

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

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**Trustees**

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

**Address**

15 Church Street  
Maghera  
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**Accountants**

PFS Accountants and Auditors Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
122 Main Street  
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**CHURCH OF IRELAND  
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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 Dī Stephen Drennan
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David Montgomery	Robert Rai Robert Rainey
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Adeleine Selfridge	Mervyn Ht Mervyn Hutchinson
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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

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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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**Date :** 17th October 2024

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**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>	-	-	-	-
<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>



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**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

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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.