

# BELFAST/Belfast:St.Brendan/St.Brendan/Dow n&Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103265

## Details

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**Known as** St Brendan's Sydenham

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-05-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** General charitable purposes,Playgroup/after schools,Religious activities,Sport/recreation,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£94,581	£86,099	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Beth Ginnett		
Margaret Harris		
Miss Elizabeth Dall		
Miss Robyn Mann		
Miss Ruth Kane		
Mr Matthew Herron		
Mr Neil Gorman		
Mrs Claire Ross		
Mrs Karen Thompson		
Mrs Kathryn Catherwood		
Mrs Lauren Herron		
Mrs Lynda Storey		
Mrs Marie McMurray		
Ted Ginnett		

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# Accounts

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### Receipts and payments accounts

	For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation	38,720	16,510		55,230	46,236
Hall Rental	1,630			1,630	1,845
Rectory Rental	9,600			9,600	8,800
Grants	10,000	8,910		18,910	28,484
Events		1,047		1,047	1,277
Gift Aid Received	8,164			8,164	12,616
				-	
				-	
				-	
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>68,114</b>	<b>26,467</b>	-	<b>94,581</b>	<b>99,258</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-		-
Loan repayments received		-	-		-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>68,114</b>	<b>26,467</b>	-	<b>94,581</b>	<b>99,258</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	150	250	-	400	420
Heat, Light & Rates	11,427			11,427	10,155
Diocesan Assessment	9,349			9,349	10,267
Accountancy Fees	888			888	540
Advertising	364			364	465
Software	320			320	369
Telephone	435			435	432
Repairs & Maintenance	2,590	28,562		31,152	7,166
Insurance	3,376			3,376	3,334
Clergy Costs	15,430		-	15,430	24,519
Community Outreach & Donations	3,717	6,685	-	10,402	20,251
Training	540		-	540	-
Supplies	1,851	165	-	2,016	947
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>50,437</b>	<b>35,662</b>	-	<b>86,099</b>	<b>78,865</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>50,437</b>	<b>35,662</b>	-	<b>86,099</b>	<b>78,865</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>17,677</b>	<b>9,195</b>	-	<b>8,482</b>	<b>20,393</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	1,602		-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	14,024	44,044		58,068	37,675
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>30,099</b>	<b>36,451</b>	-	<b>66,550</b>	<b>58,068</b>

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation	30,203	16,033		46,236	42,888
Hall Rental	1,845			1,845	2,145
Rectory Rental	8,800			8,800	9,600
Grants	10,807	17,677		28,484	40,473
Events	-	1,277		1,277	812
Gift Aid Received	4,616	8,000		12,616	11,241
				-	
				-	
				-	
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>56,271</b>	<b>42,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,258</b>	<b>107,159</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-		-
Loan repayments received		-	-		-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,271</b>	<b>42,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,258</b>	<b>107,159</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	170	250	-	420	438
Heat, Light & Rates	10,155			10,155	21,575
Diocesan Assessment	10,267			10,267	11,777
Accountancy Fees	540			540	540
Advertising	465			465	109
Software	369			369	2,014
Telephone	432			432	446
Repairs & Maintenance	7,166			7,166	4,743
Insurance	3,334			3,334	3,184
Clergy Costs	24,519		-	24,519	18,205
Community Outreach & Donations	2,815	17,436	-	20,251	18,568
Supplies	947		-	947	369
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>61,179</b>	<b>17,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,865</b>	<b>81,968</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,179</b>	<b>17,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,865</b>	<b>81,968</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,907</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,393</b>	<b>25,191</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		-		-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,931</b>	<b>18,744</b>		<b>37,675</b>	<b>12,484</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,024</b>	<b>44,044</b>		<b>58,068</b>	<b>37,675</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	14,024	44,044	-	58,068	37,675
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,024</b>	<b>44,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,068</b>	<b>37,675</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
				<b>Total</b>		

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		<b>Total</b>			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Rectory		-	260,000	260,000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			<b>Total</b>		<b>260,000</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>					

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

*L STOREY*  
*Paul J Bradley*

Print Name

LYNDIA STOREY  
PAUL J. BRADLEY

Date of approval

6/1/25  
6/1/25

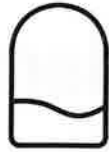
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# Annual report

