

**Termoneeny Parish
Church of Ireland**

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

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Charities Number: NIC 104697

Termoneeny Parish (Church of Ireland)

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

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Termoneeny Parish (Church of Ireland)

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Termoneeny Parish (Church of Ireland)

Charity Registration Number: NIC 104697

Contact Address: 25 Dromore Road, Desertmartin, Magherafelt, BT45 5JZ

Trustees

Alan Arrell	Mark Hawe
Ann Kelso	Mildred Leacock
Ashley Stewart	Rev Philip Benson (Chairperson)
Bernice Lennox	Rob Moore
Eddie Kerr	Rodney Dillon
Gilbert Lennox (Treasurer)	Ryan Leacock
Harold Leacock	Samuel Hawe
Karen Dempster	Stanley Leacock (Secretary)
Keith Morrow	Trevor Hamilton
Ken Smyth	

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy/Chairperson: Rev Philip Benson

Treasurer: Gilbert Lennox

Rector's Church Warden: Gilbert Lennox

People's Church Warden: Eddie Kerr

Independent Examiner

Mrs Gemma Donaghy
15 Ballycrochan Court, Bangor, BT19 6PP

Bankers

Danske Bank, Branch Business, P.O. Box 182, Donegal Square West, Belfast, BT1 6JS

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments, including Assets and Liabilities for Termoneeny Parish (Church of Ireland) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Termoneeny Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through its work, the whole pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical mission of the Church. Being open to and engaging with society, and offering support to those who need help, are fundamental to the practical delivery of Christianity's benefits.

As a result of its activity in advancing the Christian religion, Termoneeny Parish has custody of property and records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage. The select vestry of Termoneeny Parish maintains these.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Worship and Prayer

Termoneeny Parish Church is under the incumbency of the Reverend Philip Benson and is part of a larger group that includes Desertmartin Parish (Knockloughrim). The parish offers a wide range of weekly public acts of worship, including Morning Prayer and the celebration of Holy Communion. Our worship is conducted in accordance with the Church of Ireland's Book of Common Prayer, and we also join with our sister parish for the bi-annual "Confirmation" of faith service, led by the diocesan Bishop. We also provide for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and ongoing pastoral care. Special services throughout the year include Christmas Carol Services, Lent/Holy Week Services and Advent Services, which all provide intimate and reflective environments for worship. All are welcome to attend our worship services.

In addition to our regular services, some parish members are unable to attend church due to illness or age. Rev Benson regularly visited such parishioners to celebrate Holy Communion with them, offering pastoral care and practical support, either in their homes or in hospitals/nursing care homes. We have also introduced live streaming, allowing those unable to attend our services in person to participate from home. This is particularly important for those who are housebound or are unwell.

At present, there are 76 families consisting of 158 individuals. The average weekly combined church attendance was 72, rising during special festivals. We celebrated one baptism, zero weddings and held four funerals in our parish this year.

In addition, the parish has hosted religious services in association with local community groups, including the Loyal and Masonic orders, such as the Orange Order and the Royal Black Preceptory. Rev Philip is also a member of the Board of Governors for Knockloughrim and Magherafelt Primary Schools and is part of a rota for leading morning assemblies.

Additionally, in association with “Mid Ulster Clergy Together,” an ecumenical group representing a diverse range of Christian denominations within the Mid Ulster council area, we have participated in community-wide acts of worship and supported the Magherafelt Food Bank Christmas appeal.

Termoneeny Parish has engaged in “Safe Church” training and is a registered “Safe Place” to support those in our community suffering from domestic violence.

Sunday School & Messy Church

Our parish has a well-established Sunday School, open to all children of preschool/primary school age. We also hold regular Messy Church-style events throughout the year, which are open to the broader community and well attended. Children and young people are an essential part of our parish. Rev Benson has a regular children’s address during our worship services, and children from the Sunday School participate in our monthly family services.

Other Parish Activities

Other parochial groups include our Bible Study, Ladies Group, Indoor Bowling Club, and Craft and Chatter Group. These groups draw membership from our parishioners and the wider local community. We also hold several events each year, including a children’s Easter Egg Hunt, an open-air service, a parish picnic, a Summer Fete, a parish dinner, and a Festival of Poppies.

Over the years, we have continued to develop our Parish News magazine, which is distributed to our parishioners and freely available at the back of the churches. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed about important matters affecting our parish and includes articles that deepen our knowledge and faith in Jesus.

Mission and Evangelism

The church supports mission partners and other local charities, such as Crosslinks, Bishops’ Appeal, Tearfund, local food banks, Poppy Appeal, CMSI, and the Air Ambulance.

Cross-Community Relationships

The Select Vestry continually works to improve relationships with other denominations, particularly within the Roman Catholic community. Rev Benson takes an active role in the local clergy groups, including representatives from many local churches. These groups are interdenominational and organise joint events and shared services. They also represent their congregations in the public sphere by raising their concerns about social issues. In addition, many of the activities and events we organised during the year were supported by all community sectors, and everyone was made welcome to share in our activities and services.

