



Reaching the Lost, and Building the Church, for God's Glory

St Aidan's Parish Church
Blythe Street
Belfast
BT12 5HX

Trustees' Annual Report

For year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC101978

Trustees' Annual Statement

References and Administrative Details

Charity Name:	St Aidan's Parish Church
Charity Registration Number:	NIC101978
Correspondence Address:	St Aidan's Parish Church Blythe Street Belfast BT12 5HX
Trustees':	Venerable Barry Forde Rev Ross Mungavin (From 1 st July 2023) Mrs E. Adair Mrs B. Bowden Mr A. Campbell Mrs M. Close Mrs D. Coates Mrs E. Collins Mr J. Collins Mrs M. Couchman Mr R. Griffin Mr S. J. Griffin Mrs A. Hunter Mr J. Hunter Mr E. Murray Mr R Redpath Mrs A. Richardson Mr A Serplus
Principle Office-bearers Clergy:	Venerable Barry Forde Rev Ross Mungavin (From 1 st July 2023)
Honorary Secretary:	Vacant
Honorary Treasurer:	Mrs D. Coates
Independent Auditor	Mr Peter Grant 31 Masket Drive Carrduff Belfast BT8 8QP
Bankers	Danske Bank 49-51 University Road Belfast BT7 1ND

Financial Review

As of the 31st December 2023 St Aidan's Parish Church held 5 accounts with Danske Bank, all with balances outlined in the table below.

Account	Balance
No.1	£2000.51
No.2	£34523.87
No.3	£25443.91
Curateage	£52303.05
Website Donations	£15121.90

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 31st December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. The Select Vestry members elected by the parish are the Charity Trustees'.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

All members of the Church of Ireland who are aged 18 and over, are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere and have become accustomed members of the parish for at least three months, may register as members of the General Vestry of the Parish. Registered General Vestry Members are allowed 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 an Annual General Vestry Meeting and 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. The maximum number of Select Vestry members is 16 excluding clergy.

Pay and Remuneration

Since August 2022 the parish is part of the Inner South Belfast Mission Area, along with St Simon's and St Mary Magdalene. As a result, all 3 parishes pay a proportion of the salaries directly to the Diocese of Connor for one member of clergy who resides in St Aidan's Rectory, and a shared Community Outreach Worker with St Mary Magdalene. The Parish paid a total of £28710.30 with no expenses.

- and will continue to look to inviting all in our communities to such gatherings. Special services were also held across the Grouping for the Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme, and the local Sandy Row Orange Lodge
5. Outreach and mission – we have developed a new vision statement of 'reaching the lost, building the church, for God's glory'. The work of the church is to its local community and we are seeking to build new connections alongside those already developed in our area.
 6. Community engagement – we engage regularly with Blythefield Primary School, with clergy on the rota for school assembly visitations and representatives of the parish on the Board of Governors
 7. Pastoral care – the pastoral care of parishioners is of utmost importance, attending in particular to those who are hospitalised, housebound, and recently bereaved. Clergy attend to funerals in the area, providing services in the home, the funeral home, or the parish as and when required

Increasingly our activities are shared and promoted by all three parishes and include the Thursday afternoon club, the Thrift Shop and a Baby Club and Mother and Toddler groups organised by our Family Worker in conjunction with Sure Start based in St Mary Magdalene.

The parish continues to support Christian charities as part of our mission disbursements, whilst many of our parishioners supported Christian mission agencies and charities. We continue to promote generosity and support for charities as part of the disciple of Christian living.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, the Statement of Income and Expenditure, and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

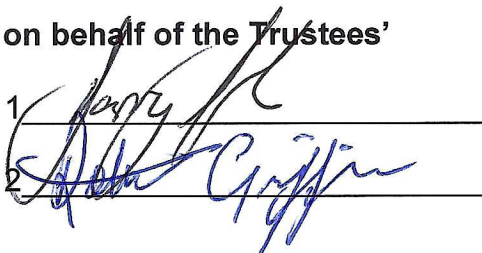
The law applicable to Charities in Northern Ireland with income less than £250,000.00 requires the Trustees to prepare the Statement of Income and Expenditure, and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parishes 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

Trustee 2

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