

**Church of Ireland
Parish of Ramoan, Ballycastle**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charities Number: 102908

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References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: 102908

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Hon. Secretary	Mrs M McMullan		

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The Trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Church of Ireland, Parish of Ramoan for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Aims and Purposes

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of the Parish of Ramoan is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish, 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, the Parish of Ramoan 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 Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

Objectives and Activities

All of the functions of the Parish relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communication with and caring for parishioners and others in our community and in the wider world.

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. We are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our churches and make use of our Parish Centre, increasing social interaction and giving and receiving pastoral care at the point of need.

To ensure this work is carried out in comfortable surroundings maintaining the fabric of our two churches and Parish Centre.

The churches also provide space for quiet contemplation. During 2022 the opening of the churches for this purpose was resumed after restrictions were lifted relating to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

No harm arises from the activities and purposes of the church and the beneficiaries are the general public.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Select Vestry as trustees seek to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our Parish and community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These services are designed to engage and encourage the participation of all attendees regardless of age or church affiliation. Our aim is to make everyone feel welcome and experience the love of Jesus through the expression of our Worship.

During 2022 with the gradual lifting of restrictions relating to the COVID 19 pandemic we have been able to return to in-person worship with a gradual increase in the numbers attending public worship. We have continued with the live feed streaming of our services on social media. This allowed those still isolating and those who are still anxious about returning to in-person worship the opportunity to worship with us.

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Pastoral Care

Providing pastoral care to our parishioners and wider community is seen as one of the most important roles of our Rector. Priority is given to those who are ill, housebound, or living alone. The easing of restrictions allowed for more personal contact with our parishioners who needed support.

The Parish Prayer group provides a prayer list which is distributed throughout the Parish where those who would like people to pray for them can ask to have their names added to the list.

Pastoral Care is also provided for young families and those in need.

All pastoral care is provided in confidence.

Children and Young People

The Parish provides learning and worship opportunities for children and young people so that they may grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith. One of the areas that is highlighted is the need to reach out into the community and further afield.

Our Sunday School Children support a number of children through a Northern Ireland based charity in Africa.

The Select Vestry as Trustees ensures that the Parish adheres to the child protection requirements of Safeguarding Trust ensuring that all those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults are vetted through Access NI and receive adequate training. Our Children's ministry has shown a gradual increase in numbers attending after the disruption of the previous years.

Mission and Evangelism

The Parish supports the work of various charities such as the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal and Christian Aid in their work overseas and in the wider community. A Bi-Monthly newsletter is provided to every family in the Parish and wider afield which highlights Parish and community events. It is also available on our website. The newsletter also includes items of a spiritual nature and prayers.

Using the mediums of Facebook and the Parish Website we endeavour to keep our parishioners and wider audience updated daily as to what is going on in our Parish.

In December 2022 the Parish held a Christmas Tree Festival over 4 days, involving many people and organisations from the community. It proved to be a great success with people visiting the event from not only the local community but from further afield as well.

Buildings and Heritage Development

Our Parish Buildings Restoration Programme continues with the final work being completed at Holy Trinity.

The Trustees have care of five properties which require a programme of continued maintenance.

In addition to this the Trustees are also responsible for maintaining an historic graveyard which due to its layout requires considerable expenditure for grass cutting etc to provide safe access for relatives visiting graves as well as the general public.

The Trustees continue to employ a Parish Administrator to deal with the additional workload generated by the Parish Centre and to support the Rector with the Parish administrative duties.

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Financial Review

The Trustees report a net decrease in unrestricted cash funds of £23,864 for 2022, which is in line with expectations.

We are pleased to report that income generated from direct giving, donations, fundraising and use of the parish centre increased significantly on the previous year.

A number of planned repairs, improvement & restoration projects were carried out during the year, the cost of which was drawn from our unrestricted funds. These included the church bell repair, graveyard wall repair & new gates. In addition the final bill for the refurbishment of Holy Trinity (£70768) was paid out of restricted funds".

The sale of development lands raised net proceeds of £652,080. This has been added to our capital cash reserves. It is the Trustees intention that a portion of the proceeds of this sale will be used to fund the renovation or rebuild cost of the Rectory in the near future.

