

# Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104777

## Details

Known as	St. Lurach's Maghera
Status	Received
Registered	2016-02-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

Address	20 Church Street Maghera County Londonderry BT46 5ea BT46 5EA
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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	£120,604	£116,818	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair Mckinley		
Miss Margaret Moore		
Mr Des Mccready		
Mr Nigel Selfridge		
Mr Noel Booth		
Mr Robert Rainey		
Mr William Kirkpatrick		
Mrs Adeleine Selfridge		
Mrs Aileen Riddell		
Mrs Ann Crooks		
Mrs Elizabeth Montgomery		
Mrs Heather O'malley		
Mrs Hilary Mckenzie		
Mrs Jacqueline Moore		
Mrs Shirley Kirkpatrick		
Rev Jonathan Brown		
Stephen Richardson		

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104777**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

<b>Trustees</b>	Stephen Richardson	Stephen Drennan - resigned 10.04.24
	David Montgomery - resigned 10.04.24	Hilary McKenzie
	Elizabeth Montgomery	Robert Rainey
	Adeleine Selfridge	Alistair McKinley
	Nigel Selfridge	Mervyn Hutchinson - resigned 10.04.24
	Pearl Moore	Noel Booth
	William Kirkpatrick	Rev Jonathan Brown
	Jacqueline Moore	Philip Montgomery - resigned 10.04.24
	Aileen Riddle	Shirley Kirkpatrick - app 10.04.24
	Anne Crooks - App 10.04.24	Des McCready app 10.04.24
		Heather O'Malley app 10.04.24

**Address** 15 Church Street  
Maghera  
Co Londonderry  
BT46 5EA

**Accountants** PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
122 Main Street  
Dungiven  
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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered Charity Name** Church of Ireland, Diocese of Derry & Raphoe,  
St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera

**Charity registration number** NIC104777

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**The trustees**

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**Structure, governance and management**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is a charity managed by the trustees.

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The principal function of St Lurach's Parish of Maghera is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Lurach's Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera.

**Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

To help achieve the advancement of the Christian religion and provide public benefit, the Select Vestry of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh, continued to share the truth and love of Christ in our community. Our vision statement: "A family that loves Jesus and has his heart for the world" is at the centre of all carried out by the Parish and charity. This vision was expressed during January 2024, when we held a 'learning to pray' course for those wanting to learn where to begin with prayer. Additionally, we ran a 'pre-marriage course' for those thinking about getting married. In February, we both commissioned a new 'Parish Reader', Mrs Hilary McKenzie, and celebrated 25 years of faithful parish ministry by Miss Pearl Moore.

During Lent, we started with a special lunch in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which raised £1000. Recognising the suffering and hurts which cancer and life can inflict, we then sought to 'wrestle with God' and all the big questions through evening services during Lent on the Psalms. As we neared Easter, the Parish held special services in both churches including a non-traditional "Messy Good Friday" event for children and families. Along with participation in school assemblies, our spiritual care and nurture for children has been a vital ministry and public benefit to our community. As we moved from Easter towards the summer, we held a "Discipleship Explored" course for anyone seeking to understand the basics of Christian living. Then as the first half of 2024 was drawing towards a close, in June we had a special "Children's Day" with BBQ, along with a "Vintage Car" rally for the community.

During the summer, mindful that the Olympics were being held in Paris this year, we held a children's holiday bible club called "Run the Race" and then we took part in a community day in Maghera Walled Garden by setting up a BBQ stand.

As we kicked off the new church year in September, we did so with a "24-Hour Prayer" event, which invited members of the Parish and community to bring all their cares - spiritual, emotional, and practical, to God - for themselves, the Parish, and the community. All were welcome and St Lurach's Church remained open throughout the night to be accessible to everyone in Maghera and beyond.

Reaching out with the love of Jesus, we held a special 'back-to-school' service for children, parents and those working in education called the "Blessing of the Bags". We invited them to bring their school bags or briefcases and during the service we prayed blessing upon them and all that this year (and their bags!) would hold. Moreover, utilising the changing seasons, Harvest was celebrated with a "Big Breakfast", and special Harvest services in both churches in October. And as we moved into November and the theme of 'Remembrance', we held a special service for 'Baby Loss Awareness Week', and traditional services on Remembrance Sunday for the Parish as well as hosting one for the Royal British Legion (Upperlands Branch).