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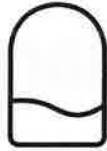
**St. Brendan's**  
SYDENHAM

**Charities Number: 103265**

**Trustee's Annual Report**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

**St Brendan's Parish is a registered charity: No 103265**



# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

Trustee's Annual Report

For Year Ended December 2024

**Charities No: 103265**

**Charities Name: St Brendan's Church of Ireland Church**

**Address: 64A Larkfield Road, Belfast, BT4 1QE**

**Current Trustees:**

Chair – Claire Pearson  
Beth Ginnett  
Claire McBride  
Elizabeth Dall  
Gillian Gorman  
Karen Kane  
Lauren Gorman  
Laureene Ginnett  
Lynda Storey  
Margaret Harris  
Neil Gorman  
Robert Galbraith  
Robyn Mann  
Ted Ginnett  
Cameron Gorman  
Matthew Herron  
Paul Bradley

**Treasurer:** Lauren Gorman

**Hon. Secretary:** Lynda Storey

**Bank:**

Ulster Bank Limited  
Connswater Branch  
Arches Retail Park  
Belfast  
BT5 4AF

**Independent Examiner:**

PGR Accountants Limited  
Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road  
Belfast  
BT3 9DE

**St Brendan's Parish is a registered charity: No 103265**



**St. Brendan's**  
SYDENHAM

**Trustee's Annual Report**  
**For Year Ended December 2024**

Trustees who served this charity during the period shown are:

Chair – Claire Pearson  
Beth Ginnett  
Claire McBride  
Elizabeth Dall  
Gillian Gorman  
Hazel Graham (*Resigned April 2024*)  
Karen Kane  
Lauren Gorman - *Treasurer*  
Laureene Ginnett  
Lynda Storey – *Hon. Secretary*  
Margaret Harris  
Neil Gorman  
Robert Galbraith  
Robyn Mann  
Ted Ginnett  
Cameron Gorman  
Matthew Herron (*Joined April 2024*)  
Paul Bradley (*Joined April 2024*)



**St. Brendan's**  
SYDENHAM

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

St Brendan's is a church governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland and run by a Select Vestry.

### **Recruiting and Appointing trustees**

The select vestry is made up of an Incumbent, or member of the clergy officiating at the parish, the assistant curates.

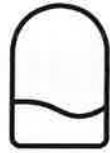
The Church Wardens – One is appointed by the incumbent, and one is voted for by the Select Vestry.

The Glebe Wardens – Again, one is appointed by the incumbent, and one is voted for by the Select Vestry.

Of the remaining General Vestry members, a group shall be selected by votes to act on behalf of the General Vestry, and these shall be the trustees.

At the soonest possible opportunity after the Annual General Meeting, an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed from these.

People may serve as office bearers without becoming Trustees, However, this will mean that they are not voting members of the Select Vestry.



# St. Brendan's

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## **Objectives and Activities**

The main aim of St Brendan's Church is to reach the community of Sydenham with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to reach out to the poor and those in need within our community.

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

The principal function of St Brendan's Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Brendan's Church Sydenham, the whole mission of the Church's pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical values, and motivations. 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 pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St Brendan's Church, Sydenham has custody of the property, and of records, material, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the St Brendan's Church of Ireland.

## **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

Our youth group "Urban Saints" continued to grow in popularity in 2024, with more and more children from the local area joining us on Monday Nights for fun and fellowship. The group runs from P1 – P6 and meets every Monday night from 6.30 – 7.45 pm.

Every Wednesday night from 5.00pm – 6.30pm, the Slimming World group meet in our sports hall and a group from AA meet in our side chapel from 8.00pm – 10.00pm.

Our "H.U.G.S" tots' group continues to grow and show increasing favour in the community, seeing an increase of parents and grandparents also attending church on Sundays. This group has allowed us as a church to support parents and grandparents of Sydenham and develop a relationship with more members of our community.

Café church has continued once a month with numbers continuing to grow each month. This service structure welcomes families and allows them to feel more comfortable to attend a church service which may not be their norm. We have family friendly talks, activities, songs and then lunch is provided after. We hope to see a continuation of growth in café church especially through the link to HUGS.

