

Newry/Aghaderg, Donaghmore & Scarva/St. Bartholomew, Donaghmore/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103269

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-06-16

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

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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	£63,750	£55,304	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Colin Mcknight		
Mr John Mcgaffin		
Mr Neil Mcknight		
Mr Norman Mcknight		
Mr Trevor Mcgaffin		
Mr William Joseph Mathers Mcgaffin		
Mrs Emma Mcgaffin		
Mrs Georgina Mcclelland		
Mrs Gretta Jackson		
Mrs Kayleigh Amanda Henning		
Reverend Rodney Magennis		

Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations & plate collection		10,737	-	-	10,737	11,129
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	8	2,335	-	-	2,335	150
Collections for Third Parties	4	-	767	-	767	1,152
Bank & Deposit Interest		1,385	-	-	1,385	1,272
Investment Income	12	294	-	-	294	271
Rental Proceeds	9	150	-	-	150	150
Grants		-	-	-	-	5,000
Other Receipts	10	4,490	-	-	4,490	5,359
Receipts from Parish Organisation's		43,592	-	-	43,592	34,878
Legacy Income		-	-	-	-	1,000
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>62,983</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,750</u>	<u>60,361</u>
<u>Payments</u>						
Wages and Salaries	11	45,488	-	-	45,488	38,885
Diocesan Costs / Assessment		1,044	-	-	1,044	1,224
Church Running Costs	7	6,281	-	-	6,281	6,786
Glebe House Shared Running Costs	5	254	-	-	254	494
Collections for Third Parties	4	154	767	-	921	675
Administration Costs	6	225	-	-	225	533
Payments to Parish Organisations		691	-	-	691	586
Fundraising Costs		400	-	-	400	-
Grant Expenditure		-	-	-	-	5,993
Church Website Costs		-	-	-	-	300
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>54,537</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,304</u>	<u>55,476</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		8,446		-	8,446	4,885
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>8,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,446</u>	<u>4,885</u>

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1



Trustee 2

G Jackson

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	32,571	-	-	32,571	25,720
Deposit Accounts	-	35,699	-	35,699	34,314
Cash	210	-	-	210	-
Total Cash Funds	32,781	35,699	-	68,480	60,034

Investment Assets					
Equity Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Listed Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts 1275 Units of RB General Unit Trust NI	-	-	1,370	1,370	1,345
Other unlisted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Assets	-	-	1,370	1,370	1,345

Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Shared Rectory	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Total Assets	56,781	35,699	1,370	93,850	85,379

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Trustee 1



Trustee 2

R Jackson

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

1. Accounting policies

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All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) *Assets retained for the Parish's own use*

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Glebe National School
- Glebe Field
- Fixtures and fittings
- 15 Oaklands, Loughbrickland (10% Share)

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ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	60,034
Receipts for the Year	63,750
Payments for the Year	(55,304)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	68,480

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers / Investment Gain (Loss)	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust					
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest	41	-	-	1	42
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest	41	-	-	1	42
• Miss JG Burnett Bequest	384	-	-	7	391
• Mrs AM Lucas Bequest	33	-	-	1	34
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest	92	-	-	1	93
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest	183	-	-	4	187
• Mrs MA Garrett Bequest	53	-	-	1	54
• Mrs MA Kidd Bequest	42	-	-	1	43
	869	-	-	17	886
Restricted funds					
- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust					
• Church Officers Composition	476	-	-	8	484
• Glebe Profit Sale	-	-	-	-	-
• Glebe Profit Sale Building Fund	34,314	1,385	-	-	35,699
	34,790	1,385	-	8	36,183
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Graveyard Fund	9,211	4,490	(3,029)	(2,025)	8,647
General Fund	16,509	57,875	(52,275)	2,025	24,134
Shared Rectory	24,000	-	-	-	24,000
	49,720	62,365	(55,304)	-	56,781
Total funds	85,379	63,750	(55,304)	25	93,850