Diocesan Synod

Representatives of the parish sit on the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Synod, providing an essential link between the parish and the broader structures of the Church of Ireland.

Public Benefit

The benefits of public worship include contributing to the spiritual well-being of participants, reinforcing Christian values, and providing practical support to struggling local families through Termoneeny Parish Church’s partnerships with specialist support organisations. Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with the Safeguarding Trust policies of the Church of Ireland. We confirm that we have mitigated any potential harm arising from the parish’s activities by complying with the

requirements of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

The Parish has carefully considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities and provided public benefit.

Financial Review

The results for the year are set out on pages nine to fifteen, which the Trustees consider to be satisfactory.

The reserves of the parish are held for the advancement of its charitable purpose, other than restricted reserves, which are held for a designated purpose.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead. They are satisfied that adequate funds are in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and that 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 Church of Ireland Constitution 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 retain their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually, and there is no limit to the number of terms they may serve.

Pay and Remuneration

The parish does not pay the rector directly. A monthly assessment is paid to the Diocese, which comprises a stipend, locomotory allowance, employer's national insurance and employer's clergy pension contribution. No other trustee receives remuneration, reward, or other private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the members 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 Easter Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or another 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.

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 8 times, with an average attendance of 92%.

Compliance with Public Benefit

Termoneeny Parish has carefully considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities and provided a public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the statement of receipts and payments, and the statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with an Income of less than £250,000 requires trustees to prepare a statement of receipts, payments, assets, and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records sufficient to show and explain Parish's transactions and always accurately disclose Parish's assets and liabilities. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Parish's assets and, hence, for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees


Chairperson: Rev Philip Benson


Treasurer: Gilbert Lennox

Date: 28th October 2025

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Termoneeny Parish (Church of Ireland)

I report on the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, issued on 17/04/2025.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for preparing 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 the 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.

Name: 

Ms Lorraine Craig

Date: 28th October 2025

Address:

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Receipts and Payments

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Parish of Termoneeny (Knockloughrim)

Period: 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Receipts						
Voluntary Giving	1	41,553.28	721.00		42,274.28	36,494.90
Extraordinary General Income	2					800.00
Investment Income	3	113.39	394.76		508.15	422.58
General Parish Income	4	1,380.00			1,380.00	735.00
Fundraising Events	5	21,001.01			21,001.01	3,845.16
Property Related Income	6	2,260.00			2,260.00	3,460.00
Other Funds Raised	7	86.40			86.40	113.85
Total Receipts		66,394.08	1,115.76	0.00	67,509.84	45,871.49
Payments						
Repairs/Upkeep	8	(14,684.60)			(14,684.60)	(33,407.54)
Staffing Costs	9	(1,134.00)			(1,134.00)	(403.60)
Light, Heat and Power	10	(188.98)			(188.98)	(175.87)
Diocesan Levies	11	(23,583.96)			(23,583.96)	(23,366.04)
General parochial overheads	12	(5,799.49)			(5,799.49)	(5,097.77)
Parochial ministry overheads	13	(1,743.99)			(1,743.99)	(1,489.57)
Financial and Professional Costs	14	(315.88)			(315.88)	(830.23)
Fundraising Costs	15	(4,518.75)			(4,518.75)	(2,197.86)
Donations to Charities and Missions	16		(626.00)		(626.00)	(1,904.00)
Total Payments		(51,969.65)	(626.00)	0.00	(52,595.65)	(68,872.48)
Excess of Receipts over Payments before transfers		14,424.43	489.76	0.00	14,914.19	(23,000.99)
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		0.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
- out		(2,200.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,200.00)	(2,200.00)
Excess of Receipts over Payments		12,224.43	2,689.76	0.00	14,914.19	(23,000.99)

Receipts and Payments

Parish of Termoneeny (Knockloughrim)

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1. Voluntary Giving

	2024	2023
Weekly envelopes	24,481.00	23,417.00
Other general donations	50.00	0.00
Loose Collections	827.50	1,088.50
Standing orders	5,180.00	3,800.00
Gift days	2,445.00	3,220.00
Gift aid tax recovered- regular giving	8,569.78	3,040.75
Donations for specific purposes	0.00	474.65
Bishops' Appeal annual collection	620.00	525.00
Poppy Appeal collection	101.00	126.00
Bishops' Appeal response collections	0.00	803.00
	<u>42,274.28</u>	<u>36,494.90</u>

2. Extraordinary General Income

	2024	2023
Non-recurring one-off grants	0.00	800.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>

3. Investment Income

	2024	2023
Dividends	6.10	6.01
Bank and building society interest	502.05	416.57
	<u>508.15</u>	<u>422.58</u>

4. General Parish Income

	2024	2023
Parish magazine donations	190.00	200.00
Fees for funerals	70.00	0.00
Funeral donations	1,020.00	535.00
Graveyard fees	100.00	0.00
	<u>1,380.00</u>	<u>735.00</u>

