

# NEWTOWNABBEY/Cloughfern/Church of the Ascension/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103261

## Details

Known as	Cloughfern Parish
Status	Received
Registered	2015-05-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

Address	4 Waverley Avenue Newtownabbey Co. Antrim BT36 6rs BT36 6RS
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## Activities

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

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£94,762	£86,331	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Dickenson		
Karyn Mcniece		
Miss Christine Hunter Ba (Hons) Business Studies		
Miss Elizabeth Mcwatters		
Miss Gillian Webb B.E.M.		
Miss Jennifer Boyd		
Mr Alan Mcniece		
Mr David Garland		
Mr William Ingram		
Mrs Barbara Turkington		
Mrs Caroline Elizabeth Tares Ba (Hons) Accounting, M.I.C.B.		
Mrs Clare Campbell		
Mrs Irene Orr		
Mrs Kerry Mcilwaine		
Mrs Sandra Harvey		
Ms Tanya Kay		
Rev Tim Close		

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# Accounts

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# Statement Of Financial Activities

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## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

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Period: 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary Giving</b>					
Weekly envelopes	44,052.75			44,052.75	34,792.15
Annual collections & Sustentation	4,155.00			4,155.00	3,182.00
General donations	943.00			943.00	1,454.80
Loose Collections	549.12			549.12	490.71
Standing orders	2,539.00			2,539.00	2,539.00
Other planned giving	5,226.00			5,226.00	3,571.10
Gift days	3,459.00			3,459.00	1,500.00
Gift aid tax recovered- regular giving	8,579.93			8,579.93	8,769.06
Donations appeals etc					205.00
Donations for specific purposes		860.00		860.00	924.32
<b>Extraordinary General Income</b>					
Non-recurring one-off grants					1,000.00
Insurance claims/ refunds	40.00			40.00	
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Other investment income	636.37			636.37	626.93
<b>General Parish Income</b>					
Donations from weddings	150.00			150.00	
Donations from funerals	1,650.00	1,206.00		2,856.00	2,025.00
Gazette sales		208.50		208.50	173.40
Give As You Live					18.41
Donations from Baptisms	600.00			600.00	130.00
<b>Property Related Income</b>					
Rent from lands or buildings	9,300.80			9,300.80	10,021.80
Church hall lettings - charitable objectives	1,590.00			1,590.00	100.00
Church hall lettings - fund raising	1,000.00			1,000.00	800.00
<b>Other Funds Raised</b>					
Charity Shop	6,000.00			6,000.00	8,000.00
Collections for Church Charities		1,385.10		1,385.10	246.80
Collections for Other Charities		631.50		631.50	1,826.71
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>90,470.97</b>	<b>4,291.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>94,762.07</b>	<b>82,397.19</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Repairs/Upkeep</b>					
Church repairs and maintenance		(189.99)		(189.99)	
Church light and power	(317.47)			(317.47)	(405.10)
Church heating	(2,533.35)			(2,533.35)	(3,601.39)
Church decoration					(10,986.00)
Church sundry supplies	(36.35)			(36.35)	(69.44)
Hall repairs and maintenance	(962.75)			(962.75)	(695.64)
Hall light and power	(1,343.66)			(1,343.66)	(5,980.89)
Hall heating	(3,134.97)			(3,134.97)	(3,154.64)
Hall telephone					(588.43)
Hall cleaning	(1,609.99)			(1,609.99)	(1,499.41)
Hall sundry supplies	(172.94)			(172.94)	(57.77)
Rectory repairs and maintenance	(1,680.00)			(1,680.00)	(120.00)
Rectory Annual Service Costs	(65.00)			(65.00)	
Rectory Roof&Chimney Repair					(350.00)
Annual Service Costs					(1,393.63)
Upkeep of grounds	(2,920.12)			(2,920.12)	(1,911.33)
Garden of Remembrance Expenses		(451.00)		(451.00)	(355.70)
<b>Staffing Costs</b>					
Clerical	(44,932.05)			(44,932.05)	(43,235.23)
Lay	(4,628.80)	(200.00)		(4,828.80)	(4,358.80)
<b>Rateable charges</b>					
Rates	(1,000.69)			(1,000.69)	(1,048.48)
Water Rates	(1,370.94)			(1,370.94)	(1,008.14)
<b>Diocesan Levies</b>					
Diocesan Levy - Standard	(7,698.84)			(7,698.84)	(6,973.44)
<b>General parish overheads</b>					
Stationery					(30.48)
IT maintenance	(570.00)			(570.00)	(633.00)
Printer Inks	(65.80)			(65.80)	(234.20)
Printing & Photocopying	(394.07)			(394.07)	(520.63)
Insurances & Licenses	(5,080.49)			(5,080.49)	(4,321.88)
Depreciation - office equipment					(23.98)
Depreciation - other equipment	(18.30)			(18.30)	(82.43)

