

Ballymena/Ahoghill & Portglenone/St. Colmanell,Ahoghill/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103119

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-07-22

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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
2025-12-31	£219,135	£109,442	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anita		
Anne		
Ashley		
Bernie		
Billy		
Dennis		
Elaine		
George		
Julie		
Margaret		
Niall		
Nigel		
Philip		
Rory		
Rosemary		
Sonia		
Tommy		

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Accounts



St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Commission NI Number: NIC103119

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References and administrative details

Charity Name: St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

Charity Registration Number: NIC103119

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Trustees

Dr Thomas Moody	Mr George Coulter	Mr Nigel McNeill	Mrs Sonia McAllister
Mrs Elaine McDonald	Mr William Armstrong	Mrs Anne Kee	Mr Bernard Frayne
Mrs Rosemary Frayne	Mr Alvin Donaghy	Mr Philip Thomson	Mr Niall Campbell
Mr Stephen McCallion	Mr William Shaw	Mrs Anita McNeill	Rev Dennis Christie
Mrs Donna Ashcroft			

The following trustees resigned during the year :-

Mr Raymond Rainey Mrs Heather Rainey Mrs Eileen Shaw

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy	Rev Dennis Christie
Church Secretary	Mr Alvin Donaghy
Church Treasurer	Mr William Armstrong
Church Warden - Clergy	Mrs Sonia McAllister
Church Warden - People	Mr William Shaw

Independent Examiner

Steven Potter FCA
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Colmanell's is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting 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 Colmanell's 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 Colmanell's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The church has achieved its objectives by the holding of regular religious services and also holding various youth and other activities for the benefit of the local community. The church holds regular public worship services on Sundays and worship services on Wednesdays and on other occasions associated with Christian festivals throughout the year.

Calendar year 2025 continued on from 2024 with normal based worship on a Sunday. "Normal" services consisted of Sunday morning prayer worship with the fourth Sunday of the month being an all-age service with a more relaxed format. An evening service was also conducted once a month. Sunday morning attendance ranged from 80 to 130 attendees. Sunday School and Youth Fellowship were fully functioning on a Sunday morning.

Outside of the worship services, the church is normally engaged in several outreach programmes into the local community, through organisations such as the Knitting Club, the local accordion band and Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT). Church members continue to engage in outreach programmes by sending cards and/or newssheets at Easter and Christmas. The Church continued to engage with the local community by organising successful outreach activities such as the Summer Fete, the Easter Tea and provided financial support to those in need through the compassion fund. The Church also arranged a number of successful fundraising events through the year including a tractor run, a quiz night, a Christmas Party and a very successful Remembrance Exhibition. A team from the Church took part in the Belfast Marathon relay which raised money for the building fund.

Overseas support for the Diocese of Ibba in South Sudan continued with a substantial donation and, in collaboration with Portglenone Parish, the Church hosted a visit from the Bishop of Ibba Diocese. This has served to strengthen existing links with our African friends and continues into 2026 with financial support for the clergy of the Diocese.

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

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General giving has been reviewed by the Trustees, and it is recognised that whilst the level of giving as a free will offering has remained steady at approximately £5,600 per month, it has not kept pace with inflation and the general increases in the cost of goods and services. Income to general funds during 2025 was enhanced by the receipt of a generous legacy. However, freewill offering by envelope and by standing order remains the main source of income to the general account.

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Expenditure during 2025 increased considerably mainly as a result of the aforementioned increased costs of goods and services. The replacement of essential IT equipment in the Church building also required significant capital spend.

In the second quarter of 2025, a concerted effort was made to encourage increased giving to the building fund, this resulted in a number of one-off donations, an increase to existing standing order amounts and a number of new standing orders. Income to the building fund from standing orders has increased from an average of £1,200 per month from January to June, to an average of over £2,500 per month from July to December 2025.

Envelope contributions to the building fund also saw a modest increase. In addition, £300,000 which had been transferred to an account with a more favourable interest rate, was returned to the building fund account with approximately £14,000 of interest. Overall, the building fund was significantly boosted by the combination of these activities.

There was minimal expenditure of £1,320 from the building fund account, this was for professional services provided during the year.

During 2025, the Parish achieved their target of distributing at least 10% of free will offering to Charitable causes across the local and wider community. Distribution to charitable causes will continue at the same level in 2026.

The trustees allocate income specifically designated for building projects to a buildings fund. This is held to provide funds for future building projects as the need arises. Funds are currently being accumulated to assist with the intended future construction of a new Parish Centre. Full planning approval has been granted for the new Parish Centre and enabling works have been completed.

