation in a WhatsApp group chat. Choir practices resumed during the autumn in preparation for Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- **Soldierstown Tots Group** : usually meets on a Monday morning in the parish youth-hall. It welcomes children of pre-school age along with their mums (dads, grannies, granddads, carers - are all welcome!) Some members, who had no previous connection to the church, have found this a very welcoming and engaging group. By nature of the group, attendance fluctuates - but it welcomes from 6-12 children each week. Having been suspended during the pandemic, the Tots group resumed in September.
- **Girls' Friendly Society** - usually meets on Monday evenings between September and April. The current enrolment is 25 drawn from both parishioners and non-members. There are 7 volunteer leaders who are enthusiastic and encouraging for the girls. The GFS girls also participate in various activities and competitions at Diocesan level. GFS maintained a limited program during the first half of the year, returning to 'normal' from September.
- **Church Lads' Brigade** - also meets on Monday evenings between September and April. CLB has a membership of 22 - both parishioners and non-members. The boys enjoy a great variety of activities and outings. CLB maintained a limited program during the first half of the year, returning to 'normal' from September.
- The annual GFS/CLB Parents' Evening (April) and Enrolment Service (October) both had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

- **Mothers' Union** - is a long-standing organisation within the parish and has ~12 regular members. M.U. meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of most months in the church hall. Members also enjoy regular outings, Diocesan events, and the chance to meet with other M.U. branches. Although most meetings were suspended, members maintained phone contact with each other through the pandemic - and continued their active support of the Women's Refuge Centre by organising a collection of toiletries etc. In-person meetings were held in October and November.
- **Aghalee Ladies Fellowship** usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. The program of activities is progressive and imaginative and engages regularly with around 15-20 attendees. Ladies Fellowship is open to all, including those from beyond the church family. Most meetings were suspended during the pandemic, but members maintained contact via social media. In-person meetings were held in October and November.
- **Soldierstown Bowling Club** : competes in the Lisburn & District Indoor Bowling League. Home matches and friendly / practice evenings are held on Wednesday evenings in the church hall. The club welcomes all bowlers. Having been suspended during the pandemic, the bowling club resumed from September onwards.
- **Messy Church** - unfortunately, it was not possible to organise any events due to coronavirus.
- **Midweek Fellowship / Bible Study Group** : Usually meets on Wednesday evenings in the Parochial Hall, Aghalee. It is for those who wish to explore and share the Christian faith with others, in a friendly, welcoming, relaxed atmosphere. Having been suspended during the pandemic, the Bible Study group resumed from September onwards.
- Also - **Sunday Morning "Cup of Tea"** resumed during the autumn - this usually allows service goers to meet up before the services to chat in an informal setting.
- **Oberammergau Tour** : In August, the rector led a group of 34 people on a week-long visit to Austria & the Oberammergau Passion Play; 23 members or friends booked through parish links, the remainder booked through the tour organisers, McCabe Pilgrimages.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

The income for the parish from various sources was £109,669 with payments of £148,036 giving a deficit of £38,367. The bank and Cash Balances as at 31 December 2022 were £133,014 (of this balance £81,873 were unrestricted funds, £51,141 restricted funds and £Nil endowment funds).

It is the Trustees' policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies and have adequate funds for maintenance of church property and to further the objectives and activities of the parish.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure the parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Aghalee Parish is governed and managed in accordance with the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and the Diocesan Regulations of the Diocese of Down & Dromore.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Select Vestry has been responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consisted of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe-wardens and twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the Rector. The Select Vestry has been responsible in the period for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the parish funds have been allocated.

The Select Vestry met 9 times in the period (Jan, Feb, Mar & May meetings held online via Zoom) and the average attendance was 11.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

101581

Principal address

C/o Mrs Jennifer Martin
5b Old Church Lane
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Trustees

Mrs Irene Culbert
Mr Larry Donaghey
Mrs Maureen Donaghey
Mrs Sheila Duncan
Mr Donald Frazer
Mr Roy Hanna
Ms Sharon Harbinson (resigned 26.4.22)
Mrs Jennifer Martin
Rev Paul McAdam
Mr Jim McLorn
Mrs Jacqueline Montgomery
Mr Stephen Montgomery
Mr Gavin Murray
Mr Noel Murray
Mr David Twigg
Mr John Watson
Mr Norman McAlister
Mrs Sylvia Thompson (appointed 26.4.22)

Independent Examiner

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Churchwardens: Mrs. Sylvia Thompson
Mr. Roy Hanna

Glebe-wardens: Mr Noel Murray
Mr Donald Frazer

Secretary: Mr Norman McAlister

Treasurer: Mrs Jennifer Martin

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul McAdam".

Rev Paul McAdam - Trustee

Aghalee/Aghalee/Holy Trinity/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101581

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages nine to seventeen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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 of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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

We have completed our 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; we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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7 February 2023