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 - Mrs AM Lucas Benefactory – Income from this fund is to assist with the Grave
 - Mrs K Robinson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the Poor at Christmas
 - Mrs K Robinson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the upkeep of the Church.
 - Mrs M A Garrett Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the upkeep of the Scott Grave.
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Purposes of Restricted Funds

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4. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Poppy Appeal	102	100
Southern Area Hospice	275	411
B Positive	190	-
Bishops Appeal	200	641
	<u>767</u>	<u>1,152</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under “Collections for Third Parties” and in Payments for the year under “Collections for Third Parties”. Differences between that received and paid out is due to rounding up cheques to third charities upon approval of Vestry.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

5. Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid £254 relating to the shared running costs of the Church Rectory. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for the running costs of the Church Rectory during the year.

Trustee, Norman McKnight, is connected with the rental income from the Glebe Field. The Rental Income for 2024 was £150 (2023 £150).

Trustee, Neil McKnight, was engaged to maintain the Graveyard. In 2024, he was paid £2,400 (2023 £2,400) for carrying out his work.

Trustee, Gretta Jackson, was engaged to maintain the Church in the role of Sexton. In 2024, she was paid £750 (2023 £750).

6. Administration Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank Fees	125	145
Stationery	50	153
Offering Envelopes	-	185
Independent Examiner Gift	50	50
	<u>225</u>	<u>533</u>

Governance costs of £ 50 were incurred during the year of which £50 relates to a gift paid to the Independent Examiner. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.

7. Church Running Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Electricity	-	(600)
Oil	821	1,049
Church Insurance	857	817
Water Rates	95	111
Church Repairs	670	60
Fire & Defence	262	-
Grass-cutting	2,400	2,400
Graveyard Expenses	584	2,109
McMinn Boiler Services	114	-
Gift for Lay Reader	70	-
Christian Copyright Licensing	-	93
Steeplejack	282	270
Safeguarding Trust	58	-
Disposable Cups	50	-
Reverend Expenses	18	-
Reverend Wedding Gift	-	277
Donation In Memory of the Late Canon Little	-	200
	<u>6,281</u>	<u>6,786</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Church Running Costs."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

8. Collections from Fundraising Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church Funds	2,335	150
	<u>2,335</u>	<u>150</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Collections from Fundraising."

9. Rental Proceeds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Glebe Field	150	150
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Rental Proceeds."

10. Other Receipts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid	-	2,259
R Kernaghan Church Talk	-	300
Graveyard Donation and Fees	4,490	2,780
Amazon Smile	-	20
	<u>4,490</u>	<u>5,359</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Other Receipts."

11. Wages and Salaries

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stipend	36,141	29,107
PAYE	6,937	7,610
Visiting Clergy	215	248
Sexton	750	750
Organist	1,350	1,140
Visiting Organist	95	30
	<u>45,488</u>	<u>38,885</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Wages and Salaries."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

12. Investment Income and Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Investment Income</u>		
RCB Trust Income	294	271

The above amount has been included in receipts for the Year under "Investment Income."

Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations & plate collection		11,129	-	-	11,129	10,911
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	8	150	-	-	150	330
Collections for Third Parties	4	1,152	-	-	1,152	314
Bank & Deposit Interest		1,272	-	-	1,272	361
Investment Income	12	271	-	-	271	320
Rental Proceeds	9	150	-	-	150	150
Grants		-	5,000	-	5,000	2,871
Other Receipts	10	5,359	-	-	5,359	6,152
Receipts from Scarva & Aghaderg		34,878	-	-	34,878	24,755
Legacy Income		1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total Receipts		55,361	5,000	-	60,361	47,164
Payments						
Wages and Salaries	11	38,885	-	-	38,885	30,209
Diocesan Costs / Assessment		1,224	-	-	1,224	1,332
Church Running Costs	7	6,786	-	-	6,786	8,127
Glebe House Shared Running Costs	5	494	-	-	494	596
Glebe House Shared Rental		-	-	-	-	360
Collections for Third Parties		675	-	-	675	778
Administration Costs	6	533	-	-	533	249
Payments to Parish Organisations		586	-	-	586	199
Grant Expenditure		993	5,000	-	5,993	2,804
Church Website Costs		300	-	-	300	-
Total Payments		50,476	5,000	-	55,476	44,654
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		4,885	-	-	4,885	2,510
Transfers		10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		14,885	(10,000)	-	4,885	2,510

