

# BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102374

## Details

**Known as** ST Moluas Parish Church

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-03-16

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

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£143,915	£119,879	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss C McCartney		
Mr David Blemings		
Mr David Watkins		
Mr Denis Hill		
Mr Malcolm Stanley		
Mrs Edwina Tester		
Mrs Frances Margaret Hastie		
Mrs Grace Blemings		
Mrs Heather Loughridge		
Mrs Helen Louise Poots		
Mrs Jean Hill		
Mrs M Jackson		
Mrs S Clarke		
Mrs Sharon Beck		
Mrs V Watkins		
Winnie Hill		

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# Accounts

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St Molua's Church, Stormont

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

1. General Account

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		Funds 2024	Funds 2024		
		£	£	£	£
Free Will Offering		67,382.50		67,382.50	65,132.50
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		27,383.78		27,383.78	15,204.67
Investment Interest		449.64		449.64	443.00
Gifts			9,850.50	9,850.50	2,551.86
Special Envelope Collections	1	5,157.60		5,157.60	2,882.00
Collections for Charitable Appeals	2		3,917.82	3,917.82	
Fundraising Events	3		5,924.30	5,924.30	19,561.55
Rental of Premises	4	5,289.86		5,289.86	3,185.00
Flower Festival					6,000.00
Temporary Loan					4,500.00
Miscellaneous Gifts					10,275.00
Sundries	5	1,600.00		1,600.00	486.21
Revenue held for Organisations	6		1,166.00	1,166.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>107,263.38</b>	<b>20,858.62</b>	<b>128,122.00</b>	<b>130,221.79</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Wages & Salaries		39,600.38		39,600.38	60,161.41
Diocesan Costs/Assessments		14,784.15		14,784.15	17,443.10
Administration Costs	7	3,188.46		3,188.46	3,143.00
Church Running Costs	8	9,165.00		9,165.00	
Insurance		4,680.00		4,680.00	9,692.50
Utilities		6,997.91		6,997.91	9,263.34
Charitable Donations	9		7,461.43	7,461.43	5,606.25
Bank Loan Repayments		4,587.18		4,587.18	4,172.32
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	10	4,059.68		4,059.68	9,930.96
Sundries	11	7,638.01		7,638.01	2,016.15
Transfer to Repair Fund	12		15,774.80	15,774.80	
Publications					884.99
Flower Festival Expenses					8,088.13
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>94,700.77</b>	<b>23,236.23</b>	<b>117,937.00</b>	<b>130,402.15</b>

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>2. Repair Account (Restricted Funds)</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest			18.49	18.49	38.58
Transfer from General Account	12		15,774.80	15,774.80	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>15,793.29</b>	<b>15,793.29</b>	<b>38.58</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Messy Church Expenses			155.95	155.95	
JAM Club Expenses			946.18	946.18	
Outreach Expenses			808.74	808.74	3,189.15
Bank Fees		32.05		32.05	34.10
Flower Festival Expenses					6,102.00
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>1,910.87</b>	<b>1,942.92</b>	<b>9,325.25</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payment – General Account**

	<b>YEAR 2024</b>	<b>YEAR 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	128,122.00	130,221.79
<b>Total Payments</b>	117,937.00	130,402.15
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>10,185.00</b>	<b>(- 180.36)</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payments – Repair Account**

	<b>YEAR 2024</b>	<b>YEAR 2023</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	15,793.29	38.58
<b>Total Payments</b>	1,942.92	9,325.25
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>13,850.37</b>	<b>(-9,286.67)</b>

**RECONCILIATION OF CASH FUNDS**

	<b>Cash in Current Account</b>	<b>Cash in Repair Account</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Total cash funds at 1 January 2024</b>	11,170.61	19,223.98	30,394.59
<b>Receipts for the Year 2024</b>	128,122.00	15,793.29	143,915.29
<b>Payments for the Year 2024</b>	117,937.00	1,942.92	119,879.92
<b>Total cash funds at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>21,355.61</b>	<b>33,074.35</b>	<b>54,429.96</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Current Accounts	21,355.61	33,074.35	54,429.96	30,394.59
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>21,355.61</b>	<b>33,074.35</b>	<b>54,429.96</b>	<b>30,394.59</b>
<b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>				
Investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE PARISH'S OWN USE</b>				
Church and Hall		3,753,717.00	3,753,717.00	3,753,717.00
Rectory		310,000.00	310,000.00	310,000.00
<b>Total Assets Retained For The Parish's Own Use</b>		<b>4,063,717.00</b>	<b>4,063,717.00</b>	<b>4,063,717.00</b>

### LIABILITIES

Business loan with Danske Bank – outstanding Balance as at 31 December 2024 £11,300.75

The financial statement above was presented to trustees on 24 March 2025 and signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee 1  Frances Hastie

24 March 2025

Trustee 2  Sharon Beck

24 March 2025

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

### **Accounting Policies**

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

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use are the Church Building, the Parochial Hall and the Rectory. The figures given in respect of the value of the Church and Hall is value provided by the Church's Insurers. The value of the Rectory is based on the current valuation for rateable purposes.

### **Purpose of Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are funds subjected to specified requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes but still within the wider objects of the Parish. The main source of restricted funds in St Molua's is the Repair Fund which is used to fund significant structural projects within the Church Premises, including the Rectory and mission work with earmarked funding. The only expenditure out of the Repair Fund in 2024 was for Mission work as there were no major project works undertaken in 2024.

Other sources of Restricted Funds were fund raising events and charitable contributions which were earmarked for specific purposes.