Reserves

At the 31st December 2022, the parish held unrestricted cash funds of £168,543 of which £6,327 was set aside for building maintenance & £3,123 for Sunday school purposes.

The Parish has substantial assets, reserves and investments vested with RCB & CIT for the purposes of future capital expenditure should the need arise. The Trustees conclude that the financial position of the Parish is satisfactory.

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 end 31st December 2022 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

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 on the number of terms which may be served.

Pay and remuneration.

The incumbent receives a stipend from the Parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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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 churchwardens, 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 other 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 churchwardens. During the year the Select Vestry met on 10 occasions and the average attendance was 95%.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

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Statement as to disclosure to our auditors / examiners


In so far as the Trustees are aware at the timing of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The Independent examiner, M G Ramage, FCA has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Vestry Meeting.

On Behalf of the Trustees

 27.3.2023

Rev David Ferguson
Rector

 27/3/23

Mrs J McBride
Honorary Treasurer

Date:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Church of Ireland, Ramoan Parish

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 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 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. 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 the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Date: 26-4-2023

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Regular Giving & Collections	54,741			54,741	50,576
Donations & Legacies	5,154			5,154	1,000
Special Collections	1,989			1,989	40
Parish Centre	10,360			10,360	5,983
Fundraising	9,775			9,775	
Property Rentals	6,389			6,389	6,356
Investment Income	60,280	3,572		63,852	58,316
Culfeightrin Parish	12,332			12,332	
Other Income	3,731			3,731	2,443
Grant income	12,669			12,669	17,874
Parish Organisations		2,493		2,493	550
Sale of investment	7,600			7,600	
Sale of property		660,000		660,000	75,750
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>185,020</u>	<u>666,065</u>		<u>851,085</u>	<u>218,888</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Stipend & Staff	80,356			80,356	93,997
Diocesan assessments	14,077			14,077	14,747
Repair & Upkeep	61,465			61,465	1,721
Heat, Light & Power	15,947			15,947	14,792
Administration	17,073			17,073	16,713
Sunday School	3,671			3,671	7,474
Charitable Donations	4,637			4,637	1,331
Rental Property upkeep	1,658			1,658	3,931
Parish Organisations		4,024		4,024	33
Purchase of investments	10,000			10,000	
Refurbishment Costs		70,768		70,768	600
Property Sale Costs		7,920		7,920	4,124
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>208,884</u>	<u>82,712</u>		<u>291,596</u>	<u>159,463</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments before transfers	(23,864)	583,353		559,489	59,425
Transfers between funds					
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments for the Year	(23,864)	583,353		559,489	59,425
Cash funds brought forward	192,407	81,844		274,251	214,826
Cash funds carried forward	168,543	665,197		833,740	274,251

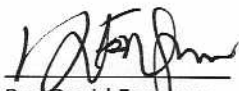
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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash Funds						
Current Accounts		92,468	3,051		95,519	73,105
Deposit Accounts		76,075	662,146		738,221	201,146
Total Cash Funds	2	168,543	665,197		833,740	274,251
Investment Assets						
Investment Property			275,000		275,000	525,000
Equities						6,631
RCB Unit Trusts		9,436	1,716,032	328,383	2,053,851	2,203,277
CIT Unit Trusts				10,056	10,056	11,479
NI Central Invest. Fund				108,252	108,252	123,282
Total Investment Assets	3	9,436	1,991,032	446,691	2,447,159	2,869,669
Assets retained for the Parish's own use						
Holy Trinity Refurbishment			668,399		668,399	612,978
St James Refurbishment			773,300		773,300	790,888
Parish Centre			1,060,219		1,060,219	1,084,819
Rectory			250,000		250,000	250,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	4		2,751,918		2,751,918	2,738,685

The notes on pages 10 to 12 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27/3/2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev David Ferguson
Rector

Mrs J McBride
Honorary Treasurer

Date: 27.3.2023

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

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

Church Building and Graveyard

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). The original costs of these Heritage assets are unknown. The churches have been recently restored and are recognised at the cost of restoration.

Parish Centre

Ramoan Parish Centre is recognised on the balance sheet at cost of construction.

