

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH
BALLINDERRY

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of
Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

Charities Number:-

NIC104347

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Annual Report and Financial **Statements for the Year** **Ended:-**

31st December 2024

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References and Administrative Details

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Charity Registration Number:- NIC104347
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Mrs Jayne Francis	Mr Danny Robinson	Mr Edmund Davis
Mr Adam Davis	Mr Ivan Hardy	
Mr Richard Davis	Mr Joseph Hardy	
Mr George Buick	Mrs Andrea Givans	

Principal Office-Bearers

Clergy:- Vacant
Church Treasurer:- Mr Ivan Hardy
Church Warden – Clergy:- Mr Adam Davis
Church Warden – People:- Mrs Andrea Givans

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report **for the year ended:-**

31st December 2024

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. John's Parish Church Ballinderry for the year 31st December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of The Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the St. John's Parish Church Ballinderry, 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, St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry 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 St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Advancement of the Christian Religion.

The Parish Church exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of public worship are held on Sundays throughout the year at 12.15pm. Holy Communion is celebrated once a month and Morning Prayer (Holy Baptism as requested) for the other Sundays of the month. Weekday services such as Mothers' Union Holy Communion, Ash Wednesday Service, Harvest Service and Confirmation with Holy Communion take place in the Parish Church. Holy Week Services focusing on the central pillar of the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus occur each year.

The Parish is in the terminology of the Church of Ireland, mostly 'resident' members with a small number of 'accustomed' (persons living outside the parish boundary) members. The average number of parishioners in 2024 for Sunday worship would be 22. This is a relatively small parish and the range of parishioners is from 5yrs to 85yrs.

Worship and Pastoral Care.

The Parish Church is chosen by parishioners to mark significant events in their family life. In the course of 2024 the following took place – Holy Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services. Other Pastoral Care, such as visiting the sick at home or in hospital was carried out on a regular basis as and when required.

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

Financial Reports are reviewed throughout the year and a review on completion of the Annual Accounts.

Total Receipts (£75,022) for the year ended 31st December 2024 exceeded Total Payments (£47,217) by £27,805 increasing the total cash funds held to £84,537 from £56,732. (Pages 8-9).

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 2024 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. 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 Rector is not paid directly by the parish. A quarterly assessment is paid to the Diocesan Office which comprises of the following five elements:-

- Sustentation (Stipends and Locomotory Allowances)
- Expenses of Office Allowance
- "Employers" National Insurance Contributions
- "Employers" Clergy Pension Fund Contribution
- Diocesan Expenses Account

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 church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry at the 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.

The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or churchwardens. In 2024 the Select Vestry met four times during the year and the average attendance was 95%.

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 Trustee's 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 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

Iuan Hardy

Trustee 2

D Robinson

Date:- 14.10.2025

Independent Examiners Report to the Charity Trustees of St John's Parish Church Ballinderry

I report on the accounts of St John's Parish Church Ballinderry for the year ended 31st December 2024, 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 preparation of the accounts from 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 the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: Seamus O'Neill FCA
Name: **Seamus O'Neill FCA**

Date: 14 October 2025

**Weir & Co. Chartered Accountants
23 High Street, Moneymore, BT45 7PA.**

St John's Parish Church Ballinderry
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations & plate collection	33,070	-	-	33,070	33,620
Gift Aid Refunds	6,784	-	-	6,784	7,176
Proceeds from Fund Raising Event	10,507	-	-	10,507	9,489
Rental of Lands	1,400	4,563	-	5,963	5,963
Receipts from Parish Organisations	2,244	-	-	2,244	2,563
Other Receipts	1,320	210	-	1,530	911
Legacies	2,888	-	-	2,888	2,471
Rental of Premises	7,826	-	-	7,826	6,261
Grants	2,728	1,400	-	4,128	3,150
Bank & Deposit Interest	2	80	-	82	610
	68,769	6,253	-	75,022	72,214
<u>Payments</u>					
Diocesan Costs/Assessment	17,901	-	-	17,901	19,346
Church Running Costs	7,882	-	-	7,882	10,531
Glebe Costs	88	386	-	474	1,191
Parish Centre Costs	3,816	-	-	3,816	2,294
Administration Costs	7,380	204	-	7,584	5,165
Charitable Donations	2,130	-	-	2,130	4,736
Rectory Costs	3,282	-	-	3,282	1,619
Outbuilding Costs	3,443	-	-	3,443	1,556
Special Events	705	-	-	705	655
Bank & Deposit Interest	-	-	-	-	1,557
Total Payments	46,627	590	-	47,217	48,650
Transfers					
	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over payments					
For the year	22,142	5,663	-	27,805	23,564