The project to build the new Parish Centre took on a greater urgency during 2025. The inflationary increase in the cost of materials and professional services have resulted in a need to review the plans to explore all options with affordability being the primary consideration. In order to demonstrate stewardship and governance, a sub-committee was formed to focus on the Parish Centre Project and report back to the trustees.

In December 2025 a tender process was initiated for the building of the new Parish Centre. A number of contractors submitted competitive applications. The select vestry are in the process of choosing the preferred contractor. Work is planned to commence during 2026 with completion by end December 2026.

It should be noted as the buildings fund is not a wholly restricted fund, it has been agreed that, if required, funds can be moved to support all costs of the church.

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 2025 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

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. This allows them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

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 stipend of the Incumbent of the Parish is paid directly by the Parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 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 2025 the Select Vestry had 9 face to face meetings and an Easter Vestry. The average attendance was more than 75%. There were also a number of ad hoc meetings of the select vestry where urgent decisions were required.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law) Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

Statement as to disclosure to our Examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The independent examiner, Steven Potter, has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning his reappointment will be proposed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees -



Rev Dennis Christie
Rector



Dr Thomas Moody
Trustee



Mr William Armstrong
Trustee

Date: - 28 March 2026

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

I report on the accounts of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrual accounts, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records held by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008

Have not been met, or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Potter FCA

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Date: - 28 March 2026

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income						
Donations & legacies	3	109,496	54,532		164,028	107,526
Other trading activities	4	2,646	17,240		19,886	17,835
Investments	5	1,229	19,135		20,364	3,251
Charitable activities	6	1,228			1,228	2,339
Other income		13,629			13,629	11,928
Total Income		<u>128,228</u>	<u>90,907</u>		<u>219,135</u>	<u>142,876</u>
Expenditure on:						
Generating funds	7	3,502			3,502	10,512
Charitable activities	7	105,940			105,940	111,935
Other						
Total Expenditure		<u>109,442</u>			<u>109,442</u>	<u>122,447</u>
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before transfers		18,786	90,907		109,693	20,429
Transfers between funds		<u>(2,800)</u>	<u>2,800</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		15,986	93,707		109,693	20,429
Gain/(Loss) on investments						
Net movement in funds		<u>15,986</u>	<u>93,707</u>		<u>109,693</u>	<u>20,429</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		47,205	859,058		906,263	885,834
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>63,191</u></u>	<u><u>952,765</u></u>		<u><u>1,015,956</u></u>	<u><u>906,263</u></u>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	477,590	478,434
Investment Properties			
Investments			
Total fixed assets		<u>477,590</u>	<u>478,434</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	25,868	20,344
Cash and cash equivalents		515,528	410,340
Total current assets		<u>541,396</u>	<u>430,684</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,030)	(2,855)
Total creditors		<u>(3,030)</u>	<u>(2,855)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>538,364</u>	<u>427,829</u>
Total net Assets	13	<u>1,015,956</u>	<u>906,263</u>
The funds of the parish			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	14	63,191	47,205
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds		<u>63,191</u>	<u>47,205</u>
Restricted Funds	14	952,765	859,58
Endowment Funds			
Total charity funds		<u>1,015,956</u>	<u>906,263</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 17 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Select Vestry on 28 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dennis Christie
Rector



Dr Thomas Moody
Trustee



Mr William Armstrong
Trustee

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parish meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

c) Income

Plate Collections, Weekly Envelopes and Graveyard income are accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected.

Income arising from the rental of the Church Hall facilities to third parties is recognised when the parish has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Legacies are included within Income under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their fair value to the Parish.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) Tangible assets

The assets of the Parish comprise: -

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Church Hall
- Glebe House
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included on the balance sheet as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Church Hall was built in the 1950's. There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction and valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result, this building is not recognised in the parish balance sheet.

