

# BANGOR/Carnalea/St. Gall/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102373

## Details

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**Known as** St. Gall's Carnalea

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-03-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**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	£157,069	£183,844	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Christopher Houston		
Mr G Ballentine		
Mr James Hanna		
Mr Jamie Matthew Larkin		
Mr John Stephen Garland		
Mr Noel Mckeown		
Mr William Robert Tennis		
Mrs Christine Gray		
Mrs Claire Farmer		
Mrs Gillian Lawther		
Mrs Janis Dunn		
Mrs Nanette Mccoy		
Mrs Pauline Smyth		
Rev Michael Parker		
Tanya Blamphin		

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# Accounts

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**St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**St Gall's Church, Carnalea Parish**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Weekly Envelopes	33,256	6,920	40,176	41,031
Standing Orders	28,300	14,130	42,430	43,262
General Donations and Plate	10,091	749	10,840	7,534
Donations for Specific Purposes	4,200	36	4,236	1,403
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	13,708	4,817	18,525	20,178
Legacies				10,000
Non-recurring One Off Grants				600
Magazine /Other Periodicals		792	792	764
Donations Weddings/Funerals	700	455	1,155	2,640
Fundraising Events				
General	8,948	1,611	10,559	7,676
Art Exhibition	5,926		5,926	7,404
Property Related Income	14,092		14,092	14,061
Other Sundry Income	7,747	591	8,338	6,003
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>126,968</b>	<b>30,101</b>	<b>157,069</b>	<b>162,556</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Staffing Costs - Clerical	64,803		64,803	62,144
Lay	3,756		3,756	2,108
Church/Halls/Grounds/Maintenance				
Repairs and Maintenance	16,440		16,440	2,923
Heat and Light	12,408		12,408	10,834
Cleaning	1,494		1,494	
Sundry Supplies	1,451		1,451	3,115
Telephone	876		876	1,275
Rectory				
Repairs and Maintenance	90		90	
Telephone	1,124		1,124	1,046
Rates General	905		905	861
Water	187		187	158
Parochial Overheads				
Insurance	4,025		4,025	3,846
Office Supplies	3,040		3,040	1,233
Magazine and other Periodicals		4,770	4,770	4,856
Ministry Overheads	3,536	524	4,060	2,554
Diocesan Levies	11,556		11,556	11,748
Fundraising				
General	75		75	1,400
Art Exhibition	3,004		3,004	4,798
Missions and Charities	1,532	1,710	3,242	4,456
Bank/Professional Fees/Charges	694	85	779	583
Loan Interest		11,307	11,307	12,709
Depreciation		34,452	34,452	29,531
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>130,996</b>	<b>52,848</b>	<b>183,844</b>	<b>162,178</b>
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	-4,028	-22,747	-26,775	378
Fund Transfers	235	-235		
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	-3,793	-22,982	-26,775	378

St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2</b>				
Property			114,249	114,249	148,701
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>3</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		118,347	-48,545	69,802	96,577
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Bank Loan			-114,249	-114,249	-148,701
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<b>118,347</b>	<b>-48,545</b>	<b>69,802</b>	<b>96,577</b>
<b>Funds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118,347</b>	<b>-48,545</b>	<b>69,802</b>	<b>96,577</b>

## St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### 1. Accounting Policies

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

##### (a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

##### (b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The Assets of the Parish retained for its own use comprised:

- Church Building and adjoining halls
- Detached Hall
- Rectory
- Car Park and Grounds
- 2017 Building Extension

The Church Building, Halls, Rectory and Grounds are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the Parish.

##### (c) Depreciation Policy

Depreciation on the property refurbishment has been calculated in line with the monies expended out of existing funds. The remainder of the property refurbishment is to be written off in line with the property loan repayments which are due over a nine year period.

#### 2. Tangible Assets

	Property £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	492,079
Additions	0
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	<u>492,079</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	343,378
Charge for the Year	<u>34,452</u>
At 31 December 2024	377,830
NBV at 31 December 2024	114,249

**St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea**

**3. Reconciliation of Cash Funds**

Total Cash Funds at beginning of year	£96,577
Receipts for the Year	£157,069
Payments for the Year	<u>£183,844</u>
Total Cash Funds at end of Year	<u>£69,802</u>

**4. Movement in Funds**

	At 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Building Fund	(12,243)	26,706	45,817	(31,354)
CMS	51	1,656	1710	(3)
Magazine	(14,393)	1,417	5,109	(17,985)
Bowling Club	<u>922</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>797</u>
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>				(48,545)
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General Fund	122,140	127,203	130,996	118,347
<u>Total Funds</u>	96,577			69,802

**Purposes of Restricted Funds**

- Building Fund: This is a Fund to meet the costs of the Golden Anniversary Building Extension Project
- CMS: This is a special St. Gall's project in relation to charitable work in Sudan.
- Church Magazine: This is a Fund to meet the costs of producing the Parish Magazine and other Church periodicals.
- Bowling Club: This is a Fund to reflect the finances of the Church Indoor Bowling Club.

