

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103558

Details

Known as	The United Parish Of Ballynure and Ballyeaston
Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-07
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	£358,296	£235,193	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Christine Burns		
Dr David Mcilhagger		
Dr Peter Watson		
Miss Rachel Wilson		
Mr Andrew Brannigan		
Mr Raymond Skillen		
Mr Simon Wells		
Mrs Claire Moore		
Mrs Pam Winter		
Mrs Trina Grant		
Rev. Jonathan Campbell-Smyth		

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Accounts

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE)
OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

“Updated 26 March 2026”

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC103558)

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) of the Church of Ireland
St John's Church Office
3 Doagh Road,
BT39 9BG

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC103558)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Mr Andrew Brannigan,
Dr Christine Burns,
Revd Jonathan Campbell-Smyth,
Mr Colin Ferguson,
Mrs Trina Grant,
Mrs Claire Moore,
Mr Trevor Maze,
Dr David McIlhagger,
Miss Margaret Scott,
Mr Lawrence Stanford,
Mr Raymond Skillen,
Dr Peter Watson,
Mr Simon Wells,
Mrs Francis Wilson,
Miss Rachel Wilson,
Mr David Wilson,
Mr Peter Wilson,
Mrs Pam Winter

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Secretary to the Select Vestry
Treasurer

Rev. Jonny Campbell-Smyth
Miss Rachel Wilson
Mr Lawrence Stanford

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Simon Hopper FCA
Hopper & Co
6 Doagh Road
Ballyclare
BT39 9BG

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Best Church for the year ended December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) (hereafter referred to as The United Parish) is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of The United 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, The United Parish has custody of property and of records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of The United Parish.

Core values

Our Core Values as a United Parish are :

Christ at the centre of all we do

The importance of God's Spirit-filled Word in how it shapes how we live

A community Church with a Pastoral Heart

A community Church that seeks for all to have a deeper relationship with God

A community Church that speaks into and shapes a new generation

A community Church that reaches out in love and welcomes everyone in

A community Church that partners with others in the Gospel

Pastoring

Deepening

Shaping

Reaching

Partnering

Our values as a church determine how we serve God in our community. Our values keep reminding us of how we should use our resources and where to use them for His glory. These become the litmus test to keep reminding us why we exist.

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Chairman's annual Report

In my address this year I want to encourage us to consider the blessings that come in our unity. There is incredible strength and comfort in our unity. We are all family. And because we are family, we don't just come into church, do our 1 and half hour a week going out saying "I went to Church". You went into a building that comprises an opportunity for the church to gather, and in this gathered church, all of these people have the same king, and all of these people have the same dad, and that is what brings the point of unity. And so in that place of unity, Paul uses this image of Unity as he speaksto the Corinthians. We are fellow citizens of the kingdom. We are brothers and sisters in the family, and we are parts of the same body. Let me read to you from 1 Corinthians 12

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[d]? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And how does this body function effectively?

The same way your physical body functions effectively: by each part discovering its function. Everyone, each part, needs to assume his or her responsibilities in the church. Between our 2 churches we have roughly 300 families. Now the average church has twenty percent of the people doing eighty percent of

the stuff. We may be at twenty-five percent, but I can guarantee you we are not at thirty percent. Twenty percent of the people doing eighty percent of the stuff, and the average church in terms of giving has twenty percent of the people carrying eighty percent of the giving. But it is impossible for the church to function effectively unless each member assumes their responsibility. The responsibility to take their place. The responsibility to add their voice.

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

The responsibility to commit themselves and their resources because they're members of the same kingdom. They are members of the same family. Everybody should know, "I have a part to play."

Are we each assuming our responsibility here within the United Parish, if you've committed yourself and identified yourself as a member? Let's not kid ourselves into thinking that we can exempt ourselves. Do you think God that really your place in the body doesn't matter? If you think about it, there's an amazing symmetry to the human body, and Paul argues, he says, the design of the human body in the way it functions is a picture of the way the body of Christ is to function. Here's the question—"Am I in the place that God has put me to fulfill the function that God has given me?" That's your question if you're committed to the body of Christ. That's your first question, your second question, in fact your only question. Now if we recognise that we all have to assume our responsibilities, we also need to accept our limitations. Some of us have a problem on the one side—we don't want to do anything. Others have a problem on the other side—we want to do everything. Some of us don't know how to say no. Some of us don't want to say yes. But we need everyone. We need everyone.

It grieves me to know tonight that we don't have a Treasurer. It grieves me when we almost have to corner people coming out of church to sign up to events or tasks. No matter how gifted a person we might have who can do everything, that's not how the body should work. Imagine that if everyone committed to carry out one task for the next year, how easy the load would be for everyone. We need everyone.

I wonder when you think about the Reformation – who's name comes to mind? Luther. But how often do you think about Philipp Melancthon. Melancthon collaborated with Luther. Luther was a bit of a fighter. But alongside him was this little guy, Philipp Melancthon – a frail little man, scholar, genius, but a sensitive soul. Luther, by himself? No Reformation. Melancthon by himself? No Reformation. Luther and Melancthon? Beautiful. The fighter and the scholar. Together. Neither of them could have fulfilled the function alone, but together they shook the church.

Folks, as a church I want us all to understand how much we need each other. We need to recognise the role given to each person within the body. The extrovert person needs the introvert. The person who leads the worship, needs the person who mans the carpark. The person who works in the compassion ministries needs the person who purchases the baby baskets. And so it goes on.

Do you know the future of our Churches? It's for each person to sit down and say, number one: "Am I committed to this place?" It's not full of perfect people. It's not full of perfect ministries. It's not got a perfect pastor. Knowing all that I know about our churches, then, am I committed? If I am committed, then have I discovered my function? And if I've discovered my function, am I in my place to fulfil the function that God has given me? And if not, am I part of the 80 percent that is content to sit watching the 20 percent busting their gut? And am I prepared then under the prompting of the Spirit of God to move

from this majority position to the minority position, in the hope and prayer that if enough do, then the majority will become the minority, and the minority will become the majority, and Ballynure and Ballyclare will reverberate with the impact of the gospel?

May God bless us as we carry out the work of the Gospel in the place he has put us, but let's all be ready to be actively involved in his mission.

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Financial Review

The Financial Statements of The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare), hereafter referred to as The United Parish, were produced by the Honorary Treasurer and the Church Administrator. They have been independently examined.

The documents are openly available to provide assurance that church funds have been, and will continue to be, spent correctly and for the purposes for which they are intended.

The Accounts show the Income received by The United Parish which is primarily voluntary giving (Free Will Offerings), rental income from our domestic property and grants. The Income is used to finance all of the expenditure during the year which includes staff costs, repairs and upkeep and utility bills of the six Parish buildings – the 2 churches, 2 halls, the Rectory and the house at Gateside Manor, also Compassion Ministries and Youth activities.

The 2024 budget was approved by the Select Vestry. As is normal practice, our receipts were forecasted using historical amounts of income from previous years. Through the generosity and faithfulness of our parishioners we were able to maintain our level of 'Voluntary Giving' and meet our receipts forecast.

In addition to our regular income, The United Parish was blessed with a bequest from the estate of the late Cecil Millar. A total of £125,398 was received. The monies do not sit in our General Unrestricted Fund, which we use for day-to-day expenditure, but in a separate fund which is termed Designated. This is an accounting requirement where a bequest has been received but its use is not specified by the testator (the person who leaves a will). The Reverend has previously advised the congregation of both churches of the bequest.

Under the spiritual direction of the Reverend Jonny, we are a church that believes in tithing our income (at least one 10th of what we receive in Free Will Offerings). In the 2024 financial period we remained faithful to this, by distributing approximately £17,400 to local and overseas missions and charities by way of tithe and various collections.

Whilst we saw an increase in expenditure on 'Repairs/ Upkeep to our properties, a significant backlog of repairs exists which will require substantial funding. This workload has been noted in the Quinquennial Inspection requested by the Representative Church Body in Dublin. Whilst the 'Investing in the Future' program will assist in the various repairs, at its current level of income the essential work, unfortunately will not be possible.

Our final monetary position in 2024, as shown on page 2 of the Financial Statements was a surplus of £126,011. Unfortunately, this is not a true reflection of our final position. This amount includes The Cecil

Millar Legacy of £125,398 and £10,616 specifically donated to fund Investing in the Future. When these amounts are removed, our actual final position in 2024 was a deficit of £10,003. This means that for every £1 of income we received, we spent almost £1.01. The shortfall was met by the use of our financial reserves.

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Whilst it is the dedicated church members, yourselves, who are supporting the Parish and we thank you, of the approximately 300 households in the United Parish, 250 are registered as givers. The other 50, whilst noted as members of the United Parish, do not regularly contribute financially.

We have all been affected by the rise in inflation impacting on our personal cost of living. Running The United Parish, as you will appreciate, is no different.