The Glebe House is recognised at cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at year end. No depreciation has been provided on the Glebe House as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

Fixtures and Fittings are recognised at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 years. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in 'Other operating (losses)/gains'.

f) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each balance sheet date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the fair value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and fair value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the fair value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses in investments are reported within "Net Gains / (Losses) on Investments" within the Statement of Financial Activities.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors Amounts falling due within 1 year.

h) Financial instruments

The Parish only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

i) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

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.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the Parish.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

2 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Parish's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Weekly envelopes / FWO	68,800	43,532		112,332	83,987
Tax recovered on donations	15,176	8,660		23,836	18,467
Legacies	23,000			23,000	-
Donations	2,520	2,340		4,860	5,072
Grants					
	<u>109,496</u>	<u>54,532</u>		<u>164,028</u>	<u>107,526</u>

4 Other trading activities

Pre-loved clothing sale				-	1,113
Ibba fundraising	2,009			2,009	7,741
Variety concert and quiz		610		610	3,320
Summer fete		2,772		2,772	3,393
Remembrance exhibition		13,091		13,091	-
General fundraising	637	767		1,404	2,368
	<u>2,646</u>	<u>17,240</u>		<u>19,886</u>	<u>17,835</u>

5 Investments

Deposit interest	1,166			1,166	1,088
Bank interest	63	19,135		19,198	2,163
	<u>1,229</u>	<u>19,135</u>		<u>20,364</u>	<u>3,251</u>

6 Charitable activities

Graveyard income	455			455	2,125
General fundraising	773			773	214
	<u>1,228</u>			<u>1,228</u>	<u>2,339</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

7 Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Generating Funds					
Fundraising costs	1,049			1,049	
Ibba fundraising	787			787	8,674
Other	1,666			1,666	1,838
	<u>3,502</u>			<u>3,502</u>	<u>10,512</u>
Charitable Activities					
Wages and salaries	49,360			49,360	50,580
Diocesan costs	20,671			20,671	19,121
Church running costs	12,105			12,105	13,534
Glebe costs	7,202			7,202	13,160
Charitable donations	5,754			5,754	5,255
Administration costs	10,848			10,848	10,285
Total expenditure	<u>105,940</u>			<u>105,940</u>	<u>111,935</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>109,442</u>			<u>109,442</u>	<u>122,447</u>

Governance costs are included within administration costs above.

8 Taxation

St Colmanell's Church of Ireland is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

9 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Employees

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	49,360	50,580
National insurance costs		
Total	<u>49,360</u>	<u>50,580</u>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Ministerial support	1	1
Music staff	0	0
Premises maintenance	0	0
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Key Management and Trustees

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. The parish paid expenses of £2,488 relating to the running costs of the Glebe House which is occupied by the rector. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year other than the Rector. The stipend and other expenses paid to the Rector totalled £49,220 (2024 - £48,429).

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.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	462,347	111,120	573,468
Additions	1,320	779	2,099
Disposals			
At end of the year	<u>463,667</u>	<u>111,899</u>	<u>575,566</u>
Depreciation			
At beginning of the year		95,033	95,033
Depreciation		2,943	2,943
Disposals			
At end of the year		<u>97,976</u>	<u>97,976</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>462,347</u>	<u>16,087</u>	<u>478,434</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u><u>463,667</u></u>	<u><u>13,923</u></u>	<u><u>477,590</u></u>

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sundry debtors	25,866	20,344
Other debtors		
	<u>25,866</u>	<u>20,344</u>

12 Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	3,030	2,855
	<u>3,030</u>	<u>2,855</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

13 Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	13,923		463,667		477,590
Investments					
Current Assets	52,296		489,100		541,396
Current Liabilities	(3,030)				(3,030)
Net assets at 31 Dec 2025	<u>63,189</u>	<u></u>	<u>952,767</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,015,956</u>

14 Funds of the Parish

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Endowment funds	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Restricted funds	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Buildings Fund	859,058	90,907		2,800	952,765
	<u>859,058</u>	<u>90,907</u>	<u></u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>952,765</u>
Unrestricted funds	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
General Fund	47,205	128,228	(109,442)	(2,800)	63,191
	<u>47,205</u>	<u>128,228</u>	<u>(109,442)</u>	<u>(2,800)</u>	<u>63,191</u>
Total funds	<u>906,263</u>	<u>219,135</u>	<u>(109,442)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015,956</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

– Buildings Fund: This ring fences funds for future building projects within the Parish which are necessary to support the church’s worship and outreach program.

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St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

Annual report and financial statements

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References and administrative details

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Trustees

Dr Thomas Moody	Mr George Coulter	Mr Raymond Rainey	Mr Nigel McNeil
Mrs Elaine McDonald	Mr William Armstrong	Mrs Anne Kee	Mr Bernard Frayne
Mrs Rosemary Frayne	Mr Alvin Donaghy	Mr Philip Thompson	Mr Niall Campbell
Mrs Heather Rainey	Mr Stephen McCallion	Mr William Shaw	Mrs Eileen Shaw
Rev Dennis Christie			

The following trustees resigned during the year :-

Mrs Donna Ashcroft
Mr Paul Leggett

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy	Rev Dennis Christie
Church Secretary	Mrs Heather Rainey
Church Treasurer	Mr William Armstrong
Church Warden - Clergy	Dr Thomas Moody
Church Warden - People	Mr William Shaw

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Colmanell's is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting 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 Colmanell's 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 Colmanell's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The church has achieved its objectives by the holding of regular religious services and also holding various youth and other activities for the benefit of the local community. The church holds regular public worship services on Sundays and worship services on Wednesdays and on other occasions associated with Christian festivals throughout the year.