**Purposes of Unrestricted Funds**

- General Fund: This is a Fund for the general use of St. Gall's Parish

**5. Transactions with the Trustees**

The Chairman of Trustees, Canon Michael Parker, receives a Stipend and Expenses of Office in accordance with amounts approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and by the Select Vestry. No other member of the Trustee body receives any remuneration for serving as a Trustee of St. Gall's.

A number of Trustees have received re-imbursment in respect of purchases made by them directly on behalf of the Church.

No Trustee or any person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year.

**6. Governance Costs**

There were no Governance Costs during 2024

Confirmed Approved by Select Vestry/Trustees at a Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Date 27 MAY 2025

Tanya Blamphin

Rector's Churchwarden



Date 27/5/25

David Gray

Hon. Treasurer

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# Accounts

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**For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

## St Gall's Church, Carnalea Parish

### Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>				
Weekly Envelopes	33,519	7,512	41,031	39,002
Standing Orders	28,917	14,345	43,262	45,031
General Donations and Plate	6,024	1,510	7,534	8,473
Donations for Specific Purposes	429	974	1,403	1,339
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	14,932	5,246	20,178	20,889
Legacies	10,000		10,000	2,291
Non-recurring One Off Grants	600		600	13,014
Magazine /Other Periodicals		764	764	637
Donations Weddings/Funerals	2,115	525	2,640	2,024
Fundraising Events				
General	7,676		7,676	3,019
Art Exhibition	7,404		7,404	7,350
Property Related Income	14,061		14,061	15,140
Other Sundry Income	5,621	382	6,003	2,720
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>131,298</u>	<u>31,258</u>	<u>162,556</u>	<u>160,929</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Staffing Costs - Clerical	62,144		62,144	58,809
Lay	2,108		2,108	92
Church/Halls/Grounds/Maintenance				
Repairs and Maintenance	2,923		2,923	2,985
Heat and Light	10,834		10,834	6,958
Cleaning				606
Sundry Supplies	3,107	8	3,115	1,142
Telephone	1,275		1,275	1,783
Rectory				
Repairs and Maintenance				66
Telephone	1,046		1,046	919
Rates General	861		861	816
Water	158		158	246
Parochial Overheads				
Insurance	3,846		3,846	3,655
Office Supplies	1,233		1,233	687
Magazine and other Periodicals	44	4,812	4,856	4,141
Ministry Overheads	2,347	207	2,554	3,161
Diocesan Levies	11,748		11,748	11,616
Fundraising				
General	1,400		1,400	484
Art Exhibition	4,456		4,456	4,382
Missions and Charities	3,875	923	4,798	5,446
Bank/Professional Fees/Charges	475	108	583	561
Loan Interest		12,709	12,709	8,721
Depreciation		29,531	29,531	29,999
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>113,880</u>	<u>48,298</u>	<u>162,178</u>	<u>147,275</u>
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	17,418	-17,040	378	13,654
Fund Transfers				
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	<u>17,418</u>	<u>-17,040</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>6146</u>

St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2</b>				
Property			148,701	148,701	178,232
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>3</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		122,140	-25,563	96,577	96,199
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Bank Loan			-148,701	-148,701	-178,232
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<b>122,140</b>	<b>-25,563</b>	<b>96,577</b>	<b>96,199</b>
<b>Funds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>122,140</b>	<b>-25,563</b>	<b>96,577</b>	<b>96,199</b>

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Charge for the Year	<u>29,530</u>
At 31 December 2023	343,378
NBV at 31 December 2023	148,701

## St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

### 3. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Total Cash Funds at beginning of year	£96,199
Receipts for the Year	£162,556
Payments for the Year	<u>£162,178</u>
Total Cash Funds at end of Year	<u>£96,577</u>

### 4. Movement in Funds

	At 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Building Fund	1,606	28,471	42,320	(12,243)
CMS	0	974	923	51
Magazine	(10,652)	1171	4812	(14,293)
Bowling Club	<u>523</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>922</u>
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>				(25,563)
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General Fund	104,722	131,298	113,880	122,140
<u>Total Funds</u>	96,199			96,577

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A number of Trustees have received re-imbursment in respect of purchases made by them directly on behalf of the Church.

No Trustee or any person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year.

