

# **Altedesert Parish Church**

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

**Charities Number:-**

NIC104357

# **Altedesert Parish Church**

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

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

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# **Altedesert Parish Church**

## **References and Administrative Details**

**Charity Name:** Altedesert Parish Church  
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## **Trustees**

Mr Harry Brown	Mrs Ruth Barnes	Mr David Black
Mr William George McCausland	Mr Ronnie Matthew Smyth	Mrs Adele Stewart
Mrs Shirley Boyd	Mrs Hazel Margaret Fiona McElmurray	Mrs Christine Watt
Mr Thomas Charles Watt	Mr Gareth Boyd	Mr Graeme Clarke
Mr Colin Stewart	Mr Noel Sinnamon	Mrs Thelma Sinnamon
Mr Eric Lyttle		

## **Principal Office-Bearers**

**Clergy:-** Vacant  
**Church Treasurer:-** Mrs Thelma Sinnamon  
**Church Warden – Clergy:-** Mrs Hazel Margaret Fiona McElmurry  
**Church Warden – People:-** Mr Gareth Boyd

## **Independent Examiner**

Seamus O'Neill FCA  
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# **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended:-**

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

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Altedesert Parish Church for the year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The principal function 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 is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose

## **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 10.15am. 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 Mid-week 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 2021 for Sunday worship would be 35. This is a relatively vibrant parish and the range of parishioners is from a few months to 90yrs.

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 – Funeral services and Baptisms.

The Rector visits parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, or in residential/nursing homes. She celebrates The Holy Communion with those unable to attend the Parish Church at Christmas and Easter, and at other times as requested.

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 (£32,615) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 were exceeded by Total Payments (£33,254) by £639, decreasing the total cash funds held to £72,553 from £73,192. (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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9 times during the year and the average attendance was 74%.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

Altedesert Parish Church 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:-**

Thelma Semmanor

**Trustee 2:-**

Hazel McKinnon

**Date:-**

31-3-25

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Charity Trustees of Altedesert Parish Church**

**I report on the accounts of Altedesert Parish Church 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; and,
- 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; and,
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: 31 March 2025**

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

**Altedesert Parish Church****Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations & plate collection & Gift Aid Rebate <b>Note 3</b>	23,678	-	-	<b>23,678</b>	25,513
Fundraising	974	-	-	<b>974</b>	50
Rental of Lands	1,527	-	-	<b>1,527</b>	1,526
Other Receipts – Mid Ulster Council	300	-	-	<b>300</b>	-
Grant income – energy support NI	360	-	-	<b>360</b>	1,200
Bequests	2,468	-	-	<b>2,468</b>	1,208
Rental of Premises	3,120	-	-	<b>3,120</b>	3,120
Bank & Deposit Interest	188	-	-	<b>188</b>	309
	<b>32,615</b>	-	-	<b>32,615</b>	32,926
<b>Payments</b>					
Diocesan Costs/Assessment	14,232	-	-	<b>14,232</b>	14,175
Church & Hall Running Costs	4,758	-	-	<b>4,758</b>	4,537
Remuneration	1,380	-	-	<b>1,380</b>	1,400
Administration Costs	3,351	-	-	<b>3,351</b>	2,360
Maintenance Costs	9,198	-	-	<b>9,198</b>	13,572
Charitable Donations	148	-	-	<b>148</b>	282
Bank Charges	187	-	-	<b>187</b>	170
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>33,254</b>	-	-	<b>33,254</b>	36,496
<b>Excess of Receipts over payments</b>					
<b>For the year</b>	<b>(639)</b>	-	-	<b>(639)</b>	<b>(3,570)</b>

**On Behalf of the Trustees****Trustee 1:-***Thelma Dunne***Trustee 2:-***Hazel McElmurry***Date***31-3-2025*

**Altedesert Parish Church**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>					
Current Accounts	72,553	-	-	72,553	73,192
Total Cash Funds	72,553	-	-	72,553	73,192
<b><u>Investment Assets</u></b>					
Benjamin Henry Isaac Sinnamon Bequest	-	-	289,335	289,335	284,061
Other bequests	-	-	29,110	29,110	27,748
Total Investment Assets	-	-	318,445	318,445	311,809
<b><u>Assets retained for the Parish's own use – Note 1</u></b>					
Church Building & Graveyard	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Hall	524,513	-	-	524,513	524,513
Glebe House (Rectory) & Lands	631,648	-	-	631,648	631,648
Fixtures & Fittings	19,500	-	-	19,500	26,602
<b>Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use</b>	<b>1,175,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,175,661</b>	<b>1,182,763</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,248,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,445</b>	<b>1,566,659</b>	<b>1,567,764</b>

**On Behalf of the Trustees**

**Trustee 1:-**

**Trustee 2:-**

**Date:**

*Thelma Simons*  
*Hazel McKelvey*

31.03.2025

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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
- 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 Glebe House & Parish Hall are recognised at deemed cost, being the value placed on each of the properties for insurance purposes. No depreciation has been provided on these as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Glebe lands comprising of 13 Acres are valued using regional agricultural land costs of £10,000 per acre.

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

### **2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds**

	£	£
Total Cash Funds at 01/01/2024	73,192	76,762
Receipts for the Year	Page 8 32,615	32,926
Payments for the Year	Page 8 (33,254)	(36,496)
Total Cash Funds at 31/12/2024	<u>72,553</u>	<u>73,192</u>

### 3. Donations & plate collection

	2024	2023
FWO	17,507	16,710
Gift aid	3,459	3,011
Harvest appeal	2,360	2,448
Other income	104	733
Poppy appeal	148	-
Donations re late Sidney Boyd	-	900
Gas & electric reimbursement	-	1,131
Hall donations	100	580
	<b>23,678</b>	<b>25,513</b>

### 4. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Assets & Investments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec2024 £
<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>						
Benjamin Henry Isaac Sinnamon Bequest	284,061	-	-	5,274	-	289,335
Other bequests	27,748	-	-	1,362	-	29,110
	<b>311,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,445</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>						
General Fund	1,255,955	32,615	(33,254)	(7,102)	-	1,248,214
	<b>1,255,955</b>	<b>32,615</b>	<b>(33,254)</b>	<b>(7,102)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,248,214</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,567,764</b>	<b>32,615</b>	<b>(33,254)</b>	<b>(466)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,566,659</b>

#### Purposes of Endowment Funds

- Benjamin Henry Isaac Sinnamon Bequest: Interest earned is to be invested and the income used as necessary for the repair exclusively of Altedesert Parish Church and any income not spent each year is to be added to the capital fund.

## 5. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Poppy Appeal	148	96
Bishop's appeal	-	130
Niamh Louise foundation	-	56
	<u>148</u>	<u>282</u>

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

## 6. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered in to by the charity during the year.

## 7. Governance Costs

No governance costs were incurred during the year.