### **Purpose of Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Church.

### **Conflict of Interest**

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

## **INCOME**

<b>1. Special Envelopes / Collections</b>	
Contact Magazine	£365.00
Maintenance	£2,775.00
Gift Day	£395.00
Harvest	£1,390.00
Carol Service	<u>£232.60</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5,157.60</u></b>
<b>2. Charitable Appeals</b>	
Bishops' Appeal (23)	£350.00
Bishops' Appeal (24)	£382.00
Christian Aid	£1,730.50
Church Ministry of Healing	£326.00
Down & Dromore Bike Appeal	£1,047.32
Scripture Union (Church Unity)	<u>£82.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£3,917.82</u></b>
<b>3. Fundraising Events</b>	
Calendars	£20.00
Quiz & Curry Night	£670.00
Spring Coffee Morning	£962.00
Donation for Posters	£45.00
Musical Evening – Stormont Choir	£1,079.00
Groomspoint Gardening - Evening Meal	£540.00
Harvest Supper	£400.00
Carrick Walking Group – Morn Coffee	£105.00
Christmas Fare	£1,052.30
Christmas Hamper	£451.00
Breakfast with Santa	<u>£600.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5,924.30</u></b>
<b>4. Rental / Hall Hire</b>	
Badminton Club	£350.00
CSM Property	£33.00
Consentio	£250.00
Dundonald Arts Club	£1,590.00
Hat Trick	£350.00
Kiddie Mart	£80.00
Knock Presbyterian	£95.00
Melisma	£250.00
NIO	£355.86
Party Hire	£104.00
USOCM	£100.00
Zumba	<u>£1,732.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5,289.86</u></b>

<b>5. Sundries</b>	
Repayment of Copyright Penalty	£550.00
Collection for Farewell Present	<u>£1,050.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£1,600.00</u></b>

<b>6. Revenue Held for Organisations</b>	
Book Club	£500.00
Little Angels	£134.00
Messy Church	£52.00
Stormont Choir	<u>£480.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£1,166.00</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>7. Administration</b>	
Copyright Licences	£509.72
Entertainment Licence	£50.00
Photocopier	£1,796.26
IT & Software Licences	£347.99
Stationery & Postage	<u>£484.49</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£3,188.46</u></b>

<b>8. Church Running Costs</b>	
Cleaning Contractor	£3,600.00
Organists & Organ	
Maintenance	£5,115.00
Supply Ministers	<u>£450.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£9,165.00</u></b>

<b>9. Payments Made to Charities</b>	
Bible Society (NI)	£200.00
Black Santa Appeal	£900.00
Bishops Appeal	£350.00
Christian Aid	£1,707.11
Christians Against Poverty	£1250.00
Church Ministry of Healing	£525.00
Down & Dromore Bike Appeal	£1,247.32
Dundonald Food Bank	£600.00
Mercy Ships	£200.00
Mission to Seafarers	£200.00
Reaching Hand	£200.00
Scripture Union	<u>£82.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£7,461.43</u></b>

<b>10. Minor Repairs</b>		
Rectory Roof	£200.00	
Security Alarms	£137.32	
Rectory Boiler Servicing	£70.00	
Fire Fighting Equip Servicing	£202.56	
Servicing & Repair of Boilers	£1,510.80	
Electrical Testing	£1,424.00	
Replacement Fridge Freezer (Rectory)	<u>£515.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£4,059.68</u></b>	
<b>11. Sundries</b>		
Bank Fees	£175.87	
Book Club Expenses	£172.08	
Catering Expenses	£355.79	
Copyright Penalty	£550.00	
Land & Property Services – Rates	£1,353.78	
Minister’s Farewell Presentation	£1,050.00	
Publications	£97.49	
Short Term Loan Repayment	£3,750.00	
Royal School of Music	<u>£133.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£7,638.01</u></b>	
<b>12. Transfer to Repair Account (Restricted Funds)</b>		
Specified Gifts & Donations	£9,850.50	
Fundraising Revenue	<u>£5,924.30</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£15,774.80</u></b>	
<b>13. Repair Account (Restricted Funds)</b>		
<b>Opening Balance as at 1 January 2024</b>		<b>£19,223.98</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Bank Interest	£18.49	
Transferred from General Account	<u>£15,774.80</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>£15,793.29</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Messy Church	£155.95	
Jam Club	£946.18	
Outreach	£808.74	
Bank Fees	<u>£32.05</u>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>£1,942.92</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 December 2024</b>		<b><u>£33,074.35</u></b>

**BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102374

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# Accounts

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**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023**

Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£

**Receipts - General Account**

Donations & Plate Collections	3	80,337.17	0	80,337.17	82,100.12
Proceeds from Fundraising Events	4	19,561.55	0	19,561.55	2,015.30
Bank & Deposit Interest		0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	443.00	0	443.00	488.36
Rental of Premises	6	3,185.00	0	3,185.00	3,988.75
Gifts		10,275.00	0	10,275.00	1,250.00
Covid-19 Government Grant		0	0	0	6,146.00
Sundries	7	486.21	0	486.21	375.70
Other receipts	8	2,882.00	7,051.86	9,933.86	1,710.00
Receipts from Repair fund		6,000.00	0	6,000.00	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>123,169.93</b>	<b>7,051.86</b>	<b>130,221.79</b>	<b>97,074.23</b>

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**Payments – General Account**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2023 (£)	Total 2022 (£)
Wages and Salaries		60,161.41	0	60,161.41	55,703.19
Diocesan Costs / Assessment		17,443.10	0	17,443.10	16,106.98
Church Running Costs/Repairs and Maintenance		9,930.96	0	9,930.96	17,751.28
Utilities		9,263.34	0	9,263.34	4,584.55
Parish Centre Costs		9,692.50	0	9,692.50	4,589.50
Administration Costs	9	3,143.00	0	3,143.00	2,873.68
Publications		884.99	0	884.99	319.37
Charitable Donations		5,606.25	0	5,606.25	3,427.00
Bank Loan Repayments		4,172.32	0	4,172.32	3,534.27
general and sundries	11	2,016.15	0	2,016.15	1,271.73
Payments to Repair Fund		0	0	0	25,000.00
Flower Festival Expenses		8,088.13	0	8,088.13	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>130,402.15</b>		<b>130,402.15</b>	<b>101,161.55</b>

Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£

**Receipts - Repair and Mission Account**

Transfer from General Account		0	0	0	25,000.00
Bank & Deposit Interest		38.58	0	38.58	65.96
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>38.58</b>		<b>38.58</b>	<b>25,065.96</b>

**Payments – Repair and Mission Account**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2023 (£)	Total 2022 (£)
Bank Fees		34.10	0	34.10	31.64
Rectory Landscaping		0	0	0	9,350.00
Transfer to Diocese		0	0	0	0
Mission expenditure		0	3,189.15	3,189.15	467.00
Flower Festival Expenses (Transfer to General Account)		0	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Other Flower Festival expenses		0	120.00	120.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>9,325.25</b>	<b>9,325.25</b>	<b>9,848.64</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payment – General account.**

	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Total Receipts for year	130,221.79	99,825.33
Total Payments for year	130,402.15	135,161.55
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>(-180.36)</b>	<b>(-35,336.32)</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payment – Repair and Mission account.**

	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Total Receipts for year	38.58	25,065.96
Total Payments for year	9,325.25	9,848.64
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>(-9,286.67)</b>	<b>15,217.32</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Current Accounts		<b>11,170.61</b>	<b>19,223.98</b>	<b>30,394.59</b>	<b>39,861.62</b>
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<b>11,170.61</b>	<b>19,223.98</b>	<b>30,394.59</b>	<b>39,861.62</b>

<b>Investment Assets</b>					
Equity Investments					
Other Listed Investments					
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts			<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
Other unlisted investments					
Investment Properties					
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>			<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

Assets retained for the Parish's own use	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rectory	1		310,000	310,000	310,000
Church and Halls	1		3,753,717	3,753,717	3,753,717
<b>Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use</b>			<b>4,063,717</b>	<b>4,063,717</b>	<b>4,063,717</b>

There are no current liabilities other than a business loan with Danske Bank – current outstanding balance - £14,671.01

The financial statement above was presented to trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

*Emma Rutherford*

Rvd. Emma Rutherford (Chair)

Trustee 2

*Frances Hastie*

Mrs. F Hastie (secretary)

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

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

**(a) Receipts and Payments Account**

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

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

***Assets retained for the Parish's own use***

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

- Church Building
- Parochial Hall
- Rectory

The figures given in respect of the value of the church and halls is based on the insurance values provided by the church's insurers. The value of the rectory is based on the current valuation for rateable purposes.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (continued)

### 2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	<b>Unrestricted Cash in Current Account</b>	<b>Restricted Cash in Repair/mission fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total cash funds beginning of year 2023	11,350.97	28,510.65	39,861.62
Receipts for the year 2023	130,221.79	38.58	130,260.37
Payments for the year 2023	130,402.15	9,325.25	139,727.40
<b>Total cash funds at end of year 2023</b>	<b>11,170.61</b>	<b>19,223.98</b>	<b>30,394.59</b>

#### Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes but still within the wider objects of the Parish. The main source of restricted funds in St Molua's is the Repair Fund which is used to fund significant structural projects within the church premises, including the rectory and Mission work with earmarked funding. In previous years the repair work has included refurbishment of the church spires and heating system. In 2022 there was major work conducted to the grounds of the rectory in compliance with the health and safety requirements identified in the diocesan quinquennial report which amounted to approximately £10,000 however there were no major works other than routine maintenance and repair conducted in 2023. Other sources of restricted funds include specific charitable contributions were earmarked for individual charities and payments for publications. In addition, it will be noted that in 2021 earmarked grants were received for mission and outreach work. The bulk of this was transferred to the Diocese for them to administer on our behalf. We have no control over these funds.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (continued)**

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the church.

**3. Donations and plate collections**

	<b>2023 (£)</b>
Freewill Offering	63,260.90
Plate Collection	1,871.60
Tax recovered on donations	15,20467
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,337.17</b>

**4. Proceeds from Fundraising Events**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Coffee Morning	1,314.70
Choir	45.00
Calanders	1,740.00
Flower Festival	16,461.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,561.55</b>

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (continued)

#### 5. Income from Investments

The church has £10,000 invested with the Church of Ireland Trustees (CIT).

#### 6. Income from Rental of Premises

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dundonald Arts Club	300.00
Zumba	2,080.00
Ulster consort Concert	200.00
J Ireland Concert	200.00
Children's Clothes Sale	80.00
Badminton Club	325.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,185.00</b>

#### 7. Income from Sundries

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Messy Church	134.40
Funeral contributions	315.00
Anon Donations	15.00
Men at 10?	1.00
BT Rebate	20.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>486.21</b>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (continued)

8. Other Income 2023

(a) Unrestricted

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Maintenance Envelopes	1,732.00
Gift Day Envelopes	405.00
Contact Envelopes	240.00
Harvest Envelopes	505.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,882.00</b>

(b) Restricted

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Churches Ministry of Healing	189.00
Christian Aid	1,516.86
Bishop's Appeal (Libya)	291.00
Bishop's Earthquake Appeal	555.00
Insurance contribution	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,051.86</b>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (continued)

**9. Administration Costs**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
C Conville (Branding)	250.00
CCLI	348.30
E McMullan	288.00
Belfast Council	50.00
TH Jordan (Envelopes)	155.00
Bookwell	26.49
Ricoh	1,842.84
Postage/Paper etc	182.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,143.00</b>

**10. General and Sundries**

**Sundries**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Kitchen Consumables	126.60
Funeral Catering	130.00
Communion Wine	90.00
Harvest	505.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>346.60</b>