Our "Women of Worth" (WOW) group met once a month for walks, cookery and craft nights and recently some fitness Zumba nights.

The Men's group have been on multiple outings this year to both mini golf and bowling. Our men's group continues to grow in size as they plan future events.



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Our bible study group 'Explore' has continued to be a great success. This group is run on the second Tuesday of the month and allows believers and non-believers to ask any questions they may have about the faith. Month by month the numbers grow and has encouraged attendance on a Sunday.

Our Joint worship nights with Knocknagoney Parish and Holywood Parish for monthly worship nights have been so encouraging. This year we have seen numbers grow to between 90-100 people at some evenings. This has been hugely encouraging to growing the inter-church relationship and also to our surrounding communities. The worship team consists of members of all three churches and continues to expand month on month. We hope to expand this relationship into more of our ministries

In addition to the ongoing programmes, we also ran a number of events including a our back to school Funday at the end of August attended by over 400 people in the community. We had bouncy castles, BBQs, slush puppies, face painters and plenty of fun.

Coming into the summer, we held Saturday morning breakfast clubs. This provided a space for families to come free of charge, to have a good breakfast and take part in activities such as messy art, petting zoos, 'wee critters' and a trip to happy town at the end of the summer.

Christmas is our favourite time of year at St Brendan's. This year we had our Christmas light switch on right after our Christingle service on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This drew out great numbers of the community as we took a collection in aid of 'Brain Waves NI'.

The week following this, we had over 600 members of our community show up for the second year of our fabulous Santas Grotto Event. Our theme was 'Nativity' with a live farm in the stable! Our team provided crafts, hot Christmas drinks and treats for the community before they journeyed up through the stable doors and through our light tunnel to see Santa and receive a gift. The event was sold out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Santa Paws was held on the Saturday afternoon, where people booked in to get photos of their pets with Santa, all in aid of the BARN Animal Rescue Sanctuary Newtownards.

As usual, the generosity of our community was second to none. We were blessed with donations of toys, food and vouchers for those in our area who required a little help or encouragement over the Christmas period. At Christmas, we at St Brendan's strive to show God's love through our acts of service out to the community.

During the year, we were able to support multiple charities with fantastic causes, including the Maridi bike appeal held by the Diocese of Down and Dromore. We were able to purchase 10 bikes for the clergy in Maridi to aid their pastoral work in their area.



# St. Brendan's

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## Services

Andrew Brannigan and Paula McIlwaine continued their pastoral roles for all Sunday services and mid-week activities until Rev'd Claire Pearson returned from Maternity in April 2024. Andrew Brannigan and Paula McIlwaine resumed their position from December 2024, as Rev'd C Pearson went on maternity leave.

The worship was led by the youth band or on piano by Margaret each week.

Each of the organisations that use our premises, who work with young people, must have a Child Protection Policy in place.

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.

## Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee's remuneration or benefits for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. There were no trustees' expenses paid for in the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

Trustee 1

Name:

Date:

Lynda Storey (SEC)  
LYNDA STOREY  
6/3/25

Trustee 2:

Name:

Date:

PAUL J. BRADLEY (TRUSTEE)  
Paul J. Bradley  
6/3/25



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# Annual return

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## ST BRENDANS CHURCH OF IRELAND

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BRENDANS CHURCH OF IRELAND

I report on the financial statements of St Brendan's Church of Ireland (or "the charity") for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Charities Act') as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable;
- 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; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined the 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.

The 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements or methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and
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.



Mr Jonathan McNeill

For and on behalf of:  
PGR Chartered Accountants  
Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road  
Belfast  
Co. Antrim  
BT3 9DE

