

# Dromara/Dromara & Garvagh/Garvagh Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101672

## Details

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Status Received

Registered 2015-01-16

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

## Contact

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Address 77 Corbally Road  
Dromara  
Dromore  
County Down  
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## Activities

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**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,992	£40,424	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Brendan Joseph Whittle		
Mr Eric Cecil Irwin Lutton		
Mr Jason Mcveigh		
Mr Robert James Spiers		
Mr Samuel James Ian Dunlop		
Mrs Beryl Cassells		
Mrs Elizabeth Grania Shillington		
Mrs Lisa Ann Whittle		
Mrs Sarah Rawlins		
Mrs Zandra Skelly		
Rev George Oluwagbemiga Okikolu		
Stephen William Cassells		

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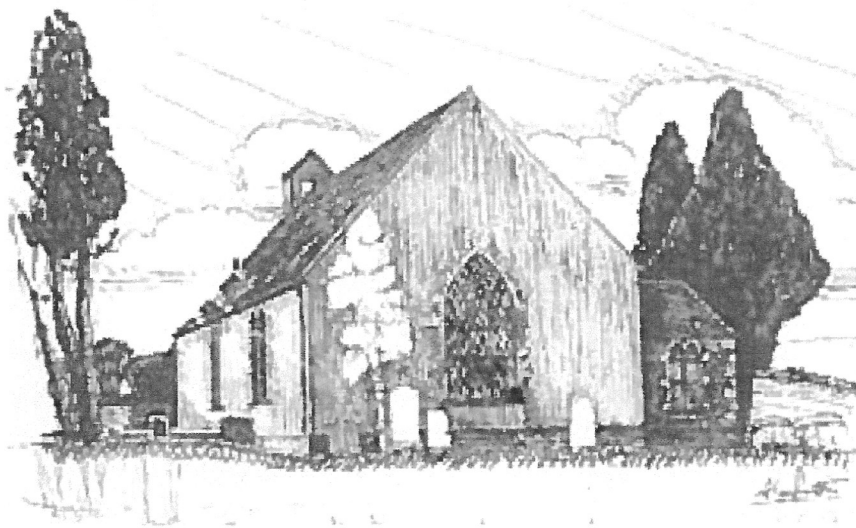
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# Accounts

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# **Garvagh Parish Church**



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## **Garvaghy Parish Church**

### **References and Administrative Details**

Charity Name: Garvaghy Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: 101672

Contact Address: 107 Garvaghy Church Road  
Banbridge  
Co Down  
BT32 3SB

### **Trustees**

Revd George Oluwagbemiga Okikiolu  
Mr Brendan Joseph Whittle  
Mr Stephen William Cassells  
Mr Ian Dunlop  
Mr Eric Cecil Irwin Lutton  
Mrs Beryl Cassells  
Mrs Sarah Rawlins  
Mrs Grania Shillington  
Mrs Zandra Skelly  
Mr Robert James Spiers  
Mrs Lisa Whittle

### **Principal Office-bearers**

Rector: Revd George Oluwagbemiga Okikiolu  
Secretary: Ms Alma Ferguson  
Treasurer: Mr Robert James Spiers  
Church Warden - Rector's: Mr Brendan Joseph Whittle  
Church Warden - People's: Mr Ian Dunlop

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr Samuel Vint  
10 Doughery Road  
Banbridge  
Co Down  
BT32 4JY

### **Bankers**

Danske Bank  
PO Box 183  
Donegal Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

# Garvaghy Parish Church

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In order to show the year on year position with the Church finances I have given some comparisons of the main items of income and expenditure between 2023 and 2024 in the Table below.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Regular Income (FWO, Harvest etc.)	£14,031	£16,877
Regular Outgoings (Stipend, Diocesan Expense Fund, Heating, Electricity & Insurance)	£18,288	£18,640
Charity Collections/Donations	£1,236	£3,985
General Account Balance	£8,716	£5,284

In addition to the income shown above the Church benefitted from the Gift Aid Tax Refund which was claimed for 2023 and 2024 and totalled £5085.

Charity activities associated with the Church over the year raised a total of £3,985 which represents about 23% of our regular income.

