

# Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103969

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-24

**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£23,821	£18,235	£0	0

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## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aaron Leyburn		
Amanda Leyburn		
Clive Bradshaw		
Derek Kerr		
Diane Irwin		
Gary Whitcroft		
James Irwin		
Keith Irwin		
Maureen Reddick		
Mrs Ann Bradshaw		
Mrs Pamela Bradshaw		
Mrs Sharon Whitcroft		
Robert Leyburn		
Tracey Magill		
Trevor Magill		
Vena Bothwell		

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103969

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# Accounts

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**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN  
CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**McDONALD O'NEILL & CO  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings  
Union Place  
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Dungannon  
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**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN  
CHURCH OF IRELAND**

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH'S  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

Developments in charity legislation recommend the Committee to prepare financial statements each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parish and of the results of the parish for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Committee is responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the best practice. The Committee is 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.

**St John's Parish Church, Middletown - Church of Ireland  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN – CHURCH OF IRELAND  
REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH,  
MIDDLETOWN ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
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**Respective responsibilities of Committee and Examiner**

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Committee considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission, and
- to 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 our 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 any unusual items or 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) 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.

.....*Stephen McDonald*.....  
Stephen McDonald  
McDonald O'Neill & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Union Place  
Dungannon  
BT70 1DL

Date *21 October 2025*

**St John's Parish Church, Middletown - Church of Ireland  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donation offerings and loose collection and gifts	-	12,778	12,778
RCB Parish Fund	-	20	20
Income from land	-	7,161	7,161
Interest	-	18	18
NIE Networks	-	50	50
Action Renewables	-	3,794	3,794
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,821</b>	<b>23,821</b>
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>			
Electricity	-	2,853	2,853
Insurance	-	1,006	1,006
Diocese of Armagh	-	8,021	8,021
Bank fees	-	62	62
Accountancy	-	400	400
Rectory expenses	-	2,646	2,646
Envelopes	-	142	142
Repairs	-	2,492	2,492
Water	-	319	319
CMS Ireland	-	182	182
Gift	-	112	112
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,235</b>	<b>18,235</b>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>5,586</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Balances brought forward at 31 December 2023</b>		114,910	114,910
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,496</b>	<b>120,496</b>

**St John's Parish Church, Middletown - Church of Ireland  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	2	-	406,374	406,374
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at bank		-	24,871	24,871
		-		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	3			
Creditors and accruals		-	400	400
		-		
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	-	-	24,471	24,471
<b>Net Assets</b>	4	-	430,845	430,845
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Unrestricted funds		-	120,496	120,496
Restricted funds		-	310,349	310,349
Total Reserves		-	430,845	430,845

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 6 November 2014 and on behalf of the Committee, I approve the financial information which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1, and for providing McDonald O'Neill & Co. with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

SIGNED ..... *Diane Irwin* .....  
Diane Irwin  
(Treasurer)

Date ..... *21/10/25* .....

## **1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are stated at their cost.

### **Capital Grants**

Grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to deferred income account and capital grant reserves.

### **Fund Accounting**

The parish has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:-

#### **Endowment funds**

Funds given to the parish where the income may be used for specific or general purposes but the capital must be retained, generally indefinitely.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Funds which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes, but still within the objects of the parish. Restricted funds may be restricted income funds, expendable at the discretion of the Committee in furtherance of some particular aspect(s) of the objects of the parish. Or they may be capital funds, where the assets are required to be invested, or retained for actual use, rather than expended.

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**St John's Parish Church, Middletown - Church of Ireland**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

	Church Expenditure	Expenditure on new hall	Equipment	Hall Equipment & Fitting	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost/Valuation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	35,018	347,874	2,779	16,699	402,370
Addition	-	-	-	4,004	4,004
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<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>35,018</b>	<b>347,874</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>406,374</b>
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**3. SCHEDULE OF CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

Administration Costs	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

**4. FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	406,374	406,374
Current Assets	-	24,871	24,871
Current Liabilities	-	(400)	(400)
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<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430,845</b>	<b>430,845</b>
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.....*Stephen M. Donald*.....

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Date.....*21 October 2024*.....

