

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

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Trustees	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

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

The trustees

Stephen Richardson - resigned 10.04.24	Stephen Drennan	Anne Crooks - appointed 10.04.24
Elizabeth Davison - resigned	Hilary McKenzie	Shirley Kirkpatrick - appointed 10.04.24
David Montgomery - resigned 10.04.24	Robert Rainey	Des McCready - appointed 10.04.24
Elizabeth Montgomery	Alistair McKinley	Heather O'Malley - appointed 10.04.24
Adeleine Selfridge	Mervyn Hutchinson - resigned 10.04.24	
Nigel Selfridge	Noel Booth	
Pearl Moore	Alan Workman - resigned	
Alana Shiels - resigned	Rev Jonathan Brown	
William Kirkpatrick	Philip Montgomery - resigned 10.04.24	
Jacqueline Moore	Aileen Riddle	

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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 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 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 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

Rev. J. Brown

William Kirkpatrick

**CHURCH OF IRELAND
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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 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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Date : 8th October 2025

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

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts				
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>
Payments				
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>
Payments for assets	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	<u>116,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,818</u>	<u>116,245</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	<u>3,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,787</u>	<u>(324)</u>
Reconciliation 31 December 2024				
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>

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

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

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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.