

BELFAST/Belfast: Gilnahirk/St.Dorothea/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102538

Details

Known as	Gilnahirk
Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-24
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	£208,916	£209,788	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Jackson		
Deirdre Kissock		
Harry Kissock		
Harry Lennox		
Honor Craig		
Lucille Crossley		
Miss Adrienne Mcmeekin		
Miss Irene Mcmeekin		
Miss Kathryn Mcburney		
Mrs Doreen Sandra Montgomery		
Mrs Jacqueline Mcburney		
Mrs Margaret Murphy		
Mrs Marilyn Mcbride		
Mrs Sheenagh Elizabeth Johnston		
Rev Kenneth David Mcgrath		

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Accounts

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Plate Collection	64,970	13,067	78,037	64,316
Gift Aid (Note 3)	26,123	12,496	38,619	2,009
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	6,449	9,000	15,449	15,320
Rental of Premises	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	5,600
Mission Link	0	995	995	1,942
Receipts on behalf of third parties	1,490	1,812	3,302	1,650
Receipts from Parish Organisations	700	0	700	450
Rewiring Project	0	71,814	71,814	33,195
TOTAL RECEIPTS	99,732	109,184	208,916	124,482

PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	43,284	0	43,284	41,168
Diocesan Costs (Note 4)	19,084	0	19,084	19,800
Organist	4,060	0	4,060	4,350
Cleaning	6,230	0	6,230	4,943
Church Running Costs	7,291	0	7,291	5,802
Insurance	3,499	0	3,499	3,391
Loan Repayments and Bank Charges	1,091	0	1,091	851
Glebe Costs	5,701	0	5,701	7,990
Parish Costs	1,981	1,249	3,230	4,734
Administration Costs	756	0	756	2,442
Fundraising Costs	2,002	0	2,002	2,411
Charitable Donations (Note 5)	75	3,204	3,279	3,011
Discharge of Diocesan Grant (Note 6)	0	6,781	6,781	2,241
Rewiring of Church Hall (Note 7)	0	103,500	103,500	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	95,054	114,734	209,788	103,133

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the period 1 January to 31 December	4,678	-5,550	-872	21,349

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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 in the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis

(b) **Statement of Assets and Liabilities:** The Parish does not hold any Investments Assets nor does it have any assets retained for the Parish's own use

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Total Cash at 1 January	21,988	44,162	66,150	44,801
Receipts for period 1/1 to 31/12	99,732	109,184	208,916	124,482
Payments for period 1/1 to 31/12	95,054	114,734	209,788	103,133
Total Cash at 31 December	26,666	38,612	65,278	66,150

3. Gift Aid

The amount received in Gift Aid covers claims relating to eligible donations made in the 2022 and 2023 calendar years as well as donations made and accounted for up to the end of November 2024.

The restricted element of the Gift Aid comprises £11,578 which were claimed on Light the Way donations made towards the Rewiring Project.

The other £918 was split between the Development Fund (£795), Messy Church (£73) and the Garden of Rest (£50)

4. Payments to the Diocese

Total payments to the Diocese were £19,084 (£19,858 in 2023)

Payments	2024	2023
	£	£
"per cure" pension payment	10,242	10,848
General Assessment Contributions	8,784	8,952
Insurance	58	0
Total	19,084	19,800

5. Charitable Donations

Charity	2024	2023
	£	£
POPPY APPEAL	247	287
CHRISTIAN AID	376	192
CMS IRELAND	1030	1650
BLACK SANTA SITOUT	477	0
BARNABAS AID	25	0
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	25	0
MARIDI DIOCESE	400	0
SUITCASE PROJECT	699	0
BISHOPS' APPEAL FUND	0	500
MISSIONS TO SEAFARERS	0	382
Total	3279	3011

6. Diocesan Grant Discharge

In 2022, the parish received a grant of £5,000 from the Diocesan Rejuvenation Fund. At 31st December 2023, the parish was holding grant monies of £7,759 from the Diocesan Rejuvenation Fund, being unspent grant monies of £2,259 in respect of a grant in 2022 as well as a grant of £5,000 received in December 2023.

During 2024, £6,781 of that grant was spent on outreach activity related to rejuvenation and one-off or new types of activity.