Dated: 08/04/25

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# Accounts

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### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation	31,376	11,512		42,888	32,620
Hall Rental	2,145			2,145	1,915
Rectory Rental	9,600			9,600	9,600
Grants	19,600	20,873		40,473	9,710
Events	-	812		812	
Gift Aid Received	5,541	5,700		11,241	
				-	
				-	
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>68,262</b>	<b>38,897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,159</b>	<b>53,845</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-		-
Loan repayments received		-	-		-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>68,262</b>	<b>38,897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,159</b>	<b>53,845</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	188	250	-	438	514
Heat, Light & Rates	21,575			21,575	11,105
Diocesan Assessment	11,777			11,777	10,064
Accountancy Fees	540			540	-
Advertising	17	92		109	-
Software	2,014			2,014	-
Telephone	446			446	813
Repairs & Maintenance	4,091	652		4,743	708
Insurance	3,184			3,184	2,974
Clergy Costs	18,205		-	18,205	5,231
Community Outreach & Donations	5,790	12,777	-	18,568	9,441
Supplies	368		-	368	267
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>68,196</b>	<b>13,772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,968</b>	<b>41,117</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>68,196</b>	<b>13,772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,968</b>	<b>41,117</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>25,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,191</b>	<b>12,728</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>6,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>12,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>12,484</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,931</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,675</b>	<b>12,484</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	18,931	18,744	-	37,675	17,714
	Overdraft	-	-	-	-	5,230
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,931</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,675</b>	<b>12,484</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets						
	<b>Total</b>					

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets					
	<b>Total</b>				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Rectory		-	260,000	260,000
		<b>Total</b>			<b>260,000</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities					

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: Karen Kane Print Name: KAREN KANE Date of approval: 21/4/24  
R. Mann Robyn Mann 21/04/24


**BELFAST/Belfast:St.Brendan/St.Brendan/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual report

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# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

Charities Number: 103265

Trustee's Annual Report

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

St Brendan's Parish is a registered charity: No 103265



# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

Trustee's Annual Report  
For Year Ended December 2023

**Charities No:** 103265

**Charities Name:** St Brendan's Church of Ireland Church

**Address:** 64A Larkfield Road, Belfast, BT4 1QE

**Current Trustees:**

Chair – Claire Pearson  
Beth Ginnett  
Claire McBride  
Elizabeth Dall  
Gillian Gorman  
Karen Kane  
Lauren Gorman  
Laureene Ginnett  
Lynda Storey  
Margaret Harris  
Neil Gorman  
Robert Galbraith  
Robyn Mann  
Ted Ginnett  
Cameron Gorman

**Treasurer:** Lauren Gorman

**Hon. Secretary:** Lynda Storey

**Bank:**

Ulster Bank Limited  
Connswater Branch  
Arches Retail Park  
Belfast  
BT5 4AF

**Independent Examiner:**

PGR Accountants Limited  
Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road  
Belfast  
BT3 9DE

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# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

## Trustee's Annual Report

For Year Ended December 2023

Trustees who served this charity during the period shown are:

Chair – Claire Pearson (as of 01/10/2022)

Beth Ginnett

Claire McBride

Elizabeth Dall

Gillian Gorman

Hazel Graham

Karen Kane

Lauren Gorman - *Treasurer*

Laureene Ginnett

Lynda Storey – *Hon. Secretary*

Margaret Harris

Neil Gorman

Robert Galbraith

Robyn Mann

Ted Ginnett

Cameron Gorman



**St. Brendan's**  
SYDENHAM

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

St Brendan's is a church governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland and run by a Select Vestry.

### **Recruiting and Appointing trustees**

The select vestry is made up of an Incumbent, or member of the clergy officiating at the parish, the assistant curates.

The Church Wardens – One is appointed by the incumbent, and one is voted for by the Select Vestry.

The Glebe Wardens – Again, one is appointed by the incumbent, and one is voted for by the Select Vestry.

Of the remaining General Vestry members, a group shall be selected by votes to act on behalf of the General Vestry, and these shall be the trustees.

At the soonest possible opportunity after the Annual General Meeting, an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed from these.

People may serve as office bearers without becoming Trustees, However, this will mean that they are not voting members of the Select Vestry.



# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

## Objectives and Activities

The main aim of St Brendan's Church is to reach the community of Sydenham with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to reach out to the poor and those in need within our community.

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

The principal function of St Brendan's Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Brendan's Church Sydenham, the whole mission of the Church's pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical values, and motivations. 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 pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St Brendan's Church, Sydenham has custody of the property, and of records, material, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the St Brendan's Church of Ireland.

## Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Our youth group "Urban Saints" grew in number in 2023, with more and more children from the local area joining us on Monday Nights for fun and fellowship. The group runs from P1 – P6 and meets every Monday night from 6.30 – 7.45 pm.

