

DONAGHADEE/Donaghadee/Donaghadee Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102612

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£178,453	£164,666	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Barry McWilliams		
Mr David Monahan		
Mr Frank Humphreys		
Mr Garth Boyd		
Mr Gary Robinson		
Mr Gerard Mckeown		
Mr Gerry Mcgrath		
Mr Ian Henderson		
Mr Norman May		
Mr Samuel David Martin		
Mr Steven Bain		
Mr Thomas Cunningham		
Mrs Diane Finlay		
Mrs Heather Heaney		
Mrs Sarah Gregg		
Mrs Sophie Glendenning		
Rev Ian Gamble		

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DONAGHADEE PARISH CHURCH

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Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

Year Ending 31 December 2024

The Trustees present the Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Donaghadee Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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Bankers

Danske Bank
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BT23 7HS

Financial Review

During the year ending 31 December 2024 income increased from £154,426 in 2023 to £178,453. This was a steady growth recovering from the Downturn seen the year before. The inflationary pressures seen in 2023 continued apace and church running costs were notably affected. Nevertheless, overall funds increased which is essential as future work on the fabric of the Church will be substantial. The Trustees continue to manage funds carefully with this future work clearly in mind.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned or unexpected expenditure. The Parish regularly monitors its financial reserves, receipts and payments, planned activity and financial commitment. It aims to build its free reserves and unrestricted general funds. The appropriateness of the level of reserves will be monitored regularly and subject to review each year.

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 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals	Totals
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and plate collections		109,937	34,607		144,544	126,433
Fund Raising Events			17,242		17,242	11,998
Legacies		0	0		0	0
Bank & Deposit Interest			3,113		3,113	1,998
Rental of Premises	Note 3		6,960		6,960	6,270
Insurance claim - windows			0		0	0
Other receipts			5,415	529	5,945	5,977
Receipts from Parish Organisations			650		650	1,750
TOTAL RECEIPTS		109,937	67,987	529	178,453	154,426
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals	Totals
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Wages & Salaries			82,368		82,368	80,750
Diocesan Cost/ Assessment			10,937		10,937	13,897
Church Running Costs			24,124		24,124	7,405
Glebe Costs			2,200		2,200	2,499
Parish Centre Costs			23,464		23,464	14,266
Administration			10,989		10,989	9,407
Loan Repayments			0		0	0
Charitable Donations			10,344		10,344	9,591
Bank Charges			241		241	229
TOTAL PAYMENTS			164,666		164,666	138,045
Excess of Receipts over Payments		109,937	-96,679	529	13,787	16,381

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024.

1. Accounting Policies

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(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

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▪ Rectory	£135,000
▪ Church Hall	£0
▪ Curatage	£95,000

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2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Total Cash Funds at Beginning of Year	£214,163
Receipts for the Year	£178,453
Payments for the Year	£164,666
Total Cash Funds at end of the Year	£227,950

3. Rental of Premises

Income from letting of the Curatage (£6,960) was applied to the General Fabric Fund for the maintenance of Parish premises and property.

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Fund Raising Events			11,998		11,998	12,153
Legacies		0	0		0	0
Bank & Deposit Interest			1,998		1,998	163
Rental of Premises	Note 3		6,270		6,270	6,045
Insurance claim - windows			0		0	479
Other receipts			5,448	488	5,977	8,393
Receipts from Parish Organisations			1,750		1,750	525
TOTAL RECEIPTS		98,644	55,294	488	154,426	187,033
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals	Totals
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Wages & Salaries			80,750		80,750	70,116
Diocesan Cost/ Assessment			13,897		13,897	13,201
Church Running Costs			7,405		7,405	6,055
Glebe Costs			2,499		2,499	2,293
Parish Centre Costs			14,266		14,266	19,114
Administration			9,407		9,407	7,662
Loan Repayments			0		0	0
Charitable Donations			9,591		9,591	10,942
Bank Charges			229		229	225
TOTAL PAYMENTS			138,045		138,045	129,608
Excess of Receipts over Payments		98,644	-82,751	488	16,381	57,425

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Payments for the Year	£138,045
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Annual report

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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32 Rosepark
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Mr David Franklin
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The purpose of the charity

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The maintenance and development of the Christian Faith, the Parish has custody of property and of records, in the care of the Select Vestry of the Parish used in pursuit of our charitable purpose.

The Activities of the Charity

Worship and prayer

At the heart of Donaghadee Parish Church are worship, teaching and prayer.

- Services each Sunday:
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We hold regular services with other churches in the town as well as for the local community, services for District Scouts and Guides, and local schools. On Remembrance Sunday the RBL, the Army Reserve and the ACF join us for morning worship. On 1st July, the rector conducts a Somme Remembrance Service for the local Orange Order.

Pastoral care

As a town Donaghadee has become a popular retirement area with many sheltered dwellings, apartments complexes and Nursing Homes. Our Parish seeks to provide pastoral care during times of sickness, bereavement, care for the elderly and those who are house bound and those in hospital, as well as the wider congregation. We also minister to young families who come for Holy Baptism and couples who wish to get married. We have a strong pastoral ministry in hospitals and nursing homes as well as visiting in people's homes, especially at difficult times.