To address our ongoing financial position, we need to look seriously at ways to increase the church's income. This may be through increased Freewill Offerings, additional income from different sources, fundraising for specific projects, for example building repairs, etc.

The outgoing Select Vestry has approved a budget for 2025, based upon historic income and expenditure levels. It is, however, difficult to predict price rises and as a consequence it may well be insufficient to meet the requirements of The United Parish in 2025.

In conclusion, I therefore have to report that we are not currently in a secure financial position and, without concerted effort and action, we will struggle going forward.

The church has transitioned from Receipts & Payments to Accrual accounting with effect from year ended 31 December 2024, the effect is to increase the opening unrestricted reserves by £209,652 to reflect movement in Assets and Liabilities previously treated as Receipts & Payments.

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

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 Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

As well as Constitutional requirements, parishes are obliged to implement Diocesan Regulations. Members of the General Vestry can vote and 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 incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant (“the curate”), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other 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.

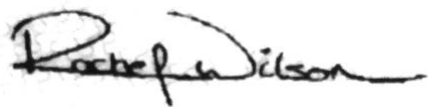
The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2024, the Select Vestry met 10 times during the year (meetings held in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and December with an average attendance of over 75%. The Annual Easter meeting was held on 17 April 2024 and was chaired by the current incumbent, Rev. J Campbell-Smyth.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth (Rector)

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss Rachel Wilson (Honorary Secretary)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

I report on the financial statements of The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



S Hopper FCA
Partner
Hopper & Co
6th May 2025

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations and legacies	2	312,428	26,731	-	339,159	209,993
Charitable activities	3	1,020	-	-	1,020	870
Other trading activities	4	12,050	-	-	12,050	9,720
Investment Income	5	1,018	-	-	1,018	850
Other Income	6	4,127	916	-	5,043	5,986
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Total Incoming Resources		330,643	27,647	-	358,290	227,421
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Outgoing Resources						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	202,311	26,577	-	228,888	233,074
Other expenditure	9	3,391	-	-	3,391	-
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Total Outgoing Resources		205,702	26,577	-	232,279	233,074
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Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		124,941	1,070	-	126,011	(5,653)
Transfers between funds		(120,252)	120,252	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		4,689	121,322	-	126,011	(5,653)
Funds brought forward		262,286	47,046	-	309,332	314,986
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Funds carried forward	1	266,975	168,368	-	435,343	309,332
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**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
BALANCE SHEET**

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	12	50,000	50,000
Investment Property	12	200,000	200,000
Total fixed assets		250,000	250,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	14	222,784	99,681
Total current assets		222,784	99,681
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	15	600	1,108
Bank Loans	15	35,093	37,981
Credit Card		1,748	1,260
Total creditors		37,441	40,349
Net Current Assets		185,343	59,332
Total net Assets		435,343	309,332
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	16		
General funds		266,975	262,286
Total unrestricted funds		266,975	262,286
Restricted Funds	16	168,368	47,046
Endowment Funds	16	-	-
Total charity funds		435,343	309,332

The financial statements have been prepared 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)). They have been approved by the Kirk Session on (enter date) and signed on its behalf by;

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth (Rector)

Miss Rachel Wilson (Honorary Secretary)

7th May 2025

7th May 2025

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared 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 church meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined in section 34 of FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

INCOMING RESOURCES

(i) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The congregation becomes entitled to the resources;
- It is probable that the funds will be received; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

(ii) Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with insurance proceeds) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

(iii) Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the congregation has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

(iv) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

(v) Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

(vi) Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

(vii) Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

(viii) Investment income

This is included in the accounts in the period to which it relates.

(ix) Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

(i) Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the congregation to pay out resources.

(ii) Governance costs

These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

(iii) Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

(iv) Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

(v) Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

ASSETS

(i) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £5,000. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is recorded on all tangible assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows;

Land & Buildings - no depreciation

In accordance with FRS102, assets under construction are not depreciated until such times as they are available for use.

(ii) Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	148,509	1,480	-	149,989	151,146
Loose collections	-	3,153	-	3,153	3,719
Donations and gifts	6,867	21,160	-	28,027	26,635
Gift Aid	30,405	938	-	31,344	27,024
Legacies and bequest	126,647	-	-	126,647	1,469
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	312,428	26,731	-	339,159	209,993
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	1,020	-	-	1,020	870
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	1,020	-	-	1,020	870
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	12,050	-	-	12,050	9,720
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	12,050	-	-	12,050	9,720

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	357	-	-	357	240
Other investment income	661	-	-	661	610
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	1,018	-	-	1,018	850
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6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Income	4,127	916	-	5,043	4,897
Refunds	-	-	-	-	1,089
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	4,127	916	-	5,043	5,986
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen t Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	60,898	13,562	-	74,460	77,049
Presbytery fees	1,435	656	-	2,091	7,455
Ministry and support staff costs	100,221	-	-	100,221	92,393
Congregational running expenses	35,504	5,665	-	41,169	34,296
Donations to Missions and charities	3,653	6,692	-	10,345	21,881
Governance costs	600	-	-	600	-
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	202,311	26,577	-	228,888	233,074
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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Loan interest	3,391	-	-	3,391
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	3,391	-	-	3,391
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**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

10. EMPLOYEES

Employment Costs

	Total Funds 2024
	£
Ministers Stipend	41,504
Ministers Allowance	7,000
Wages and Salaries	24,727
Employers National Insurance	5,424

	78,655

Number of Employees

The average number of employees, including the minister of the congregation, expressed as full time equivalents, during the year was;

	Total 2024
Average number of employees	3

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

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

11. PENSION COSTS

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were;

	Total Funds 2024
Contributions	1,919 -----

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Total
Cost	£	£
At beginning of the year	250,000	250,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At end of the year	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Depreciation		
At beginning of the year	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

Land & Buildings includes an investment property, no depreciation has been charged.

The main church is a listed building, therefore has been treated as a heritage asset, and not included in the accounts. The main church valuation is £12,317,143.

13. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

14. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at Bank	222,784	99,681
Cash in Hand	-	-
	<u>222,784</u>	<u>99,681</u>

15. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	600	1,108
Loan	35,093	37,981
Credit Card	1,748	1,260
	<u>37,441</u>	<u>40,349</u>

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

16. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	262,286	330,643	205,702	124,941	(120,252)	266,975
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	262,286	330,643	205,702	124,941	(120,252)	266,975
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Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	15,817	25,251	(21,941)	3,310	(5,146)	13,981
Christ Church Legacy & Ministry Fund	7,575	1,000	-	1,000	-	8,575
Compassion Ministries	12,789	480	(2,450)	(1,970)	-	10,819
Genesis Arts & Craft	-	916	-	916	-	916
Cecil Millar Legacy Fund	-	-	-	-	125,398	125,398
Phillips Fund	10,866	-	(2,186)	(2,186)	-	8,680
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	47,046	27,647	26,577	1,070	120,252	168,368
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Total	309,332	358,290	232,279	126,011	-	435,343
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The church has transitioned from Receipts & Payments to Accrual accounting with effect from year ended 31 December 2024, the effect is to increase the opening unrestricted reserves by £209,652 to reflect movement in Assets and Liabilities previously treated as Receipts & Payments.

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: NIC103558

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)

Financial Statements for the year-ended 31st December 2023

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) - NIC103558

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Voluntary giving	186,474	—	22,050	—	208,524	179,673
Legacies	1,469	—	—	—	1,469	1,660
Investment Income / Interest Receivable	850	—	—	—	850	829
Property related income	9,720	—	—	—	9,720	27
General parish income	870	—	—	—	870	3,537
Sundry Income	5,095	—	891	—	5,986	21,282
Total incoming resources	204,479	—	22,942	—	227,421	207,010
Resources used						
Staffing Costs - Clerical	74,402	—	—	—	74,402	82,261
Diocesan levies	17,991	—	—	—	17,991	18,309
Donations to Charities and Missions	18,162	—	3,719	—	21,881	17,958
Repairs / Upkeep	18,527	—	—	—	18,527	13,538
Light, Heat and Power	15,768	—	—	—	15,768	16,977
Financial and professional costs	7,419	—	35	—	7,454	5,798
General parochial overheads	11,579	—	—	—	11,579	12,464
Parochial ministry overheads	36,225	—	29,245	—	65,470	33,594
Sundry Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	5,698
Total resources used	200,076	—	32,999	—	233,075	206,600
Net income / (expenditure)	4,403	—	(10,057)	—	(5,653)	409
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,750	—	397	—	2,147	175
Gross transfers between funds - out	(397)	—	(1,750)	—	(2,147)	(175)
Net income / (expenditure)	5,755	—	(11,409)	—	(5,653)	409
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	5,755	—	(11,409)	—	(5,653)	409
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	46,878	—	58,456	—	105,335	104,925
Total funds carried forward	52,634	—	47,046	—	99,681	105,335
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	52,634	—	—	—	52,634	46,878
Restricted						
Building fund	—	—	15,817	—	15,817	9,208
Christ Church Legacy Fund	—	—	7,575	—	7,575	6,000
Compassion Ministries	—	—	12,788	—	12,788	31,259
Phillips' fund	—	—	10,865	—	10,865	11,988