The other significant items of expenditure this year include completion of the upgrade to the lighting in the Church and the re-siting of the defibrillator at a total cost of £1,860.60

As usual I have been supported by many people in carrying out the duties of Treasurer and I would like to thank The Rector, The Wardens, The Co-signatories of accounts, the Gift Aid Treasurer and all who helped me in any way during the year. I would also like to thank the Independent Examiner Mr Sam Vint for his work in reporting on the accounts.

Roy Spiers  
Honorary Treasurer

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Garvaghy Parish Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
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### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

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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.



**Mr Samuel Vint**  
**10 Doughery Road**  
**Banbridge**  
**Co Down**  
**BT32 4JY**

**Date: 11.03.2025**

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<b>Income 2024</b>		
Balance at Bank 31st Dec 2023	£8,716.85	
Free Will Offering	£14,403.00	
Plate Collection	£825.61	
Harvest Envelopes	£805.00	
Harvest Plate Collection	£288.00	
Carol Service Collection	£140.00	
Gift Day Envelopes	£20.00	
Trust Income per RCB	£62.06	
Graveyard fees	£255.00	
Land Letting	£70.00	
NIE	£9.44	
Charity Calander for Pulminory Fribosus NI	£1,400.00	
Charity Collection - Slieve Croob First Responders	£2,000.00	
Free Will Offering Tax Refund (2022/23 & 2023/24)	£5,089.53	
Fixed Term Deposit Matures	£10,421.15	
Orange Service Collection - to McCrea Memorial Trust	£300.00	
Remembrance Sunday Collection - to Royal British Legion	£155.00	
Sale Garvaghy Book - Rough Field	£5.00	
Donation - Mrs J C Forsyth	£100.00	
Donation - Skeogh Orange Lodge	£360.00	
Donations to Leprosy Mission - per Mr John Rawlins	£130.00	
Clothes Recycling - per Mr John Rawlins	£144.00	
Interest from bank	£8.97	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£45,708.61</b>	





## Free Will Offering

FWO Number	F.W.O.	2024	Gift Day 2024	Harvest Appeal 2024	Total 2024
1		£300.00			£300.00
2		£60.00			£60.00
3		£370.00			£370.00
4		£600.00			£600.00
5		£275.00			£275.00
6		£105.00			£105.00
7		£0.00			£0.00
8		£1,040.00		£50.00	£1,090.00
9		£600.00			£600.00
10		£60.00			£60.00
11		£520.00			£520.00
12		£240.00			£240.00
13		£350.00		£40.00	£390.00
14		£223.00			£223.00
15		£0.00			£0.00
16		£600.00		£100.00	£700.00
17		£960.00		£100.00	£1,060.00
18		£450.00		£50.00	£500.00
19		£520.00		£100.00	£620.00
20		£0.00			£0.00
21		£0.00			£0.00
22		£20.00			£20.00
23		£410.00			£410.00
24		£175.00		£15.00	£190.00
25		£0.00			£0.00
26		£0.00			£0.00
27		£0.00			£0.00
28		£0.00			£0.00
29		£380.00		£40.00	£420.00
30		£540.00		£40.00	£580.00
31		£0.00			£0.00
32		£0.00			£0.00
33		£0.00			£0.00
34		£120.00			£120.00
35		£0.00			£0.00
36		£415.00		£10.00	£425.00
37		£185.00			£185.00
38		£405.00	£20.00		£425.00
39		£0.00			£0.00
40		£0.00			£0.00
41		£0.00			£0.00
42		£0.00			£0.00
43		£1,040.00			£1,040.00
44		£750.00		£10.00	£760.00
45		£0.00			£0.00
46		£175.00		£10.00	£185.00
47		£0.00			£0.00
48		£0.00			£0.00
49		£0.00			£0.00
50		£0.00			£0.00
51		£0.00			£0.00
52		£0.00			£0.00
53		£0.00			£0.00
54		£450.00		£50.00	£500.00
55		£0.00			£0.00
56		£0.00			£0.00
57		£0.00			£0.00
58		£185.00		£20.00	£205.00
59		£0.00			£0.00
60		£0.00			£0.00



