

Parish of Donaghmore Upper

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

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charities Number: NIC104207

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC104207

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Trustees

All trustees who served at any time during the year and up to the date of signing the accounts.

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Norman McFarland	Ruth Brimage
Raphael Burnside	George McIvor
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Deborah Davidson	John Meenagh
George Davidson	Keith Moore
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Jill Moore	Stanley Hall
Winifred Hewitt	Mark McLean
Andrew Kelly	Noelle Moore
Caroline Patterson	

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy:	The Venerable Dr Peter Thompson
Church Secretary:	Winifred Hewitt
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parish of Donaghmore Upper, St Patrick's for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of the Parish of Donaghmore Upper, St Patrick's is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish of Donaghmore Upper, St Patrick's Church of Ireland, 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 are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish of Donaghmore Upper, St Patrick's 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 Parish of Donaghmore Upper, St Patrick's.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Church exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of public worship are held each Sunday morning throughout the year. Evening services are held on Wednesday nights during Lent, each night in Holy Week (both shared with our sister parish), in March for the Girls Friendly Society enrolment, at Harvest Thanksgiving, and a Christmas Carol Service. Since the enforced lockdown in the early months of 2021 all services have also been broadcast online.

The parish is always pleased to host groups from the wider community, and does so annually for the Orange Order. The local Primary School hold their annual Carol Service in the Church.

There are good working relationships with other local churches. There is a service for Christian Unity Week, alternating with St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Donaghmore.

During the year 2024 there were three baptisms one marriage and seven funeral services in the church.

The Church was built in 1843 with a grant from the Board of First Fruits, and enlarged and re-oriented during the 1860s by the addition of a semi-circular apse, vestry and tower.

The parish supports a small but active Sunday School, which meets most weeks from September to May, a Girls Friendly Society which meets weekly throughout the winter, and there is a Mothers Union meeting monthly. The local WI make regular use of our parish hall.

Parish finances and fabric are cared for by the Select Vestry. Various fund raising and social events are held each year.

The parish supports several missionary groups, particularly CMS and the Church Army. There is also a series of special appeals and collections for various local and international groups and in light of international disasters.

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Financial Review

- The chief source of revenue for the church continues to be parishioner donations which are supplemented by gift aid claims. The church recorded a total surplus in 2024 of £9,082 (2023: deficit £1,477). Whilst income remained broadly similar, running costs were lower and a significant refund was received from Power NI in respect of an overcharge.
- Careful financial management has continued in order to control costs where possible.
- It is the Trustees' policy to hold a level of unrestricted funding to meet at least one year's running costs.

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 December 2024 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 Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 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 and vote 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 which may be served.

Pay and remuneration

Select Vestry members are not remunerated for their services as Trustees. Any payments to Trustees for services unrelated to their role as a Trustee are approved by the Select Vestry. Such decisions are taken on the basis of good governance and being in the pursuit of the objectives and activities of the parish.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating in the parish. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

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The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the Diocesan Synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2024 the Select Vestry met 3 times during the year and the average attendance was 70%.

Compliance with Public Benefit

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

Raphael Burnside



Winifred Hewitt



4th May 2025

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Parish of Donaghmore Upper

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

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 Commission 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 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.

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4th May 2025

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations & plate collections		36,524	-	-	36,524	34,543
Donations for third parties		1,570	-	-	1,570	1,383
Investment income		222	473	-	695	204
Bequest income		-	913	-	913	842
Graveyard income		1,500	-	-	1,500	600
Parish Hall income		430	-	-	430	270
Proceeds from fund raising		313	110	-	423	2,093
Other income & receipts		-	-	-	-	2,903
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>40,559</u>	<u>1,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,055</u>	<u>42,838</u>
<u>Payments</u>						
Diocesan assessment		19,907	750	-	20,657	19,753
Church running costs		4,102	82	-	4,184	8,758
Glebe running costs		2,507	-	-	2,507	2,194
Parish centre costs		1,785	77	-	1,862	8,294
Administration costs		730	-	-	730	855
Sunday School expenses		138	4	-	142	145
Charitable donations & gifts		2,191	-	-	2,191	2,247
Capital expenditure		650	-	-	650	-
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure		50	-	-	50	2,068
		<u>32,060</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,973</u>	<u>44,314</u>
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>8,499</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>9,082</u>	<u>(1,477)</u>

On Behalf of the Trustees

Raphael Burnside



Winifred Hewitt



4th May 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	6,367	1,307	-	7,674	3,599
Deposit Accounts	41,719	31,325	-	73,044	68,037
Total Cash Funds	48,086	32,632	-	80,718	71,636

Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid Claims	5,790	-	-	5,790	5,403
Total Other Monetary Assets	5,790	-	-	5,790	5,403
Investment Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts	-	-	30,899	30,899	30,400
Other unlisted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Assets	-	-	30,899	30,899	30,400

Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Centre	-	241,831	-	241,831	224,959
Church Land	-	42,753	-	42,753	42,753
Fixtures and Fittings	64	-	-	64	95
Plant & Equipment	879	-	-	879	420
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	943	284,584	-	285,527	268,227
Total Assets	54,819	317,216	30,899	402,934	375,666

On Behalf of the Trustees

Raphael Burnside



Winifred Hewitt



4th May 2025

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

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments 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

(i) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

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

- Church Building and Graveyard
- Church Land
- Parish Centre
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish

The Parish Centre and Church Land

The Parish Hall has been valued at the insurance valuation of £241,831 (2023: £224,959) as at June 2024. No depreciation has been provided on the parish centre buildings as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years. Church land is valued at £42,753 (2023 £42,753), being the purchase value.

Fixtures and Fittings

Fixtures and Fittings are recognised at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 8 years. Current fixtures listed are below the minimum capitalisation threshold of £500.

ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	71,636
Receipts for the Year	42,055
Payments for the Year	(32,973)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	80,718

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Endowment funds					
For Church Building Maintenance	82	76	(75)	-	83
For Church Choir	118	5	(3)	-	120
For Sunday School	125	6	(4)	-	127
For Graveyard Maintenance	135	6	(4)	-	137
For General Parochial Purposes	29,940	1,319	(827)	-	30,432
	30,400	1,412	(913)	-	30,899
Restricted Funds					
Assets for Parish's own use	267,712	16,872	-	-	284,584
Restricted funds	32,049	583	-	-	32,632
	299,761	17,455	-	-	317,216
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	45,505	46,799	(37,485)	-	54,819
	45,505	46,799	(37,485)	-	54,819
Total funds	375,666	65,666	(38,398)	-	402,934

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Assets for Parish's own use – This comprises the Church, Parish Hall, Land & Fixtures & Fittings

Restricted funds – This comprises the Rectory Repair Fund, the Youth Club Account and a legacy of purpose to be determined.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**4. Collections for Third Parties**

	2024 £	2023 £
Mothers' Union anniversary service collection	362	-
Hospice Sunday	395	345
USPG	31	30
LEMOOS	553	569
Church Army	149	107
CMS	80	192
Board of Ministry	0	61
Bishops' Appeal	0	80
	-	-
	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,384</u>

The above amounts have been included in receipts for the current year under donations for third parties and in payments for the year under charitable donations and gifts.

5. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration under a contract of employment during the year (2023: £nil). Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses to trustees during the year totalled £792 (2023: £164). One trustee was paid £328 (2023: £252) for the provision of musical services.

A related party of one trustee was paid £515 (2023: £336) for the provision of musical services.

6. Governance Costs

No governance costs were incurred during the year and the Independent Examiner has performed the required duties free of charge (2023: £nil).