Children's ministry continued and increased throughout the year. From the Parish's Sunday School group restarting, to special events held for primary-age children such as a "Festival of Light" to coincide with All Hallows' Eve. Additionally, we hosted a children's Christmas party and enjoyed a children's Nativity Play.

In December, along with a return of the Parish Christmas dinner, a special series of events and services were held to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The theme was a "Christmas of Carols" during which we took all the favourite carols and used them to explain how they told the Christmas story. Such events included traditional church services, an ecumenical Carol service held in aid of "Cancer Research", a very successful "Community Carols by Moonlight" held in the Rectory grounds, a "Five Lessons and Carols" service at "Mullagh Court" sheltered housing, and a "Parishioner's Favourite Carols" service.

We believe that the Parish of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh has meaningfully delivered its aims and objectives. The charity listed as "St Lurach's Parish, Maghera" has given careful consideration to the 'Charity Commission for NI' guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the parish objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit to the wider community. All in all, we are pleased with all the good work done and completed by the end of 2024. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to all that 2025 will hold.

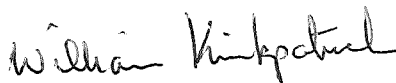
#### Financial review

During the year the charity made a net deficit of £324. This is shown on page 6 of the accounts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 October 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Rev. Jonathan Brown  
Trustee

William Kirkpatrick  
Trustee



**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera**

I report on the financial statements for year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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**Chartered Certified Accountants**  
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**Date :** 8th October 2025

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offerings	73,999	-	73,999	74,763
Miscellaneous	10,927	-	10,927	11,928
Gift aid	18,685	-	18,685	13,777
Rectory Fund	4,372	-	4,372	3,245
Special collections & donations	512	-	512	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	1,786
Power NI	1,275	-	1,275	1,200
Vintage rally	3,626	-	3,626	2,491
Insurance MPCA	1,500	-	1,500	1,425
Diocesan grant	-	-	-	2,000
Mid Ulster District Council - Walled Garden	1,426	-	1,426	1,126
RCB Distribution	11	-	11	164
Land Rent	540	-	540	540
Interest	1,832	-	1,832	1,476
Dividends on investments	1,900	-	1,900	-
	<u>120,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,604</u>	<u>115,921</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rectory electricity	-	-	-	-
Rent for new rectory	-	-	-	-
Diocesan office	74,928	-	74,928	61,198
Electricity	3,721	-	3,721	5,173
Rates	3,097	-	3,097	162
Heating oil	4,174	-	4,174	4,111
Insurance	6,056	-	6,056	5,637
Organist fee & organ expenses	1,500	-	1,500	1,250
Rector expenses	-	-	-	2,734
Printing & Stationery	884	-	884	655
Visiting rectors	680	-	680	595
Accountancy fees	384	-	384	354
Bank fees	307	-	307	311
Telephone	693	-	693	611
Catering costs	820	-	820	966
Church repairs	11,320	-	11,320	2,094
Sound system upgrade	-	-	-	5,118
Upkeep & maintenance of rectory and grounds including Killelagh	-	-	-	2,642
Rectory repairs	168	-	168	-
Remembrance Sunday	-	-	-	336
Fields of life	312	-	312	288
Sunday school expenses	302	-	302	655
Bishops appeal	-	-	-	1,000
Tree services	3,168	-	3,168	15,162
Church functions	949	-	949	704
Sundry expenses	3,355	-	3,355	4,491
	<u>116,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,818</u>	<u>116,245</u>
<b>Payments for assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>116,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,818</u>	<u>116,245</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>	<u>3,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,787</u>	<u>(324)</u>
<b>Reconciliation 31 December 2024</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 30 December 2023	139,648	-	139,648	139,972
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end	3,787	-	3,787	(324)
Cash at bank & in hand 31 December 2024	<u>143,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,648</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHAË  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,324</u>
	143,435	139,324
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,324</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,324</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,324</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>143,435</u>	<u>139,324</u>

These financial statements accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 8 October 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Rev Jonathan Brown  
Trustee

*Rev. J. Brown*

William Kirkpatrick  
Trustee

*William Kirkpatrick*

*CHURCH OF IRELAND*  
**DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE**  
**ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**1 General information**

The charity is a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 15 Church street, Maghera, Co Londonderry, BT46 5EA

**2 Statement of compliance**

These financial statements accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**3 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure

The financial statements accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**5 Taxation**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is registered as a charity for tax purposes with HM Revenue and accordingly is exempt from taxation.

