

# **THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, STONEYFORD**

Charity registration number: NIC101441

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> December 2024**

**Rector – Rev. John Farr**



**Rector's Churchwarden**

**Mr Desmond McCourt**

**Peoples' Churchwarden**

**Mrs Donna Morrow**

**Honorary Secretary**

**Mrs Jennifer Kennedy**

**Honorary Treasurer**

**Mr Jason McCourt**

# St. Johns Parish Stoneyford

## 2025 Easter General Vestry election

### Wardens

- Desmond McCourt – Rectors Church Warden
- Zelda Hearst – Rectors Glebe Warden
- Donna Morrow – Peoples Church Warden
- Terrence Smyth – Peoples Glebe Warden

### Vestry Members

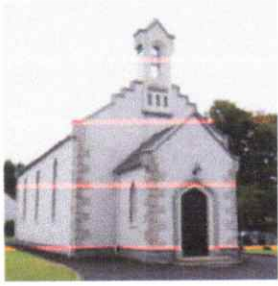
- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
- Pamela Geddis
- Sharon Harbinson
- Peter Hunt
- Jennifer Kennedy (Hon. Secretary)
- Barry King
- Nicola McCann
- Avril McCleary
- Jason McCourt (Hon. Treasurer)
- Norma Parker
- Rebecca Smyth

### 2023 Parochial Nominators

- Desmond McCourt
- Norma Parker
- May Finlay (supplemental)
- Owen Finlay (supplemental)

### 2023 Diocesan Synod Member

- May Finlay
- Owen Finlay
- Rebecca Smyth
- Avril McCleary (supplemental)
- Donna Morrow (supplemental)



## **STONEYFORD PARISH ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**I would like to thank you for your continuing support over the past year as Priest-in-charge of St John's and assure you of my ongoing commitment to Stoneyford Parish in the future. I would especially like to thank the wardens, Donna, Zelda, Dessie and Terence, Treasurer, Jason, Secretary, Jennifer and all the members of the Select Vestry who have been instrumental in building and maintaining the Parish here in Stoneyford.**

**Thanks go to our Organist Rosemary for leading us in our Praise along with Andrew, Sophie and Lucy to support Rosemary in this Ministry going forward. Lucy will be completing her Organ Scholarship in June.**

**.I would also like to take the time to thank those whose ministry in the Church is not as obvious. Those who keep the grass cut in the graveyard and grounds, keep the graveyard regulated, clean the church and hall, help with the Summer Kids club etc. etc.,. The 'Lawn Rangers' headed up by Vicar's Glebe Warden Zelda and her team of volunteers have continued the maintenance of the Church grounds for the past year. A fantastic Ministry which all can appreciate and an opportunity for everyone to get involved in serving in the church.**

**The excellent giving in Stoneyford continues as is the tradition in this hard-working Parish allowing the increase of God's Kingdom both in the fabric of the buildings and in the Gospel mission. St John's continues to work with Mission Partners such as Christian Aid, CMS, CEF, Crosslinks etc in order to share in the wider work of Christ's church incarnate here on earth. .**

**I would like to pay tribute to the work of the Stoneyford Community and Youth Association for the great seniors clubs they run in the Parish Hall. I know that many of our members enjoy participating in these activities along with the wider community. We are always glad to support them in their events and activities in the Community when we can.**

It has been great to have our hall and vestry repainted last summer, a special word of thanks to Mark and his Dad for the great job they did.

We still have good numbers tuning into our services online, a valuable resource for those unable to get to Church for Sunday services, Funerals and Weddings. I would like to thank all those who have made this continuing ministry possible, in particular, Jason, Jennifer, Lyndsey, Sarah, Claire, Dessie, Caroline and Rebecca for their time and talents. We are open to more Volunteers for these jobs.

On a sadder note, we have had 4 funerals in the Parish over the past year, Roy Lewis, Derek Smyth, Hilda Canning and Annie McDonald, Peoples church warden for over 30 years and stalwart of St John's. Their families are still very much in our thoughts and prayers.

It just leaves me to wish you all a blessed year to come in St John's, Stoneyford.