£2,146 was spent on Messy Church activity

£1,269 was spent re-equipping the Church Office and Hall Kitchen

£797 was spent on Sunday Worship related activity

£720 was spent on the Summer Fair

£648 was spent on the 3 Day Club and the Alpha Course

£641 was spent on other outreach to and in the local community

£560 was spent in furtherance of Light the Way

The unspent grant monies remain at the disposal of the parish in 2025.

7. Rewiring of Church Hall

The Church hall was rewired and upgraded during the months of May, June and July 2024 and all of the expenses of this work was paid in 2024 except for a final payment of £3,685 which was paid in January 2025 at the end of the defects liability period in line with standard building works practice.

The cost of the project was financed from the parish's own resources and monies raised through Light the Way including £11,578 received from HMRC in Gift Aid (Note 3).

Further major rewiring and upgrading works in respect of the Church are planned to be undertaken in 2025.

8. Transactions with Trustees and Church Officers

Reverend Ken McGrath received £34,347.31 in respect of the payment of his stipend, locmotory expenses and office expenses. He was also reimbursed £401.04 for the purchase of Alpha Course materials, scripture union materials for use in local schools, audio visual expenses and a microphone

The following Trustees were reimbursed in 2024 for purchases made on behalf of the Church

	£
Honor Craig	40.80
David Jackson	1249.00
Sheenagh Johnston	219.05
Marilyn McBride	82.40
Doreen Montgomery	174.49
Margaret Murphy	80.85
Philip Osborne	47.00
Total	1893.59

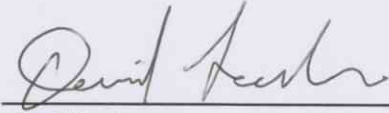
In value terms, most of the reimbursement related to the purchase of a Marquee which was funded from the receipt of a community outreach donation made by the Co-Operative Society in October 2023

No other Trustees received any payments.

There were 7 payments totalling £1221.11 made to Wendy Jenkins as reimbursement for expenses relating to Messy Church. Sam McBurney Junior was reimbursed £126.97 for church running expenses.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024			
	Note	Total	Total
		2024	2023
		£	£
Cash Funds			
No1 Account		26,685.36	13,097.67
Freewill Offering Account		38,593.51	53,052.52
Total Cash Funds		65,278.87	66,150.19
Outstanding Contribution to Diocese		0.00	0.00
Net Parish Assets (Liabilities)		65,278.87	66,150.19

Accounts approved by Select Vestry Trustees on 18th May 2025



David Jackson



Lucille Crossley

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Accounts

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED, RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED ACCOUNTS FOR
ST DOROTHEA'S PARISH, GILNAHIRK,
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Plate Collection	59,541	4,775	64,316	59,955
Gift Aid (Note 9)	2,009		2,009	10,438
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	15,320		15,320	13,266
Rental of Premises	0		0	0
Grants	600	5,000	5,600	8,510
Mission Link	0	1,942	1,942	1,862
Receipts on behalf of third parties	390	1,260	1,650	997
Receipts from Parish Organisations	450	0	450	300
New Rectory	0		0	4,629
Rewiring Project		33,195	33,195	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	78,310	46,172	124,482	99,957

PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	41,168		41,168	27,718
Diocesan Costs	19,800		19,800	33,316
Organist	4,350		4,350	3,190
Cleaning	4,943		4,943	4,526
Church Running Costs	5,802		5,802	5,422
Insurance	3,391		3,391	5,698
Loan Repayments and Bank Charges	851		851	729
Glebe Costs	7,990		7,990	15,974
Parish Costs (Note 7)	1,260	3,474	4,734	5,805
Administration Costs	2,442		2,442	2,137
Fundraising Costs	2,411		2,411	2,078
Charitable Donations	0	3,011	3,011	2,890
Kitchen Refurbishment	0	0	0	1,679
Discharge of Diocesan Grant (Note 8)	0	2,241	2,241	0
New Rectory	0		0	4,479
TOTAL PAYMENTS	94,407	8,726	103,133	115,641

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the period 1 January to 31 December	-16,097	37,446	21,349	-15,684

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023			
	Note	Total	Total
		2023	2022
		£	£
Cash Funds			
No1 Account		13,097.67	10,120.91
Freewill Offering Account		53,052.52	34,680.30
Total Cash Funds		66,150.19	44,801.21
Outstanding Contribution to Diocese		0.00	0.00
Net Parish Assets (Liabilities)		66,150.19	44,801.21