## 6. Governance Costs

There were no Governance Costs during 2023

Noel McKeown Date 20 Feb. 2024

Noel McKeown

Hon. Treasurer, St. Gall's Parish Church

M. A. Parker Date 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

Canon Michael Parker

Chair of Select Vestry/Trustees St. Gall's Church

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# Annual report

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**St. Gall's Church, Parish of Carnalea, Co. Down**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Charity Name:** St. Gall's Church, Carnalea Parish

**Address:** 171, Crawfordsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down BT19 1BT

**NI Charity Number:** NIC 102373

### **Trustees**

Members of the Select Vestry of the Church are, by definition, Trustees of the charity, as listed below.

Canon Michael Parker (Rector of St. Gall's and Chairman of Trustees), William Tennis (Church Secretary), Noel McKeown (Church Treasurer), Gary Ballentine, Tanya Blamphin (from 23/04/2023), Janis Dunn, Claire Farmer, Stephen Garland, Mervyn Henry, Christine Gray, James Hanna, Christopher Houston, Nanette McCoy, James Noble, Pauline Smyth, Robert Thompson, Brian Waters (to 30/03/2023).

Independent Examiner: John Grace, 37 Deanfield, Bangor, Co. Down BT19 6NX

Principal Bank: Bank of Ireland, 82a Main St., Bangor, Co. Down

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Members of the Select Vestry of the Parish are the Charity trustees.

All members of the Church of Ireland over the age of 18 who are resident within the Parish, or who 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 one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The member of the clergy serving in the Parish is also a member of the Select Vestry and is Chairperson of the body. Other members of the Select Vestry consist of the Churchwardens, Glebewardens and generally not more than twelve other members elected at the General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish, taking decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including how funds are to be applied. The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the Diocesan Synod with additional meetings called as required by the Chairperson or the Churchwardens. In 2023, 11 meetings of the Select Vestry were held..

### **Remuneration**

The incumbent minister receives a stipend and expenses of office in accordance with amounts approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and by the Trustees. No other member of the Trustee body receives any remuneration for serving as a Trustee of St. Gall's Parish Church.

### **Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objectives**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of St. Gall's Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St. Gall'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 the St. Gall's church 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 St. Gall's.

### **Activities, Achievements and Public Benefit**

The general ethos of the Church and its usual interaction with parishioners' daily lives in normal times are reflected below.

#### **1. Praise and Worship**

A principal benefit of participation in Church life includes the public participation in worship, prayer and praise and in learning more about the Christian faith.

To this end St. Gall's holds **regular public services** on Sundays of Holy Communion at 8.30 am, Morning Worship at 10.00am and Evening Worship at 6.30 pm. Holy Communion is also celebrated at Sunday Morning worship at 10.00am on the first Sunday of each month and every Wednesday at 10.30am.

Special services are also held at important times of the year in the Christian calendar, such as Christmas and Holy Week at Easter, and also to mark baptisms, weddings and celebrations for the life of those who have sadly died. These services are provided to parishioners and to other members of the community who wish to mark these special cycle of life moments in a Christian environment.

Every Sunday morning at morning service, following the 'Children's Talk' there is a '**Sunday Club**' for young people up to P7 age held in the Church hall. This allows parents the freedom to attend and enjoy regular morning worship as well as ensuring that the children are taught about the basics of the Christian religion and encouraged to develop in the journey of faith.

Our Church also has a **Prayer Focus Group** who meet regularly in the Church or in their own homes to pray for individuals and topics which they feel are in need of prayer and God's help. The highlight of the year for this group is the organisation of an annual 24 hour prayer vigil whereby members of the Church commit to a time slot for prayer in their own home. Many members of the congregation and others sign up for one or two hour slots to ensure that the whole day is prayerful. This Group also invites requests for prayer from parishioners and members of the wider community. These anonymous requests are distributed to members of the congregation at Sunday morning service and they are requested to pray privately for the individuals named at morning service and during the week thereafter. This is a true community service for those in need of God's help.

For many years our regular worship has been greatly enhanced by our **Church choir** which, for a parish of our relatively modest size, has enjoyed strong membership. All in all, our choir has given a great richness and diversity to our worship.

#### **2. Community Service**

We have thriving **Scouting** and **Guiding** Troops meeting in St. Gall's involving all ages including Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies, Guides and Scouts. These provide opportunities for young people in the community to learn, develop and grow in positive ways. The Scout Troop celebrated 50 years of Scouting in St. Gall's in 2019.

For adults there is a wide range of organisations and groups, open to all, meeting regularly to socialise and enjoy a wide range of lifestyle positive activities, hobbies and interests.

Other groups meet regularly to enjoy **art, craft, dance, exercise classes, bowls and board games** In addition, our halls are let out to groups who also provide a social benefit through the provision of **children's nursery school** facilities, **Zumba** classes and other **activities**. Our successful **Bridge Club**

also meets regularly and is enjoyed by both parishioners and visitors. Many of these groups donate significant funds to the Church.