**General**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Royal College of Music	127.00
Bank Fees	215.74
RCB (Access NI)	33.00
Rectory Rates	1,293.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,669.55</b>

**BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102374

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# Annual report

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**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont  
Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and  
Payments and Assets and Liabilities  
For the year ended December 2023**

**Northern Ireland Charities Number: 102374**

Worshipping GOD  
Building the CHURCH  
Reaching the PEOPLE



**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

**References and administrative details**

Charity Name: **St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

Charity Registration Number: 102374

Contact Address: St Molua's Rectory  
3 Rosepark  
Belfast  
BT5 7RG

**Trustees**

Revd. Emma Rutherford  
Mrs. Helen Poots  
Mrs. Edwina Tester  
Mrs. Heather Loughridge  
Mr. David Beck  
Mrs. Sharon Beck  
Mr. David Watkins CB  
Mrs. Frances Hastie  
Mr. Denis Hill  
Mrs. Jean Hill  
Mrs. Winnie Hill  
Mr. Malcolm Stanley  
Ms. Margaret Turner  
Mr. David Blemings  
Mrs. Grace Blemings

**Principal Office-bearers**

Clergy: Revd. Emma Rutherford

Church Treasurer: Mr David Beck  
Church Warden- Clergy: Mrs Sharon Beck  
Church Warden - People: Mrs Jean Hill

**Independent Auditor**

Ms Susan Hunter

**Bankers**

Danske Bank  
PO Box 183  
Donegall Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

The principal function of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

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

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

#### *BUILDINGS*

The 1960's Church building and front boundary wall of St Molua's Church are listed by the Department for Communities as being of architectural interest.

Over the last 25 years, a considerable amount of work has been carried out on the refurbishment of the church. Whilst the Select Vestry believes the building now to be sound and watertight, regular ongoing maintenance is essential to ensure that it remains so. Health and safety regulations now recommend the installation of a fire alarm and emergency lighting in the building, which will be addressed when finances permit. The parochial hall, another unique style of building, sits behind the church. It consists of a large main hall with stage, a small minor hall, committee room, kitchen and toilets.

The Rectory is located around the corner from the church in Rosepark and is in a good state of repair, having undergone substantial refurbishment over the past few years. The installation of a new kitchen and downstairs WC, refurbishment of the rear patio area (with an exterior ramp offering access into the public reception room) meet accessibility requirements.

#### *WORSHIP*

In the advancement of the Christian faith we focus on worship by offering two services each Sunday and a service midweek.

Our Sunday morning services are mainly traditional Anglican worship, but our evening service takes the form of 'Cafe Church', which is a more informal style of worship when we meet in the Parish Hall over refreshments.

The use of the hall enables us to use multimedia equipment and allows for more flexibility of changes of format. Following the success of last year's 'Alpha' course we continue to follow a range of discipleship courses in our 'Café Church' Sunday evening slot.

We also hold special services during Holy Week & Easter, Harvest, Advent & Christmas, all of which engage more widely with our local community. We also include an annual service to support the bereaved.

After our church services, refreshments are available which helps to reinforce a sense of community and belonging.

Our monthly Messy Church has grown and developed through our partnership with our neighbouring Presbyterian Church as we seek to reach out and engage with our local community

by providing an informal 'church' gathering that is accessible to all, focusing on fun, friendship and hospitality.

We continue to work alongside other churches in the Area Deanery & Diocese and in the local area through the Belmont Churches to deliver special services, activities and outreach from time to time. Our Rector regularly meets with other clergy as a member of the Belmont Churches ecumenical group, and three ecumenical services are held each year.

We continue to livestream our main Sunday service each week, which is then uploaded to our website. Our 'dial-in' phone line service continues for those people who have no internet access. Many people have recognized the benefit of these services as we have been able to reach many more people than those who would have attended 'in-person' services in the past, and it has been an invaluable 'outreach' to the elderly and housebound.

#### *PASTORAL*

Pastoral visitation is undertaken by the Rector and a small pastoral visiting team to those from our community that are housebound, in nursing homes or in hospital.

#### *MISSION, OUTREACH & COMMUNITY*

The Parish undertakes a wide range of activities. Information on services, parish events etc. is provided through a regular parish magazine 'Contact' which is delivered to approximately 200 households and is also available to view on our website [www.stmoluaonline.com](http://www.stmoluaonline.com)

Our website continues to be regularly updated and is an invaluable means of communication. All services and activities are also promoted through the use of weekly news sheets, the parish website, parish Facebook page, and word of mouth. We have a large visible noticeboard which has been very beneficial given the situation of our church on a main arterial route.

The Diocesan Church Plant partnership continues in the parish, where a full time Church plant leader (who is employed by the diocese) works within the large housing estates located within our parish boundary.

We have increased our community outreach through the provision of a parent & toddler group called 'Little Angels' which started in September 2023. This group for young children and their parents/guardians has been received as an invaluable service to our local community.

Other new outreach activities include the provision of a group for retired men who gather for fellowship and friendship, and 'Souper Saturday' - a monthly soup lunch.

Community choirs have long been recognized for the positive mental health benefits for those involved, and Stormont Community Choir at St Molua's continues to grow. This outreach activity has been very well supported locally, and the connections with residential nursing homes in the parish area have developed and flourished, offering concerts and singalong events. Our Rector takes regular church services in nursing homes, and some choir members have also been engaged in helping to lead worship.

In partnership with The Churches' Ministry of Healing, St Molua's run a monthly Healing Service which is open to everyone and has been well received locally.

Messy Church & Muddy Church have grown and developed and are seen as a primary means of connecting with local families and residents through the provision of fun activities based around a worship theme, followed by a family meal.

Our church and halls are used by both parish and local organisations.

