

Bellaghy/St Tida's/Derry/Church of Ireland
Trustees' Annual Report and Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charities Number: 104778

The trustees present the annual report and Assets and Liabilities Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland 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 Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of "Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland" 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 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, Our Parish has custody of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Worship and Prayer

Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland is keen to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our community can find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our weekly Sunday Services. As well as our regular Sunday Services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping.

Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland held their annual harvest thanksgiving service and carol service which was well supported by the parishioners of the church and visitors. These services were enjoyable thanks to those members and guests who provided special singing and readings from the Gospel.

Provision of Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The clergy have visited church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. For being of a small parish, Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland continues to strive to support other appeals and during the year.

Statement of Compliance

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review

Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland continues to improve financially for a small parish. The parish has 2 accounts:

Account No 1 [Main account] had a closing balance of £67,843 a decrease of £2,733 from the previous year.

Account No 2 [Repairs account] had a closing balance of £65,753 This account has not been used and the movement is due to bank charges.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the select vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Pay and remuneration

Where the Incumbent of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Parish, provide information that the incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, the curate, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating in the parish. Select vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

The select vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Anne Davison, Hon Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report of the accounts to Bellaghy/ St Tida's/ Derry/ Church of Ireland.
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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

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 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

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Ballyscullion Parish Church
Charity Registration No: NIC104778

Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Giving	28,113	24,813
Gift Aid	5,218	5,296
Covid Grant	-	1,510
Easter Appeal	310	-
Harvest Appeal	285	-
Diocesan Grant	2,000	
Orange Service	429	-
Graves	1,430	2,370
Donations	1,280	2,000
Interest	161	177
RCB Distribution	497	476
CIT Distribution	1,716	1,892
Conacre	1,800	1,800
Bishops Confirmation	-	136
MacMillan Cancer	370	500
Transfer	-	881
Pakistan Table Quiz	-	220
Girls Brigade	200	100
Bellaghy RBP	456	-
BBO	285	-
Royal British Legion	559	-
Total Income	<u>45,109</u>	<u>42,171</u>
Expenditure		
Organists	570	-
Repairs	142	100
Telephone	471	712
Accountancy	480	480
Insurance	1,591	1,487
Light, Heat & Power	5,143	8,320
Water Rates	335	317
Diocesan Assessment	33,380	30,624
Bishops Appeal	-	500
Royal British Legion	559	-
Sunday School	319	169
Rev Brian Honorarium	-	900
Envelopes	184	219
Bank Charges	131	128
Love/Faith/Hope	838	975
Orange Service	429	-
Flowers	357	40
Laptop & Projector	-	1,214
Confirmation Expenses	65	212
Coronation Expenses	999	-
Jubilee Cancer	-	740
First Aid	765	-
Bellaghy RBP	456	-
NHSCT Grant	370	-
Pakistan Table Quiz	-	571
General	258	506
Out & About Bus	30	-
Transfer	-	881
Total Expenditure	<u>47,872</u>	<u>49,094</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year ended 31 Dec 2023	<u><u>(2,764)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,923)</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

Bank and Cash Balance's	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Movement	Balance at end
Main Account	70,576	45,109	47,842	(2,733)	67,843
Repairs Account	65,783	-	30	(30)	65,753
	<u>136,360</u>	<u>45,109</u>	<u>47,872</u>	<u>(2,764)</u>	<u>133,596</u>

On behalf of the Trustee's

Mrs Anne Davison, Treasurer