Monthly '**Friendship**' Lunches are held for Church members and those in the wider local community. Many older retired people (usually between 30 and 50 in number) enjoy a light meal. Again, apart from nourishment, this provides an opportunity for social interaction and fellowship which is greatly appreciated by those attending. There is also a monthly **Coffee Morning** which is also well supported.

Our two surviving **Annual Fund-raising** events are very well known in the local community and, indeed, further afield. These are our **Art Exhibition** and **Artisan Bazaar**. These have recently been joined by our new **Family Fun Day** which has quickly become an exciting annual event. These all attract many people from the local neighbourhood and beyond. Although their primary aim is to raise funds for the Church, these are true community events providing rare opportunities for fellowship and co-operative working for Church members as well as providing the wider general public of all ages with very memorable and joyous experiences. There is a very real element of Christian outreach in these events as the essential spirit of the St. Gall's community is revealed to all who attend.

### **3. Pastoral Care and Support for Those in Need**

**Visiting.** Many of our parishioners are now elderly, in hospital, housebound or in care homes. Others have different personal difficulties. Apart from visits by the Rector to offer personal and spiritual comfort, many of our parishioners also visit or phone such people regularly to provide support in practical ways through giving lifts, helping with shopping and, most importantly, providing friendship, chat and social interaction.

**Practical Gifts.** St. Gall's supports the Storehouse **Food Bank** scheme in Bangor and regular donations of food items given by parishioners are delivered. Special donations of **Toys** for the Salvation Army Appeal are made at Christmas and of **fruit and flowers** to the elderly at harvest time.

**Financial Support.** St. Gall's supports Christian Aid and NI Hospice with funds raised through Coffee Mornings, the Sunday Club, the Dancers, a special Big Breakfast event and the annual Christian Aid week collections organised in conjunction with neighbouring churches.

St Gall's has a longstanding **South Sudan Support Group** which operates in support of the people of Maridi and Yei in conjunction with the Church Missionary Society Ireland (CMSI). A number of fund-raising events are held every year in support of specific projects. Three members of the Parish have visited Maridi in the past and Bishop Justin has visited and preached in St. Gall's over the years, most recently in 2022 following the Lambeth Conference. His successor, Bishop Moses and his wife, Mama Rejoice have continued with these visits whilst in the UK. These personal contacts with South Sudan senior clergy help to make our support for the Church there more personal and relevant.

### **4. Ecumenism and Evangelism**

There are close ties at clergy level between the local churches.

In **Holy Week at Easter** St. Gall's and the other local Presbyterian and Methodist congregations come together for a week of services held in a different Church each evening. There is usually a guest speaker who delivers the sermons on an Easter theme which he/she develops as the week goes on.

### **5. The Public Benefit Requirement**

The Trustees of St. Gall's have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year, as outlined above, have helped them to achieve the Parish's objectives as well as providing public benefits. Established in 2019, the St. Gall's Eco Congregation Group continues to evaluate and implement initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint and promote positive climate change.

## 6. Mitigation of Harm

The St. Gall's Trustees comply with the Church of Ireland's Safeguarding Trust Child Protection Policy.

The Trustees also take their responsibilities under Health and Safety Legislation very seriously and ensure that regular assessments are carried out and procedures and policies implemented to ensure that any threats to the health and safety of those using the Church's facilities are minimised. Appropriate licences, inspections and insurances are carried out or have been obtained. The Trustees also seek to ensure compliance with GDP Regulations.

### Financial Review

Overall, Income and Expenditure were broadly equal at around £162,000 thanks to a £10,000 bequest received during the year. Our cash Reserves therefore remained at over £96,500 at year end, comfortably in excess of our Policy value. This provides an important financial cushion as we repay our outstanding Building Development loan over the next three years or so, after which we should be financially more comfortable.

Free Will Offering donations from Church members remained steady, although down on pre-Covid levels and regular fundraising events and activities, which have always been a strong feature of our Church life, continued to recover steadily. Amongst these events, our new Family Fun Day in June returned for a second year and is now established as a regular event, succesful on all measures including financial.

High levels of inflation fuelled increases in expenditure across the board, especially in energy, insurance and interest charges. There were no exceptional expenditures incurred during the year. Nevertheless, despite this difficult economic environment, faced by all organisations during the year, we managed to break even over the period

Given our healthy Reserves we are confident we can continue to meet our financial obligations moving forward and be considered as a viable ongoing financial concern.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

M. A. Parker Date 13.8.24.

Canon Michael Parker, Chairman of Trustees

Noel McKeown Date 13/8/24

Noel McKeown, Hon. Treasurer

**BANGOR/Carnalea/St. Gall/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102373

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF St. GALL'S PARISH CHURCH, CARNALEA.**

I report on the Accounts of St. Gall's Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner.**

As the St.Gall's Parish Church 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.**

As the gross income of your charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 does not exceed £250,000, I have examined your charity accounts under section 65(3)(a) 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) of the Charities Act.