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) - NIC103558

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2023

	Balance	Previous balance
Building fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	362.50	45.00
7020: Building bank account	15,454.84	9,163.96
	<u>15,817.34</u>	<u>9,208.96</u>
Total for Building fund : Restricted	15,817.34	9,208.96
Christ Church Legacy Fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	7,575.00	6,000.00
	<u>7,575.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total for Christ Church Legacy Fund : Restricted	7,575.00	6,000.00
Compassion Ministries : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	9,318.70	28,769.38
7010: SO bank account	3,470.00	2,490.00
	<u>12,788.70</u>	<u>31,259.38</u>
Total for Compassion Ministries : Restricted	12,788.70	31,259.38
General fund : Unrestricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	48,807.51	41,121.18
7010: SO bank account	3,826.87	5,757.36
7020: Building bank account	(0.24)	(0.24)
	<u>52,634.14</u>	<u>46,878.30</u>
Total for General fund : Unrestricted	52,634.14	46,878.30
Phillips' fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	10,865.91	11,988.40
	<u>10,865.91</u>	<u>11,988.40</u>
Total for Phillips' fund : Restricted	10,865.91	11,988.40
Grand Total	<u>99,681.09</u>	<u>105,335.04</u>

Liabilities

<i>Variable rate business loan</i>	<u>-37,981.05</u>	<u>-40,187.71</u>
<i>Credit Card account</i>	<u>-1,260.20</u>	<u>-1,212.64</u>

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
Voluntary giving						
1010E - Online Giving Receipts	5,960	—	—	—	5,960	4,698
1011A - FWO - Weekly envelopes	41,173	—	—	—	41,173	33,828
1011B - FWO - Standing orders	98,901	—	1,575	—	100,476	100,765
1020 - Other general donations	708	—	2,825	—	3,533	480
1045 - Gift aid tax recovered - regular giving	26,796	—	228	—	27,024	27,058
1056 - Charitable collections	—	—	3,719	—	3,719	1,332
1060 - Donations for Specific Purposes	9,444	—	—	—	9,444	700
1060A - Donation for Rectors Discretionary Fund	—	—	—	—	—	750
1060B - Donation towards Youth Activities	2,922	—	—	—	2,922	2,643
1060C - Donations to Compassion Ministries	105	—	7,149	—	7,254	6,684
1060D - Investing In The Future	—	—	6,553	—	6,553	—
1061A - Leaving Gift	462	—	—	—	462	733
Voluntary giving Totals	186,474	—	22,050	—	208,524	179,673
Legacies						
1020B - Other general donation - In Memory Of	1,469	—	—	—	1,469	660
1065 - Bequests & Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Legacies Totals	1,469	—	—	—	1,469	1,660
Investment Income / Interest Receivable						
1320 - Other investment income	610	—	—	—	610	570
1330 - Bank and building society interest	240	—	—	—	240	259
Investment Income / Interest Receivable Totals	850	—	—	—	850	829
Property related income						
1220 - Church hall lettings - charitable object	970	—	—	—	970	27
1310 - Rental Income Gateside Manor	8,750	—	—	—	8,750	—
Property related income Totals	9,720	—	—	—	9,720	27
General parish income						
1260 - Parishioner Receipts, Books/Notes/Coffee	720	—	—	—	720	447
1270 - Receipts of parish events	—	—	—	—	—	2,740
1340 - Baptisms, funerals & weddings gifts	150	—	—	—	150	350
General parish income Totals	870	—	—	—	870	3,537

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Sundry Income						
1020C - Summer Madness Youth Event	1,497	—	—	—	1,497	700
1420 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,700	—	—	—	1,700	14,010
1430 - Council Grants (Youth)	1,700	—	—	—	1,700	1,500
1440 - Misc Income, Refunds Etc	198	—	891	—	1,089	1,714
1470 - Together Ballyclare receipts	—	—	—	—	—	3,357
Sundry Income Totals	5,095	—	891	—	5,986	21,282
Incoming resources Grand totals	204,479	—	22,942	—	227,421	207,010
Resources used						
Staffing Costs - Clerical						
2110 - Clergy and staffing	74,402	—	—	—	74,402	82,261
Staffing Costs - Clerical Totals	74,402	—	—	—	74,402	82,261
Diocesan levies						
2118 - Diocesan levy - standard	17,991	—	—	—	17,991	18,309
Diocesan levies Totals	17,991	—	—	—	17,991	18,309
Donations to Charities and Missions						
2187A - Rectors Discretionary Fund allocations	950	—	—	—	950	627
2188 - Gifts on retirement / resignation	—	—	—	—	—	459
2188A - Leaving Gift	462	—	—	—	462	733
2188B - Other Gifts	600	—	—	—	600	1,030
2191 - Donations to other organisations	1,600	—	—	—	1,600	100
2191A - Donations to other charities	14,550	—	3,719	—	18,269	15,009
Donations to Charities and Missions Totals	18,162	—	3,719	—	21,881	17,958
Repairs / Upkeep						
2124A - St. John's repairs and maintenance	4,353	—	—	—	4,353	5,117
2124C - Christ Church repairs and maintenance	748	—	—	—	748	1,103
2130 - Church cleaning	7,750	—	—	—	7,750	4,662
2142 - Rectory repairs and maintenance	4,901	—	—	—	4,901	2,320
2151 - Assoc. house repairs and maintenance	572	—	—	—	572	250
2175C - Church alarms and security	200	—	—	—	200	84
Repairs / Upkeep Totals	18,527	—	—	—	18,527	13,538
Light, Heat and Power						
2125A - St. John's light and power	2,708	—	—	—	2,708	1,937
2125B - Christ Church light and power	4,861	—	—	—	4,861	6,300
2126A - St. John's church heating	4,522	—	—	—	4,522	5,910
2126B - Christ Church hall heating	1,001	—	—	—	1,001	834
2153 - Assoc. house heating	544	—	—	—	544	—
2167 - Rates - Rectory	797	—	—	—	797	756
2168 - Rates - Gateside Manor	731	—	—	—	731	692

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2171 - Water rates	600	—	—	—	600	546
Light, Heat and Power Totals	15,768	—	—	—	15,768	16,977
Financial and professional costs						
2176 - Audit and accountancy	726	—	—	—	726	144
2177 - Legal fees	720	—	—	—	720	900
2235 - Bank fees and charges	317	—	35	—	352	311
2241 - Loan repayments	5,655	—	—	—	5,655	4,443
Financial and professional costs Totals	7,419	—	35	—	7,454	5,798
General parochial overheads						
2175 - Insurance	5,465	—	—	—	5,465	4,972
2210 - Stationery, Printing and advertising	2,911	—	—	—	2,911	3,092
2210A - Postage & Courier	604	—	—	—	604	758
2210B - Church telephone & internet	994	—	—	—	994	913
2215 - IT hardware	21	—	—	—	21	—
2216 - IT Software	1,319	—	—	—	1,319	1,246
2230 - Equipment repairs	261	—	—	—	261	1,480
General parochial overheads Totals	11,579	—	—	—	11,579	12,464
Parochial ministry overheads						
2182 - Other worship related costs	4,778	—	2,438	—	7,217	5,277
2187 - Mission activity	2,456	—	—	—	2,456	1,123
2189 - Other church ministry	14,202	—	—	—	14,202	7,208
2189A - Children's and youth ministry	6,233	—	—	—	6,233	4,818
2189D - Compassion Ministries	—	—	26,806	—	26,806	4,464
2256A - Christian Books/Bible Notes	887	—	—	—	887	447
2310A - Summer Madness Expenditure	2,089	—	—	—	2,089	1,685
2310B - Summer Holiday Club (Including Council Y)	3,179	—	—	—	3,179	3,926
2310C - Education Authority Grants (Camping)	1,782	—	—	—	1,782	—
2312 - Communion wine & bread	414	—	—	—	414	493
2496 - Church weekend	200	—	—	—	200	4,150
Parochial ministry overheads Totals	36,225	—	29,245	—	65,470	33,594
Sundry Expenses						
2300 - Together Ballyclare expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	5,698
Sundry Expenses Totals	—	—	—	—	—	5,698
Resources used Grand totals	200,076	—	32,999	—	233,075	206,600

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Additional notes to the accounts

Note 1

Fund Movement Summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
Building fund	9,208	7,995	35	-1,352	15,816
Charitable collections	0	3,719	3,719	0	0
Christ Church Legacy Fund	6,000	2,000	425	0	7,575
Compassion Ministries	31,258	8,335	26,806	0	12,787
General fund	46,879	204,479	200,076	1,352	52,634
Phillips' fund	11,988	891	2,013	0	10,866
Totals	105,335	227,420	233,073	0	99,682

Note 2

Donations to Charities

RBL Poppy Appeal	100
CMSI Lent Boxes	452
Drummaul, Duneane & Ballyscullion	346
Bishop's Appeal	2032
Newtownabbey Foodbank	200
NHSC Trust Macmillan Fund	500
RCB Libya Appeal	639
Hope 365, Ballyclare	750
Newtownabbey Street Pastors	250
CMS Ireland	750
CMS Ireland	2,000
GBYFC	1,000
GBYFC - Support for Youth Worker	500
SAMS Ireland	500
Release International	1,500
Care for the Family	250
UCB Bible Notes	500
Divine Healing Ministries	250
Emma McCallion	500
Equipping for Life	250
Churches Ministry for Healing	250
New Horizon Ministries	500
Diocese of Connor Mother's Union	1000
The Bible Society	500
Evangelical Alliance	250
Summer Madness	250
Links Counselling	500
Exodus NI	500
Walk Through The Bible	500
Kintsugi Hope	250
RCB Bishop's Appeal	500
TOTAL	18,269

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)
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Additional notes to the accounts

Note 3

Unrestricted Funds

These are ordinary funds which are for general use, in promoting the church's usual purposes.