Every Wednesday night from 5.00pm – 6.30pm, the Slimming World group meet in our sports hall and a group from AA meet in our side chapel from 8.00pm – 10.00pm.

Our "H.U.G.S" tots' group has grown significantly, seeing an increased of parents and grandparents also attending church on Sundays. This group has allowed us as a church to support parents and grandparents of Sydenham and develop a relationship with more members of our community.

Café church has continued once a month with numbers continuing to grow each month. This service allows families to feel comfortable to attend a church service which may not be their norm. We have family friendly talks, activities, songs and then lunch is provided after. We hope to see a continuation of growth in café church especially through the link to HUGS.

Our "Women of Worth" (WOW) group met once a month for walks, cookery and craft nights (including a packed out Christmas wreath making evening) and outings such as to Eden Pottery.

The Men's Shed work came to completion with the floor being laid and walls painted. Men from the community have come for football and food nights.



## St. Brendan's SYDENHAM

Starting in July, our 'Explore' group has been a great success. This group is run on the second Tuesday of the month and allows believers and non-believers to ask any questions they may have about the faith. Month by month the numbers grow and has encouraged attendance on a Sunday.

During the year, our church has joined with Knocknagoney Parish and Holywood Parish for monthly worship nights. This has been a fantastic opportunity to grow inter-church relationships but also to encourage all local communities to come out and be together. The numbers have increased dramatically from the first worship service to the end of the year. The worship team consists of members of all three churches and continues to expand month on month.

In addition to the ongoing programmes we also ran a number of events including a Coronation event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May attended by over 200 people in the community. It involved an open air church service, afternoon teas, inflatables, crafts, food, coronation cake and queen Karen!

Coming into the summer there was many events for children, young people and their families including a mobile zoo visit, Urban Saints party, 'wee critters', Springvale farm, sports and fun days, teddy bear picnics and more. After the summer we held a 'back to school' community event along the theme of a funfair that was well attended.

At St Brendan's, Christmas outreach is always a huge date in our calendar. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we held our Christmas Village at the Church with local craft stalls, a quad train, Christmas food & drink, the salvation army band, and our Christmas tree light switch on. There was a turnout of over 500 people who had a great day. This was followed by 2 nights of our Santa's grotto in the church during the week. Families were able to enter the church for a Narnia themed wonderland. Our team had crafts and Christmas food & drink ready before the journeyed up through the wardrobe and through our light tunnel to see Santa and receive a gift. All slots were filled for this event and had great feedback from the community.

As usual, the generosity of our community was second to none. We were blessed with donations of toys, food and vouchers for those in our area who required a little help or encouragement over the Christmas period. At Christmas, we at St Brendan's strive to show God's love through our acts of service out to the community.

Our Christingle service was held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We held an outdoor carol service on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December joining with Strand Presbyterian and Sydenham Methodist and our Christmas morning service.



# St. Brendan's

SYDENHAM

## Services

Rev Claire Pearson lead most services in the year until her maternity leave started mid-April. From here, Andrew Brannigan and Paula McIlwaine took over in a pastoral role for all Sunday services and mid-week activities.

The worship was led by the youth band or on piano by Margaret each week.

Each of the organisations that use our premises, who work with young people, must have a Child Protection Policy in place.

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.

## Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee's remuneration or benefits for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
There were no trustees' expenses paid for in the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees were responsible for the preparing of the Trustees Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time 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,

### Trustee 1

Name: *Robyn Mann R.uer*

Date: *21/04/24*

### Trustee 2:

Name: *KAREN KANE - Karen Kane*

Date: *21/04/24*

**BELFAST/Belfast:St.Brendan/St.Brendan/Down&Dromore/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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## ST BRENDANS CHURCH OF IRELAND

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BRENDANS CHURCH OF IRELAND

I report on the financial statements of St Brendan's Church of Ireland (or "the charity") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Charities Act') as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable;
- 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; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined the 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.

The 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

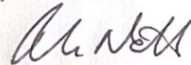
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me reasonable cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements or methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and
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.

Mr Jonathan McNeill



For and on behalf of:  
PGR Chartered Accountants  
Unit 2 Channel Wharf  
21 Old Channel Road  
Belfast  
Co. Antrim  
BT3 9DE

Dated:

24/4/24