

Newcastle/Maghera Parish Church/Down & Dromore / Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103765

Details

Known as Maghera Church

Status Received

Registered 2015-10-01

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

Contact

Address 50 Main Street
Dundrum
Newcastle
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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	£25,057	£39,145	£0	1
2024-12-31	£33,397	£41,483	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr James Trusedale		
Mr Paul Smyth		
Mr William Bingham		

Accounts

MAGHERA PARISH CHURCH

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Maghera Parish Church

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

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Contact Address

40 Ballinran Road
Kilkeel

Newry Co Down

BT34 4JA

Trustees

Mr A Bingham BEM Mr P Smyth

Mr J Trusedale

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People's Churchwarden Mr J Trusedale

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21/04/2026

	2025	2024
Income		
Offerings	11225	10462
Investment Income	4527	4311
Bequest Income,rcb	158	150
Interest	61	45
Letting of Rectory	3470	14400
Other receipts	5616	4029
	1	
Total Income	25057	33397
Expenditure		
Bank	194	212
Insurances	709	676
Clergy salary	8532	4616
Clergy Pension Fund	1860	835
Dioceses of Down	1967	2247
Sexton	2340	2030
Rectory Expenses	1785	20017
Up Keep Grounds Etc	2493	1973
Church	17422	7224
Heat & light	684	864
Sundries	1159	789
	2	
	39145	41483
Net Deficit	-14088	-8086
Signed on behalf of the Trustees		
Trustee		
Trustee		
	5	

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

2025	2024
£	£
Fixed Assets	
Rectory	92000
Land	210000
	<u>302000</u>
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	23296
	<u>23296</u>
Investments	82749
M & G Charfund	<u>82749</u>
Total Net Assets	408045
Represented by Reserves	
Opening Balance	409912
Change in Investments	12221
Add Net Deficit	<u>-14088</u>
Retained reserves	408045
Opening Balance	416206
Change in Investments	1792
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Note

£

Receipts

Church Of Ireland	696
NIES	22
Lieu of flowers	235
Donation	1000
Board of Education	146
Diocese of Down	739
Grave purchase	300
Land income	1943
Harvest	<u>535</u>
	5616

Sundry Payments

2

Water rates	154
Royal British Legion	100
Capt Roberts & Rev Cross	120
Catering	75
Art Framing	35
Adverts etc	162
Telephone	<u>513</u>
	1159

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23/04/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

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	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Offerrings	10462	9770
Investment Income	4311	4095
Bequest Income,rcb	150	801
Interest	45	119
Letting of Rectory	14400	0
Other receipts	<u>4029</u>	<u>4042</u>
Total Income	33397	18827
Expenditure		
Bank	212	165
Insurances	676	630
Clergy salary,cover	4616	12488
Clergy Pension Fund	835	3580
Dioceses of Down	2247	2206
Sexton	2030	2350
Rectory Expenses	20017	0
Up Keep Grounds Etc	1973	3468
Repointing church	7224	0
Heat & light	864	-4124
Sundries	<u>789</u>	<u>742</u>
	41483	21505
Net Defecit	-8086	-2678

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee  BEN

Trustee 

Maghera Parish Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Rectory	92000	92000
Land	<u>210000</u>	<u>210000</u>
	302000	302000
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	<u>37384</u>	<u>45470</u>
	37384	45470
Investments		
M & G Charifund	<u>70528</u>	<u>68736</u>
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Total Net Assets	409912	416206
Represented by Reserves		
Opening Balance	416206	420538
Change in Investments	1792	-1654
Add Net Defecit	<u>-8086</u>	<u>-2678</u>
Retained reserves	409912	416206

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	£
Receipts		
	1	
Church Of Ireland		673
NIES		165
Land income		2791
Donation		<u>400</u>
		4029

Sundry Payments	2	
Water rates		254
Adverts etc		167
Telephone		<u>368</u>
		789

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£	£			
Offerings etc	9770		9562	
Investment Income	4095		4034	
Bequest Income,rcb	801		731	
Interest	119		5	
Other receipts	4042	1	3526	
Total Income	18827		17858	
Expenditure				
Bank	165		173	
Insurances	630		706	
Clergy Salary	12488		13529	
Clergy Pension Fund	3580		3011	
Clergy Cover	0		360	
Organist	0		560	
Dioceses of Down	2206		2186	
Sexton	2350		1550	
Repairs and renewals	3468		1108	
Heat & light	-4124		1188	
Sundries	742	2	371	
	21505		24742	
Net Deficit	-2678		-6884	
Signed on behalf of the Trustees				
Trustee			Trustee	
			25/10/2024	
			5	

