

NEWRY/Newry:St. Patrick & St. Mary/St. Patrick/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103249

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-05-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Stream Street Newry County Down Bt34 1hj BT34 1HJ
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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	£88,442	£72,698	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Taylor		
Mr Derek Clements		
Mr George Gordon Patterson		
Mr Jim O'brien		
Mr Samuel Taylor		
Mr William John Russell Bsc. Pg Dip. Ed. Pg Cert		
Mr William Patterson		
Mrs Alison Clements		
Mrs Cherry Patterson		
Mrs Melanie Gregg		
Mrs Norma Williamson		
Mrs Shirley O'brien		
Rev Captain Scott Mcdonald		

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Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year End 31.12.25

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts			
Donations & plate collections	43147.70	9524.12	52671.82
Bank & Deposit Interest	3135.31	1360.07	4495.38
Lease of premises	19369.85		19369.85
Funding		6249.99	6249.99
Receipts from General Trustees		123.33	123.33
Other receipts	532.00	3453.50	3985.50
Receipts from Parish organisations		1546.00	1546.00
Total Receipts	66184.86	22257.01	88441.87
Payments			
wages and salaries	28188.60	6390.69	34579.29
Diocesan costs/assessment	4872.00		4872.00
Church running costs	12545.57	12676.84	25222.41
Glebe costs			
Church Hall costs	3663.62		3663.62
Adminstration costs	33.76	79.80	113.56
Charitable Donations		2252.45	2252.45
Payments to Parish organisations		1994.74	1994.74
Total Payments	49303.55	23394.52	72698.07
Excess of Receipts over Payments	16881.31	-1137.51	15743.80
Transfers	-12000.00	12000.00	0.00
Total of excess of Receipts over payments	4881.31	10862.49	15743.80

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Mrs Alison Clements

Date 30.01.26

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.25

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Current Accounts	13992.76	11836.61	25829.37
Deposit Accounts	20061.32	107997.38	128058.70
Fixed Savings account	50000.00		50000.00
Total Cash Funds	84054.08	119833.99	203888.07
Investment			45499.01

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year End 31.12.24

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Receipts			
Donations & plate collections	42722.26	6648.48	49370.74
Bank & Deposit Interest	359.23	887.92	1247.15
Lease of premises	17592.50	0.00	17592.50
Funding	0.00	24999.96	24999.96
Receipts from General Trustees	23.35	71.59	94.94
Other receipts	171.00	70.00	241.00
Receipts from Parish organisations	1902.00	0.00	1902.00
Total Receipts	62770.34	32677.95	95448.29
Payments			
wages and salaries	29212.44	25515.86	54728.30
Diocesan costs/assessment	4584.00	0.00	4584.00
Church running costs	10733.30	11162.98	21896.28
Glebe costs	2672.00	0.00	2672.00
Church Hall costs	4268.59	0.00	4268.59
Adminstration costs	705.00	0.00	705.00
Charitable Donations	469.00	0.00	469.00
Payments to Parish organisations	819.36	0.00	819.36
Total Payments	53463.69	36678.84	90142.53
Excess of Receipts over Payments	9306.65	-4000.89	5305.76
Transfers	-12000.00	12000.00	0.00
Total of excess of Receipts over payments	-2693.35	7999.11	5305.76

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.24

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Current Accounts	9591.06	18095.11	27686.17
Deposit Accounts	13097.06	97361.04	110458.10
Fixed Savings account	50000.00	0	50000.00
Total Cash Funds	72688.12	115456.15	188144.27
Investment	45499.01		45499.01

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Annual report

St Patrick's Parish Church

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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St Patrick's Parish Church Newry

References and administrative details

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Church Warden People	Derek Clements

Independent Examiner
Mrs Viviane Adamson M.B.E
Donard View, 19 Newry Road, Banbridge, BT32 3HP

Bankers
Danske Bank
Hill Street
Newry

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Patrick's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Patrick's Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the St Patrick's Parish Church Newry 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 Patrick's Parish Church has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of St Patrick's Parish Church Newry.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The 2024 year has been a year of significant challenge for the parish, for parishioners and for wider society as the profound impacts of the cost of living crisis continues to touch the lives of so many. St Patricks Parish Church has continued to make a difference to people's lives in the Parish and the surrounding area.

