

Strabane/Christ Church/Derry/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104765

Details

Known as Camus Juxta Mourne

Status Received

Registered 2016-02-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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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	£90,923	£93,178	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr. Jason Foy		
Mr Alan Mehaffy		
Mr Alastair Boles		
Mr Bill Mehaffy		
Mr David Sinclair		
Mr Leslie Buchanan		
Mr Norman Boothe		
Mr Philip Smith		
Mr Samuel Devenney		
Mrs Anne Smith		
Mrs Elaine Mckenna		
Mrs Margaret Robinson		
Mrs Pearl Sproule		
Mrs Rachel Devenney		
Mrs Ruth Buchanan		
Ms Isabel Stevenson		
Rev Robert Wray		

Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Freewill Offerings & Church Collections		36,259	-	36,259	39,979
Insurance Proceeds	6	-	-	-	20,800
Past Benefactors		17,412	-	17,412	14,554
Fundraising Activities	4 & 4a	7,089	7,133	14,222	12,472
Gift Aid		8,480	-	8,480	7,878
Rental Income		5,160	-	5,160	4,680
Other	8	1,264	1,260	2,524	2,250
Donations in Memory		2,800	-	2,800	425
Charitable Donations	7	-	1,825	1,825	1,673
Grants		-	-	-	6,000
Investment Income		2,241	-	2,241	2,966
Total Receipts		80,705	10,218	90,923	113,677
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment		48,555	-	48,555	46,733
Parish Property Costs	6	15,835	11,297	27,132	35,378
Parish Running Costs	5	5,593	-	5,593	6,246
Donations	7	1,648	1,825	3,473	3,015
Church Floor Repairs	4a	-	3,668	3,668	-
Fundraising Activities	4	662	-	662	3,852
Administration		1,779	-	1,779	2,539
Bank & RCB Fees		645	-	645	637
Sunday School		411	-	411	296
Other	8	-	1,260	1,260	48
Total Payments		75,128	18,050	93,178	98,744
Net (Expenditure) / Receipts		5,577	(7,832)	(2,255)	** 14,933
Funds Brought Forward				94,865	79,932
Funds Carried Forward				92,610	94,865

** In 2023, £20,800 of insurance proceeds were received in respect of the rectory kitchen and expenditure of £6,000 was incurred in 2023 leaving a balance of £14,800 carried forward into 2024. In 2024, £11,297 of expenditure was incurred in relation to the kitchen (for which the funding was received in 2023).

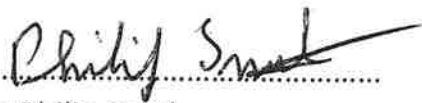
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts		34,321	-	34,321	48,689
Deposit Accounts		5,525	52,764	58,289	46,176
Total Cash Funds	3	39,846	52,764	92,610	94,865
Investment Assets					
Investments				99,144	91,536
Total Investment Assets				99,144	91,536
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Rectory				190,000	190,000
Sexton's House				65,000	65,000
Total assets retained for the Parish's own use				255,000	255,000

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



 Dr Jason Foy
 Honorary Secretary
 Date: 29 April 25



 Mr Philip Smith
 Honorary Treasurer
 Date: 29 April 25.

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

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 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.

1.2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities includes the former sexton's house and the rectory recognised at their gross rateable values.

The Church building was constructed in 1879 and deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). As such, it is 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 hall was constructed circa 1966 for a value of approximately £14,295. Given that no recent valuation exists for the building reflecting current value, this building is not recognised in the Parish Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at beginning of the year	94,865
Receipts for the Year	90,923
Payments for the Year	(93,178)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	92,610

3. Movement in Funds

	1 Jan 2024 £	Net Movement £	31 Dec 2024 £
Restricted Funds			
Legacy Fund	39,436	-	39,436
Mission Fund	6,360	-	6,360
Insurance Fund – Rectory Kitchen	14,800	(11,297)	3,503
Church Floor Repair & Heating Fund	-	3,465	3,465
Total Restricted Funds	60,596	(7,832)	52,764
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	34,269	5,577	39,846
Total Funds	94,865	(2,255)	92,610

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

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Legacy Fund: This fund holds the income received from the legacy of a past parishioner. The fund is considered restricted until the Vestry decides the purpose for the income.

Mission Fund: This fund has been established from half of the net funds raised by the Parish Players for the purpose of future mission work.