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

Trustee 2

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	25,720	-	-	25,720	9,422
Deposit Accounts	-	34,314	-	34,314	43,067
Cash	2,025	-	-	-	2,660
Total Cash Funds	25,720	34,314	-	60,034	55,149

Investment Assets					
Equity Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Listed Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in RCB / 316 Units of RB General Unit Trust NI	-	-	1,345	1,345	1,307
Other unlisted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Assets	-	-	1,345	1,345	1,307

Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Shared Rectory	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Total Assets	49,720	34,314	1,345	85,379	80,456

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Receipts for the Year	60,361
Payments for the Year	(55,476)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	<u>60,034</u>

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers / Investment Gain (Loss)	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
- <u>Investment in RCB General Unit Trust</u>					
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest (9-69)	40	-	-	1	41
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest (9-70)	40	-	-	1	41
• Miss JG Burnett Bequest (90-34)	373	-	-	11	384
• Mrs AM Lucas Bequest (7-86)	32	-	-	1	33
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest (21-56)	89	-	-	3	92
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest (43-12)	178	-	-	5	183
• Mrs MA Garrett Bequest (12-50)	52	-	-	1	53
• Mrs MA Kidd Bequest (10-00)	41	-	-	1	42
	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>869</u>
Restricted funds					
- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust		-			
• Church Officers Composition (111-82)	462	-	-	14	476
• Glebe Profit Sale	-	-	-	-	-
• Glebe Profit Sale Building Fund	43,067	1,272	(25)	(10,000)	34,314
	<u>43,529</u>	<u>1,272</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(9,986)</u>	<u>34,790</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Graveyard Fund	10,971	2,780	(4,540)	-	9,211
General Fund	1,111	56,309	(50,911)	10,000	16,509
Shared Rectory	24,000	-	-	-	24,000
	<u>36,082</u>	<u>59,089</u>	<u>(55,451)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>49,720</u>
Total funds	<u>80,456</u>	<u>60,361</u>	<u>(55,476)</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>85,349</u>

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4. Collections for Third Parties

	2023	2022
	£	£
Poppy Appeal	100	88
Southern Area Hospice	411	300
Christian Aid Hunger Appeal	-	350
SANDS Tractor Run	-	40
Bishops Appeal	641	-
	<u>1,152</u>	<u>778</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Collections for Third Parties" and in Payments for the year under "Collections for Third Parties". The remaining difference will be transferred to the relevant parties in 2024.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

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The parish paid £494 relating to the shared running costs of the Church Rectory. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for the running costs of the Church Rectory during the year.

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	2023 £	2022 £
Bank Fees	145	99
Stationery	153	100
Offering Envelopes	185	-
Independent Examiner Gift	50	50
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7. Church Running Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Electricity	(600)	192
Oil	1,049	1,138
Church Insurance	817	761
Water Rates	111	71
Church Repairs	60	2,863
Fire & Defence	-	91
Grass-cutting	2,400	2,400
Graveyard Expenses	2,109	-
McMinn Boiler Services	-	86
Gift for Sexton	-	50
Christian Copyright Licensing	93	87
Steeplejack	270	270
Children's Jubilee Book	-	60
Confirmation Book	-	18
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	<u>6,786</u>	<u>8,127</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Church Running Costs."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

8. Collections from Fundraising Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Church Funds	150	330
	<u>150</u>	<u>330</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Collections from Fundraising."

9. Rental Proceeds

	2023 £	2022 £
Glebe Field	150	150
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Rental Proceeds."

10. Other Receipts

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid	2,259	-
R Kernaghan Church Talk	300	-
Graveyard Donation and Fees	2,780	6,140
Amazon Smile	20	12
	<u>5,359</u>	<u>6,152</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Other Receipts."