Unrestricted Designated Funds

These are funds set aside for specific purposes or projects. They can be redirected back to unrestricted funds if the church chooses.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on specific purposes.

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Annual report

Charity Registration Number	NIC103558
Charity Address	St John's Church Office 3 Doagh Road, BT39 9BG
Trustees	Mr Andrew Brannigan, Dr Christine Burns, Mr David Brown, The Revd Jonathan Campbell-Smyth, Mr Paul Comins, Mr Colin Ferguson, Mrs Trina Grant, Dr David McIlhagger, Mrs Lorraine Ogilby, Mr Michael Ogilby Miss Margaret Scott, Mr Lawrence Stanford, Dr Peter Watson, Mrs Francis Wilson, Miss Rachel Wilson, Mrs Pam Winter
Independent Examiner	Hopper & Company Ballyclare
Bank	Danske Bank, Ballyclare

PURPOSE

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) (hereafter referred to as The United Parish) is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of The United 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, The United Parish has custody of property and of records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of The United Parish.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

CORE VALUES

Our Core Values as a United Parish are :

Christ at the centre of all we do

The importance of God's Spirit-filled Word in how it shapes how we live

A community Church with a Pastoral Heart

A community Church that seeks for all to have a deeper relationship with God

A community Church that speaks into and shapes a new generation

A community Church that reaches out in love and welcomes everyone in

A community Church that partners with others in the Gospel

Pastoring
Deepening
Shaping
Reaching
Partnering

Our values as a church determine how we serve God in our community. Our values keep reminding us of how we should use our resources and where to use them for His glory. These become the litmus test to keep reminding us why we exist.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

In recent weeks I have been sitting in some verses within the book of Joshua. You may know the story but let's back up a bit. God chose Abraham and his people became the Nation of Israel who are the enslaved in Egypt. And so through Moses God rescued Israel out of Egypt, he made a covenant at Mount Sinai and so he led them through the wilderness. And so they camped outside the promised land and Moses called them to obey God's command so they show all other Nations what God is like. The Book of Joshua picks up right after Moses has died, and Israel is ready to enter the land. Joshua is appointed as Israel's new leader. And so after spying out the land, Joshua leads all of Israel across the Jordan river and into the land. Just as the sea parted for Moses in the Exodus, so here the river Jordan parts and the priests carry the ark of the covenant across leading all of Israel with them. And while the sea is parted, Joshua instructs the priests to take 12 stones out of the water and bring them with them to the promised land. These would be for the 12 tribes to remember what God had done for them. Then on the 10th day of the first month following coming out of the Jordan, the people camped in a place called Gilgal, and there the 12 stones were gathered. It would remain a lasting legacy of God's faithfulness to the people. It also ensured that people were reminded of the many good things in their life, the times to be thankful.

In fact there are 3 examples early on in the bible of stones being gathered. The first was in Genesis 28 when Jacob set a pillar in Bethel to commemorate a powerful vision

of God that he experienced while sleeping there. It was that important that Jacob felt it was important to commemorate it. He did not want to forget it. By remembering it, it would increase his and others' faith.

The second example was at Gilgal that Joshua instructed after coming across the Jordan into a new land. This time it would remind future generations of the God of miracles so that their faith would be renewed.

The third example was in 1 Samuel 7 where the Israelites are under imminent attack from the Philistines, and God leads the Israelites to victory. So Samuel erects a large stone and names it Ebenezer, meaning the stone of help. It would ensure that people would not forget God's grace. He was the one deserving the victory and not the Israelites.

Now don't worry I'm not leading us to put a large stone at the front of our churches, but there is something very important for us at this time. I have been reflecting on the incredible ways in which people serve within this church family of Christ Church and St John's. I suppose in more recent times in my new role as Rural Dean, I have been able to reflect on other churches and where they are. Folks, I am so thankful for all of you, and for everyone who serves in our parish, but more than anything I am deeply thankful to God for how he has walked with us. And tonight I want to lay a metaphorical stone in glory to God, so that we don't allow things to pass and forget all that he has done in the busyness of what we want to do next.

In this past year I have observed as new families have joined us, and with that how they have been so warmly welcomed into the church family. There's a stone to lay down already. I have watched as God by his Holy Spirit has been working in people's lives - I've had the pleasure of being in homes where people have submitted their lives to the Lord (there's another stone), we have seen an increase in people wanting to study God's word through the week, and so a massive thank you to all those who lead bible studies, house groups and for the many more people who now attend these (another stone).

I've observed what God has been doing in our young people and youth. We are so blessed to have the gifts in leaders to disciple our young people, and whilst I realise the incredible sacrifice it means to leaders, it is so heart-warming to see our young people growing deeper in their love of God. We now have a thriving youth discipleship programme, we have a pattern emerging of young people in mission each Summer, we have the early shoots of spiritual growth through our youth bible studies in Christ Church, we have young people leading our worship, we have young people becoming involved in prayer ministry, and my hope is from September that we will have a monthly evening worship aimed at our young people and young adults. (more stones to set down)

I've observed how from very small beginnings years ago when I reached out to the Northern Health & Social Care Trust to see how we could help our community, to now have a thriving Compassion ministry overseen by Frances Wilson with our Baby Basics ministry, Munch on Mondays, our continuing links with Newtownabbey Foodbank, the school uniforms and the connections we make with families through that, the partnership links that have been made with other community groups in the town, the

CAP programme, and now most recently our Kintsugi Hope programme. I am reminded of how Jesus recognised the distinction between the sheep and the goats, and how he recognised those who helped the hungry, welcomed the stranger, clothed those who were without, cared for the sick, and visited those in prison or in trouble (another stone).

I've observed the deep pastoral heart that exists amongst the body, to care for others, and it is greatly appreciated how a number of you help with pastoral support, visiting the housebound, provide hospitality, bringing people together through Mothers' Union, and offering prayer ministry to people who seek after God's comfort. I've observed a small group of very generous people working well ahead to create little gifts or blessings or presents on certain Sundays and other days so that the body of the church knows how much everyone is loved (another stone of thankfulness to God).

I've observed and have been deeply blessed with incredible musicians and singers across both churches who are foundational to our worship gatherings. It has been an incredible blessing to have Chris McCabe onboard as part of the staff and I know he has been such an encouragement to the worship team as well as the AV team at the back of St John's. It's also exciting that we will now be progressing with a Choir Director for Christ Church who can develop the worship there also. And then there are the teams of people leading services, teaching, manning car parks on Sundays, leading intercessions, making teas & coffees, the list is endless. (There's a stone to remember God's faithfulness)

I've observed the intentional partnership links that exist all over our parish to bring glory to God. One such partnership has been with CMS Ireland, and our links to Tujisaidie and Tumaini Projects in Nairobi, Kenya. And what an incredible blessing to travel out to see these ministries and the people for myself. Right now with the help of a small group within the churches, we are prioritising the next set of tasks in our 3 year partnership plan, with the hope of some kind of visit in 2025 either with Kenyans coming here or a team going out there (and so another stone laid down).

I could keep going on and on in thankfulness to God, but I want to finish with the incredible support that is required to oversee the operational management of the church. You will be aware I'm sure that overseeing a church today is much different than what it was 40 years ago. There is much more paperwork and policies than there ever was, and so behind that are many people to ensure we stay on top of this, seeking God's wisdom as we remain stewards of the resources he gives us. Tonight we say goodbye to the current Select Vestry who have worked through a number of important issues in this past year, we have a Safeguarding panel that oversees the safety of our young people and leaders, we have a team of people who look after the buildings (or glebes as they are known), and we have an administrative engine that is called David who ensures all these various plates keep spinning. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to David. He is a man who has to tolerate my attention to detail, and our friendship at times is like a marriage - where we work our way through things for the greater good of God's church. There's also the role that Lawrence plays in overseeing the financial accounting of the church - this is far from a small job with a parish that has so many different strings, alongside Ted, Trina and David helping also.

