

ST LUKE'S PARISH CHURCH, MULLAGLASS

Annual Report and Statement of

Receipts and Payments

And Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC104092

St Luke's Parish Church, Mullaglass

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ST Luke's Parish Mullaglass

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Newry/Mullaglass/St Luke the Evangelist/Armagh/Church of Ireland

Charity Registration Number: NIC104092

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Trustees

Mr William Conn, Mrs Sharon Conn, Mrs Irene Dawson, Mrs Gloria Hutchinson, Mr Jim Irwin, Mr Mark Irwin, Mrs Michelle Irwin, Mrs Doris Megarity, Mrs Judith Newman, Mr Stephen Revels, Mr Don Revels, Mrs Muriel Revels.

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev APS Synnott
Church Treasurer: Mrs Michelle Irwin
Rectors Church Warden: Mr Don Revels
Peoples Church Warden: Mr Stephen Revels

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Luke's Parish Church, Mullaglass for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Luke's Church of Ireland Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Luke's 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, the St Luke's Church of Ireland Parish 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 select vestry of the St Luke's Church of Ireland Parish.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St Luke's Parish Church, Mullaglass normally meets each Sunday morning at 10am for worship.

During the year we were able to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and with the help of a grant from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council we were able to mark the occasion with a special Church Service and a celebratory lunch afterwards in the Church Hall.

190 years ago, in October 1833, our church was officially dedicated to St. Luke the Evangelist. To mark this momentous occasion, we held a special service on Sunday 22nd October 2023. The service was followed by a historical exhibition of the Church and the local Mullaglass area from 1833 to the present day which proved to be very interesting.

Fund raising this year came in the form of a vinted afternoon tea, BBQ & quiz, antique fair and the Christmas wreaths making a grand total of £5,361.04 for Church funds.

We also raised £440 for CMS at our big breakfast on Easter Sunday. After the suffering in Turkey & Syria due to the earthquake, an appeal was put out from the Bishops, as always our parishioners were very generous and we raised £455 for this noble cause.

With regard to the disabled access and repainting of the Church, the Select Vestry are still exploring grant funding to help with this as we would be unable at this moment in time to fund this ourselves.

On a sad note, we were sorry to lose two of our esteemed members Mr John Templeton and Mr Gordon Sutton, they will be sadly missed from our Sunday Services.

May God Bless each and everyone in the Parish and may he continue to guide Alan and his ministry team in the way they deliver God's word to us all. Again we would like to thank you all for everything you do for the Parish either by your help, your thoughts, your prayers and most of all just the fellowship we all share together in the parish with God and each other.

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.

Financial Review

With the continued support of all our parishioners and friends in our community who help to support us either by weekly giving or by attending our fund-raising activities our income for the year was £38,871.19. We made charitable donations of £3475.00. Our expenditure for the year was £32,016.18 and our bank balance at the end of the year was £27,976.72. More detail can be seen in the receipt and payments account after the auditor's report.

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 2023 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 Organisation. 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

Where the incumbent of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Parish, provide information that the incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the member of clergy serving in the parish, 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 was chaired by our Rector Rev Alan P S Synnott. 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 members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry meetings had an average attendance of 85%.

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' Responsibilities

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

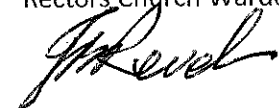
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

The examiner Noel Conn FCA has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning his reappointment will be proposed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Don Revels
Rectors Church Warden



30th October 2024

Michelle Irwin
Hon. Treasurer to the Select Vestry



Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St Luke's Parish Church, Mullaglass

I report on the accounts of St Luke's Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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. 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.



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Chartered Accountant
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Date

24th October 2024

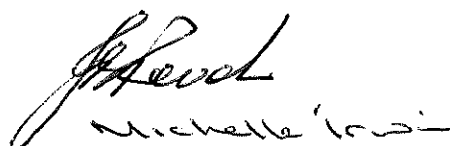
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations & plate collection	32485			32485	28135
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	5801			5801	3958
Investment Income	85			85	91
Proceeds from Grants	500			500	0
<u>Total Receipts</u>	38871	-	-	38871	32184
<u>Payments</u>					
Diocesan Costs	14026			14026	13226
Church running costs	10655			10655	11627
Glebe costs	675			675	570
Parish Hall Costs	2106			2106	10084
Administration costs	1043			1043	879
Charitable Donations	3475			3475	3594
<u>Total Payments</u>	32016	-	-	32016	39980
Excess of Receipts over Payments For the year	6855	-	-	6855	(7796)

On Behalf of the Trustees

Don Revels Rectors Churchwarden

Michelle Irwin Hon. Treasurer to the Select Vestry



Michelle Irwin

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	27977			27977	21124
Deposit Accounts			720	720	718
Total Cash Funds	27977	0	720	28697	21842

Investment Assets					
Investments in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts	13190	0	0	13190	13190
Total Investment Assets	13190	0	0	13190	13190

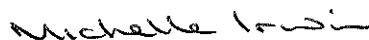
Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Parish Hall	580000	0	0	580000	580000
Total Assets retained for The Parish's own use	580000	0	0	580000	580000

On behalf of the Trustees

Don Revels Rectors Churchwarden



Michelle Irwin Hon. Treasurer to the Select Vestry



Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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 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
- Parish Hall
- Glebe House

The Church Building and Graveyard 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 cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

The Parish Hall is recognised at cost of construction, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31.12.22. No depreciation has been provided on the parish hall buildings as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

II. Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment properties, investments in equities (ordinary shares) and investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date. Investments in unquoted investments are recorded at cost and are assessed annually for impairment.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at beginning of the year	21,842
Receipts for the year	38,871
Payments for the year	<u>32,016</u>
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	<u>28,697</u>

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 st Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 st Dec 2023 £
Endowment Funds					
Various Bequests	<u>718</u>	2	0	0	<u>720</u>
Total Funds	<u>718</u>	2	0	0	<u>720</u>

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Income from these bequests of Louise Nelson, Mr & Mrs R J Revels, Stanley & Nora Revels, Mr & Mrs Ralph Revels and Mrs Phyllis Sneddon are to be used for Church upkeep.

4. Collections for Third Parties

	2023 £	2022 £
CMS Ireland	765	510
Hospice Appeal	130	180
Bishops Appeal	<u>700</u>	<u>904</u>
	<u>1595</u>	<u>1594</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under "Donations and plate collection" and in Payments for the year under "Charitable Donations".

5. Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid expenses of £675.00 relating to the running costs of the glebe house which is occupied by the rector.

The Church does not own this property but pays a share as part of the parish grouping.

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

Governance costs of £1043.00 were incurred during the year of which £216.00 relates to fees paid to the independent examiner. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.