Regular activities taking place include Sunday School, Ladies' Guild, Craft & Chat, 'Sole Mates' walking group, badminton club, Parish choir and bible study groups.

We also use the church hall for church social and fundraising events and have a very creative fundraising committee. Regular events have included coffee mornings, soup lunches, cake competitions, a barn dance, curry evening, 'Breakfast with Santa', St Patrick's Day lunch, and family quiz evenings to name a few.

Local community organisations which meet on our premises include Dundonald Arts Club and a Zumba class. Walking groups from around the province have been able to avail of our provision of morning coffee as they explore the nearby Stormont Estate.

We remain a popular concert venue for local choirs, who value the amazing acoustic of our church building. Our Church Hall is used as a polling station at election time.

Members of our parish are active in our local community; we serve as one of the collection points for Dundonald Food Bank. Dundonald Foodbank is one of over 400 Foodbanks throughout the UK, and is run as a joint initiative between seven local churches.

St Molua's are active and committed to mission in our support of many charities both at home and overseas. The charitable allocation of Parish income is decided at an annual meeting. We regularly have guest speakers in church services and at Ladies' Guild meetings from various Christian charities, which have raised awareness and encouraged support from parishioners for these organisations.

#### *SAFEGUARDING*

In all of our activities designed to reach out to families, children and young adults the Parish adheres to the Church of Ireland's child protection policy: Safeguarding Trust.

Information on services, parish events etc. is provided through a regular parish magazine 'Contact' which is delivered to approximately 200 households and is also available to view on our website [www.stmoluaonline.com](http://www.stmoluaonline.com)

#### *PUBLIC BENEFIT*

The Parish has 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 have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

#### **Financial Review**

2023 has been a year of consolidation now that the impact of the pandemic has lessened. Our income streams are more or less back to normal – in particular we are able to receive income from the hire of the hall and conduct fund raising events in the way we would have done pre-covid. However, with that comes the withdrawal of the Government support we had benefited from over the past three years.

In the previous year (2022) income from various sources was £99,825 the income for 2023 increased to £130,221, a substantial increase. However, the income in 2019 - the last 'normal' year - was over £120,000 and in 2018 it was nearly £128,000. The expenditure for 2023 was also substantially higher at £130,000.

In 2022 the freewill offering donations fell by £940 to £64,391.25 this year it increased slightly to £65,162 an increase of £771. In 2019, pre-covid, this figure was £72,796 – so the income from free-will offering, the main source of income, has not recovered from pre-covid times.

The income from the hire of the hall fell by approximately £800 in 2023 –however this is still an increase of just under £800 on the pre-covid figure in 2019. The key element in this year's income was the money raised through fund-raising activities. In 2019 £13,569 was raised through fund-raising events, (2019 being the last full year such events were possible), this year it was over £19,560. Much of this was raised through the long-awaited Flower Festival. This event alone raised early £15,000 in clear profit after all expenses were deducted. The calendars based on the Flower Festival added a further £1,000 approximately after printing costs. In 2022 the utility costs were £4,584, this year they doubled to £9,263. These costs should be reduced in the coming year as the price of gas continues to fall. This year we increased our charitable donations to local and

international charities to £5,606 – an increase of £2,200 from the previous year- representing approximately 8.7% of our freewill offering.

This year the income from the Gift Aid Scheme fell slightly to £15,204 – however this should increase substantially in 2024 due to the income from the Flower Festival.

This year on-going maintenance tasks have continued – some unexpected including the leaky roof in the church hall which has already cost the church £3,500 from the general account in the effort to repair this with little success. The repair and maintenance account appears to be healthy, showing a balance of £19,223. However, much of this money is ‘restricted funds’ which means that they can only be used for specific projects and includes the grant from the Diocese specifically for mission and outreach work.

### **Going Concern**

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 receives a stipend and office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

The organist, who is also the director of music receives a salary commensurate with her role and experience.

### ***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 2022 the Select Vestry met 10 times during the year, at times remotely via Zoom.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

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

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Signed on Behalf of the Trustees**

Trustee 1

*Emma Rutherford*

Rev Emma Rutherford (Chair)

Trustee 2

F Hastie (Secretary)

Date *Francis Hastie*

*5/8/24*

**BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out in a separate document.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

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

### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

We 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving us 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

We 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.

Signed: *Susan Hunter*

Ms Susan Hunter

*Susan Hunter*

Ms Susan Hunter

Date: 16/3/2024

**BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102374

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# Accounts

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£

Receipts - General Account

Donations & Plate Collections	3	81,100.12	0	81,100.12	82,008.83
Proceeds from Fundraising Events	4	2,015.30	0	2,015.30	90.30
Bank & Deposit Interest		0	0	0	38.66
Investment Income	5	488.36	0	488.36	970.21
Rental of Premises	6	3,988.75	0	3,988.75	740.00
Gifts		1,250.00		1,250.00	6,500.00
Covid-19 Government Grant		6,146.00		6,146.00	5,200.00
Grant from Orphan's Society		0		0	13,000.00
Sundries	7	375.70	0	375.00	849.80
Other receipts	8	1,710.00	2,751.00	4,461.00	3,778.50
Receipts from Repair fund		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>97,074.23</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>	<b>99,825.23</b>	<b>113,176.30</b>

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

Payments – General Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
Wages and Salaries		55,703.19	0	55,703.19	52,663.33
Diocesan Costs / Assessment		16,106.98	0	16,106.98	15,274.90
Church Running Costs/Repairs and Maintenance		17,751.28	0	17,751.28	3,663.64
Utilities		4,584.55	0	4,584.55	2,953.78
Parish Centre Costs	10	4,589.50	0	4,589.50	7,250.23
Administration Costs		2,873.68	0	2,873.68	2,064.91
Publications		319.37	0	319.37	160.00
Charitable Donations		3,427.00		3,427.00	5,485.50
Bank Loan Repayments		3,534.27	0	3,534.73	3,731.64
general and sundries	11	1,271.73	0	1,271.73	1,211.65
Payments to Repair Fund		0	25,000	25,000	
Transfer to		0		0	13,000.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>110,161.55</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>135,161.55</b>	<b>107,459.58</b>

Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£

**Receipts - Repair and Mission Account**

Transfer from General Account	0	25,000.00	25,000.00	0
Bank & Deposit Interest	0	65.96	65.96	17.90
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,065.96</b>	<b>25,065.96</b>	<b>17.90</b>

**Payments – General Account**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
Bank Fees		0	31.64	29.14	5.61
Rectory Landscaping		0	9,350.00	9,350.00	0
Transfer to Diocese		0	0	0	3,000.00
Mission expenditure		0	467.00	467.00	2,273.99
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>9,848.64</b>	<b>9,848.64</b>	<b>5,279.60</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payment – General account.**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Total Receipts for year	99,825.23	113,176.30
Total Payments for year	135,161.55	107,459.58
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>(-35,336.32)</b>	<b>5,716.72</b>

**Summary of Receipts and Payment – Repair and Mission account.**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Total Receipts for year	<b>25,065.96</b>	<b>17.90</b>
Total Payments for year	<b>9,848.64</b>	<b>5,279.60</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>15,217.32</b>	<b>(-5,261.70)</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Current Accounts				<b>39,861.62</b>	<b>59,525.60</b>
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>				<b>39,861.62</b>	<b>59,525.60</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>					
Equity Investments					
Other Listed Investments					
Investments in RCB / CIT			<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
Unit Trusts					
Other unlisted Investments					
Investment Properties					
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>			<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

Assets retained for the Parish's own use	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
Rectory	1	£	£ 310,000	£ 310,000	£ 310,000
Church and Halls	1		3,753,717	3,753,717	3,753,717
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use			4,063,717	4,063,717	4,063,717

There are no current liabilities other than a business loan with Danske Bank – current outstanding balance - £17,435.96

The financial statement above was presented to trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 *Emma Rutherford*

Rvd Emma Rutherford (Chair)

Trustee 2

(secretary)

*Francesca Stone*

*10/8/2023*

**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 which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

**(a) Receipts and Payments Account**

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

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

***Assets retained for the Parish's own use***

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

- Church Building
- Parochial Hall
- Rectory

The figures given in respect of the value of the church and halls is based on the insurance values provided by the church's insurers. The value of the rectory is based on the current valuation for rateable purposes.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Cash in Current Account	Restricted Cash in Repair/mission fund	Total
Total cash funds beginning of year 2022	46,687.29	13,293.33	59,980.62
Receipts for the year 2022	99,825.23	25,065.96	124,891.19
Payments for the year 2022	135,161.55	9,848.64	145,010.19
<b>Total cash funds at end of year 2022</b>	<b>11,350.97</b>	<b>28,510.65</b>	<b>39,861.62</b>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes but still within the wider objects of the Parish. The main source of restricted funds in St Mola's is the Repair Fund which is used to fund significant structural projects within the church premises, including the rectory. In previous years this has included refurbishment of the church spires and heating system. In 2022 there was major work conducted to the grounds of the rectory in compliance with the health and safety requirements identified in the diocesan quinquennial report which amounted to approximately £10,000. Other than this there were no major works other than routine maintenance and repair. Other sources of restricted funds include specific charitable contributions were earmarked for individual charities and payments for publications. In addition, it will be noted that in 2021 earmarked grants were received for mission and outreach work. The bulk of this was transferred to the Diocese for them to administer on our behalf. We have no control over these funds.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (continued)**

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the church.

**3. Donations and plate collections**

	<b>2022 (£)</b>
Freewill Offering	62,621.50
Plate Collection	1,769.75
Tax recovered on donations	16,708.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,100.12</b>

**4. Proceeds from Fundraising Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Coffee morning/Craft fair	1,165.30
Coffee morning/Jubilee garden/Flower Fest	850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,015.30</b>

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (continued)

**5. Income from Investments**

The church has £10,000 invested with the Church of Ireland Trustees (CIT).

**6. Income from Rental of Premises**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
NIO (election)	151.75
Dundonald Arts Club	1,550.00
Zumba	1,560.00
VSC	500.00
Embroidery Groups	127.00
Badminton Club	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,988.75</b>

**7. Income from Sundries**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Messy Church Donation	20.00
Funeral Donations	330.00
Choir	25.70
Jubilee Garden Donations	660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>375.70</b>

**8. Other Income 2021**

**(a) Restricted**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Maintenance envelopes	1,020.00
Gift Day envelopes	155.00
Harvest envelopes	270.00
Contact magazine	197.00
Flower Festival	60.00
Jubilee Garden Donations	660.00
Special Collections (Bishop's Appeal – Lenten)	135.00
Special Collections (Bishop's Bike Ride)	70.00
Special Collections (Min. of Healing services)	184.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,751.00</b>

**(b) Unrestricted**

Grant from Diocese - £1,710.00

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**9. Receipts to Repair Fund**

<b>Source</b>	<b>2020 (£)</b>
Transfer from General account (Flower Festival restricted funds)	6,000.00
Transfer from General account (Orphan's Society grant – restricted funds)	12,500.00
Bank Interest	4.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,504.04</b>

**10. Church Running Costs**

ITEM	AMOUNT (£)
Royal School of Music	110.00
Rectory Rates	1,210.64
Rectory Ground Rent (2 years)	25.00
Bank Fees	166.33
Insurance	2,875.60
Play resources	70.93
Kitchen materials	130.00
Belfast City Council (Entertainment's license)	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4589.50</b>