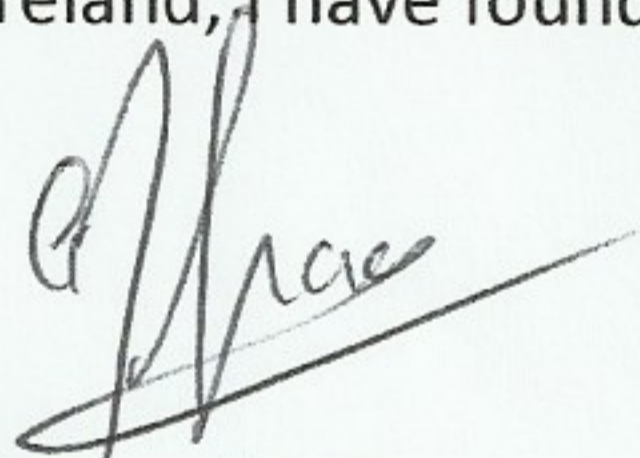
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**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed an examination of the Accounts and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1) to 4) listed above. In respect of your following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require me to draw to the Trustees' attention.



A John Grace

Independent Examiner.

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

37 Deanfield, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 6NX. Tel. 02891457235. Mob. 07740872270

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# Accounts

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**St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

## St Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

### Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Weekly Envelopes	32,053	6,949	39,002	42,810
Standing Orders	30,086	14,945	45,031	43,576
General Donations and Plate	7,195	1,278	8,473	8,183
Donations for Specific Purposes	914	425	1,339	330
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	13,539	7,350	20,889	19,848
Legacies	1,515	776	2,291	900
Non-recurring One Off Grants	13,014	0	13,014	24,444
Magazine /Other Periodicals	5	632	637	544
Donations Weddings/Funerals	2,024		2,024	1,550
Fundraising Events				
General	3,019		3,019	
Art Exhibition	7,350		7,350	
Property Related Income	13,290	1,850	15,140	7,281
Other Sundry Income	2,333	387	2,720	246
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>126,337</u>	<u>34,592</u>	<u>160,929</u>	<u>149,712</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Staffing Costs - Clerical	58,809		58,809	58,320
Lay	92		92	464
Church/Halls/Grounds/Maintenance				
Repairs and Maintenance	2,985		2,985	2,038
Heat and Light	6,958		6,958	4,146
Cleaning	606		606	314
Sundry Supplies	1,135	7	1,142	2,218
Telephone	1,783		1,783	1,516
Rectory				
Repairs and Maintenance	66		66	
Telephone	919		919	855
Rates General	816		816	774
Water	246		246	449
Parochial Overheads				
Insurance	3,655		3,655	3,306
Office Supplies	687		687	1,705
Magazine and other Periodicals	480	3,661	4,141	3,280
Ministry Overheads	2,833	328	3,161	2,098
Diocesan Levies	11,616		11,616	12,852
Fundraising				
General	484		484	
Art Exhibition	4,382		4,382	
Missions and Charities	4,616	830	5,446	5,700
Bank Interest/Charges	433	128	561	441
Loan Interest		8,721	8,721	7,772
Depreciation		29,999	29,999	34,468
Professional fees				850
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>103,601</u>	<u>43,674</u>	<u>147,275</u>	<u>143,566</u>
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	22,736	-9,082	13,654	6,146
Fund Transfers	576	-576		
Excess of Receipts/(Payments)	<u>23,312</u>	<u>-9,658</u>	<u>13,654</u>	<u>6146</u>

St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2</b>				
Property			178,232	178,232	208,230
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>3</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		104,722	-8,523	96,199	82,545
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Bank Loan			-178,232	-178,232	-208,230
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<b>104,722</b>	<b>-8,523</b>	<b>96,199</b>	<b>82,545</b>
<b>Funds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>104,722</b>	<b>-8,523</b>	<b>96,199</b>	<b>82,545</b>

**St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**1. Accounting Policies**

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

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The Assets of the Parish retained for its own use comprised:

- Church Building and adjoining halls
- Detached Hall
- Rectory
- Car Park and Grounds
- 2017 Building Extension

The Church Building, Halls, Rectory and Grounds are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the Parish.

(c) Depreciation Policy

Depreciation on the property refurbishment has been calculated in line with the monies expended out of existing funds. The remainder of the property refurbishment is to be written off in line with the property loan repayments which are due over a nine year period.