Insurance Fund: This fund holds the insurance proceeds received less relevant expenditure incurred following water damage to the Rectory kitchen in 2023.

Church Floor Repair & Heating Fund: This fund has been established to capture funds received towards and costs associated with the repair works to be carried out.

4. Fundraising Activities

Activity	Income £	Expenditure £	Net Income 2024 £	Net Income 2023 £
Big Breakfast	2,354	354	2,000	2,306
Stew Night	1,148	180	968	-
Soup Lunch	885	-	885	928
Sponsored Walk	855	-	855	975
Coffee Morning	704	-	704	-
Men's Breakfast	480	128	352	-
Clothes Collection	283	-	283	139
Table Quiz	260	-	260	210
Pancake Night	90	-	90	-
Prayer Book	30	-	30	1,231
Car Treasure Hunt	-	-	-	255
Coronation Lunch	-	-	-	442
Black Saturday / Back to Church	-	-	-	795
Parish Players	-	-	-	20
Christmas Concert	-	-	-	90
Gospel Concert	-	-	-	800
Beetle Drive	-	-	-	195
Fireside Quiz / Christmas Cake	-	-	-	234
Total	7,089	662	6,427	8,620

4a. Fundraising and Costs towards Church Floor Repair Costs

Activity	Income £	Expenditure £	Net Income 2024 £
Fashion Night	4,493	43	4,450
Motorbike Challenge	2,640	-	2,640
Interim Floor Repairs	-	745	(745)
Professional Fees	-	2,880	(2,880)
Total	7,133	3,668	3,465

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

5. Parish Running Costs

	£
Insurance	4,973
Relief / Visiting Clergy and Guests	210
Service Costs	410
	5,593

6. Parish Property Costs

*During 2023 the Rectory kitchen suffered water damage. £20,800 of insurance proceeds were received towards its reinstatement. During the 2023 financial year £6,000 was paid as a deposit for the works to be carried out. £11,297 of further expenditure was incurred in 2024.

The 2023 Rectory expenditure total also includes £8,950 incurred on the installation of solar panels.

	Church Building £	Rectory £	Hall £	Rental Property £	Total £
Property Rates	-	1,013	-	693	1,706
Water Rates	195	-	365	-	560
Heat and Light	3,547	2,550	1,468	-	7,565
Repairs	1,484	557	458	366	2,865
Communications	-	859	-	-	859
Cleaning	2,280	-	-	-	2,280
Kitchen*	-	11,297	-	-	11,297
Total 2024	7,506	16,276	2,291	1,059	27,132
Total 2023	8,569	23,180*	2,765	864	35,378

7. Collections and Donations to Third Parties

Recipient	Income £	Expenditure £
Bishops Appeal	690	690
Koram Centre	683	683
Royal British Legion	109	150
SAMS	190	500
Greenisland Parish Church	153	250
Kingham Church for Deaf People	-	300
Tyrone Protestant Orphan Society	-	300
Diocesan Board of Religious Education	-	300
Marie Curie	-	300
Total	1,825	3,473

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

8. Other

	Income £	Expenditure £
Donations	1,050	-
Retirement Gift	1,260	1,260
Solar Panel Income*	214	-
Total	2,524	1,260

*A payment is received annually for the energy exported to the grid from the solar panels.

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Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Freewill Offerings & Church Collections		39,979	-	39,979	38,118
Insurance Proceeds	7	-	20,800	20,800	-
Past Benefactors		14,554	-	14,554	19,158
Fundraising Activities	4	12,472	-	12,472	5,747
Gift Aid		7,878	-	7,878	7,548
Rental Income		4,680	-	4,680	4,320
Other	9	1,452	798	2,250	2,102
Donations in Memory		425	-	425	1,595
Charitable Donations	8	-	1,673	1,673	1,435
Grants	5	2,000	4,000	6,000	1,510
Investment Income		2,966	-	2,966	263
Total Receipts		86,406	27,271	113,677	81,796
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment		46,733	-	46,733	44,406
Parish Property Costs	7	24,628	10,750	35,378	20,761
Parish Running Costs	6	5,546	700	6,246	5,557
Donations	8	1,342	1,673	3,015	2,635
Fundraising Activities	4	3,852	-	3,852	445
Administration		2,539	-	2,539	2,915
Bank & RCB Fees		637	-	637	599
Sunday School		296	-	296	278
Other	9	-	48	48	235
Total Payments		85,573	13,171	98,744	77,831
Net Receipts		833	14,100	** 14,933	3,965
Transfer from Investments				-	20,130
Transfer to Investments				-	(50,000)
Net Movement in Funds				14,933	(25,905)
Funds Brought Forward				79,932	105,837
Funds Carried Forward				94,865	79,932

