

BELFAST/Belfast/St.Donard/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102121

Details

Known as	St Donard's
Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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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	£151,930	£156,518	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew White		
Caroline Fox		
Gareth Watson		
Heather Boyd		
Hilary Whiteside		
John Gilmore		
Kathryn Morrow		
Keith White		
Kenneth Conlin		
Michael Carson		
Mr Graeme Smyth		
Mr Nelson Morrow		
Mr Trevor Matthews		
Ms Fiona Duff		
Rev Jan Stevenson		
Rhonda Moroney		
William Moore		

BELFAST/Belfast/St.Donard/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102121

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	89,550.44	24,279.06	-	113,829.50	298,601.63
Gift Aid	22,563.00	4,719.42	-	27,282.42	27,536.51
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	2,031.64	2,031.64	1,815.79
Admissions/Subscriptions	-	606.26	-	606.26	797.00
Rent from sexton's house	4,598.50	-	-	4,598.50	4,459.42
Contributions towards use of halls/office	1,950.01	-	-	1,950.01	1,438.09
Other charitable receipts	1,632.00	-	-	1,632.00	4,152.50
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	120,293.95	29,604.74	2,031.64	151,930.33	338,800.94
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Cash invested with Ulster Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Redemption of HMT War Stock	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	120,293.95	29,604.74	2,031.64	151,930.33	338,800.94
A3 Payments					
Direct charitable activity	118,052.16	12,762.84	-	130,815.00	141,228.53
Cost of Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	8,643.75	7,548.08	-	18,191.83	17,031.66
Governance costs	608.10	-	-	608.10	508.10
Other costs	2,142.92	-	-	2,142.92	3,812.58
Insurance	6,759.93	-	-	6,759.93	6,413.52
Interest & Capital repayments on Loan	-	-	-	-	25,193.02
Donations - Rector retirement	-	-	-	-	4,350.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	136,206.86	20,310.92	-	156,517.78	198,537.41
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Sound/Video equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Capital repairs and equipment	-	-	-	-	848.69
Pew cushions	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	848.69
Total payments	136,206.86	20,310.92	-	156,517.78	199,386.10
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,912.91	9,293.82	2,031.64	- 4,587.45	139,414.84
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	238,486.62	38,800.17	16,080.76	293,367.55	153,952.71
Cash funds this year end	222,573.71	48,093.99	18,112.40	288,780.10	293,367.55

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No 1 Account - general	222,673.71	-	16,938.29	239,612.00	253,847.17
	No 1 Account - charities and groups	-	3,400.30	-	3,400.30	4,650.31
	Bowling Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
	Development Fund Bank Account	-	44,160.67	-	44,160.67	33,770.49
	Women's Focus Group	-	-	-	-	-
	Wednesday Afternoon Club	-	-	-	-	-
	Mums & Tots	-	533.02	-	533.02	379.37
	Badminton Club	-	-	-	-	-
	Business Reserve Account	-	-	1,174.11	1,174.11	720.21
	Hilary Baird Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds		222,673.71	48,093.99	16,112.40	266,780.10	293,367.55

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total				-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Church of Ireland Trustees Investments	Endowment	27,608.61	44,483.09	40,673.63
	Residuary Church Body General Unit Trust (NI)	Endowment	1,628.51	7,056.78	6,933.67
	Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities	Endowment	2,000.00	6,779.07	6,688.63
Total			31,238.12	67,317.94	63,096.03

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Parish Centre - opened November 2015	Development	957,814	957,814	957,814
	Parish Rectory - 421 Beersbridge Road, Belfast BT5 5DU	Not applicable	-	651,028	604,873
	Sexton's House, 10 Bloomfield Road, Belfast BT5 5LT	Not applicable	-	175,877	114,952
Total			957,814	1,784,719	1,677,639

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Ulster Bank Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	-	-
	Parishioner Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	on request	-	6,000.00
	Ulster Community Investment Trust Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	-	-
Total				-	6,000.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 MICHAEL CARSON
 GRAEME SMYTH

Date of approval
 10/10/25
 10/10/25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the Charity's purposes. There are a number of restricted funds.

The most significant restricted fund is the Development Fund. This Fund pays for capital development work at St Donard's and also the repayment of associated bank loans, principal and interest. It is also used to fund other development work in the Parish, including community outreach initiatives. The St Donard's Property Maintenance Fund is used to fund general maintenance work. The Stipend Fund is used to fund clergy salary costs. The Sunday School Fund funds the Sunday School Programme.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Rev Janet Stevenson, employment contract as St Donard's Rector	26,398
Rev Janet Stevenson, employer's superannuation contribution to Diocese of Down & Dromore	5,121
	0
	0
	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Reimbursement to trustees for minor sundry invoiced purchases	11	3,308
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other Information

The consecrated main Church building, built in 1912 and listed, has not been included as a Parish Asset belonging to the Parish of Saint Donard's. Ownership of this Church building rests with the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland.

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Freewill Offerings	75,029.70	-	-	-	75,029.70	83,814.50
Collections	5,560.26	-	-	-	5,560.26	4,791.89
Donations	277.00	24,279.06	-	-	24,556.06	75,159.51
Legacies	8,683.48	-	-	-	8,683.48	135,035.73
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	89,560.44	24,279.06	-	-	113,829.50	298,601.63

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
PowerNI Credit	-	-	-	-	-	600.00
Deposits for Parish weekend	-	-	-	-	-	980.00
Insurance - Window repair	1,312.00	-	-	-	1,312.00	-
Diocese of D&D - contribution for archdeacon	-	-	-	-	-	2,842.50
Cinema night donations	320.00	-	-	-	320.00	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale Bible study booklets	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,632.00	-	-	-	1,632.00	4,162.50

