

St. Mark's Parish Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Donations & legacies	3	251,509	43,015	294,524	319,790
Other trading activities	4	18,160		18,160	20,384
Investments	5	8,831	384	9,215	8,332
Charitable activities	6	8,896		8,896	9,013
Total Income		287,396	43,399	330,795	357,519
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	7	294,384	48,264	342,648	303,027
Financial Fees & Charges	8	22,155		22,155	20,211
Depreciation	9	0		0	0
Restoration Expenditure				0	0
Total Expenditure		316,539	48,264	364,803	323,238
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before transfers		-29,143	-4,865	-34,008	34,281
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Income/ (Expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		-29,143	-4,865	-34,008	34,281
Net movement in funds		-29,143	-4,865	-34,008	34,281
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	21	1,499,427	137,201	1,636,628	1,602,347
Total funds carried forward	21	1,470,284	132,336	1,602,620	1,636,628

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position /(Balance Sheet) as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	13	1,276,730	1,276,730
Investment Properties	14	175,000	175,000
Investments	15	49,099	48,715
Total Fixed Assets		1,500,829	1,500,445
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors & Prepayments	16	58,571	45,958
Cash and cash equivalents	17	122,248	165,474
Total Current Assets		180,819	211,432
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors & Accruals	18	13,510	7,311
Bank Loans	19	2,420	2,000
Total Current Liabilities		15,930	9,311
Net Current Assets		164,889	202,121
<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>			
Bank Loans	19	63,098	65,938
Total Long Term Liabilities		63,098	65,938
Total Net Assets		1,602,620	1,636,628
<u>Parish Funds</u>			
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
General funds	21	18,554	47,697
Designated funds	21	1,451,730	1,451,730
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,470,284	1,499,427
<u>Restricted Funds</u>			
Restricted funds	21	132,336	137,201
Total Restricted Funds		132,336	137,201
Total Charity Funds		1,602,620	1,636,628

The notes on pages 13 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 20 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev Canon Gill Withers
Trustee


D Phillips
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

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

1.1 Basis of Preparation

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

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

1.2 Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

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

1.3 Income

Plate Collections, Weekly Envelopes and rental of the Parish Hall are accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected. Other donations are recognised once the Parish has been notified of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time claim is submitted to HMRC.

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

Income arising from the rental of investment properties to third parties is recognised when the parish has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Expenditure

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

1.5 Tangible assets

The assets of the Parish comprise:-

The Church Building
The Parish Centre
The Rectory - Belfast Road
The Curatage - Londonderry Road

The Church Building:

The Church Building is deemed to be a Heritage asset as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102).

This accounting policy for this asset is outlined in note 1.6 below.

The Parish Centre and Rectory:

The Parish Centre is recognised at cost. The Rectory is recognised at deemed cost.

No depreciation is provided on these as the current estimated residual value is not less than the carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Curatage

This property was originally used for the residence of the Curate. This property has been let at a commercial rent and has therefore been treated as an investment property. The accounting policy for this asset is outlined in note 1.7 below.

Equipment:

Equipment is included at cost and depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

A diminution for capitalisation of £1,500 is applied.

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

1.6 Heritage assets

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

1.7 Investment properties

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors - Amounts falling due within 1 year. Loans with a duration of more than 12 months are split between current and long term liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

1.10 Taxation

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Funds

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

Restricted Funds: The Select Vestry has defined the Restoration Fund as restricted funds as these have been generated through separate donations from parishioners to undertake physical restoration works to the Church and Parish centre.

Endowment Funds: are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the Parish. The Parish has no endowment funds.

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

2. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
3. Donations and legacies					
Weekly envelopes / FWO	124,510	17,297		141,807	142,184
Gift Aid	38,233	15,318		53,551	41,187
Grants	0	0	-	0	0
Donations	57,108	10,400		67,508	73,686
Glen CC	12,438	0		12,438	25,470
WWCC	19,220	0		19,220	37,263
	<u>251,509</u>	<u>43,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,524</u>	<u>319,790</u>
4. Other trading activities					
Rentals from Parish Centre	18,160			18,160	20,384
	<u>18,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,160</u>	<u>20,384</u>
5. Investments					
The Curatage - rental income	6,780			6,780	6,439
RCB Trust income	734			734	699
Bank interest	366			366	669
Increase in FV of investments	0	384		384	0
Legacy investment income	951			951	525
	<u>8,831</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,215</u>	<u>8,332</u>
6. Charitable activities					
Gazette Income	135			135	160
Events	8,761			8,761	8,853
	<u>8,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,896</u>	<u>9,013</u>
Analysis of Expenditure					
7. Charitable Activities					
Salaries and Wages (note 11)	159,374			159,374	171,267
Diocesan costs	31,463			31,463	39,394
Premises costs	63,381	36,600		99,981	48,958
General Parish running costs	18,358	101		18,459	20,091
Charitable donations	10,709			10,709	1,851
Glen CC costs	5,333	5855		11,188	12,899
WWCC costs	5,766	5,708		11,474	8,567
	<u>294,384</u>	<u>48,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342,648</u>	<u>303,027</u>
8. Financial Fees & Charges					
Bank Charges and Interest	6,796			6,796	5250
Accountancy & IE	1,551			1,551	1,440
Decrease in fair value of investment				0	8,454
Professional fees	13,808			13,808	5,067
	<u>22,155</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,155</u>	<u>20,211</u>
9. Depreciation					
Equipment	0			0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