11. Wages and Salaries

	2023 £	2022 £
Stipend	29,107	25,060
PAYE	7,610	2,855
Visiting Clergy	248	262
Sexton	750	750
Organist	1,140	1,075
Visiting Organist	30	207
	<u>38,885</u>	<u>30,209</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Wages and Salaries."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

12. Investment Income and Expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Investment Income</u>		
RCB Trust Income	271	320

The above amount has been included in Payments for the Year under "Investment Expenditure."

Newry/Aghaderg, Donaghmore & Scarva/St. Bartholomew, Donaghmore/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103269

Annual report

**St Bartholomew's Church,
Parish of Donaghmore**

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC103269-0

St Bartholomew's Church, Parish of Donaghmore

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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St Bartholomew's Church, Parish of Donaghmore

References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC 103269

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Mr John Mayne McClelland
Mrs Georgina McClelland
Mr John McGaffin
Mr Trevor McGaffin
Mr William Joseph Mathers McGaffin
Mr Neil McKnight
Mr Norman McKnight
Revd Rodney Magennis
Mr Colin McKnight
Mrs Emma McGaffin
Mr Robert Henning (Appointed 16.04.24)
Mrs Kayleigh Henning (Appointed 16.04.24)

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Revd Rodney Magennis
Church Treasurer: Neil McKnight
Assistant Treasurer: Trevor McGaffin
Church Warden- Clergy: William J M McGaffin
Church Warden - People: Gretta Jackson

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present the annual report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Bartholomew's Church, Donaghmore Parish for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore 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 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 Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage. Maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit 2023 (2022 in brackets)

The Parish continued to have regular Services of Worship throughout the year 2023. This year we continued to meet every Sunday except for one Sunday where the Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva came together to a Joint service and lunch at Donaghmore Church to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Services ceased to be broadcast each week on the Parish Youtube Channel except when specifically requested or a special service was taking place. There were 52 (51) Sunday Services of Worship in 2023 (2022) with an average congregation of 24 (23). The average number of Communicants each month was 15 (18). As well as 7 (6) Occasional Services, 0 (0) Baptisms and 0 (0) Marriage, there was 3 (9) burials (0 Parishioners, 3 Non – Parishioners). On Christmas Eve evening, a service was held in Donaghmore and the attendance was 28 (28).

Pastoral work continued throughout 2023 with very little restrictions due to Covid. The priority of the Minister – In- Charge is the elderly, the sick and the bereaved. Other visiting takes place as and when time permits.

The Parish celebrated the Coronation with a 'Coronation Lunch' as part of the nationwide 'Big Lunch' to commemorate His Majesty King Charles III. A successful application was made to the Department of Communities and a grant of £5,000 was secured to fund this event. This was well attended with Parishioners and Non – Parishioners from across the Grouped Parish and the local community. Marquees and caterers were hired and an approximate number of 180 persons joined us for lunch. Donaghmore Accordion Band provided music as part of the celebrations and there were arts, crafts, 'teddy bear' making activities, facepainting and garden games to entertain all. A tree was planted in the Church Graveyard by the Select Vestry.

A Sunday School has been operating since Autumn 2022 and now meets every Sunday except for the monthly Family Service. The Sunday School teachers have been vetted through Access NI and we have officers in place in line with the Church of Ireland Policy on Safeguarding Trust.

The parish – wide 'Steadfast' Youth Fellowship is continuing and going very well with a regular attendance and everyone is keen to see it progress in future.

In Autumn 2023, a short Bible Study series was introduced and was held in the Rectory. All three parishes in the Group were represented at those meetings and it was a good time spent with others seeking to further develop their faith in Jesus.

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

A special service was held in Aghaderg Church, Loughbrickland of 'Royal Hymns' to mark the Coronation of King Charles III with special guests attending and members from each Church taking part.

Repairs and general maintenance were continued on the Church property during 2023.

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. The Parish currently provides burial facilities for other Christian Denominations in the area.