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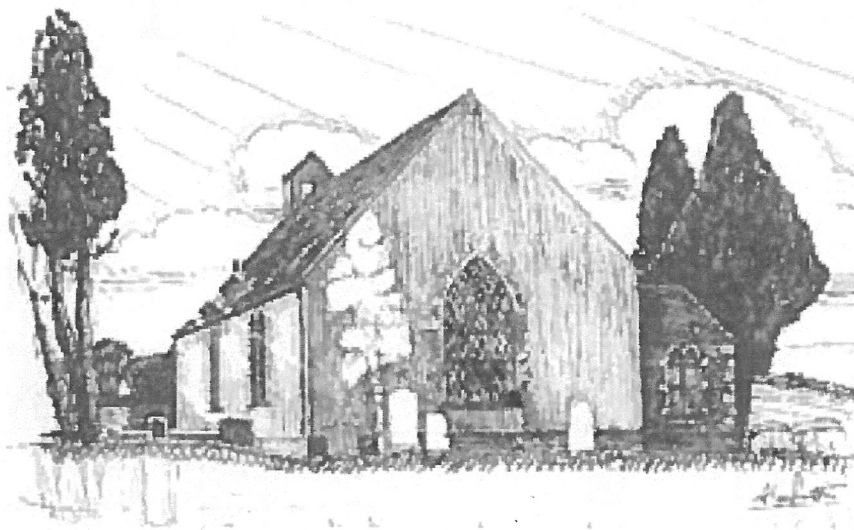
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# **Garvagh Parish Church**



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# Garvaghy Parish Church

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Regular Church income in the form of the Free Will Offering and the Harvest Donations for 2023 and other smaller elements of regular income which total £14031.05 has again struggled to keep pace with the increasing regular running costs. The Garvaghy share of the Stipend along with the Diocesan Expenses Fund, Heating Oil, Electricity and Insurance costs alone amount to £18,282.72 . This year the Church has benefitted from the £20,000 legacy from Derek Kerr, a £1,200 Government Grant and a Local Authority Grant of £1,000 which has helped to disguise the position.

The other significant items of expenditure this year include the upgrading of the lighting in the Church and the re-tiling work to the Church Hall which in total cost £5,622.00

Collections for the various charitable organisations supported by the Church over the year have totalled £1,236.95. This represents approx 9% of our regular income.

This year The Vestry agreed to close the Building Fund Account which was not returning any interest and open three term deposit accounts with £10,000 in each.

As usual I have been supported by many people in carrying out the duties of Treasurer and I would like to thank The Rector, The Wardens, The Co- signatories of accounts, the Gift Aid Treasurer and all who helped me in any way during the year. I would also like to thank the Independent Examiner Mr Sam Vint for his work in reporting on the accounts.



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**Mr Samuel Vint**  
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Date: 12.02.24

# Garvaghy Parish Church

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**Contact Address** 107 Garvaghy Church Road  
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### Trustees

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Mrs Thelma Steele  
Mrs Sarah Rawlins  
Mrs Elizabeth Grania Shillington  
Mr Robert James Spiers  
Mr Eric Cecil Irwin Lutton  
Mrs Beryl Cassells  
Mr Stephen William Cassells  
Mr Samuel James Ian Dunlop  
Mrs Lisa Ann Whittle  
Mr Brendan Joseph Whittle

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### Independent Examiner

Mr Samuel M Vint  
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### Bankers

Danske Bank  
PO Box 183  
Donegal; Square West  
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<b>Income 2023</b>		
Balance at Bank 31st Dec 2022	£9,589.49	
Free Will Offering	£12,051.50	
Plate Collection	£417.00	
Harvest Envelopes	£660.00	
Harvest Plate Collection	£151.00	
Carol Service Collection	£101.00	
Christmas Day Collection	£105.00	
Trust Income per RCB	£56.55	
Graveyard fees	£515.00	
Land Letting	£60.00	
Charity Collection - Coronation Party - For Pulmonary Fibrosis NI	£416.45	
Charity Collection - Slieve Croob First Responders	£100.00	
Charity Collection - Cooking Demo - Mrs Okikiolu	£200.00	
Government Grant paid through NIE	£1,200.00	
TAK500 East Border Region Grant	£1,000.00	
Orange Service Collection	£277.50	
Remembrance Sunday Collection	£110.00	
Legacy - Mr D Kerr	£20,000.00	
Donation for expenses for Coronation Party	£70.00	
Donations: Caretakers Funeral Fees (E Lutton)	£30.00	
Donation in Memory of Mrs Mina Porter	£452.35	
Donation in Memory of Mrs Sarah Anne Martin	£116.09	
Donations to Leprosy Mission - per Mr John Rawlins	£233.00	
Clothes Recycling - per Mr John Rawlins	£72.00	
Maintenance Fee Refund - closure of acc	£2.50	
Interest from bank	£16.95	
Cheques written not cashed	£210.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£48,213.38</b>	

