

# Cookstown/Kildress/St Patricks/Armagh/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104361

## Details

Known as	Kildress Parish Church
Status	Received
Registered	2016-01-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

**Address**  
31A Knockaleery Road  
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County Tyrone  
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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	£142,610	£88,624	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elaine Thom		
Geoffrey Collins		
Helen Mccullough		
Jennifer Henry		
Ken Hunter		
Michelle Mcgaughey		
Mr Jim Slaine		
Mr Nigel Henry		
Mr Paul Stewart		
Mr Robert Huey		
Mr Uel Carson		
Mrs Frances Mccullough		
Mrs Freda Lyttle		
Mrs Gail Charles		
Mrs Lisa Henry		
Rodney Blair		
Steven Lyttle		

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# Accounts

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Kildress Parish Church  
NIC 104361

2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Total Receipts		89,696	52,914	142,610	114,930
Payments					
Cost of Fundraising					
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	82,817		82,817	64,910
Grants and Donations	6	929	1,275	2,204	1,952
Governance Costs	7		3,603	3,603	
Asset and investment purchases					
Purchase of Fixed Assets	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
Total Payments		83,746	4,878	88,624	66,862

# Kildress Parish

NIC 104361

For the year ended 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025 E	Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>					
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>					
Offerings and Gifts	2	86,636	26,210	112,846	91,711
Bank Interest			2,715	2,715	2,822
Other Receipts	3	24	1,974	1,998	1,480
<u>From Charitable Activities</u>					
Other	4	3,036	22,015	25,051	18,917
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Net receipts/(payments)		5,950	48,036	53,986	48,068
Transfers between funds		(1,275)	1,275		
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Fund surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,675	49,311	53,986	48,068
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Cash at bank and in hand at year end		20,315	288,832	309,147	255,161

**Church**

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

### Cash and Bank Reconciliation

Balance at start of year	15,640	239,521	255,161	207,093
Surplus/(deficit) this year	4,675	49,311	53,986	48,068
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Kildress Parish Church  
 NIC 104361  
 Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
 For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		E		E	E
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts		295,315	Total Cash Funds	241,528	
Deposit Accounts		13,832	<u>309,147</u>	13,633	
				<u>                    </u>	255,161
Liabilities					
Other Loans					
			<u>                    </u>		
Net Assets			309,147		
			<u>                    </u>		<u>                    </u>
					255,161
					<u>                    </u>
Represented By Funds					
Unrestricted funds - General			20,315		
Restricted funds - Income		288,832			15,640
- Capital		-		239,521	
		<u>                    </u>	288,832	<u>                    </u>	
			<u>                    </u>		239,521
Funds at Year End	9		309,147		<u>                    </u>
			<u>                    </u>		<u>                    </u>
					255,161
					<u>                    </u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf by:

_____		Trustee			
Trustee		86,636	26,210	112,846	91,711
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
3 Other Receipts		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Rent		24	1,974	1,998	1,480
Youth Fellowship Income					
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>



Kildress Parish Church

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Diocesan Contributions  
36,427,364.27

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	-		
	30,997		

# Kildress Parish Church

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2025

## 5 Cost of Charitable Activities B.

Congregational Expenses	172		172	
	1,989		1,989	
Pulpit Supply - Church	1,230		1,230	
Sunday School & Youth Fellowship				32,411
Music	<u>3,391</u>	-	<u>3,391</u>	<u>32,411</u>
Miscellaneous				
Congregational Expenses				

## 5 Cost of Charitable Activities C.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Facilities Expenses				
Insurance	3,880		3,880	
Heat & Light	6,205		6,205	
Water rates	589		589	
Repairs, cleaning etc				
Grounds Maintenance	4,263		4,263	
Rectory Expenses	3,500		3,500	
New equipment				
Rates	18,049		18,049	
Facilities Expenses	868		868	
	<u>37,354</u>		<u>-</u>	
5 Cost of Charitable Activities D. Transport Expenses	-	<u>37,354</u>	-	

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Bus Running Costs				
Bus Hire				
Car & Travel Expenses				
Transport Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Unrestricted funds      Restricted funds      2025      2024

