

St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charities Number: NIC104863

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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References and Administrative Details

Charity Name: **St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland**

Charity Registration Number: NIC104863

Contact Address: Parish Administrator
c/o The Rector
The Rectory
1B Heathfield,
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Trustees

Ven. Robert Miller
Janice Quigley
Ellesmere Jarvis
Albert Brown
Avril Brown
Pamela McConnell
Howard McConnell
Brian Seaton
Ruth Kenwell
Anne Roulston
Eileen Mc Farland

Principal Office-Bearers

Clergy:	Ven. Robert Miller
Church Treasurer:	Brian Seaton
Church Warden – Clergy:	Albert Brown
Church Warden – People:	Howard Mc Connell

Independent Examiner

Irwin Thompson: 14, Cherry Drive, Eglinton, Co. Londonderry

Bankers

Ulster Bank Limited, Da Vinci Complex, Culmore Road, Londonderry. BT48 8JB

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. Peter'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 St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland is the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St. Peter'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 advancement of the Christian religion, St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland 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. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefits

St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland has weekly services on Sunday mornings, and also hold special services. This offers an environment of worship and prayer for the local community. Pastoral care is provided for parishioners and those in the wider community. The church is also engaged in mission in the local community and in the wider society.

A range of other activities is provided by St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland either by the church directly or through various church organisations, e.g. Choir, Sunday School, Mothers' Union, Thursday Luncheon Club, Badminton, Bowls.

There is an effective inter-church co-operation within the local community, including involvement with the Londonderry Churches Trust, the local Clergy, and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland continues to implement its charitable purposes (i.e. the advancement of religion) and meets the public Benefit requirement. Benefits to members of the public include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through the implementation of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Policy, regarding children; Adult Safeguarding, and Dignity in Church Life Policies.

Financial Review

The Parish income for the year 2023 is £39,145 (2022 £37,726.13) with outgoings of £46,581 (2022 £47,917) resulting in a deficit of £7,436. The main source of income is from free will offerings and gift-aid claims.

The bank balance at 31 December was £9,518.

The Trustee's policy on holding reserves is to hold a level of unrestricted funding to meet at least one year's running costs.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the Budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there 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 to the number of terms which may be served.

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, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the church wardens, 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 another 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 church wardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry met three times during the year.

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 the Statement of Receipts and Payments 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 a Statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

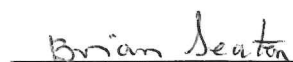
The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish, and hence for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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Ven Robert Miller (Rector)

Date: 21st Oct 2024



Brian Seaton (Hon Treasurer)

Date: 13th June 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Peter's Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 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 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.

Signed:  _____

Name: Mr Irwin Thompson

Address: 14 Cherry, Drive, Eglinton, BT47 WS

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Receipts				
Donations & Plate Collections	30,905	0	30,905	28,144
Bank Interest	1,585	0	1,585	1,531
Parish Centre Income	5,955	0	5,955	5,884
Other Receipts	700		700	607
Total Receipts	39,145	0	39,145	36,166
Payments				
Wages & Salaries	4,266	0	4,266	4,592
Diocesan Costs	19,890	0	19,890	16,844
Church Running Costs	5,805	0	5,805	12,707
Glebe Costs	3,250	0	3,250	3,107
Parish Centre Costs	8,930	0	8,930	4,821
Administration Costs	4,360	0	4,360	5,506
Sundries	80	0	80	340
Total Payments	46,581	0	46,581	47,917
By Balance –(Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(7,436)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(7,436)</u>	<u>(11,751)</u>

On behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1



ROBERT MILLER (CHAIR) 21st Oct 2024

Trustee 2

Brian Seaton.

LONDONDERRY/ST PETER'S CHURCH/DERRY/CHURCH OF IRELAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

ASSETS

Assets Retained for the Parish's own use

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Buildings</u>		
Church Hall	614,000	614,000
Rectory	140,000	140,000
	<u>754,000</u>	<u>754,000</u>

Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current Accounts	9,518	0	9,518	16,954
Total Cash Funds	<u>9,518</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,518</u>	<u>16,954</u>

Investment Assets

	2023 £	2022 £
Investments in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts	53,775	52,208
Total Investment Assets	<u>53,775</u>	<u>52,208</u>
Total Assets	<u>63,293</u>	<u>69,162</u>

On behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1  ROBERT S MILLER 21st Oct 2024

Trustee 2  Brian Senter

St. Peter's Derry Church of Ireland

Notes to the Accounts – Year Ended 31 December 2023

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

1 Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included in the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(a) Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise of:

- Church building
- Parish Centre
- Rectory

The church building is deemed to be a heritage asset as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The heritage asset is not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained as a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and the parish.

The Parish Centre was built in 1968. There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction for this building. The trustees have agreed to value the hall based on its insurance value. Any capital expenditure on the hall is expensed during the year.

The rectory is recognised at deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property. Any capital expenditure on the rectory is expensed during the year.

(b) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investments in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and then subsequently stated at fair value at each year-end date.

3 Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at 1 January 2023	16,954
Receipts for the Year	39,145
Payments for the Year	(46,581)
Total Cash Funds at 31 December 2023	9,518

4 Movement in Funds

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	0	0	0		0
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
General Fund No 1	6,322	26,056	(38,828)	12,429	5,979
In Memoriam No 2	5,312	7,192	0	(12,429)	75
Parish Centre No 3	5,320	5,897	(7,753)	0	3,464
Total Funds	16,954	39,145	(46,581)	0	9,518

5 Donations to Third Parties

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations to Third Parties	70	0

This is donation paid from church funds to third parties, as approved by the Trustees.

6 Transactions with Trustees

The parish paid expenses to 1 trustee during the year, £1039 to Ven Robert Miller as an extra stipend. No other trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.