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<b>Expenditure 2023</b>		
Diocesan Expense Fund		£2,098.10
Rector's Stipend -(Net Pay , PAYE)		£9,002.39
Employers National Insurance		£902.16
Clergy Pension Fund		£2,693.33
Rector Holiday Cover		£150.00
Visiting Preacher Expenses		£50.00
Rectory Maintenance		£14.52
Repairs to heating in Church		£250.00
Electricity Church & Church Hall		£348.69
Oil for Church & Church Hall		£1,818.14
NI Water - Church and Church Hall		£163.52
Sunday School Expenses		£197.98
Insurance for Church & Church Hall		£1,419.91
Re-tiling Kitchen of Church Hall		£2,130.00
Church Cleaning		£390.00
Piano Tuning		£160.00
Electric Lighting in Church & electric repairs		£3,492.00
Handrails at Church		£310.00
Tak500PB Grant- Work to Secret Garden		£480.00
King's Coronation Party Expenses		£275.60
Coronation Party - Donation to Pulmonary Fibrosis NI		£516.45
Mission Expenses		£221.25
Printing of Freewill Offering Envelopes		£185.44
Copyright Licence		£192.00
Donation to Royal British Legion		£110.00
Donation to McCrea Memorial Trust		£277.50
Donation to Leprosy Mission - per Mr John Rawlins		£233.00
Donation to Slieve Croob First Responders		£100.00
Transfer to Fixed Term Deposit Acc -*****576		£10,000.00
Bank Charges		£76.86
Cheques from 2022 cashed in 2023		£1,237.69
Balance at Bank 31st Dec 2023		£8,716.85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£48,213.38</b>

<b>Business Investment Account 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Balance 31 Dec 2022	£4,665.85	Transfer to Term Deposit **754	£10,000.00
To close Building Fund Account	£26,108.37	Transfer to Term Deposit **789	£10,000.00
Interest	£127.23		
		Balance 31 Dec 2022	£10,901.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30,901.45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£30,901.45</b>
<b>Organ Fund Account 2023</b>			
<i>Northern Business Term Deposit Account</i>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Balance at 31 December 2022	£3,898.99		
Interest	£48.84		
		Balance 31 Dec 2022	£3,947.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,947.83</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,947.83</b>
<b>Fixed Term Deposit Accounts</b>			
			<b>Balance</b>
Acc Ref *****754 - Opened 4 March 2023	2 Year Term		£10,000.00
Acc Ref *****789- Opened 4 March 2023	5 Year Term		£10,000.00
Acc Ref *****576- Opened 20 October 2023	1 Year Term		£10,000.00
<b>Building Fund Account 2023</b>			
		Account Closed 27 March 2023	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Balance 31 December 2021	£26,115.87	Bank Fees	£7.50
		Transfer to Business Investment Acc	£26,108.37
		Balance 31 Dec 2022	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,115.87</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,115.87</b>

### Free Will Offering

FWO Number	Total FWO 2023	Harvest Appeal 2023	Total 2023
1	£300.00		£300.00
2	£60.00		£60.00
3	£530.00	£50.00	£580.00
4	£600.00		£600.00
5	£0.00		£0.00
6	£0.00		£0.00
7	£0.00		£0.00
8	£1,020.00	£50.00	£1,070.00
9	£560.00		£560.00
10	£60.00		£60.00
11	£605.00		£605.00
12	£300.00		£300.00
13	£320.00	£40.00	£360.00
14	£132.50		£132.50
15	£0.00		£0.00
16	£600.00	£100.00	£700.00
17	£960.00	£100.00	£1,060.00
18	£520.00	£30.00	£550.00
19	£280.00	£100.00	£380.00
20	£0.00		£0.00
21	£0.00		£0.00
22	£70.00		£70.00
23	£250.00		£250.00
24	£170.00		£170.00
25	£0.00		£0.00
26	£0.00		£0.00
27	£0.00		£0.00
28	£0.00		£0.00
29	£260.00	£40.00	£300.00
30	£470.00	£40.00	£510.00
31	£0.00		£0.00
32	£0.00		£0.00
33	£0.00		£0.00
34	£115.00		£115.00
35	£0.00		£0.00
36	£405.00		£405.00
37	£165.00		£165.00
38	£360.00		£360.00
39	£0.00		£0.00
40	£0.00		£0.00
41	£0.00		£0.00
42	£0.00		£0.00
43	£530.00		£530.00
44	£760.00		£760.00
45	£0.00		£0.00
46	£114.00	£10.00	£124.00
47	£0.00		£0.00
48	£0.00		£0.00
49	£0.00		£0.00
50	£0.00		£0.00
51	£0.00		£0.00
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**Matthew 6:10 – “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”**