# Statement Of Financial Activities

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

Period: 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Depreciation - other	(155.80)	(221.19)		(376.99)	(431.37)
Gazette costs		(166.25)		(166.25)	(180.00)
General Catering Costs		(300.00)		(300.00)	(94.20)
Postage	(9.30)			(9.30)	(8.20)
Parochial ministry overheads					(24.22)
Purchase worship and other books					(36.00)
Purchase worship CDs and software					(175.61)
Sunday School related costs		(33.90)		(33.90)	(54.40)
Mission activity	(29.50)	(400.00)		(429.50)	(126.50)
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration					(153.80)
Other worship related costs	(50.00)			(50.00)	
Financial and Professional Costs					(300.00)
Audit and accountancy	(318.00)			(318.00)	(294.17)
Bank fees and charges	(304.75)			(304.75)	
Special Project Costs					(1,143.20)
Kings Coronation Celebration					
Donations to Charities and Missions					(100.00)
Donations to church charities		(1,600.00)		(1,600.00)	(3,495.00)
Donations to other charities	(1,000.00)	(365.00)		(1,365.00)	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>(82,403.93)</b>	<b>(3,927.33)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(86,331.26)</b>	<b>(100,256.73)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers</b>	<b>8,067.04</b>	<b>363.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,430.81</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
- out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses</b>	<b>8,067.04</b>	<b>363.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,430.81</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation of assets for charity's own use					
Gains/losses on investment assets					
Other Gains and Losses					
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>	<b>8,067.04</b>	<b>363.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,430.81</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>8,067.04</b>	<b>363.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,430.81</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>

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# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
<b>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</b>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	16,130.25	19,194.30		35,324.55	53,184.09
Excess of Receipts over payments for the year	8,241.14	584.96		8,826.10	-17,321.76
Transfers between funda					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	24,371.39	19,779.26		44,150.65	35,862.33

# Balance Sheet

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	8,107.69	8,502.98
Investments	13,919.85	13,919.85
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in hand	21,727.82	12,901.72
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>43,755.36</b>	<b>35,324.55</b>
Unrestricted Funds	24,197.29	16,130.25
Restricted Funds	19,558.07	19,194.30
Endowment Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>43,755.36</b>	<b>35,324.55</b>

# Bank Account / Cash in Hand Balances

As at 31 December 2024

9251	Current Account Charity	21673.26
9259	Petty Cash	<u>54.56</u>
		21727.82

## Depreciation

		£
Fire Alarm	15%	147.74
Book Case	10%	73.45
Rectory Fixtures & Fittings	25%	12.78
Church Equipment	10%	18.30
Trestle Tables	10%	26.79
Chairs	10%	116.23
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Total Depreciation		395.29

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# Statement Of Financial Activities

