

BELFAST/Belfast: St. Bartholomew/St. Bartholomew/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101979

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-20

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	£106,343	£94,658	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jill Gillespie		
June Mcdermott		
Mr David Dennison		
Mr David Terence Austin Olver		
Mr Ian David Berryman Bsc Daas		
Mr Irwin Mcfarland		
Mrs Clodagh Dalzell		
Mrs Lisa Michelle Victoria Henderson		
Rev Canon Terence Kevin Graham Mbe DI Bsc(Hons) Bth Mth		
Rev Stephen John Green		
Robert Hood		

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report to the Select Vestry on my examination of the financial statements of St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Stranmillis (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the Select Vestry you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and you have considered the audit requirement of Section 65(3) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 (the Charities Act). Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

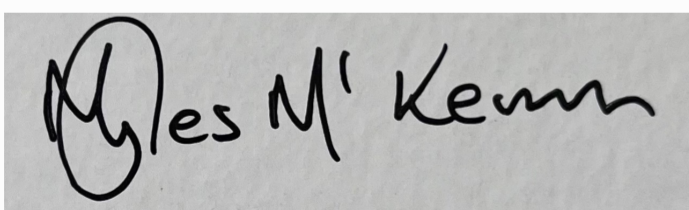
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My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the 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.
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.



Myles McKeown CMIIA
McKeown Consultancy Ltd

Date: 25 March 2025

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>						
Freewill Offering	70,741		70,741	65,787		65,787
Giftaid recovery	14,102		14,102	11,702		11,702
Donation from BartPlayers	1,500		1,500	4,500		4,500
Donations & Inmemoriam	8,220		8,220	4,270		4,270
Scout donations	400		400	400		400
Income from hall	2,220		2,220	300		300
Legacy	-			5,000		5,000
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Social & Fundraising events	8,326		8,326	3,667		3,667
Other income				150		150
Organ Appeal	10		10	5,715		5,715
Rep Church Body	584		584	972		972
Bishop's Appeal	-		-	385		385
Bank Interest	240		240	-		-
<u>Investments</u>						
Income	-		-	-		-
	106,343		106,343	102,848		102,848
Payments						
Salaries and Honoraria	56,090		56,090	58,757		58,757
Upkeep of premises	21,044		21,044	20,577		20,577
Resources and printing	1,126		1,126	2,657		2,657

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Diocesan Assessment	10,242	10,242	10,914	10,914
Sunday School and Youth Group	413	413	320	320
Events and activities	81	81	-	-
Charitable donations	-	-	385	385
Bank fees	312	312	288	288
Governance	350	350	750	750
Repayment of Boiler Loan	5,000	5,000	-	-
Loan account	-	-	-	-
	94,658	94,658	94,648	94,648
Net receipts/(payments)		11,685		8,200
Gain (Deficit) for theyear		11,685		8,200

Reconciliation

Bank at 31.12.23	31,307	Bank at 31.12.22	23,107
Gain (deficit) for year	11,685	Gain (deficit) for year	8,200
Bank at 31.12.24	42,992	Bank at 31.12.23	31,307

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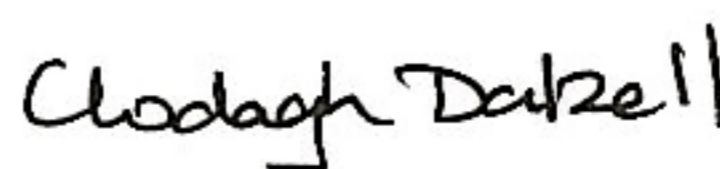
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Buildings and contents		
Church and contents	3,747,086	3,747,086
Hall and contents	1,405,156	1,405,156
Rectory	281,029	281,029
	5,433,271	5,433,271
The above are shown at the value insured as no professional valuation has been obtained.		
Bank & cash balances		
Deposit account	7,904	13,940
Current account No. 1	32,988	15,267
Current account No. 2	2,100	2,100
	42,992	31,307
Other Assets		
National Savings and investments	1,150	1,150
Endowments invested with the Church of Ireland Trustees	34,824	34,824
Endowments invested with the RCB	1,659	1,659
Gift aid to be reclaimed	12,500	12,500
	50,133	50,133
Liabilities		
HMRC payroll deductions	550	550
Boiler loans	10,000	15,000
	10,550	15,550