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.”* Psalm 127

Yours in Christ,



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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St. Johns Parish Church Stoneyford**

I report on the accounts of the St John's for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Charities Act 2011. It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65(3a) of the Charities Act NI 2008.
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 67 of the Charities Act NI 2008.
3. 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 63 of the Charities Act NI 2008 and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 of the Charities Act NI 2008.

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 the Charities Act NI 2008.
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 NI 2008 and Charities Act 2011.
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.

*Leslie Howe* 21-5-2025

Leslie Howe FCCA  
Falconer Stewart Ltd - Accountants  
Date:

248 Upper Newtownards Road  
Belfast  
BT4 3EU

## The Parish of St John Stoneyford

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	2024
<b>INCOME</b>		
Freewill Offering	£	33,488
Weekly Plate Collection	£	1,094
Tax Refund- Gift Aid	£	6,088
Tax Refund- Gift Aid Small donations	£	1,830
Easter Gift Day	£	757
Childrens Day	£	282
Harvest Thanksgiving	£	1,092
Use of Church Hall	£	2,450
Gift Aid envelope	£	82
Rent of Rectory	£	8,351
Appeals	£	2,275
Graveyard	£	1,625
Fundraising	£	1,725
Investment Inome-RCB	£	841
Terence Smyth- Glebe Rent	£	700
Offerings misc	£	140
Council Grant	£	13,660
FWO 2023 money lodged in 2024	£	10,209
	<b>£</b>	<b>86,689</b>

## The Parish of St John Stoneyford

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	2024
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Stipend, etc</b>		
Clerical Stipend	£	33,528
Diocesan Support - Clergy Pension Fund	£	1,097
Visiting Clergy	£	310
	<b>£</b>	<b>34,935</b>
<b>Rectory Costs</b>		
Rectory Expenses	£	2,552
<b>Organist(s) Fee</b>		
Organist(s) Fee	£	2,270
<b>Diocesan Levy (ies)</b>		
Diocesan General Fund	£	4,655
	£	4,655
<b>Premises etc</b>		
Insurances	£	2,129
Light & Heat	£	1,968
Church Expenses & Internet	£	4,062
Church Hall Expenses	£	7,824
Church Activities	£	300
General Expenses	£	563
Retiring / special collections	£	873
Donations / Charity	£	3,554
	£	21,274
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Accountancy Fee	£	300
Fundraising expense	£	50
Stationery and Postage	£	301
Sunday School	£	60
Bank Fees	£	387
	£	1,098
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>66,785</b>
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>19,904</b>

## The Parish of St John Stoneyford

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2023	2024
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
St James Place Wealth Management	£ 85,602	£ 91,790
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors & Prepayments		£ -
Ulster Bank Ltd		£ 37,530
Ulster Bank Ltd - Big Account		£ 46
Cash on hand		£ 7,074
		<u>£ 44,650</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accruals		£ -
Diocesan General Fund		£ -
		<u>£ -</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES</b>		<u>£ 44,650</u>
<b>NET ASSETTS</b>		<u>£ 44,650</u>
<b>REVENUE RESERVE</b>		
Brought forward		£ 24,746
Surplus/deficit for year		£ 19,904
		<u>£ 44,650</u>
<b>FUNDS EMPLOYED</b>		<u>£ 44,650</u>

These Financial statements on pages 1-4, were approved at a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 and where signed on its behalf by:-

