The Church of Ireland

Ballinderry Parish Church

Charity Trustees' Annual Report

And

Receipts and Payments accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity No: NIC 101439

Ballinderry Parish Church

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Charity Registration No. NIC101439

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Honorary Treasurer:	Calwell Steele
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Trustees

Robin Black, Joan Blair, Mervyn Camlin, Trevor Cleland, Joan Crossey, David Cummings, Denis Ferguson, George Glover, Edyth Haddock, Evangeline Herd, Ian Megarry, Calwell Steele, David Steele, John Tuft, George Ussher.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Ballinderry Parish Church, for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.
The principal function of Ballinderry Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Ballinderry Parish Church 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, Ballinderry Parish Church has custody of property and of records, material and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of Ballinderry Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

Ballinderry Parish Church, including the historic Middle Church which is part of the European Heritage Day, is under the incumbency of the Reverend Trevor Cleland.
As a church we provide weekly services of morning prayer, which during the month will also include services of Holy Communion, and a Family Service. We also provide for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and pastoral support which includes hospital visitation, home visitation by the rector and a pastoral visitation team seeing the housebound, sick or bereaved.
For our children we run a weekly Sunday School. Also in partnership with CEF Ireland we run a Good News Club in the local primary school at Ballinderry, and in the summer we have an annual Holiday Bible Club in August for the local community.

For our other weekly activities, we have a Church Lads Brigade, and Guides (including rainbows, brownies, guides and rangers). There is a bowling club and a badminton club for adults. We have various study groups which consist of the Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday morning, a Wednesday night Bible Study and a Home Group Bible Study on Thursday evening. There are opportunities for people to meet for prayer weekly on a Sunday evening via zoom and in person monthly. The Ladies Fellowship and MUG (men's fellowship) meet through the year on a quarterly basis and as an outreach and support to the wider community there is a senior servers group providing food and fellowship for the elderly which meets on a bi-monthly basis.

As a parish we are active in raising funds and supporting the work of mission societies and various charities. We have mission partners whom we directly support as a parish in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Sunday School sponsor children in Ethiopia.
As a church we are represented on the board of governors at the two local primary schools. In Ballinderry Primary we have two transferor representatives including the rector who is chairman to the board, and in Ballycarrickmaddy Primary where there is one transferor representative.
Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with Safeguarding policies of the Church of Ireland.

For those who are housebound but equally to a wider audience and outreach our church services are available online via YouTube video.

Financial Review

The Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31 December 2025 and the financial position at that date to be satisfactory.
Expenditure consisted of normal church running costs and there were no major additional items of expenditure in the year. Many parishioners continue to pay directly into the church bank account by standing order (SO) while others continued to use the Free Will Offering envelopes. This continued to be the main source of our regular income. During the year £8461 was received from bequests and donations and plate and special collections rose by 16 per cent on the 2024 figures.

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 2025 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 Organisations. 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 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 of Trustees

Acting in his role as the Rector/Incumbent of Ballinderry Parish Church, the Rev Trevor Cleland received a stipend and office and locomotory expenses, in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. Two members of the select vestry each received a salary in their roles as groundsman and caretaker for the church, in accordance with figures approved by the chairperson and other Select Vestry persons. No other trustees receive any remuneration from Ballinderry Parish Church.

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 incumbent), the church warden, the rector's warden and generally not more than twelve members of the general vestry elected at a General Vestry.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how parish funds are to be applied.

In 2025 the Select Vestry met 11 times during the year. There were 10 standard monthly meetings and an exceptional one item agenda meeting. The average attendance at these meetings was 89%. The Select Vestry met every month with the exception of July and August.

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' Responsibility

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipt 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

Trustee 1 David Steele

Trustee 2 Denis Ferguson

Date 2 June 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF BALLINDERRY PARISH CHURCH

I report on the accounts of Ballinderry Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8-12

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 the 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