Approved by the Select Vestry on 25th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Canon TK Graham MBE DL (Rector)



Mrs C Dalzell (Hon Treasurer)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 – Transactions with related parties

Included within liabilities are amounts loaned to the organisation by a number of trustees for repair work carried out during the year.

One repayment (£5,000) in respect of these loans was made during this financial year.

Note 2 – Events after the reporting period

No material matters for disclosure.

Note 3 – Direct Charitable Donations

Charitable Donations (2024):	
South Belfast Foodbank	£270.00
USPCA	£238.00
Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund	£246.45
Total	£754.45

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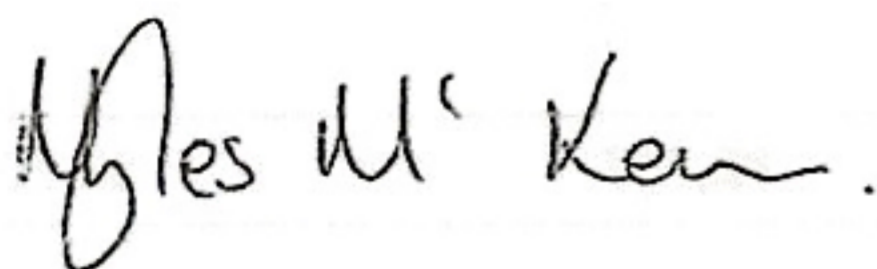
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Myles McKeown CMIIA
McKeown Consultancy Ltd

Date: 20 March 2024

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Donation from BartPlayers	4,500		4,500	3,750		3,750
Donations & Inmemoriam	4,270		4,270	-		-
Scouts donation	400		400	-		-
Income from hall	300		300	451		451
Legacy	5,000		5,000	-		-
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Social & Fundraising events	3,667		3,667	1,554		1,554
Other income	150		150	2,346		2,346
Organ Appeal	5,715		5,715	-		-
Rep Church Body	972		972	1,510		1,510
Bishop's Appeal	385		385	-		-
<u>Investments</u>						
Income	-		-	-		-
	102,848		102,848	82,707	-	82,707
<u>Payments</u>						
Salaries and Honoraria	58,757		58,757	56,903		56,903
Upkeep of premises	20,577		20,577	23,411		23,411
Resources and printing	2,657		2,657	3,350		3,350

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Diocesan Assessment	10,914	10,914	10,017	10,017
Sunday School and Youth Group	320	320	1,467	1,467
Events and activities	-	-	369	369
Charitable donations	385	385	929	929
Bank fees	288	288	193	193
Governance	750	750	-	-
Loan account	-	-	-	-
	94,648	94,648	96,639	96,639

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Net receipts/ (payments)	8,200		(13,932)
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Gain (Deficit) for theyear	8,200		(13,932)
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Reconciliation

Bank at 31.12.22	23,107	Bank at 31.12.21	37,039
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Bank & cash balances		
Deposit account	13,940	15,160
Current account No. 1	15,267	5,847
Current account No. 2	2,100	2,100
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Other Assets		
National Savings and investments	1,150	1,132
Endowments invested with the Church of Ireland Trustees	34,824	34,824
Endowments invested with the RCB	1,659	1,659
Gift aid to be reclaimed	12,500	12,500
	<u>50,133</u>	<u>50,115</u>
Liabilities		
HMRC payroll deductions	550	550
Boiler loans	15,000	15,000
	<u>15,550</u>	<u>15,550</u>

Approved by the Select Vestry on 19th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by


 Rev Canon TK Graham MBE DL (Rector)


 Mrs C Dalzell (Hon Treasurer)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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No repayments in respect of these loans were made during this financial year.