Calendar year 2024 continued on from 2023 with Church services returning to normal based worship on a Sunday. "Normal" services consisted of Sunday morning prayer worship with the fourth Sunday of the month being an all-age service with a more relaxed format. An evening service was also conducted once a month. Sunday morning attendance ranged from 80 to 110 attendees. Sunday School and creche were fully functioning on a Sunday morning.

Outside of the worship services, the church is normally engaged in several outreach programmes into the local community, through organisations such the Knitting Club. Church members continue to engage in outreach programmes by sending cards and/or newssheets at Easter and Christmas. The Church Fete resumed in 2023 along with other successful outreach activities, including a Variety Night and a Pre-loved Clothes Sale.

The Rector and two parishioners from St Colmanell's went on an outreach mission to Ibba in South Sudan to help build relations with the local church. Fund raising and donations from the congregation supported this trip.

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.

Financial Review

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General giving has been reviewed by the Trustees, and it is recognised that whilst the level of giving has remained steady, it has not kept pace with inflation and the general increases in the cost of goods and services. Several letters and presentations on giving have been presented to the congregation, with regular givers indicating a willingness to provide additional support if required. The number of givers by monthly standing order had increased to more than 65 by 31 December 2024, which provides a regular income to meet ongoing overheads. During 2024, the Parish distributed 10% of free will offering to Charitable causes across the local and wider community. Distribution to charitable causes will continue in 2025.

Donations to the buildings fund have continued to average £1,500 per month up to the end of December 2024.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

The trustees allocate income specifically designated for building projects to a buildings fund. This is held to provide funds for future building projects as the need arises. Funds are currently being accumulated to assist with the intended future construction of a new Parish Centre. Full planning approval has been granted for the new Parish Centre in 2023. The project to build the new Parish Centre took on a greater urgency during 2024. The inflationary increase in the cost of materials and professional services have resulted in a need to review the plans to explore all options with affordability being the primary consideration. In order to demonstrate stewardship and governance, a sub-committee was formed to focus on the Parish Centre Project and report back to the trustees.

It should be noted as the buildings fund is not a wholly restricted fund, it has been agreed that, if required, funds can be moved to support all costs of the church.

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.

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

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. This allows 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 stipend of the Incumbent of the Parish is paid directly by the Parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 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 2024 the Select Vestry had 10 face to face meetings and an Easter Vestry. The average attendance was more than 75%.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law) Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

Statement as to disclosure to our Examiners

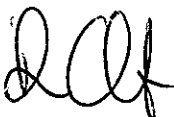
In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The independent examiner, Steven Potter, has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning his reappointment will be proposed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

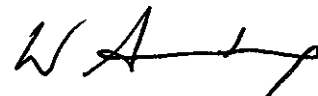
Signed on behalf of the Trustees -



Rev Dennis Christie
Rector



Dr Thomas Moody
Trustee



Mr William Armstrong
Trustee

Date: - 10 March 2025

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

I report on the accounts of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrual accounts, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records held by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008

Have not been met, or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: - 10 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income						
Donations & legacies	3	84,160	23,366		107,526	111,592
Other trading activities	4	8,659	9,176		17,835	6,448
Investments	5	1,170	2,081		3,251	5,901
Charitable activities	6	2,339			2,339	2,178
Other income		11,925			11,925	12,730
Total Income		<u>108,253</u>	<u>34,623</u>		<u>142,876</u>	<u>138,849</u>
Expenditure on:						
Generating funds	7	10,512			10,512	-
Charitable activities	7	111,935			111,935	112,381
Other						
Total Expenditure		<u>122,447</u>			<u>122,447</u>	<u>112,381</u>
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before transfers		(14,194)	34,623		20,429	26,468
Transfers between funds		-	-		-	-
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		(14,194)	34,623		20,429	26,468
Gain/(Loss) on investments						
Net movement in funds		<u>(14,194)</u>	<u>34,623</u>		<u>20,429</u>	<u>26,468</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		61,399	824,435		885,834	859,366
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>47,205</u></u>	<u><u>859,058</u></u>		<u><u>906,263</u></u>	<u><u>885,834</u></u>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	478,434	448,072
Investment Properties			
Investments			
Total fixed assets		<u>478,434</u>	<u>448,072</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	20,344	19,655
Cash and cash equivalents		410,340	419,007
Total current assets		<u>430,684</u>	<u>438,662</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,855)	(900)
Total creditors		<u>(2,855)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>427,829</u>	<u>437,762</u>
Total net Assets	13	<u>906,263</u>	<u>885,834</u>
The funds of the parish			
Unrestricted funds	14	47,205	61,399
General funds			
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds		<u>47,205</u>	<u>61,399</u>
Restricted Funds	14	859,058	824,435
Endowment Funds			
Total charity funds		<u>906,263</u>	<u>885,834</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Select Vestry on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dennis Christie
Rector



