

Trustees Annual Report

St Matthews Parish Church (NIC101244)

C/O The Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Carol Agnew
25 Ashgrove Park
Maghaberry
BT67 0QQ

1st January 2023 Until 31st December 2023

Trustees:

Rev Canon P.J. Galbraith, John Gray, Anthony Parkinson, Robert Lyons, Daphne Gray, Russell Best, Noel Agnew, Carol Agnew, Sylvia Briggs, William Briggs, Christina Coffey, Ernest Hayes, William Hobson, Connor Gray, Matthew Gray, Esther Johnston.

Finances:

Current Account	£ 83059.62
Special Reserve Account	£100843.42

- Income from Free Will Offering Envelopes has increased by 7.85%
- Income from Project Fund Envelopes has increased 4.23%
- Gift Aid has decreased by 1%
- Graveyard Maintenance has decreased by 54.16%
- Building Maintenance is decreased by 73.00%
- Electrical Costs have increased by 11.31%
- Heating Costs have increased by 6.37%

Income has increased against expenditure by £24077.18

All Invoices in 2023 were paid when received and in full.

The security and safeguarding of all monies are important to the Trustees and all money is counted and taken to the bank under dual control.

Management:

The Finances are managed by the Treasurer who reports back to the Trustees at Finance and Vestry Meetings on a monthly basis or in between if necessary.

Vestry members are elected each year at the Easter Vestry.

Purpose:

The principal function of the Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian Religion by promoting through the work of the Parish, the whole mission of the Church, Pastoral, Social and Ecumenical.

All the functions of the Parish relate to the advancement of Religion through holding regular worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners of all ages especially the sick and elderly and others in our community. The Parish has custody of many historical items. The maintenance of the various buildings is undertaken as a second charitable purpose, £20794.95 was spent on the upkeep of all the properties in 2023.

Public Benefit

The charity trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance. Regular worship and reaching out into the community as well as other activities both social and fund raising have been carried out through the year to fulfill our statement of Public Benefit.

A Defibrillator has been purchased by the Parish in 2023 for emergency use if so needed.

Money has been raised for Christian Aid, for the disadvantaged worldwide.

The hall is used regularly by other organisations for the good of the youth of the community.