Note 2 – Events after the reporting period

No material matters for disclosure.

Robert Doherty

Karin Graham

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Annual report

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Stranmillis Parish, St Bartholomew's Church Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2023



“In the community, for the community”

Charity Registration Number: NIC 101979

Stranmillis Parish, St Bartholomew's Church

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Charity Registration Number: NIC 101979

References and administrative details

Charity Name: St Bartholomew's Church
Charity Registration Number: NIC 101979

Contact Address: St Bartholomew's Church
183 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5AJ

Trustees

Reverend Canon Kevin Graham MBE DL	Rector
Reverend Stephen Green	Curate Assistant
Irwin McFarland	Rector's Churchwarden
June McDermott	People's Churchwarden
Ian Berryman	Rector's Glebewarden
David Dennison	People's Glebewarden
Lisa Henderson	Honorary Secretary
Clodagh Dalzell	Honorary Treasurer (from 9 April 2024)
Florence Boyd	(resigned 9 April 2024)
Jennifer Ebbage	(from 9 April 2024)
Jill Gillespie	
David Olver	
David Sansom	
Elizabeth Sansom	
Renee Wilson	(resigned 9 April 2024)

The Trustees named above are all of the members of the Select Vestry who are also the current charity trustees.

Having served during the year ending 31 December 2023 at the Annual General Vestry meeting on 9th April 2024 the following Trustees stood down, Renee Wilson and Jennifer Ebbage. The following were elected as Trustees on the same date, Jill Gillespie and Clodagh Dalzell.

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Reverend Canon Kevin Graham MBE DL Incumbent and Chair of Trustees
Reverend Stephen Green Curate Assistant
Honorary Treasurer: Mrs Clodagh Dalzell (now also a trustee)
Honorary Secretary: Mrs Lisa Henderson

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- Lisa Henderson
- Clodagh Daxell
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- David Oliver
- David Sansom
- Elizabeth Sansom
- Renee Wilson

- Rector
- Curate Assistant
- Rector's Churchwarden
- People's Churchwarden
- Rector's Glabwarden
- People's Glabwarden
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer (from 9 April 2024)
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Bartholomew's Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Bartholomew's Church of Ireland Stranmillis Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Bartholomew's 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, St Bartholomew's 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 Bartholomew's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St. Bartholomew's has been serving the area of Stranmillis since 1913. As a church, we believe that one of our primary callings is to share the love of Christ with the people of this area and further afield. Over the past year, we have done this through a wide range of activities as follows:

- 1) Church services were available for in person attendance and also continued to be live-streamed for those unable to attend.
- 2) General information was also posted on Facebook.
- 3) Pastoral support returned to normal during the year whilst caution was exercised when appropriate, such as wearing masks if visiting anyone particularly vulnerable. The Rector continued to ensure that Hospital Chaplains were informed of any parishioners as inpatients and they received spiritual support this way, as well as visiting hospitals and care homes in person.
- 4) A paper newsletter with a letter from the Rector and the daily prayers and readings continued to be delivered to the homes of those Parishioners not online by the Rector and other volunteers. This was valued by many parishioners who expressed their thanks and how it let them know that the Church was thinking of them and including them in church life and fellowship. Whilst all regulations

were removed during 2022 this means of communication remained operational throughout and will continue to do so for those unable to attend church. Copies are also made available for those who received them during the pandemic but now collect them in church for themselves.

