

Downpatrick/Down Group/St. Margaret/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103479

Details

Known as	Down Parish Church
Status	Received
Registered	2015-06-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	12 The Meadows Downpatrick County Down BT30 6ln BT30 6LN
Phone	07733489898

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	£39,591	£52,775	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Henry Blair		
Mr David Telford		
Mr William Keith Willis		
Mrs Alison Carson		
Mrs Hilary Mcguire		
Mrs June Victoria Kelly		
Mrs Marlene Blair		
Mrs Rachel Ellen McGowan		
Mrs Stephanie Strain		
Mrs. Mary Fitzsimmons		

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DOWN PARISH CHURCH

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Freewill Offerings		12,339		15,252
Loose Collections		1,278		637
Wills & Donations		900		-
Gift Aid		3,236		4,150
Bank Interest		375		408
Grant income		-		600
Investment Income		547		565
Graveyard Income		-		25
Rental income		7,500		7,080
Rental expenses		(1,855)		(1,705)
Hall income		12,741		13,695
Unrealised Increase/(Decrease) in value of Investments		2,530		1,768
		<u>39,591</u>		<u>42,475</u>
Administrative expenses				
Rectory costs	1,026		976	
Insurance	3,029		3,161	
Diocesan General Fund	3,958		4,162	
Lamp Contributions	25,580		29,425	
Caretaking, music and bookkeeping services	4,980		5,280	
Development Officer	650		3,700	
Church expenses	10,895		13,049	
Charitable donations General	1,300		1,100	
Sundry expenses	1,357		1,388	
		<u>(52,775)</u>		<u>(62,241)</u>
Loss for year		<u><u>(13,184)</u></u>		<u><u>(19,766)</u></u>

DOWN PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			270,000		270,000
Investments			16,895		33,791
			<u>286,895</u>		<u>303,791</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		53,857		50,145	
Net current assets			<u>53,857</u>		<u>50,145</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>340,752</u>		<u>353,936</u>
Opening Capital Account			353,936		373,702
Loss for year	2		<u>(13,184)</u>		<u>(19,766)</u>
Closing Capital Account			<u>340,752</u>		<u>353,936</u>

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	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Freewill Offerings		14,126		13,543
Loose Collections		-		635
Wills & Donations		5,000		6,610
Harvest Appeal		-		124
Gift Aid		4,310		5,101
Bank Interest		401		380
Grant income		-		4,533
Investment Income		546		572
Graveyard Income		225		455
Rental income		5,963		6,596
Rental expenses		(1,139)		(5,991)
Hall income		12,750		4,175
Unrealised Increase/(Decrease) in value of Investments		(2,073)		11,523
		<u>40,109</u>		<u>48,256</u>
Administrative expenses				
Rectory costs	1,308		2,741	
Insurance	2,628		2,415	
Diocesan General Fund	4,058		3,902	
Lamp Contributions	27,420		25,025	
Caretaker & Organist	3,680		3,680	
Bookkeeping	2,200		2,400	
Development Officer	5,900		400	
Church expenses	15,651		9,274	
Charitable donations General	1,200		1,200	
Charitable donations Specific	-		150	
Sundry expenses	1,364		831	
		<u>(65,409)</u>		<u>(52,018)</u>
Loss for year		<u>(25,300)</u>		<u>(3,762)</u>

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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			270,000		270,000
Investments			32,023		88,337
			<u>302,023</u>		<u>358,337</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		71,679		40,664	
Net current assets			<u>71,679</u>		<u>40,664</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>373,702</u>		<u>399,001</u>
Opening Capital Account			399,002		402,763
Loss for year	2		(25,300)		(3,762)
Closing Capital Account			<u>373,702</u>		<u>399,001</u>

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- Weekly worship in St Margaret's Church continued
- Pastoral care delivered by clergy and others became more involved, with an increased number of home visits as appropriate.
- We continued to maintain strong links with local schools through representation on Boards of Governors and through assemblies.
- Continuation of two programmes in Downpatrick Primary School – a reading support scheme and an after school bible club.
- _Youth Ministry in LAMP continues to be based in our facilities.
- _Occasional services (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals) also took place as arranged.

We continue to be the main partner of the Pepper Johns memorial Community Programme. Pepper Johns, like many voluntary organisations, continues to struggle to find core funding in a post-COVID marketplace. However, the vital work of the group in suicide prevention, mental health support, combatting isolation in seniors and men's work is vital. Accessing core funding continued to be a challenge in 2023, although we are preparing to make several significant applications in 2024 for which we are hopeful.

The main source of income for the Parish is through voluntary donations from parishioners. Sadly, in the past several years a number of our most generous contributors have passed away and this has had a significant detrimental impact upon our income. We have worked hard to maximise income from our suite of halls, but such regular use also brings with it expenditure. We have also invested in a property which brings in rental income. A major part of our significant deficit for the year 2022 is accounted for by our support of the work of Pepper Johns and securing regular funding for that project will help the parish finances. Energy bills continue to be high.

During 2024 we will be considering how to increase our income through growth of the congregations, and we will continue to be mindful of our spending in order to be as frugal as possible.

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In 2023, it will be necessary for the Select Vestry to consider seriously additional means of fundraising. We will also need to review our expenditure although some of this is connected to the governance structures of the Church of Ireland and beyond the Parish's direct control.

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