But folks in recognising the operational support in the parish, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation now to one person. Many of you will know by now that Lorraine Ogilby is from tonight stepping back as Honorary Secretary to the Select Vestry. Lorraine has carried out this function for 13 years now and she has done this with incredible efficiency and articulation. And along the way, she has always faithfully supported and encouraged my ministry, she has helped me when I've felt like giving up, and she has sacrificed lots to carry out this important role. Lorraine I really don't think there is enough ways to thank you for your service to God's Church and to the Select Vestry, but I hope this small token of our appreciation will go some way in expressing how much we want to thank you for your time and dedication. I know that this season is clearly a time of great change for you and the family, and I know you will be continuing to support us on a number of this. But may God bless you for all that you have given.

As I place these metaphorical stones down in thankfulness to God, there are others tonight that I also want to recognise in their service. You will probably be aware that there are a number of people stepping down tonight, and I know that each Sunday these two people make a difference, and bring a smile to each person that walks through the doors of our churches. Christine Burns is my warden in Christ Church, and Christine has not been a member of our church family too long. But in the time that I have known you Christine, you have been such an encouragement to me - you have diligently cared for our beautiful church in Ballynure, and I know that having come in recent years to us, that the role of Church Warden has helped you to get to know people better. I can't thank you enough for your support.

And Paul Comins is our Warden for St John's. With the transitions after COVID, Paul has actually done more than is normal. At one point I was wondering whether Paul would just continue in the role in a life-long commitment, as that is what can happen in some churches, but alas Paul is rightly wanting to spend time again sitting in the pews with with Kim. Paul thank you for your quiet way of getting on with things, getting them done, and being incredibly reliant. Thank you for your patience with me, and may God bless the rest you now will enjoy.

Folks tonight, I wanted to put down on paper a record of thankfulness, or as it would be done in Old Testament times, a series of stones that remind us all of God's goodness, but importantly declare to our future generation how God has walked faithfully with us. It is so easy to forget what he has been doing, and what he will do in us. So often don't we observe that God does a new thing in us, or blesses us, and maybe after a few days or weeks we might be thankful, but then soon we forget. And a bit like the Israelites we move back into complaining.

But with stones set in certain places, the people were given a tangible sign to remind them of the goodness of God, and that's what I want to do tonight. Tonight is me saying thank you. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your encouragement. I may not have named everyone tonight, but I still want you all to know the feeling of joy that comes to me as I think about you, and as I pray for you all.

So just to finish, I want to focus my attention on one person within our parish who has been a steady anchor through it all. Every year from now on at this gathering, I would like to recognise someone for their commitment to the parish. It doesn't mean they

are in any way better, but it just recognises the many years that they have faithfully served God in this church. You know whenever I am talking about our church in our community, there will normally be one person's name who is mentioned often. Before I had even set foot in the parish, this lady was finding out things about me. She was never someone to mess with, I knew who was boss, but I also saw an incredible loving side to this lady when she would drop into the parish office with Asher's soup and a bread roll. You will already know who I am talking about. Margaret Scott has been that foundation to St John's, and probably if you added up the cumulative number of years in different roles and responsibilities it will run into hundreds of years. To give you an idea, we think that Margaret served in Sunday School for 60 years. Then there was her time in the choir. Her time in Boys Brigade, her time on Select Vestry, her role as warden, the number of hours sitting in the parish office checking that David was doing everything right. Then there was the role of being mother to so many children, and then your pastoral function of popping round or phoning parishioners to check in on them. We all love you Margaret, and our church family would simply not be the same without you. I'd encourage you to continue to keep a suspicious eye on all of us, and always feel free to keep us in our place. I have had the privilege to see you in the good days but also the tough days. I know your love for the Lord Jesus runs very deep, and all that you do wants to bring honour to his name. Tonight, I and everyone here want to thank you for how you have shaped many lives, and have made an incredible impact to our community, to this church, and to those who love you. May God bless you in this season.

On a night where our focus has been on God's goodness, and also my thankfulness for what he is able to do through all of you and others, I want us to sing. I'm reminded in the book of Ezra that as the people began to rebuild the temple, they took many opportunities to praise God. And as the foundations of the temple were laid here's what it says - Ezra 3:11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord.

It is good to take tonight to praise the goodness of God, and proclaim his faithfulness into the next generation of this Church family.

Rev Jonny

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements of The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare), hereafter referred to as The United Parish, were produced by the Honorary Treasurer and the Church Administrator. They have been independently examined.

The documents are openly available to provide assurance that church funds have been, and will continue to be, spent correctly and for the purposes for which they are intended.

The Financial Statements show the Income received by The United Parish which is primarily voluntary giving and Grants. The Income is used to finance all of the expenditure during the year which includes staff costs, repairs and upkeep and the

utility bills of the six Parish buildings. It also finances Compassion Ministries and Youth activities.

Whilst the legacy of the Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect church activities and congregation sizes, through the generosity and faithfulness of our parishioners we were able to maintain our level of 'Voluntary Giving'.

A major achievement for the United Parish in 2023 was the purchase and installation of a dedicated Baby Basics building at a cost of approximately £20,000. This was primarily funded by way of securing external Grants, over the past 2 years, through our Compassion Ministries.

Under the spiritual direction of the Reverend Jonny, we are a church that believes in tithing our income (at least one 10th of what we receive). In the 2023 financial period we remained faithful to this, by way of distributing £18,269 to local and overseas missions and charities, secured by way of tithe and various collections.

Whilst we saw an increase in expenditure on 'Repairs/ Upkeep to our properties, a significant backlog of repairs exists which will require substantial funding. This workload has been noted in the Quinquennial Inspection requested by the Representative Church Body in Dublin.

A further external influence on the level of expenditure was the rise in monetary inflation impacting upon the cost of living. An example of this was The United Parish cleaning costs which increased by £3,000 from the previous year.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £186,474, of which £146,034 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £26,796 was from Gift Aid. Restricted receipts of £22,050 were also recorded.

The final monetary position detailed in the Financial Statements, was a deficit of £5,653. This equates to £1.02 of spend for every £1 of income received. The shortfall was met by the use of financial reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of The United Parish

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

As well as Constitutional requirements, parishes are obliged to implement Diocesan Regulations. Members of the General Vestry can vote and 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 incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other 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 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 churchwardens. In 2023, the Select Vestry met 10 times during the year (meetings held in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and December with an average attendance of over 75%. The Annual Easter meeting was held on 19 April 2023 and was chaired by the current incumbent, Rev. J Campbell-Smyth.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth (Rector)



Mrs Lorraine Ogilby (Honorary Secretary)

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Annual return

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF
THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



S Hopper FCA
Partner
Hopper & Co

25th Sept 2024

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: NIC103558

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)

Financial Statements for the year-ended 31st December 2022

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) - NIC103558

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Voluntary giving	165,973	13,700	—	179,673	178,287
Legacies	660	1,000	—	1,660	5,795
Investment Income / Interest Receivable	829	—	—	829	598
Fundraising Events	—	—	—	—	227
Property related income	27	—	—	27	510
General parish income	3,537	—	—	3,537	459
Extraordinary General Income	—	—	—	—	243
Sundry Income	5,924	15,357	—	21,282	26,904
Total income	176,952	30,058	—	207,010	213,025
Resources used					
Staffing Costs - Clerical	82,261	—	—	82,261	97,968
Diocesan levies	18,309	—	—	18,309	16,496
Donations to Charities and Missions	17,749	209	—	17,958	22,065
Repairs / Upkeep	13,538	—	—	13,538	11,471
Light, Heat and Power	16,977	—	—	16,977	10,190
Financial and professional costs	5,774	23	—	5,798	13,165
General parochial overheads	12,378	86	—	12,464	14,122
Parochial ministry overheads	30,910	2,683	—	33,594	26,139
Sundry Expenses	—	5,698	—	5,698	7,860
Total expenditure	197,900	8,700	—	206,600	219,478
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(20,947)	21,357	—	409	(6,452)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	175	—	175	670
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(175)	—	(175)	(670)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(20,947)	21,357	—	409	(6,452)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	67,825	37,099	—	104,925	111,377
Total funds carried forward	46,878	58,456	—	105,335	104,925
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	46,878	—	—	46,878	67,825
Restricted					
Building fund	—	9,208	—	9,208	7,388
Christ Church Legacy Fund	—	6,000	—	6,000	5,000
Compassion Ministries	—	31,259	—	31,259	10,206
Phillips' fund	—	11,988	—	11,988	11,988
Together Ballyclare	—	—	—	—	2,515