** Please note this is largely made up of the difference between the insurance proceeds received (£20,800) and costs incurred on the rectory kitchen (£6,000) by 31 December 2023 being £14,800.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts		33,889	14,800	48,689	40,496
Deposit Accounts		380	45,796	46,176	39,436
Total Cash Funds	3	34,269	60,596	94,865	79,932
Investment Assets					
Investments				91,536	87,904
Total Investment Assets				91,536	87,904
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Rectory				190,000	190,000
Sexton's House				65,000	65,000
Total assets retained for the Parish's own use				255,000	255,000

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 Rector
 Date: 27-3-2024



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 Honorary Treasurer
 Date: 27-3-2024

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Receipts for the Year	113,677
Payments for the Year	(98,744)
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3. Movement in Funds

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Restricted Funds			
Legacy Fund	39,436	-	39,436
Mission Fund	7,060	(700)	6,360
Insurance Funds	-	14,800	14,800
Total Restricted Funds	46,496	14,100	60,596
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	33,436	833	34,269
Total Funds	79,932	14,933	94,865

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Legacy Fund: This fund holds the income received from the legacy of a past parishioner. The fund is considered restricted until the Vestry decides the purpose for the income.

Mission Fund: This fund has been established from half of the net funds raised by the Parish Players for the purpose of future mission work. Costs associated with the visit of Pastor Anderson and his family from Peru have been met from this fund.

4. Fundraising Activities

Activity	Income £	Expenditure £	Net Income 2023 £	Net Income 2022 £
Lent Lunch	980	52	928	1,054
Car Treasure Hunt	255	-	255	-
Coronation Lunch	2,934	2,492	442	-
Black Saturday / Back to Church	1,620	825	795	-
Jubilee Lunch	-	-	-	648
Big Breakfast	2,609	303	2,306	2,042
Prayer Book	1,231	-	1,231	-
Sponsored Walk	975	-	975	1,080
History Book	-	-	-	75
Parish Players	20	-	20	-
Christmas Concert	190	100	90	227
Table Quiz	290	80	210	-
Gospel Concert	800	-	800	-
Beetle Drive	195	-	195	-
Fireside Quiz / Christmas Cake	234	-	234	-
Clothes Collection	139	-	139	176
Total	12,472	3,852	8,620	5,302

5. Grants

	£
SSE Airtricity (Solar Panels)	4,000
Diocese of Derry and Raphoe	2,000
	6,000

6. Parish Running Costs

	£
Insurance	4,880
Relief / Visiting Clergy and Guests (including Peruvian visitors)	1,160
Service Costs	206
	6,246

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7. Parish Property Costs

*In July 2023, solar panels were installed on the Rectory roof. SSE Energy provided £4,000 grant aid towards the costs.

**During 2023 the Rectory kitchen suffered water damage. £20,800 of insurance proceeds have been received towards its reinstatement. As at 31.12.23, £6,000 has been paid as a deposit for the works to be carried out. These works will complete in 2024.

	Church Building £	Rectory £	Hall £	Rental Property £	Total £
Property Rates	-	962	-	658	1,620
Water Rates	247	-	270	-	517
Heat and Light	4,181	3,310	1,504	-	8,995
Repairs	2,061	3,071	231	206	5,569
Communications	-	887	-	-	887
Renovations	-	-	760	-	760
Cleaning	2,080	-	-	-	2,080
Solar Panels*	-	8,950	-	-	8,950
Kitchen**	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total 2023	8,569	23,180	2,765	864	35,378
Total 2022	9,327	6,985	3,834	615	20,761

8. Collections and Donations to Third Parties

Recipient	Income £	Expenditure £
Bishops Appeal	710	710
Earthquake Appeal	713	805
Royal British Legion	250	300
Kingham Church for Deaf People	-	300
Tyrone Protestant Orphan Society	-	300
Diocesan Board of Religious Education	-	300
Foyle Hospice	-	300
Total	1,673	3,015

9. Other

	Income £	Expenditure £
Col Gazette	48	48
Donations	1,365	-
Energy Support*	750	-
Solar Panel Income**	87	-
Total	2,250	48

*Government support received towards energy costs.