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

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2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Total Cash at 1 January 2023	38,085	6,716	44,801	60,485
Receipts for period 1/1 to 31/12/2023	78,310	46,172	124,482	99,957
Payments for period 1/1 to 31/12/2023	94,407	8,726	103,133	115,641
Total Cash at 31 December 2023	21,988	44,162	66,150	44,801

3. Charitable Donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
BISHOPS' APPEAL FUND	500	300
POPPY APPEAL	287	660
CHRISTIAN AID	192	0
MISSIONS TO SEAFARERS	382	0
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY	1650	1930
Total	3011	2890

4. Transactions with Trustees and Church Officers

Reverend Ken McGrath received £31,855.92 in respect of the payment of his stipend, locomotory expenses and office expenses. He was also reimbursed £101.00 for the purchase of candles and a microphone.

The following were reimbursed during the period of their Trusteeship in 2023.

	£
Kathryn Hale	40.00
David Jackson	830.00
Sheenagh Johnston	111.30
Jacqueline McBurney	141.00
Philip Osborne	207.97
Julie Ryan	88.38
Suzanne Shepherd	86.58
Total	1505.23

In value terms most of the above reimbursement covered cash floats for the Summer Fair and Craft Fair. No other Trustees received any payments.

There were six payments totalling £651.45 to Wendy Jenkins. as reimbursement for expenses relating to Messy Church.

5. Grants Received

1. There was a single payment of £600 from Power NI in January 2023 as part of the Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Northern Ireland discount funded by the Government.
2. A grant of £5,000 from the Diocese of Down and Dromore's Rejuvenation Fund.

6. Payments to the Diocese

Total payments to the Diocese were £19,858 (£33,316 in 2022)

	£
"per cure" pension payment	10,848
General Assessment Contributions	8952
Insurance	58
Total	19,858

7. Parish Costs

The parish costs include a final payment of £3,474 for an upgrade to the Garden of Rest which was undertaken in 2022/2023 with an agreement that payment would be discharged in

8. Diocesan Grant Discharge

In 2022, the parish received a grant of £5,000 from the Diocesan Rejuvenation Fund. During 2024, £2,241 of that grant was spent on outreach activity related to rejuvenation and one-off or new types of activity.

£1,286 was spent on the establishment of Light the Way.

£670 was spent on Messy Church activity

£105 was spent on Family Service.

£100 was spent on a refurbished Church Notice Board

£80 was spent on the Summer Fair

The unspent grant monies are still at the disposal of the Parish in 2024.

9. Gift Aid

There was less received in Gift Aid in 2023, arising from the change in Honorary Treasurer

in November 2022, which required liaison with HMRC and a period of familiarisation with the detail of what had been claimed in 2022. In the first three months of 2024, four claims were submitted to HMRC and the Parish received £15,446 in Gift Aid. These claims relate to eligible donations made in the 2022 and 2023 calendar years. A further claim is planned to be submitted to HMRC before the end of April 2024. It is expected that this will result in a Gift Aid receipt of approximately £4,000 to £5,000.

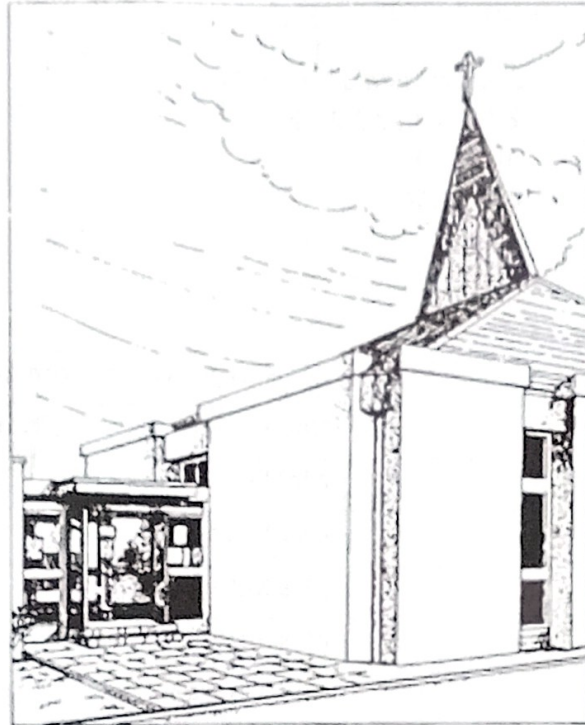
Claims for monies given in 2024 will then commence.