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Salaries	32,351.60	8,277.68	-	-	40,629.48	67,109.69
Clergy Superann. Fund	5,669.70	-	-	-	5,669.70	9,237.75
Clergy Loco. Expenses	3,499.98	-	-	-	3,499.98	5,236.46
Non-clergy superann scheme	1,064.18	-	-	-	1,064.18	1,997.51
Parochial Halls Expenses	3,100.82	-	-	-	3,100.82	1,981.84
Church Expenses	5,705.79	-	-	-	5,705.79	6,252.42
Cleaning services & Supplies	5,347.95	-	-	-	5,347.95	-
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	10,687.07	-	-	-	10,687.07	10,367.40
Fire Safety	2,670.74	-	-	-	2,670.74	8,590.68
Boiler servicing	888.00	-	-	-	888.00	1,662.60
Rectory Expenses	28,049.32	-	-	-	28,049.32	1,932.26
Office Expenses	2,597.78	-	-	-	2,597.78	3,272.85
Diocesan General Fund	15,227.75	-	-	-	15,227.75	13,676.67
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	-	3,900.00	-	-	3,900.00	6,860.00
Sundries and Consumables	891.28	585.16	-	-	1,476.44	1,646.50
Rector's leaving event - catering	-	-	-	-	-	2,420.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	118,052.16	12,762.84	-	-	130,815.00	141,226.63

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Development Fund	Parents & Tots	Business Reserve Account	Endowment Funds	Special Collections	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts							
Admissions/Subscriptions		606.26				606.26	797.00
RCB Gift Aid	4,719.42					4,719.42	4,658.94
Donations	17,981.00				6,298.06	24,279.06	31,634.51
Investment income/interest			453.90	1,577.74		2,031.64	1,615.79
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,700.42	606.26	453.90	1,577.74	6,298.06	31,636.38	38,608.24
Receipts from asset & investment sales							
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,700.42	606.26	453.90	1,577.74	6,298.06	31,636.38	38,608.24
Payments							
Family Worker - remuneration & Petty cash	8,277.68					8,277.68	22,158.36
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	3,900.00					3,900.00	5,890.00
Sundries and Consumables	132.56	452.60				585.16	614.52
Donations to Charities					7,548.06	7,548.06	8,468.91
Donations - Rector retirement						-	4,350.00
Repayment of loan related to new Halls construction						-	25,183.02
						-	-
Sub total	12,310.24	452.60	-	-	7,548.06	20,310.92	67,813.91
Payments relating to asset and investment movements							
New hall costs and fees							
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,310.24	452.60	-	-	7,548.06	20,310.92	67,813.91
Net receipts / (payments)	10,390.18	153.66	453.90	1,577.74	-1,250.02	11,325.46	-29,207.67
Transfers to / (from) funds							
Surplus / (deficit) for year	10,390.18	153.66	453.90	1,577.74	-1,250.02	11,325.46	-29,207.67

Nature and purpose of funds

1. Development Fund – to fund the building of the new Parish Centre and associated works. To pay associated bank loan interest and principal. To fund other development work in the Parish, including community outreach initiatives.
2. Parents & Tots - supporting activities for more toddlers and their parents/carers in the Parish
3. Business Reserve Account – an account used as a contingency fund and to invest cash balances.
4. Endowment Funds – interest to fund general parish expenditure.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102121

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	267,567.12	31,034.51	-	298,601.63	144,417.95
Gift Aid	22,677.57	4,858.94	-	27,536.51	18,320.03
Grants		-	-	-	-
Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	1,815.79	1,815.79	1,662.07
Admissions/Subscriptions		797.00	-	797.00	988.50
Rent from sexton's house	4,459.42	-	-	4,459.42	4,953.34
Contributions towards use of halls/office	1,438.09	-	-	1,438.09	250.00
Other charitable receipts	4,152.50	-	-	4,152.50	6,416.50
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	300,294.70	36,690.45	1,815.79	338,800.94	177,008.39
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Cash invested with Ulster Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Redemption of HMT War Stock	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	300,294.70	36,690.45	1,815.79	338,800.94	177,008.39
A3 Payments					
Direct charitable activity	112,405.65	28,822.88	-	141,228.53	137,818.97
Cost of Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	7,583.65	9,448.01	-	17,031.66	15,770.27
Governance costs	508.10	-	-	508.10	512.02
Other costs	3,812.58	-	-	3,812.58	2,244.94
Insurance	6,413.52	-	-	6,413.52	6,028.43
Interest & Capital repayments on Loan	-	25,193.02	-	25,193.02	68,986.04
Donations - Rector retirement	-	4,350.00	-	4,350.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	130,723.50	67,813.91	-	198,537.41	231,360.67
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Sound/Video equipment	-	-	-	-	5,268.80
Capital repairs and equipment	848.69	-	-	848.69	1,487.79
Pew cushions	-	-	-	-	7,740.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	848.69	-	-	848.69	14,496.59
Total payments	131,572.19	67,813.91	-	199,386.10	245,857.26
Net of receipts/(payments)	168,722.51	- 31,123.46	1,815.79	139,414.84	- 68,848.87
A5 Transfers between funds	1,090.93	- 1,090.93	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,673.18	71,014.56	14,264.97	153,952.71	222,801.58
Cash funds this year end	238,486.62	38,800.17	16,080.76	293,367.55	153,952.71

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No 1 Account - general	238,486.62	-	15,360.55	253,847.17	82,384.74
	No 1 Account - charities and groups	-	4,650.31	-	4,650.31	8,244.18
	Development Fund Bank Account	-	33,770.49	-	33,770.49	61,689.68
	Business Reserve Account	-	-	720.21	720.21	553.41
	Mums & Tots	-	379.37	-	379.37	494.87
	Women's Focus Group	-	-	-	-	585.93
	Badminton Club	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	238,486.62	38,800.17	16,080.76	293,367.55	153,952.71

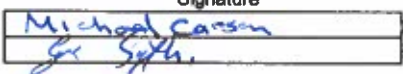
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Church of Ireland Trustees Investments	Endowment	27,608.61	40,573.83	38,776.93
	Residuary Church Body General Unit Trust (NI)	Endowment	1,629.51	6,933.57	6,729.86
	Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities	Endowment	2,000.00	5,588.63	5,282.30
	Total		31,238.12	53,096.03	50,789.11

