

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101673

Details

Known as Magherally Parish Church

Status Received

Registered 2015-01-27

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
2024-12-31	£132,268	£170,910	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Briony Widdis		
Christine Allister		
Emma Moore		
Heather Griffin		
Jill Craig		
Judith Reid		
Justin Gerring		
Kathryn Stafford		
Michel Hopkins		
Nigel Craig		
Pauline Mccabe		
Rita Marsden		
Sharon Reid		
Stephen Moore		
Trevor Russell		
Walter Russell		

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101673

Accounts

MAGHERALLY PARISH CHURCH - Charity No 101673
Receipts and Payments Account 31 December 2024

	(Unrestricted)	(Restricted)	(Unrestricted)		
	General	Property	Deposit		
	Fund	Fund	Fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
FWO (71)	£61,937	£710		£62,647	£55,923
Gift Aid	£17,302			£17,302	£16,060
Plate collections	£4,299			£4,299	£6,002
Harvest	£1,795			£1,795	£2,975
Gift Day	£4,596			£4,596	£60
Special Events, Missions and Charities	£5,289			£5,289	£9,091
Church Events	£9,753			£9,753	£22,100
Donations/Bequeathed	£0	£326		£326	£59,390
Income from property/land/hire/graveyard Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon	£5,205	£1,908		£7,113	£7,996
Borough Council FAP Grant	£0	£9,417		£9,417	£0
Annaclone Cont to Stipend	£8,989			£8,989	£8,586
Bank Interest	£178	£81	£484	£743	£478
Sub Total: Receipts	£119,342	£12,443	£484	£132,268	£188,661
Payments					
Stipend/Loco/CPF/PAYE/NIC	£57,682			£57,682	£48,223
Diocesan General Fund	£4,980			£4,980	£5,476
Musicians & Preachers	£240			£240	£210
Insurance	£2,736			£2,736	£2,492
Special Events, Missions and Charities	£5,289			£5,289	£9,091
Property maintenance & repairs	£26,537	£59,817		£86,354	£15,318
Light, Heat & Water	£9,307			£9,307	£8,360
Rates	£1,545			£1,545	£1,114
Stationery	£984			£984	£305
General expenses	£1,617			£1,617	£2,559
Bank fees	£141	£36		£177	£209
Sub Total: Payments	£111,057	£59,853	£0	£170,910	£93,357
Net Receipts over Payments Before Transfers	£8,285	-£47,411	£484	-£38,641	£95,304
Transfers between funds	-£47,065	£0	£47,065	£0	£0
Balance at 1st January 2024	£153,895	£62,196	£2,923	£219,014	£123,710
Balance at 31st December 2024	£115,115	£14,785	£50,472	£180,373	£219,014

Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	115,115	14,786	0	129,901	216,091
Deposit Accounts	50,472	0	0	50,472	2,923
Total Cash Funds	<u>165,587</u>	<u>14,786</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>180,373</u>	<u>219,014</u>
Assets retained for the Parish's own use	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Hall	699,705	0	0	699,705	699,705
Rectory	527,193	0	0	527,193	527,193
Lands	100,000	0	0	100,000	100,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	<u>1,326,898</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,326,898</u>	<u>1,326,898</u>

Declaration:

We approve of these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed..... *Karen Salmon*
 Rev K Salmon

Date..... *30th April 2025*

Signed..... *Philip Spratt*
 Hon. Treasurer Philip Spratt

Date..... *30/4/25*

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, and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Topley MIATI MATT

Date: 01/04/2024

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101673

Accounts

MAGHERALLY PARISH CHURCH

CHARITY NO 101673

DRAFT - ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023

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, and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Topley MIATI MATT

Date: 04/03/2024

**TRUST: Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the
Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland**
Charity Number – 101673

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the Year Ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 3-7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

1. That 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.

DRAFT MAGHERALLY PARISH CHURCH - Charity No 101673
Receipts and Payments Account 31 December 2023