Financial Review 2023 (2022)

The Income into the Parish from various sources was £60,361 (£47,164) with outgoings of £55,476 (£44,654) giving a surplus of £4,885 (surplus £2,510). The surplus is from higher bank interest, gift aid rebate and lower Church repairs.

The Bank and Cash in Hand Balance at 31st December 2023 was £60,034 (£55,149). It is the Trustee's Policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies, to build up funds to pay for future maintenance to the Church and grounds and to further the Objectives and Activities of the Church of Ireland.

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 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 (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 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 Revd. Rodney Magennis was appointed as Minister-In-Charge of the Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva in July 2023 and introduced at a special service in September that year where he receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances directly from the Parishes in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The Donaghmore Parish pays 10% of this sum.

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

The Trustee, Mr Neil McKnight's Business, Silverwood Landscapes, was engaged to maintain the Grave Yard and in 2023, the Parish paid £2,400 for carrying out this work.

The Trustee, Mrs Gretta Jackson acted as Sexton and was paid £750 for carrying out this work.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry comprises a member of the Clergy serving in the Parish, the Church wardens, the Glebe wardens and generally no more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry Meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the 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 Treasurer, Neil McKnight is responsible for the Current Account and the Building Funds. The Assistant Treasurer, Trevor McGaffin is responsible for the Graveyard Account and The Glebe National School Account.

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 Church wardens.

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. As detailed on page 4 above.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

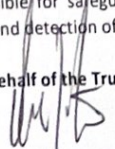
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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.

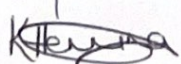
The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1



Trustee 2



Date 14 October 2024

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Donaghmore Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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.

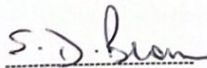
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



S.D. BROWN F.C.C.A
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT
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DATE: 14 October 2024

Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations & plate collection		10,911	-	-	10,911	9,688
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	8	330	-	-	330	-
Collections for Third Parties	4	-	314	-	314	401
Bank & Deposit Interest		9	352	-	361	39
Investment Income	12	320	-	-	320	352
Rental Proceeds	9	150	-	-	150	150
Grants		151	2,720	-	2,871	9,480
Other Receipts	10	6,152	-	-	6,152	5,776
Receipts from Scarva and Aghaderg Parishes towards wages		24,755	-	-	24,755	24,755
Legacy Income		1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Total Receipts		43,778	3,386	-	47,164	50,641
Payments						
Wages and Salaries	11	30,209	-	-	30,209	29,511
Diocesan Costs / Assessment		1,332	-	-	1,332	1,260
Church Running Costs	7	8,127	-	-	8,127	6,818
Glebe House Shared Running Costs	5	596	-	-	596	315
Glebe House Shared Rental		360	-	-	360	720
Collections for Third Parties		464	314	-	778	450
Administration Costs	6	249	-	-	249	232
Payments to Parish Organisations		199	-	-	199	-
Grant Expenditure		84	2,720	-	2,804	-
Refurbishment of Church		-	-	-	-	5,677
Church Website Costs		-	-	-	-	276
Total Payments		41,620	3,034	-	44,654	45,259
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		2,158	352	-	2,510	5,382
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		2,158	352	-	2,510	5,382

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

Padrey Magennis

Trustee 2

E. McGaffin

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	9,422	-	-	9,422	22,602
Deposit Accounts	-	43,067	-	43,067	49,842
Cash	2,660	-	-	2,660	95
Total Cash Funds	12,082	43,067	-	55,149	72,539

Investment Assets					
Equity Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Listed Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts 1275 Units of RB General Unit Trust NI	-	1,307	-	1,307	5,676
Other unlisted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Assets	-	1,307	-	1,307	5,676

Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Shared Rectory(10% of Total)	24,000	-	-	24,000	-
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	24,000	-	-	24,000	-
Total Assets	36,082	44,374	-	80,456	78,215

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

Rodney Magennis

Trustee 2

E. McGuffin

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Glebe National School
- Glebe Field
- Fixtures and fittings
- 15 Oaklands, Loughbrickland (10% Share)

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102)

These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities 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 Glebe National School was built in 1818. 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 statement of assets and liabilities.

