

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

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

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 101581

Holy Trinity Parish Church Aghalee

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and administrative details

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Registered Charity Number 101581

Charity Trustees

Rev Paul McAdam	Mr Noel Murray
Mrs Irene Culbert	Mr David Twigg
Mr Larry Donaghey	Mr John Watson
Mr Donald Frazer	Mr Norman McAlister
Mr Roy Hanna (resigned 09/04/24)	Mrs Sylvia Thompson
Mrs Jennifer Martin	Mr Tom Bradley
Mrs Jaqueline Montgomery	Mrs Joy Frazer
Mr Stephen Montgomery	Miss Elizabeth Reid
Mr Gavin Murray	Mrs Hilary Wilson (appointed 09/04/24)

Principal Office Bearers

Rector	Rev Paul McAdam
Churchwardens	Mrs Hilary Wilson Mr Stephen Montgomery
Glebe-wardens	Mr Noel Murray Mr Donald Frazer
Secretary	Mr Norman McAlister
Treasurer	Miss Elizabeth Reid

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John McCleary FCA

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Bankers

Danske Bank

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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, 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, 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

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.

Sunday worship services continue weekly; and occasional special services were held to mark the major Christian festivals etc. Easter Sunday (101); Harvest Thanksgiving (152); Remembrance Sunday (91); Christmas Carol Service (80) and Christmas Eve/Day (50).

Throughout the year, the parish maintained an online presence through use of the parish Facebook page (@AghaleeParish) and Youtube channel. Sunday services were streamed on the parish Youtube channel (40-70 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.

Aghalee Parish 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 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.

The restoration work to the church building was largely completed by March 2023, however, certain minor elements of the repair-work continued through 2024/5. The contractor was J.S. Dunlop Construction Ltd; and the architect/project supervisor was Leighton Johnston Associates.

In December 2023, a 112-page book entitled 'Soldiers, Sailors, Saints and Spinners' was published, telling the story of our parish history and heritage. The book was designed by Jo-Ann Smyth (Evolution Graphics) and printed by Print-It (Moira). The initial 2000 copies of the book were distributed within a few months, and a further print-run of 1000 copies was arranged.

During the year, we continued our series of Heritage Talks on the following subjects:

- March: Canon Jim Campbell – 'The life and art of Sir John Lavery'
- October: Mr Simon Walker – 'The life and work of Bishop Jeremy Taylor'

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In April, an outing was organized to the Ulster Museum to view the 'Lavery on Location' exhibition; about 50 people enjoyed viewing this collection of paintings by Sir John Lavery.

In September the parish took part in the European Heritage Open Days.

In October, a concert was held in the church hall by the country gospel band, Live Issue.

Work continued to improve our digital archive and parish website, enabling us to share details of our heritage and parish activities. The website can be viewed at: www.aghalee.dromore.anglican.org

Organisations and 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 re-commenced in September, under the leadership of a new 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 (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 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 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The income for the parish from various sources was £121,303 with payments of £135,152 giving a deficit of £13,849. The Bank and Cash Balance as at 31 December 2024 was £118,884 (of this balance £88,986 were unrestricted funds, £29,898 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.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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 2024 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.

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.

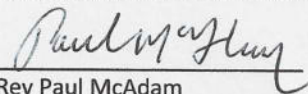
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 4 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev Paul McAdam

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.

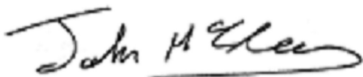
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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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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>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</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>

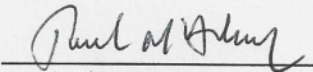
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BALANCE SHEET

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)
Bank and cash at end of year	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

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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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
	7,324	-	7,324	4,853

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

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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	-	-	-
	<u>88,462</u>	<u>21,688</u>	<u>(28,072)</u>	<u>82,077</u>	<u>(52,180)</u>	<u>29,898</u>
 Total	 <u>132,732</u>	 <u>121,303</u>	 <u>(135,152)</u>	 <u>118,884</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>118,884</u>

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.