	(Unrestricted)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)	(Unrestricted)		
	General	Property	Graveyard	Deposit		
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
FWO (71)	£52,903	£3,020			£55,923	£48,836
Gift Aid	£16,060				£16,060	£9,174
Plate collections	£6,002				£6,002	£3,208
Harvest	£2,975				£2,975	£2,655
Gift Day	£60				£60	£40
Special collections (Missions)	£9,091				£9,091	£607
Special Events	£22,100				£22,100	£14,107
Donations/Bequeathed	£39,848	£19,543			£59,390	£29,542
Income from property/land/hire/graveyard	£2,790	£5,206			£7,996	£4,121
Annaclone Cont to Stipend	£8,586				£8,586	£6,596
Bank Interest	£326	£116		£36	£478	£274
Sub Total: Receipts	£160,740	£27,884	£0	£36	£188,661	£119,160
Payments						
Stipend/Loco/CPF/PAYE/NIC	£48,223				£48,223	£37,473
Diocesan General Fund	£5,476				£5,476	£5,605
Organists' Fees & Musicians & Preachers	£210				£210	£1,337
Insurance	£2,492				£2,492	£2,291
Special Events, Missions and charities	£9,091				£9,091	£5,002
Property maintenance	£15,318				£15,318	£16,608
Light, Heat & Water	£8,360				£8,360	£5,313
Rates	£1,114				£1,114	£1,122
Stationery	£305				£305	£544
General expenses	£2,559				£2,559	£1,638
Bank fees	£169	£40			£209	£186
Sub Total: Payments	£93,316	£40	£0	£0	£93,356	£77,121
Net Receipts over Payments Before Transfers	£67,424	£27,844	£0	£36	£95,304	£42,039
Transfers between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Balance at 1st January 2023	£86,471	£34,352	£0	£2,887	£123,710	£81,671
Balance at 31st December 2023	£153,895	£62,196	£0	£2,923	£219,014	£123,710

Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	153,895	62,196	0	216,091	120,823
Deposit Accounts	2,923	0	0	2,923	2,887
Total Cash Funds	<u>156,818</u>	<u>62,196</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>219,014</u>	<u>123,710</u>
Assets retained for the Parish's own use	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Hall	699,705	0	0	699,705	699,705
Rectory	527,193	0	0	527,193	527,193
Lands	100,000	0	0	100,000	100,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	<u>1,326,898</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,326,898</u>	<u>1,326,898</u>

Declaration:

We approve of these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed..... *Kevin Salmon*
 Rev K Salmon

Date..... *11th March 2024*

Signed..... *Philip Spratt*
 Hon. Treasurer Philip Spratt

Date..... *11/3/2024*

Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting Policies:

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

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(1) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

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

Church Building and Graveyard
Parish Hall
Rectory
Lands

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. (This will be the most common accounting policy, where the church is not deemed to be a heritage asset specific advice will need to be taken).

The Parish Hall etc are ascribed a value based on the insurance valuation.

No depreciation has been provided on the Parish Hall as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The minimum threshold of cost for an item to be considered to be capitalised as a fixed asset is not less than £1000.00.

2 Reconciliation of Cash Funds

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Total Cash Funds at the beginning of the year:	123,710
Receipts for the year	188,661
Payments for the year	-93,356
	219,015
Total Cash Funds at the end of year	<u>219,015</u>

Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

3 Movement in Funds

	At 1st Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st Dec 2023 £
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted Funds					
Property Fund	34,352	27,884	-40	0	62,196
Graveyard Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34,352	27,884	-40	0	62,196
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	86,471	160,740	-93,316	0	153,895
Danske Investment Fund	2,887	36	0	0	2,923
Totals	89,358	160,776	-93,316	0	156,818
Total Funds	123,710	188,660	-93,356	0	219,014

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Purpose of Unrestricted Funds

General Funds : These funds are for the general running of the church, to provide a stipend to the Rector, etc.
 Deposit Funds : These funds assist the general funds and any church developments etc.

**Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023**

4. Bereavement Committee & Ladies Guild.

Two other accounts were operated during the year as detailed below:

	Bereavement Committee £	Ladies Guild £
Balance as at 1st January 2023	1,349	1,503
Income	724	5,574
Expenditure	-2,073	-1,100
Balance as at 31st December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>5,977</u>

5. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6. Governance Costs

Governance costs incurred during the year amounted to £600, being payment to independent examiner D Topley & Co Ltd.

