
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
& ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104859

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity registration number	NIC104859
Trustees	Rev Nigel Cairns Deirdre Amor Robert Amor Julie Bell <i>(resigned 25/04/2024)</i> Drew White Noel Glenn Chloe Guthrie Maureen Neely Robert Lynch Ivan Taylor Alan Neely George Patterson Hazel Philson David Ferguson Alywn Robinson Sandra McConnell Gordon McCrabbe Austin Smith <i>(appointed 25/04/2024)</i>
Principal Office Bearers	Clergy: Rev Nigel Cairns Treasurer: Drew White Secretary: Deirdre Amor People's Churchwarden: Maureen Neely Rector's Churchwarden: Chloe Guthrie People's Glebewarden: George Patterson Rector's Glebewarden: Robert Lynch
Address	St Augustine's Church 8 Palace Street Londonderry BT48 6PS St Augustine's Rectory 25 Dunnwood Park Londonderry BT47 2NN
Independent Examiners	Moore (NI) LLP 21/23 Clarendon Street Londonderry BT48 7EP
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 27 Culmore Road Londonderry BT48 8JB

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Charity Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Augustine's Church Londonderry, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of St Augustine's Church Londonderry is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Augustine's Church Londonderry 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 Augustine's Church Londonderry has custody of property and of records, material and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of St Augustine's Church Londonderry.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

St Augustine's Church Londonderry is on the historic walls of the city. The church is a heritage venue and is open to visitors on a seasonal basis, and in pre-covid years circa 28,500 visitors per year were welcomed. The church is also a member of the Heritage Venues Group for the city and works collaboratively with other heritage groups to provide diverse and cross community visitor experiences which supports the strategic direction of DCSDC for increasing footfall to the city.

As a church we provide twice weekly services of divine worship, which during the month will include services of Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, and All Age Worship. We provide for rites of passage - baptisms, weddings, funerals - and provide pastoral support which includes hospital visitation, and home visitation by the rector. The café ministry provides a valuable conduit for receiving prayer requests from the wider community at large and from tourists. Tourists can also make prayer requests if they visit the church.

For our children we run a weekly Kidz Klub (Sunday School). Other regular activities are Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, LEAH (lunching for the elderly and housebound) and the St Augustine's Youth (STAY).

Fund raising through catering events, concerts and a monthly market have continued to be an important way of supplementing our income, together with modest rental income from one church property.

Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with Safeguarding Trust policies of the Church of Ireland.

We continue to explore methods of sustaining the heritage that is St Augustine's for future generations.

Financial Review

The Charity Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31 December 2024 and the financial position at that date to be satisfactory.

This year, there was a continued emphasis on important remedial work, as well as bringing a team of trustees together to review and plan for the ongoing maintenance of the church properties in the longer term and in a more systematic way.

Following substantial work to the grounds adjoining the premises of St Augustine's, and it there has been the added benefit of improved access to the buildings.

St Augustine's Church was pleased to partner Art Arcadia and Music Capital during the year.

Reserves policy

The Trustees believe that unrestricted funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level at least equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. Maintaining Reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the Parish's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of Reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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Designated Funds

The Trustees have set aside funds within unrestricted funds in a designated fund in the amount of £91,495 at the year-end towards the upkeep of Church properties.

Going Concern

The Charity 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 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 Trustees

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and 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 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 of Charity Trustees

The Incumbent of the Parish, Rev'd Nigel Cairns, acts as Chairperson and is paid by via the Diocesan Assessment with is levied on the Parish. No other Charity Trustees receive any remuneration from St Augustine's Church Londonderry.

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 incumbent), the church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve members of the general vestry elected at a General Vestry Meeting.

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.

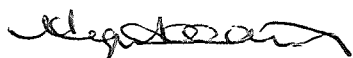
Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those 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 applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees



Rev Nigel Cairns
Trustee

Date: 30/04/2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

We report on the accounts of St Augustine's Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

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 our 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 our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Moore (NI) LLP

Moore (NI) LLP
Chartered Accountants
Date: 30/04/2025

21/23 Clarendon Street
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BT48 7EP