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Period: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Voluntary Giving				34,792.15	38,630.85
Weekly envelopes	34,792.15			3,182.00	3,495.00
Annual collections & Sustentation	3,182.00			1,454.80	813.81
General donations	1,454.80			490.71	739.40
Loose Collections	490.71			2,539.00	2,544.00
Standing orders	2,539.00			3,571.10	3,851.10
Other planned giving	3,571.10			1,500.00	1,390.00
Gift days	1,500.00			8,769.06	8,466.57
Gift aid tax recovered- regular giving	8,769.06				205.00
Donations appeals etc		205.00		205.00	790.00
Donations for specific purposes	100.00	824.32		924.32	100.00
Extraordinary General Income				1,000.00	2,410.00
Non-recurring one-off grants		1,000.00			
Investment Income				626.93	691.18
Other investment income	626.93				
General Parish Income					200.00
Parish sale/fete				2,025.00	3,500.00
Donations from funerals	440.00	1,585.00		173.40	159.00
Gazette sales		173.40		18.41	10.40
Give As You Live	18.41			130.00	
Donations from Baptisms	130.00				
Property Related Income				10,021.80	8,770.40
Rent from lands or buildings	10,021.80			100.00	
Church hall lettings - charitable objectives	100.00			800.00	250.00
Church hall lettings - fund raising	800.00				
Other Funds Raised				8,000.00	7,700.00
Charity Shop	8,000.00			246.80	517.00
Collections for Church Charities		246.80		1,826.71	2,148.65
Collections for Other Charities		1,826.71			
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>76,535.96</b>	<b>5,861.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>82,397.19</b>	<b>87,177.36</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Repairs/Upkeep					(11,042.00)
Church repairs and maintenance				(405.10)	(642.20)
Church light and power	(405.10)			(3,601.39)	(1,577.09)
Church heating	(3,601.39)			(10,986.00)	
Church decoration	(10,986.00)			(69.44)	(67.80)
Church sundry supplies	(69.44)			(695.64)	(1,265.37)
Hall repairs and maintenance	(695.64)			(5,980.89)	(1,868.46)
Hall light and power	(5,980.89)			(3,154.64)	(1,281.52)
Hall heating	(3,154.64)			(588.43)	(495.45)
Hall telephone	(588.43)			(1,499.41)	(1,449.57)
Hall cleaning	(1,499.41)			(57.77)	(28.75)
Hall sundry supplies	(57.77)			(120.00)	(250.00)
Rectory repairs and maintenance	(120.00)			(350.00)	
Rectory Roof&Chimney Repair	(350.00)			(1,393.63)	(624.00)
Annual Service Costs	(1,393.63)			(1,911.33)	(3,246.56)
Upkeep of grounds	(1,911.33)				(2,240.00)
Jubilee Garden Expenses				(355.70)	(736.60)
Garden of Remembrance Expenses	(65.70)	(290.00)			
Staffing Costs				(43,235.23)	(39,452.01)
Clerical	(43,235.23)			(4,358.80)	(4,628.80)
Lay	(4,358.80)	(200.00)			
Rateable charges				(1,048.48)	(1,001.05)
Rates	(1,048.48)			(1,008.14)	(1,276.27)
Water Rates					
Diocesan Levies				(6,973.44)	(6,916.08)
Diocesan Levy - Standard	(6,973.44)				
General parish overheads				(30.48)	(4.00)
Stationery	(30.48)			(633.00)	(195.00)
IT maintenance	(633.00)			(234.20)	(71.85)
Printer Inks	(234.20)			(520.63)	(469.80)
Printing & Photocopying	(520.63)			(4,321.88)	(4,195.89)
Insurances & Licenses	(4,321.88)			(23.98)	(5.99)
Depreciation - office equipment	(23.98)			(82.43)	(46.29)
Depreciation - other equipment	(82.43)				(494.44)
Depreciation - other	(175.94)	(255.43)		(431.37)	

# Statement Of Financial Activities

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## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