The Glebe Field is physically attached to the Glebe National School and as such is not separable as an individual asset. There are no reliable records of the cost of this acquisition and valuation approach for such land lacks sufficient reliability. As a result this field is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

Fixtures and Fittings are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These fixtures and fittings are artefacts contained within the Church Building and their preservation and contribution to culture are ancillary to faith and other purposes. Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities 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.

In December 2022, the Parish purchased a 10% share in 15 Oaklands, Loughbrickland to be used as a shared rectory between the Aghaderg and Scarva Parishes. Donaghmore is responsible for 10% of the running costs. The market value and purchase price of the property in December 2022 was £240,000 with 10% equating to £24,000.

ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	72,539
Receipts for the Year	47,164
Payments for the Year	(44,654)
Proceeds from Sale of RCB unit Trusts	4,100
Purchase of Share Rectory (10% of Total)	(24,000)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	<u>55,149</u>

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers / Investment Gain (Loss)	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds					
- <u>Investment in RCB General Unit Trust</u>	-	-	-	-	-
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest	43	-	-	(3)	40
• Mrs FE Patterson Bequest	43	-	-	(3)	40
• Miss JG Burnett Bequest	402	-	-	(29)	373
• Mrs AM Lucas Bequest	35	-	-	(3)	32
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest	96	-	-	(7)	89
• Mrs K Robinson Bequest	193	-	-	(15)	178
• Mrs MA Garrett Bequest	57	-	-	(5)	52
• Mrs MA Kidd Bequest	44	-	-	(3)	41
	<u>913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68)</u>	<u>845</u>
Restricted funds					
- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust					
• Church Officers Composition	497	-	-	(35)	462
• Glebe Profit Sale	2,133	-	(2,050)	(83)	-
• Glebe Profit Sale	2,133	-	(2,050)	(83)	-
• Building Fund	42,715	352	-	-	43,067
Shared Rectory (10% of Total)	-	4,100	-	19,900	24,000
	<u>47,478</u>	<u>4,452</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>	<u>19,699</u>	<u>67,529</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Graveyard Fund	7,222	6,149	(2,400)	-	10,971
General Fund	22,602	40,663	(42,254)	(19,900)	1,111
	<u>29,824</u>	<u>46,812</u>	<u>(44,654)</u>	<u>(19,900)</u>	<u>12,082</u>
Total funds	<u>78,215</u>	<u>51,264</u>	<u>(48,754)</u>	<u>(269)</u>	<u>80,456</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

Purposes of Endowment Funds

- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust comprises eleven individual trust funds. There are eight funds which are solely to do with endowments. They are as follows:
 - Miss FE Patterson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the Condition of the Grave
 - Miss FE Patterson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the Stipend.
 - Miss JG Burnett Bequest – Income from this fund is to be used for Parish purposes and the Condition of the Grave
 - Mrs AM Lucas Benefactory – Income from this fund is to assist with the Grave
 - Mrs K Robinson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the Poor at Christmas
 - Mrs K Robinson Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the upkeep of the Church.
 - Mrs M A Garrett Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with the upkeep of the Scott Grave.
 - Mrs MA Kidd Bequest – Income from this fund is to assist with augmentation.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

- Investment in RCB General Unit Trust comprises eleven individual trust funds. There are three funds which are restricted. They are as follows:
 - Church Officers Composition Balance – This fund is to assist with the Stipend
 - Rectory Profit Sale – This fund is split equally. One half derives from the sale of the rectory property and is to be used for the benefit of Donaghmore Parish in a way to be agreed by the RCB, Diocesan Council and Donaghmore Select Vestry. This fund was cashed in to pay for the Shared Rectory in December 2022.
 - Rectory Profit Sale – This fund is split equally. One half derives from the sale of the rectory property and is to be used to pay for Church Repairs. This fund was cashed in to pay for the Shared Rectory in December 2022.
- Building Fund: This is comprised of two separate bank accounts which are both used for the purpose to assist with the maintenance and renewal of the Church property.