**A payment will be received annually going forward for the energy exported to the grid from the solar panels. The first annual reading was taken shortly after installation.

Annual report

Camus-Juxta-Mourne

References and administrative details

Charity Name:

Camus-Juxta-Mourne
Christ Church, Strabane

Charity Registration Number:

NIC 104765

Contact Address:

The Rectory
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Trustees

The following individuals held office as members of the Select Vestry at some point during or throughout the 2023 financial year:

Rev. John White	Mr Norman Boothe
Mr Leslie Buchanan	Mrs Ruth Buchanan
Mrs Rachel Devenney	Mr Sammy Devenney
Mr Harry Friar MBE (until 18 April 2023)	Mr Joe Fleming (until 18 April 2023)
Dr Jason Foy	Mr Noel Goudie (until 18 April 2023)
Mrs Elaine McKenna	Mr Alan Mehafty
Mr Bill Mehafty (from 9 May 2023)	Mrs Margaret Robinson
Mr David Sinclair	Mrs Anne Smith
Mr Philip Smith	Mrs Pearl Sproule

Principal Office-bearers

Rector:	Rev. John White
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Jason Foy
Honorary Treasurer:	Mr Philip Smith
Church Warden (Rector):	Mrs Ruth Buchanan
Church Warden (People):	Mr Leslie Buchanan
Glebe Warden (Rector):	Mr Sammy Devenney
Glebe Warden (People):	Mr David Sinclair

Independent Examiner

Mr Sydney Gamble

Bankers

Danske Bank

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

The trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne 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. These are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity. This is mainly achieved by using the offices, rights and services of the Church of Ireland which is part of the universal Anglican Communion.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne 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 the Parish.

2023: A Word from the Rector

Dear Parishioner

First of all, can I say a very big thank you for your continued financial support, in what are still difficult circumstances for so many in our society. In an age when more and more people turn to food banks for the essentials, we find our finances squeezed even tighter.

The church continues its ministry to reach the lost with the good news of the gospel, to reach out with the love of Christ. As a church we long for the Lord to be honoured and His name glorified, for people to find forgiveness and new life through the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

Reading the Bible, prayer, church, time spent away from the endless social media and 24/7 news ... A life of peace is not out of reach but, as it's been said, the easy things to do are also not easy to do. Our culture grows more stressed, more anxious and more hopeless by the minute.

More than ever, hope is needed. Only through faith in Christ is this a reality. Anything less is building a house on sand. When the storms of life come that house will be washed away.

But to enable the church to continue we need your continued help and support. If you already give financially, do you do so through Free Will Offering envelopes or direct

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)
debit? If you do, we can claim the tax on your gift.

Have you ever considered that in spite of all our limitations that His Grace is sufficient for us?
That His Power is made perfect in our weakness?
We can fully place our prayerful dependence and reliance on Him!
Let's never see our weakness as an obstacle to serving God but rather an opportunity for it!
That in all we face we can have hope in a God who loves us and will never leave nor forsake us.
God bless and once again a very big thank you.
Rev. John

Financial Review

A review of the Receipts and Payments Account on page 11 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 12 provides a comprehensive and clear overview of the Parish's financial position.

Income and expenditure are classified into unrestricted and restricted funds. Restricted funds are those which must be used for a specific purpose and unrestricted funds are those for which no such restrictions apply.

Income

Overall income has increased slightly in 2023 (£113,677) in comparison with 2022 (£81,796) with a full breakdown provided on page 11. This is largely due to the receipt of insurance proceeds for water damage to the Rectory kitchen (£20,800) as well as an increase in income from fundraising and grant aid.

£39,979 was received from parishioners through freewill offerings and service collections during 2023 (2022: £38,118). The Vestry recognises that everyone has experienced very difficult times over the past few years and is extremely grateful to all parishioners who give so generously and sacrificially to sustain the mission and ministry of the Parish. It is important to note that freewill offerings and church collections plus gift aid income received in 2023 (£47,857) just about cover the cost of the Diocesan Assessment (£46,733). This is before any of the running costs of the Parish are taken into consideration (repairs, maintenance, service costs, etc).

The Parish continues to offer a standing order system to facilitate the freewill offering of parishioners and encourages everyone to consider this as a hassle free and confidential method of giving.