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101673

Annual report

St John the Evangelist
Magherally Annual General Vestry Report
15th April 2024

Our focus this past year has continued to be three specific areas of building that I believe God wants us to give attention to as a church family: building our faith, building our church family and building our finances. Together we have worked hard on these:

1. God has been building faith in our church family through worship services on Sunday and Thursday, the SOMA Mission week, Alpha, Prayer Walk, Youth Fellowship, Summer Madness, Saturday Night Live, Sunday School, Connect Group, September Mission event, our Holy Week prayer stations, Tenebrae and various Bible reading resources. Our musicians Glenn, Lynn, Paul, Emma and Jill, our choir, Paul and Jane, Rita our lay reader, Ronnie our licenced preacher, guest preachers, Mike and Trevor on audiovisuals, Stu our deacon intern and ordinand Kyle all played significant roles in building faith, but there is more to do. We will build faith by establishing another midweek connect group and the Down and Dromore GROW events 12-19th May. We will build our youth ministry by employing a part-time Youth and Children's Worker. Helping people live well with Jesus at the centre of their lives is at the heart of building faith, this is what we will focus on, to see our church family grow in faith and develop as followers of the Lord Jesus.
2. Father God has built our church family through our Big Breakfast, Teddy Bear Christmas Festival, Coronation BBQ, Daffodil Tea, Quiz, Beetle Drive, Ladies Guild Day out, Picnic lunch, Pizza, Police and Prayer lunch, Marriage preparation and Marriage Enrichment, after church tea/coffee times, Welcome Meal for new members and the grounds clear up teams. These initiatives have helped nurture friendships within our church family and across our two churches. Plans are in place for an after-church salad lunch following our wellbeing Sunday service and another welcome meal for new members in June. Our events are aimed at encouraging, supporting and providing a place of safety where

strong relationships and friendships, within and across age groups, can be fostered and built. It has been my privilege to come alongside people facing significant life challenges, supporting the bereaved with a 'living with loss' course, walking with those facing physical and mental health challenges, as well as those facing death.

3. God has blessed our finances through generous giving by our church family, we are also grateful for legacies, an ABC grant and two generous gifts from The Church of the Cross USA. The church hall and our beautiful church building received some essential maintenance, but there remains an issue on the church roof, which we need to tackle. Our Teddy Bear Christmas Festival, harvest gifts, Easter draw, cars and burger evenings, and the church fete raised substantial funds for the church and for charity. Our Wine Tasting evening and another ABC grant paid for our defibrillator. We have generously supported Water Drops, Friends of Cancer, Newry Hospice, Kidney Research, and Air Ambulance. Despite giving away ten percent of our income, our finances remain healthy. Magherally is known as a warm, welcoming church family; a happy place for new people to easily fit into. Our church wardens Colin and Dorothea and each church member have played an important role in this.

Members of the select vestry have worked hard this year. Mike on communication and church visuals. Trevor on church audio. Justin and his team on furnishings, fabric, health and safety. Philip, Heather, Briony and Carol on finances. John and his team have put in hours of hard work making the grounds beautiful, Mickey and his team have made significant improvements at the graveyard. Christine and the safeguarding panel and others on vestry put in many hours behind the scenes. My sincere thanks to our leadership team.

Revd Karen Salmon

Magherally and Annaclone Parishes

Annual return

TRUST: Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down&
Dromore/Church Of Ireland Charity Number – 101673

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report

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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, and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Topley MIATI MATT

Date: 04/03/2024

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101673

Accounts

MAGHERALLY PARISH CHURCH
CHARITY NO 101673
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022

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Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2022


Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Endowment Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	86,471	34,352	0	120,823	78,788
Deposit Accounts	2,887	0	0	2,887	2,883
Total Cash Funds	89,358	34,352	0	123,710	81,671
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Hall	699,705	0	0	699,705	699,705
Rectory	527,193	0	0	527,193	527,193
Lands	100,000	0	0	100,000	100,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	1,326,898	0	0	1,326,898	1,326,898

Declaration:

We approve of these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed: 
 Rev K Salmon
 Date: 17/11/2023

Signed: 
 Hon. Treasurer Philip Spratt
 Date: 17/11/2023

1. Accounting Policies:

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- (a) **Receipts and Payments Account**
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- (b) **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

(1) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

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No depreciation has been provided on the Parish Hall as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The minimum threshold of cost for an item to be considered to be capitalised as a fixed asset is not less than £1000.00.