Mr. J. McCourt 

Honorary Treasurer

Rev. John Farr 

Chairman

year ended 31 December 2024			Free Will Offering	Easter Gift Day	Children's Day	Harvest	Gift Aid	Total
1	Abbott	Mr & Mrs Albert	506.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	145.50	726.50
2	Adams	Mr & Mrs Kenneth	325.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	90.00	455.00
3	Bickerstaff	Mr & Mrs Paul	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Campbell	Mr & Mrs Jennifer	60.00	20.00	-	10.00	36.25	126.25
5	Canning	Mrs Hilda	400.00	-	-	-	121.25	521.25
6	Canning	Mr & Mrs Robert	360.00	-	20.00	-	110.00	490.00
7	Canning	Mr & Mrs David	25.00	-	-	-	-	25.00
8	Dawson	Mrs Coral	450.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-	465.00
9	Farr	Mrs Angela	1,050.00	2.30	1.50	2.01	271.73	1,327.54
10	Finlay	Owen & Mae	2,080.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	-	2,140.00
11	Gawley	Mrs Margaret & Mr George	375.00	20.00	-	10.00	-	405.00
12	Geddis	Mr & Mrs Jim	510.00	-	-	20.00	120.00	650.00
13	Geddis	Mr & Mrs Robert	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
14	Gilmore	Linda Jayne	40.00	-	-	-	-	40.00
15	Greer	Mr & Mrs Mark	150.00	-	-	20.00	47.50	217.50
16	Harbinson	Mr Trevor & Mrs Sharon	660.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	75.00	785.00
17	Hearst	Mrs Zelda	664.00	140.00	-	125.00	187.38	1,116.38
18	Johnston	Mr & Mrs Terry	200.00	-	-	20.00	47.50	267.50
19	Kennedy	Mr Brian & Mrs Jennifer	310.00	10.00	-	-	83.75	403.75
20	Kennedy	Miss Rebecca	5.00	-	-	-	-	5.00
21	King	Mr. Barrie	490.00	10.00	-	20.00	130.00	650.00
22	Lowry	Mr & Mrs Stanley	540.00	10.00	-	10.00	152.50	712.50
23	Lowry	Mrs Elanor	250.00	5.00	-	10.00	-	265.00
24	McCandless	Mr & Mrs William	363.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	111.25	534.25
25	McCandless	Miss Lisa	95.00	-	-	10.00	21.25	126.25
26	McCann	Mr & Mrs Kenny	260.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	72.50	362.50
27	McCleery	Mrs. Avril	480.00	10.00	-	20.00	132.50	642.50
28	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Hall	825.00	-	-	200.00	252.50	1,277.50
29	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Desmond	910.00	20.00	-	20.00	282.50	1,232.50
30	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Jason	530.00	50.00	20.00	100.00	165.00	865.00
31	McDonald	Mrs Annie	260.00	50.00	10.00	-	415.00	735.00
32	McMillan	Mr & Mrs Wallace	150.00	-	-	-	105.00	255.00
33	Mitten	Mr & Mrs Dennis	490.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	-	560.00
34	Morrow	Mr Glen & Mrs Donna	540.00	20.00	-	40.00	140.00	740.00
35	Morrow	Mr & Mrs Mark	55.00	-	-	-	15.00	70.00
36	Morrow	Miss Emma	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
37	Parker	Mr Sam & Mrs Norma	775.10	100.00	20.00	100.00	257.00	1,252.10
38	Scott	Mr & Mrs William	520.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	550.00
39	Scott	Mr & Mrs John	270.00	-	-	20.00	-	290.00
40	Scott	Miss Lynn	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Smyth	Mr Terrance & Mrs Dorothy	1,040.00	50.00	20.00	100.00	310.00	1,520.00
42	Watson	Mrs May	320.00	10.00	-	10.00	-	340.00
43	Watson	Mrs Beryl	90.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	95.00	245.00
44	Watson	Mr John	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
45	Whiteside	Mr Gary and Mrs Sharon	131.00	20.00	-	-	-	151.00
46	Willis	Mr Mark & Mrs Ruby	200.00	-	-	-	72.50	272.50
47	Willis	Mrs Oonagh	220.00	20.00	-	-	35.00	275.00
48	Willis	Miss Sorana	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
49	Armstrong	Mrs Suzanne	5.00	-	-	-	2.50	7.50
50	Woods	Miss Claire	43.00	10.00	-	-	-	53.00
51	Woods	Mr & Mrs William	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00
52	Woods	Morgan & Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Wright	Mrs Elaine	165.00	20.00	-	5.00	40.00	230.00
54	Berry	Miss Rachel	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Canning	Mr & Mrs Trevor	80.00	-	-	-	-	80.00