- 5) We were able to have the complete set of activities and worship services over Christmas 2023. This included a Christmas Fair, A Seniors' Christmas lunch, a children's Christmas party, A Service for Christmas Holy Communion for Seniors with festive refreshments, the making of Christmas Swags, a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Communion, Christmas Day Services and a Nativity Play.
- 6) Sunday worship (weekly at 9:00am and 10.30am and monthly at 6.30pm) is at the heart of all we do and informs all our other activities. Whilst there was a core group of about 100 regular worshippers, nevertheless it is open to all regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background age or disability. Many comments have been received about the quality of the worship at St Bartholomew's and how it enables engagement with the Divine. We also have special worship services engaging with the wider community, namely opening of the academic year service for Stranmillis University College, Stranmillis University College Carol Service, Advent and Christmas Carol Services, Holy Week and Easter Services. We also have midweek services which offer a space for reflection and prayers for those ill in the wider community. After major acts of worship, refreshments are available to reinforce the sense of community.
- 7) During Sunday morning worship services in term time we have usually hold weekly Sunday School and Tots' Church where our children, from 20 months up to age twelve, learn more about our purposes as a church and through activities and stories, they learn in a fun way about the Christian Faith. Those attending continued to grow during 2023. Our children's ministry is a vital part of what we do.
- 8) Bart Players, an external amateur dramatic group meet twice weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00pm) and put on several shows a year which draws in people from the wider community. The group is well known in the area and through their performances contribute to the finances of the parish.
- 9) We have two women groups, Ladies Guild and Mother's Union. The Ladies Guild is an opportunity to meet monthly and share fellowship together over a cup of tea and a bun. The Mother's Union organises monthly meetings open to all with invited speakers. They support families and family life in the parish and provide catering on many occasions. They also carry out housebound visitations and contribute to the funds of St Bartholomew's.

- 10) On the fourth Saturday of the month, except December, July and August the Men's Breakfast meets with a cooked breakfast available and an opportunity for those present to join in discussion and support. It is open to all men.
- 11) St Bartholomew's was a founding member of South Belfast Foodbank and continues to contribute to the work of the Foodbank by prayer, volunteers from the parish, food donations and financial assistance.
- 12) The weekly lunch club which started in October 2022 continued throughout the whole of 2023, with seasonal breaks at Christmas, Easter and summer. This group enjoy a hearty meal and good company. During the course of 2023 the lunch club was attended by both parishioners and non parishioners.
- 13) Following longstanding restrictions following the pandemic of 2020 onwards a renewed effort was focussed on fundraising. A new fund raising committee was formed and a very successful afternoon was organised in early autumn at short notice. More fundraising events are organised for 2024.
- 14) In Autumn 2023 St Bartholomew's, working in partnership with St Brigid's RC Church and Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, hosted a ten week Alpha Program to introduce the Christian Faith. This was a great witness to the local community of churches working together. Each congregation hosted at least three sessions, providing teaching and hospitality.

As a church, we also offer pastoral support to all in the community, regardless of whether they have any contact with St. Bartholomew's. This takes the form of visiting the sick, elderly and bereaved wherever they are located.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit when relevant 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.

Financial Review

Our church building was completed in 1930 and will require some works in the mid to long term. Our church halls were completed in 1963 and require some modernisation. We continue to monitor finances closely and applying for other grants where appropriate.

Coronavirus Pandemic

The Trustees continue to assess the impact of the pandemic on fundraising, activities, uncertainty over future plans, going concern and financial impact and review the risk register regularly. As regulations ease the Trustees hope to return to a more normal pattern of fundraising.

Debts

An appeal for financial support was made to Parishioners during 2019 for repairs and maintenance and in particular for the costs of the boiler replacement and several loans from Parishioners were made to the Parish and a number of gifts were received. These loans have not been repaid as yet. The Parish has secured an overdraft facility as a safeguard.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the availability of any unrestricted reserves at each select vestry meeting. The trustees keep a tight control of costs. Given the size and activities of the charity the trustees have been unable to build up any significant reserves and income is expended during the financial year. Some necessary and preventative refurbishment of the church was carried out 2023 and none are planned for 2024. There are no other major works planned. There is a reserve amount in an NS&I account which is in a restricted fund.

Investment Policy

In keeping with common practice our endowments are invested with Representative Church Body and Church of Ireland Trustees.

Going Concern

We have reviewed the budget for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year end 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Pay and remuneration

The Incumbent of the Parish, the Rector, is entitled to a stipend that is paid directly by the Parish which is in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and office and locum allowances and pension contributions (as is seen by examination of the accounts). The Rector is a trustee and Chair of the Select Vestry. The incumbent provides his services under a contract for services and other trustees provide professional services on occasion. Expenses are payable to reimburse costs incurred on a voucher basis.

