

Leckpatrick Parish Church

Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charities Number: NIC104860

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Leckpatrick Parish Church

References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC104860

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Trustees

Mrs Linda Huey
Mrs Sylvia Donnell
Mr Derick Donnell
Mr Geoffrey Kelly
Mrs Elizabeth Given
Mr Hall Donnell
Mr Leslie Milligan
Mr Cecil Stevenson
Mr Adrian Shields
Mrs Valerie Gordon
Mrs Daphne Lynn
Mr Drew Anderson

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev. Andrea Cotter (instituted 19 April 2024)
Church Treasurer: Mrs Linda Huey
Church Warden- Clergy: Mr Cecil Stevenson
Church Warden - People: Mrs Sylvia Donnell

Independent Auditor or Examiner

Mr Peter Clampett
Gortin North
Ballindrait
Lifford
Co Donegal

Bankers

First Trust Bank	Santander	Progressive Building Society	North Tyrone Credit Union
Meadowbank	64 Main Street	3 Millennium Forum	29 Lisnaragh Road
Strand Road	Strabane	Newmarket Street	Donemana
Londonderry	BT82 8AX	Londonderry	Strabane
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Leckpatrick Parish Church 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 Leckpatrick Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Leckpatrick 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, Leckpatrick Parish Church 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 Leckpatrick Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The church has achieved its objectives by the holding of regular religious services and also holding various youth and other activities for the benefit of the local community. The church holds regular public worship services on Sundays and also on Wednesdays and Fridays during other periods within the Christian liturgical calendar. As part of the Church's pastoral care to each church family, Sunday School is held each Sunday during school terms. The Trustees have a child protection policy in place under the control of a Safeguarding Trust Committee.

Outside of the worship services, the church normally engages in several outreach programmes into the local community, through organisations such the luncheon club (for the senior citizens of the parish), pastoral visitations are carried out by the Incumbent and trained pastoral visitors to the infirmed, elderly and bereaved. Visits are also made to nursing homes where prayers are held, hymns sung and bible readings narrated.

The Church also organises an annual fundraising event which is open to everyone in the local community.

The Church Hall is provided for use by other community groups such as Girl Guides, Women's Institute, Mothers' Union and bowling club.

The minister may serve on the Board of Governors for Artigarvan Primary School, this is covered by one of our Safeguarding Trust panel members.

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.

After the retirement of Rev. Canon Paul Whittaker, the work of the congregation continued with temporary cover arranged by the Diocese and the Rural Dean, Rev. Canon David McBeth. Rev. Andrea Cotter, was installed as Incumbent of the Parish on 19th April 2024.

Financial Review

The Parish had an excess of receipts over payments of £13,742 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Parish continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2024 with total cash funds of £202,859.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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 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 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

The Incumbent of the Parish's stipend is paid directly by the Diocese, which is in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland together with approved office and locomotory allowances. No other Charity Trustees receive remuneration from Leckpatrick Parish Church.

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 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. In 2024 the Select Vestry met 7 times and the average attendance was 75%.

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.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

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.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

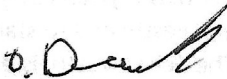
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Date

10/11 Oct 2025

Mr Derick Donnell



Date

13th October 2025

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Leckpatrick Parish Church

I report on the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities of Leckpatrick Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing receipts and payments accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records held by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with charity legislation in Northern Ireland.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of charity legislation in Northern Ireland.

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Dated

06/10/2025

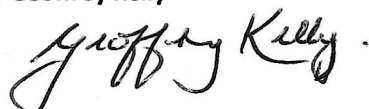
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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