John Cupples
Honorary Examiner

Dated 27 July 2026

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	**Unrestricted Funds 2025 £**	**Restricted Funds 2025 £**	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Donations & plate collection	90800	20460	111260	105933
Gift Aid	17509	2953	20462	19899
Hall Donations	937	-	937	1156
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	3277	-	3277	2925
Legacies inc RCB/CITI	3261	5200	8461	3718
Bank & Deposit interest	100	12	112	155
Investment income	4374		4374	1372
Grants	3459	0	3459	1051
Other receipts	620	2312	2932	4116
Receipts from Parish Organisation's	9209	-	9209	6585
				-
Total Receipts	133546	30937	164483	146910
Payments				
Wages and salaries	64512		64512	62044
Diocesan costs/Assessment	21904		21904	20601
Church Running Costs	32690	17843	50533	33462
Adminstration costs	6079		6079	8657
Charitable Donations	-	19633	19633	19484
Payments from Parish Organisations	8221		8221	4489
				-
Total Payments	133406	37476	170882	148737
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers	140	-6539	-6399	-1827
Transfers	-10585	10585	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers	**-10445**	**4046**	**-6399**	**-1827**

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 David Steele

Trustee 2 Denis Ferguson

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	24533	19288		43821	50842
Deposit Accounts	93798			93798	89424
Total Cash Funds	118331	19288		137619	140266
Investment Assets					
RCB (Book cost £7,304)				34479	31654
CITI (Book Cost £9835)				17304	16876
Total Investment Assets				51783	48530
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Centre	250000			250000	250000
Glebe House	265000			265000	265000
Fixture and Fittings					
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	515000			515000	515000

On behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 David Steele

Trustee 2 Denis Ferguson

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

1. **Accounting Policies**

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.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account
All items of income and expenditure included with the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

- Church Building (known as Middle Church) and Graveyard
- Church Building (known as Parish Church)
- Parish Hall
- Rectory

Middle Church (a Plantation Church) and Graveyard was consecrated in 1668, and this church along with Upper Church (which was built in 1824 at a cost of £2,200) are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are 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 at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The parish hall had a valuation carried out on 6 May 2023 by Alan Newell Estate Agents, and was valued at £250,000. No depreciation has been provided on the parish hall as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Glebe House had a valuation carried out on 6 May 2023 by Alan Newell Estate Agents, and was valued at £265,000. No depreciation has been provided on the glebe house as the current residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

- Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Parish.
- Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Parish.

Investments

RCB Unit Trusts Nominal £7304
CITI Unit Trusts Nominal £9835
RCB & CITI unit trusts are valued at 31 December 2025

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the Year	140267
Receipts for the Year	164483
Payments for the Year	170882
Total Cash Funds at End of the Year	**133868**

3. Movements in Funds

Restricted Funds	**At 1 Jan 2025**	**Incoming Resources**	**Outgoing Resources**	**Transfers**	**At 31 Dec 2025**
	£	£	£	£	
Fabric Fund a/c	9555	7298	6138	2210	12925
Missions a/c	2417	9611	18395	7880	1513
Middle Ch a/c	3716	3562	2924	495	4849
Sunday School					
Sub total	**15688**	**20471**	**27457**	**10585**	**19287**
Unrestricted Funds					
General a/c	29309	130429	135204		24534
Organisations a/cs	5846	9209	8221		6834
Deposit a/cs	89424	4374			93798
Sub total	**124579**	**144012**	**143425**	**-10585**	**114581**
Total Funds	**140267**	**164483**	**170882**	**0**	**133868**

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Fabric Fund :- a fund to provide for the maintenance of the church property

Missions:- monies for donations to charitable activities

Middle Church :- a fund for burial fees etc and for maintenance of the Middle church property

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

4. Collections for Third Parties

Expenditure details	2025 £	2024 £
Sams	1700	1700
ICM	2140	2600
Crosslinks Mwangi's	3000	2000
CEF	1500	1500
Leprosy Mission	1560	1730
Open Doors	1260	1200
Operation Rescue	2043	1275
Tearfund	1200	1200
Agape	0	300
CMJ	700	700
Church Army	500	600
Bible Society	250	250
Revival Movement	250	250
Good News for Everyone	150	150
Barnabus Fund	45	500
CoI Orphans	489	390
Growing Young Disciples	1050	910
Baby Basics	0	305
Mercy Ships	60	230
Air Ambulance	0	311
Bibles for Babies	60	0
Messy Church	94	0
TEFF	344	0
	18395	**18101**

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under 2025 and in Payments for the Year under 2025

5 Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid expenses of £4151 relating to the running costs of the glebe house which is occupied by the rector. No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

6. Governance Costs

There were no governance costs during the year.