St Patrick's Parish Church Newry provides weekly services of Morning Prayer, including Kids Church, along with baptisms and funerals. We provide pastoral support, to the elderly, sick, the bereaved and the infirm.

We have worked and supported, along with other local churches, the YMCI Foodbank which provides food and help to anyone in need in the Newry area.

We have supported the Church Army and the Diocese as they continue their work through the Centre of Mission in Newry.

The select vestry carried out general maintenance to the graveyard throughout 2024, and also general maintenance to the church building and the church hall during 2024.

We are involved in our community and seek to work with all other organisations, schools and Churches in the area, addressing local needs and occasionally worshipping together.

Our church hall is also used by several local organisations for instructional and educational activities.

The fabric of our church building and our church hall form a focal point for our charitable mission of advancing the Christian religion and hold much heritage value to the area of Newry.

We raise funds and have donated monies to the Bishop's Appeal and Royal British Legion.

Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with Safeguarding Trust policies of the Church of Ireland.

The Parish have 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 Charity Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31 December 2024 and the financial position at that date is satisfactory.

The Charity Trustees have no specific policy relating to the holding of reserves.

Going Concern

The Charity 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 111 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 (Charity Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the Select Vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of the 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.

Payment and Remuneration

The position of clergy is held by the Rev S McDonald who was appointed in August 2020 and receives a stipend of £20337.48p.a. Office allowance of £399.96p.a. and locomotory allowance of £3500.04p.a.

No other Charity Trustees received any remuneration from St Patrick's Parish Church Newry.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the current minister Rev Scott McDonald, the church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at a General Vestry Meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the current minister or his representative. 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 met eight times during the year and the average attendance was 80%.

Compliance with Public Benefit

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

Statement of Charity Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with the applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a Statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Mrs Alison Clements

Date 05.05.25

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Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Charity Trustees of St Patrick's Parish Church Newry

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the "Annual Accounts for St Patrick's Parish Church Newry".

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Signed 

Name: Viviane Adamson MBE

Address: Donard View, 19 Newry Road, Banbridge, BT32 3HP

Date: 27-3-25

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Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for Year End 31.12.23

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts			
Donations & plate collections	44626.14	9329.78	53955.92
Bank & Deposit Interest	302.98	139.56	442.54
Rental of premises	17621.00	0.00	17621.00
Funding	600.00	26828.30	27428.30
Receipts from General Trustees	0.00	112.58	112.58
Other receipts	4399.38	458.40	4857.78
Receipts from Parish organisations	1648.00	0.00	1648.00
Total Receipts	69197.50	36868.62	106066.12
Payments			
wages and salaries	29577.56	24641.86	54219.42
Diocesan costs/assessment	4572.00	0.00	4572.00
Church running costs	10581.94	11499.63	22081.57
Glebe costs	1976.00	0.00	1976.00
Church Hall costs	6012.91	0.00	6012.91
Administration costs	733.00	84.75	817.75
Charitable Donations	1255.90	0.00	1255.90
Payments to Parish organisations	867.31	0.00	867.31
Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments	55576.62	36226.24	91802.86
Excess of Receipts over Payments	13620.88	642.38	14263.26
Transfers	-12000.00	12000.00	0
Total excess Receipts over payments	1620.88	12642.38	14263.26

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.23

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Current Accounts	75381.47	104826.05	180207.52
Deposit Accounts	0.00	2630.99	2630.99
Total Cash Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	75381.47	107457.04	182838.51
Investment	44100.50		44100.50

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On behalf of the Trustees

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Date 17.02.24

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Date 16.03.24

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Signed *Viviane Adamson MBE*

Name: Viviane Adamson MBE

Address: Donard View, 19 Newry Road, Banbridge, BT32 3HP

Date: *29th February 2024*