

**UNITED PARISHES OF ST JOHN, WHITEHOUSE
& ST NINIAN, BELFAST
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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2023

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Company Information

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| Charity Reference Number | 102645 | | |
| Trustees | Rev Elaine O'Brien Emma Ferris Marina Bradley Ruth Browne Warren Kerr Anne Locke Reddell Lyle Agnes Malone John Malone James Moir Jean Moir Doreen Montgomery Geoffrey Montgomery Phyllis Montgomery William Montgomery Dennis Mulholland Peter Simpson Trevor Thompson | Chairperson Secretary | Resigned - 31 March 2023 Appointed - 19 March 2023 Resigned - 19 March 2023 |
| Honorary Treasurer | William Montgomery | | |
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UNITED PARISHES OF ST JOHN, WHITEHOUSE & ST NINIAN, BELFAST

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Principal objectives and activities

Objects

Our beliefs and practices derive from Scripture, reason and tradition. We provide a context in which people of diverse views can live and worship together.

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.

Activities

The Hall is used by a number of groups such as the Scouts, a youth led Creative Arts Group and Sure Start, a programme support for parents with children aged under four years old. The Charity Shop provides an important opportunity for the building of relationships across the communities as it is an informal space to meet and chat. A coffee shop operates on a Wednesday which brings people from both Communities together.

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the results of the charity during the year together with the financial position at 31 December 2023. They consider that the charity is also in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations. At the 31 December 2023 there was £93,329 of a surplus in unrestricted funds, with £8,191 of a surplus in restricted funds. The charity also has a Capital Fund reserve of £4,463,518 which relates to the valuation of the church building.

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Principal funding sources

All funding comes from offerings and donations made by parishioners and members of the public together with rental income (hire of church hall) and donations from the Charity Shop.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Constitution which is logged with the Charity's Commission.

Recruitment and appointment of board of trustees

New trustees are nominated by an existing trustee. This is then put to vote of a trustees meeting.

No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.



William Montgomery
Honorary Treasurer

31 March 2024

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Independent examiner's report

to the Trustees of UNITED PARISHES OF ST JOHN, WHITEHOUSE & ST NINIAN, BELFAST

I am reporting on the financial statements of UNITED PARISHES OF ST JOHN, WHITEHOUSE & ST NINIAN, BELFAST for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements 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.



RICHARD C SHIELDS MA, FCA

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09 April 2024