Purposes of Designated Funds

- Graveyard Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church Graveyard and / or other needs of the Church.
- General Fund: This fund covers all expenditure and receipt transactions except for those which demand separate fund accounting. This fund is to assist with all areas of the Church Life alongside the maintenance and upkeep of all the Church Assets.

4. Collections for Third Parties

	2022	2021
	£	£
Poppy Appeal	88	115
Southern Area Hospice	193	161
SANDS Tractor Run	33	-
United Christian Board	-	55
Stand By Me	-	70
	314	401

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Collections for Third Parties".

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

5. Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid £336 relating to the shared running costs of the Glebe House which is unoccupied. This house is now fully under the responsibility of Aghaderg Parish. The parish paid £260 expense in relation to the purchase of white goods for the new Church Rectory. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for the running costs of the Glebe House during the year.

Trustee, Norman McKnight, is connected with the rental income from the Glebe Field. The Rental Income for 2022 was £150 (2021 £150).

Trustee, Neil McKnight, was engaged to maintain the Graveyard. In 2022, he was paid £2,400 (2021 £2,400) for carrying out his work.

Trustee, Gretta Jackson, was engaged to maintain the Church in the role of Sexton. In 2022, she was paid £750.

6. Administration Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank Fees	99	60
Offering Envelopes	100	122
Independent Examiner Fee	50	50
	<u>249</u>	<u>232</u>

Governance costs of £ 50 were incurred during the year of which £50 relates to a gift paid to the Independent Examiner. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.

7. Church Running Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Electricity	192	206
Oil	1,138	561
Church Insurance	761	747
Water Rates	71	34
Church Repairs	2,863	797
Screen Installation	-	1,719
Fire & Defence	91	-
Grass-cutting	2,400	2,400
Graveyard Expenses	-	20
McMinn Boiler Services	86	-
Gift for Sexton	50	35
Christian Copyright Licensing	87	88
Steeplejack	270	236
Children's Jubilee Book	60	-
Confirmation Book	18	-
Reverend Expenses	40	-
	<u>8,127</u>	<u>6,518</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Church Running Costs."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

8. Proceeds from Fundraising Events

	2022 £	2021 £
Sponsored Walk for Church Funds	330	-
	<u>330</u>	<u>-</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Collections from Fundraising."

9. Rental Proceeds

	2022 £	2021 £
Shared Rectory	-	-
Glebe Field	150	150
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Rental Proceeds."

10. Other Receipts

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid – Tax Refund	-	856
Graveyard Donation and Fees	6,140	4,895
Amazon Smile	12	6
Contribution towards Bishop Retirement Gift	-	20
	<u>6,152</u>	<u>5,777</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Other Receipts."

11. Wages and Salaries

	2022 £	2021 £
Stipend	25,060	23,476
PAYE	2,855	4,770
Visiting Clergy	262	262
Sexton	750	-
Organist	1,075	750
Visiting Organist	207	253
	<u>30,209</u>	<u>29,511</u>

The above amounts have been included in Payments for the Year under "Wages and Salaries."

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

12. Investment Income and Expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Investment Income</u>		
RCB Trust Income	320	352

The above amount has been included in Payments for the Year under "Investment Expenditure."

13. Revaluation on Investments in RCB Unit Trusts

As the accounts are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, implementation of FRS102 is not mandatory. However, due to cashing in the RCB funds we have elected to adjust the RCB revaluations through the receipts and payments account.