5. Fundraising Events

	2024	2023
Summer Fete & Funday	4,518.76	3,845.16
Summer Fete & Funday grants	375.00	0.00
Festival of Poppies Donations	16,107.25	0.00
	<u>21,001.01</u>	<u>3,845.16</u>

6. Property Related Income

	2024	2023
Single Farm Payment	0.00	1,200.00
Glebe land rent	2,260.00	2,260.00
	<u>2,260.00</u>	<u>3,460.00</u>

7. Other Funds Raised

	2024	2023
Sundry Income	86.40	113.85

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Parish of Termoneeny (Knockloughrim)

	86.40	113.85
8. Repairs/Upkeep		
	2024	2023
Church repairs and maintenance	(375.00)	(14,551.92)
Church light and power	(183.92)	(215.23)
Church heating	(968.00)	(593.00)
Church broadband	(378.78)	(63.69)
Rectory repairs and maintenance	(2,198.15)	(16,539.82)
Rectory heating	(1,114.40)	0.00
Building repairs and maintenance	(6,500.00)	0.00
Upkeep of grounds	(2,681.40)	(200.00)
Upkeep of graveyard	(284.95)	(1,243.88)
	(14,684.60)	(33,407.54)
9. Staffing Costs		
	2024	2023
Clerical	(1,134.00)	(403.60)
	(1,134.00)	(403.60)
10. Light, Heat and Power		
	2024	2023
Water Rates	(188.98)	(175.87)
	(188.98)	(175.87)
11. Diocesan Levies		
	2024	2023
Diocesan Levy - Standard	(23,583.96)	(23,366.04)
	(23,583.96)	(23,366.04)
12. General parochial overheads		
	2024	2023
Rent Payable	(2,000.00)	(1,500.00)
Stationery	(725.90)	(295.42)
IT software	(462.12)	(898.08)
Photocopying	(462.85)	(284.97)
Equipment - servicing and repairs	(90.00)	(172.50)
Insurances	(914.15)	(787.37)
Equipment - new	(1,144.47)	(1,159.43)
	(5,799.49)	(5,097.77)
13. Parochial ministry overheads		
	2024	2023
Purchase worship and other books	0.00	(57.62)
Purchase worship CDs and software	(119.00)	0.00
Other worship related costs	(296.27)	(562.02)
Clergy and staff training	0.00	(350.00)
Community building activity	(379.00)	0.00
Support for church organisations	0.00	(40.00)
Sunday School	(557.22)	(479.93)
Parish dinner expenses	(392.50)	0.00

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(1,743.99)	(1,489.57)
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14. Financial and Professional Costs

	2024	2023
Audit and accountancy	0.00	(600.00)
Bank fees and charges	(176.63)	(137.23)
CCLI licence	(139.25)	(93.00)
	<hr/> (315.88)	<hr/> (830.23)

15. Fundraising Costs

	2024	2023
Fundraising costs	(257.23)	(233.21)
Summer Fete & Funday expenses	(1,755.42)	(1,964.65)
Poppy Festival Expenses	(2,506.10)	0.00
	<hr/> (4,518.75)	<hr/> (2,197.86)

16. Donations to Charities and Missions

	2024	2023
Donations to other charities	0.00	(475.00)
Donations to Bishops' Appeal	(525.00)	(1,303.00)
Donations to Poppy Appeal	(101.00)	(126.00)
	<hr/> (626.00)	<hr/> (1,904.00)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Parish of Termoneeny (Knockloughrim)

As of 26 April 2025

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	47,425.28	22,345.22		69,770.50	92,791.49
Excess of Receipts over payments for the year	14,424.43	489.76		14,914.19	(23,020.99)
Transfers between funds	(2,200.00)	2,200.00			
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	59,649.71	25,034.98		84,684.69	69,770.50
Investment Assets					
RCB Unit Trusts			5,475.82	5,475.82	5,369.81
CIT Unit Trusts			276.73	276.73	252.41
Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use					
Glebe Land		175,000.00		175,000.00	175,000.00

Bank Balances
1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

	Opening Balance 1 st January 2024	Closing Balance 31 st December 2024	Increase/Decrease
General Account	£47,950.28	£60,269.71	increase of £12,319.43
Investment Account (Building Fund)	£21,820.22	£24,414.98	increase of £2,594.76
Total Bank Balances	£69,770.50	£84,684.69	increase of £14,914.19

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees


Chairperson: Rev Philip Benson


Treasurer: Gilbert Lennox

Date: 28th October 2025

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

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All income and expenditure items 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
- Glebe Land
- 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 the parish.
- The Glebe Land has been valued at a value that the Select Vestry deemed to represent the value of the land on the 31st of December 2024.

ii) Investments

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

2. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration during the year, and no trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered by the charity during the year.

3. Governance Costs

Governance costs of £0 were incurred during the year, including £0 in fees paid to the independent examiner. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.