While growing up as a child, I desired to have a good life, free of troubles as everyone would wish, but I soon realised that I live in a world where there will be trouble, but I have a God who can overcome the world with its trouble and promised to give me His peace (John 16: 33). The Lord teaches us to continually pray for His Kingdom to be established, a statement Jesus made in a very popular prayer which we pray at every worship – “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done” (Matthew 6: 10). Paul the Apostle tells us more about God’s Kingdom that “the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14: 17). The Kingdom of God is the reign of God’s righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This has been the main theme of our message to you in 2023. We have earnestly sought in prayer that the Kingdom of God’s righteousness will be established among us, that we will

experience of God’s blessings on his church  
the statistics of the 2023 census of the Church  
in our Parish last month shows:  
The average attendance has now increased  
We had 1 Baptism in 2023  
The average number of children in our  
Bible study has been running week  
people in attendance.  
In 2023 we had a week of mission across  
gospel was preached, there were communion  
which included a coronation lunch in the church  
involved in John Weir’s gospel mission in  
This year we have financially supported  
organisations including a new one in our  
Diocese of Northern Ireland (PFNI).  
For all these, we are thankful to God and thank  
various ministries and development in the Parish

I would like to say thank you to every reader and volunteer of different ministry groups within the parish. Many thanks to Edna, Alma, and the choir members. A special thanks to the outgoing vestry members. Thank you to the Rector's churchwarden, the People's churchwarden, the Rector's glebe warden, the People glebe warden, the Honorary Secretary, and the Honorary treasurer. I want to thank every member of the congregation for all your support and kindness to our ministry.

As we look forward to electing new members of the Select vestry and trustees of this great parish, I want us to be encouraged that the presence of the Lord is with us. Therefore, let us allow the Spirit of God to guide our decision in choosing, let us refrain from allowing personal feelings to direct our choices and nomination.

I pray that the Lord bless his church, and grow his Kingdom filled with His Righteousness, His peace and joy in the Holy Spirit in this new year and beyond. Amen.

**Rev. George O. Okikiolu.**

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# Annual return

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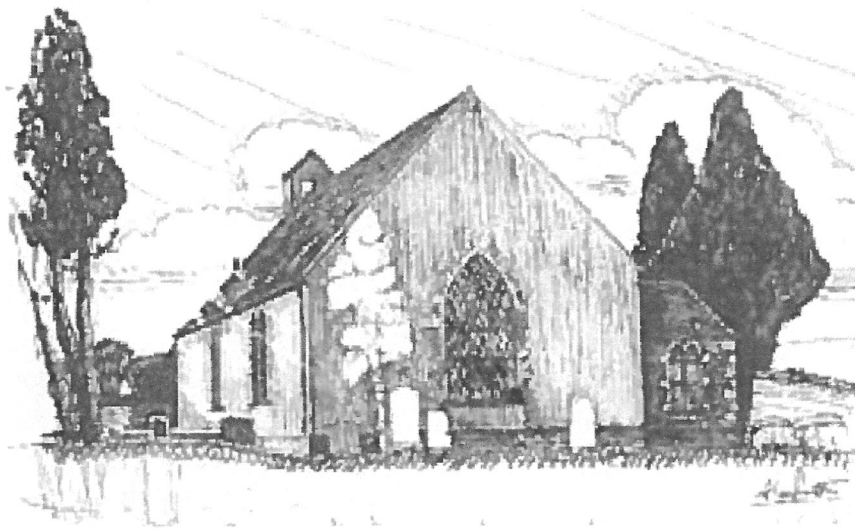
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# Accounts