## 5 Cost of Charitable Activities E.

Media and Advertising	Magazines, Bibles and Books	Other Expenses	6	Grant	expenses
Internet and Webcasting	Postage	Total		and	Donations
Media Supplies	Miscellaneous Expenses	Cost of Charitable Activities		Do not include	Share of Box Appeal
New Equipment					
Miscellaneous					
Advertising and Printing					
Media and Advertising					
5 Cost of Charitable Activities F. Other Expenses					

# Kildress Parish Church

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	30 5 29	E
Church Missionary Donation				
Rural Support Donation				
Charis Cancer Care Donation				
Bishops Appeal	430			
Poppy Appeal	247	-	885	785
Miscellaneous Gifts		25	8	
Unrestricted funds		0		717
		25	2025	
		0		
		25		2024
833		0	43	
	3,928	Res	0	
		trict	24	
		ed	7	
	4,761	fun	25	
		ds	0	
		2025		
			25	785
			0	
Unrestricted funds			25	2024
			0	
282		833	25	
		3,928	0	1,952
305			27	
298		Restricted		
		funds	4,761	717
			5	
885		2025	25	
			2	
	82,817			
		82,817	82,817	64,910
		282	2024	
		929	1,275	1,952
			2,204	
7 Governance Costs		Unrestricted funds	2025	2024
FeeS			3	
Accountancy Costs				3
Legal Costs			3,600	
Miscellaneous			3,600	
		-	3,603	-
8 Asset and investment Purchases		Unrestricted funds	2025	2024
Purchase of Equipment				
		-	-	-

# Kildress Parish Church

Notes to the financial statements  
(continued) For the year ended 31  
December 2025

Restricted Funds					
Building Fund (No.3 Account)	48,428	(3,604)	(20,000)	45,358	20,533
Glebe Account	2,157			17,453	15,296
Business Reserve Account	2,329		20,000	226,021	203,692
Missions/Charities (From No. 1 A		(1,275)	1,275		<u>                    </u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>89,696</u>	<u>(83,746)</u>	<u>(1,275)</u>	<u>20,315</u>	<u>15,640</u>
9 Movement on Funds					
	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Total 2025	Total 2024
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			4,413	-	-
	52,914	(4,879)	1,275	288,832	239,521
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

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# Accounts

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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	76418	15293	91711	94139
Charitable activities	3	-	14483	14483	37003
Other trading activities	4	23	1457	1480	1480
Investment Income	5	-	2822	2822	1460
Other	6	4434	-	4434	4223
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		80875	34055	114930	138305
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	1502	-	1502	3208
Charitable activities	8	60404	4956	65360	92523
Investment costs					
Other	9	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		61906	4956	66862	95731
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		18969	29099	48068	42574
Transfers between funds		(11952)	11952	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		7017	41051	48068	42574
Funds brought forward		8623	198470	207093	164519
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Funds carried forward	12	15640	239521	255161	207093
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	8623	198470	207093	164519
Net movement in funds	7017	41051	48068	42574
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Bank and Cash at end of year	15640	239521	255161	207093
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	13633	13633	43153
Bank Current Accounts	15640	225888	241528	163940
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
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			255161	207093
			=====	=====

**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in 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 only 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.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Freewill Offering & Loose collections	62263	11010	73273	73080
Donations and gifts	310	3783	4093	5295
Gift Aid	13845	-	13845	14764
Legacies and bequest	-	500	500	1000
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	76418	15293	91711	94139
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	4741	4741	9285
Fundraising events	-	9742	9742	27718
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	-	14483	14483	37003
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Land Lettings	-	1457	1457	1457
NIE Wayleave	23	-	23	23
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	23	1457	1480	1480
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	484	484	215
Bank Interest	-	2338	2338	1245
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	-	2822	2822	1460
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	-	-	-	173
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-
Sustentation Account Income	910	-	910	838
Altedesert Contribution	2217	-	2217	3212
Other Income	1307	-	1307	-
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	4434	-	4434	4223
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes & Printing Reports	717	-	717	1043
Fundraising events	785	-	785	2165
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	1502	-	1502	3208
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Diocese of Armagh Contribution	30997	-	30997	52288
Congregational running expenses	29407	3004	32411	36273
Donations to Missions and charities	-	1952	1952	3962
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	60404	4956	65360	92523
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)  
 31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 6 Wellbrook Road, Cookstown, BT80 9RX and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2024 £	2023 £
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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	-	-
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No. 1 Account	8623	80875	61906	18969	(11952)	15640
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	8623	80875	61906	18969	(11952)	15640
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund (No. 3 Account)	68277	30260	3004	27256	(75000)	20533
Glebe Account	13628	1668	-	1668	-	15296
Business Reserve Account	116565	2127	-	2127	85000	203692
Missions/Charities (From No. 1 Acc)	-	-	1952	(1952)	1952	-
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	198470	34055	4956	29099	11952	239521
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<b>Total</b>	<b>207093</b>	<b>114930</b>	<b>66862</b>	<b>48068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255161</b>
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# Annual report