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

Trustee 2

Ivan Hardy

D Robinson

Date: 14.10.2025

St John's Parish Church Ballinderry
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>					
Current Accounts	78,517	6,020	-	84,537	56,732
Total Cash Funds	78,517	6,020	-	84,537	56,732
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Loan Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Total Loan Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	78,517	6,020	-	84,537	56,732
<u>Assets retained for the Parish's own use</u>					
Church Building & Graveyard	Heritage	Asset	Note 1	-	-
Parish Hall			Note 1	581,962	554,250
Glebe House (Rectory)			Note 1	500,000	434,787
Glebe Lands			Note 1	282,900	282,900
Outbuildings			Note 1	105,237	100,226
Parish Lands			Note 1	94,100	94,100
				1,564,199	1,466,263
<u>Investment Assets</u>					
Kimberley Cottage			Note 1	124,814	118,871
				124,814	118,871
<u>Total Assets</u>				1,689,013	1,585,134

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 I Hardy

Trustee 2 D Robinson

Ivan Hardy

D Robinson

Date: 14.10.2025

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

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
- Glebe Lands
- Outbuildings
- Parish lands
- Fixtures and Fittings

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 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 is recognised at the estimated fair value of the property at 31.12.2024, valuation is taken from insurance schedules. No depreciation has been provided on the Parish Hall building as the current residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Outbuildings, Glebe House & Kimberley Cottage are recognised at the estimated fair value of the properties at 31.12.2024, valuation is taken from insurance schedules.

Glebe Lands

These lands comprising of 11.45 Hectares are valued using regional agricultural land costs.

Parish Lands

These lands comprising of 3.81 Hectares are valued using regional agricultural land costs.

Fixtures and fittings are recognised at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 5 years.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024
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2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total Cash Funds at 01/01/2024	56,732	33,168
Receipts for the Year	Page 8 75,022	72,214
Payments for the Year	Page 8 (47,217)	(48,650)
Total Cash Funds at 31/12/2024	<u>84,537</u>	<u>56,732</u>

3. Movement in Funds

	At 01/01/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 Dec2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
Glebe Lands	357	6,253	(590)	-	6,020
	<u>357</u>	<u>6,253</u>	<u>(590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,020</u>
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
Designated Rectory Building Fund	1,391	6,414	(39)	(1,491)	6,275
General Fund	54,984	62,355	(46,588)	1,491	72,242
	<u>56,375</u>	<u>68,769</u>	<u>(46,627)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,517</u>
Total Funds	<u>56,732</u>	<u>75,022</u>	<u>(47,217)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,537</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

- Glebe Lands: This is a fund set up to receive money for rent of Glebe Lands and for expenditure incurred in relation to these lands.

Purposes of Designated Funds

- Rectory Building Fund: This is a fund to provide the finance for payment of the loan for the new Rectory.

4. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Christian Aid	333	145
Cancer focus	200	258
Royal British Legion	100	100
Friends of the cancer centre	-	2,700
Donkey sanctuary	-	145
Lough Neagh rescue	-	500
RAF Wings appeal	50	50
Bishops Appeal	200	260
Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society	166	320
Charis cancer care	167	-
Hospice Sunday	150	-
Belfast children's hospital	500	-
LEMOOS	264	258
	<u>2,130</u>	<u>4,736</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under Donations & Plate Collection and in Payments under Charitable Donations.

5. Transactions with the Trustees

No Trustee received any remuneration or re-imbusement 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

No governance costs were incurred during the year.