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104777

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104777**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
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ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Trustees**

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<b>Charity registration number</b>	NIC104777
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**The trustees**

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This vision was expressed during February 2023, when we held a "Bring-and-Share" lunch to foster community relations. While in March we raised £1000 in aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal and closer to home held an outside event in the Rectory grounds for families - "Lost sheep scavenger hunt". In the run up to Easter, the Parish organised a well-attended 'Gospel-music' concert, which led into Holy Week events such as a 'Healing and Wholeness' service and traditional Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Additionally, for children and families, we ran a "Messy Good Friday" event as an alternative to the more traditional Easter services. Along with participation in school assemblies, our spiritual care and nurture for children has been a vital ministry and public benefit to our community. The first half of 2023, culminated in a "Coronation Party" celebrating the crowning of King Charles III in May, and our "Children's Day" and BBQ along with a "Vintage Car" rally for the community in June.

During the summer, we held a children's holiday bible club called "Epic Explorers" and then took part in a community day in Maghera Walled Garden by setting up a BBQ stand.

As we kicked off the new church year in September, we did so by setting up a family "Prayer Trail" around the Rectory grounds and we held a "24-Hour Prayer" event, which invited members of the Parish and community to bring all their cares - spiritual, emotional, and practical, to God - for themselves, the Parish, and the community. All were welcome and St Lurach's Church remained open throughout the night to be accessible to everyone in Maghera and beyond.

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**Financial review**

During the year the charity made a net deficit of £324. This is shown on page 6 of the accounts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rev. Jonathan Brown  
Trustee



William Kirkpatrick  
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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera**

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**Date :** 17th October 2024

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offerings	74,763	-	74,763	61,700
Miscellaneous	11,928	-	11,928	1,635
Gift aid	13,777	-	13,777	-
Rectory Fund	3,245	-	3,245	1,952
Special collections & donations	-	-	-	8,149
Insurance claim	1,786	-	1,786	-
Power NI	1,200	-	1,200	-
Vintage rally	2,491	-	2,491	-
Insurance MPCA	1,425	-	1,425	-
Diocesan grant	2,000	-	2,000	-
Mid Ulster District Council - Walled Garden	1,126	-	1,126	1,126
RCB Distribution	164	-	164	-
Covid 19 aid	-	-	-	1,510
Land Rent	540	-	540	540
Interest	1,476	-	1,476	190
Dividends on investments	-	-	-	2,064
	<u>115,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,921</u>	<u>78,866</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rectory electricity	-	-	-	-
Rent for new rectory	-	-	-	-
Diocesan office	61,198	-	61,198	5,021
Electricity	5,173	-	5,173	3,496
Water rates	162	-	162	-
Heating oil	4,111	-	4,111	4,128
Insurance	5,637	-	5,637	3,820
Organist fee & organ expenses	1,250	-	1,250	1,250
Rector expenses	2,734	-	2,734	1,832
Printing & Stationery	655	-	655	1,094
Visiting rectors	595	-	595	300
Accountancy fees	354	-	354	312
Bank fees	311	-	311	236
Telephone	611	-	611	250
Catering costs	966	-	966	2,300
Church repairs	2,094	-	2,094	514
Sound system upgrade	5,118	-	5,118	681
Upkeep & maintenance of rectory and grounds including Killelagh	2,642	-	2,642	7,440
Rectory refurbishment	-	-	-	47,924
Remembrance Sunday	336	-	336	-
Fields of life	288	-	288	288
Sunday school expenses	655	-	655	100
Bishops appeal	1,000	-	1,000	-
Tree services	15,162	-	15,162	-
Church functions	704	-	704	-
Sundry expenses	4,491	-	4,491	2,146
	<u>116,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,245</u>	<u>83,132</u>
<b>Payments for assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>116,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,245</u>	<u>83,132</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>	<u>(324)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(324)</u>	<u>(4,265)</u>
<b>Reconciliation 31 December 2023</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 30 December 2022	139,972	-	139,972	144,237
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end	(324)	-	(324)	(4,265)
Cash at bank & in hand 31 December 2023	<u>139,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