The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) - NIC103558

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2022

	Balance	Previous balance
Building fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	45.00	110.00
7020: Building bank account	9,163.96	7,278.68
	<u>9,208.96</u>	<u>7,388.68</u>
Total for Building fund : Restricted	9,208.96	7,388.68
Christ Church Legacy Fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	6,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total for Christ Church Legacy Fund : Restricted	6,000.00	5,000.00
Compassion Ministries : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	28,769.38	7,206.45
7010: SO bank account	2,490.00	3,000.00
	<u>31,259.38</u>	<u>10,206.45</u>
Total for Compassion Ministries : Restricted	31,259.38	10,206.45
Together Ballyclare : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	—	(524.23)
7010: SO bank account	—	3,040.00
	<u>—</u>	<u>2,515.77</u>
Total for Together Ballyclare : Restricted	—	2,515.77
General fund : Unrestricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	41,121.18	64,452.53
7010: SO bank account	5,757.36	3,373.34
7020: Building bank account	(0.24)	—
	<u>46,878.30</u>	<u>67,825.87</u>
Total for General fund : Unrestricted	46,878.30	67,825.87

	Balance	Previous balance
Phillips' fund : Restricted		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		
7000: General bank account	11,988.40	11,988.40
	<u>11,988.40</u>	<u>11,988.40</u>
Total for Phillips' fund : Restricted	<u>11,988.40</u>	<u>11,988.40</u>
	<u>105,335.04</u>	<u>104,925.17</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>105,335.04</u></u>	<u><u>104,925.17</u></u>

Liabilities

<i>Variable rate business loan</i>	<u>-40,187.71</u>	<u>-42,293.32</u>
<i>Credit Card account</i>	<u>-1,212.64</u>	<u>-800.18</u>

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
Voluntary giving						
1010E - Online Giving Receipts	4,698	—	—	—	4,698	4,688
1011A - FWO - Weekly envelopes	33,818	—	10	—	33,828	33,143
1011B - FWO - Standing orders	95,830	—	4,935	—	100,765	102,261
1020 - Other general donations	480	—	—	—	480	5,124
1040A - Gift day - Harvest	—	—	—	—	—	2,565
1045 - Gift aid tax recovered - regular giving	25,954	—	1,103	—	27,058	29,414
1056 - Charitable collections	—	—	1,332	—	1,332	—
1060 - Donations for Specific Purposes	700	—	—	—	700	400
1060A - Donation for Rectors Discretionary Fund	750	—	—	—	750	—
1060B - Donation towards Youth Activities	2,643	—	—	—	2,643	—
1060C - Donations to Compassion Ministries	365	—	6,319	—	6,684	50
1061A - Leaving Gift	733	—	—	—	733	642
Voluntary giving Totals	165,973	—	13,700	—	179,673	178,287
Legacies						
1020B - Other general donation - In Memory Of	660	—	—	—	660	795
1065 - Bequests & Legacies	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	5,000
Legacies Totals	660	—	1,000	—	1,660	5,795
Investment Income / Interest Receivable						
1320 - Other investment income	570	—	—	—	570	—
1330 - Bank and building society interest	259	—	—	—	259	598
Investment Income / Interest Receivable Totals	829	—	—	—	829	598
Fundraising Events						
1310 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	227
Fundraising Events Totals	—	—	—	—	—	227
Property related income						
1220 - Church hall lettings - charitable object	27	—	—	—	27	510
Property related income Totals	27	—	—	—	27	510
General parish income						
1070 - Donations from Parish Organisations	—	—	—	—	—	120
1145 - Bookstall sales	—	—	—	—	—	65
1260 - Parishioner Receipts, Books/Notes/Coffee	447	—	—	—	447	274
1270 - Receipts of parish events	2,740	—	—	—	2,740	—
1340 - Baptisms, funerals & weddings gifts	350	—	—	—	350	—

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
General parish income Totals	3,537	—	—	—	3,537	459
Extraordinary General Income						
1380 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	243
Extraordinary General Income Totals	—	—	—	—	—	243
Sundry Income						
1020C - Summer Madness Youth Event	700	—	—	—	700	2,004
1420 - Non-recurring one-off grants	2,010	—	12,000	—	14,010	7,345
1430 - Council Grants (Youth)	1,500	—	—	—	1,500	1,350
1440 - Misc Income, Refunds Etc	1,714	—	—	—	1,714	—
1450 - Education Authority Grants	—	—	—	—	—	8,490
1470 - Together Ballyclare receipts	—	—	3,357	—	3,357	7,714
Sundry Income Totals	5,924	—	15,357	—	21,282	26,904
Incoming resources Grand totals	176,952	—	30,058	—	207,010	213,025

Resources used

Staffing Costs - Clerical

2110 - Clergy and staffing	82,261	—	—	—	82,261	97,968
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Staffing Costs - Clerical Totals

	82,261	—	—	—	82,261	97,968
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Diocesan levies

2118 - Diocesan levy - standard	18,309	—	—	—	18,309	16,496
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Diocesan levies Totals

	18,309	—	—	—	18,309	16,496
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Donations to Charities and Missions

2187A - Rectors Discretionary Fund allocations	627	—	—	—	627	1,000
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2187C - Overseas mission allocations	—	—	—	—	—	2,565
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2188 - Gifts on retirement / resignation	459	—	—	—	459	—
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2188A - Leaving Gift	733	—	—	—	733	890
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2188B - Other Gifts	1,030	—	—	—	1,030	—
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2191 - Donations to other organisations	100	—	—	—	100	3,110
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2191A - Donations to other charities	14,800	—	209	—	15,009	14,500
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Donations to Charities and Missions Totals

	17,749	—	209	—	17,958	22,065
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Repairs / Upkeep

2124A - St. John's repairs and maintenance	5,117	—	—	—	5,117	3,158
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2124C - Christ Church repairs and maintenance	1,103	—	—	—	1,103	4,541
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2130 - Church cleaning	4,662	—	—	—	4,662	2,520
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2142 - Rectory repairs and maintenance	2,320	—	—	—	2,320	1,251
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2151 - Assoc. house repairs and maintenance	250	—	—	—	250	—
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2175C - Church alarms and security	84	—	—	—	84	—
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Repairs / Upkeep Totals

	13,538	—	—	—	13,538	11,471
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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Light, Heat and Power						
2125A - St. John's light and power	1,937	—	—	—	1,937	880
2125B - Christ Church light and power	6,300	—	—	—	6,300	4,461
2126A - St. John's church heating	5,910	—	—	—	5,910	1,481
2126B - Christ Church hall heating	834	—	—	—	834	380
2167 - Rates - Rectory	756	—	—	—	756	—
2168 - Rates - Gateside Manor	692	—	—	—	692	2,479
2171 - Water rates	546	—	—	—	546	507
Light, Heat and Power Totals	16,977	—	—	—	16,977	10,190
Financial and professional costs						
2176 - Audit and accountancy	144	—	—	—	144	684
2177 - Legal fees	900	—	—	—	900	180
2180 - Other professional fees	—	—	—	—	—	7,500
2235 - Bank fees and charges	287	—	23	—	311	246
2241 - Loan repayments	4,443	—	—	—	4,443	4,554
Financial and professional costs Totals	5,774	—	23	—	5,798	13,165
General parochial overheads						
2170 - Other rates	—	—	—	—	—	749
2175 - Insurance	4,972	—	—	—	4,972	4,583
2210 - Stationery, Printing and advertising	3,006	—	86	—	3,092	1,953
2210A - Postage & Courier	758	—	—	—	758	1,240
2210B - Church telephone & internet	913	—	—	—	913	1,267
2215 - IT hardware	—	—	—	—	—	2,810
2216 - IT Software	1,246	—	—	—	1,246	1,516
2230 - Equipment repairs	1,480	—	—	—	1,480	—
General parochial overheads Totals	12,378	—	86	—	12,464	14,122
Parochial ministry overheads						
2182 - Other worship related costs	5,277	—	—	—	5,277	3,163
2187 - Mission activity	—	—	1,123	—	1,123	—
2189 - Other church ministry	7,028	—	180	—	7,208	6,847
2189A - Children's and youth ministry	4,818	—	—	—	4,818	5,859
2189D - Compassion Ministries	3,083	—	1,380	—	4,464	1,284
2256A - Christian Books/Bible Notes	447	—	—	—	447	254
2310A - Summer Madness Expenditure	1,685	—	—	—	1,685	5,124
2310B - Summer Holiday Club (Including Council Y	3,926	—	—	—	3,926	1,195
2310C - Education Authority Grants (Camping)	—	—	—	—	—	2,164
2312 - Communion wine & bread	493	—	—	—	493	245
2496 - Church weekend	4,150	—	—	—	4,150	—
Parochial ministry overheads Totals	30,910	—	2,683	—	33,594	26,139
Sundry Expenses						
2285 - Sundry costs	—	—	—	—	—	946
2300 - Together Ballyclare expenditure	—	—	5,698	—	5,698	6,914
Sundry Expenses Totals	—	—	5,698	—	5,698	7,860