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Annual report

***St Dorothea's Church
Parish of Gilnahirk***



***Trustees' Annual Report
and Statement of Receipts & Payments
& Assets and Liabilities***

For the period:

1 January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC102538

St Dorothea's Parish Church

References and administrative details

Charity Name: St Dorothea's Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: NIC 102538

Contact Address: St Dorothea's Parish Church
2-4 Gortland Park
BELFAST
BT5 7NU

Trustees

Rev. Ken McGrath	Mr Harry Kissock (from 16.04.23)
Mr Philip Osborne	Mrs Deirdre Kissock (from 16.04.23)
Mrs Margaret Murphy	Mr Harry Lennox (from 16.04.23)
Mrs Sheenagh Johnston	Mrs Doreen Montgomery
Mrs Marilyn McBride	Mrs Kathy Hale
Mr David Jackson	Mrs Suzanne Shepherd (resigned on 16.04.23)
Miss Honor Craig	Mrs Maureen Hunter (resigned on 16.04.23)
Miss Kathryn McBurney	Mrs Julie Ryan (resigned on 04.09.2023)
Mrs Jackie McBurney	

Principal Office-bearers:

Clergy: Rev. Ken McGrath

Diocesan Lay Reader Wendy Jenkins

Lay Readers Margaret McNulty

Petrina Kendall

Hon. Secretary Honor Craig

Hon. Treasurer: David Jackson

Church Warden- Rector's Phillip Osborne

Church Warden – People's: Maggie Murphy

Glebe Warden – Rector's:

Sheenagh Johnston

Glebe Warden – People's:

Marilyn McBride

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Mr Joe Crowe

Bankers

First Trust Bank
11-15 Donegall Square North
BELFAST
BT5 5GB

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the St Dorothea's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

(the wording supplied for Charitable Objectives and Activities were approved by General Synod in 2015.)

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

The principal function of St Dorothea's Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Dorothea's Parish Church 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 Dorothea's Parish 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 the select vestry of St Dorothea's Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The parish continues to use its buildings and resources to serve the youth and adults in the local community in many ways, including each night of the week, in the name of promoting the Christian religion and its values among people from all walks of life:

Sunday

Morning services are at 8:30am and 10:15am.

The 8:30am service is almost always Holy Communion Form 1 BCP

The 10:15am service follows a cycle of service styles. All-Age service; Morning Prayer BCP; Morning Worship Informal but liturgical and Holy Communion Form 2 BCP. If a fifth Sunday occurs usually it will be Morning Prayer BCP. A Sunday School is provided at most of our 10:15am services

Evening service has stabilised at 7:00pm. A range of different expressions have been included: Taizé, Informal Worship, Jesus Lifestyle Course, Wholeness and wellbeing.

Wednesday

Each Wednesday at 10:30am a Holy Communion (Form 1) service is held.

Monday-Friday

The youth organisations meet during weekday evenings and Messy Church is held once a month on the second Friday at 3pm, with a break during the summer months.

Our Knit and Natter group met each month on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday afternoons.

Mothers' Union met each month on 2nd Wednesday afternoon

Our Prayer Focus Group and Bible Study Group met on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

At other times, the parish halls and Gortland Room are available to use for occasional community events and occasions.

January to December (except June, July and August):

1st Sunday – refreshments were provided after the 10.15am service on the first Sunday of each month

January:

15th – Pulpit swap for Christian Unity week. Rev. Stephen Moore of Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church preached at the 10.15am service.

Also during Christian Unity week local clergy take a week of assemblies in Our Lady & St Patrick's College, Knock. There is also a chance to join some RE classes.

March:

1st – Parish Quiz (proceeds split between church funds and Missions to Seafarers)

3rd - World Day of Prayer service hosted by St Dorothea's

April:

2nd – Palm Sunday Breakfast at 9am

2nd – Palm Sunday Prayer walk with the joint churches group in Gilnahirk and Braniel

16th – Annual General Vestry meeting

May:

14th – 20th - Christian Aid week (parishioners took part in door-to-door collections)

21st – Service to mark end of Christian Aid week with guest speaker Ruth Cooke

June:

4th – service with uniformed youth organisations

In conjunction with other church leaders and SUNI help present "It's your move" to P7 pupils in Gilnahirk Primary School.

Urban Saints – Gilnahirk use St. Dorothea's grounds for their Saturday night programme.