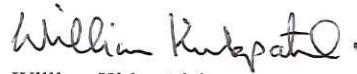
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>
	139,648	139,972
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>139,648</u>	<u>139,972</u>

These financial statements accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Rev Jonathan Brown  
Trustee



William Kirkpatrick  
Trustee

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**1 General information**

The charity is a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 15 Church street, Maghera, Co Londonderry, BT46 5EA

**2 Statement of compliance**

These financial statements accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**3 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure

The financial statements accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**5 Taxation**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is registered as a charity for tax purposes with HM Revenue and accordingly is exempt from taxation.

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104777

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# Annual report

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	Church of Ireland, Diocese of Derry & Raphoe, St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera
<b>Charity registration number</b>	NIC104777
<b>Principal office</b>	15 Church Street Maghera Co Londonderry BT46 5EA

**The trustees**

Stephen Richardson	Stephen Dr Stephen Drennan
Elizabeth Davison - resigned	Hilary McI Hilary McKenzie
David Montgomery	Robert Rai Robert Rainey
Elizabeth Montgomery	Alistair Mc Alistair McKinley
Adeleine Selfridge	Mervyn H Mervyn Hutchinson
Nigel Selfridge	Noel Booth Noel Booth
Pearl Moore	Alan Work Alan Workman
Alana Shiels - resigned	Rev Jonath Rev Jonathan Brown
William Kirkpatrick	Philip Montgomery
Jacqueline Moore	Aileen Riddle

<b>Accountants</b>	PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 122 Main Street Dungiven Co Derry BT47 4LG
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**Structure, governance and management**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is a charity managed by the trustees.

**Objectives and activities**

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

The principal function of St Lurach's Parish of Maghera is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Lurach's Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera.

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

To help achieve the advancement of the Christian religion and provide public benefit, the Select Vestry of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh, continued to share the truth and love of Christ in our community. Our vision statement: "A family that loves Jesus and has his heart for the world" is at the centre of all carried out by the Parish and charity.

This vision was expressed during February 2023, when we held a "Bring-and-Share" lunch to foster community relations. While in March we raised £1000 in aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal and closer to home held an outside event in the Rectory grounds for families - "Lost sheep scavenger hunt". In the run up to Easter, the Parish organised a well-attended 'Gospel-music' concert, which led into Holy Week events such as a 'Healing and Wholeness' service and traditional Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Additionally, for children and families, we ran a "Messy Good Friday" event as an alternative to the more traditional Easter services. Along with participation in school assemblies, our spiritual care and nurture for children has been a vital ministry and public benefit to our community. The first half of 2023, culminated in a "Coronation Party" celebrating the crowning of King Charles III in May, and our "Children's Day" and BBQ along with a "Vintage Car" rally for the community in June.

During the summer, we held a children's holiday bible club called "Epic Explorers" and then took part in a community day in Maghera Walled Garden by setting up a BBQ stand.

As we kicked off the new church year in September, we did so by setting up a family "Prayer Trail" around the Rectory grounds and we held a "24-Hour Prayer" event, which invited members of the Parish and community to bring all their cares - spiritual, emotional, and practical, to God - for themselves, the Parish, and the community. All were welcome and St Lurach's Church remained open throughout the night to be accessible to everyone in Maghera and beyond.

Reaching out with the love of Jesus, we ran an Alpha course in September-October for those who wanted to find out more about Christian faith. Moreover, utilising the changing seasons, Harvest was celebrated with a "Big Breakfast", and special Harvest services in both churches in October. And as we moved into November, traditional services were held on Remembrance Sunday.

Children's ministry continued and increased throughout the year. From the Parish's Sunday School group restarting, to special events held for primary-age children such as a "Festival of Light" to coincide with All Hallow's Eve. Additionally, we hosted a children's Christmas party and enjoyed a children's Nativity Play.