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Parish Centre - opened November 2015	Development	957,814	957,814	957,814
	Parish Rectory - 421 Beersbridge Road, Belfast BT5 5DU	Not applicable	-	504,673	476,107
	Sexton's House, 10 Bloomfield Road, Belfast BT5 5LT	Not applicable	-	114,952	107,432
	Total		957,814	1,577,439	1,541,353

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Ulster Bank Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	-	-
	Parishioner Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	on request	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Ulster Community Investment Trust Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	-	24,688.12
	Total			6,000.00	30,688.12

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Total
 Print Name
 MICHAEL CARSON
 GRAEME SMYTH

Date of approval
 18/10/2024
 18/10/24

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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The most significant restricted fund is the Development Fund. This Fund pays for capital development work at St Donard's and also the repayment of associated bank loans, principal and interest. The St Donard's Property Maintenance Fund is used to fund general maintenance work. The Stipend Fund is used to fund clergy salary costs. The Sunday School Fund funds the Sunday School Programme.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
		Total	-

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Canon Kenneth Higgins, employment contract as St Donard's Rector	37,957
Canon K Higgins, employer's superannuation contribution to Diocese of Down & Dromore	8,136
	0
	0
	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Reimbursement to trustees for minor sundry invoiced purchases	11	3,629
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other information

The consecrated main Church building, built in 1912 and listed, has not been included as a Parish Asset belonging to the Parish of Saint Donard's. Ownership of this Church building rests with the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland.

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Freewill Offerings	83,614.50	-	-	-	83,614.50	92,596.06
Collections	4,791.89	-	-	-	4,791.89	4,650.92
Donations	44,125.00	31,034.61	-	-	75,159.61	45,340.95
Legacies	135,035.73	-	-	-	135,035.73	1,830.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	267,567.12	31,034.61	-	-	298,601.63	144,417.95

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
PowerNI Credit	800.00	-	-	-	800.00	-
Deposits for Parish weekend	880.00	-	-	-	880.00	-
Contributions to Outings/ Christmas Dinner	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diocese of D&D - contribution for archdeacon	2,542.50	-	-	-	2,542.50	5,845.00
Transferred from Hilary Baird Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	571.50
Sale Bible study booklets	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,152.50	-	-	-	4,152.50	6,416.50

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Salaries	44,951.23	22,156.38	-	-	67,107.61	78,044.10
Clergy Superann. Fund	9,237.75	-	-	-	9,237.75	9,951.95
Clergy Loco. Expenses	5,236.46	-	-	-	5,236.46	6,590.04
Non-clergy superann scheme	1,997.51	-	-	-	1,997.51	2,316.66
Parochial Halls Expenses	1,981.84	-	-	-	1,981.84	1,488.72
Church Expenses	6,252.42	-	-	-	6,252.42	5,785.76
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	10,367.40	-	-	-	10,367.40	6,816.83
Fire Safety	8,590.68	-	-	-	8,590.68	2,057.50
Boiler servicing	1,682.60	-	-	-	1,682.60	438.00
Rectory Expenses	1,932.26	-	-	-	1,932.26	1,422.53
Office Expenses	3,272.85	-	-	-	3,272.85	3,465.74
Diocesan General Fund	13,670.67	-	-	-	13,670.67	11,154.29
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	-	5,850.00	-	-	5,850.00	6,200.00
Sundries and Consumables	831.98	914.52	-	-	1,746.50	2,386.84
Rector's leaving event - catering	2,420.00	-	-	-	2,420.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	112,405.65	28,922.88	-	-	141,228.53	137,818.97

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Development Fund	Women's Focus Group	Wednesday Afternoon Club	Mums & Tots	Badminton Club	Bowling Fellowship	Business Reserve Account	Hilary Baird/Endowment Fund	Special Collections	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts											
Admissions/Subscriptions				797.00						797.00	985.50
RCB Gift Aid	4,899.94									4,899.94	5,312.85
Donations	29,470.00	255.00						10,309.51		31,034.51	31,877.08
Investment Income/Interest	105.37						166.80	1,543.52		1,815.79	1,862.67
Sub total	25,434.31	255.00		797.00			166.80	1,543.52	10,309.51	38,006.24	39,640.47
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets											
Proceeds from sale of investments											
Sub total											
Total receipts	25,434.31	255.00		797.00			166.80	1,543.52	10,309.51	38,006.24	39,640.47
Payments											
Family Worker - remuneration & Petty cash	22,185.36									22,185.36	20,892.69
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	5,850.00									5,850.00	6,200.00
Supplies and Consumables	182.02			682.50						814.52	917.33
Donations to Charities								9,448.01		9,448.01	7,148.30
Donations - Rector retirement								4,350.00		4,350.00	
Repayment of loan related to new Halls construction	26,183.02									26,183.02	69,896.04
Sub total	63,353.40			682.50				13,798.01		87,813.91	103,814.36
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
New hall costs and fees											
Sub total											
Total payments	63,353.40			682.50				13,798.01		87,813.91	103,814.36
Net receipts / (payments)	-27,919.09	255.00		134.50			166.80	1,543.52	-3,488.50	-29,307.67	-63,973.89
Transfers to / (from) funds											
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-27,919.09	255.00		134.50			166.80	1,543.52	-3,488.50	-29,307.67	-63,973.89

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7. Business Reserve Account - an account used as a contingency fund.
8. Hilary Baird Memorial Fund - to fund general parish expenditure
9. Frat Trust Endowment Fund - interest to fund general parish expenditure.



Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Development Fund	Women's Focus Group	Wednesday Afternoon Club	Mums & Tots	Badminton Club	Bowling Fellowship	Business Reserve Account	Hilary Baird / Endowment	Special Collections	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts											
RCB Gift Aid	4888.84									4888.84	
Envelopes Scheme	1336.80									1336.80	
Bank interest refund	186.37									186.37	
Donations										8.00	
Monthly Standing Orders	19136.00									19136.00	
										8.00	
Petty cash adjustment		256.00								256.00	
Admissions				797.80						797.80	
Interest							168.00			168.00	
Investment income in Not Acc								1,643.82		1,643.82	
Interest										8.00	
Special Collections									8,909.81	8,909.81	
Donations - Rector retirement									4,300.00	4,300.00	
										8.00	
Sub total	25,434.31	256.00	-	797.80	-	-	168.00	1,643.82	10,308.61	30,308.34	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets											
Proceeds from sale of investments											
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,434.31	256.00	-	797.80	-	-	168.00	1,643.82	10,308.61	30,308.34	-
Payments											
Extra principal repayment of loan	18,780.89									18,780.89	
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	6,899.09									6,899.09	
Scheduled interest and principal repayments	8,063.82									8,063.82	
Family Worker - remuneration	20,158.36									20,158.36	
Family Worker - petty cash paym'ts	3,080.00									3,080.00	
Bank fees	162.82									162.82	
Donations to church		840.83								840.83	
Group consumables				862.80						862.80	
Donation to church for hall use & amenities				280.00						280.00	
Special Collections									8,448.81	8,448.81	
Donations - Rector retirement									4,300.00	4,300.00	
Sub total	63,363.48	840.83	-	912.80	-	-	-	-	13,798.61	68,904.84	67,912.97
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
Purchases of fixed assets											
Purchase of investments											
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,363.48	840.83	-	912.80	-	-	-	-	13,798.61	68,904.84	67,912.97
Net receipts / (payments)	27,918.00	415.33	-	-115.00	-	-	168.00	1,643.82	-3,483.60	-30,308.60	-
Transfers to / (from) funds											
Surplus / (deficit) for year	27,918.00	415.33	-	-115.00	-	-	168.00	1,643.82	-3,483.60	-30,308.60	-

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102121

Annual report

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

ST DONARD'S PARISH CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD, BELFAST (NIC 102121)

c/o The Hon. Parochial Treasurer

Mr Michael Carson

32 Holland Gardens

BELFAST BT5 6EG

1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023

Trustees

The Venerable K Higgins (until 30th September 2023), Heather Boyd, Michael Carson, Kenneth Conlin, Caroline Fox, John Gilmore, Trevor Matthews, Nev McCormack, Nelson Morrow, William Moore, Rhonda Moroney, Graeme Smyth, Dianne Vaughan, Gareth Watson, Keith White, and Hilary Whiteside.

Finance

St Donard's successfully came through the difficulties of Covid-19, with 2023 being, overall, a sound financial year. Freewill envelope (and monthly standing orders) offerings, which fund the day to day running costs of St Donard's Parish were however significantly down in 2023 to £83,614 (2022: £92,596), reflecting the death of several much loved elderly and generous parishioners. Many of the younger parishioners have significant financial commitments at this stage of their lives and give as generously as they can. The £83,614 given in 2023 is below the average (£94,305) for the period 2012 to 2023, and the lowest since before 2012. There was a shift from envelopes to monthly standing orders from 2019 and this shift was been key in helping the Parish through the Covid-19 crisis and providing a level of financial certainty going forward. Those who continue to use FWO envelopes continued to give generously. FWO standing orders totalled £48,847 (2022: £51,037), exceeding the £34,767 (2022: £41,559) given using FWO envelopes. Donations to the running costs of the Church totalled £44,966, up from £13,464 in 2022. Of critical importance, £27,537 (2022: £18,320) of Gift Aid was recovered in 2023 from HMRC for freewill and other offerings (including Development Fund offerings). All Gift Aid was therefore recovered promptly for 2023 and was in line with expectations, subject to normal timing delays. In previous years, Gift Aid recovered was impacted by the timeliness of recovery, with a significant increase in 2019 (£32,215), compared to 2018 (£17,137) and 2017 (£19,037). The high figure of £32,215 in 2019 was due to the dedication of the new Gift Aid Secretary and the more timely recovery of gift aid. The Parish is now recovering Gift Aid on a timely and regular basis.

In 2023, a legacy totalling £135,036 were received by the Parish (2022: £1,830; 2021: £21,247; 2020: £97,920). This generous legacy was given to St Donard's by a lifelong and devoted parishioner, Enda Johnston. Legacy income can vary significantly each year. These significant legacies received over several years, will be used to fund new and ongoing initiatives within the Parish.

Parishioners have also been very generous with their ongoing financial commitment to the costs of the new Parish Centre – with £giving in 2023 (2022: £21,805 2021: £23,810; 2020: £26,330) by monthly standing orders and a further £1,855 (2021: £1,776) through the Envelope Scheme. Sadly, money received by standing order has fallen with the death of several highly committed elderly parishioners. Donations to the Development Fund of £1,400 were received in 2023 (2022: £1,400). Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the highly successful car boot sale normally held from April to October, could not be run and is now unlikely to resume. In previous years, the willing band of volunteers who ran the car boot sale enthusiastically raised significant sums, with £12,824 raised in 2019 (2018: £14,094).

