

# Downpatrick/Lecale Group/The Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103586

## Details

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**Known as** Down Cathedral

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-07-09

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£200,851	£218,662	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dean Henry Blair		
Dr Elizabeth Leonard		
Dr Judith Harper		
Jennifer Stitt		
Mr Jonathan Pierce		
Mr Malcolm Crichton		
Mr William Poxon		
Mrs Elizabeth Butler		
Mrs Hilary Crichton		
Mrs Wendy Poxon		
Rev Ken Mcgrath		

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# Accounts

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Downpatrick Lecale Group  
The Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity of Down and Dromore  
Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2025.

Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants  
13 English Street  
Downpatrick Co Down BT30 6AB

Downpatrick Lecale Group  
The Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity of Down and Dromore  
Statement of Financial Activity  
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	102167	9404		111571	90737
Other trading activities					
Retail and Tour Sales	47883			47883	55316
Grant Income	16771			16771	20000
Investment Income					
Dividends Interest and Gains	6734	2300	5466	14500	4202
Transfers	10000	126		10126	
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Receipts	183555	11830	5466	200851	170255
Payments					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	179312	29224		208536	172002
Investment costs					
Other					
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	179312	29224	0	208536	172002
Purchase of investments					
Purchase of fixed assets					
Loan Repayments					
Transfers	10126			10126	
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Payments	189438	29224	0	218662	172002
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net receipts/(payments)	-5883	-17394	5466	-17811	-1747
Funds brought forward	41	120775	173884	294700	310581
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Funds carried forward	-5842	103381	179350	276889	308834
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Downpatrick Lecale Group  
The Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity of Down and Dromore  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Fund Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	41	120775		120816	150828
Net movement in funds	-5883	-17394		-23277	-1747
Bank and Cash at end of year	-5842	103381		97539	149081
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Bank and Cash balances</b>					
Bank accounts	-5842	103381		97539	149081
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	-5842	103381		97539	149081
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Investments			179350	179350	173884
				.....	.....
				0	0
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
Others				0	0
				.....	.....
				0	0
				.....	.....
<b>Total Net Assets</b>				<b>276889</b>	<b>322965</b>
				.....	.....

Downpatrick Lecale Group  
The Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity of Down and Dromore  
Notes to the Accounts  
Year ended 31 December 2025

## Accounting Policies

### Basis of Financial Statements

As the income of the congregation is less than £250,000, the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

### 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 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.

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Year ended 31 December 2025

Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Recorded Giving	43115			43115	57041
Loose collections	7379			7379	6804
Donations and gifts	40656	9404		50060	21059
Gift Aid	11017			11017	5833
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	102167	9404	0	111571	90737
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Stipends and Assessments	33274			33274	36850
Wages and LAMP Salaries	64976			64976	46700
Buildings and support costs	25828	24894		50722	33271
Congregational running expenses	37903			37903	34831
Charitable Giving		4330		4330	
Retail and Tour costs	16474			16474	19528
Governance costs	857			857	822
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	179312	29224	0	208536	172002
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Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	68174	3226		71400	90737
Other trading activities					
Retail and Tour Sales	46257			46257	55316
Grant Income	20000			20000	20000
Investment Income					
Dividends Interest and Gains	6749	2464	14131	23344	4202
Transfers	36500			36500	
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Receipts	177680	5690	14131	197501	170255
Payments					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	167506	7629		175135	172002
Investment costs					
Other					
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	167506	7629	0	175135	172002
Purchase of investments					
Purchase of fixed assets					
Loan Repayments					
Transfers		36500		36500	
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Payments	167506	44129	0	211635	172002
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net receipts/(payments)	10174	-38439	14131	-14134	-1747
Funds brought forward	-10133	159214	159753	308834	310581
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Funds carried forward	41	120775	173884	294700	308834
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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<b>Fund Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	-10133	159214		149081	150828
Net movement in funds	10174	-38439		-28265	-1747
Bank and Cash at end of year	41	120775		120816	149081
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Bank and Cash balances</b>					
Bank accounts	41	120775		120816	149081
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	41	120775		120816	149081
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Investments			173884	173884	159753
				.....	.....
				0	0
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
Others				0	0
				.....	.....
				0	0
				.....	.....
<b>Total Net Assets</b>				<b>294700</b>	<b>308834</b>
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Year ended 31 December 2024

Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Recorded Giving	36487			36487	57041
Loose collections	5530			5530	6804
Donations and gifts	21069	3226		24295	21059
Gift Aid	5088			5088	5833
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	68174	3226	0	71400	90737
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Stipends and Assessments	31208			31208	36850
Wages and Salaries	43800			43800	46700
Buildings and support costs	31009	7629		38638	33271
Congregational running expenses	40830			40830	34831
Retail and Tour costs	19771			19771	19528
Governance costs	888			888	822
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	167506	7629	0	175135	172002
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....



