

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

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102185

Details

Known as	St.Matthew's Shankill Belfast
Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	51 Ballygomartin Road Belfast BT13 3la BT13 3LA
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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	£104,936	£108,176	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Glenn Madden		
Mr Thomas Carney		
Mr Tom Kane		
Mr Tom Scott		
Mrs Christine Montgomery		
Mrs Claire Stephenson		
Mrs Dorothy Diffin		
Mrs Gillian Davison		
Mrs Jacqueline Carriagn		
Mrs Jacqueline Weir		
Mrs Janice Hamilton		
Mrs Linda Kane		
Mrs Maisie Campbell		
Mrs Michele Wright		
Ms Emily Patterson		
Ms Myrtle Mckay		
Rev Tracey Mcroberts		

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Statement of Assets

fixed Assets	
Buildings	150,000.00 *
equipment	10,000.00
sub total	160,000.00
Bank balances	156,632.77
total assets	<u>316,632.77</u>

* The curatage has been valued to reflect house prices in the area.
The Church, Parochial Hall and Rectory are all historic buildings
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Canon T McRoberts Rector

T Scott Treasurer

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Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 December 2023

Saint Matthew's Church NIC102185

Receipts	unrestricted	restricted	total	total 2022
Freewill Offering	58,283.18		58,283.18	63,452.35
church collections	1,872.90		1,872.90	1,785.58
special collections		2,194.40	2,194.50	2,734.76
Diocese	23.13		23.13	1,531.08
RCB Distribution	3,986.22		3,986.22	3,817.31
Gift Day and Donations	8,217.00		8,217.00	10,438.00
Gift Aid	10,770.81		10,770.81	9,647.62
Church Groups	855.30		855.30	285.00
fees	100.00		100.00	100.00
Sundries	1,789.00		1,789.00	2,456.67
Curatage rent	4,620.20		4,620.20	4,620.20
Bank interest	659.38		659.38	118.43
Totals	91,177.12	2,734.76	93,371.62	100,987.00
Expenditure				
Salaries	49,525.00		49,525.00	46,103.85
HMRC	9,103.90		9,103.90	8,766.70
Pastrol ast and organist	4,435.00		4,435.00	4,910.00
Diocese general	9,603.20		9,603.20	9,926.63
Church	14,302.61		14,302.61	14,390.01
Rectory	4,843.22		4,843.22	5,897.06
Hall	6,220.87		6,220.87	3,987.26
Curatage	845.75		845.75	839.59
Donations	700.00	1,814.71	2,514.71	3,094.34
General costs	2,879.97		2,879.97	4,972.74
Totals	102,459.52	1,814.71	104,274.23	102,888.18
Surplus/(deficit)			- 10,902.61	1521.68

Reconciliation

Opening Bank Balances 01/01/2023

No 1 Current Account Ulster Bank	14,204.53
No 2 Current Account Ulster Bank	102,015.51
No1 Business Reserve Ulster Bank	784.83
No 2 Business Reserve Ulster Bank	53,770.72
total	170,775.59

Transfers: No2 current ACC to No 1 current Acc **16,000.00**

Closing Bank Balances 31/12/23

No 1 Current Account Ulster Bank	15,034.51
No 2 Current Account Ulster Bank	89,623.54
No1 Business Reserve Ulster Bank	794.30
No 2 Business Reserve Ulster Bank	54,420.63
total	159,872.98
movement in funds	- 10,902.61

Statement of Assets

	2023	2022
fixed Assets		
Buildings	150,000.00	150,000.00 *
equipment	13,000.00	12,000.00
sub total	163,000.00	162,000.00
Bank balances	159,872.98	170,775.59
total assets	322,872.98	<u>332,775.59</u>

* The Church, Parochial Hall and Rectory are all historic buildings not valued for the purpose of these accounts.