September:

2nd - Summer Fête

3rd - Worship Band from Bloomfield Presbyterian joined Richard Ryan (organist) to lead the music at a Sunday morning service

10th - Sunday School re-started

17th – Official launch of Light the Way fundraising project to rewire the church buildings by Lord and Lady Eames.

Tullycarnet Church Plant use Gortland room for weekly bible study meetings

October:

1st - Harvest Service and Lunch (with proceeds going to our linked Diocese of Bukavu in Democratic Republic of Congo). Non-perishable food and toiletry items were collected and then donated to Dundonald Foodbank.

15th – Gift Day for Light the Way

30th Oct.-1st Nov. - A 3 Day Bible Club was held during the half-term break. Drama Group "Playit Byear" took a lead in this outreach activity and were supported by some of our Messy Church team.

November:

5th – collection of shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse

12th - Remembrance Service at 10.15am attended by the uniformed youth organisations, each of which provided a colour party. There was a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion.

18th – Craft Fair

24th – Bangor Ladies Choir concert

December:

2nd – NI Patchwork Guild meeting (in Minor Hall)

3rd – Advent Carol Service

8th – Play it by Ear Panto (in conjunction with Messy Church)

17th – Nine Lessons and Carols (by candle-light)

24th – Christingle Service at 10.30am

24th – Midnight Holy Communion at 11.15pm

25th – Holy Communion at 8.30am

25th – Family celebration at 10.30am

Other Mission and Outreach to the Community throughout the year

Parishioners receive collection boxes for the Church Missionary Society, which are collected once a year and the money sent to CMSI.

A foodbank box is situated in the church porch, to which parishioners and others contribute items of food and household goods. This is emptied regularly by Dundonald Foodbank.

There is a loose change collection throughout the year, with the proceeds going to the Diocese of Bukavu, DR Congo.

There were eight funerals and one baptism during 2023.

Rev. Ken McGrath carries out a systematic visitation of the parish, with priority given to the elderly, housebound and the sick.

This overview of the parish activities for the year in no way does justice to the army of volunteers who work hard to make things happen in the parish.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

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 period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a "going concern"

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (continued)

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, and who contribute to parish funds, 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

Rev. Ken McGrath served as Bishop's Curate and received a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland including office expenses and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting (commonly called the Easter Vestry).

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

The select vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry met 12 times during the year and the average attendance was 85%.

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 activities 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

Deirdre Kissock

Trustee 2

KMHale

Date

8/4/24.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report

To the Trustees of ST DOROTHEA'S CHURCH, PARISH OF GILNAHIRK

I am reporting on the accounts of **ST DOROTHEA'S CHURCH, PARISH OF GILNAHIRK**, for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 5 of the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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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 2008.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

I have completed my examination and advise the Trustees that. I have no concerns in relation to matters (1) to (4) listed above

In connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland I have found no further matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:  _____

Name: Joseph Crowe

Address: 5 Tudor Oaks, Holywood, BT18 0PA

Date: 29th May 2024

BELFAST/Belfast: Gilnahirk/St.Dorothea/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102538

Accounts

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED, RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED
ACCOUNTS FOR ST DOROTHEA'S PARISH, GILNAHIRK, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1
JANUARY 2022 AND ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 to 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Plate Collection	53,449.60	6,505.00	59,954.60	58,463.00
Gift Aid	9,633.12	805.00	10,438.12	20,326.00
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	13,266.11		13,266.11	2,654.00
Rental of Premises	-		-	-
Grants	1,510.00	7,000.00	8,510.00	
Mission Link		1,862.25	1,862.25	886.00
Receipts on behalf of third parties	515.00	481.50	996.50	292.00
Receipts from Parish Organisations	300.00		300.00	-
Rectory Sale	-		-	6,834.00
New Rectory	4,629.38		4,629.38	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,303.21	16,653.75	99,956.96	89,455.00

PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	27,718		27,718	2,300
Diocesan Costs	33,316		33,316	25,147
Organist	3,190		3,190	2,580
Cleaning	4,526		4,526	1,962
Church Running Costs	5,422		5,422	2,282
Insurance	5,698		5,698	3,456
Loan Repayments and Bank Charges	729		729	653
Glebe Costs	15,974		15,974	25,930
Parish Costs	5,805		5,805	3,365
Administration Costs	2,137		2,137	1,037
Fundraising Costs	2,078		2,078	540
Charitable Donations	183	2,707	2,890	850
Kitchen Refurbishment		1,679	1,679	20,452
New Rectory	4,479		4,479	
Old Rectory - Sale			-	6,690
TOTAL PAYMENTS	111,254	4,386	115,640	97,245