Organisational structure

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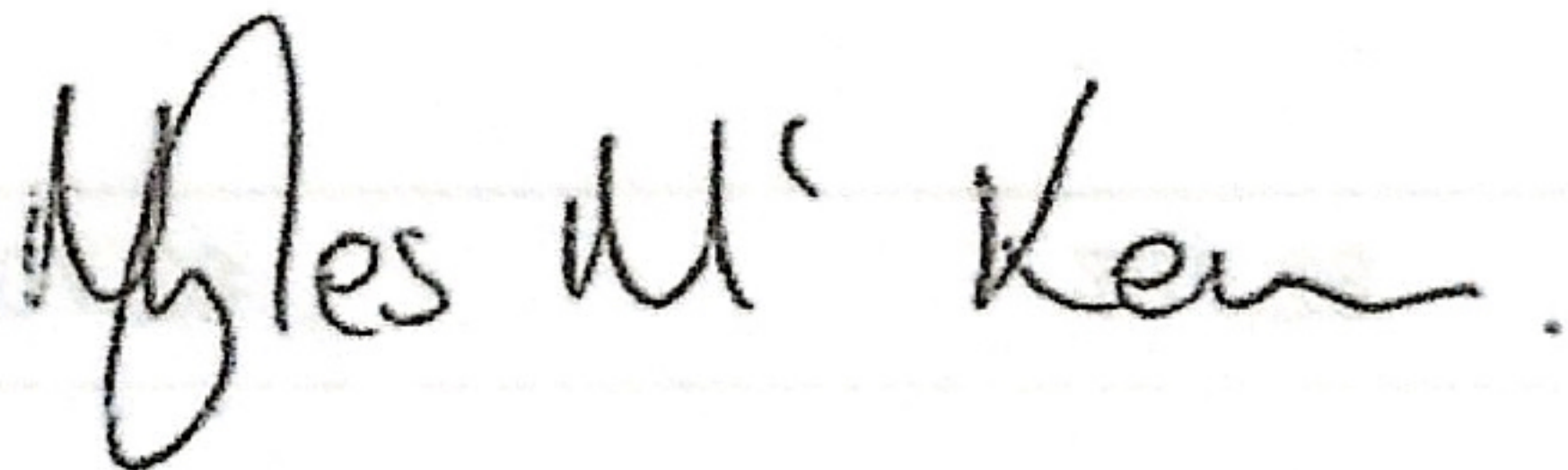
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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Registered with the Charity Commission: NIC101979

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>						
Freewill Offering	60,764		60,674	60,116		60,116
Giftaid recovery	12,332		12,332	12,569		12,569
Donation from Bart Players	3,750		3,750	-		-
Donations & In memoriam				-		-
Boiler donations				-		-
Income from hall	451		451	5,000		5,000
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Social & Fundraising Events	1,554		1,554	1,263		1,263
Other income	2,346		2,346	5,602		5,602
Rep Church Body	1,510		1,510	-		-
Covid Grant	-		-	26,134		26,134
<u>Investments</u>						
Income	-		-	-		-
	82,707		82,707	110,684	-	110,684
Payments						
Salaries and Honoraria	56,903		56,903	52,856		52,856
Upkeep of premises	23,411		23,411	23,149		23,149
Resources and printing	3,350		3,350	2,265		2,265
Diocesan Assessment	10,017		10,017	9,092		9,092
Sunday School and Youth Group	1,467		1,467	238		238
Events and activities	369		369	350		350
Charitable donations	929		929	414		414
Bank fees	193		193	177		177
Governance	-		-	-		-
Loan account	-		-	-		-
	96,639		96,639	88,541		88,541