In December, along with a return of the Parish Christmas dinner, a special series of events and services were held to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The theme was a "Christmas of Carols" during which we took all the favourite carols and used them to explain how they told the Christmas story. Such events included traditional church services, an ecumenical Carol service held in aid of "Cancer Research", a very successful "Community Carols by Moonlight" held in the Rectory grounds, a "Five Lessons and Carols" service at "Mullagh Court" sheltered housing, and a "Parishioner's Favourite Carols" service.

We believe that the Parish of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh has meaningfully delivered its aims and objectives. The charity listed as "St Lurach's Parish, Maghera" has given careful consideration to the 'Charity Commission for NI' guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the parish objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit to the wider community. All in all, we are pleased that our recovery from the effects and impact of COVID are palpable and we intend to carry forward all the good work done and completed by the end of 2023. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to all that 2024 will hold.

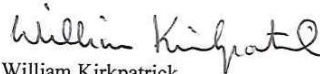
**Financial review**

During the year the charity made a net deficit of £324. This is shown on page 6 of the accounts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rev. Jonathan Brown  
Trustee



William Kirkpatrick  
Trustee

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104777

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# Annual return

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera**

I report on the financial statements for year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
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**PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd**  
**Chartered Certified Accountants**  
**122 Main Street**  
**Dungiven**  
**Co Derry**  
**BT47 4LG**

**Date :** 17th October 2024

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104777**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Trustees**

Stephen Richardson	Stephen Drennan
Elizabeth Davison	Hilary McKenzie
David Montgomery	Robert Rainey
Elizabeth Montgomery	Alistair McKinley
Adeleine Selfridge	Mervyn Hutchinson
Nigel Selfridge	Noel Booth
Pearl Moore	Alan Workman
Alana Shiels	Rev Jonathan Brown

**Address**

15 Church Street  
Maghera  
Co Londonderry  
BT46 5EA

**Accountants**

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA  
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As a result of activity, in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, St Lurach's Parish of Maghera 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera.

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

During the year the charity had receipts of £78,866 this includes monies from offerings, collections, donations, grants and income from investments.

To help achieve the advancement of the Christian religion and provide public benefit, the Select Vestry of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh, continued to share the truth and love of Christ in our community. Our vision statement: "A family that loves Jesus and has his heart for the world" is at the centre of all carried out by the Parish and charity.

During the first half of 2022, we were much in the recovery stage from COVID. Importantly, children's work was focused on continuing to enrich the lives of primary-school aged children. Although adults have suffered from isolation and loneliness throughout the pandemic, children, with as yet undeveloped social and relational skills have perhaps been more greatly impacted than we have realised. As such, our spiritual care and nurture for children has been a vital ministry and public benefit to our community. This was demonstrated and showcased in an "Easter Trail" in April, and a "Children's Day" in May.

Along with this attention to children, in June, multi-generational gatherings were facilitated with a "Bring-and-Share" lunch and setting up a BBQ-stall for a community day at the Maghera Wall Garden.

Our pace quickened as we moved towards the end of the summer. At the beginning of September, we held a "24-Hour Prayer" event, which invited members of the Parish and community to bring all their cares - spiritual, emotional, and practical - to God, for themselves, the Parish, and the community. All were welcome and St Lurach's Church remained open throughout the night to be accessible to everyone in Maghera and beyond. This preceded the launch of a community "Creation Trail" in September in the Rectory Grounds which was very well attended and proved a great success. Additionally, a hardship fund for those in need within the Parish was also established.

Utilising the changing seasons, Harvest was celebrated with a special lunch in October. And as we moved into November, along with welcoming the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday, we also held a "Remembering our Loved Ones" service on the same evening. The devastation which COVID has caused meant that there have been many bereavements during these last three years which were not properly or normally marked. Restrictions on funerals and the inability to gather together at such a time of loss and grief has created and exacerbated already deep wounds. So, this community service was for all to share their grief together at a special service to receive comfort and strength from one another and from the LORD our God.