Period: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

		(180.00)		(180.00)	(160.00)
Gazette costs				(94.20)	(65.45)
General Catering Costs	(94.20)			(8.20)	(17.30)
Postage	(8.20)				(24.31)
Health & Safety					
Parochial ministry overheads				(24.22)	
Purchase worship and other books	(24.22)			(36.00)	
Purchase worship CDs and software	(36.00)			(175.61)	(124.97)
Sunday School related costs	(104.94)	(70.67)		(54.40)	(529.83)
Mission activity	(54.40)			(126.50)	(783.50)
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	(126.50)			(153.80)	(95.50)
Other worship related costs	(153.80)				
Financial and Professional Costs				(300.00)	(100.00)
Audit and accountancy	(300.00)			(294.17)	(203.40)
Bank fees and charges	(294.17)				
Special Project Costs		(1,143.20)		(1,143.20)	
Kings Coronation Celebration					
Donations to Charities and Missions		(100.00)		(100.00)	(417.00)
Donations to church charities				(3,495.00)	(5,797.80)
Donations to other charities	(1,750.00)	(1,745.00)			
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>(96,272.43)</b>	<b>(3,984.30)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(100,256.73)</b>	<b>(93,891.90)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers</b>	<b>(19,736.47)</b>	<b>1,876.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
- out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses</b>	<b>(19,736.47)</b>	<b>1,876.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation of assets for charity's own use					
Gains/losses on investment assets					
Other Gains and Losses					
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>	<b>(19,736.47)</b>	<b>1,876.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>(19,736.47)</b>	<b>1,876.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(17,859.54)</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>

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# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2023	2022
<b>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</b>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	35,866.72	17,317.37		53,184.09	59,898.63
Excess of Receipts over payments for the year	-19,454.12	2,132.36		-17,321.76	-6,714.54
Transfers between funds					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	16,412.60	19,449.73		35,862.33	53,184.09

# Balance Sheet

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	8,502.98	8,542.44
Investments	13,919.85	13,919.85
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in hand	12,901.72	30,721.80
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>35,324.55</b>	<b>53,184.09</b>
Unrestricted Funds	16,130.25	35,866.72
Restricted Funds	19,194.30	17,317.37
Endowment Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>35,324.55</b>	<b>53,184.09</b>

# Bank Account / Cash in Hand Balances

As at 31 December 2023

9251	Current Account Charity	12870.87
9259	Petty Cash	<u>30.85</u>
		12901.72

## Depreciation

		£
Fire Alarm	15%	173.81
Book Case	10%	81.62
Halls Water Heater	20%	25.77
Rectory Fixtures & Fittings	25%	17.04
Office Equipment	20%	23.98
Lawnmower	25%	33.79
Church Equipment	10%	22.87
Trestle Tables	10%	29.76
Chairs	10%	129.14
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Total Depreciation		537.78

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# Annual report

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**Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern Parish**  
126 Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim BT37 9QR  
(Charity No: NIC103261)

**Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31st December 2023**

**Trustees**

Between 1st January and 31st December 2023, the following held a position of Trustee:

Rev Tim Close (Chair), Jennifer Boyd, Clare Campbell, Joanne Dickenson, David Garland, Sandra Harvey, Christine Hunter, Billy Ingram, Tanya Kay, Kerry McIlwaine, Alan McNiece, Karyn McNiece, Elizabeth McWatters, Irene Orr, Caroline Tares, Barbara Turkington and Gillian Webb.

**Objectives and Activities**

The principal objective of the Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern Parish, is to support the advancement of the Christian faith by promoting, through its work, the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. Fundamental to the practical delivery of Christianity is being open to, and engaging with, society as a whole and offering support to those who need it.

Cloughfern Parish has custody of property and records pertaining to cultural and religious heritage, maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of the church.

**Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit**

Church services, youth organisations, clubs, groups and social meetings have all resumed, and meeting normally – but we continue to be vigilant.