Normal Church expenditure, overall, is down by £3,821 compared to the previous financial year. Remuneration remains the most significant cost, £61,423 in 2023 (2022: £76,340). Remuneration includes the salary and locomotory allowance paid to the Rector; the Clergy Pension Fund contribution paid by the Parish to the Diocese; any payments made to other clergy; non-clergy superannuation costs; and the remuneration paid to the Church Organist. The decrease is largely a result of the Rector retiring at the end of September 2023. He will not be replaced until the middle of 2024. Other significant costs included the Parish's

contribution to the Diocesan General Fund £13,671 (2022: £11,154); and scheduled interest and principal repayments of £9,493 (2022: £18,986) on the bank loan used to finance the building of the new Parish Centre. As already noted, this loan was repaid in June 2023. These bank loan repayments were charged to the Development Fund. All other significant costs were broadly in line with 2022, although in 2023, our utility payments (gas, electricity and water) were significantly higher (2023: £10,367) than in 2022 (£6,517) and 2021 (£4,562). Fire safety works also increased from £2,057 in 2022 to £8,591 in 2023. . The Parish appointed a Family Worker in August 2021, with his remuneration £ (2022: £18,563) charged to the Development Fund. The Parish has agreed to part-fund the rent of a missionary family who returned to Northern Ireland and who are undertaking work for the Diocese and for this Parish. Our contribution, which is now £487 per month, commenced in October 2021 and this cost is met from the Development Fund. In 2023 this contribution was £5,850 (2022: £6,200). Note that in both 2022 and 2021 additional loan repayments (principal) of £50,000 were made from the Parish's Development Fund. The loan was fully repaid in June 2023 with a final additional loan repayment of £15,700. The costs incurred (between 2014 and 2018) in building the new Parish Centre totalled £957,814, with all but £361,535 of this being funded from investments; generous donations; and Parish income. Despite these significant costs, the Parish still contributed £15,868 (2022: £14,648) to other charities including, for example: £5,000 to CMS Ireland; £1,580 to Christian Aid; £1,500 to the Marie Curie Hospice; £1,473; and £1,001 to the Leprosy Mission.. During 2023, £1,326 was raised to support CMS Ireland in future years – the closing CMS Ireland balance at 31 December 2023 now stands at £5,737. This money is held in the St Donard's General Account.

During 2021, as a result of receiving significant legacies in 2021 and 2020, £136,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Development Fund. This money has been used more generally by the Development Fund and since 2021 has helped the Parish fund a Family Worker, assist with the rent of a Missionary family (who are undertaking work for the Diocese and also this Parish), and repay an additional £115,700 (£15,700 in 2023; £50,000 in both 2021 and 2022) of the loan used to build the new Parish Centre.

As noted above, our loan was fully repaid in June 2023 (2022: £24,698; 2021: £91,663; 2020: £156,035; 2019 £165,943; 2018: £247,125; 2017: £296,143; 2016: £355,535) Our year end balances are as follows: General Bank account £256,933 (2022: £92,291) £33,770 in our Development Fund account (2022: £61,690); and £720 (2023: £553) in our Business Reserve account. In addition, the market value of our Parish Endowment Funds totalled ££53,096 (2022: £50,789). These Funds have risen due to better stock market conditions during 2023.

In 2023 our financial statements include the individual accounts of our Parent & Toddler Group.. The Parent & Toddler Group's income and expenditure was less than £1,000. The Women's Focus Group which ceased activities following Covid, transferred its remaining cash balances (£841) to St Donard's Church in 2023.

Looking forward to 2024, the financial position remains sound. However, the income (FWO – envelopes and Standing Orders) received from Parishioners will be kept under active review given the significant fall in 2023. Cash balances held in excess of our reserves policy and anticipated future routine expenditure, are now to improve our family outreach work and work with younger people. As noted above, our loan for the new Parish Centre has now been repaid. We will incur significant costs in bringing the Rectory up to standard for the new Rector to be appointed during 2024.

Management

The Finances are managed by the Treasurer who reports to the 16 Trustees at a Select Vestry meeting every two months, or more frequently if necessary. Select Vestry members are elected each year at the Easter General Vestry.

In September 2023, with heavy hearts, the Parish said farewell to our much loved and respected Rector, The Venerable Kenneth Higgins. The Rector was instrumental in leading St Donard's into a new era. The new Parish Centre would never have been built (and fully repaid before he left), without his leadership and vision. He was also key in building a Church attractive to young families and their children. As many of our

parishioners entered the final years of their lives, he provided them with exceptional pastoral support. We miss him, but now we now look forward to appointing a new Rector to our Parish.

Purpose

The principal function of St Donard's Parish, Bloomfield, is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by advancing the work of the Parish and the whole mission of the Church, which includes pastoral, social and ecumenical outreach. All the activities of the Parish relate to the promotion of religion through holding regular Worship Services; caring for parishioners of all ages, especially the sick and elderly; and also working with around 150 young people within our community. To enhance our outreach work to families and young people, the Parish appointed James Armstrong as a Family Worker in August 2021.

The Parish Church is a historically Listed Grade 2 building and the Parish works to maintain this building to a high standard.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of St Donard's Parish have complied with all their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance.

Regular worship and reaching out into the community, both to the elderly and the young, with very varied activities, on a social and fundraising level, have been carried out throughout the year to fulfil our Statement of Public Benefit.

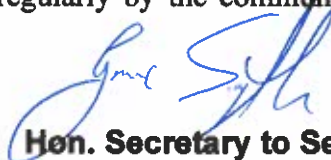
The Parish has regular Food Bank collections to help the needy within our area. Money has been raised towards the work of the Christian Aid; Church Missionary Society Ireland; Crosslinks; Leprosy Mission; Overseas Missionary Fellowship; Samaritan's Purse (Shoebbox Appeal) and South American Mission Society – all for the disadvantaged in various countries of the world. Some of the other charities supported by the Parish included, for example: the Bishops Appeal Christians Against Poverty, Church Ministry of Healing, Marie Curie Hospice, Air Ambulance and WaterAid. A total of £15,868 was donated to charities in 2023 (2022: £14,648).

Our Church premises and halls are used regularly by the community and in excess of 350 people would normally use the premises each week.

Michael Carson

Hon. Parochial Treasurer

18th **October 2023**



Hon. Secretary to Select Vestry

18th **October 2023**

BELFAST/Belfast/St.Donard/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102121

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Donard's Parish Church

I report on the accounts of St Donard's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6 .

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.

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.