**2. Tangible Assets**

	Property £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	492,079
Additions	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	<u>492,079</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	283,849
Charge for the Year	<u>29,999</u>
At 31 December 2022	313,848
NBV at 31 December 2022	178,231

## St. Gall's Parish Church, Carnalea

### 3. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Total Cash Funds at beginning of year	£82,545
Receipts for the Year	£160,929
Payments for the Year	<u>£147,275</u>
Total Cash Funds at end of Year	<u>£96,199</u>

### 4. Movement in Funds

	At 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Incoming	Outgoing	At 31 Dec
	2022	Resources	Resources	2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Building Fund	8,043	32,369	38,806	1,606
CMS	205	1,201	1,406	0
Magazine	(7,636)	950	3,966	(10,652)
Bowling Club	<u>522</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>523</u>
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>	1,134	35,092	44,749	(8,523)
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General Fund	81,410	126,913	103,601	104,722
<u>Total Funds</u>	82,544	162,005	148,350	96,199

#### Purposes of Restricted Funds

- Building Fund: This is a Fund to meet the costs of the Golden Anniversary Building Extension Project
- CMS: This is a special St. Gall's project in relation to charitable work in Sudan.
- Church Magazine: This is a Fund to meet the costs of producing the Parish Magazine and other Church periodicals.
- Bowling Club: This is a Fund to reflect the finances of the Church Indoor Bowling Club.

#### Purposes of Unrestricted Funds

- General Fund: This is a Fund for the general use of St. Gall's Parish

## 5. Transactions with the Trustees


The Chairman of Trustees, Canon Michael Parker, receives a Stipend and Expenses of Office in accordance with amounts approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and by the Select Vestry. No other member of the Trustee body receives any remuneration for serving as a Trustee of St. Gall's.

A number of Trustees have received re-imbursment in respect of purchases made by them directly on behalf of the Church.

No Trustee or any person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year.

## 6. Governance Costs

There were no Governance Costs during 2022

 Date 19/5/2023

Noel McKeown

Hon. Treasurer, St. Gall's Parish Church

**BANGOR/Carnalea/St. Gall/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual report

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**St. Gall's Church, Parish of Carnalea, Co. Down**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Charity Name:** St. Gall's Church, Carnalea Parish

**Address:** 171, Crawfordsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down BT19 1BT

**NI Charity Number:** NIC 102373

### **Trustees**

Members of the Select Vestry of the Church are, by definition, Trustees of the charity, as listed below.

Canon Michael Parker (Rector of St. Gall's and Chairman of Trustees), William Tennis (Church Secretary), Derrick Conn (Joint Church Treasurer) to April 2022, Noel McKeown (Joint Church Treasurer), Gary Ballentine, Janis Dunn, Claire Farmer (from April 2022), Stephen Garland, Mervyn Henry (from April 2022), Mary Gilfillan-Griffin (to October 2022), Christine Gray, James Hanna, Christopher Houston, Nanette McCoy, James Noble, Pauline Smyth, Robert Thompson, Brian Waters.

Independent Examiner: John Grace, 37 Deanfield, Bangor, Co. Down BT19 6NX

Principal Bank: Bank of Ireland, 82a Main St., Bangor, Co. Down

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Members of the Select Vestry of the Parish are the Charity trustees.

All members of the Church of Ireland over the age of 18 who are resident within the Parish, or who 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 one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The member of the clergy serving in the Parish is also a member of the Select Vestry and is Chairperson of the body. Other members of the Select Vestry consist of the Churchwardens, Glebewardens and generally not more than twelve other members elected at the General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish, taking decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including how funds are to be applied. The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the Diocesan Synod with additional meetings called as required by the Chairperson or the Churchwardens. In 2022, 12 meetings of the Select Vestry were held.

### **Remuneration**

The incumbent minister receives a stipend and expenses of office in accordance with amounts approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and by the Trustees. No other member of the Trustee body receives any remuneration for serving as a Trustee of St. Gall's Parish Church.

### **Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objectives**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of St. Gall's Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St. Gall'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 the St. Gall's church 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 St. Gall's.

### **Activities, Achievements and Public Benefit**

The general ethos of the Church and its usual interaction with parishioners' daily lives in normal times are reflected in the reports following this update on the ongoing impact of Covid on Church life in 2022

#### **1. Covid, the Ongoing Impact in 2022**

In 2022 it was recognised that Covid with variants would be with us, possibly on an ongoing basis, but that, thanks to the widespread provision of vaccines, we could live with it and gradually return to something like normal living, albeit prudently. This process began in Church and secular life in 2022 as restrictions on gatherings and other precautionary measures began to be relaxed.