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Resources used Grand totals	197,900	—	8,700	—	206,600	219,478

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Additional notes to the accounts

Note 1

Fund Movement Summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
Building fund	7,388	1,843	-23	0	9,208
Charitable collections	0	1,332	-1,332	0	0
Christ Church Legacy Fund	5,000	1,000	0	0	6,000
Compassion Ministries	10,206	22,524	-1,647	175	31,258
Together Ballyclare	2,515	3,357	-5,698	-175	-1
General fund	67,826	176,952	-197,899	0	46,879
Phillips' fund	11,988	0	0	0	11,988
Totals	104,925	207,009	-206,600	0	105,335

Note 2

Donations to Charities and Organisations

Hope 365, Ballyclare	750
Newtownabbey Street Pastors	250
CMS Ireland	750
CMS Ireland	1,500
GBYFC	750
GBYFC - Support for Youth Worker	750
SAMS Ireland	500
Release International	750
Release International (Sulawesi Mission School)	1,500
Care for the Family	500
UCB Bible Notes	750
Divine Healing Ministries	250
Emma McCallion	750
Equipping for Life	250
Mindwise	250
Churches Ministry for Healing	250
New Horizon Ministries	250
Diocese of Connor Mothers Union	500
The Bible Society	500
Evangelical Alliance	250
Summer Madness	250
Links Counselling	750
Exodus NI	500
The Secret Place	500
TOTAL	14,000

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Note 3

Unrestricted Funds

These are ordinary funds which are for general use, in promoting the church's usual purposes.

Unrestricted Designated Funds

These are funds set aside for specific purposes or projects. They can be redirected back to unrestricted funds if the church chooses.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on specific purposes.

3RD BALLYCLARE BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

Receipts and Payment Account for the year-ended 30/12/22

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Weekly dues		460.00	
Grants and Donations			
Education Authority Grant	1800.00		
Donation - The Vestry of the United Parish	730.00		
Sundry donations	0.00		
	<u> </u>	2530.00	
Other income			
Cash for cans	211.75		
Queen's Badge contribution -boys	0.00		
Bank interest	0.00		
	<u> </u>	<u>211.75</u>	
Total receipts			3201.75
 <u>Payments</u>			
Affiliation and training			
Association fees (2021 & 2022)	2804.00		
Battalion fees	0.00		
Queen's Badge course	0.00		
Youth Leader Training	0.00		
First aid course fees	0.00		
Gymnastics course fees	0.00		
	<u> </u>	2804.00	
Programme expenses			
Photocopying	0.00		
BB supplies	0.00		
Programme materials	0.00		
President's Badge	0.00		
Prizes & Gifts for display	0.00		
Outings and trips	748.00		
Uniform	0.00		
Bank fees	35.23		
Camping Equipment	95.90		
	<u> </u>	879.13	
<u>Other expenses</u>			
	0.00		
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		<u>0.00</u>	
Total payments			<u>3683.13</u>
Net receipts/(payments)			<u><u>-481.38</u></u>

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Annual report

Charity Registration Number	NIC103558
Charity Address	St John's Church Office 3 Doagh Road, BT39 9BG
Trustees	Mr Andrew Brannigan, Dr Christine Burns, The Rev. Jonathan Campbell-Smyth, Mr Paul Comins, Mr Colin Ferguson, Mrs Trina Grant, Professor George Heaney, Mrs Shelly Jess, Dr David McIlhagger, Mrs Lorraine Ogilby, Mr Michael Ogilby Mr Mark Patterson, Miss Margaret Scott, Mr Lawrence Stanford, Mr Adrian Taylor, Dr Peter Watson, Mr David Wilson, Mrs Francis Wilson
Independent Examiner	Hopper & Company Ballyclare
Bank	Danske Bank, Ballyclare

PURPOSE

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) (hereafter referred to as The United Parish) is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of The United 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, The United Parish has custody of property and of records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of The United Parish.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

CORE VALUES

Our Core Values as a United Parish are :

Christ at the centre of all we do

The importance of God's Spirit-filled Word in how it shapes how we live

A community Church with a Pastoral Heart

A community Church that seeks for all to have a deeper relationship with God

A community Church that speaks into and shapes a new generation

A community Church that reaches out in love and welcomes everyone in

A community Church that partners with others in the Gospel

Pastoring

Deepening

Shaping

Reaching

Partnering

Our values as a church determine how we serve God in our community. Our values keep reminding us of how we should use our resources and where to use them for His glory. These become the litmus test to keep reminding us why we exist.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This address is always a rather strange one, because it is neither a sermon nor is it a state of the nation address. Therefore I want to reflect on the past year and think a little about the year ahead. Thankfully the memories of COVID and the long periods without church activities are now a thing of the past, and in this past year we have been able to resume our ministries again.

I wonder do any of you remember my document called RESET that I issued to all households earlier in 2022. In it I talked about rebuilding our church family after the pandemic, but not to simply put all the same bricks back where they previously were. It was not a time to simply carry on regardless. It was and is a time for new things. If we have learnt anything I think it is that the church should avoid the busyness of the programmes, or just sliding through the church calendar without considering what is God doing in us for this time and in this place. Instead in my document I said that we must be committed to the worship and devotion of our sovereign Lord God who alone is worthy of all our praise. This would be a time for building spiritual disciplines and protecting ourselves from the deceit and assaults of the enemy. And then from that place of worship and spiritual discipline, we then have a greater desire to serve the Lord in the local church.

This all sits of course within the context of our core values which remain so important to us - where we are rooted to the unchanging Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, where his word becomes our moral and spiritual compass, where we recognise the importance of pastoral care to all, where we desire to grow more deeply in our

relationship with God, where we desire to invest in family life shaping a new generation of young believers, where we seek to reach out in love and offer hospitality to those already in the church family but also the many outside our church, and finally to establish partnerships with organisations that serve God locally and internationally. Those are our core values that underpin everything.

And so as I look at this past year I am so thankful to God at how these aspects of resetting and refocusing have been awakened in people's lives, and I honestly believe through that RESET there has been less of a frantic running around as seen in previous years.

I'm not going to take away from the various reports that will be presented this evening, but here are just a few of the highlights that I have been encouraged by in this last year.

Highlights

Firstly, our small groups are a vitally important aspect to the growth of everyone within our church family. It is simply impossible for anyone to grow spiritually through Sunday worship alone. The scriptures outline how the early church regularly came together in people's homes, and through this they were encouraged in their walk with the Lord. In the United Parish we are simply following this model. And so it is a delight that we now have 7 groups meeting regularly. I'd like to personally thank both Laura Galloway and Hugh & Olive Spence for stepping forward into leadership.

Secondly, in this past year we have seen an incredible spiritual growth in our young people through the discipleship programmes led by Tim & Leah Burns. The Burns family offer their home each weekend to our young people and through it they have grown deeper as a group and also it has stirred their hearts towards serving the Lord. Thank you Tim & Leah. It is through this work that I am now receiving the benefits of being able to shape and nurture many of these young people as we prepare for the Youth Mission to Tarragona, Spain in July. As a plug, please come along on Saturday to the Coffee Morning in St John's halls to help with fundraising.

Next, we are delighted to see many new families join St John's Church and we therefore pray that they would know the love and welcome of the United Parish. Within that group of new families, it is such a delight to now have Ken Chiaji commissioned as a Parish Reader which permits him to lead services in the future. Ken is about to receive further induction on this and hopefully in the very near future you will see him regularly involved in morning worship.

Next, if you have been in St John's you will notice that our worship is led once a month by our young people. This has encouraged so many of us within the congregation, and it is so good to see them using their giftings to lift high the name of Jesus. I would like to thank both Adrian Taylor and Neil Smyth who have been working with the young people in their practices.

Similarly in Christ Church we are delighted that both Jenny Cobain and Andrew Flanagan have supported us in weekly worship. As Jenny goes off soon for maternity leave, we give thanks for her and pray God's blessing on her, Gordie and Alfie as they await the arrival of baby Cobain.

Next, our prayer life within the church has been such an important backbone to our success, and therefore it has been so uplifting to see Leigh Henderson providing another avenue for prayer through the monthly Prayer Warriors leaflet. I know that for folks who are housebound, this has allowed them to feel very much active in the life of the church, raising their petitions before God, united in purpose. Thank you Leigh for facilitating this opportunity so people can pray daily for our parish.

Our men's ministry has also restarted, and we hope that through this monthly gathering, men will receive encouragement from one another in fellowship. It is my hope that through this, opportunities for evangelism to others and spiritual growth will be encouraged.

It was also good at the beginning of 2023 for Alpha to be hosted in St John's over 11 weeks. Alpha offers people who wish to explore the Christian faith an opportunity to hear more and discuss issues in a friendly and non-threatening environment. I'd like to thank the team that facilitated this each Sunday evening, namely Hugh, Sandra, Jill and the team of caterers who ensured our guests were fed.