Name: Roisin M Convery

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: 1 Danesfort Park West

Date: 18 Oct 2024

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	112,540.90	31,877.05	-	144,417.95	178,033.14
Gift Aid	13,007.18	5,312.85	-	18,320.03	14,629.73
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	-	-	1,662.07	1,662.07	9,237.81
Admissions/Subscriptions	-	988.50	-	988.50	296.00
Rent from sexton's house	4,953.34	-	-	4,953.34	2,337.12
Contributions towards use of halls/office	250.00	-	-	250.00	800.00
Other charitable receipts	6,416.50	-	-	6,416.50	5,101.25
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	137,167.92	38,178.40	1,662.07	177,008.39	210,435.05
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Cash invested with Ulster Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Redemption of HMT War Stock	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	137,167.92	38,178.40	1,662.07	177,008.39	210,435.05
A3 Payments					
Direct charitable activity	110,138.95	27,680.02	-	137,818.97	105,722.18
Cost of Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	8,621.97	7,148.30	-	15,770.27	22,719.40
Governance costs	512.02	-	-	512.02	612.02
Other costs	2,244.94	-	-	2,244.94	1,419.27
Insurance	6,028.43	-	-	6,028.43	5,396.79
Interest & Capital repayments on Loan	-	68,986.04	-	68,986.04	68,986.04
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	127,546.31	103,814.36	-	231,360.67	204,755.70
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Sound/Video equipment	5,268.80	-	-	5,268.80	2,021.85
Capital repairs and equipment	1,487.79	-	-	1,487.79	-
Pew cushions	7,740.00	-	-	7,740.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	14,496.59	-	-	14,496.59	2,021.85
Total payments	142,042.90	103,814.36	-	245,857.26	206,777.55
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,874.98	- 65,635.96	1,662.07	- 68,848.87	3,657.50
A5 Transfers between funds	250.00	- 250.00		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,298.16	136,900.52	12,602.90	222,801.58	219,144.08
Cash funds this year end	68,673.18	71,014.56	14,264.97	153,952.71	222,801.58

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No 1 Account - general	68,673.18	-	13,711.56	82,384.74	85,318.77
	No 1 Account - charities and groups	-	8,244.18	-	8,244.18	8,625.43
	Bowling Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
	Development Fund Bank Account	-	61,689.58	-	61,689.58	127,243.64
	Women's Focus Group	-	585.93	-	585.93	535.93
	Wednesday Afternoon Club	-	-	-	-	-
	Mums & Tots	-	494.87	-	494.87	495.62
	Badminton Club	-	-	-	-	-
	Business Reserve Account	-	-	553.41	553.41	552.20
	Hilary Baird Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	30.09
	Total cash funds	68,673.18	71,014.56	14,264.97	163,952.71	222,801.56

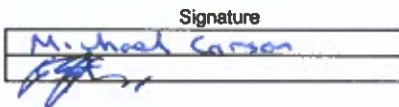
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Church of Ireland Trustees Investments	Endowment	27,608.61	38,776.93	44,263.22
	Residuary Church Body General Unit Trust (NI)	Endowment	1,629.51	6,729.88	7,251.32
	Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities	Endowment	2,000.00	6,282.30	6,016.73
	Total		31,238.12	50,789.11	57,530.27

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Parish Centre - opened November 2015	Development	891,304	957,814	957,814
	Parish Rectory - 421 Beersbridge Road, Belfast BT5 5DU	Not applicable	-	476,107	390,262
	Sexton's House, 10 Bloomfield Road, Belfast BT5 5LT	Not applicable	-	107,432	100,404
	Total		891,304	1,541,353	1,448,470

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Ulster Bank Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	-	-
	Parishioner Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	on request	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Ulster Community Investment Trust Loan - new Parish Centre	Development	year 2030	24,698.12	91,662.74
	Total			30,698.12	97,662.74

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 MICHAEL CARSON
 GRAEME SMYTH

Date of approval
 20/10/23
 20/10/22

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the Charity's purposes. There are a number of restricted funds.

The most significant restricted fund is the Development Fund. This Fund pays for capital development work at St Donard's and also the repayment of associated bank loans, principal and interest. The St Donard's Property Maintenance Fund is used to fund general maintenance work. The Stipend Fund is used to fund clergy salary costs. The Sunday School Fund funds the Sunday School Programme.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Canon Kenneth Higgins, employment contract as St Donard's Rector	46,684
Canon K Higgins, employer's superannuation contribution to Diocese of Down & Dromore	9,952
	0
	0
	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Reimbursement to trustees for minor sundry invoiced purchases	9	2,908
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other Information

The consecrated main Church building, built in 1812 and listed, has not been included as a Parish Asset belonging to the Parish of Saint Donard's. Ownership of this Church building rests with the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland.

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Freewill Offerings	92,598.08	-	-	-	92,598.08	97,392.38
Collections	4,650.92	-	-	-	4,650.92	4,741.06
Donations	13,463.90	31,877.05	-	-	45,340.95	54,652.70
Legacies	1,830.00	-	-	-	1,830.00	21,247.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	112,640.90	31,877.05	-	-	144,417.95	178,033.14

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Insurance refund	-	-	-	-	-	-
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	-	-	-	-	2,081.75
Contributions to Outings/ Christmas Dinner	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diocese of D&D - contribution for archdeacon	5,845.00	-	-	-	5,845.00	3,018.50
Transferred from Hilary Baird Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	571.50	-	-	-	571.50	-
Sale Bible study booklets	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,416.50	-	-	-	6,416.50	5,101.25

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Salaries	57,461.41	20,562.69	-	-	78,044.10	56,154.56
Clergy Superann. Fund	9,951.96	-	-	-	9,951.96	9,662.40
Clergy Loco. Expenses	6,590.04	-	-	-	6,590.04	6,589.96
Non-clergy superann scheme	2,318.66	-	-	-	2,318.66	-
Parochial Halls Expenses	1,488.72	-	-	-	1,488.72	909.13
Church Expenses	5,785.76	-	-	-	5,785.76	3,696.79
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	6,616.83	-	-	-	6,616.83	4,561.64
Fire Safety	2,057.50	-	-	-	2,057.50	2,494.23
Boiler servicing	438.00	-	-	-	438.00	2,305.63
Rectory Expenses	1,422.63	-	-	-	1,422.63	360.00
Office Expenses	3,465.74	-	-	-	3,465.74	3,566.21
Diocesan General Fund	11,154.29	-	-	-	11,154.29	11,484.00
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	-	6,200.00	-	-	6,200.00	1,700.00
Sundries and Consumables	1,469.51	917.33	-	-	2,386.84	1,392.77
Jigsaw/Messy Church Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	291.47
Community outreach events	-	-	-	-	-	553.39
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	110,138.95	27,680.02	-	-	137,818.97	105,722.18