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Annual report



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

References and administrative details

Charity Name. Saint Matthew's Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: **NIC102185**

Contact Address: The Rectory
51 Ballygomartin Road
Belfast

Trustees

T McRoberts
T Kane
J Weir
J Hamilton
L Kane
M Campbell
E Patterson
D Diffin
T Scott
M McKay
M Wright
M Martin
G Madden
J Carrigan
C Montgomery
G Davison
N Graham



St. Matthew's Church, Belfast

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev T McRoberts
Church Treasurer: Mr T Scott
Church Secretary: Mrs M Wright

Independent Examiner

Mrs Anne McCullough IATI

Bankers

Ulster Bank Ltd

Objectives and Activities

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

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As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the St Matthew's Church of Ireland Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the St Matthew's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The year 2023 saw a return to normalcy which enabled the parish to build towards a more normal environment and to fulfill its full role. This meant that churches organizations and ministries could fully reopen and welcome people of all ages back to activities. Pastoral care exercised through home visits by the Rector and a number of church visitors continued to be affected as confidence amongst parishioners grew.

The parish activities which include a Seniors Ministry, a craft group, mother and children provision, and a Sunday School and the youth ministry which includes a BB Company and Girl Guides based in the Church and chaplaincy and assistance to local Scout Groups continued and developed.

The celebration as it was the 150th anniversary of the current church building in 2022 led to a degree of community interest in the Church and the holding of a community event in the church to celebrate St Patrick..

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

Financial Review

The Parish has a currently healthy financial position. The continued upgrade of audio visual systems during the year along with normal maintenance and repairs were accommodated and there are sufficient reserves to meet foreseeable future costs. The trustees have reviewed the budgets 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 ended December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the select vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Pay and remuneration

The Rector of the Parish is paid directly by the Parish and receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating in the parish. Select vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

The select vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry continued to meet regularly..

Compliance with Public Benefit

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

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Matthew's Parish Church Shankill Belfast
NI102185**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached.

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

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: Anne McCullough

Relevant professional qualification or body: IATI

Address: 13 Archvale Drive

Newtownabbey

BT36 6LW

Signed

A. McCullough

Date:

16/09/24

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Freewill Offering	63,452.35		63,452.35	64,807.76
church collections	1,785.48		1,785.48	506.00
special collections		2,734.76	2,734.76	1,376.70
Diocese	1,531.08		1,531.08	
RCB Distribution	3,817.31		3,817.31	3,648.38
Gift Day and Donations	10,438.00		10,438.00	12,167.00
Gift Aid	9,647.62		9,647.62	9,401.73
Church Groups	285.00		285.00	40.00
fees	190.00		190.00	350.00
Sundries	2,456.67		2,456.67	223.16
Curatage rent	4,909.80		4,909.80	5,152.80
Bank interest	118.43		118.43	5.49
Totals	98,631.74	2,734.76	101,366.50	97,679.02
Expenditure				
Salaries	46,103.85		46,103.85	46,083.32
HMRC	8,766.70		8,766.70	
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Rectory	5,897.06		5,897.06	4,464.37
Hall	3,987.26		3,987.26	1,098.51
Curatage	839.59		839.59	2,613.45
Donations	850.00	2,244.34	3,094.34	2,246.70
General costs	4,972.74		4,972.74	2,573.60
Totals	100,643.84	2,244.34	102,888.18	80,252.23
Surplus/(deficit)			- 1,521.68	<u>17426.79</u>

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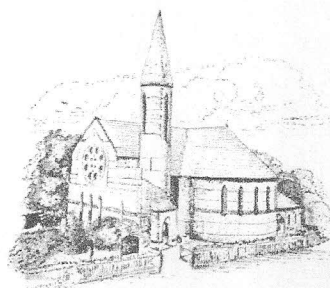
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The year 2022 saw the lifting of many restrictions and enabled the parish to begin building towards a more normal environment and to fulfill its full role. This meant that churches organizations and ministries could begin to reopen and welcome people of all ages back to activities. Despite the lifting of restrictions as the year progressed the Parish continued to act with caution especially in relation to providing a pastoral service to the congregation. Pastoral care exercised through home visits by the Rector and a number of church visitors continued to be affected and the replacement system of regular telephone contact was continued.

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2022 saw a significant period of celebration as it was the 150th anniversary of the current church building. Events included a special service led by the Archbishop of Armagh, a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury a concert by Ulster Orchestra, a special history exhibition and a Parish celebration event.

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Name: Anne McCullough

Relevant professional qualification or body: IATI

Address: 13 Archvale Drive

Newtownabbey

BT36 6LW

Signed

A. McCullough

Date:

31/08/23