We reach out to our housebound parishioners through home visits by clergy and other volunteers, who also provide transport to church services or social events. Information and support is also available via telephone, our parish website, and our Facebook page.

With the aid of a grant from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, we hosted a party in May 2023 to celebrate the King's Coronation. This event was open to all in the community and was well attended. Everyone joined in the fun and games – as the saying goes 'the craic was mighty!'

Even though the financial squeeze is making life difficult, our parishioners continued to provide the financial support to allow us to donate to international charities such as the Samaritans' Purse, as well as charities specifically for Libya (the Bishop's Appeal for Libya and the Disasters Emergency Committee). We also supported local charities by donating to the Royal British Legion, SHINE, AWARE NI, NI Hospice, SENAC, and Alzheimers NI. We continue to give ongoing support our local foodbank, both with food items and monetary donations.

Our Charity Shop opens two days a week, and continues to be very popular and well supported both by parishioners and the wider community. It has been able to make charitable donations to: Pancreatic Cancer, Cancer Research, St. Anne's Cathedral (including the Black Santa Sit-out), NI Hospice and Alzheimer's NI, as well as providing a vital source of funds for our Church.

During the year, our coffee morning supported the Disasters Emergency Committee, and Macmillan Cancer Care.

## Financial Review

The Parish began the year with a balance from 2022 for Cash in Hand and Bank of £30,721.80. Total Receipts for 2023 came to £82,397.19, which was down by £4,780.17 on previous year. This was due to a reduction in donations probably as a result of the financial pressures on households.

Total Resources Expended came to £100,256.73, a significant increase of £6364.83 on the figure for 2022. This was mainly due to the cost of electricity and gas for heating which doubled; also replacing lights outside Church Halls (£4519.20). We have made small savings where we could e.g.: general grounds maintenance, without affecting the overall Health and Safety of users of the Church and Halls.

At the end of 2023 the balance for Cash in Hand and at the Bank was £12901.72.

## Pay and Remuneration

On the Schedule of Approved Stipends set by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, Minimum Approved Stipend for 2023 is £33,900.00 per annum. Our Priest-in-Charge was appointed on the understanding that he would work 5 days instead of the usual 6, and would therefore be paid pro-rata. General Synod also give a guide value for Expenses of Office Allowance of £925.00 per annum and locomotory allowances of £7000 per annum. The Parish contribution to the 'Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme' (including the "Per Cure" element of £4407.00) was £7797.00 for the year 2023.

## Management

Members of the Select Vestry (who are also the Charity Trustees) are elected annually at the Easter General Vestry. They are responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish, and for deciding on matters of general concern and importance, including how parish funds are to be applied. The finances are managed by the Honorary Treasurer, who reports to the Select Vestry at monthly meetings. Special meetings can be convened between scheduled dates, if necessary. Records of meetings are kept by the Honorary Secretary.

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that show and explain the Parish's transactions, and disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, together with the Statement of Receipts and Payments, and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, in accordance with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Trustee 1:

Barbara Tolington

Trustee 2:

Christine Hunter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWTOWNABBEY/Cloughfern/Church of the Ascension/Connor/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103261

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# Annual return

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# THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLOUGHFERNE PARISH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLOUGHFERNE PARISH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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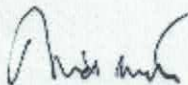
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**David Lyttle FCA CTA**  
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Chartered Accountants

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# Accounts

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# Statement Of Financial Activities

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## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