10 Taxation

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

11. Analysis of Staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of Key Management Personnel

Employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Clergy Stipend and Allowances	65,027	81,505
Clergy Employers NI	6,152	7,886
Staff Salaries	80,620	74,579
Staff Employers NI	5,905	4,651
Nest pension	1,670	2,646
Total	<u>159,374</u>	<u>171,267</u>

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

	2023 Number	2023 Number
Ministerial support	5	5
Administration	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

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

12 Key Management and Trustees

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. The parish paid expenses of £5,788 relating to the running costs of the Rectory house which is occupied by the rector.

During the year the Clergy received stipends and allowances of £65,027 and the ministers for the Church Plants Centre received salaries of £61,472. No other trustee or a person related to a trustee had a personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Equipment	Total
At Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	1,276,730	0	1,276,730
Additions	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,276,730</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,276,730</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2023	<u>1,276,730</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,276,730</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2022	<u>1,276,730</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,276,730</u>

Freehold land and buildings consist of the following properties:

Church building - this asset is not included on the balance sheet as the 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. Accordingly the Church building is deemed to be a Heritage asset as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). (At 31 October 2023, the sum insured for the Church building and contents was £7,193,302).

The Parish Centre and The Rectory are recognised at cost.

No depreciation is provided on these assets as the current estimated residual value is not less than the carrying value and their remaining useful life exceeds 50 years.

14 Investment Properties

	Investment Properties	Total
Fair Value	£	£
At 1 January 2023	175,000	175,000
Additions	0	0
Gain / Loss	0	0
Disposals	0	0
At 31 December 2023	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>

The investment property, The Curatage, Londonderry Road, Newtownards, is held to earn rentals. The year end valuation of the property was carried out by the trustees and is based on reference to market evidence of transactions for similar properties in the area.

15 Investments

	Listed Investments
Fair Value	£
At 1 January 2023	48,715
Increase/(decrease) in fair value	384
At 31 December 2023	49,099

16 Debtors & Prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	53,551	41,416
Prepayments	5,020	4,542
	58,571	45,958

17 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash in hand	122,248	165,474
Notice deposits (less than 30 days)	-	-
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	122,248	165,474

18 Creditors & Accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	2,232	2,681
Accruals	11,278	4,630
	13,510	7,311

19 Bank Loans

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within 12 Months	2,420	2,000
Due after 12 Months	63,098	65,938
	65,518	67,938

20 Retirement benefit schemes

The parish operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the parish in an independently administered fund.

21 Funds of the Parish

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Building fund	15,694	37,415			53,109
RJ Coulter Trust	48,715	384			49,099
Stained glass window fund	34,720	5,600	36,600		3,720
Jigsaw	106		101		5
GCC EA Youth grant fund	1,128				1,128
GCC Childrens & Orphans	10,000		5,855		4,145
WWCC Childrens & Orphans	10,000		792		9,208
WWCC Priorities fund	8,517		3,304		5,213
WWCC Mind Matters	3,800		1,612		2,188
West Winds project fund	4,521				4,521
	<u>137,201</u>	<u>43,399</u>	<u>48,264</u>		<u>132,336</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General fund	47,697	287,396	316,539		18,554
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Property fund	1,276,730				1,276,730
Investment property	175,000				175,000
Equipment Fund					
Building Fund	0				0
	<u>1,499,427</u>	<u>287,396</u>	<u>316,539</u>		<u>1,470,284</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,636,628</u></u>	<u><u>330,795</u></u>	<u><u>364,803</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,602,620</u></u>

Purpose of restricted funds

These funds are to support specific projects as noted above for which funds were given and restricted in their use to those projects.

Purpose of designated funds

Property fund: this fund is in relation to the Parish Centre and the Rectory.

Investment fund: this fund is in relation to the investment property The Curatage, Newtownards.

Building fund: this fund is in relation to building development projects.