Annual report

**St Bartholomew's Church,
Parish of Donaghmore**

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charities Number: NIC103269-0

St Bartholomew's Church, Parish of Donaghmore

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

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St Bartholomew's Church, Parish of Donaghmore

References and administrative details

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Mr Andrew McGaffin (Resigned 04.05.2022)
Mr John McGaffin
Mr Trevor McGaffin
Mr William Joseph Mathers McGaffin
Mr Neil McKnight
Mr Norman McKnight
Revd Rodney Magennis
Mr Colin McKnight
Mrs Emma McGaffin (Appointed 04.05.2022)

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Revd Rodney Magennis
Church Treasurer: Neil McKnight
Assistant Treasurer: Trevor McGaffin
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The Trustees present the annual report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Bartholomew's Church, Donaghmore Parish for the year ended 31st December 2022

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore 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 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 Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage. Maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit 2022 (2021 in brackets)

The Parish continued to have regular Services of Worship throughout the year 2022. This year we were allowed to meet every Sunday with no restrictions due to Covid which was a significant improvement. Services continued to be broadcast each week on the Parish Youtube Channel and Facebook page. There were 51 (40) Sunday Services of Worship in 2022 (2021) with an average congregation of 23 (18). The average number of Communicants each month was 18 (17). As well as 6 (2) Occasional Services, 1 (0) Baptisms and 0 (1) Marriage, there was 9 (4) burials (1 Parishioner, 8 Non – Parishioners). On Christmas Eve in the evening, a service was held in Donaghmore and the attendance was 28 (21). This year, a Confirmation Service was held in the group and 1 member of the Parish was confirmed.

Pastoral work and visiting remained difficult in 2022 when restrictions were in place and especially in the settings of hospital and care homes but as the year progressed, restrictions were easing and more visits were possible.

The Parish celebrated the Jubilee with a 'Jubilee Lunch' as part of the nationwide 'Big Lunch' to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was well attended with Parishioners and Non – Parishioners joining the celebrations. A tree was planted in the Church Graveyard by the Select Vestry as part of the 'Queen's Canopy.'

The new parish – wide Youth Fellowship started up in November 2022 and is going well with a healthy membership and leaders in place. Also in Donaghmore, a Sunday School started on two Sundays in the month with upwards of 6 children in attendance. A monthly Prayer Meeting for the Group was started and rotates around each of the Churches. We have officers in place in accordance with the Church of Ireland Policy on Safeguarding Trust.

Repairs and general maintenance were continued on the Church property during 2022. In May 2022, the Bishop of the Diocese came and there was a special service to dedicate the new windows that were replaced in the Church.

At the end of the year, a Rectory was purchased within the Group for £240,000. Donaghmore Parish owns 10% of this property and is responsible for 10% of the repairs and maintenance costs. The property is located in the village of Loughbrickland which is central to the group of Parishes and the Rector has been residing there since the end of 2022.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

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. The Parish currently provides burial facilities for other Christian Denominations in the area.

Financial Review 2022 (2021)

The Income into the Parish from various sources was £47,164 (£50,641) with outgoings of £44,654 (£45,259) giving a surplus of £2,510 (surplus £5,382.)

The Bank and Cash in Hand Balance at 31st December 2022 was £55,149 (£72,539). It is the Trustee's Policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies, to build up funds to pay for future maintenance to the Church and grounds and to further the Objectives and Activities of the Church of Ireland.

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 2022 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 (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 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 Rev. Magennis serves the Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva Group of Parishes where he receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances directly from the Parishes in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The Donaghmore Parish pays 10% of this sum.

The Trustee, Mr Neil McKnight's Business, Silverwood Landscapes, was engaged to maintain the Grave Yard and in 2022, the Parish paid £2,400 for carrying out this work.

The Trustee, Mrs Gretta Jackson acted as Sexton and was paid £750 for carrying out this work.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry comprises a member of the Clergy serving in the Parish, the Church wardens, the Glebe wardens and generally no more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry Meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the 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 Treasurer, Neil McKnight is responsible for the Current Account and the Building Funds. The Assistant Treasurer, Trevor McGaffin is responsible for the Graveyard Account and The Glebe National School Account.

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 Church wardens.

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. As detailed on page 4 above.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with 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 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

Rodney Magennis

Trustee 2

E. M. Gaffin

Date

6/6/2023

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Donaghmore Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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.

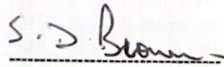
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



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