Period: 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary Giving</b>					
Weekly envelopes	38,630.85			38,630.85	39,977.17
Annual collections & Sustentation	3,495.00			3,495.00	3,639.50
General donations	773.81	40.00		813.81	6,369.00
Loose Collections	739.40			739.40	375.00
Standing orders	2,539.00	5.00		2,544.00	2,554.00
Other planned giving	3,851.10			3,851.10	3,450.50
Gift days	1,390.00			1,390.00	1,375.00
Gift aid tax recovered- regular giving	8,466.57			8,466.57	8,789.78
Donations appeals etc		790.00		790.00	
Donations for specific purposes		100.00		100.00	500.00
<b>Extraordinary General Income</b>					
Non-recurring one-off grants	1,510.00	900.00		2,410.00	
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Bank and building society interest					25.67
Other investment income	691.18			691.18	1,373.12
<b>General Parish Income</b>					
Magazine income - advertising					120.00
Parish magazine sales					10.00
Parish sale/fete	200.00			200.00	
Donations from weddings					50.00
Donations from funerals	750.00	2,750.00		3,500.00	1,140.00
Gazette sales		159.00		159.00	132.00
Give As You Live	10.40			10.40	7.87
Donations from Baptisms					50.00
<b>Property Related Income</b>					
Rent from lands or buildings	8,770.40			8,770.40	8,574.00
Church hall lettings - fund raising	250.00			250.00	
<b>Other Funds Raised</b>					
Charity Shop	7,000.00	700.00		7,700.00	
Collections for Church Charities		517.00		517.00	451.00
Collections for Other Charities	202.35	1,946.30		2,148.65	1,811.20
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>79,270.06</b>	<b>7,907.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>87,177.36</b>	<b>80,774.81</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Repairs/Upkeep</b>					
Church repairs and maintenance	(11,042.00)			(11,042.00)	
Church light and power	(642.20)			(642.20)	(355.87)
Church heating	(1,577.09)			(1,577.09)	(1,328.24)
Church sundry supplies	(67.80)			(67.80)	(17.09)
Hall repairs and maintenance	(1,265.37)			(1,265.37)	(1,360.65)
Hall light and power	(1,868.46)			(1,868.46)	(1,061.80)
Hall heating	(1,281.52)			(1,281.52)	(773.25)
Hall telephone	(495.45)			(495.45)	(455.81)
Hall cleaning	(1,449.57)			(1,449.57)	(810.00)
Hall sundry supplies	(28.75)			(28.75)	(15.00)
Rectory repairs and maintenance	(250.00)			(250.00)	(215.00)
Rectory Annual Service Costs					(295.00)
Building repairs and maintenance					(11.11)
Annual Service Costs	(624.00)			(624.00)	(350.40)
Upkeep of grounds	(3,211.53)	(35.03)		(3,246.56)	(1,710.01)
Jubilee Garden Expenses	(2,240.00)			(2,240.00)	(18.00)
Garden of Remembrance Expenses		(736.60)		(736.60)	(920.20)
<b>Staffing Costs</b>					
Clerical	(39,452.01)			(39,452.01)	(39,844.94)
Lay	(4,328.80)	(300.00)		(4,628.80)	(4,378.80)
<b>Rateable charges</b>					
Rates	(1,001.05)			(1,001.05)	(1,606.08)
Water Rates	(1,276.27)			(1,276.27)	(1,525.10)
<b>Diocesan Levies</b>					
Diocesan Levy - Standard	(6,916.08)			(6,916.08)	(6,663.60)
<b>General parish overheads</b>					
Stationery	(4.00)			(4.00)	
IT maintenance	(195.00)			(195.00)	(435.00)
Printer Inks	(71.85)			(71.85)	(77.30)
Printing & Photocopying	(469.80)			(469.80)	(404.09)
Insurances & Licenses	(4,195.89)			(4,195.89)	(3,766.84)

# Statement Of Financial Activities

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## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

