

Bellaghy/St Tida's/Derry/Church of Ireland
Trustees' Annual Report and Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 2024.

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 £61,676 a decrease of £6,167 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 2024 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 2024, 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 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Giving	24,296	28,113
Gift Aid	5,052	5,218
Love, Faith & Hope	520	-
Easter Appeal	-	310
Harvest Appeal	-	285
Diocesan Grant	-	2,000
Orange Service	-	429
Graves	6,330	1,430
Donations	540	1,280
Interest	157	161
RCB Distribtution	539	497
CIT Distribution	1,742	1,716
Conacre	1,800	1,800
MacMillan Cancer	-	370
Walking Club	375	-
Girls Brigade	200	200
Bellaghy RBP	-	456
BBO	352	285
Royal British Legion	332	559
Total Income	<u>42,235</u>	<u>45,109</u>
Expenditure		
Organists	1,950	570
Repairs	573	142
Telephone	475	471
Accountancy	480	480
Insurance	1,709	1,591
Light, Heat & Power	4,115	5,143
Water Rates	383	335
Diocesan Assessment	34,682	33,380
Royal British Legion	60	559
Sunday School	1,083	319
Boys Brigade	136	-
Envelopes	202	184
Bank Charges	124	131
Love/Faith/Hope	775	838
Orange Service	-	429
Flowers	130	357
Returned Cheque	936	-
Confirmation Expenses	-	65
Coronation Expenses	-	999
First Aid	-	765
Bellaghy RBP	-	456
NHSCT Grant	-	370
Quiz Night	30	-
General	211	258
Out & About Bus	30	30
BBO	348	-
Total Expenditure	<u>48,432</u>	<u>47,872</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year ended 31 Dec 2024	<u><u>(6,198)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,763)</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

Bank and Cash Balance's	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Movement	Balance at end
Main Account	67,843	42,235	48,402	(6,167)	61,676
Repairs Account	65,753	-	30	(30)	65,723
	<u>133,596</u>	<u>42,235</u>	<u>48,432</u>	<u>(6,198)</u>	<u>127,398</u>

On behalf of the Trustee's

Mrs Anne Davison, Treasurer