The Gift Aid scheme is a valuable source of income to the Parish. The scheme allows the

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)
Parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated provided the donor has appropriately signed a gift aid declaration and paid a sufficient level of tax to HMRC in the year to cover the 25p reclaim on every £1 which they have donated. In 2023 the Parish received £7,878 of income from HMRC.

This scheme is open to everyone who pays tax to HMRC and the Parish would urge parishioners to consider whether their giving could be gift aided if this is not already the case.

In years gone by the Parish was fortunate to have received several on-going trusts / legacies. These are administered for the Parish by The Church of Ireland Representative Church Body (RCB) in Dublin. The Parish receives an annual income from these trusts which in 2023 came to £14,554. This figure is significantly lower than 2022 when a one-off payment of £5,886 was received following the winding up of several legacy funds. It is humbling to think that those who have gone before had confidence in supporting Christ Church for the years to come.

In the face of rising energy costs and the need to utilise greener energy sources, the Vestry made the decision to invest in solar panels on the Rectory roof at a cost of £8,950 for which £4,000 of grant aid was kindly provided by SSE Airtricity. The panels were installed in late July 2023 in the middle of what was a very wet and grey summer. The Parish will receive an income annually for the energy exported to the grid alongside a reduction in energy costs for electricity at the Rectory.

Page 14 sets out the wide range of fundraising activities undertaken in 2023. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all who organised and supported each activity. The income generated is crucial to the day-to-day running of the Parish so please do continue to support all the fundraising endeavours. If you have an idea for a fundraising event, please do speak with a member of the Vestry. As will be further outlined below, there are significant works to be carried out on the Church properties in the coming year(s) and every penny will indeed count. Without the continued support of the Parishioners and the community, the Church doors could simply not remain open.

Excluding the insurance income and grant aid as exceptional items, it is interesting to note where the main sources of income into the Parish are generated from:

Source	% of total income
Freewill Offerings	46%
Gift Aid and Legacy Trusts	26%
Fundraising Activities	14%
Rental Income	5%
Other Income	9%
	100%

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Expenditure

The "standard" basic Diocesan assessment levied on parishes in the Diocese of Derry is in the region of €61,000. Given the size of our Parish, the assessment which this Parish is required to meet is subsidised and the 2023 assessment was £46,733. The assessment cost for the Parish in 2024 will be £48,555.

Repairs, maintenance and the running costs of Parish properties continue to be a significant area of expenditure totalling almost £21,000 (excluding the costs of the solar panels and kitchen repairs at the Rectory). The Parish has not been immune to rising energy costs with the cost of electricity in the Church building for heat and light continuing to be a significant area of expenditure totalling £4,181 in 2023.

Assets

Alongside the Church building, the Hall and the Rectory, the Parish also owns another property located within the Bowling Green. This is the former sexton's house and currently generates a modest rental income. A rental valuation has recently been carried out and steps are being taken to gradually align the income with market rates.

The Parish also holds a number of accounts and deposits where funds are held seeking to maximise the return on investments whilst also maintaining security of the funds. It is felt that Hincley & Rugby Building Society, Danske Bank, The Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities (administered by the Northern Ireland Government) and the RCB provide security for the Parish's funds.

In 2022 it was identified that significant repair works are required to the Church Hall roof and floor. However, in 2023 these works have now been overshadowed by a more immediate need to address issues in the floor of the Church building. Options are currently being explored as to the best approach to take to undertake the work, including a new heating system. The works to the Church building will undoubtedly be significant in value and the works to the Hall are still also required. There is currently not sufficient funds in place to carry out all the necessary works and funding opportunities will be explored. If this is an area you would like to assist with, please contact a member of the Vestry.

Overview

The Vestry has recommended it should at all times hold a minimum value of six months of Diocesan Assessment as unrestricted reserves.

The Vestry take very seriously its stewardship role overseeing the Parish finances and seek to ensure that expenditure is closely monitored and money is spent in a wise, responsible and necessary fashion.