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donation offerings and loose collection and gifts	-	12,205	12,205
RCB Parish Fund	-	18	18
Income from land	-	7,256	7,256
Interest	-	11	11
NIE Networks	-	47	47
Action Renewables	-	3,659	3,659
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,196</u>	<u>23,196</u>
 <b>Direct Expenditure</b>			
Electricity	-	2,079	2,079
Insurance	-	996	996
Diocese of Armagh	-	5,354	5,354
Bank fees	-	49	49
Accountancy	-	400	400
Rectory expenses	-	2,488	2,488
Wreath	-	20	20
Repairs	-	321	321
Water	-	202	202
CMS Ireland	-	200	200
Organist	-	640	640
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,749</u>	<u>12,749</u>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,447</u>	<u>10,447</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-		
<b>Balances brought forward at 31 December 2022</b>		104,463	104,463
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,910</u>	<u>114,910</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
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Tangible Assets	2	-	402,370	402,370
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<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at bank		-	23,289	23,289
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		-	23,289	23,289
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>	3			
Creditors and accruals		-	400	400
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		-	400	400
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>	-	-	22,889	22,889
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<b>Net Assets</b>	4	-	425,259	425,259
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<b>Represented by:</b>				
Unrestricted funds		-	114,910	114,910
Restricted funds		-	310,349	310,349
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<b>Total Reserves</b>		-	425,259	425,259
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SIGNED .....   
Diane Irwin  
(Treasurer)

Date ..... 18/10/24

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<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<u>35,028</u>	<u>357,874</u>	<u>2,779</u>	<u>16,699</u>	<u>402,370</u>

**3. SCHEDULE OF CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

Administration Costs	£ 400
<b>Total</b>	<u>£ 400</u>

**4. FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	402,370	402,370
Current Assets	-	23,289	23,289
Current Liabilities	-	(400)	(400)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,255</u>	<u>425,255</u>

**Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual report

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## ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH MIDDLETOWN

### Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St John's Parish Church Middletown for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### References and Administrative details

**Charity Name:** Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church Of Ireland

**Charity Registration No:** 103969

**Contact Address:** The Rectory  
16 Derryhaw Road  
Tynan  
Co. Armagh  
BT60 4SS

**Principal Office - Bearers:** Clergy: Vacant  
Church Treasurer: Mrs Diane Irwin  
Assistant Church Treasurer: Mr James Irwin  
Church Secretary: Mr Trevor Magill  
Church Warden - Clergy: Mr Robert Leyburn  
Church Warden – People: Mr Gary Whitcroft

**Independent Examiner:** Stephen McDonald  
McDONALD O'NEILL & CO  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Dungannon  
BT701DL

**Bankers:** Danske Bank  
74-76 Scotch Street  
Armagh  
BT61 7DJ

**Trustees:**

Mrs Vena Bothwell	Mrs Amanda Leyburn
Mrs Ann Bradshaw	Mr Robert Leyburn
Mr Clive Bradshaw	Mrs Tracey Magill
Mrs Diane Irwin	Mr Trevor Magill
Mr James Irwin	Mrs Maureen Reddick
Mr Keith Irwin	Mr Gary Whitcroft
Mr Aaron Leyburn	Mrs Pamela Bradshaw

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The trustees present the annual report and annual statements of Reports and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St John's Parish Church, Middletown for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Objectives and Activities:**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of Middletown Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Middletown Parish Church, 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 benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in pursuit of the Christian religion, Middletown Parish Church 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 Middletown Parish Church.

### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit:**

Central to the work and witness of Middletown Parish Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 9.30am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month, with a Family Service on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our Harvest Service and Christmas Carol Service are each held on a Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm. Children and young people are encouraged to play an active part in our church services.

"A Time for Prayer" meets on the first Monday of each month for the parochial grouping, and is open to everyone.

Our Lenten Bible Study provides an opportunity for folk to share fellowship with those associated with the other two parishes in our parochial grouping. Two sessions are held in each parish over the six week period.

Middletown Parish prioritises the safety of the children and young people in our care, and we strictly adhere to the child protection requirements of the Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" to ensure that all those working with young people and vulnerable adults are fully checked through Access NI, trained and supervised.

Pastoral support takes the form of visiting the sick, the elderly and the bereaved. This includes visits to homes in the community, hospitals, hospice, residential and nursing homes, provision being made for the administration of Holy Communion.

The Middletown Parish Community Hall continues to provide a welcoming environment for church activities including Bible Study, vestry meetings, harvest and funeral teas. It also provides a well-equipped facility to meet the needs of our disadvantaged border community with a variety of events taking place during the day and in the evening.

Middletown Parish Church, along with the other two parishes in our parochial grouping, continues to work in partnership with the Bukavu Diocese in DR Congo and CMSI to support the Church's efforts to reach out to provide spiritual hope, practical emergency care, and ongoing protection and support for vulnerable people. The Parish also supports a variety of local charities including the Armagh Foodbank and the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal.

### **Public Benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The church services and activities mentioned above benefited all age groups in our community and farther afield. Our parish WhatsApp group continues to provide a useful means of communication whereby parishioners share information about church life and activities in the local community.

### **Financial Review**

The principal source of income of Middletown Parish Church continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.

The principal expense of Middletown Parish Church is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Charges.