Dr Thomas Moody
Trustee



Mr William Armstrong
Trustee

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parish meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

c) Income

Plate Collections, Weekly Envelopes and Graveyard income are accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected.

Income arising from the rental of the Church Hall facilities to third parties is recognised when the parish has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Legacies are included within Income under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their fair value to the Parish.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) Tangible assets

The assets of the Parish comprise: -

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Church Hall
- Glebe House
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included on the balance sheet as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Church Hall was built in the 1950's. There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction and valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result, this building is not recognised in the parish balance sheet.

The Glebe House is recognised at cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at year end. No depreciation has been provided on the Glebe House as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

Fixtures and Fittings are recognised at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 years. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in 'Other operating (losses)/gains'.

f) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each balance sheet date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the fair value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and fair value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the fair value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses in investments are reported within "Net Gains / (Losses) on Investments" within the Statement of Financial Activities.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors Amounts falling due within 1 year.

h) Financial instruments

The Parish only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

i) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

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.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the Parish.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

2 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Parish's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Weekly envelopes / FWO	67,397	16,590		83,987	86,566
Tax recovered on donations	15,420	3,047		18,467	17,752
Legacies					2,000
Donations	1,343	3,729		5,072	5,274
Grants					
	<u>84,160</u>	<u>23,366</u>		<u>107,526</u>	<u>111,592</u>

4 Other trading activities

Pre-loved clothing sale		1,113		1,113	1,337
Ibba Trip	7,741			7,741	
Variety concert and quiz		3,220		3,320	
Summer fete		3,393		3,393	3,209
General fundraising	918	1,450		2,368	1,902
	<u>8,659</u>	<u>9,176</u>		<u>17,835</u>	<u>6,448</u>

5 Investments

Deposit interest	1,088			1,088	814
Bank interest	82	2,081		2,163	5,087
	<u>1,170</u>	<u>2,081</u>		<u>3,251</u>	<u>5,901</u>

6 Charitable activities

Graveyard income	2,125			2,125	1,465
General fundraising	214			214	713
	<u>2,339</u>			<u>2,339</u>	<u>2,178</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

7 Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Generating Funds					
Fundraising costs					
Ibba Trip	8,674			8,674	
Other	1,838			1,838	
	<u>10,512</u>			<u>10,512</u>	
Charitable Activities					
Wages and salaries	50,580			50,580	50,321
Diocesan costs	19,121			19,121	18,400
Church running costs	13,534			13,534	18,904
Glebe costs	13,160			13,160	7,210
Charitable donations	5,255			5,255	7,165
Administration costs	10,285			10,285	10,381
Total expenditure	<u>111,935</u>			<u>111,935</u>	<u>112,381</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>122,447</u>			<u>122,447</u>	<u>112,381</u>

Governance costs are included within administration costs above.

8 Taxation

St Colmanell's Church of Ireland is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

9 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Employees

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	50,321	50,321
National insurance costs		
Total	<u>50,321</u>	<u>50,321</u>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Ministerial support	1	1
Music staff	0	0
Premises maintenance	0	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Key Management and Trustees

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. The parish paid expenses of £2,445 relating to the running costs of the Glebe House which is occupied by the rector. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year other than the Rector. The stipend and other expenses paid to the Rector totalled £48,429 (2023 - £46,441).