Church services and worship gradually resumed in the form and frequency of more normal times and both the spiritual and social aspects of pre-pandemic Church life and activity returned steadily but carefully towards that described in the remainder of this Report. To this end 'Church Revival and Regeneration' in all its aspects is a continuing item on the agenda of the Church Vestry/Trustee body..

However, it is recognised that in 2022 Church attendances and activities have remained somewhat below previous levels and this has had some impact on finances as described later in this Report. Also, some of our major, longstanding social and fundraising events, notably our Annual Church Fete and Auction are unlikely to be revived. These were becoming very demanding upon resources (human) before Covid and their enforced absence for two years probably just accelerated their demise. The 'Street bt Street' prayer initiative referred to in Section 5 below has also not yet resumed post Covid restrictions. However, our Annual Art Exhibition returned very successfully in 2022 and we held a popular 'Family Fun Day' in June. Both of these are expected to be ongoing annual events with very positive social and financial outcomes.

#### **2. Praise and Worship**

A principal benefit of participation in Church life includes the public participation in worship, prayer and praise and in learning more about the Christian faith.

To this end St. Gall's holds **regular public services** on Sundays of Holy Communion at 8.30 am, Morning Worship at 10.00 and Evening Worship at 6.30 pm. Holy Communion is also celebrated at Sunday Morning worship at 10.00am on the first Sunday of each month and every Wednesday at 10.30am.

Special services are also held at important times of the year in the Christian calendar, such as Christmas and Holy Week at Easter, and also to mark baptisms, weddings and celebrations for the life of those who have sadly died. These services are provided to parishioners and to other members of the community who wish to mark these special cycle of life moments in a Christian environment.

Every Sunday morning at morning service, following the 'Children's Talk' there is a '**Sunday Club**' for young people up to P7 age held in the Church hall. This allows parents the freedom to attend and enjoy regular morning worship as well as ensuring that the children are taught about the basics of the Christian religion and encouraged to develop in the journey of faith.

Our Church also has a **Prayer Focus Group** who meet regularly in the Church or in their own homes to pray for individuals and topics which they feel are in need of prayer and God's help. The highlight of the year for this group is the organisation of an annual 24 hour prayer vigil held in the Lady Chapel at the Church. Many members of the congregation and others sign up for one or two hour slots to ensure that the whole day is prayerful. This Group also invites requests for prayer from parishioners and

members of the wider community. These anonymous requests are distributed to members of the congregation at Sunday morning service and they are requested to pray privately for the individuals named at morning service and during the week thereafter. This is a true community service for those in need of God's help.

For many years our regular worship has been greatly enhanced by our **Church choir** which, for a parish of our relatively modest size, has enjoyed strong membership. All in all, our choir has given a great richness and diversity to our worship. However, at present we have no permanent Organist and Choirmaster and rely upon a regular pianist and a retired organist to provide music for morning services.

### **3. Community Service**

We have thriving **Scouting** movements meeting in St. Gall's involving all ages including Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. These provide opportunities for young people in the community to learn, develop and grow in positive ways. The Group celebrated 50 years of Scouting at a special Church service in October 2019..

For adults there is a wide range of organisations and groups, open to all, meeting regularly to socialise and enjoy a wide range of lifestyle positive activities, hobbies and interests.

Other groups meet regularly to enjoy **art, craft, dance, exercise classes, and bowls**. In addition to these, our halls are let out to groups who also provide a social benefit through the provision of **children's nursery school** facilities, **Zumba** classes and other **activities**. Our successful **Bridge Club** also meets regularly and is enjoyed by both parishioners and visitors. Many of these groups donate significant funds to the Church.

Monthly '**Friendship**' **Lunches** are held for Church members and those in the wider local community. Many older, retired people (usually between 30 and 50 in number) enjoy a light meal. Again, apart from nourishment, this provides an opportunity for social interaction and fellowship which is greatly appreciated by those attending. There is also a monthly **Coffee Morning** which is also well supported.

Our two surviving **Annual Fund-raising** events are very well known in the local community and, indeed, further afield. These are our **Art Exhibition** and **Artisan Bazaar**. These events, attract many people from the local neighborhood and beyond.. Although their primary aim is to raise funds for the Church, these are true community events providing rare opportunities for fellowship and co-operative working for Church members as well as providing the wider general public of all ages with very memorable and joyous experiences. There is a very real element of Christian outreach in these events as the essential spirit of the St. Gall's community is revealed to all who attend.

### **4. Pastoral Care and Support for Those in Need**

**Visiting.** Many of our parishioners are now elderly, in hospital, housebound or in care homes. Others have different personal difficulties. Apart from visits by the Rector to offer personal and spiritual comfort, many of our parishioners also visit such people regularly to provide support in practical ways through giving lifts, helping with shopping and, most importantly providing friendship, chat and social interaction.