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

Receipts	Development Fund	Women's Focus Group	Wednesday Afternoon Club	Mums & Tots	Badminton Club	Bowling Fellowship	Business Reserves Account	Hilary Baird/Endowment Fund	Special Charity Collections	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Admissions/Subscriptions				988.00						988.00	298.00
RCB Gift Aid	8,312.85									8,312.85	3,459.02
Donations	25,000.00	60.00							6,787.05	31,877.05	47,308.23
Investment Income/Interest							1.21	1,660.88		1,662.07	1,748.77
Sub total	30,372.85	60.00		988.00			1.21	1,660.88	6,787.05	39,849.47	52,806.02
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets											
Proceeds from sale of investments											
Sub total											
Total receipts	30,372.85	60.00		988.00			1.21	1,660.88	6,787.05	39,849.47	52,806.02
Payments											
Family Worker - remuneration & Petty cash	20,662.89									20,662.89	8,527.02
Contribution to DoDD - family rent	6,200.00									6,200.00	1,700.00
Sundries and Consumables	179.06			739.26						917.33	432.17
Donations to Charities									7,148.30	7,148.30	16,028.40
Repayment of loan related to new Halls construction	68,886.04									68,886.04	68,886.04
Sub total	95,928.81			739.26					7,148.30	103,814.36	94,870.63
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
New hall costs and fees											
Sub total											
Total payments	95,928.81			739.26					7,148.30	103,814.36	94,870.63
Net receipts / (payments)	-65,555.96	60.00		248.74			1.21	1,660.88	-381.25	-63,973.89	-41,864.61
Transfers to / (from) funds											136,000.00
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-65,555.96	60.00		248.74			1.21	1,660.88	-381.25	-63,973.89	94,135.39

Nature and purpose of funds

1. Bowling Fellowship - friendship whilst playing indoor bowls.
2. Development Fund - to fund the building of the new Parish Centre and associated works. To pay associated bank loan interest and principal.
3. Women's Focus Group - supporting activities for women in the Parish
4. Wednesday Afternoon Club - supporting activities for more elderly people in the Parish
5. Mums & Tots - supporting activities for more toddlers and their mums/carers in the Parish
6. Badminton Club - supporting activities for those playing badminton in the Parish.
7. Business Reserve Account - an account used as a contingency fund.
8. Hilary Baird Memorial Fund - to fund general parish expenditure.
9. First Trust Endowment Fund - interest to fund general parish expenditure.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

ST DONARD'S PARISH CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD, BELFAST (NIC 102121)

c/o The Hon. Parochial Treasurer

Mr Michael Carson

32 Holland Gardens

BELFAST BT5 6EG

1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022

Trustees

The Venerable K Higgins, Heather Boyd, Michael Carson, Kenneth Conlin, Fiona Duff, Caroline Fox, John Gilmore, Trevor Matthews, Nev McCormack, Nelson Morrow, William Moore, Rhonda Moroney, Irene Scott, Graeme Smyth, Dianne Vaughan, Keith White, and Hilary Whiteside.

Finance

St Donard's has successfully come through the difficulties of Covid-19, with 2022 being a sound financial year. Freewill envelope (and monthly standing orders) offerings, which fund the day to day running costs of St Donard's Parish were however significantly down in 2022 to £92,596 (2021: £97,392), reflecting the death of several much loved elderly and generous parishioners. Many of the younger parishioners have significant financial commitments at this stage of their lives and give as generously as they can. The £92,596 given in 2022 is below the average (£95,277) for the period 2012 to 2022, although more than the 2018 figure of £91,271. There was a shift from envelopes to monthly standing orders from 2019 and this shift has been key in helping the Parish through the Covid-19 crisis and providing a level of financial certainty going forward. Those who continue to use FWO envelopes continued to give generously. FWO standing orders totalled £51,037, exceeding the £41,559 given using FWO envelopes. Donations to the running costs of the Church totalled £13,464, up from £7,347 in 2021. Of critical importance, £18,320 (2021: £14,630) of Gift Aid was recovered in 2022 from HMRC for freewill and other offerings (including Development Fund offerings). All Gift Aid was therefore recovered promptly for 2022 and was in line with expectations, subject to normal timing delays. In previous years, Gift Aid recovered was impacted by the timeliness of recovery, with a significant increase in 2019 (£32,215), compared to 2018 (£17,137) and 2017 (£19,037). The high figure of £32,215 in 2019 was due to the dedication of the new Gift Aid Secretary and the more timely recovery of gift aid. The Parish is now recovering Gift Aid on a timely and regular basis.

In 2022, legacies totalling £1,830 were received by the Parish (2021: £21,247; 2020: £97,920). Legacy income can vary significantly each year. These significant legacies received over several years, will be used to fund new and ongoing initiatives within the Parish.

Parishioners have also been very generous with their ongoing financial commitment to the costs of the new Parish Centre – with £21,805 giving in 2022 (2021: £23,810; 2020: £26,330) by monthly standing orders and a further £1,855 (2021: £1,776) through the Envelope Scheme. Sadly, money received by standing order has fallen with the death of several highly committed elderly parishioners. Donations to the Development Fund of £1,400 were received in 2022 (2021: £1,974). Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the highly successful car boot sale normally held from April to October, could not be run and is now unlikely to resume. In previous years, the willing band of volunteers who ran the car boot sale enthusiastically raised significant sums, with £12,824 raised in 2019 (2018: £14,094).