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Date: 27-3-2024

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Mr. Philip Smith (Honorary Treasurer)
Date: 27-3-2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Columba's Church, Ballyvaughan, Co. Wick

I report on the accounts of the Parish of Camus-Wick for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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- 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

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Independent examiner's statement

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Mr. Sydney Garbille
Date: 27-3-2024

Strabane/Christ Church/Derry/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104765

Annual return

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Date: 27-3-2024


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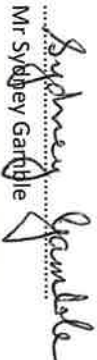
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Mr Sydney Garble
Date: 27-3-2024

Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Freewill Offerings & Church Collections		38,118		38,118	34,996
Past Benefactors		19,158		19,158	16,362
Gift Aid		7,548		7,548	10,662
Fundraising Activities	4	5,747		5,747	115
Rental Income		4,320		4,320	4,500
Other	8	2,102		2,102	180
Donations in Memory		1,595		1,595	7,224
Collections & Donations to Third Parties	7		1,435	1,435	819
RCB – Covid Grant		1,510		1,510	-
Investment Income		259	4	263	279
Total Receipts		80,357	1,439	81,796	75,137
Payments					
Diocesan Assessment		44,406		44,406	43,112
Parish Property Costs	6	20,761		20,761	16,417
Parish Running Costs	5	4,765	792	5,557	4,355
Donations	7	1,200	1,435	2,635	3,294
Fundraising Activities	4	445		445	-
Administration		2,915		2,915	3,213
Bank & RCB Fees		599		599	532
Sunday School / Youth Activities		278		278	-
Other	8	235		235	-
Total Payments		75,604	2,227	77,831	70,923
Net Receipts		4,753	(788)	3,965	4,214
Transfer from Investments				20,130	-
Transfer to Investments				(50,000)	-
Net Movement in Funds				(25,905)	4,214
Funds Brought Forward				105,837	101,623
Funds Carried Forward				79,932	105,837

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts		33,436	7,060	40,496	66,405
Deposit Accounts			39,436	39,436	39,432
Total Cash Funds	3	33,436	46,496	79,932	105,837
Investment Assets					
Shares				-	18,093
Investments				87,904	42,073
Total Investment Assets				87,904	60,166
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Rectory				190,000	190,000
Sexton's House				65,000	65,000
Total assets retained for the Parish's own use				255,000	255,000

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Rev. John White

Rector

Date: 31.12.23

P. Philip Smith

Mr Philip Smith

Honorary Treasurer

Date: 31.12.23

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 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.

1.2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities includes the former sexton's house and the rectory recognised at their gross rateable values.

The Church building was constructed in 1879 and deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). As such, it is 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 hall was constructed circa 1966 for a value of approximately £14,295. Given that no recent valuation exists for the building reflecting current value, this building is not recognised in the Parish Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£	£
Total Cash Funds at beginning of the year		105,837
Receipts for the Year		81,796
Payments for the Year		(77,831)
Transfer from Investments		20,130
Transfer to Investments		(50,000)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year		79,932

3. Movement in Funds

	1 Jan 2022	Net Movement	31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£
Restricted Funds			
Legacy Fund	39,432	4	39,436
Mission Fund	7,852	(792)	7,060
Total Restricted Funds	47,284	(788)	46,496
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	58,553	(25,117)	33,436
Total Funds	105,837	(25,905)	79,932

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Legacy Fund: This fund holds the income received from the legacy of a past parishioner. The fund is considered restricted until the Vestry decides the purpose for the income. The net movement relates to interest received during the year.

Mission Fund: This fund has been established from half of the net funds raised by the Parish Players for the purpose of future mission work. Costs associated with the visit of Pastor Anderson and his family from Peru have been met from this fund.

4. Fundraising Activities

Activity	Income £	Expenditure £	Net Income 2022 £	Net Income 2021 £
Lent Lunch	1,062	8	1,054	-
Jubilee Lunch	960	312	648	-
Big Breakfast	2,067	25	2,042	-
Sponsored Walk	1,080	-	1,080	-
Book Sales	75	-	75	85
Parish Players	-	-	-	30
Christmas Concert	327	100	227	-
Clothes Collection	176	-	176	-
Total	5,747	445	5,302	115

5. Parish Running Costs

	£	£
Insurance		4,460
Relief / Visiting Clergy and Guests (including Peruvian visitors)		1,097
		5,557

6. Parish Property Costs

	Church Building £	Rectory £	Hall £	Rental Property £	Lighthouse	Total £
Property Rates	-	899	-	615	-	1,514
Water Rates	155	-	285	-	-	440
Heat and Light	4,736	3,498	1,423	-	-	9,657
Repairs	2,657	1,664	1,418	-	-	5,739
Communications	-	924	-	-	-	924
Renovations	-	-	708	-	-	708
Cleaning	1,779	-	-	-	-	1,779
Total 2022	9,327	6,985	3,834	615	-	20,761
Total 2021	5,469	6,654	2,302	1,753	239	16,417