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024


<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Envelope Scheme and Covenant Subscriptions</u>				
Envelopes	54,951	-	54,951	51,421
Gift Aid Recovered Income Tax	27,541	-	27,541	-
Collections (Loose Plate)	4,609	-	4,609	3,908
Gift Aid Recovered Income Tax (Loose Plate)	4,000	-	4,000	-
<u>Other Income</u>				
Bequeathed Interest	10,090	-	10,090	3,572
In Memoriam	30	-	30	1,615
Derry City & Strabane District Council – Heritage, Animation & Visitors Fund (Promotions)	-	6,992	6,992	17,242
Representative Church Body Grant	-	300	300	-
Special events	865	-	865	1,015
Bishop's Appeal	-	310	310	440
Property Hire (Church & Halls)	7,374	-	7,374	3,650
Rental income - Cottage	-	-	-	3,300
Rental income – Art Room	2,400	-	2,400	3,600
Other Collections	360	-	360	402
Donations from Church Visitors	3,900	-	3,900	-
Donations (General)	1,835	-	1,835	5,697
Donations (Fabric Fund)	28,735	-	28,735	43,834
Vintage Fair	710	-	710	1,955
Café	3,408	-	3,408	3,308
Catering	2,206	-	2,206	-
VAT Refund	913	-	913	-
Diocese COVID support	-	-	-	2,000
National Lottery COVID recovery support	-	-	-	2,535
Energy Support Grants	-	-	-	1,800
Total Receipts	153,927	7,602	161,529	151,294

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<u>PAYMENTS</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Diocesan Levy	54,018	-	54,018	66,761
Staffing Costs (Clerical)	365	-	365	390
Staffing Costs	6,536	-	6,536	6,353
Office Allowance	1,768	-	1,768	-
<u>Repairs and Renovations</u>				
Church	13,913	-	13,913	22,633
Church Halls	383	-	383	17,591
Rectory	1,585	-	1,585	4,874
Cottage	-	-	-	75
<u>Light, Heat and Power</u>				
Church/Halls/Rectory	4,363	4,604	8,967	11,662
<u>Other</u>				
Rates and Insurances	4,953	-	4,953	4,658
Promotions	-	2,688	2,688	13,476
Kidz Klub	445	-	445	339
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,576	-	3,576	6,039
Bank Fees	375	-	375	198
Telephones	1,644	-	1,644	1,814
Charity Donation	700	310	1,010	940
Big Tea Party	-	-	-	2,360
Amazing Grace	-	-	-	1,000
Summer Concerts	600	-	600	-
Professional Fees	5,160	-	5,160	-
Total Payments	100,384	7,602	107,986	161,163
Net of receipts/(payments)	53,543	-	53,543	(9,869)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward at 1 January 2024	192,674	-	192,674	202,543
Cash funds carried forward at 31 December 2024	246,217	-	246,217	192,674

On behalf of the Trustees



Rev Nigel Cairns
Trustee



Drew White
Trustee

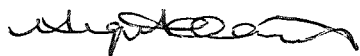
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds				
Current Account	153,546	-	153,546	120,732
Interest Bearing Current Account	91,494	-	91,494	70,630
Children and Youth Account	677	-	677	812
Cash on hand	500	-	500	500
Total Cash Funds	<u>246,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,217</u>	<u>192,674</u>
Investment Assets				
Investment Properties	80,000	-	80,000	80,000
Total investment Assets	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Assets retained for the Parish's own use				
Rectories	245,000	-	245,000	245,000
Shed	1,480	-	1,480	1,850
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	<u>246,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,480</u>	<u>246,850</u>
Gross Assets	<u>572,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>572,697</u>	<u>519,524</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets	<u>572,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>572,697</u>	<u>519,524</u>

On behalf of the Trustees



Rev Nigel Cairns
Trustee



Drew White
Trustee

Date: 30/04/2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Movement in Funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted Funds					
Heritage Animation and Visitors Servicing Programme Fund	-	6,992	(6,992)	-	-
Bishop's Appeal	-	310	(310)	-	-
Representative Church Body Grant	-	300	(300)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	7,602	(7,602)	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	122,044	121,334	(88,656)	-	154,722
Fabric Fund	70,630	32,593	(11,728)	-	91,495
Total Unrestricted Funds	192,674	153,927	(100,384)	-	246,217
Total Funds	192,674	161,529	(107,986)	-	246,217

Purpose of Restricted Funds

- Heritage Animation and Visitors Servicing Programme Fund: This represents grant funding received from Derry City and Strabane District Council spent on promotional events and activities and heat & light.
- Bishop's Appeal: donations received for specific purposes to be donated to other charitable organisations.
- Representative Church Body Grant: donation received towards costs of the Church.

Purpose of Unrestricted Funds

- General Fund: This is for the day to day running of the Parish.
- Fabric Fund: This is funds designated by the Vestry towards the upkeep of Church properties.

4 Transactions with the Trustees

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.