Outreach

Donaghadee Parish Church seeks to reach out into our community through a range of caring and activity programs for adults and young people.

We provide a variety of activities for adults including Indoor Bowling Club (3 sessions per week), Women's Fellowship and Monday Club for the older folk. These are opportunities to engage with each other and build friendships and fellowship. We also have a Men's Work Party who provide practical help in buildings and grounds maintenance - this also builds fellowship amongst our men.

For young people we have a Sunday School, uniformed organizations (Scouts and Guides) and our Parent and Toddlers Group. We also have the Army Cadet Force Detachment who use our halls each week.

Donaghadee Parish reaches beyond our town through our links in prayer and financial support, given through the Church Missionary Society, to its work in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan.

Donaghadee Parish Select Vestry makes our Parish Halls available for use during the year groups who provide resources for programs for good mental health, hearing loss and vaccination clinics provided by Donaghadee Health Centre. Several thousand people have been vaccinated in our Halls both for Covid and the flu for several years now.

The Achievements of the Charity

Central to the work of Donaghadee Parish is teaching God's word to bring Parishioners into a deeper knowledge and understanding of faith in Jesus Christ and fostering a real sense of congregational cohesion as we reach out into the local community in Donaghadee. We have a Christian discipleship course called Pilgrim which is proving very helpful and popular - as well as a weekly Bible Study group.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and giving and receiving of pastoral care, a deeper understanding of the Bible and improved values relating to building fellowship and engaging with our local town community.

Donaghadee Parish is a multigenerational Church, and we seek to build strong caring relationships across all age groups. Church Services are well attended and demonstrate a keen public interest and benefit to the wider community.

Combined attendance at Sunday Services averages around 180 people but special services such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day attract very large congregations. The congregation appreciates the variety of worship in Donaghadee and discerns the presence of God with us. Our mid-week Healing Service has a regular attendance of well over thirty people and includes many from other congregations in the town. During the year Donaghadee Parish had five Baptisms, one wedding, and twenty funerals. We employ a very active Youth Worker and are developing our ministry to young people and to our children through Sunday School/Club.

Activities outside normal Church services included barbeques, quizzes, fellowship nights and concerts, and trips away. These engage our church membership, build fellowship and aid outreach and pastoral care. These were of enormous social and religious public benefit.

Overall, the beneficiaries of Donaghadee Parish Church are the congregation members and the general public. The public valuation of the benefit can be evidenced through attendance at public worship and church organizations, participation in church governance and willingness to support the work of the Church through Free Will Offering contributions, offerings for fabric upkeep and parish development, fund raising events and congregational social events.

The wider benefit to the public is the availability of a place for worshipping in the course of Christian outreach and the facilitation of weddings, funerals and baptisms. Experiencing pastoral ministry has been a prime route for people into our congregational life.

Governance & Administration

Donaghadee Parish Church is a part of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and the day-to-day running is the responsibility of the Select Vestry which normally meets monthly and is responsible for the Parish Fabric, Finance and Furnishings. The Select Vestry consists of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members elected at the General Vestry.

Parish administration is conducted with the assistance of volunteers who support the Select Vestry, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer as well as Committees responsible for Finance and Property

The Trustees recognise the range of statutory regulations and obligations that are relevant to our activities and our responsibilities thereto. The Trustees ensure adequate buildings and public liability insurance. Health risks and Fire Safety Inspections are undertaken to comply with necessary rules and regulations.

All our organisations for young people are run under the guidance of the Church of Ireland's Child Protection Policy (Safe Guarding Trust) and the Select Vestry ensures that this is adhered to.

Governing Documentation & Constitution of Donaghadee Parish

Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs parishes and parochial organisation. The Select Vestry Members are Charity Trustees.

No Trustee receives remuneration, reward, or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibilities with the exception of the Rector who receives a Parish stipend and accommodation at the Rectory.

No private benefit is received from the Trustees fulfilling their responsibilities in respect of buildings, fabric or records other than those available to the congregation and general public.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

On behalf of the Trustees:



Ian Gamble

Rector



Diane Finlay

Honorary Secretary



Heather Heaney

Honorary Treasurer

16 SEPT 2024

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Annual return

Donaghadee Parish Church

I report the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- A. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- B. Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- C. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Independent Voluntary Examiner



David Franklin – Chartered Accountant
15 Alexandra Road
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17 Sept 2024

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Fund Raising Events			12,153		12,153	4,715
Legacies		0	0		0	0
Bank & Deposit Interest			163		163	40
Rental of Premises	Note 3		6,045		6,045	5,580
Insurance claim - windows			0		0	479
Other receipts			6,415	1,978	8,393	5,090
Receipts from Parish Organisations			525		525	300
TOTAL RECEIPTS		105,612	79,443	1,978	187,033	138,853
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		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
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Wages & Salaries			70,116		70,116	56,621
Diocesan Cost/ Assessment			13,201		13,201	12,591
Church Running Costs			6,055		6,055	3,329
Glebe Costs			2,293		2,293	1,974
Parish Centre Costs			19,114		19,114	11,924
Administration			7,662		7,662	6,632
Loan Repayments			0		0	0
Charitable Donations			10,942		10,942	8,939
Bank Charges			225		225	203
TOTAL PAYMENTS		0	129,608		129,608	102,214
Excess of Receipts over Payments		105,612	-50,164	1,978	57,425	36,639

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Outreach

Donaghadee Parish Church seeks to reach out into our community through a range of caring and activity programs for adults and young people.