Period: 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Depreciation - office equipment	(5.99)			(5.99)	(7.49)
Depreciation - other equipment	(46.29)			(46.29)	(58.81)
Depreciation - other	(199.28)	(295.16)		(494.44)	(567.79)
Gazette costs	(48.00)	(112.00)		(160.00)	(184.00)
General Catering Costs	(65.45)			(65.45)	(88.93)
Postage	(17.30)			(17.30)	(16.42)
Health & Safety	(24.31)			(24.31)	
Parochial ministry overheads					
Sunday School related costs	(124.97)			(124.97)	(30.00)
Mission activity	(529.83)			(529.83)	
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	(524.20)	(259.30)		(783.50)	
Other worship related costs	(55.50)	(40.00)		(95.50)	(48.00)
Financial and Professional Costs					
Audit and accountancy	(100.00)			(100.00)	(100.00)
Bank fees and charges	(203.40)			(203.40)	(250.36)
Fundraising Costs					(55.20)
Charity Shop Costs					
Donations to Charities and Missions					
Donations to church charities		(417.00)		(417.00)	(851.00)
Donations to other charities	(1,950.00)	(3,847.80)		(5,797.80)	(3,350.00)
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>(87,849.01)</b>	<b>(6,042.89)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(93,891.90)</b>	<b>(74,007.18)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers</b>	<b>(8,578.95)</b>	<b>1,864.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>	<b>6,767.63</b>
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
- out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses</b>	<b>(8,578.95)</b>	<b>1,864.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>	<b>6,767.63</b>
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation of assets for charity's own use					
Gains/losses on investment assets					
Other Gains and Losses					
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>	<b>(8,578.95)</b>	<b>1,864.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>	<b>6,767.63</b>
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>(8,578.95)</b>	<b>1,864.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(6,714.54)</b>	<b>6,767.63</b>

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2022	2021
<b>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</b>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	44,445.67	15,452.96		59,898.63	53,131.00
Excess of Receipts over payments for the year	-8,327.39	2,159.57		-6,167.82	6,767.63
Transfers between funds					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	36,118.28	17,612.53		53,730.81	59,898.63

# Balance Sheet

## The Church of Ireland Cloughfern Parish

As of 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	8,542.44	8,444.67
Investments	13,919.85	13,919.85
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank and in hand	30,721.80	37,534.11
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>53,184.09</b>	<b>59,898.63</b>
Unrestricted Funds	35,866.72	44,445.67
Restricted Funds	17,317.37	15,542.96
Endowment Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>53,184.09</b>	<b>59,898.63</b>

# Bank Account / Cash in Hand Balances

As at 31 December 2022

9251	Current Account Charity	30700.31
9259	Petty Cash	<u>21.49</u>
		30721.80

## Depreciation

		£
Fire Alarm	15%	204.48
Book Case	10%	90.68
Halls Water Heater	20%	6.44
Rectory Fixtures & Fittings	25%	22.72
Office Equipment	20%	5.99
Lawnmower	25%	11.26
Church Equipment	10%	28.59
Trestle Tables	10%	33.07
Chairs	10%	143.49
Total Depreciation		546.72

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# Annual report

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**Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern Parish**  
126 Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim BT37 9QR

**Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Charity No: NIC103261

Trustees

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the following held a position of Trustee:

Rev Tim Close (Chair), Jennifer Boyd, Clare Campbell, Joanne Dickenson, Jane Dunn, Norman Dunn, David Garland, Diana Harrington, Sandra Harvey, Christine Hunter, Billy Ingram, Tanya Kay, Kerry McIlwaine, Alan McNiece, Karyn McNiece, Elizabeth McWatters, Irene Orr, Caroline Tares, Barbara Turkington and Gillian Webb.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern Parish, is to support the advancement of the Christian faith by promoting, through its work, the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. Fundamental to the practical delivery of Christianity is being open to, and engaging with, society as a whole and offering support to those who need it.

Cloughfern Parish has custody of property and records pertaining to cultural and religious heritage, maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of the church.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The year 2022 marked not only the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II, but that of our own church, which was dedicated on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1952. To mark these landmark events, a special service was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and we had a jubilee lunch in the church hall on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to obtaining a local Council grant, current and former parishioners, their family and friends, and community were able to attend free of charge.

