

Poyntzpass/Acton/Armagh/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104091

Details

Known as Acton Parish Church

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-03

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
2024-12-31	£34,825	£29,169	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elsa Cairns		
Miss Barbara Best		
Mr Cecil Troughton		
Mr Ernest Poole		
Mr John Best		
Mr Kenneth Morton		
Mr Rodney Mccombe		
Mrs Eileen Agnes Mcelroy Cairns		
Mrs Karen Louise Morton		
Mrs Pauline Neill		
Mrs Rosemary Cairns		

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Accounts

2024 ACCOUNTS					
INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Opening balance	72,731.85	65483.42			
Freewill Offering	15533.90	15223.95	Diocese of Armagh	14123.37	15486.17
Ordinary Collection	601.20	716.60	Sunday School books & prizes	115.93	145.57
Annual Subscriptions	2800.00	3550.00	N.I.E.	411.56	415.60
Sunday School Collection	96.30	47.85	Heating Oil	1715.00	1395.00
Easter Collection	335.00	360.00	Insurance	1172.71	1116.86
Harvest Collection	500.00	440.00	Copier	1142.32	1032.87
Gift Aid Tax recovered for 2023	3721.66	4135.56	Share of Rectory Costs **		668.78
RCB Investment income	1186.71	1094.01			
M&G Charifund investment income	3290.60	3126.07	Churchyard maintenance	1380.00	1380.00
Brooks MacDonald investment income	516.84	701.24	Boiler Services		96.00
Bank Interest	176.55	163.85	Bank Fees	88.96	98.37
			Holiday cover/Visiting Clergy	80.00	170.00
Renovation Fund envelopes/subs.	2485.00	2270.00	Renovation -		1776.00
Gift Aid on 2023 Ren. Fund	433.75	507.50	Groundworks and Survey	5950.00	
Sale of lights	28.00		Retirement Gift Rev.&Mrs Spence	500.00	
Donations in memory of Mrs. June Cairns	750.00		Side aisle doormat	65.00	
Donations in lieu of flowers - Mona Taggart*	185.00		Birthday flowers	30.00	
Grave plots and fees - Lorna Liggett	1350.00		Fire Extinguishers	141.00	
			Northern Ireland Water	196.11	179.19
Loughgilly share of copier costs 2023	344.29		Freewill Offering envelopes	179.65	
					169.04
Church Army	140.00	250.00	Church Army		300.00
Crosslinks	45.00	120.00	Crosslinks	95.00	170.00
			RBL Wreath	30.00	30.00
			Poyntzpass Independent Church	100.00	100.00
			C.of I. Board of Education	25.00	25.00
			C.of I Retirement Trust	50.00	50.00
			C.of I. Family Routes	50.00	50.00
			Church Mission Society	100.00	100.00
			Bible Society in N.I.	100.00	100.00
			S.A.M.S. Ireland	100.00	100.00
Hospice Appeal Envelopes	305.00		Southern Area Hospice	477.50	100.00
			Churches' Ministry of Healing	50.00	50.00
			Poyntzpass Primary School PTA	100.00	
			Bishops' Appeal	100.00	100.00
			Cancer Fund for Children	300.00	300.00
			Children's Heartbeat Trust	200.00	
TOTAL	34,824.80	32706.63	TOTAL	29169.11	25704.45
Total inc. Opening balance	107,556.65	99028.8	less 2 cheques not through		400.00
			plus Church Army cheque 2022		230.00
					26296.95
			Closing balance	78387.54	72731.85
Gift Aid Tax claimed for 2024	4658.32	4155.41	** ACTON SHARE OF RECTORY COSTS.		
			Rectory Insurance2024	110.10	102.42
* Further donations received in 2025			Rates 2024	215.74	205.20
			Grass cutting	225.00	210.00
			Rectory repairs	202.15	17.50
			Rectory electrical inspection	60.00	300.00
			Rectory Oil	142.50	20.00
			less St. Mary's Share of Copier costs	-143.41	-344.29
			Net Acton costs for 2024	530.34	688.78
			(will be in 2025 accounts)		