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**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH**  
**KILDRESS**

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

**For the Year Ended:-**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charities Number:-**

NIC104361

# **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH** **KILDRESS**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year**

**Ended:- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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# **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH** **KILDRESS**

## **References and Administrative Details**

Charity Name: St. Patrick's Parish Church,  
Kildress

Charity Registration Number:- NIC104361

Contact Address: Robert Huey  
Cloonlara  
31a Knockaleery Road  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 9EG

## **Trustees**

Mr Uel Carson	Mr Robert Huey	Mrs Michelle McGaughey
Mrs Gail Charles	Mr Ken Hunter	Mr Jim Slaine
Mr Geoffrey Collins	Mrs Freda Lyttle	Mr Paul Stewart
Mr Nigel Henry	Mr Steven Lyttle	Mrs Elaine Thom
Mrs Jennifer Henry	Mrs Frances McCullough	
Mrs Lisa Henry	Mrs Helen McCullough	

## **Principal Office-Bearers**

Clergy: Vacant

Church Treasurer: Mr Paul Stewart

Church Warden – Rector's: Mr Ken Hunter

Church Warden – People's: Mrs Freda Lyttle

## **Independent Auditor**

McKinney Dawson Accountants,  
28 Union Street,  
COOKSTOWN  
BT80 8NN

## **Bankers**

Ulster Bank,  
William Street,  
COOKSTOWN  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8ND

# **Trustees' Annual Report** **for the year ended:-**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. Patrick's Parish Church Kildress for the year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **Objectives and Activities**

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

The principal function of St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the St. Patrick's Parish Church Kildress, 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, St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress 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 St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress.

## **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The Advancement of the Christian Religion.

The Parish Church exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of public worship are held on Sundays at 12.00 noon for 10 months of the year, 9.30 am during the summer months. Holy Communion is celebrated once a month and Morning Prayer (Holy Baptism as requested) for the other Sundays of the month. Weekday services include Holy Communion for seniors is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am. Others, such as Ash Wednesday Service, Harvest Service and Confirmation with Holy Communion take place according to the Church calendar. Additional services, Christmas and Holy Week are held in season.

The Parish is in the terminology of the Church of Ireland, mostly 'resident' members with a small number of 'accustomed' (persons living outside the parish boundary) members. The average number of parishioners in 2022 for Sunday worship would normally be approximately 110. This is a vibrant and busy parish, and the range of parishioners is from a few months to 90yrs.

### **Worship and Pastoral Care.**

The Parish Church is chosen by parishioners to mark significant events in their family life. In the course of 2024, the following took place – nine Holy Baptisms, three Weddings and eight Funeral services.

A prayer meeting was held face to face or virtually most Wednesday evenings during 2024 involving both parishioners and some from neighbouring parishes. A bible study group meets face to face or virtually on Wednesday mornings or evenings at 10.00am usually for 6-week sessions with a break of a few weeks and then another beginning.

Sunday school meets most Sundays in the Parish Halls and consists of 4 classes for P1 – P7 and a separate class for Pathfinders for first year upwards until children are ready to be confirmed. During 2024 there were 65 children enrolled.

The Parish also hosts youth organisations which include, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and the Mother's Union. There is also a Bowling Club and a Dramatic Society associated with the Parish. The Kildress Bowlers meet throughout the year on a Friday in the church hall with their now annual tournament taking place for a week in September, while the Dramatic Society produced a play over three nights in April.

The Rector, and during the vacancy, Rev Canon Dawson, visits parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, or in residential/nursing homes. He also celebrates Holy Communion with those unable to attend the Parish Church at Christmas and Easter, and at other times as requested.