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# **Garvagh Parish Church**



**Financial Report  
2022**

# Garvaghy Parish Church

## References and administrative details

**Charity Name** Garvaghy Parish Church

**Charity Registration Number** 101672

**Contact Address** 107 Garvaghy Church Road  
Banbridge  
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BT32 3SB

### Trustees

Revd George Oluwagbemiga Okikiolu  
Mrs Thelma Steele  
Mrs Sarah Rawlins  
Mrs Elizabeth Grania Shillington  
Mr Robert James Spiers  
Mr Eric Cecil Irwin Lutton  
Mrs Beryl Cassells  
Mr Stephen William Cassells  
Mr Samuel James Ian Dunlop

### Principal Office Bearers

Rector: Revd George Oluwagbemiga Okikiolu  
Secretary: Miss Alma Ferguson  
Treasurer: Mr Robert James Spiers  
Church Warden – Rector's: Mrs Sarah Rawlins  
Church Warden – People's: Mr Eric Cecil Irwin Lutton

### Independent Examiner

Mr Samuel M Vint  
10 Doughery Road  
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### Bankers

Danske Bank  
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Donegal; Square West  
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## Annual Report 2022

<b>Income 2022</b>		
Balance at Bank 31st Dec 2021		£5,836.81
Free Will Offering		£11,440.00
Plate Collection		£684.39
Harvest Envelopes		£840.00
Harvest Plate Collection		£143.00
Gift Aid - HMRC		£5,691.28
Trust Income per RCB		£54.62
Graveyard fees		£630.00
Land Letting		£60.00
Transfer From Organ Fund Account		£1,400.00
Covid Support Grant - Diocese Office		£400.00
Down, Dromore & Connor Board of Education		£0.47
NIE		£4.26
Diocese Grant for Sunday School		£200.00
Orange Service Collection		£300.98
Remembrance Sunday Collection		£75.00
Donation to Building Fund - Mrs Thelma Steele		£1,000.00
Donations in Lieu of Flowers - Mr Derek Kerr		£475.00
Donation - Church Wedding - Richard Spiers		£150.00
Donation Rev J Dinnen		£100.00
Clothes Recycling - per Mr John Rawlins		£192.00
Collection - Presentation to Mrs Glynis Jess		£160.00
Collection for Ukranian Family		£300.00
Collection for Southern Area Hospice - Choir in Newry		£630.00
Collection for Air Ambulance - Choir in Bow Street		£315.00
Collection for Salvation Army		£386.00
Collections for Leprosy mission - per Mr John Rawlins		£683.25
Interest from bank		£4.93
Cheques written not cashed		£92.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>£32,249.49</b>

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<b>Expenditure 2022</b>		
Diocesan Expense Fund		£2,066.02
Rector's Stipend -(Net Pay , PAYE)		£3,691.19
Rector's Mileage Allowance		£0.00
Employers National Insurance		£216.85
Rector's Removal Expenses		£0.00
Clergy Pension Fund		£1,559.91
Rector Cover Duty - Diocesan Office		£755.30
Rector,s Institution Expenses		£77.93
Repairs to Rectory		£3,883.81
Rectory General Expenses while vacant (telephone,electricity.)		£134.98
Rectory Rates		£103.58
Electricity Church & Church Hall		£335.05
Oil for Church & Church Hall		£1,729.68
NI Water - Church and Church Hall		£154.84
Sunday School Expenses		£105.02
Insurance for Church & Church Hall		£1,335.15
Piano for Church Hall		£1,400.00
Church Cleaning		£300.00
Gift For Glynnis Jess		£160.00
Platinum Jubilee - Tree and Plaque		£92.50
Disposable Communion Cups		£41.99
Printing of Freewill Offering Envelopes		£195.13
Copyright Licence		£180.00
Treasurer's Expenses		£117.55
Donation to Royal British Legion		£100.00
Donation to McCrea Memorial Trust		£150.49
Donation to Bishop;s Appeal - Ukraine		£150.49
Donation to Salvation Army		£386.00
Donation to Southern Area Hospice - Choir		£630.00
Donation to Leprosy Mission (Per J Rawlins)		£683.25
Donation to Air Ambulance -Choir		£315.00
Donation to Ukranian Family		£300.00
Transfer to Building Fund Account		£1,000.00
Bank Charges		£68.29
Cheques from 2021 cashed in 2022		£240.00
Balance at Bank 31st Dec 2022		£9,589.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£32,249.49</b>



