

Downpatrick/Bright, Ballee, Killough & Rathmullan/Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103716

Details

Known as Bright Parish Church

Status Received

Registered 2015-06-30

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

Contact

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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
2025-12-31	£38,329	£24,705	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Edgar		
Freda Edgar		
Jason Edgar		
Joan Law		
John Strain		
Lorraine Mcgaw		
Morris Edgar		
Muriel Edgar		
Stephanie Mcgaw		
Victor Edgar		
William Milligan		

Accounts

Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	34275			34275	70877
Charitable activities					
Other trading activities					
Investment income	1581	1665		3246	1622
Other	808			808	3613
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Total Receipts	36664	1665	0	38329	76112
Payments					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	24705	0		24705	25607
Investment costs					
Other					
<hr/>					
	24705	0	0	24705	25607
Purchase of investments					
Purchase of fixed assets					
Loan Repayments					
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Total Payments	24705	0	0	24705	25607
Net receipts/(payments)	11959	1665	0	13624	50505
Funds brought forward	77648	34076	0	111724	27144
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Funds carried forward	89607	35741	0	125348	77649
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Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricte Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fund Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	77648	34076		111724	59577
Net movement in funds	11959	1665		13624	52147
Bank and Cash at end of year	89607	35741		125348	111724
.....					
Bank and Cash balances					
Bank accounts	89607	35741		125348	111724
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
.....					
	89607	35741		125348	111724
Other Assets					
Others					
				0	0
Liabilities					
Loans					
				0	0
Others					
				0	0
.....					
Total Net Assets					
				125348	111724
.....					

Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland
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.

Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland
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Year ended 31 December 2025

Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Recorded Giving	16354	0		16354	13466
Loose collections	3033	0		3033	1973
Donations and gifts	8250	0		8250	2100
Gift Aid	3193	0		3193	4008
Grant Aid and Other Income	3445	0		3445	49330
Legacies and bequests	0	0		0	0

	34275	0		34275	70877

Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Ministry and support staff costs	16852	0		16852	15843
Congregational running expenses	7503	0		7503	9354
Donations to Missions and charities	110	0		110	230
Governance costs	240	0		240	180

	24705	0		24705	25607

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Year ended 31 December 2024

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Receipts					
Donations and Legacies	70877			70877	30426
Charitable activities					
Other trading activities					
Investment income	1622	1643		3265	1830
Other	3613			3613	0

Total Receipts	76112	1643	0	77755	32256
Payments					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	25607	0		25607	23092
Investment costs					
Other					

	25607	0	0	25607	23092
Purchase of investments					
Purchase of fixed assets					
Loan Repayments					

Total Payments	25607	0	0	25607	23092
Net receipts/(payments)	50505	1643	0	52148	9164
Funds brought forward	27144	32433	0	59577	50413

Funds carried forward	77649	34076	0	111725	59577

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Recorded Giving	13466	0		13466	13228
Loose collections	1973	0		1973	1061
Donations and gifts	2100	0		2100	2300
Gift Aid	4008	0		4008	0
Grant Aid and Other Income	49330	0		49330	13837
Legacies and bequests	0	0		0	0

	70877	0		70877	30426

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Ministry and support staff costs	15843	0		15843	16296
Congregational running expenses	9354	0		9354	6218
Donations to Missions and charities	230	0		230	410
Governance costs	180	0		180	168

	25607	0		25607	23092

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103716

Annual report

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Downpatrick/Bright Parish Church/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

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Mr A Edgar -	(People's Warden)
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Mrs W Edgar -	(Honorary Secretary)
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Mrs F Edgar	
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Financial Review

The Parish accounts for year ending 31st December 2024 closed with cash funds of ~~£77,648.44~~ ^{£77,648.44} in the current account, £77.02 in the Business Reserve Account and £33,998.55 invested in United Trust Bank.

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

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The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs L McGaw _____

Honorary Secretary: Mrs F Edgar _____

Annual return

Norman Elliott
Chartered Accountants

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIGHT PARISH CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of Bright Parish Church for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out as per the attachments.

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.

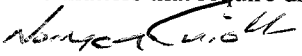
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts present with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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 matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: 
Norman Elliott FCA Chartered Accountant

Date: 3rd April 2025

Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants
Principal: Norman Elliott FCA
13 English Street Downpatrick
BT30 6AB Co Down.
Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

Accounts

BRIGHT PARISH CHURCH

NI Charity No: NIC103716

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

2023

<u>Parish Minister:</u>	LAMP	
<u>Churchwardens:</u>	Mr Andrew Edgar (Rector's) Mrs Muriel I Edgar (People's)	
<u>Glebewardens:</u>	Mr Morris Edgar Mr Victor Edgar	
<u>Select Vestry:</u>	Mrs F Edgar (Erenagh) Mrs F Edgar Mr Jason Edgar Mrs Jennifer Edgar Mrs M Edgar Mrs J Law Mr William Milligan	Mrs S McGaw Mr J Strain
<u>Honorary Secretary to the Select Vestry:</u>	Mrs F Edgar	
<u>Honorary Treasurer to the Select Vestry:</u>	Mrs L McGaw	
<u>Honorary FWO Treasurer:</u>	Mrs L McGaw	
<u>Diocesan Synods members:</u>	Mr V Edgar Mr A Edgar (Under 30 Rep)	
<u>LAMP Nominators:</u>	Mr Morris Edgar Mrs Lorraine McGaw	
<u>Auditor:</u>	Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants	
<u>Organist:</u>	Mrs K Gill	
<u>Safeguarding Trust Panel</u>	Mrs L McGaw	

