

St Columba's Parish Church Derryvolgie

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Derryvolgie Parish

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Derryvolgie/Derryvolgie/St Columba/Connor/Church of Ireland
Charity Registration Number 101738
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Trustees

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Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev James Boyd
Honorary Secretary: Mark McDowell
Honorary Treasurer: Colin McDonald
Church Wardens – Clergy: Caryn McMurray, Lynn Perry
Church Wardens - People: Stewart Gavin, Andy Sproule

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Columba's Parish Church, Derryvolgie for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of Derryvolgie Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Columba's Church 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 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, Derryvolgie Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of St Columba's Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The parish continues on a healthy trajectory with increases in newcomers and attendance at worship. We have a full range of organisations, all in good shape. It is satisfying to note that one of these, Life Groups, which meets mid-week to study the teaching at worship is very active. Our virtual presence provides a method for the less able, those who live further away and those whose lifestyle it suits, to engage with parish worship and events. All this activity allows us to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in whichever way works best for the wide demographic we serve.

Our public benefit through local outreach included DVK (kids) and DVY (youth) clubs which attract children from a large part of North Lisburn. We have a close relationship with Harmony Hill Primary School. The Rector is the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Having been awarded grant funding we partnered with Mustard Seed to run play therapy sessions in the school. This is a vital early intervention in children's mental health. We have already seen a difference in the pastoral pyramid decreasing the number of children that need to be referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Service. We help run school CHOICE events (Creating Healthy Options)

We offered financial support for missionary work directly in Nakuru, Kenya and through the Intercontinental Church Missionary Society to the church worldwide. Our partnership with the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) has developed into a Global Made Local program. This is enriching us in so many ways. We delivered a second internship to a Chilean student. This allowed us to offer Spanish lessons in two local schools. We ran a multicultural social evening. We work together with Exodus, Crown Jesus Ministries and All nations Ministries.

Our weekly drop-in centre, Open Door, offers everyone in the community a chance to call in for companionship over coffee, savouries and cakes at no cost to themselves. We continue to be part of the Harmony Hill community group. We organise litter picks in our area. We funded and maintain three defibrillators in our area. They were called upon on six occasions during the year but thankfully were not needed at the incidents.

The third-party use of our premises included Happy Tots pre-school, short mat bowling, Pilates, dance fitness, Irish Dancing and Irish language classes. Our premises are made available to any third party which offers a public good which does not conflict with our charitable purpose.

We supported other charities including Barnabas Aid, Bishops' Appeal, Christians Against Poverty (Lisburn), Emerge, Harmony Hill Primary School, Lisburn Food Bank, New Wine Ireland, Open Doors, the Royal British Legion and Star NI.

Looking ahead we have partnered with Youth Initiatives to deliver a youth community hub in Lisburn. This will include the Power to Transform program in schools. Having been granted approval in principle by the RCB, our plan to create additional flexible community space will move to the design stage.

The Parish is conscious of its responsibilities under Safeguarding Trust. Everyone involved in our activities is AccessNI checked.

We maintain an up-to-date web page and are very active on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and WhatsApp. Our social media attracts interest from those who are not yet church goers.

Financial Review

In the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 our income was £159,164 against an expenditure of £147,056 resulting in an excess of income over expenditure of £12,108. This was a very satisfactory outturn with an overall increase freewill offering funding an increase in unrestricted activity related expenditure. Restricted income and expenditure largely involved community outreach activity supported by grants.

Having provided for all accruals and setting aside a balance of £8,042 in the ministry fund, the unrestricted net worth of the parish is £60,847. In addition, there are reserves with a book value of £8,909. This includes an RCB unit trust with a book value of £7,866 and a realisable value of £19,307. The select vestry considers that reserves equivalent to three-month expenditure (excluding extraordinary expenditure) is appropriate.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the prospects for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and that the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The select vestry members are the charity trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

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 once a year. The select vestry is elected as part of this general vestry meeting. The select vestry will 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.

Pay and remuneration

The incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, a locomotory allowance and a pension contribution. The incumbent is provided with a rectory on which the rates are paid but not the running costs thereof.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the actives entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

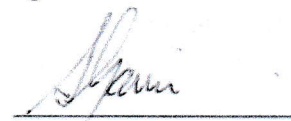
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Stewart Gavin



Colin McDonald

30 October 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees St Columba's Parish Church, Derryvolgie.

I report on the accounts of St Columba's Parish Church, Derryvolgie for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

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 general Directions given by the Commissioner 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.