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022	- 27,951	12,268	- 15,683	- 7,790
	-		- 15,683	

Total funds carried forward at 1 January 2022	102,400	- 4,708	97,692	
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	74,449	7,560	82,009	97,692
			82,009	

£82,009 represents the cumulative surplus of receipts since the year ending 31st December 2016

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022			
		Total	Total
		2022	2021
		£	£
Cash Funds			
No 1 Account		10,120.91	47,333.13
Freewill Offering Account		34,680.30	13,151.38
Total Cash Funds		44,801.21	60,484.51
Outstanding Contribution to Diocese		0.00	-64,823.45
Net Parish Assets (Liabilities)		44,801.21	(4,338.94)

Accounts approved by Select Vestry Trustees on 16 April 2023

Signed: David Jackson

Signed: Jackie McBurney

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 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 in the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis
- (b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities: The Parish does not hold any Investments Assets nor does it have any assets retained for the Parish's own use.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£		£	£
Total Cash at 1 January 2022	66,036.24	-5,551.73	60,484.51	68,274.34
Receipts for period 1/1 to 31/12/2022	83,303.11	16,654.25	99,957.36	89,454.86
Payments for period 1/1 to 31/12/2022	111,254.12	4,386.14	115,640.26	97,244.69
Total Cash at 31 December 2022	38,085.23	6,716.38	44,801.61	60,484.51

3. Charitable Donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
BISHOP'S APPEAL FUND	300	0
POPPY APPEAL	660	0
CHRISTIAN AID		0
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY	1930	800
Total	2890	800

4. New Rectory

In 2021, the parish used the proceeds of the sale of the former rectory at 237 Lower Braniel Road to purchase a new rectory at 2 Crawford Park.

In 2022, there was a programme of necessary works undertaken to bring the rectory into line with the standards prescribed by Church authorities. These costs were met directly by the Representative

Church Body (RCB) or reimbursed by the RCB where the parish had met the expense in the first instance.

5. **Transactions with Trustees and Church Officers**

During the period 30 May to 31st December 2022, the Rev. Ken McGrath received £19,629.86 in respect of the payment of his stipend, locomotory expenses and other office expenses. He was also reimbursed £45.98 for the purchase of cards publicising the Alpha course hosted in September, October and November.

The following Trustees received reimbursement of expenses during the period:

	£
Norma Connelly	203.84
Kathryn Hale	25.00
Maureen Hunter	1,503.90
Sheenagh Johnston	502.40
Marilyn McBride	47.85
Doreen Montgomery	431.83
Margaret Murphy	262.00
Philip Osborne	51.93
Suzanne Shepherd	60.09
Total	3,088.84

£1,896.40 of these expenses were in connection with the new Rectory, with the rest relating to running costs.

No other Trustees received any payments.

There were two payments of £311.62 to Wendy Jenkins (Diocesan Reader) as reimbursement for expenses relating to Messy Church.

Richard Ryan (Organist) was paid £35.12 as a reimbursement for the renewal of web-related services.

6. **Grants Received**

In 2022 there were 3 separate grants received by the Parish.

In chronological order these were:

1. COVID support grant of £1,510 provided by the RCB to the Diocese to be paid to each 'cure' within the Diocese to help and encourage Parishes as they deal with the additional costs of COVID.
2. A grant of £2,000 from the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund towards the Kitchen Refurbishment. The application for grant was made on the basis that this was an upgrading of facilities to enable Parish outreach and community work.
3. A grant of £5,000 from the Diocese of Down and Dromore's Rejuvenation Fund.

7. **Payments to the Diocese**

Diocesan Costs totalled £33,316 (£25,147 in 2021). These were for:

Repayment of outstanding contributions to the Diocese	16,824
"per cure" pension payment	7982
General Assessment Contributions	8448
Insurance	62
Total	33,316

8. **Garden of Rest**

An upgrade to the Garden of Rest was commenced in 2022 on the basis of a quote for £6,948. In 2022, the Parish paid £3,474 with the balance being paid in March 2023.