Finally, there has been the steady increase of need for our compassion ministries. Through this we have established good relationships with people, and also community representatives. We've seen more baby basics referrals, more need for food on Mondays, the need for school uniforms due to the costs of clothes, and opportunities for one-to-one advice to those attending our CAP programme. The team is simply too large to name but thank you for how you demonstrate the Gospel with feet walking into our community.

Thanks

Can you see from these examples, how the focus of our work is very much about the spiritual growth of individuals and a desire to reach out with the Gospel. I'd therefore like to take this opportunity again to thank all of those involved in different ways and in the many other ways that people serve, whether at Sunday worship, or through organisations that meet during the week. I feel a real sense that many of you have committed yourselves to a refocus, a repurpose and a reset towards placing Christ as the main reason why we exist as Church.

Focus into the next year

So if that has been our focus in this past year, then what will it look like in the year ahead?

I hope it's not a big surprise if I tell you that it should be the same again. And the reason for that is, whilst we see positive signs of spiritual refocus and growth within some members, I am very conscious that in others I don't know whether anything has changed? So my prayer and hope is that more will come into that living relationship with the Lord Jesus that means everything in their life is put to one side because Jesus now dominates everything.

So with more of the same Resetting, here are my reasons and concerns :

Firstly, whilst many have returned to regular church worship there are many that have not, or some have settled into a pattern of coming once a month. You see life now gives people so much more opportunities at the weekends, and life also places so much pressure through the week with work that the weekend becomes a time to chill and relax. And so more and more people push God out further. But many need to be reminded that we are made by God with one purpose and that is to worship him in all we do. Therefore if people are not placing worship at the centre of their lives through gathering together, then you can bet your bottom dollar something else will begin to replace that pattern. That's what happened to the people of Israel as they waited for Moses to return from the mountain - they found something else to worship. Some people place more emphasis on their work, some place more emphasis on their leisure, some place more emphasis on their family. Whilst these are all good things, we must be reminded that Jesus instructed that if we are his disciples we have to leave everything and follow him. Let's make sure we know where our priorities need to be. Like the writer to the Hebrews we must not neglect from gathering together as some are in the custom of doing. (Hebrews 10).

Many of us will know of people who used to gather in church, they may even be people within our families. Let us consider prayerfully how we can stir them into returning, and let us consider how we too need to make a greater commitment in our devotion of the Lord.

Secondly, for those that serve in any capacity within the church, I would challenge you as to how you are able to serve and at the same time not make a commitment to weekly bible study with others? In order that you lead other people in some way whether through music, youth, other organisations, cutting the grass, Vestry whatever it may be, you simply cannot serve the Lord effectively if you do not have time to be fed by him amongst other Christians. Our reason to serve in the church must come from our desire to carry out the mission of God and reach others through the Gospel. It is not simply about volunteering to help out, or to be part of some community organisation. We are the body of Christ. Let's ensure that all of us who lead or volunteer are fed for the task placed on us by God. To give you an example, you would not expect me to stand up in church and preach if you thought I wasn't making time to be fed in God's word both privately and also with others. Because it's through that devotion that I know that my strength comes from the Lord and not my own. So if that's what you expect of me, then God expects it from all of us. If you lead or help in any capacity please consider carefully why you don't gather with others through the week

around God's word. I would rather that you are fed effectively rather than serve on an empty tank.

Thirdly, I am reminded of George Colclough's remarks to me on many occasions where he told me that many years ago, before my time, he and others went out and knocked the doors of every house in Ballynure, telling them of Jesus. For those that know George, that would cause him no concerns whatsoever - no greater a passion for evangelism can there be than George Colclough. But I believe we must regard Ballynure as a mission field, and that's no different than Ballyclare. However whilst I see spiritual growth in St John's, I fear that I am not seeing this to the same extent in Christ Church. Are we doing anything differently in Christ Church than St John's? Well yes. So we must tackle this if we long for growth for the future. You will hear later in the Glebes report of structural work to our buildings that is required following the Quinquennial Inspection. However I believe a spiritual rebuilding needs a greater emphasis for the future.

Note that resolving these issues does not require some clever recovery plan - it needs the power of the Holy Spirit to ignite and energise the members of Christ Church. In effect I pray for revival to break out. It is something that I certainly will give my energy to, but it will not be resolved by a rector alone. Nor do I believe it is right for it to be led by many from St John's. So I challenge our Christ church members to call a meeting with me to begin this journey, seeking God's direction and understanding the mission that we are called to in Ballynure.

The final area that I would like to conclude with is the issue of serving within the body. We will all know that Paul has many teachings on how the body of Christ is to function - he writes to the Corinthians, he writes to the Colossians, to the Ephesians, and also to the church in Rome about it. And in these passages the issue of unity and diversity repeat themselves. Unity & Diversity in the Body. I see these on two plains - one as a diverse group the parts of the body are all doing their job, and then on another plain they are all in unity working for the purpose and will of God the Father. That is the model of how we who serve need to function. We recognise that everyone has a part to play and should be respected for that. And then all of us are united with one purpose under God. Later tonight we will be voting for roles within the church. These roles are not any more important than others. In fact my role is not any more important than others' roles in the church. But it will suffer when we do not consider unity and diversity. So if positions are not filled tonight, or roles that come up from time to time are not filled, then that means the body is not displaying the diversity of giftings that God has allotted to us all. Our giftings in us all must not lie dormant. When David and I reach out to ask for support in ministries and we get no response, then that demonstrates a disunity in the body. Let's therefore consider how we can work with more unity in this year ahead. And as Paul teaches the Ephesians, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do"

Conclusion

So what an incredibly encouraging year that has brought many blessings to our parish as we have considered refocusing and resetting ourselves back towards God. Yes there may be challenges ahead, but in God's providence as he guides us in our journey of faith, we know that we can do all things placed on us as a church through Christ who gives us the strength. God bless you as you choose to make him Lord of all things in your life.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements of The United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare), hereafter referred to as The United Parish, were produced by the Honorary Treasurer and the Church Administrator. They have been independently examined.

The documents are openly available to church members to provide assurance that church funds have been, and will continue to be, spent correctly and for the purposes for which they are intended.

The Financial Statements show the Income received by The United Parish which is primarily voluntary giving and Grants. The Income is used to finance all of the expenditure during the year which includes staff costs, repairs and upkeep and the utility bills of the six Parish buildings. It also finances Compassion Ministries and Youth activities.

Whilst the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic was much diminished during the year, disruption was still seen to affect church activities and congregation sizes. Yet through the generosity and faithfulness of our parishioners we were able to maintain our level of 'Voluntary Giving'.

Through the hard work and dedication of members of our church family, The United Parish secured approximately £19,500 in Grants. These were, and will be, used to finance Youth events and our Compassion Ministries.

Under the spiritual direction of our Reverend, we are a church that believes in tithing our income. In the 2022 financial period we remained faithful to this, by way of distributing approximately £15,000 to local and overseas missions and charities.

Whilst The United Parish saw a slight increase on 2021 expenditure on 'Repairs/ Upkeep to our properties, inability to undertake repairs at the height of the pandemic has resulted in a large backlog of work which will require substantial funding. This workload has been noted in the Quinquennial Inspection requested by the Representative Church Body in Dublin.

A notable cost, not within the control of The United Parish, was in Diocesan payments which totalled £18,309, an increase of £1,813 (11% above the 2021 charge).

A further external influence on the level of expenditure was the rise in monetary inflation impacting upon the cost of living. An example of this was The United Parish energy bills which increased by £7,000 from the previous year.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £165,973, of which £140,019 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £25,954 was from Gift Aid. Restricted receipts of £13,700 were also recorded.

The final monetary position detailed in the Financial Statements, was a surplus of £409. This, however, includes transactions in respect of the 'Together Ballyclare' initiative, which is not an asset of The United Parish, and a restricted one-off Grant of £12,000, secured to part-fund a new Baby Basics building, which could not be used to fund general church running expenses.

Taking the adjustments into account, the year-end position was a deficit/ overspend of £9,250. This equated to £1.05 of spend for every £1 of income received.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of The United Parish

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

As well as Constitutional requirements, parishes are obliged to implement Diocesan Regulations. Members of the General Vestry can vote and 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 incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other 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 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 churchwardens. In 2022, the Select Vestry met 11 times during the year (meetings held in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and December with an average attendance of over 75%. The Annual Easter meeting was held on 4 May 2022 and was chaired by the current incumbent, Rev. J Campbell-Smyth.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth (Rector)



Mrs Lorraine Ogilby (Honorary Secretary)

Ballyclare/Ballynure & Ballyeaston/St. John the Evangelist/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103558

Annual return

**THE UNITED PARISH OF BALLYNURE & BALLYEASTON (BALLYCLARE) OF
THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The United Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston (Ballyclare) Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



S Hopper FCA
Partner
Hopper & Co

5th May 2023