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Reconciliation of Cash Funds

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81,671	Total Cash Funds at the beginning of the year:
119,160	Receipts for the year
-77,121	Payments for the year
123,710	Total Cash Funds at the end of year

Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Movement in Funds

	At 1st Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31st Dec 2022
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

0	0	0	0	0	0
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Restricted Funds

Property Fund	29,217	4,570	-35	600	34,352
Graveyard Fund	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

29,217	4,570	-35	600	34,352
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Unrestricted Funds

General Fund	49,571	114,586	-77,086	-600	86,471
Danske Investment Fund	2,883	4	0	0	2,887

Totals

52,454	114,590	-77,086	-600	89,358
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Total Funds

81,671	119,160	-77,121	0	123,710
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Purpose of Restricted Funds

Purpose of Unrestricted Funds

General Funds : These funds are for the general running of the church, to provide a stipend to the Rector, etc.
 Deposit Funds : These funds assist the general funds and any church developments etc.

**Magherally Parish Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2022**

4. Bereavement Committee & Ladies Guild.

Two other accounts were operated during the year as detailed below:

	Bereavement Committee £	Ladies Guild £
Balance as at 1st January 2022	877	851
Income	602	2,117
Expenditure	-130	-1,465
Balance as at 31st December 2022	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,503</u>

5. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6. Governance Costs

Governance costs incurred during the year amounted to £525, being payment to independent examiner D Topley & Co Ltd.

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, and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Topley MIATI MATT

Date: 13/03/2023

Magherally/Magherally&Annaclone/St.John the Evangelist/Down& Dromore/Church Of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101673

Annual report

Magherally Annual General Vestry - 17 April 2023

An address by the Rector Rev Karen Salmon:

At last year's Easter Vestry I shared three specific areas of rebuilding that I believe God wants us to give attention to as a church family. The first is our faith, the second our relationships and the third our finances. Together we have worked hard on these:

1. Our Sunday and Thursday worship services, with increasing numbers of people attending, Stories of Hope weekend, Alpha Courses, Dare to Hope Group, Services of healing and Into the Light, the Bible Course, Youth Fellowship, Summer Madness, Saturday Night Live and confirmation group, Sunday School, Connect Group, Forever Mine stage play, our Holy Week prayer stations, Tenebrae and various Bible reading resources, have helped build faith in our church family this past year. Glenn, Lynn, the choir, Rita our lay reader, Ronnie our licenced preacher and Stu our deacon intern have played significant roles in this, but there is more to do. A SOMA mission team will join us in June, Connect groups and two Alphas are planned for January. Helping people live well with Jesus at the centre of their lives is at the heart of building faith, so it has been a real joy to see you grow and develop as followers of the Lord Jesus.
2. The Jubilee BBQ, Strawberry and Daffodil Teas, Menopause Café, Salsa evening, Quiz, soup lunch, after church tea/coffee times have helped nurture friendships within our church family and across our two churches. Plans are in place for an after church bring and share lunch to celebrate the King's coronation in May and a church family picnic in June to celebrate our Sunday School children. Our events are aimed at encouraging, supporting and providing a place of safety where strong relationships and friendships, within and across age groups, can be fostered and built. I am committed to building a relationship with each of you through home visits. I have been to each of your homes, although not all of you were home when I called. Please do say if you would like me to call or you are welcome to meet me at the rectory. Stu and I have come alongside people facing significant life challenges, supported the bereaved with a 'living with loss' course, walked with those facing physical and mental health challenges, as well as those facing death.
3. Our finances are improving, thank you for your generosity. The church hall requires some essential maintenance and our beautiful church building is seriously impacted by damp, which we need to tackle. Our harvest gifts, Easter draw, cars and coffee evenings, and the church fete raise substantial funds for the church and for charity. We have generously supported Water Drops, Friends of Cancer, Newry Hospice, Kidney Research, CMS Egypt, Air Ambulance, Cancer Focus, Be Positive children's charity and the Bishop's Appeal for Ukraine, Turkey and Syria. Despite giving away more money than any other year, our finances remain healthy. Building our church family by adding more people is another way to build a healthy financial base, so please do think about who you could invite to come along to church with you. Magherally is becoming known as a warm, welcoming church family; a happy place for new people to easily fit into. Our church wardens Colin and Dorothea played an important role in this.

Members of the select vestry have worked hard this year. Mike on communication. Justin and his team on furnishings, fabric, health and safety. Philip, Heather, Briony and Carol on finances. John and his team have put in hours of hard work making the grounds beautiful, Mickey and his team have made significant improvements at the graveyard. The safeguarding panel and others on vestry put in many hours behind the scenes. My sincere thanks to each of you.

My final encouragement is the same as I shared last year; Colossians 2:6-7 *"so then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness."*

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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, and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Topley MIATI MATT

Date: 13/03/2023