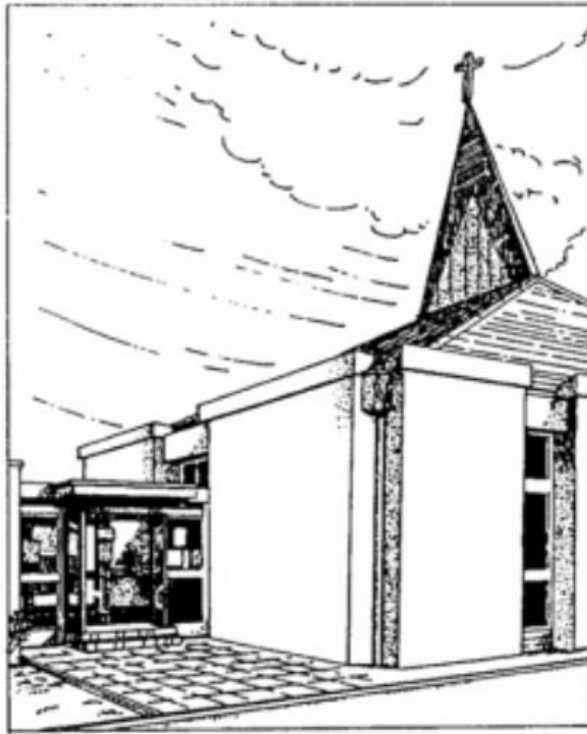
In 2022, £3,950 was raised through donations (and associated Gift Aid) from parishioners.

BELFAST/Belfast: Gilnahirk/St.Dorothea/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102538

Annual report

***St Dorothea's Church
Parish of Gilnahirk***



***Trustees' Annual Report
and Statement of Receipts & Payments
& Assets and Liabilities***

For the period:

1 January 2022 – 31st December 2022

Charities Number: NIC102538

St Dorothea's Parish Church

References and administrative details

Charity Name: **St Dorothea's Parish Church**

Charity Registration Number: **NIC 102538**

Contact Address: **St Dorothea's Parish Church
2-4 Gortland Park
BELFAST
BT5 7NU**

Trustees

Rev. Ken McGrath (from 02.05.22)	Mr David Jackson (from 07.11.22)
Mrs Maureen Hunter	Mrs Marilyn McBride
Mrs Norma Connelly (resigned 07.11.22)	Mr Harry Kissock (resigned 26.04.22)
Mrs Jacqueline Reid (resigned 26.04.22)	Mrs Deirdre Kissock (resigned 26.04.22)
Mrs Jackie McBurney	Mrs Suzanne Shepherd
Mrs Margaret Murphy	Mrs Doreen Montgomery
Mrs Sheenagh Johnston	Mrs Kathy Hale
Mr Phillip Osborne	Mrs Julie Ryan
Miss Kathryn McBurney	Miss Honor Craig

Principal Office-bearers:

Clergy: **Rev. Ken McGrath (from 2nd May 2022)**

Diocesan Lay Reader **Maureen Bennett (until May 2022)**

Wendy Jenkins

Lay Readers **Margaret McNulty**

Petrina Kendall

Hon. Secretary **Maureen Hunter**

Hon. Treasurer: **Norma Connelly (until 07.11.22)**

David Jackson (from 07.11.22)

Church Warden- Rector's: **Phillip Osborne**
Church Warden – People's: **Maggie Murphy**
Glebe Warden – Rector's: **Harry Kissock (until 26.04.22)**
Sheenagh Johnston (from 26.04.22)
Glebe Warden – People's: **Deirdre Kissock (until 26.04.22)**
Marilyn McBride (from 26.04.22)

Independent Examiner of Accounts **Mr Joe Crowe**

Bankers **First Trust Bank**
11-15 Donegall Square North
BELFAST
BT5 5GB

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the St Dorothea's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

(the wording supplied for Charitable Objectives and Activities were approved by General Synod in 2015.)

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

The principal function of St Dorothea's Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Dorothea's Parish Church 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 Dorothea's Parish 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 the select vestry of St Dorothea's Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

During the 2022 reporting period, the Clerical position in the parish was vacant until 2nd May 2022 when Rev. Ken McGrath was introduced as Bishop's Curate. At that date, clerical responsibility passed from the Diocese to Rev. McGrath.

During 2022, normal worship resumed, along with church activities and in-person fundraising.

Sunday

Morning Services at 8.30am and 10.15am

Evening services:

1st Sunday Taizé

2nd Sunday Alpha (started Sept.)

3rd Sunday Alpha (started Sept.)

4th Sunday Praise Service

Monday-Friday

The youth organisations began meeting again during weekday evenings and Messy Church started again in October and was held once a month on the second Friday at 3pm.