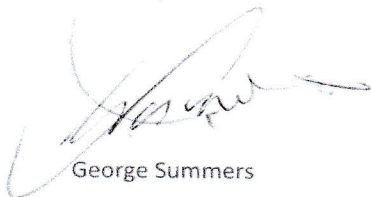
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.

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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DERRYVOLGIE PARISH CHURCH, MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 31-DEC-24

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Receipts

	Unrestricted	(Restricted)	(Restricted)	(Restricted)	Total	Total
	General	Repair				
	Fund	Renewals	Mission	Ministry	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill Offering	84,477				84,477	75,263
Gift Aid Rebate	17,642				17,642	16,751
Collections	0		809	2,827	3,636	4,493
Fundraising	3,568				3,568	5,308
Rental (church activity)	8,930			750	9,680	9,538
Bank Interest & Dividends	645				645	584
Sundry receipts	2,000				2,000	84
Specific Purpose Funds	0	0		37,517	37,517	3,430

Sub Total: Receipts	117,261	0	809	41,094	159,164	115,450
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Payments

Salary/Loco/CPF/PAYE/NIC	50,976				50,976	53,533
Diocese	8,870				8,870	8,284
Parish General Costs	19,479			947	20,426	20,599
Administration	8,584				8,584	5,283
Worship	3,686				3,686	3,780
Outreach	0			33,871	33,871	0
Repairs	2,535				2,535	8,689
Rectory Expense	9,425				9,425	2,347
Charities	5,985		809	1,880	8,674	9,255
Fundraising Expense	8				8	252

Sub Total: Payments	109,548	0	809	36,698	147,056	112,021
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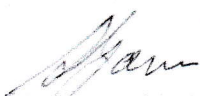
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	7,713	0	0	4,395	12,108	3,429
Opening balance	53,134	0	0	3,647	56,781	53,352

Operating accounts balance	60,847	0	0	8,042	68,889	56,781
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	60,847	8,042	0	68,889	56,781
Total Cash Funds	60,847	8,042	0	68,889	56,781
Investment Assets					
Equity Investments	446	0	0	446	398
Other Listed Investments					
RCB deposits and investments	8,463	0	0	8,463	8,443
Other unlisted investments					
Investment Properties					
Total Investment Assets	8,910	0	0	8,910	8,841
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Centre					
Glebe House	272,000	0	0	272,000	272,000
Fixtures and Fittings					
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	272,000	0	0	272,000	272,000

On behalf of the Trustees


Stewart Gavin



Colin McDonald

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

- Church Building
- Church Hall
- Rectory
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Building and Church Hall 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 church hall is physically attached to the church as such is not separable as an individual asset. As such it is deemed to be a heritage asset and no value is ascribed to it in the statement of assets and liabilities.

The rectory is recognised at cost / deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31 December 2017 increased by the cost of the capital improvement works carried out during 2018. Works to the heating system at the property will be carried out in 2025 and the property will be revalued for accounting purposes thereafter. No depreciation has been provided on the rectory as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The select vestry has set a minimum threshold of £1,000 for an item of Fixtures and Fittings to be considered to be capitalised as a fixed asset. No item of Fixtures and Fittings has a value above this threshold.

(ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total cash funds at 01-Jan-24	56,781
Receipts for the year	159,164
Payments for the year	(147,056)
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Total cash funds at 31-Dec-24	68,889
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3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Repair & Renewal (Chair) Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund	0	809	(809)	0	0
Ministry Fund	3,647	41,094	(36,698)	0	8,042
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	3,647	41,903	(37,507)	0	8,042
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Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	53,134	117,261	(109,548)	0	60,847
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Total Funds	56,781	159,164	(147,056)	0	68,889
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Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mission Fund: Provides financial assistance towards missionary work in South America and Africa.
Ministry Fund: Expensed on outreach at the discretion of the Rector.

4. Collections for Third Parties

	2023	2024
	£	£
Bishops Appeal/Greenisland Church	1055	444
Nakuru Fund	383	365
CAP	300	100
Deacon Leaving Gift	980	947
Harvest Gift Day	1275	1180
SAMS	500	0
Star NI	0	600
	<u>4,493</u>	<u>3,636</u>

The above amount has been included in Receipts for the prior year under "collections" and in Payments for the prior year under "gifts" and "charities".

5. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any non stipendary remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

6. Governance Costs

Governance costs are included within administration costs in the receipts and payments accounts.