Middletown Parish Church had total income of £23,196 and total expenditure of £12,749 for a total net income of £10,447 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Bank and Cash Balance was £23,289.

It is the trustees' policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover emergencies, for maintenance of church property and to further the objectives and activities of the Church of Ireland.

## **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 Parish can continue its activities, and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

## **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 the Charity Trustees.

### ***Recruitment and Appointment of the Select Vestry (Trustees)***

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 years and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend at meetings of the general vestry and to 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 that may be served.

### ***Pay and Remuneration***

The incumbent receives a stipend and office locomotory allowance in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

### ***Organisational Structure***

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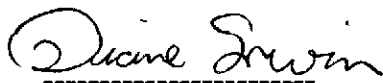
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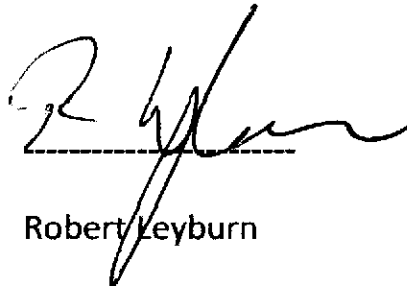
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**Signed on behalf of the Trustees:**



Diane Irwin (Treasurer)



Robert Keyburn

Date: 25/10/24

**Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103969

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# Annual return

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**St John's Parish Church, Middletown - Church of Ireland  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN – CHURCH OF IRELAND  
REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH,  
MIDDLETOWN ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
SET OUT ON PAGES 4 TO 5**

**Respective responsibilities of Committee and Examiner**

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Committee considers that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission, and
- to 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 our 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 any unusual items or 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) 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.

.....*Stephen McDonald*.....

**Stephen McDonald  
McDonald O'Neill & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Union Place  
Dungannon  
BT70 1DL**

Date.....*21 October 2024*.....

**Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103969

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# Accounts

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**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN  
CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**McDONALD O'NEILL & CO  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone**

# ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN

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**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN  
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 SET OUT ON PAGES 4 TO 6**

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


**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: -
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
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**Stephen McDonald  
McDONALD O'NEILL & CO  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Dungannon, Co. Tyrone**

Date... 27 October 2022 .....

**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donation offerings and loose collection and gifts		9,025		8,282
RCB Parish Fund		17		17
Gift Aid		-		2,042
Income from land		6,970		6,531
Interest		78		68
Power NI		40		40
Hospice Collection		300		640
Hire of Hall		-		535
Gift towards hedging		220		-
Action Renewables		2,604		2,522
Church of Ireland copyright		-		112
CMS Boxes		-		177
DR Congo collection		50		-
Sales of Church models		15		-
Refund Power NI		1,591		-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>20,910</b>		<b>20,966</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Electricity	1,248		1,851	
Insurance	841		834	
Diocese of Armagh	7,727		7,008	
Repairs	4,042		576	
Bank fees	52		89	
Accountancy	600		540	
Rectory Account	-		250	
Rectory expenses	1,159		2,843	
Gifts	300		100	
Wreath	20		-	
Hospice Donation	300		640	
Water	159		243	
Insurance Hall	-		272	
Hall Repairs	-		1,505	
CMS Ireland	-		300	
Envelopes and postage	-		129	
Copyright payment	-		112	
Donation Deanery	-		350	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(16,448)</b>		<b>(17,642)</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£ 4,462</b>		<b>£ 3,324</b>
<b>EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>				
Removal of Hall's bank account deferred income		4,287		-
<b>SURPLUS</b>		<b>8,749</b>		<b>3,324</b>

**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2</b>	367,351	367,351
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		_____	_____
Cash at Bank			
▪ Spaces and Places Account		402	407
▪ Current Account		40,791	36,245
▪ Current Account – Hall		1,224	1,243
Danske Community Account		-	9,026
		_____	_____
		42,417	46,921
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accruals		(600)	(540)
Deferred income - Grants		-	(13,313)
		_____	_____
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		41,817	33,068
		_____	_____
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		409,168	400,419
		_____	_____
<b>Represented by Reserves</b>			
Opening Balance		90,070	86,746
Excess of receipts over payments		8,749	3,324
Grant Reserves: -			
▪ Awards for All		10,000	10,000
▪ CFNI		300,349	300,349
		_____	_____
Reserves at 31 December 2021		409,168	400,419
		_____	_____

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 6 November 2014, we approve the financial information which comprises the Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1, and for providing McDonald O'Neill & Co. with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

SIGNED Rev. Matthew Hegan  
Chairman

SIGNED Diane Grein  
Treasurer

# ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

### 2. Tangible Assets

	<b>Expenditure on new Hall £</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Hall Equipment &amp; Fitting £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 31 December 2020	347,874	2,779	16,698	367,351
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At 31 December 2021	347,874	2,779	16,698	367,351
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**Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual report