We provide a variety of activities for adults including Indoor Bowling Club (3 sessions per week), Women's Fellowship and Monday Club for the older folk. These are opportunities to engage with each other and build friendships and fellowship. We also have a Men's Work Party who provide practical help in buildings and grounds maintenance - this also builds fellowship amongst our men.

For young people we have a Sunday School, uniformed organizations (Scouts and Guides) and we have restarted our Parent and Toddlers Group. We also have the Army Cadet Force Detachment who use our halls each week.

Donaghadee Parish reaches beyond our town through our links in prayer and financial support, given through the Church Missionary Society, to its work in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan. This year we facilitated the refurbishment of a primary school devastated by local militia.

Donaghadee Parish Select Vestry makes our Parish Halls available for use during the year groups who provide resources for programs for good mental health, hearing loss and vaccination clinics provided by Donaghadee Health Centre. Several thousand people have been vaccinated in our Halls both for Covid and the flu.

The Achievements of the Charity

Central to the work of Donaghadee Parish is teaching God's word to bring Parishioners into a deeper knowledge and understanding of faith in Jesus Christ and fostering a real sense of congregational cohesion as we reach out into the local community in Donaghadee. We have a Christian discipleship course called Pilgrim which is proving very helpful and popular - as well as a weekly Bible Study group.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and giving and receiving of pastoral care, a deeper understanding of the Bible and improved values relating to building fellowship and engaging with our local town community.

Donaghadee Parish is a multigenerational Church, and we seek to build strong caring relationships across all age groups. Church Services are well attended and demonstrate a keen public interest and benefit to the wider community.

Combined attendance at Sunday Services averages around 180 people but special services such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day attract very large congregations. The congregation appreciates the variety of worship in Donaghadee and discerns the presence of God with us. Our mid-week Healing Service has a regular attendance of over 30 people and includes many from other congregations in the town. During the year Donaghadee Parish had three Baptisms, one wedding, and twenty funerals. We have employed a Youth Worker and are developing our ministry to young people and to our children Sunday School/Club.

Activities outside normal Church services included barbeques, dinners, fellowship nights and concerts, and trips away. These engage our church membership, build fellowship and aid outreach and pastoral care. These were of enormous social and religious public benefit.

Overall, the beneficiaries of Donaghadee Parish Church are the congregation members and the general public. The public valuation of the benefit can be evidenced through attendance at public worship and church organizations, participation in church governance and willingness to support the work of the Church through Free Will Offering contributions, offerings for fabric upkeep and parish development, fund raising events and congregational social events.

The wider benefit to the public is the availability of a place for worshipping in the course of Christian outreach and the facilitation of weddings, funerals and baptisms. Experiencing pastoral ministry has been a prime route for people into our congregational life.

Governance & Administration

Donaghadee Parish Church is a part of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and the day-to-day running is the responsibility of the Select Vestry which normally meets monthly and is responsible for the Parish Fabric, Finance and Furnishings. The Select Vestry consists of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members elected at the General Vestry.

Parish administration is carried out with the assistance of volunteers who support the Select Vestry, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer as well as Committees responsible for Finance and Property

The Trustees recognise the range of statutory regulations and obligations that are relevant to our activities and our responsibilities thereto. The Trustees ensure adequate buildings and public liability insurance. Health risks and Fire Safety Inspections are undertaken to comply with necessary rules and regulations.

All our organisations for young people are run under the guidance of the Church of Ireland's Child Protection Policy (Safe Guarding Trust) and the Select Vestry ensures that this is adhered to.

Governing Documentation & Constitution of Donaghadee Parish

Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs parishes and parochial organisation. The Select Vestry Members are Charity Trustees.

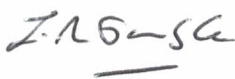
No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibilities with the exception of the Rector who receives a Parish stipend and accommodation at the Rectory.

No private benefit is received from the Trustees fulfilling their responsibilities in respect of buildings, fabric or records other than those available to the congregation and general public.


Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

On behalf of the Trustees:



Ian Gamble
Rector



Diane Finlay
Honorary Secretary



Heather Heaney
Honorary Treasurer

DONAGHADEE/Donaghadee/Donaghadee Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102612

Annual return

Donaghadee Parish Church

I report the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- A. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- B. Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- C. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

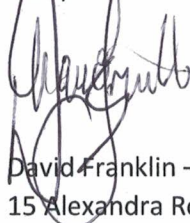
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Independent Voluntary Examiner



David Franklin – Chartered Accountant
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June 2023