Our Knit and Natter group met each month on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday afternoons.

Mothers' Union met each month on 2nd Wednesday afternoon

Our Prayer Focus Group and Bible Study Group met on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

At other times, the parish halls and Gortland Room are available to use for occasional community events and occasions.

January to December (except June and July):

1st Sunday – refreshments were again provided after the 10.15am service on the first Sunday of each month

May:

2nd – Introduction of Rev. Ken McGrath as Bishop’s Curate

15th-21st - Christian Aid week (parishioners took part in door-to-door collections)

June:

5th – service with uniformed youth organisations to celebrate Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee.

August:

Sunday evenings – church open for prayer 6.30-8pm

14th – visiting preacher: Bishop Bahati from our linked Diocese of Bukavu in DR Congo

September:

3rd - Summer Fête (our first since the Covid lockdown)

11th – Sunday School re-started

October:

9th - Harvest Service and Lunch (with proceeds going to our linked Diocese of Bukavu in Democratic Republic of Congo). Non-perishable food and toiletry items were collected and then donated to Dundonald Foodbank.

November:

6th – collection of shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse

13th - Remembrance Service at 10.15am attended by the uniformed youth organisations, each of which provided a colour party. There was a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion.

19th – Craft Fair

27th - An Advent Carols and Readings service at 7pm.

December:

3rd – NI Patchwork Guild meeting (in Minor Hall)

Sunday 18th - CHRISTINGLE service at 10:15am.

Sunday 18th - 9 Lessons and Carols (by candle-light) at 7:00pm

Friday 23rd - Messy Nativity

Saturday 24th – Christmas Eve. “Mid-night Holy Communion” 11:30pm – 12:15 approx.

Sunday 25th – Christmas Day Holy Communion – 8:30am and “Family Worship for Christmas” 10:15am

Refurbishment of the Garden of Rest was carried out during 2022 in order to increase capacity.

The refurbishment of the new Rectory at 2 Crawford Park, Belfast was completed and Rev. Ken McGrath and his wife moved into the premises in June 2022.

Other Mission and Outreach to the Community throughout the year

Parishioners receive collection boxes for the Church Missionary Society, which are collected once a year and the money sent to CMSI.

A foodbank box is situated in the church porch, to which parishioners and others contribute items of food and household goods. This is emptied regularly by Dundonald Foodbank.

There is a loose change collection throughout the year, with the proceeds going to the Diocese of Bukavu, DR Congo.

There were 11 funerals and one baptism during 2022.

Until 2nd May 2022 the pastoral needs of the parish were covered by Canon Walter Lavery. From that date, Rev. Ken McGrath took over this responsibility and has continued carrying out a systematic visitation of the parish, with priority given to the elderly, housebound and the sick.

This overview of the parish activities for the year in no way does justice to the army of volunteers who work hard to make things happen in the parish.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

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 period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a “going concern”

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 (continued)

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, and who contribute to parish funds, 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

During the period 1st January to 2nd May 2022, the parish did not have an incumbent in post. Some services were undertaken by Canon Walter Laverty. The Diocese billed the parish for these services in line with Diocesan rates. Other clerical duties undertaken by Diocesan lay readers are not remunerated. On 2nd May 2022 Rev. Ken McGrath was introduced as Bishop's Curate and received a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland including office expenses and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Annual General Vestry meeting (commonly called the Easter 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 9 times during the year and the average attendance was 90%.

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 activities 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 Honor Craig

Trustee 2 Jackie McBurney

Date 22nd October 2023

BELFAST/Belfast: Gilnahirk/St.Dorothea/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102538

Annual return

Independent examiner's report

To the Trustees of ST DOROTHEA'S CHURCH, PARISH OF GILNAHIRK

I am reporting on the accounts of **ST DOROTHEA'S CHURCH, PARISH OF GILNAHIRK**, for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 5 of the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008.
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 2008.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

I have completed my examination and advise the Trustees that a full review of Gift Aid claims for the year should be undertaken to ensure completeness and accuracy. Claims made in the early part of the year carried some errors leading to claims for the latter part of the year not being compiled to avoid an over-claim being submitted to HMRC. I have no other concerns in relation to matters (1) to (4) listed above

In connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland I have found no further matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:  _____

Name: Joseph Crowe

Address: 5 Tudor Oaks, Holywood, BT18 0PA

Date: 14th November 2023