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH CHURCH, STRANMILLIS
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Net receipts/ (payments)	(13,932)	(13,932)	22,143	22,143
Gain (Deficit) for the year	(13,932)	(13,932)	22,143	22,143
Reconciliation				
Bank at 31.12.21	37,039		Bank at 31.12.20	14,896
Gain (deficit) for year	(13,932)		Gain (deficit) for year	22,143
Bank at 31.12.22	23,107		Bank at 31.12.21	37,039

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH CHURCH, STRANMILLIS
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Buildings and contents		
Church and contents	3,747,086	3,747,086
Hall and contents	1,405,156	1,405,156
Rectory	281,029	281,029
	<u>5,433,271</u>	<u>5,433,271</u>

The above are shown at the value insured as no professional valuation has been obtained.

Bank & cash balances

Deposit account	15,160	166
Current account No.1	5,847	34,773
Current account No. 2	2,100	2,100
	<u>23,107</u>	<u>37,039</u>

Other Assets

National Savings and investments	1,132	1,132
Endowments invested with the Church of Ireland Trustees	34,824	34,824
Endowments invested with the RCB	1,659	1,659
Gift aid to be reclaimed	12,500	12,500
	<u>50,115</u>	<u>50,115</u>

Liabilities

HMRC payroll deductions	550	550
Boiler loans	15,000	15,000
	<u>15,550</u>	<u>15,550</u>

Approved by the Select Vestry on 29 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Canon TK Graham (Rector)



Mrs I Wilson (Hon Treasurer)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 – Transactions with related parties

Included within liabilities are amounts loaned to the organisation by a number of trustees for repair work carried out during the year.

No repayments in respect of these loans were made during this financial year.

Note 2 – Events after the reporting period

No material matters for disclosure.

BELFAST/Belfast: St. Bartholomew/St. Bartholomew/Connor/Church of Ireland

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Stranmillis Parish,
St Bartholomew's Church
Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2022



“In the community, for the community”

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Contact Address: St Bartholomew's Church
183 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5AJ

Trustees

Reverend Canon Kevin Graham DL	Rector
Reverend Stephen Green	Curate Assitant
Irwin McFarland	Rector's Churchwarden
June McDermott	People's Churchwarden (from 18 April 2023)
Ian Berryman	Rector's Glebewarden
David Dennison	People's Glebewarden (from 18 April 2023)
Lisa Henderson	Honorary Secretary
Florence Boyd	(from 18 April 2023)
Jennifer Ebbage	
David Olver	
David Sansom	(from 18 April 2023)
Elizabeth Sansom	(from 18 April 2023)
Renee Wilson	(resigned as Hon Treasurer 18 April 2023 remains a trustee)
Roy Allen	(resigned 18 April 2023)
Kenneth James	(resigned 18 April 2023)

The Trustees named above are all of the members of the Select Vestry who are also the current charity trustees.

Having served during the year ending 31 December 2022 at the Annual General Vestry meeting on 18th April 2023 the following Trustees stood down, Roy Allen and Kenneth James. The following were elected as Trustees on the same date, Florence Boyd, David Sansom and Elizabeth Sansom.

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Reverend Canon Kevin Graham DL Incumbent and Chair of Trustees
Reverend Stephen Green Curate Assistant
Parish Treasurer: Mrs Clodagh Dalzell (non-trustee)
Parish Secretary: Mrs Lisa Henderson

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Bartholomew's Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Bartholomew's Church of Ireland Stranmillis Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Bartholomew's 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, St Bartholomew's 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 Bartholomew's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St. Bartholomew's has been serving the area of Stranmillis since 1913. As a church, we believe that one of our primary callings is to share the love of Christ with the people of this area and further afield. Over the past year, we have done this through a wide range of activities as follows:

- 1) Following the removal of all Covid restrictions during the course of the year church services returned to normal whilst we also continued to livestream our services for those unable to attend.
- 2) General information was also posted on Facebook.
- 3) Pastoral support returned to normal during the year whilst caution was exercised when appropriate, such as wearing masks if visiting anyone particularly vulnerable. The Rector continued to ensure that Hospital Chaplains were informed of any parishioners as inpatients and they received spiritual support this way, as well as visiting hospitals and care homes in person again.
- 4) A paper newsletter with a letter from the Rector and the daily prayers and readings continued to be delivered to the homes of those Parishioners not online by the Rector and other volunteers. This was valued by many parishioners who expressed their thanks and how it let them know that the Church was thinking of

them and including them in church life and fellowship. Whilst all regulations were removed during 2022 this means of communication remained operational throughout and will continue to do so for those unable to attend church. Copies are also made available for those who received them during the pandemic but now collect them in church for themselves.