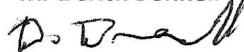
	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Plate collections	980	1,009		1,989	1,309
Recorded giving	37,984	790		38,774	38,697
Gift Aid	5,185	341		5,526	5,204
Investment income	939			939	745
Interest from endowment funds			15,567	15,567	14,381
Donations	1,595	630		2,225	2,805
Sale of Queen's books					125
Reimbursement of expenses from Dunnalong Parish Church	4,520	77		4,597	2,357
Power NI cost of living payments					1,200
Diocesan Grant					1,200
Conacre	5,000			5,000	5,000
NIE Poles	2			2	2
Graveyard fees	700			700	1,350
Fundraising	1,599			1,599	2,027
Sunday School Collection					23
Refund of Assessment Board of Education	12,255			12,255	13,728
DAERA micro-grant		928		928	539
Other receipts					72
Re-imburement of Rectory expenses	800			800	
Total Receipts	71,559	3,775	15,567	90,901	90,764
Payments					
Wages and salaries	1,812			1,812	1,812
Diocesan costs/assessment	40,578			40,578	40,057
Church running costs	7,478			7,478	8,385
Glebe costs	10,372			10,372	6,746
Church hall costs	3,717			3,717	2,994
Charitable donations		1,179		1,179	518
Administration costs	1,755			1,755	423
Sunday School					140
Church/graveyard repairs	4,471	1,055		5,526	4,320
Gardening tools	264			264	618
Communion set					458
Bank fees	628			628	551
RCB Gift Aid administration fee		341		341	331
Dunnalong share of Hadden Bequest	1,284			1,284	
King's coronation bench					800
Discretionary fund		701		701	340
Church event expenses	140	556		696	
Graveyard seat		630		630	
Institution expenses	148	50		198	
Total Payments	72,647	4,512		77,159	68,493
Net receipts/(payments)	(1,088)	(737)	15,567	13,742	22,271
Transfers between funds	15,128	439	(15,567)		
Net movement in funds	14,040	(298)		13,742	22,271
Funds brought forward	165,324	23,793		189,117	166,846
Funds carried forward	179,364	23,495		202,859	189,117

On Behalf of the Trustees

Mr Geoffrey Kelly



Mr Derick Donnell



Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	93,307	2,054		95,361	86,652
Deposit Accounts	86,057	20,454		106,511	101,381
Sunday School funds		242		242	192
Discretionary fund		597		597	701
Bowls club		148		148	148
Building & repair fund					43
Total Cash Funds	179,364	23,495		202,859	189,117

Investment Assets					
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts			533,717	533,717	522,746
Other unlisted investments					
Investment Properties					
Total Investment Assets			533,717	533,717	522,746

Assets retained for the Parish's own use					
Church and graveyard	2,335,442			2,335,442	2,278,498
Church hall	930,298			930,298	907,615
Rectory	799,047			799,047	783,308
Glebe land	250,000			250,000	250,000
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use	4,314,787			4,314,787	4,219,421

On Behalf of the Trustees

Mr Geoffrey Kelly

Geoffrey Kelly

Mr Derick Donnell

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 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 Parish owns the following premises and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery which have insurance values as follows:

		£
Church and graveyard	6 Leckpatrick Road, Artigarvan, Strabane, Co Tyrone. BT82 0AL	2,335,442
Church hall	4 Leckpatrick Road, Artigarvan, Strabane, Co Tyrone. BT82 0AL	930,298
Rectory	1 Lowertown Road, Ballymagorry, Strabane, Co Tyrone. BT82 0LE	799,047
Farmland	Townlands of Glebe and Leckpatrick	250,000
		<hr/> 4,314,787

Farmland consists of approx. 30 acres of arable land and approx. 6 acres of woodland in the townlands of Glebe and Leckpatrick. The Trustees estimate a market value of £250,000 for these lands.

ii) Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	189,117
Receipts for the Year	90,901
Payments for the Year	77,159
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	202,859

3. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Movement in fund value £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Endowment funds						
RCB/CIT Unit Trusts	522,746	15,567		(15,567)	10,971	533,717
Restricted funds						
Sunday School funds	1,764	50		333		2,147
General fund	127	3,127	(3,128)	22		148
Discretionary fund	701	598	(701)			598
RCB Priorities fund	21,010		(556)			20,454
Bowls club	148					148
Building & repair fund	43		(127)	84		-
Unrestricted funds						
Designated Fabric Fund	29,708	4,190				33,898
General Fund	135,616	67,369	(72,647)	15,128		145,466
Total funds	711,863	90,901	(77,159)		10,971	736,576

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Endowment funds are a permanent endowment which means that the capital is not available to the parish. They consist of a number of bequests and legacies which are invested in the RCB and CIT Unit Trusts. The income from these is available to the parish to be used mainly for general purposes with a portion restricted for specific use i.e. Sunday School, choir and building repair.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

- Sunday School funds comprise of monies received for use by Sunday School.
- General funds comprise of monies received for a specific purpose.
- Discretionary fund comprises of monies set aside for use at Rector's discretion.
- RCB Priorities fund comprises of monies set aside for use to encourage creative and innovative projects which reach out to the community.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bishops' Appeal	130	260
RBL Poppy Appeal	90	96
Castleberg RAC		100
Armagh Robinson Library		62
Barnabas Aid	221	
Diocesan Ministry Fund	738	
	<u>1,179</u>	<u>518</u>

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the Year under Recorded giving and in Payments for the year under charitable donations.

5. Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid expenses of £5,340 relating to the running costs of the glebe house.

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

There were no governance costs incurred in the year.