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

7. Collections and Donations to Third Parties

Recipient	Income £	Expenditure £
Bishops Appeal	835	835
Ukraine Appeal	600	600
Kingham Church for Deaf People		300
Tyrone Protestant Orphan Society		300
Diocesan Board of Religious Education		300
Foyle Hospice		300
Total	1,435	2,635

8. Other

	Income £	Expenditure £
Col Gazette	85	40
Donations	1,822	
Strabane Mothers' Union – Communion Vessels	195	195
Total	2,102	235

Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne 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. These are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity. This is mainly achieved by using the offices, rights and services of the Church of Ireland which is part of the universal Anglican Communion.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne 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 the Parish.

Review 2022: A note from the Rector

Last Summer we had the privilege of visiting the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is in America, in the State of Arizona to be exact. Arizona is a State with a very interesting history. One of its most famous towns is Tombstone.

Do you happen to know where the phrase "born the wrong side of the track" comes from? Do you know where the term "deadline" comes from?

Both come from the days of Tombstone, a town was divided north / south by the railway track that went through. On the south side you could carry guns and all sorts of stuff went on. On the north side there were no guns. That's where the churches were. That's where the families lived. Signs indicated the deadline. Walk across that line carrying a gun you're dead. There were no guns in the northern part. If you're born on the wrong side of the track you'd live where all the bad stuff was going on.

St.Luke's Episcopal Church in Tombstone, Arizona, was built by Rev. Endicott Peabody during the time when Wyatt Earp was the sheriff. Rev. Peabody was the Rector. Wanting to build the church, he went into the saloon where Wyatt Earp was playing poker. Wyatt Earp was a deacon in the church. He even wore his guns in church.

When Rev. Peabody said he needed money to build the church, Wyatt Earp was one of the first contributors. He had won a pile of money, so he took the money and gave it to the church. He told everyone else in the saloon playing poker to give their winnings. The church is still there today, not far from the OK Coral.

Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

The Parish previously held shares in a listed company (Meggitt Plc) from which it received an annual dividend. In 2022, Meggitt Plc was acquired by another company and all shareholders received a one off payment as compensation for their holding with the result that no future dividend would be received. The Parish received £20,130 as a one off payment.

Sadly several families suffered bereavements during 2022 and the Parish is grateful to all who arranged for donations to be given to the Parish.

It is interesting to note where the main sources of income into the Parish are generated from:

Source	% of total income
Freewill Offerings	46.6%
Gift Aid and Legacy Trusts	32.6%
Fundraising Activities	7.0%
Rental Income	5.3%
Donations in Memory	1.9%
Other Income	6.6%
	100.0%

It is encouraging that fundraising activities have been able to resume as they form such a crucial part of the Parish's income. Please do support the fundraising efforts and anyone with fundraising suggestions, no matter how great or small, please speak with a member of the vestry.

Expenditure

The “standard” basic Diocesan assessment levied on parishes in the Diocese of Derry is in the region of £61,000. Given the size of our Parish, the assessment which this Parish is required to meet is subsidised and the 2022 assessment was £44,406. The assessment cost for the Parish in 2023 will be £46,733.

Repairs, maintenance and the running costs of Parish properties continue to be a significant area of expenditure totalling almost £21,000. The Parish has not been immune to rising energy costs with the cost of electricity in the Church building for heat and light increasing sharply.

Assets

Alongside the Church building, the Hall and the Rectory, the Parish also owns another property located within the Bowling Green. This is the former sexton's house and currently generates a small rental income.

Looking ahead, it is likely significant repairs will be required to the Parish hall in respect of the roof and floor. The Vestry are already exploring a number of options.

Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

The Parish also holds a number of accounts and deposits where funds are held seeking to maximise the return on investments whilst also maintaining security of the funds. It is felt that Santander Bank, Danske Bank, The Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities (administered by the Northern Ireland Government) and the RCB provide security for the Parish's funds.

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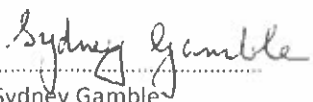
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Mr Sydney Gamble
Date: 08/07/2023