Rectory

The original cost of the Rectory is unknown. It is recognised on the balance sheet at fair value based on independent professional advice.

All property is vested in trust with the Representative Church Body.

Depreciation has been provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or valuation, less residual value of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Heritage Asset restoration	50 Years
Parish Centre	50 Years

(ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties & lands, equities and RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each balance sheet date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

2. Movement in Cash Funds

	At 1 Jan2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec2022 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	172,601	153,033	(118,541)	(48,000)	159,093
Building Fund	6,132	28,867	(76,672)	48,000	6,327
Sunday School	13,674	3,120	(13,671)		3,123
	<u>192,407</u>	<u>185,020</u>	<u>(208,884)</u>		<u>168,543</u>
Restricted Funds					
Capital Fund	77,262	663,572	(78,688)		662,146
Bowling Club	1,766	1,329	(504)		2,591
Women's Fellowship	2,816	1,164	(3,520)		460
	<u>81,844</u>	<u>666,065</u>	<u>(82,712)</u>		<u>665,197</u>
Endowment Funds					
Bequests					
Total Cash Funds	<u>274,251</u>	<u>851,085</u>	<u>(291,596)</u>		<u>833,740</u>

3. Movement on Investment Funds

	Valuation 1 Jan 2022 £	Transfers In £	Transfers Out £	Valuation Adjustment £	Valuation 31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	<u>6,631</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(6,631)</u>	<u>(564)</u>	<u>9,436</u>
Restricted Funds					
Capital Fund	<u>2,374,377</u>		<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(133,345)</u>	<u>1,991,032</u>
Endowment Funds					
Bequests	<u>488,661</u>			<u>(41,970)</u>	<u>446,691</u>
Total Investment Funds	<u><u>2,869,669</u></u>	<u><u>10,000</u></u>	<u><u>(256,631)</u></u>	<u><u>(175,879)</u></u>	<u><u>2,447,159</u></u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

Building Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the repair and maintenance of Church buildings and Parish Centre.

Sunday School Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Sunday School.

Capital: The capital fund comprises property owned by the Parish, and investments funded by previous property and glebe land sales. These assets are held in trust by either the Representative Church Body or Church of Ireland Trustees. The Parish has restricted access to these funds for approved property capital expenditure only. Investment income is paid to the Parish to defray general operating costs.

Parish Organisations: Funds raised by Parish organisations through membership fees and fundraisers etc. are set aside to cover the organisation's running costs. The Parish has no access to these funds for general use.

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Bequests: Legacies and bequests are invested and held in trust by RCB or Church of Ireland Trustees. The Parish has no access to the capital value. Annual investment income is paid to the Parish under the terms of the endowment to defray general Parish costs, e.g. stipend, grave upkeep, etc.

Ramoan School Teachers Residence: The proceeds of the sale of the former residence are invested and held in trust. The terms of the trust stipulate that 75% of the investment income be paid to the Parish for Sunday School purposes. The Parish has no rights to the capital.

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4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Holy Trinity Restoration	St.James' Restoration	Parish Centre	Rectory	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	696,565	879,462	1,229,987	250,000	3,056,014
Additions	70,768				70,768
Disposals					
At end of the year	<u>767,333</u>	<u>879,462</u>	<u>1,229,987</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>3,126,782</u>
Depreciation					
At beginning of the year	83,587	88,574	145,168		317,329
Depreciation	15,347	17,588	24,600		57,535
Disposals					
At end of the year	<u>98,934</u>	<u>106,162</u>	<u>169,768</u>		<u>374,864</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>612,978</u>	<u>790,888</u>	<u>1,084,819</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>2,738,685</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>668,399</u>	<u>773,300</u>	<u>1,060,219</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>2,751,918</u>

5. Collections for Third parties

	2022 £	2021 £
Bishops' Appeal	1,838	40
Mothers Union	151	
	<u>1,989</u>	<u>40</u>

The amounts above have been included in receipts for the year under 'Special Collections' and in total payments for the year under 'Charitable Donations'

6. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Key management are deemed to comprise the Trustees. One trustee was paid a total of £42,220 for salary & expenses during the year.