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**11. Sundries**

ITEM	AMOUNT
Muddy church resources	163.64
Bryson Energy	90.00
Community Choir resources	66.38
Musical Instruments and resources	296.65
Sundries eg candles and communion consumables	48.97
Jubilee Garden Materials	606.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,271.73</b>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102374

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# Annual report

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**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont  
Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and  
Payments and Assets and Liabilities  
For the year ended December 2022**

**Northern Ireland Charities Number: 102374**

Worshipping GOD  
Building the CHURCH  
Reaching the PEOPLE



**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

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**St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

**References and administrative details**

Charity Name: **St Molua's Parish Church. Stormont**

Charity Registration Number: 102374

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**Trustees**

Revd Emma Rutherford  
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Mrs Audrey Healey  
Mrs Edwina Tester  
Mrs Heather Loughridge  
Mr David Beck  
Mrs Sharon Beck  
Mr David Watkins CB  
Mrs Melanie Carmichael  
Mrs Frances Hastie  
Mr Denis Hill  
Mrs Jean Hill  
Mrs Winnie Hill  
Mr Malcolm Stanley  
Ms Margaret Turner

**Principal Office-bearers**

Clergy: Revd. Emma Rutherford

Church Treasurer: Mr David Beck  
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**Independent Auditor**

Ms Susan Hunter

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Danske Bank  
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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

The principal function of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

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

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

#### *BUILDINGS*

The 1960's Church building and front boundary wall of St Molua's Church are listed by the Department for Communities as being of architectural interest.

Over the last 20 years, a considerable amount of work has been carried out on the refurbishment of the church. Whilst the Select Vestry believes the building now to be sound and watertight, regular ongoing maintenance is essential to ensure that it remains so. Health and safety regulations now recommend the installation of a fire alarm and emergency lighting in the building, which will be addressed when finances permit. The parochial hall, another unique style of building, sits behind the church. It consists of a large main hall with stage, a small minor hall, committee room, kitchen and toilets.

The Rectory is located around the corner from the church in Rosepark and is in a good state of repair, having undergone substantial refurbishment over the past few years. The installation of a new kitchen and downstairs WC, refurbishment of the rear patio area (with an exterior ramp offering access into the public reception room) meet accessibility requirements.

#### *WORSHIP*

In the advancement of the Christian faith we focus on worship by offering two services each Sunday and a service midweek. We also hold special services during Holy Week & Easter, Harvest, Advent & Christmas, all of which engage more widely with our local community. We also include an annual service to support the bereaved.

After our church services, refreshments are available which helps to reinforce a sense of community and belonging.

In November 2022 we held a special service and lunch as we commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the church building.

Our services are mainly traditional Anglican worship, but our evening service is 'Cafe Church', which is a more informal style of worship when we meet in the Parish Hall over refreshments. The use of the hall enables us to use multimedia equipment and allows for more flexibility of changes of format.

Messy Church has grown and developed, and we now partner with our neighbouring Presbyterian Church to provide this on a monthly basis. This partnership is invaluable as we seek to reach out

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and engage with our local community by providing an informal 'church' gathering that is accessible to all, focusing on fun, friendship and hospitality.

We work alongside other churches in the Deanery & Diocese and in the local area through the Belmont Churches to deliver special services, activities and outreach from time to time.

Our Rector regularly meets with other clergy as a member of the Belmont Churches ecumenical group, and three ecumenical services are held each year.

We continue to livestream our main Sunday service each week, which is then uploaded to our website. Our 'dial-in' phone line service continues for those people who have no internet access. Many people have recognized the benefit of these services as we have been able to reach many more people than those who would have attended 'in-person' services in the past, and it has been an invaluable 'outreach' to the elderly and housebound.

### *PASTORAL*

Pastoral visitation is undertaken by the Rector and a small pastoral visiting team to those from our community that are housebound, in nursing homes or in hospital. During COVID lockdowns certain restrictions were in place, but the rector continued to be available when required.

### *MISSION, OUTREACH & COMMUNITY*

The Parish undertakes a wide range of activities.

Information on services, parish events etc. is provided through a regular parish magazine 'Contact' which is delivered to approximately 200 households and is also available to view on our website [www.stmoluaonline.com](http://www.stmoluaonline.com)

Our website continues to be regularly updated and is an invaluable means of communication. All services and activities are also promoted through the use of weekly news sheets, the parish website, Facebook and word of mouth. We have a large visible noticeboard which has been very beneficial given the situation of our church on a main arterial route.

During 2022 we embarked on a Church Plant partnership with the diocese as we endeavour to reach out into our local area. A full time Church plant leader is employed by the diocese and works within the large housing estates located in our parish.

In 2022 (in partnership with the Church Plant) St Molua's ran its first 'Alpha' course which was well attended by a considerable number of people both from the church and local community. A number of other 'follow on' courses have continued to run during the 'Café Church' Sunday evening slot.

In partnership with The Churches' Ministry of Healing, St Molua's run a monthly Healing Service which is open to everyone, and these have been very well received locally.

As Messy Church & Muddy Church have grown and developed, we see these as a primary means of connecting with local families and residents in the provision of fun activities and a family meal.

In Sept 2022 we started Stormont Community Choir, an outreach activity which has been well supported locally. Community choirs have long been recognized for the positive mental health benefits for those involved, and the choir continues to grow. This endeavour has also given a St Molua's a new means of connecting with residential homes in the parish area as the choir have started to arrange performances and sing along activities.

In 2023 we hope to increase our community outreach further through the provision of new groups for men, and for young parents and children.

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Our church and halls are used by both parish and local organisations. Regular activities include Sunday School, Ladies' Guild, Knit & Natter, 'Sole Mates' walking group, badminton club, Crafty Folk craft group, Parish choir and bible study groups. We also use the church hall for church social and fundraising events and have a very creative fundraising committee. Regular events have included coffee mornings, soup lunches, cake competitions, a barn dance, 'Breakfast with Santa', St Patrick's Day lunch, and family quiz evenings to name a few. Local community organisations which meet on our premises include Dundonald Arts Club and a Zumba class.