- 5) Thankfully due to the removal of regulations we were able to have the complete set of activities and worship services over Christmas 2022. This included a Christmas Fair, A Seniors' Christmas lunch, a children's Christmas party, the making of Christmas Swags, a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Communion, Christmas Day Services and a Nativity Play.
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- 7) During Sunday morning worship services in term time we have usually hold weekly Sunday School and Tots' Church where our children, from 20 months up to age twelve, learn more about our purposes as a church and through activities and stories, they learn in a fun way about the Christian Faith. Those attending continued to grow during 2022. Our children's ministry is a vital part of what we do.
- 8) Whilst we recommenced our Tots' group during 2022 with the cost of heating the hall growing and with a lack of adult volunteers to run the group it was decided to end the provision of this service during 2022, so after Easter 2022 it did not restart.
- 9) Bart Players, an external amateur dramatic group meet twice weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00pm) and put on several shows a year which draws in people from the wider community. The group is well known in the area and through their performances contribute to the finances of the parish.
- 10) We have two women groups, Ladies Guild and Mother's Union. The Ladies Guild is an opportunity to meet monthly and share fellowship together over a

cup of tea and a bun. The Mother's Union organises monthly meetings open to all with invited speakers. They support families and family life in the parish and provide catering on many occasions. They also carry out housebound visitations and contribute to the funds of St Bartholomew's. Meetings have now resumed with the removal of restrictions.

- 11) On the fourth Saturday of the month, except December, July and August the Men's Breakfast meets with a cooked breakfast available and an opportunity for those present to join in discussion and support. It is open to all men. Men's breakfast recommenced during the last quarter of 2021 and continued through 2022 to provide a safe space to discuss our experiences during several lockdowns and the restrictions we all lived with.
- 12) St Bartholomew's was a founding member of South Belfast Foodbank and continues to contribute to the work of the Foodbank by prayer, volunteers from the parish, food donations and financial assistance.
- 13) In October 2022 the Parish received a small seed funding grant from Benefact Trust and CoIMindMatters to start a Soup and Sandwich Club in a bid to tackle social isolation, particularly after Covid, and improve mental health. Since October a dozen or so parishioners meet each Thursday to share soup, sandwiches and conversation. During the meetings we have also had external speakers including the PSNI and a Bishop.

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Financial Review

Our church building was completed in 1930 and will require some works in the mid to long term. Our church halls were completed in 1963 and require some modernisation. We continue to monitor finances closely and applying for other grants where appropriate.

Coronavirus Pandemic

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Debts

An appeal for financial support was made to Parishioners during 2019 for repairs and maintenance and in particular for the costs of the boiler replacement and several loans from Parishioners were made to the Parish and a number of gifts were received. These loans have not been repaid as yet. The Parish has secured an overdraft facility as a safeguard.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the availability of any unrestricted reserves at each select vestry meeting. The trustees keep a tight control of costs. Given the size and activities of the charity the trustees have been unable to build up any significant reserves and income is expended during the financial year. Some necessary and preventative refurbishment of the church was carried out 2022 and some are planned for 2023. There are no other major works planned. There is a reserve amount in an NS&I account which is in a restricted fund.

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Going Concern

We have reviewed the budget for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year end 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

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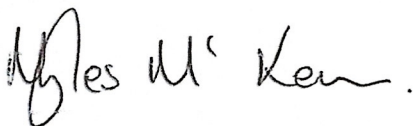
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