Children's ministry continued and increased throughout the year. From the Parish's Sunday School group climbing from 11 to 19 each week, to special events held for primary-age children such as a "Festival of Light" to coincide with All Hallow's Eve. Additionally, we hosted a children's Christmas party and enjoyed the children telling "The Christmas Story" in St Lurach's in early December. Then in later December, there was a special "Christingle" Sunday focused on children and young families as part of our spiritual outreach into the community with the love of God

Along with a return of a Parish Christmas dinner, a special series of events and services occurred during December including Carol Services in both churches, a very successful "Community Carols by Moonlight" held at the Rectory, and a "Five Lessons and Carols" service at "Mullagh Court" sheltered housing.

In spite of the difficult last few years during the pandemic, we believe that the Parish of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh has meaningfully delivered its aims and objectives. The charity listed as "St Lurach's Parish, Maghera" has given careful consideration to the 'Charity Commission for NI' guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the parish objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit to the wider community. All in all, we are pleased that our recovery from the effects and impact of COVID are palpable and we intend to carry forward all the good work done and completed by the end of 2022. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to all that 2023 will hold.

**Financial review**

During the year the charity made a net deficit of £4,265. This is shown on page 6 of the accounts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Rev. Jonathan Brown  
Trustee

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Robert Rainey  
Trustee

Handwritten signature of Robert D. Rainey in cursive script.

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera**

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PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd

**PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
122 Main Street  
Dungiven  
Co Derry  
BT47 4LG**

**Date :** 17th October 2023

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offerings	61,700	-	61,700	50,984
Miscellaneous	1,635	-	1,635	1,530
Building fund	-	-	-	2,157
Rectory Fund	1,952	-	1,952	-
Special collections & donations	8,149	-	8,149	10,593
Rented walled garden	-	-	-	6,670
DFC Grant	-	-	-	7,935
Mid Ulster District Council - Walled Garden	1,126	-	1,126	-
Covid 19 aid	1,510	-	1,510	-
Land Rent	540	-	540	-
Interest	190	-	190	187
Dividends on investments	2,064	-	2,064	4,100
	<u>78,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,866</u>	<u>84,156</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rectory electricity	-	-	-	868
Rent for new rectory	-	-	-	6,075
Diocesan office	5,021	-	5,021	54,510
Electricity	3,496	-	3,496	-
Electricity for church	-	-	-	1,926
Heating oil	4,128	-	4,128	1,087
Insurance	3,820	-	3,820	3,838
Electricity for Upperlands Church Hall	-	-	-	204
Organist fee & organ expenses	1,250	-	1,250	-
Rector expenses	1,832	-	1,832	2,160
Printing & Stationery	1,094	-	1,094	443
Visiting rectors	300	-	300	95
Accountancy fees	312	-	312	288
Bank fees	236	-	236	237
Telephone	250	-	250	-
Catering costs	2,300	-	2,300	-
Church repairs	514	-	514	-
Sound system upgrade	681	-	681	-
Subscription	-	-	-	20
Upkeep & maintenance of rectory and grounds including Killelagh	7,440	-	7,440	6,079
Rectory refurbishment	47,924	-	47,924	40,442
Leighton Johnston Associates	-	-	-	221
Fields of life	288	-	288	288
Sunday school expenses	100	-	100	300
Sundry expenses	2,146	-	2,146	3,023
	<u>83,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,132</u>	<u>122,103</u>
<b>Payments for assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>83,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,132</u>	<u>122,103</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for the year</b>	<u>(4,265)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,265)</u>	<u>(37,947)</u>
<b>Reconciliation 31 December 2022</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 30 December 2021	144,237	-	144,237	182,184
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end	(4,265)	-	(4,265)	(37,947)
Cash at bank & in hand 31 December 2022	<u>139,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>
	139,972	144,237
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>139,972</u>	<u>144,237</u>

These financial statements accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Rev Jonathan Brown  
Trustee

Robert Rainey  
Trustee

*Jonathan Brown*

*Robert D. Rainey*

**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1 General information**

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**2 Statement of compliance**

These financial statements accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**3 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure

The financial statements accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**5 Taxation**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is registered as a charity for tax purposes with HM Revenue and accordingly is exempt from taxation.