Walking groups from around the province have been able to avail of our provision of morning coffee as they explore the nearby Stormont Estate.

We remain a popular concert venue for local choirs, who value the amazing acoustic of our church building. In 2022 St Molua's was the venue chosen for recording a 5 part weekly TV series broadcast on TBNUK. Our Church Hall is used as a polling station at election time.

We have run free community fun days for local children; and our annual Christmas tree lights 'switch on' and Carol Singing event is an open invitation to the local community at which free refreshments and entertainment are provided.

Members of our parish are active in our local community; we serve as one of the collection points for Dundonald Food Bank. Dundonald Foodbank is one of over 400 Foodbanks throughout the UK, and is run as a joint initiative between seven local churches. In the last 12 months Dundonald Foodbank has helped over 750 people who have found themselves in financial difficulty through no fault of their own.

St Molua's are active and committed to mission in our support of many charities both at home and overseas. The charitable allocation of Parish income is decided at an annual meeting.

We regularly have guest speakers in church services and at Ladies' Guild meetings from various Christian charities, which have raised awareness and encouraged support from parishioners for these organisations.

### ***SAFEGUARDING***

In all of our activities designed to reach out to families, children and young adults the Parish adheres to the Church of Ireland's child protection policy: Safeguarding Trust.

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### ***PUBLIC BENEFIT***

The Parish has 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 have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Financial Review**

2022 has been a year of recovery after the challenges we have faced from Covid-19. Church services have gradually been re-introduced so that by the end of the year we were operating, more or less, as normal. Attendance is gradually being restored to previous levels and some fund-raising activities, including the hire of the hall, are also building up again. Nevertheless, like many other charitable organisations it will take some time to get back to where we once were.

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In the previous year (2021) income from various sources was £113,176 – if the ring-fenced Mission Grant which was transferred straight back to the Diocese is taken from this the actual income in 2021 was £100,176. The income for 2022 was £99,825, only a slight decrease on the previous year. In fact, in 2021 we were the recipients of a very generous one-off gift of £6,000, if this too is taken off the total income for the year the overall income would be £94,176. The income for 2022 therefore increased by just over £5,500. However, the key point to highlight is the overall trend in income over the pre-covid years. The income in 2019 - the last 'normal' year - was over £120,000 and in 2018 it was nearly £128,000. We will have some work to do if we are to fully recover to pre-covid levels.

In 2021 the freewill offering donations had increased slightly but this year it fell by £940 to £64,391.25. In 2019, pre-covid, this figure was £72,796 – so the income from free-will offering and plate collections, our main source of income, has fallen by £8,405 since pre-covid times – a decrease of 11.5%.

Some of the shortfall has been addressed by the uplift in income from other sources as the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 have gradually been relaxed. The income from the hire of the hall increased significantly from £740 in 2021 to just under £4,000 in 2022. The most positive aspect of this is the fact

that this is also an increase on the pre-covid figure in 2019 which was £2,414. In 2019 however £13,569 was raised through fund-raising events, this year it was just £2,015.

In 2020 the outgoings were reduced slightly due to savings in utility costs as the halls and church were not in use for prolonged periods and the Diocese reduced their charges; however, in 2021 some of these costs rose once again. This has continued into 2022 where the utility costs were £1,631 higher than 2021 - not unexpected given the increased use of the hall and the associated lift in heating costs. Overall, the cost of utilities was £4,584 in 2022, a figure that is likely to increase substantially in 2023. In 2021 we made a conscious decision to increase our charitable donations in spite of the church's reduced income and reduced capacity for retiring collections – this year we dropped to the more normal level of charitable giving and donated £3,427 to local and international charities representing approximately 5% of our freewill offering.

This year the income from the Gift Aid Scheme was similar to 2021 at £16,708 indicating that parishioners are still gift-aiding their donations – each year this element of our income becomes more important.

This year a number of long-awaited maintenance tasks were conducted in the church and rectory including the replacement of the rectory boiler and installation of AV equipment in the church, as part of which the facilities to record and live-stream our services on-line have been greatly enhanced. This is a developing aspect of the outreach and mission work of the church and makes the services available to a wider population, including those who are unable to attend in person for one reason or another. However, a number of maintenance issues still remain to be addressed, the most obvious of which are the pillars of the church hall which require significant remedial work. We do have some funds in the repair and maintenance account which at first glance appears to be very healthy showing a balance of £28,510. However, much of this money can only be used for specific projects. For example, some funding is by way of a grant from the Diocese specifically for mission and outreach work for children and young families – they cannot be used for maintenance. In addition, £6,000 was money donated in 2019/2020 for the Flower Festival and will be needed for the operating costs of the rescheduled festival in May 2023.

It has been a blessing to return to a more normal set of circumstances after the challenges presented by the pandemic over the past two years. However, we have further challenges ahead our outgoings on salaries and utilities will necessarily increase, we will therefore have to ensure that our income will be similarly increased.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (Contd)**

### **Going Concern**

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 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 receives a stipend and office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

The organist, who is also the director of music receive salaries commensurate with her role and experience.

#### ***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 2022 the Select Vestry met 10 times during the year, at times remotely via Zoom.

#### ***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.

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Signed on Behalf of the Trustees**

**Trustee 1**

  
Revd Emma Rutherford (Chair)

**Trustee 2**

  
F Hastie (Secretary)

Date 10/8/2023

**BELFAST/Belfast:Stormont/St. Molua/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out in a separate document.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

We 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving us 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

We 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.

Signed: .....

Ms Susan Hunter



Ms Susan Hunter

Date: 20/3/2023