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Opening balance	65483.42				
Freewill Offering	15223.95	14784.55	Diocese of Armagh	15486.17	14463.30
Ordinary Collection	716.60	348.00	Sunday School books & prizes	145.57	
Annual Subscriptions	3550.00	3800.00	N.I.E.	415.60	459.16
Sunday School Collection	47.85	22.60	Heating Oil	1395.00	1279.00
Easter Collection	360.00	340.00	Insurance	1116.86	1038.93
Harvest Collection	440.00	505.00	Copier	1032.87	1025.68
Gift Aid Tax recovered for 2022	4135.56	3813.33	Share of Rectory & Confirmation Costs	668.78	1185.76
RCB Investment income	1094.01	1047.66			
M&G Charifund investment income	3126.07	3034.66	Churchyard maintenance	1380.00	1532.00
Brooks MacDonald investment income	701.24	618.94	Boiler Services	96.00	
Bank Interest	163.85	139.12	Bank Fees	98.37	83.12
Diocesan Magazine	48.75	105.00	Diocesan Magazine	48.75	97.50
			Holiday cover/Visiting Clergy	170.00	160.00
Renovation Fund envelopes/subs.	2270.00	2550.00	*Renovation -	1776.00	23010.50
			RBLEgion Hall rent	30.00	50.00
Gift Aid on 2022 Ren. Fund	507.50	552.50	St. Mary's Hall Rent	20.00	20.00
Bishops' Appeal-Syria Earthquake	185.00		Ulster Fire Extinguishers		
Donations in lieu- Mrs.Donnell	430.00		Northern Ireland Water	179.19	160.84
Interrment of ashes, Drew Liggett	175.00		Bishops' Appeal -Syria. Inc. Gift Aid	213.75	1000.00
			Freewill Offering envelopes	169.04	154.32
Church Army boxes	250.00	180.00	Church Army (cheque not through)	300.00	230.00
Crosslinks boxes	120.00	70.00	Crosslinks	170.00	120.00
Loughgilly share of copier costs		341.76	RBL Wreath	30.00	30.00
			Donation in Memory-Mrs.J. Cairns	250.00	
			Poyntzpass Independent Church	100.00	100.00
			C.of I. Board of Education	25.00	25.00
			C.of I Retirement Trust	50.00	50.00
			C.of I. Family Routes	50.00	50.00
			Church Mission Society	100.00	100.00
			Bible Society in N.I.	100.00	100.00
			S.A.M.S. Ireland	100.00	100.00
			Southern Area Hospice	100.00	100.00
			Churches' Ministry of Healing	50.00	50.00
			Langham Partnership	200.00	200.00
			Bishops' Appeal	100.00	100.00
			Cancer Fund for Children	300.00	200.00
TOTAL	33545.38	32253.12	TOTAL	26466.95	47275.11
Total inc. Opening balance	99028.8	113257.78	less 2 cheques not through	400.00	
		4618.00	plus Church Army cheque 2022	230.00	
				26296.95	
			Closing balance	72731.85	65483.02
			*Renovation		
			Heating pipes replaced in side aisle	1776.00	
Gift Aid Tax claimed for 2023	4155.41		** ACTON SHARE OF RECTORY COSTS.		
			Rectory Insurance	102.42	
			Confirmation service	177.95	
			Rates	205.20	
			Grass cutting	210.00	
			Rectory boiler service	17.50	
			Rectory plastering	300.00	
			Hall hire April Select Vestry	20.00	
			Drumbanagher share of copier costs	<u>-344.29</u>	-341.76
			Net Acton costs	688.78	527.52

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Annual report

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACTON PARISH CHURCH .

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023.

The purpose of the church is the advancement of religion; the beneficiaries are the general public.

During the year in question, public services were held each Sunday morning. We also held a Remembrance Service, and a service for the Royal British Legion. All of these services are open to the whole community.

Our Sunday School is available each Sunday during term-time to all children for bible study and religious education.

The Incumbent made pastoral visits to elderly and housebound parishioners, and to those in nursing homes or in hospital; marriage guidance, weddings, funerals and baptisms were carried out as needed.

What we have achieved is the fostering of faith in both children and adults; the provision of fellowship for all our people; comfort for the sick and dying; leadership and example within our community.

The benefits are a stable, cohesive community and the provision of sanctity and support for all.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. There has been no private benefit to any trustee.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Barbara Best. Hon. Treasurer.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of Acton Parish Church:-

I report on the accounts of Acton Parish Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I have examined your 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 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 need to be brought to your attention.