56	Johnston	Ms Denise	35.00	-	-	-	-	35.00
57	Crawford	Ian (William David)	245.00	-	-	-	-	245.00
58	Webb	Mrs Stacey	45.71	-	-	-	-	45.71
59	Brown	Mrs Helen	405.00	-	10.00	10.00	82.50	507.50
60	Smyth	Mrs Ivy	110.00	-	20.00	20.00	-	150.00
61	Watson	Mrs Susan & Mr Declan	20.00	-	-	-	-	20.00
	Abbott	Mr & Mrs Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Abbott	Mrs Georgina	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Abbott	Mr Sidney Jnr	50.00	-	-	-	12.50	62.50
	Berry	Mr Keith	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Berry	Mr Victor	40.00	-	-	-	10.00	50.00
	Black	Mr Clive	-	-	-	-	33.75	33.75
	Boyd	Mrs Evelyn	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Bushe	Mrs M A	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Canning	Mr & Mrs John	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Canning	Mrs Anne	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Coulter	Mr Raymond	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Collins	Stephen	60.00	-	-	-	-	60.00
	Dane	Mark & Heather	200.00	-	-	-	-	200.00
	Davies	Mrs Georgina	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
	Dawson	Mr Sam	365.00	-	-	-	112.50	477.50
	Dawson	Mr George	300.00	-	-	-	75.00	375.00
	Dawson	Mr John	1,000.00	-	-	-	250.00	1,250.00
	Dawson	Miss Olwyn	60.00	-	-	-	-	60.00
	Dawson	Mr & Mrs Richard	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Dawson	Mr Winston	500.00	-	-	-	125.00	625.00
	Dawson	Mrs Kate	150.00	-	-	-	-	150.00
	Donald	Mr & Mrs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Farr	Rev John	3,000.00	20.00	-	-	750.00	3,770.00
	Farr	Miss Victoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Farr	Miss Cathy Ann	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fenton	Rev Wallace	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ferguson	Mr David	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Gordon	Mr & Mrs Derek	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
	Gracey	Mrs Margaret	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Graham	Rev. Fred	50.00	-	-	-	12.50	62.50
	Green	Mr John & Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Gregg	Nigel & Joan	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Harbinson	Mr Mark & Mrs Lisa	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Harmer	Mr. Kenneth	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hildritch	Mrs Margaret	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hudson	Mrs Joan	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hunter	Mrs Lucy & John	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Johnston	Mrs Marlene W	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Kennedy	Mrs Jean	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Kernaghan	Mrs Caryl	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Leader	Mrs Sarah	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
	Leckey	Mr Brendan & Mrs Florence	400.00	-	-	-	-	400.00
	Leckey	Mr & Mrs Colin	100.00	-	-	-	30.00	130.00
	Leckey	Mr Trevor	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
	Leckey	Mr & Mrs William	250.00	-	-	-	50.00	300.00
	Lewis	Mr Roy & Anne	40.00	-	-	-	-	40.00
	Lewis	Mr Neil	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lowry	Mr Keith & Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr & Mrs Brian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr Stanley	-	-	-	-	-	-
	McCourt	Mr William	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00

McCullough	Mrs Vivien	-	-	-	-	-	-
McGreehan	Mr Michael	-	-	-	-	-	-
McIlroy	Trina & Kenny	-	-	-	-	-	-
McKinstry	Mr Ian	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLoughlin	Mrs Annie	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Mitten	Mr & Mrs Robert	360.00	-	-	-	107.50	467.50
Mormechecha	Mr Michael	120.00	-	-	-	30.00	150.00
Moulds	Mr Terry	300.00	-	-	-	-	300.00
Moulds	Mr Alwyn & Jane	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
Neil	Mr Jim	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirk	Mrs Nicole	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Redhead	Mrs Sylvia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richardson	Mr William Jnr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richardson	Mr & Mrs Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reid	Mrs Gail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott	Mr Mervyn	100.00	-	-	-	25.00	125.00
Sharkey	Mrs Margaret	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Smith	Mrs Carol	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith	Claire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith	Josephine	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
Smyth	Mrs Dorothy	200.00	-	-	-	-	200.00
Smyth	Miss Rebecca	180.00	-	-	-	-	180.00
Smyth	Mr William & Jenny	250.00	-	-	-	-	250.00
Smyth	Mr Desmond	-	-	-	-	125.00	125.00
Speers	Mr Philip	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevenson	Mr Mairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevenson	Miss Andrea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watson	Mr Colin & Mrs Arlene	720.00	-	-	-	180.00	900.00
Watson	Mr Robert	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00
Watson	Mr & Mrs Tom	240.00	-	-	-	-	240.00
Wright	Mr & Mrs David	-	-	-	-	-	-