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.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	442,292	97,546	539,838
Additions	20,055	13,574	33,629
Disposals			
At end of the year	<u>462,347</u>	<u>111,120</u>	<u>573,467</u>
Depreciation			
At beginning of the year		91,766	91,766
Depreciation		3,267	3,267
Disposals			
At end of the year		<u>95,033</u>	<u>95,033</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>442,292</u>	<u>5,780</u>	<u>448,072</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>462,347</u>	<u>16,087</u>	<u>478,434</u>

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry debtors	20,344	19,655
Other debtors		
	<u>20,344</u>	<u>19,655</u>

12 Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	2,855	900
	<u>2,855</u>	<u>900</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

13 Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	16,087		462,347		478,434
Investments					
Current Assets	33,973		396,711		430,684
Current Liabilities	(2,855)				(2,855)
Net assets at 31 Dec 2024	<u>47,205</u>		<u>859,058</u>		<u>906,263</u>

14 Funds of the Parish

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Endowment funds					
Restricted funds					
Buildings Fund	824,435	34,623			859,058
	<u>824,435</u>	<u>34,623</u>			<u>859,058</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	61,399	108,253	(122,447)		47,205
	<u>61,399</u>	<u>108,253</u>	<u>(122,447)</u>		<u>47,205</u>
Total funds	<u>885,834</u>	<u>142,876</u>	<u>(122,447)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906,263</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

– Buildings Fund: This ring fences funds for future building projects within the Parish which are necessary to support the church's worship and outreach program.

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Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Objectives and Activities

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Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The church has achieved its objectives by the holding of regular religious services and also holding various youth and other activities for the benefit of the local community. The church holds regular public worship services on Sundays and worship services on Wednesdays and on other occasions associated with Christian festivals throughout the year.

Calendar year 2024 continued on from 2023 with Church services returning to normal based worship on a Sunday. "Normal" services consisted of Sunday morning prayer worship with the fourth Sunday of the month being an all-age service with a more relaxed format. An evening service was also conducted once a month. Sunday morning attendance ranged from 80 to 110 attendees. Sunday School and creche were fully functioning on a Sunday morning.

Outside of the worship services, the church is normally engaged in several outreach programmes into the local community, through organisations such the Knitting Club. Church members continue to engage in outreach programmes by sending cards and/or newssheets at Easter and Christmas. The Church Fete resumed in 2023 along with other successful outreach activities, including a Variety Night and a Pre-loved Clothes Sale.

The Rector and two parishioners from St Colmanell's went on an outreach mission to Ibba in South Sudan to help build relations with the local church. Fund raising and donations from the congregation supported this trip.

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

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General giving has been reviewed by the Trustees, and it is recognised that whilst the level of giving has remained steady, it has not kept pace with inflation and the general increases in the cost of goods and services. Several letters and presentations on giving have been presented to the congregation, with regular givers indicating a willingness to provide additional support if required. The number of givers by monthly standing order had increased to more than 65 by 31 December 2024, which provides a regular income to meet ongoing overheads. During 2024, the Parish distributed 10% of free will offering to Charitable causes across the local and wider community. Distribution to charitable causes will continue in 2025.

Donations to the buildings fund have continued to average £1,500 per month up to the end of December 2024.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

The trustees allocate income specifically designated for building projects to a buildings fund. This is held to provide funds for future building projects as the need arises. Funds are currently being accumulated to assist with the intended future construction of a new Parish Centre. Full planning approval has been granted for the new Parish Centre in 2023. The project to build the new Parish Centre took on a greater urgency during 2024. The inflationary increase in the cost of materials and professional services have resulted in a need to review the plans to explore all options with affordability being the primary consideration. In order to demonstrate stewardship and governance, a sub-committee was formed to focus on the Parish Centre Project and report back to the trustees.

It should be noted as the buildings fund is not a wholly restricted fund, it has been agreed that, if required, funds can be moved to support all costs of the church.

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.

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

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. This allows 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 stipend of the Incumbent of the Parish is paid directly by the Parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 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 2024 the Select Vestry had 10 face to face meetings and an Easter Vestry. The average attendance was more than 75%.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law) Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

Statement as to disclosure to our Examiners

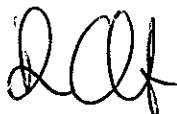
In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The independent examiner, Steven Potter, has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning his reappointment will be proposed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

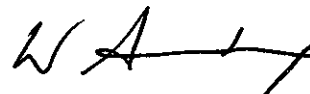
Signed on behalf of the Trustees -



Rev Dennis Christie
Rector



Dr Thomas Moody
Trustee



Mr William Armstrong
Trustee

Date: - 10 March 2025

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Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

I report on the accounts of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrual accounts, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records held by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

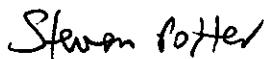
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008