Normal Church expenditure is up compared to the previous financial year. Remuneration remains the most significant cost, £76,340 in 2022 (2020: £63,880). Remuneration includes the salary and locomotory allowance paid to the Rector; the Clergy Pension Fund contribution paid by the Parish to the Diocese; any payments made to other clergy; non-clergy superannuation costs; and the remuneration paid to the Church Organist. Much of the remuneration increase in 2022 is due to higher PAYE payments made to HMRC. Other significant costs included the Parish's contribution to the Diocesan General Fund £11,154 (2021: £11,484); and scheduled interest and principal repayments of £18,986 (2021: £18,986) on the bank loan used to finance

the building of the new Parish Centre. These bank loan repayments were charged to the Development Fund. All other significant costs were broadly in line with 2021, although in 2022 £7,740 was spent on pew cushions; £5,269 was spent on sound/video equipment; and our utility bills increased from £4,562 in 2021 to £6,517 in 2022. The Parish appointed a Family Worker in August 2021, with his remuneration £18,563 (2021: £7,927) charged to the Development Fund. The Parish has agreed to part-fund the rent of a missionary family who returned to Northern Ireland and who are undertaking work for the Diocese and also for this Parish. Our contribution of £425 per month commenced in October 2021 and this cost is met from the Development Fund. In 2022 this contribution was £6,200 (2021: £1,700). Note that in both 2022 and 2021 additional loan repayments (principal) of £50,000 were made from the Parish's Development Fund. The costs incurred (between 2014 and 2018) in building the new Parish Centre totalled £957,814, with all but £361,535 of this being funded from investments; generous donations; and Parish income. Despite these significant costs, the Parish still contributed £14,648 (2021: £20,215) to other charities including, for example: £3,013 to Christian Aid; £2,825 to CMS Ireland; £1,500 to the Marie Curie Hospice; £1,202 to the Leprosy Mission; and £1,100 to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. During 2022, £2,418 was raised to support CMS Ireland in future years – the closing CMS Ireland balance at 31 December 2022 now stands at £9,411. This money is held in the St Donard's General Account.

During 2021, as a result of receiving significant legacies in 2021 and 2020, £136,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Development Fund. This money has been used more generally by the Development Fund and since 2021 has helped the Parish fund a Family Worker, assist with the rent of a Missionary family (who are undertaking work for the Diocese and also this Parish), and repay an additional £100,000 (£50,000 in 2021 and the same in 2022) of the loan used to build the new Parish Centre.

At 31 December 2022 we had an outstanding loan of £24,698 (2021: £91,663; 2020: £156,035; 2019 £165,943; 2018: £247,125; 2017: £296,143; 2016: £355,535) now with the Community Finance Ireland (Ulster Community Investment Trust); £92,291 (2021: £98,191) in our General Bank account; £61,690 in our Development Fund account (2021: £127,244); and £553 (2021: £553) in our Business Reserve account. In addition, the market value of our Parish Endowment Funds totalled £50,789.11 (2021: £57,530). These Funds have fallen due to challenging stock market conditions during 2022.

In 2022 our financial statements included the individual accounts of our normally active Church Groups: The Women's Focus Group; Parent & Toddler Group; and Badminton Club. Other than the Parent & Toddler Group, due to Covid-19 restrictions, these groups have not operated since the first lockdown in March 2020. Due to Covid-19, other than the Parent & Toddler Group, none of the remaining groups had any income or expenditure. The Parent & Toddler Group's income and expenditure was less than £1,000. Re-establishing the remaining Church Groups will be one of the areas of focus in 2023.

Looking forward to 2023, the financial position remains sound. However, the income (FWO – envelopes and Standing Orders) received from Parishioners will be kept under review given the significant fall in 2022. Cash balances held in excess of our reserves policy and anticipated future routine expenditure, are now to improve our family outreach work and work with younger people. As noted above, our loan for the new Parish Centre has now been significantly reduced and in 2023 the Parish will fully repay this loan in line with the normal monthly scheduled repayments.

Management

The Finances are managed by the Treasurer who reports to the 16 Trustees at a Vestry meeting every two months, or more frequently if necessary. Select Vestry members are elected each year at the Easter General Vestry.

Purpose

The principal function of St Donard's Parish, Bloomfield, is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by advancing the work of the Parish and the whole mission of the Church, which includes pastoral,

social and ecumenical outreach. All the activities of the Parish relate to the promotion of religion through holding regular Worship Services; caring for parishioners of all ages, especially the sick and elderly; and also working with around 150 young people within our community. To enhance our outreach work to families and young people, the Parish appointed James Armstrong as a Family Worker in August 2021.

The Parish Church is a historically Listed Grade 2 building and the Parish works to maintain this building to a high standard.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of St Donard's Parish have complied with all their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance.

Regular worship and reaching out into the community, both to the elderly and the young, with very varied activities, on a social and fundraising level, have been carried out throughout the year to fulfil our Statement of Public Benefit.

The Parish has regular Food Bank collections to help the needy within our area. Money has been raised towards the work of the Barnabas Organisation; Christian Aid; Church Missionary Society Ireland; Leprosy Mission; Overseas Missionary Fellowship; and South American Mission Society – all for the disadvantaged in various countries of the world. Some of the other charities supported by the Parish included the Christians Against Poverty, Church Ministry of Healing, and Marie Curie Hospice. A total of £14,648 was donated to charities in 2022 (2021: £20,215). In 2021, the Select Vestry further increased Parish donations due to the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on those in need.

Our Church premises and halls are used regularly by the community and well in excess of 350 people would normally use the premises each week.

Michael Carson

Hon. Parochial Treasurer

20th **October 2023**



Hon. Secretary to Select Vestry

20th **October 2023**

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Donard's Parish Church

I report on the accounts of St Donard's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

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.

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.

Name: Roisin M Convery

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: 1 Danesfort Park West

Date:

Roisin M Convery
FCCA
20 October 2023