Under the leadership of the Select Vestry the Events Group organises social events during the year which act both as opportunities for fellowship, outreach and fund raising. During 2024, a number of fundraising events, which also offer an opportunity for fellowship and outreach were held. These included a very successful 'Tractor Run' which involved participants from across the local community and included a barbeque and in addition, fun activities for the children.

The Kildress Crafters Group continued to meet regularly over the winter months for crafting chat, coffee and treats with the products of their labour being offered for sale at the Harvest Fayre, held this year on the Saturday of the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend. This event also proved to be a very successful outlet for the production of the parish walled garden, especially the potato crop.

In addition, the parish offers hospitality to bereaved families associated with the parish and others who make use of the graveyard attached to the church. This quality service is greatly appreciated by the family and friends of the bereaved and is a significant revenue stream for church funds.

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.

## **Financial Review**

2024 Audited financial report at attached pdf.

## **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 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 Organisations. 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**

During 2024 the parish was vacant under the oversight of the Rural Dean, who chaired meetings of Select Vestry. The majority of Sunday services were conducted by the Rev Canon Drew Dawson, a recently retired member of the ordained ministry. Both members of the clergy receive their salary from the Armagh Diocesan Office of the Church of Ireland.

## **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, the church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry at the General Vestry.

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**Ken Hunter**

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**R.J Huey**

**Date:-**

\_\_\_\_\_ July 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookstown/Kildress/St Patricks/Armagh/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104361

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# Annual return

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Date: 14 | 04 | 2025

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# Accounts

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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	79496	14643	94139	98619
Charitable activities	3	785	36218	37003	3336
Other trading activities	4	23	1457	1480	1477
Investment Income	5	-	1460	1460	171
Other	6	4223	-	4223	3637
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>84527</b>	<b>53778</b>	<b>138305</b>	<b>107240</b>
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	3208	-	3208	1014
Charitable activities	8	85057	7466	92523	89889
Investment costs					
Other	9	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>88265</b>	<b>7466</b>	<b>95731</b>	<b>90903</b>
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		(3738)	46312	42574	16337
Transfers between funds		10167	(10167)	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		6429	36145	42574	16337
Funds brought forward		2194	162325	164519	148182
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Funds carried forward	12	8623	198470	207093	164519
		=====	=====	=====	=====

**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	2194	162325	164519	148182
Net movement in funds	6429	36145	42574	16337
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Bank and Cash at end of year	8623	198470	207093	164519
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	43153	43153	42942
Bank Current Accounts	8623	155317	163940	121577
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
			-----	-----
			207093	164519
			=====	=====

**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in 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 only 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.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Freewill Offering & Loose collections	63707	9373	73080	67948
Donations and gifts	1025	4270	5295	8841
Gift Aid	14764	-	14764	11830
Legacies and bequest	-	1000	1000	10000
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	79496	14643	94139	98619
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	9285	9285	1396
Fundraising events	785	26933	27718	1940
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	785	36218	37003	3336
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Land Lettings	-	1457	1457	1457
NIE Wayleave	23	-	23	20
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	23	1457	1480	1477
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	215	215	107
Bank Interest	-	1245	1245	64
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	-	1460	1460	171
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	173	-	173	315
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-
Sustentation Account Income	838	-	838	803
Altedesert Contribution	3212	-	3212	2019
Other Income	-	-	-	500
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	4223	-	4223	3637
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes & Printing Reports	1043	-	1043	1014
Fundraising events	2165	-	2165	-
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	3208	-	3208	1014
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Diocese of Armagh Contribution	52288	-	52288	49854
Congregational running expenses	32769	3504	36273	37357
Donations to Missions and charities	-	3962	3962	2678
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	85057	7466	92523	89889
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 6 Wellbrook Road, Cookstown, BT80 9RX and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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	-	-
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**KILDRESS PARISH CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No. 1 Account	2194	84527	88265	(3738)	10167	8623
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	2194	84527	88265	(3738)	10167	8623
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund (No. 3 Account)	114834	51076	5753	45323	(91880)	68277
Glebe Account	11998	1630	-	1630	-	13628
Business Reserve Account	35493	1072	-	1072	80000	116565
Missions/Charities (From No. 1 Acc)	-	-	1713	(1713)	1713	-
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	162325	53778	7466	46312	(10167)	198470
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<b>Total</b>	<b>164519</b>	<b>138305</b>	<b>95731</b>	<b>42574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207093</b>
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# Annual report