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## ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH MIDDLETOWN

### Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St John's Parish Church Middletown for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

#### References and Administrative details

**Charity Name:** Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church Of Ireland

**Charity Registration No:** 103969

**Contact Address:**  
The Rectory  
16 Derryhaw Road  
Tynan  
Co. Armagh  
BT60 4SS

**Principal Office - Bearers:**  
Clergy: Rev Matthew Hagan  
Church Treasurer: Mrs Diane Irwin  
Assistant Church Treasurer: Mr James Irwin  
Church Secretary: Mr Trevor Magill  
Church Warden - Clergy: Mr Robert Leyburn  
Church Warden – People: Mr Gary Whitcroft

**Independent Examiner:**  
Stephen McDonald  
McDONALD O'NEILL & CO  
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5 Union Buildings, Union Place  
Dungannon  
BT701DL

**Bankers:**  
Danske Bank  
74-76 Scotch Street  
Armagh  
BT61 7DJ

**Trustees:**

Rev Matthew Hagan	Mr Aaron Leyburn
Mrs Vena Bothwell	Mrs Amanda Leyburn
Mrs Ann Bradshaw	Mr Robert Leyburn
Mr Clive Bradshaw	Mrs Tracey Magill
Mrs Diane Irwin	Mr Trevor Magill
Mr James Irwin	Mrs Maureen Reddick
Mr Keith Irwin	Mr Gary Whitcroft

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

The trustees present the annual report and annual statements of Reports and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St John's Parish Church, Middletown for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### **Objectives and Activities:**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of Middletown Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Middletown Parish Church, 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 benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in pursuit of the Christian religion, Middletown Parish Church 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 Middletown Parish Church.

### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit:**

Central to the work and witness of Middletown Parish Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 9.30am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month, with a Family Service on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our Harvest Service and Christmas Carol Service are each held on a Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm. Children and young people are encouraged to play an active part in our church services.

"A Time for Prayer" meets on the first Monday of each month for the parochial grouping, and is open to everyone.

Our Lenten Bible Study provides an opportunity for folk to share fellowship with those associated with the other two parishes in our parochial grouping. Two sessions are held in each parish over the six week period.

Middletown Parish prioritises the safety of the children and young people in our care, and we strictly adhere to the child protection requirements of the Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" to ensure that all those working with young people and vulnerable adults are fully checked through Access NI, trained and supervised.

Pastoral support takes the form of visiting the sick, the elderly and the bereaved. This includes visits to homes in the community, hospitals, hospice, residential and nursing homes, provision being made for the administration of Holy Communion.

The Middletown Parish Community Hall continues to provide a welcoming environment for church activities including Sunday school, Bible Study, vestry meetings, harvest and funeral teas. It also provides a well-equipped facility to meet the needs of our disadvantaged border community with a variety of events taking place during the day and in the evening.

Middletown Parish Church, along with the other two parishes in our parochial grouping, continues to work in partnership with the Bukavu Diocese in DR Congo and CMSI to support the Church's efforts to reach out to provide spiritual hope, practical emergency care, and ongoing protection and support for vulnerable people. The Parish also supports a variety of local charities including the Armagh Foodbank and the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal.

We have a monthly news sheet, "Pew News," which provides members of the congregation with information about upcoming church services, church organisations and other events.

### **Public Benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The church services and activities mentioned above benefited all age groups in our community and farther afield. They were carried out where possible, taking due cognisance of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic and in compliance with both the Church of Ireland and NI Executive guidelines, to fulfil our statement of Public Benefit.

During our time of enforced closure during 2021, due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to keep in contact with parishioners through our on-line services, parish WhatsApp group, text messages and phone calls. Funerals were conducted observing all the protocols and recommendations outlined by both the Church of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive.

### **Financial Review**

The principal source of income of Middletown Parish Church continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.

The principal expense of Middletown Parish Church is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Charges.

Middletown Parish Church had total income of £20,910 and total expenditure of 16,448 for a total net income of £4,462 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The Bank and Cash Balance was £42,417

It is the trustees' policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover emergencies, for maintenance of church property and to further the objectives and activities of the Church of Ireland.

### **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 Parish can continue its activities, and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 can be signed off as a going concern.

### **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 the Charity Trustees.

#### ***Recruitment and Appointment of the Select Vestry (Trustees)***

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 years and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend at meetings of the general vestry and to 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 that may be served.

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Rev. Matthew Hagan

Rev Matthew Hagan

Diane Irwin

Diane Irwin (Treasurer)

Date: 27/10/22.

**Middletown/St Johns/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103969

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# Annual return

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**ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN**

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN  
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Date 27 October 2022.....