Name: Cameron McCombe

Professional qualification: Accountant

Address: 9 William Street, Poyntzpass, Newry. BT35 6SS

Date: 24.10.24

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2021 ACCOUNTS					
INCOME	2021.00	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021.00	2020
Opening balance	65131.00	55689.07			
Freewill Offering	13601.00	14563.00	Diocese of Armagh	14367.80	13784.36
Ordinary Collection	665.50	245.40	Sunday School books & prizes		35.97
Annual Subscriptions	3600.00	3200.00	N.I.E.	266.14	244.59
Sunday School Collection		44.60	Heating Oil	1511.00	1205.00
Easter Collection	297.00	130.00	Insurance	926.54	882.43
Harvest Collection	450.00	550.00	Copier	980.46	
Gift Aid Tax recovered for 2020	3791.21	5008.09	Share of Rectory Costs **	5982.09	912.47
RCB Investment income	1001.29	1001.29			
M&G Charifund investment income	2705.61	2449.67	Churchyard maintenance	1548.00	1464.00
Lloyds TSB investment income	559.46	555.87	Boiler Services	258.00	
Bank Interest	163.25	148.03	Bank Fees	78.04	82.72
Diocesan Magazine	75.00	50.00	Diocesan Magazine	68.75	41.25
			Visiting Clergy	140.00	110.00
Renovation Fund envelopes/subs.	2725.00	3025.00	Renovation - Survey and Report		750.00
			" Drawings for grant application		400.00
Gift Aid on 2019 Ren. Fund	640.00	867.50			
			Ulster Fire Extinguishers	54.00	54.00
St. Mary's -for meeting in APC	20.00	40.00	Northern Ireland Water	307.91	
Grave Fee - R. Harshaw	500.00				
Interment Fee - W. Wright	350.00				
Armagh Deanery Fund. Refund 2 yrs	400.00		Freewill Offering envelopes	152.05	149.36
Church Army boxes	271.00	225.00	Church Army (cheque not through)	330.45	275.00
Crosslinks boxes	140.00	140.00	Crosslinks	190.00	190.00
Loughgilly share of copier costs	326.82		RBL Wreath	30.00	30.00
RBL Collection	154.50		RBL Collection	154.50	
			Contribution to new Deanery		200.00
			Poyntzpass Independent Church	100.00	100.00
			C.of I. Board of Education	25.00	25.00
			C.of I Retirement Trust	50.00	50.00
			C.of I. Board for Social Resp.	50.00	50.00
			Church Mission Society	100.00	100.00
			Bible Society in N.I.	100.00	100.00
			S.A.M.S. Ireland	100.00	100.00
			Southern Area Hospice	100.00	100.00
			Churches' Ministry of Healing	50.00	50.00
			Langham Partnership	200.00	200.00
			Bishops' Appeal	100.00	100.00
			Cancer Fund for Children	200.00	
			St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin	200.00	
TOTAL	32436.64	32243.45	TOTAL	28720.73	21786.15
Total inc. Opening balance	97568.44		less Church Army cheque £330.45	28390.28	
Gift Aid Tax claimed for 2020	4365.83	4366.75	Closing balance 31.01.22	69178.16	65131.80
** SUMMARY OF SHARED RECTORY COSTS.					
Washing machine	270.00		23.12.21 Rectory works and materials	250.00	
Insurance	348.33		02.12.21 Ground works & boundary wall	500.00	
Rates	767.32		08.11.21 Rectory repairs	1637.50	
Grass cutting	<u>750.00</u>		20.10.21 Scaffolding & storm drainage	3387.50	
Total	<u>2135.65</u>				
Acton share	533.91				
Drumbanagher share of copier costs	326.82				
Acton net share of rectory costs	207.09		TOTAL ACTON SHARE 2021 a/c	5982.09	

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry and community cohesion.

The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in church governance and willingness to support through contributions the continuing witness of the Church. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

All the functions of the parish relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners and others in our community

During the year in question, public services were held each Sunday morning and on alternate Wednesdays, the latter being services of Holy Communion with prayers for the sick. During Holy Week, services were held each evening alternately with our sister parish, St. Mary's, Drumbanagher. We also held a Remembrance Service, and a service for the Royal British Legion. All of these services are open to the whole community.

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Name: David Copeland

Professional qualification:

Address:16a Ballyreagh Road, Poyntzpass, Newry. BT35 6RQ

Date:17.04.22