Have not been met, or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steven Potter FCA
Potter Finnegan Limited
Chartered Accountants
Unit 25 The Courtyard Business Park
190 Galgorm Road
Ballymena
Co Antrim
BT42 1HL

Date: - 10 March 2025

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Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income						
Donations & legacies	3	88,642	22,950		111,592	140,671
Other trading activities	4	588	5,860		6,448	1,693
Investments	5	924	4,977		5,901	3,187
Charitable activities	6	2,178			2,178	1,712
Other income		12,730			12,730	10,747
Total Income		<u>105,062</u>	<u>33,787</u>		<u>138,849</u>	<u>158,010</u>
Expenditure on:						
Generating funds	7					
Charitable activities	7	112,381			112,381	96,350
Other						
Total Expenditure		<u>112,381</u>			<u>112,381</u>	<u>96,350</u>
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before transfers		<u>(7,319)</u>	<u>33,787</u>		<u>26,468</u>	<u>61,660</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>100</u>	<u>(100)</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		<u>(7,219)</u>	<u>33,687</u>		<u>26,468</u>	<u>61,660</u>
Gain/(Loss) on investments assets						
Net movement in funds		<u>(7,219)</u>	<u>33,687</u>		<u>26,468</u>	<u>61,660</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		68,618	790,748		859,366	797,706
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>61,399</u></u>	<u><u>824,435</u></u>		<u><u>885,834</u></u>	<u><u>859,366</u></u>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	448,072	339,801
Investment Properties			
Investments			
Total fixed assets		<u>448,072</u>	<u>339,801</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	19,655	38,280
Cash and cash equivalents		419,007	482,065
Total current assets		<u>438,662</u>	<u>520,345</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	(900)	(780)
Total creditors		<u>(900)</u>	<u>(780)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>437,762</u>	<u>519,565</u>
Total net Assets	13	<u><u>885,834</u></u>	<u><u>859,366</u></u>
The funds of the parish			
Unrestricted funds	14	61,399	68,618
General funds			
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds		<u>61,399</u>	<u>68,618</u>
Restricted Funds	14	824,435	790,748
Endowment Funds			
Total charity funds		<u><u>885,834</u></u>	<u><u>859,366</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 are an integral part of these financial statements.

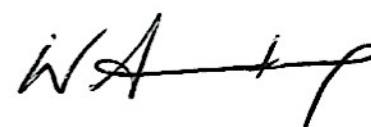
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Select Vestry on 08 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dennis Christie



Dr Thomas Moody



Mr William Armstrong

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parish meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

c) Income

Plate Collections, Weekly Envelopes and Graveyard income are accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected.

Income arising from the rental of the Church Hall facilities to third parties is recognised when the parish has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Legacies are included within Income under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their fair value to the Parish.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) Tangible assets

The assets of the Parish comprise: -

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Church Hall
- Glebe House
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included on the balance sheet as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Church Hall was built in the 1950's. There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction and valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result, this building is not recognised in the parish balance sheet.

The Glebe House is recognised at cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at year end. No depreciation has been provided on the Glebe House as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

Fixtures and Fittings are recognised at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 years. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in 'Other operating (losses)/gains'.

f) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each balance sheet date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the fair value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and fair value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the fair value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses in investments are reported within "Net Gains / (Losses) on Investments" within the Statement of Financial Activities.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors Amounts falling due within 1 year.

h) Financial instruments

The Parish only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

i) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

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.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the Parish.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

2 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Parish's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

7 Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Generating Funds					
Fundraising costs					
Other					
Charitable Activities					
Wages and salaries	50,321			50,321	46,521
Diocesan costs	18,400			18,400	15,163
Church running costs	18,904			18,904	13,898
Glebe costs	7,210			7,210	7,452
Charitable donations	7,165			7,165	4,603
Administration costs	10,381			10,381	8,713
Total expenditure	112,381			112,381	96,350
Total Expenditure	112,381			112,381	96,350

Governance costs are included within administration costs above.

8 Taxation

St Colmanell's Church of Ireland is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

9 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Employees

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	50,321	46,521
National insurance costs		
Total	50,321	46,521

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Ministerial support	1	1
Music staff	0	0
Premises maintenance	1	1
Total	2	2

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Key Management and Trustees

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. The parish paid expenses of £2,831 relating to the running costs of the Glebe House which is occupied by the rector. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year other than the Rector. The stipend and other expenses paid to the Rector totalled £46,441 (2022 - £42,891).