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# Annual report

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## Down Cathedral Trustees Report 2024

We continue to offer regular Sunday and midweek worship, including a weekly Thursday Communion and Daily Evening Prayer. Healing prayer continues on the 1st Friday of each month. Our services are streamed online and we are joined by 'regular' Watchers and by visitors from around the world. We regularly welcome visitors alongside our regular in-person congregation, especially in the Summer season and we welcomed 60,000 visitors over the year.

The Cathedral is a focal point for the Annual St Patrick's Day Celebrations in the town, over the weekend we welcome thousands of people to worship with us and visit the Cathedral and St Patrick's Grave. Revenue from these visitors maintain our welcome ministry. We are thankful to have a dedicated staff team and a faithful team of volunteers.

We continue to be grateful for the prayerful and financial support of our Cathedral Congregation,  
And from the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

As well as our regular worship we recorded a service for RTE, hosted a concert in support of the Downpatrick community after the flooding. Collected £250 for bikes to help ministers in Sudan. Held a concert of St Mark's Passion. Hosted the Mothers union service for mission overseas. Had a display of Quilts with Seff and a service where people shared their experiences. Later on in the year we had a Holocaust Memorial Service. £126 was raised for the Poppy appeal and we had our school carol services and the Cathedral's own carol service on Christmas Eve.

Regarding on going maintenance, a new oil tank was installed, all wiring in the building was PAT tested with relevant recommendations covered. All Expenses Relating to this work have been covered.

In November 2024 The Rev Henry Blair was appointed Rector Elect for the Lamp group of Churches. Plans Being prepared for the refurbishment of the rectory.



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# Annual return

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# Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN CATHEDRAL

I report on pages 1 to 6 of the Accounts of Down Cathedral for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out as per attachment.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1-4 listed above and, in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no material matters the require drawing to your attention.

Signed:.....

Date: 13 March 2025

Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants  
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# Accounts

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Down Cathedral Accounts year ended 31 December 2023

Summary of Income and Expenditure

Fund	General	Savings	Choristers	Organ	Restoration	Shop	Total
Income	95612.42	737.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	73905.13	170255.32
Expenditure	104574.29	1200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66228.16	172002.45
Surplus/deficit	-8961.87	-462.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	7676.97	-1747.13
Opening Bank	17727.02	127303.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	5800.59	150830.74
Closing Bank	8765.15	126840.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	13477.56	149083.61
Per Bank	8765.15	126840.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	13477.56	149083.61
O/s Lodgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
O/s Cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reconciled	8765.15	126840.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	13477.56	149083.61
Total Funds	8765.15	126840.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	13477.56	149083.61

Down Cathedral Accounts year ended 31 December 2022

Summary of Income and Expenditure

Fund	General	Savings	Choristers	Organ	Restoration	Shop	Total
Income	79796.11	33.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	43542.19	123371.91
Expenditure	90336.63	13000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51121.59	154458.22
Surplus/deficit	-10540.52	-12966.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	-7579.40	-31086.31
Opening Bank	-2641.70	140269.52	15087.49	0.00	5558.81	13379.99	171654.11
Closing Bank	-13182.22	127303.13	15087.49	0.00	5558.81	5800.59	140567.80
Per Bank	17727.02	127303.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	5800.59	150830.74
O/s Lodgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
O/s Cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reconciled	17727.02	127303.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	5800.59	150830.74
Total Funds	17727.02	127303.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	5800.59	150830.74

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# Annual report

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## Down Cathedral Report 2023

Having emerged in 2022 from the restrictions of COVID, the Cathedral community continues to build on a strong base during 2023.

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As well as our regular worship and St Patrick's Day, the Cathedral hosted a Diocesan Ordination Service, recorded a Broadcast for BBC Radio 4, hosted a service for the Lecale Deanery featuring international singer/songwriter Dana, presented a performance of the John Rutter Requiem in Holy Week and welcomed well over 1000 people to our various carol services.

We continue to be grateful for the prayerful and financial support of our Cathedral Congregation, and from the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

We bade farewell to The Very Revd Henry Hull, Rector and Dean, as he retired in December 2023. As per the Cathedral's governing documents, the senior Canon (Revd John Auchmuty) will chair the Cathedral Board until a new Dean is appointed. At the end of 2023, the board was preparing to upgrade internet service and the heating system in the Cathedral and review contracts and job descriptions for the staff team.

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# Annual return

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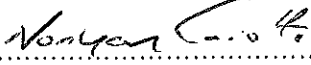
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**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1-4 listed above and, in connection with the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no material matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: 

Date: 29 February 2024

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