FREEWILL OFFERINGS 2023

	Gift Aid		Gift Aid
No 1	163.00	No 31	240.00
No 2 & 43	24.50	No 32	620.00
No 3	300.00	No 33	520.00
No 4	600.00	No 34	140.00
No 5	275.00	No 35	530.00
No 6	240.00	No 36	530.00
No 7	178.00	No 37	270.00
No 8	178.00	No 38	260.00
No 9	106.00	No 39	115.00
No 10	106.00	No 40	250.00
No 11	115.00	No 41	263.00
No 12	250.00	No 42	280.00
No 13	106.00	No 44	400.00
No 14	197.00	No 45	106.00
No 15	530.00	No 46	130.00
No 16	810.00	No 47	250.00
No 17	110.00	No 48 & No 49	1000.00
No 19	10.00	No 50	100.00
No 20	35.00	No 51	100.00
No 21	170.00	No 52	360.00
No 22	40.00	No 53	240.00
No 23	525.00	No 54	50.00
No 24	275.00	No 55	80.00
No 25	106.00	No 58	106.00
No 26	54.00		
No 29	265.00		
No 30	<u>520.00</u>		
	<u>£6,288.50</u>		<u>£13,228.50</u>

Gift Aid on Planned Giving (Year 2022) – Pending - Claimed in 2024

Gift Aid on Small Donations (Year 2022) – Pending - Claimed in 2024

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU NO LONGER PAY INCOME TAX AND ARE SIGNED UP TO GIFT AID ON FREEWILL OFFERINGS PLEASE NOTIFY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance	18869.61
Freewill Offerings	13228.50
Loose Collections	900.95
Royal British Legion Collection	160.00
<u>Donations:- Church</u>	
Pro R Bowhay re Smyth Grave	100.00
Pro A Smyth re Smyth Grave	100.00
Mr A Croskery	100.00
Mrs E Milligan	100.00
Donations in lieu of flowers – late Maureen Reid	90.00
<u>Donations – Church Refurb</u>	
Mrs K Gill	60.00
Anon	40.00
Anon	60.00
Dean & Mrs Hull	100.00
Mr C Straney	750.00
Mr C Straney - (Rectory Field)	750.00
Mr T Edgar – (Rectory Garden) “	50.00
Donation – Sunday School – K Law	30.00
Bank Interest	204.27
Grant re repairs to Church – Benefact Trust	4500.00
Collection for CMSI - In Memory Service for Canon Wilson	250.00
Loose collection - Sunday School	390.00
Opening of Grave – M Reid	10.00
RCB Trust Distribution – June	236.39
Church of Ireland CIT DIV	167.73
RCB Scheme Income	233.65
RCB Trust Distribution – Dec	206.37
RCB – reimbursement from Rectory sale for Bell tower repairs and consultancy fees re Church renovations	4385.00
Sale of rejected Church roof tiles	120.00
Sale of old Church slates – K Martin	2800.00
Payment for Sunday School Stationery – Ballyculter	43.98
Power NI Covid Rebate 2 x £600	1200.00
	<u>£50236.45</u>

Payments

LAMP Ministry	12100.00
Down & Dromore (General Expenses)	1726.10
Down & Dromore (Pensions)	1233.96
Power NI	898.00
NI Water	207.41
Bank Charges	90.69
Petrol – College Filling Station	40.00
<u>Donations Charities</u>	
Royal British Legion Collection	160.00
CMSI – In memory of Canon Wilson	250.00
<u>Sunday School Expenses</u>	
Sunday School – TV/Stand/Prizes/ Stationary etc	611.96
A J Gallagher Insurance – Church/ Hall	1676.93
Elliott Laverty Audit/ Charity Commission Letter	168.00
MCS Systems – Church/Hall Alarms	280.00
Surefire – Fire extinguisher checks etc	188.28
Baptismal Church Book – Dean Hull	36.00
Concrete replacement outside hall	500.00
Weed spraying – church – G Ennis	150.00
Mr David Knox fee re Claiming Church Grants	1800.00
G & L Consultancy – Asbestos Survey	810.00
Mr Des Cairns – Building Control	165.00
Balance	27144.12

£50236.45

BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Balance Jan 2023	75.03		
Interest Jan-Dec 2023	<u>0.90</u>		
	£75.93		<u>£75.93</u>

UNITED TRUST BANK

Invested	£31,368.27
Interest on Maturity date 29/09/23	<u>988.54</u>
Reinvested	<u>£32,356.81</u>

CAPITAL RESERVES – HELD ON BEHALF OF PARISH FOR STIPEND-INTEREST

	£
J Birney	12.98
Clanmorris Trust	0.88
Church Officers Composition Fund	9.20
Church Insurance Bonus	0.21
Charles Hawthorne Bequest	3.23
Samuel Milligan	2.32
J R Moore	2.28
Miss A Moore	12.75
H Reid Murphy	<u>4.60</u>
	<u>£48.45</u>

CAPITAL RESERVES – HELD ON BEHALF OF PARISH – INTEREST

	£
Samuel & M Love Bequest	16.24
William Murphy Bequest	39.21
Miss E E Seed	66.13
J H Hughes	248.83
Miss M A Moore	2.55
W Nicholson	147.04
The Lady Eliz A M Anderson Bequest	<u>42.04</u>
	<u>£562.04</u>

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T Lorraine McGaw 28/3/2024

Honorary Secretary: Mrs F Edgar

F Edgar 28/3/2024.

Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIGHT PARISH CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of Bright Parish Church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out as per the attachments.

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 matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: *Norman Elliott*
Norman Elliott FCA Chartered Accountant

Date: *12 April 2024*

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