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.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	332,421	97,077	429,498
Additions	109,871	469	110,340
Disposals			
At end of the year	<u>442,292</u>	<u>97,546</u>	<u>539,838</u>
Depreciation			
At beginning of the year		89,697	89,697
Depreciation		2,069	2,069
Disposals			
At end of the year		<u>91,766</u>	<u>91,766</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>332,421</u>	<u>7,380</u>	<u>339,801</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>442,292</u>	<u>5,780</u>	<u>448,072</u>

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry debtors	19,655	38,280
Other debtors		
	<u>19,655</u>	<u>38,280</u>

12 Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	900	780
	<u>900</u>	<u>780</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

13 Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	5,780		442,292		448,072
Investments					
Current Assets	56,519		382,143		438,662
Current Liabilities	(900)				(900)
Net assets at 31 Dec 2023	<u>61,399</u>		<u>824,435</u>		<u>885,834</u>

14 Funds of the Parish

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Endowment funds					
Restricted funds					
Buildings Fund	790,748	33,787		(100)	824,435
	<u>790,748</u>	<u>33,787</u>		<u>(100)</u>	<u>824,435</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	68,618	105,062	(112,381)	100	61,399
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Total funds	<u>859,366</u>	<u>138,849</u>	<u>(112,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>885,834</u>

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Annual report



St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC103119

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Trustees

Dr Thomas Moody	Mr George Coulter	Mr Raymond Rainey	Mr Nigel McNeil
Mrs Elaine McDonald	Mr William Armstrong	Mrs Anne Kee	Mr Bernard Frayne
Mrs Rosemary Frayne	Mrs Donna Ashcroft	Mr Philip Thompson	Mr Paul Leggett
Mrs Heather Rainey	Mr Stephen McCallion	Mr William Shaw	Mrs Eileen Shaw
Rev Dennis Christie			

The following trustees resigned during 2023:-

Mr Gordon Brown

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy	Rev Dennis Christie
Church Treasurer	Mr William Armstrong
Church Warden - Clergy	Dr Thomas Moody
Church Warden - People	Mr William Shaw
Church Secretary	Mrs Heather Rainey

Independent Examiner

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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

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General giving has been reviewed by the Trustees and it is recognised that it may take some time for income to return to "normal" levels. Several letters and presentations on giving have been presented to the congregation, with regular givers indicating a willingness to provide additional support if required. The number of givers by monthly standing order had increased to more than 65 by 31 December 2023, which provides a regular income to meet ongoing overheads. During 2023, the Parish distributed 10% of free will offering to Charitable causes across the local and wider community. Distribution to charitable causes will continue in 2024.

Donations to the buildings fund have stabilised to an average monthly giving of £1,500 per month at the end of December 2023. As the new Parish Centre is a longer term project, the Trustees are not immediately concerned about this and fundraising activity has increased during 2023 to help recovery in the medium term. It should be noted as the buildings fund is not a wholly restricted fund, it has been agreed that, if required, funds can be moved to support all costs of the church.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

The trustees allocate income specifically designated for building projects to a buildings fund. This is held to provide funds for future building projects as the need arises. Funds are currently being accumulated to assist with the intended future construction of a new Parish Centre. Full planning approval has been granted for the new Parish Centre. Enabling work to secure the planning approval took place during 2023 and building work will commence when final costings have been received.

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 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

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. This allows 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 stipend of the Incumbent of the Parish is paid directly by the Parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 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 2023 the Select Vestry had 10 face to face meetings and an Easter Vestry. The average attendance was more than 75%.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK , including Charities SORP (FRS 102) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law) Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

Statement as to disclosure to our Examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

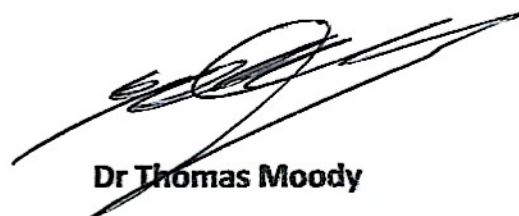
Independent Examiners

The independent examiners, Potter Finnegan Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

On Behalf of the Trustees



Rev Dennis Christie



Dr Thomas Moody



Mr William Armstrong

Date: - 08 April 2024

Ballymena/Ahoghill & Portglenone/St. Colmanell,Ahoghill/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103119

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland

We report on the accounts of St Colmanell's Church of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrual accounts and we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records held by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act 2008
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008

Have not been met, or

2. to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Potter Finnegan Ltd

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Chartered Accountants

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Date: - 08 April 2024