Although Covid is still with us, restrictions have been eased, and church services, youth organisations, clubs, groups and social meetings are all taking place as normal – but we continue to be vigilant. Home visits have also resumed, and information/support is also still available via telephone, our parish website, and our Facebook page.

All charities continued to feel the effects of the pandemic on their fundraising. In spite of this, enabled by the financial support of its parishioners, we were able to support international charities such as the Church Missionary Society and the Samaritans' Purse, as well as a number of charities specifically for Ukraine (the Bishop's Appeal for Ukraine, the Disasters Emergency Committee, and Belfast Cathedral Fund for Ukraine). We also supported local charities by donating to the Royal British Legion, UNICEF, Shelter NI, Crossroads Care NI, Parkinson's UK in NI, and Dementia NI. We continue to support our local foodbank, both with food items and monetary donations, which is ongoing. This winter we also provided practical help by distributing blankets to help those struggling with utility bills in the current cost of living crisis.

Our Charity Shop opens two days a week, and continues to be very popular and well supported both by parishioners and the wider community. It has been able to make charitable donations to: Transforming Lives for Good, St. Anne's Cathedral (including the Black Santa Sit-out), the NI Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Hope House, The Welcome Organisation, and Alzheimer's NI, as well as providing a vital source of funds for our Church.

During the year, our coffee morning supported MacMillan Cancer Care, and Christian Aid.

Financial Review

The Parish began the year with a balance from 2021 for Cash in Hand and Bank of £37534.11. Total Receipts for 2022 came to £87177.36, which is up by £6402.55 on previous year. This was mostly due to the successful fund raising of the Charity Shop.

Total Resources Expended came to £93891.90, a significant increase of £19884.72 on the figure for 2021. This was mainly due to the cost of repair of the Church bell tower (£7776); replacing lights in the Church (£3120); the services of a tree surgeon (£2791.50); and necessary clearance and gardening work in spare ground on our property, which was a safety hazard. The remainder were costs of general repairs to fixtures/fittings, general grounds maintenance, and increased energy costs.

At the end of 2022 the balance for Cash in Hand and at the Bank was £30721.80.

#### Pay and Remuneration

On the Schedule of Approved Stipends set by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, Minimum Approved Stipend is £31,100 per annum. Our Priest-in-Charge was appointed on the understanding that he would work 5 days instead of the usual 6, and would therefore be paid pro-rata. General Synod also give a guide value for Expenses of Office Allowance of £800 per annum and locomotory allowances of £6590 per annum. The Parish contribution to the 'Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme' (including the "Per Cure" element of £336.92) was £6634.68 for the year 2022.

#### Management

Members of the Select Vestry (who are also the Charity Trustees) are elected annually at the Easter General Vestry. They are responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish, and for deciding on matters of general concern and importance, including how parish funds are to be applied. The finances are managed by the Honorary Treasurer, who reports to the Select Vestry at monthly meetings. Special meetings can be convened between scheduled dates, if necessary. Records of meetings are kept by the Honorary Secretary.

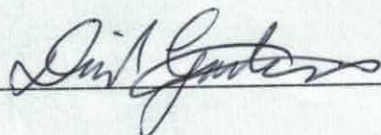
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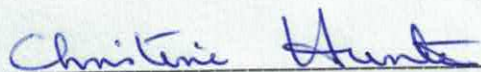
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Trustee 1:



Trustee 2:



Date:

23/7/23

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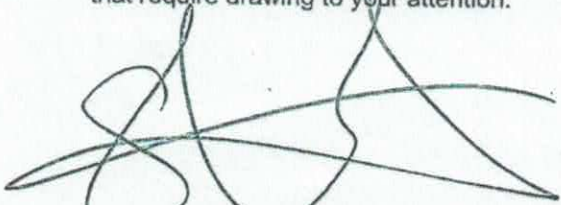
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31 March 2023

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