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**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH**  
**KILDRESS**

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

**For the Year Ended:-**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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NIC104361

# **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH** **KILDRESS**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year**

**Ended:- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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# **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH** **KILDRESS**

## **References and Administrative Details**

Charity Name: St. Patrick's Parish Church,  
Kildress  
Charity Registration Number:- NIC104361  
Contact Address: Robert Huey  
Cloonlara  
31a Knockaleery Road  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 9EG

## **Trustees**

Mr Uel Carson	Mr Ken Hunter	Mr Jim Slaine
Mrs Gail Charles	Mrs Freda Lyttle	Mr Paul Stewart
Mr Geoffrey Collins	Mr Steven Lyttle	Mrs Elaine Thom
Mr Nigel Henry	Mrs Frances McCullough	Mr Norman Thom
Mrs Jennifer Henry	Mrs Helen McCullough	
Mr Robert Huey	Mrs Michelle McGaughey	

## **Principal Office-Bearers**

Clergy: Rev Diane Matchett  
Church Treasurer: Mr Paul Stewart  
Church Warden – Rector's: Mr Ken Hunter  
Church Warden – People's: Mrs Freda Lyttle

## **Independent Auditor**

McKinney Dawson Accountants,  
28 Union Street,  
COOKSTOWN  
BT80 8NN

## **Bankers**

Ulster Bank,  
William Street,  
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# **Trustees' Annual Report** **for the year ended:-**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. Patrick's Parish Church Kildress for the year 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 St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the St. Patrick's Parish Church Kildress, 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, St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress 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 St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Parish Church Kildress.

## **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The Advancement of the Christian Religion.

The Parish Church exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of public worship are held on Sundays at 12.00 noon for 10 months of the year, 9.30 am during the summer months. Holy Communion is celebrated once a month and Morning Prayer (Holy Baptism as requested) for the other Sundays of the month. Weekday services include Holy Communion for seniors is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am. Others, such as Ash Wednesday Service, Harvest Service and Confirmation with Holy Communion take place according to the Church calendar. Additional services, Christmas and Holy Week are held in season.

The Parish is in the terminology of the Church of Ireland, mostly 'resident' members with a small number of 'accustomed' (persons living outside the parish boundary) members. The average number of parishioners in 2022 for Sunday worship would normally be approximately 110. This is a vibrant and busy parish, and the range of parishioners is from a few months to 90yrs.

### **Worship and Pastoral Care.**

The Parish Church is chosen by parishioners to mark significant events in their family life. In the course of 2023, the following took place – nine Holy Baptisms, three Weddings and eight Funeral services.

A prayer meeting was held face to face or virtually most Wednesday evenings during 2023 involving both parishioners and some from neighbouring parishes. A bible study group meets face to face or virtually on Wednesday mornings or evenings at 10.00am usually for 6-week sessions with a break of a few weeks and then another beginning.

Sunday school resumed in 2023 following a two year pause during the Covid pandemic. It meets most Sundays in the Parish Halls and consists of 4 classes for P1 – P7 and a separate class for Pathfinders for first year upwards until children are ready to be confirmed. During 2023 there were 67 children enrolled.

The Parish also hosts youth organisations which include, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. There is also a Bowling Club and a Dramatic Society associated with the Parish.

The Rector visits parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, or in residential/nursing homes. She celebrates Holy Communion with those unable to attend the Parish Church at Christmas and Easter, and at other times as requested. Of course, pastoral care was and is very different in times of the pandemic.

Under the leadership of the Select Vestry the Events Group organises social events during the year which act both as opportunities for fellowship, outreach and fund raising. During 2023, an event was organised, with the support of the Royal British Legion, and titled 'Poppy Fest' which attracted interest, attendance and support from well beyond the parish, raising significant funds towards a church restoration project. Other events organised within the parish included a 'Praise and Pudding' event, a 'Men's Breakfast', a Soup Lunch and a Sunday School, 'Smartie Tube' fund raiser.

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## **Financial Review**

2023 Audited financial report at attached pdf .

## **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 Organisations. 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.

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Date: 26/7/2024