**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104777

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# Annual report

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered Charity Name** Church of Ireland, Diocese of Derry & Raphoe,  
St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera

**Charity registration number** NIC104777

**Principal office** 15 Church Street  
Maghera  
Co Londonderry  
BT46 5EA

**The trustees**

Stephen Richardson	Stephen Drennan
Elizabeth Davison	Hilary McKenzie
David Montgomery	Robert Rainey
Elizabeth Montgomery	Alistair McKinley
Adeleine Selfridge	Mervyn Hutchinson
Nigel Selfridge	Noel Booth
Pearl Moore	Alan Workman
Alana Shiels	Rev Jonathan Brown

**Accountants** PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
122 Main Street  
Dungiven  
Co Derry  
BT47 4LG

**Structure, governance and management**

St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera is a charity managed by the trustees.

**Objectives and activities**

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

The principal function of St Lurach's Parish of Maghera is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Lurach's Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera 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 Lurach's Parish of Maghera.

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

During the year the charity had receipts of £78,866 this includes monies from offerings, collections, donations, grants and income from investments.

To help achieve the advancement of the Christian religion and provide public benefit, the Select Vestry of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh, continued to share the truth and love of Christ in our community. Our vision statement: "A family that loves Jesus and has his heart for the world" is at the centre of all carried out by the Parish and charity.

During the first half of 2022, we were much in the recovery stage from COVID. Importantly, children's work was focused on continuing to enrich the lives of primary-school aged children. Although adults have suffered from isolation and loneliness throughout the pandemic, children, with as yet undeveloped social and relational skills have perhaps been more greatly impacted than we have realised. As such, our spiritual care and nurture for children has been a vital ministry and public benefit to our community. This was demonstrated and showcased in an "Easter Trail" in April, and a "Children's Day" in May.

Along with this attention to children, in June, multi-generational gatherings were facilitated with a "Bring-and-Share" lunch and setting up a BBQ-stall for a community day at the Maghera Wall Garden.

Our pace quickened as we moved towards the end of the summer. At the beginning of September, we held a "24-Hour Prayer" event, which invited members of the Parish and community to bring all their cares - spiritual, emotional, and practical - to God, for themselves, the Parish, and the community. All were welcome and St Lurach's Church remained open throughout the night to be accessible to everyone in Maghera and beyond. This preceded the launch of a community "Creation Trail" in September in the Rectory Grounds which was very well attended and proved a great success. Additionally, a hardship fund for those in need within the Parish was also established.

Utilising the changing seasons, Harvest was celebrated with a special lunch in October. And as we moved into November, along with welcoming the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday, we also held a "Remembering our Loved Ones" service on the same evening. The devastation which COVID has caused meant that there have been many bereavements during these last three years which were not properly or normally marked. Restrictions on funerals and the inability to gather together at such a time of loss and grief has created and exacerbated already deep wounds. So, this community service was for all to share their grief together at a special service to receive comfort and strength from one another and from the LORD our God.

Children's ministry continued and increased throughout the year. From the Parish's Sunday School group climbing from 11 to 19 each week, to special events held for primary-age children such as a "Festival of Light" to coincide with All Hallows' Eve. Additionally, we hosted a children's Christmas party and enjoyed the children telling "The Christmas Story" in St Lurach's in early December. Then in later December, there was a special "Christingle" Sunday focused on children and young families as part of our spiritual outreach into the community with the love of God

Along with a return of a Parish Christmas dinner, a special series of events and services occurred during December including Carol Services in both churches, a very successful "Community Carols by Moonlight" held at the Rectory, and a "Five Lessons and Carols" service at "Mullagh Court" sheltered housing.

In spite of the difficult last few years during the pandemic, we believe that the Parish of St Lurach's, Maghera & Killelagh has meaningfully delivered its aims and objectives. The charity listed as "St Lurach's Parish, Maghera" has given careful consideration to the 'Charity Commission for NI' guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the parish objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit to the wider community. All in all, we are pleased that our recovery from the effects and impact of COVID are palpable and we intend to carry forward all the good work done and completed by the end of 2022. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to all that 2023 will hold.

**Financial review**

During the year the charity made a net deficit of £4,265. This is shown on page 6 of the accounts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 17 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Rev. Jonathan Brown  
Trustee

Robert Rainey  
Trustee

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**Maghera/St. Lurach's/Derry/Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE  
ST. LURACH'S PARISH OF MAGHERA**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Lurach's Parish of Maghera**

I report on the financial statements for year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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**Date :** 17th October 2023