## Free Will Offering

FWO Number	F.W.O. 2022	Gift Day 2022	Harvest Appeal 2022	Total 2022
1	£300.00			£300.00
2	£60.00			£60.00
3	£530.00		£50.00	£580.00
4	£600.00			£600.00
5	£0.00			£0.00
6	£0.00			£0.00
7	£0.00			£0.00
8	£1,040.00		£50.00	£1,090.00
9	£80.00			£80.00
10	£60.00			£60.00
11	£595.00			£595.00
12	£300.00			£300.00
13	£345.00		£30.00	£375.00
14	£260.00			£260.00
15	£0.00			£0.00
16	£600.00		£100.00	£700.00
17	£960.00		£100.00	£1,060.00
18	£520.00		£30.00	£550.00
19	£270.00		£100.00	£370.00
20	£0.00			£0.00
21	£0.00			£0.00
22	£0.00			£0.00
23	£260.00			£260.00
24	£105.00			£105.00
25	£60.00			£60.00
26	£160.00		£20.00	£180.00
27	£15.00			£15.00
28	£0.00			£0.00
29	£320.00		£40.00	£360.00
30	£560.00		£40.00	£600.00
31	£0.00			£0.00
32	£0.00			£0.00
33	£0.00			£0.00
34	£135.00			£135.00
35	£0.00			£0.00
36	£300.00			£300.00
37	£0.00			£0.00
38	£460.00		£40.00	£500.00
39	£0.00			£0.00
40	£0.00			£0.00
41	£0.00			£0.00
42	£0.00			£0.00
43	£520.00		£20.00	£540.00
44	£280.00			£280.00
45	£0.00			£0.00
46	£65.00		£10.00	£75.00
47	£0.00			£0.00
48	£0.00			£0.00
49	£0.00			£0.00
50	£0.00			£0.00
51	£0.00			£0.00
52	£0.00			£0.00
53	£0.00			£0.00
54	£470.00		£60.00	£530.00
55	£0.00			£0.00
56	£0.00			£0.00
57	£200.00		£30.00	£230.00
58	£260.00		£20.00	£280.00
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## **RECTOR'S REPORT - EASTER GENERAL VESTRY 2023.**

Thanks be to God our Father who has been so faithful to his word and to our ministry among God's sheep that congregate here in Garvaghy Parish. It is a great privilege, and I am humble to be called to serve in this parish, it is one year now that I was nominated and appointed, however I was not instituted to the benefice until June 2022.

My vision as I began ministry here about a year ago is to be part of a church that will faithfully proclaim Jesus and serve the people. Secondly, to be part of a church whose ministry to the people is shaped by the Holy Spirit, seeking to grow and disciple people including ministry to children and young adult. Thirdly, to be part of a living church who would recognise her calling to continually live as salt and light in the community.

I am very much thankful to God for his faithfulness to my calling to this church family and to the ministry which he has entrusted to our hands. We are thankful for spiritual growth experienced in the life of our church, evident in the number of those coming to the joint parishes weekly Bible Study meeting and the numerical increase in the numbers of people returning to worship after a period of Covid and vacancy in the Parish. We welcome the family who have recently joined the parish and are now full fledge financial member of Garvaghy. As we seek to reach more people for Jesus, we are thankful for the development of new ministries which includes Freezer ministry, joint parishes Kids Club, joint parishes Youth Fellowship. I pray that the seed which is

sown through these various ministries will grow to enrich the Kingdom of God. We bless God that in the last few months we can return to our usual social event like Garvaghy blend, Carol singing around shops and the parish and the recent Makaton event in our church hall. We pray and look forward to future events like cookery demonstration, coronation celebration party and other social/community events in our church hall.

I would like to say thank you to every leader of different ministry group within the parish. Thank you to the Rector's church warden, the people's church warden, the rector's glebe warden, the people glebe warden, the Honorary Secretary of the outgoing vestry and the Honorary treasurer of the outgoing vestry. I want to thank every member of the outgoing select vestry for all your support and kindness to me and my family.

As we look forward to elect new members of the Select vestry and trustees of this great parish, I want us to be encouraged that the presence of the Lord is with us. Therefore, let us allow the Spirit of God to guide our decision in choosing, let us refrain from allowing personal feelings to direct our choices and nomination.

I pray that the Lord bless his church, may the Lord keep his church, may he make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us, may the Lord give us his peace. Amen.

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