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

2023	2022	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible			
Rectory	92000		92000
Land	210000		210000
	<u>302000</u>		<u>302000</u>
Current Assets			
Current Accounts	45470		7683
	<u>45470</u>		<u>7683</u>
Investments	68736		70390
M & G Charfund	0		40465
Legal and General	68736		<u>110855</u>
Total Net Assets	416206		420538
Represented by Reserves			
Opening Balance	420538		428414
Change in Investments	-1654		-2396
Add Net Surplus	<u>-2678</u>		<u>-6884</u>
Retained reserves	416206		420538

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

Notes

£

Receipts

NIES
Board of Education
Donations
Grave Purchases
Harvest
Income from Lanr

620
73
205
1400
171
<u>1573</u>
4042

Sundry Payments

Rates
Solicitor
Cancer Research Donation
Water rates
Adverts
Royal British Legion

2

38
180
50
272
102
<u>100</u>
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Financial Review

Provide an overview of the financial position at the reporting date
Explain the Trustee's policies
If there are any material deficits at the end of the year take steps to remedy same

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the church can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2021 can be signed off as a going concern

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Charity Trustees are responsible for this.

Recruitment and Appointment of Vestry Members

The church vestry members are appointed at a meeting of the Church at the Easter Vestry

Pay and remuneration

The payment of salary and remuneration is determined by the Church Of Ireland Office

Organisational Structure

It is the church members who are responsible for the day to day management of the church.

They meet to discuss matters of church business arising.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and 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 £250000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Maghera Parish Church

I report on the accounts of Maghera Parish Church
for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 5,6,7.

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 by the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act and 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 presented with those records. It also included consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as any 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 match 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 my concern in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and , in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Maghera Parish Church

Receipts and Payments Account

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Offerings	8271	9693
Investment Income	3545	3209
Gift Aid	554	1826
Bequest Income,rcb	1524	106
Interest	8	158
Other receipts	<u>3406</u>	<u>4008</u>
Total Income	17308	19000
Expenditure		
Bank	173	172
Insurances	652	590
Clergy salary	12488	12488
Clergy Pension Fund	1920	3189
Clergy Cover	310	40
Organist	490	385
Dioceses of Down	3189	1566
Sexton	2100	1885
Rectory Expenses	0	480
Up Keep Grounds Etc	1189	1695
Heat & light	1524	1662
Sundries	<u>495</u>	<u>957</u>
	24530	25109
Net Defecit	-7222	-6109

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Trustee



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Maghera Parish Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Rectory	92000	92000
Land	<u>210000</u>	<u>210000</u>
	302000	302000
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	<u>14567</u>	<u>21789</u>
	23011	21789
Investments		
M & G Charifund	73372	65746
Legal and General	<u>39879</u>	<u>39879</u>
	113251	105625
Total Net Assets	429818	429414
Represented by Reserves		
Opening Balance	429414	449324
Change in Investments	7626	-13801
Add Net Defecit	<u>-7222</u>	<u>-6109</u>
Retained reserves	429818	429414

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

Note

Receipts	1	
Gifts, Donations		1000
Board Of Education		147
Land Income		2242
Way leave		<u>17</u>
		3406

Sundry Payments	2	
RCB Music		85
Alexander Reid & Frazer		4
Royal British Legion		100
Water rates		213
FWO envelopes		<u>93</u>
		495

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

a. Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

b. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets retained for the church own use

The assets of the church retained for its own use comprise:-

- 1 : Church and Hall
- 2 : Rectory
- 3 : Land

The valuation of the above where applicable have been determined by the Trustees of the Church reflect the historical value of same.

Newcastle/Maghera Parish Church/Down & Dromore / Church of Ireland

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Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees present the annual report and statements of receipts and payments and assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2021

Objectives and Activities

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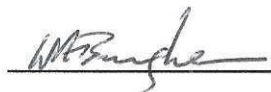
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