**Practical Gifts.** St. Gall's supports the Storehouse **Food Bank** scheme in Bangor and regular donations of food items given by parishioners are delivered. Special donations of **Toys** for the Salvation Army Appeal are made at Christmas and of **fruit and flowers** to the elderly at harvest time.

**Financial Support.** St. Gall's supports Christian Aid and NI Hospice with funds raised through Coffee Mornings, the Sunday Club, the Dancers, a special Big Breakfast event and the annual Christian Aid week collections organised in conjunction with neighbouring churches.

St Gall's has a vibrant **South Sudan Support Group** which operates in support of the people of Maridi and Yei in conjunction with the Church Missionary Society Ireland (CMSI). A number of fund-raising events are held every year in support of specific projects. Three members of the Parish have visited Maridi in the past and Bishop Justin has visited and preached in St. Gall's over the years. His successor, Bishop Moses and his wife, Mama Rejoice lunched with parishioners at St. Gall's in September 2019 and in June 2022 St. Gall's hosted the, now Archbishop, Justin during a visit to Northern Ireland following the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury. St. Gall's funded his travel costs from London and a quickly arranged coffee morning raised over £1,000 for Chaima Theological College in Maridi. These personal contacts with South Sudan senior clergy helps to make our support for the Church there more personal and relevant.

## **5. Ecumenism and Evangelism**

There are close ties at clergy level between the local churches, both Protestant and Catholic. In 2016 a **Prayer Initiative** called '**Street by Street**' involving the St. Gall's Prayer Focus Group and members of the local Presbyterian and Methodist churches began calling on residents, street by street, in the areas served by the churches. They explained they were calling in the name of God and offered to pray for anyone or anything that the householder felt needed prayer. They have discovered that there is indeed a need in the community for prayer and any requests are met by the teams praying daily for the requests made to them. This initiative has continued through 2019.

In **Holy Week at Easter** St. Gall's and the other local, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations come together for a week of services held in a different Church each evening. There is usually a guest speaker who delivers the sermons on an Easter theme which he/she develops as the week goes on.

## **6. The Public Benefit Requirement**

The Trustees of St. Gall's have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year, as outlined above, have helped them to achieve the Parish's objectives as well as providing public benefits. In 2019 the St. Gall's Eco Congregation Group was established to evaluate and implement initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint and promote positive climate change.

## **7. Mitigation of Harm**

The St. Gall's Trustees comply with the Church of Ireland's Safeguarding Trust Child Protection Policy.

The Trustees also take their responsibilities under Health and Safety Legislation very seriously and ensure that regular assessments are carried out and procedures and policies implemented to ensure that any threats to the health and safety of those using the Church's facilities are minimised. Appropriate licences, inspections and insurances are carried out or have been obtained. The Trustees also seek to ensure compliance with GDP Regulations.

## **Financial Review**

As stated elsewhere in this Report, Church life began to return to something approaching normality in 2022 as the impact of Covid abated somewhat. This affected our finances in a positive way as well as general Church life and mission. Fundraising activities for Church and charities recovered, including lunches, coffee mornings as well as special events such as the Annual Art Exhibition and a new Family Fun Day. Income from the use of Church halls also recovered significantly. Free Will Offerings from parishioners remain down on pre Covid levels, largely as result of a decline in Envelope giving as Church attendances have not yet returned to pre Covid levels. However, our income this year was also boosted by the receipt of over £13,000 from a Government Covid grant scheme.

There were no exceptional expenditures in 2022, mainly standard operating costs, some of which such as heat and light increased substantially, and building loan repayments which still have some 4 years to run.

Overall, income exceeded expenditure by by some £13,000, broadly equivalent to the amount of grant received. As a result our cash Reserves increased year on year to over £96,000, a comfortable figure and in excess of our reserves policy. However, some £70,000 of this is due to Covid grants received over a three year period. This affords us the time to re-build all aspects of iour Church life, including our finances in the years ahead.

Thus we are confdent we can continue to meet our financial obligations, including servicing our outstanding New Development loan, into the future and can be regarded with confidence as a prudent, well-managed, ongoing financial concern.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

M. A. Parker Date 8. 8. 2023

Canon Michael Parker, Chairman of Trustees

Noel McKeown Date 8/8/2023

Noel McKeown, Hon. Treasurer

**BANGOR/Carnalea/St. Gall/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner.**

As the St.Gall's Parish Church Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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**Basis of independent examiner's report.**

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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.

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**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed an examination of the Accounts and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1) to 4) listed above. In respect of your following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require me to draw to the Trustees' attention.



A John Grace  
Independent Examiner.

Dated

20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023