

Urney Parish

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts of
Payments and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland [NIC105173]

Urney Parish

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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References and Administrative Details

Charity Name:

Urney Parish

Charity Registration Number:

NIC105173

Registered Office:

112 Melmount Road, Sion Mills, Strabane, County Tyrone, BT82 9PY

Trustees

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were Trustees at the date of this report were:

Rev Jonathan McFarland
Mr Archie Baird
Mrs Olive Baird
Mr Richard Baird
Mr Nigel Collins
Mr John Crossle [resigned 29th April 2025]
Mr Ian Donnell
Mrs Celia Ferguson
Mr Robert Freeborne
Mrs Lisa Hamilton
Mr Crawford McCann [appointed 29th April 2025]
Mrs Esme McGerrigle [appointed 29th April 2025]
Mrs Jacqueline Moore [resigned 29th April 2025]
Mr Ronald Patton
Mrs Julie Anne Reid
Mrs Anne Speers

Principal office-bearers at the 31 December 2024

Clergy:	Rev Jonathan McFarland
Church Treasurer:	Mr Nigel Collins
Church Warden – Clergy:	Mr Ronald Patton / Mrs Olive Baird
Church Warden – People:	Mr Ian Donnell

Bankers

Danske Bank, 5-7 Market Street, Omagh, County Tyrone, BT78 1BN

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees' present their Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Urney Parish 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 Urney Parish 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 are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of the activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, Urney 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 Urney Parish.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefits

Urney Parish holds regular worship services every Sunday at 8:30am and 10:00am in The Church of the Good Shepherd, and at 11:30am in Christ Church. All visitors are warmly welcomed to attend. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month, while a family service is conducted on the second Sunday, encouraging children to participate through readings, praise, and prayers. Both churches unite for special services at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas. The Parish also provides pastoral services as required for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and confirmations, and offers pastoral care throughout the year.

In addition to worship, the Parish organises a variety of activities, either directly or through affiliated church organisations. These include the Sunday Club, confirmation preparation classes, Cafe Hope, and the Bowling Club.

While the Parish hosts several fundraising events annually, the highlight is the Strawberry Fair held each June, which is a much-anticipated occasion, well supported and enjoyed by the entire community.

The Parish supports the work of local and global charities by making donations and/or holding special collections or events in respect of the same.

Urney Parish has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through the implementation of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Policy.

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.

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Achievements, Performance and Public Benefits (continued)

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

Financial Review

The Parish is a registered charitable organisation, with its principal source of income derived from members' freewill offerings. Total donations from freewill offerings in 2024 were £49,799, compared to £41,150 in the previous year. Overall income rose by £30,516, primarily due to gift aid and increased freewill offerings. Expenditure decreased by £25,634, largely as a result of the timing of assessment payments. Consequently, the Parish reported a surplus of £22,141 for the year, compared to a deficit of £34,009 in 2023.

The Trustees continue to monitor the level of reserves held by the Parish and are actively taking steps to increase the reserves in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure incurred.

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 (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 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.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry consists of the clergy serving in the Parish, any curate assistant, 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 clergy. 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 eight times and the average attendance was 71%.

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.

This report was approved by the Trustees' and signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Jonathan McFarland


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Mr Nigel Collins

...29/04/2025.....

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Urney Parish for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of Urney Parish for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities (Receipts and Payments Account), statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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. The 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 the 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.

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.

Name: *David Reid*

Address: *16 CASTLE MURRAY STRABANE BT82 9SH*

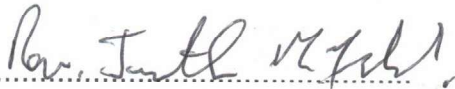
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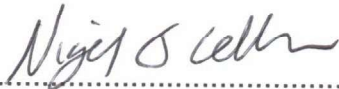
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Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and Plate Collection	76,975	-	76,975	45,385
Proceeds from Fundraising Events	10,486	1,985	12,471	11,971
Bank Interest	47	-	47	56
Investment Income	1,840	-	1,840	1,714
Other Receipts including Grants	1,417	1,146	2,563	4,254
Bequest	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	90,765	3,131	93,896	63,380
Payments				
Diocesan Costs / Assessment	43,930	-	43,930	63,423
Church Running Costs	13,322	-	13,322	15,249
Glebe Costs	6,741	-	6,741	8,511
Parish Centre Costs	674	583	1,257	1,012
Administration Costs	488	-	488	481
Fundraising Costs	1,620	1,985	3,605	4,407
Charitable Donations	500	-	500	1,300
Payments from Parish Organisations	373	-	373	418
Other Expenditure	-	1,539	1,539	2,588
Total payments	67,648	4,107	71,755	97,389
Excess of Receipts over Payments / (Payments over Receipts) for the year	23,117	(976)	22,141	(34,009)
Transfer between funds	10,051	(10,051)	-	-
Net movement in funds	33,168	(11,027)	22,141	(34,009)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	(30,683)	45,314	14,631	48,640
Total funds carried forward	2,485	34,287	36,772	14,631

On behalf of the Trustees:


 Rev Jonathan McFarland


 Mr Nigel Collins

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	2,485	34,287	36,772	14,631
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds	2,485	34,287	36,772	14,631
Investment Assets				
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trust			85,081	80,253
Total Investment Assets			85,081	80,253
Assets retained for the Parish's own use				
Glebe House			404,210	404,210
			404,210	404,210

Approved by the trustees on the 29th April 2025 and signed on their behalf:


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Rev Jonathan McFarland


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Mr Nigel Collins

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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.

1.1 Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

1.2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets retained for the Parish's own use

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise of Church Buildings and the Parish Hall.

The Church Buildings 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 was built in 1889. There are no reliable records of the cost of this construction and valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result this building is not recognised in the Parish Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Glebe House is recognised at deemed cost, being the estimated fair value of the property at £404,210. No depreciation has been provided on the Glebe House as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

1.3 Investments

Investments in RCB and CIT are initially recorded at cost and then are subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

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1.4 Fund Accounting

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, which are defined as follows:

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objectives of the Parish.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the Trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. The designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the Trustees' discretion to apply the funds.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the Select Vestry's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

1.5 Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Parish generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The trustees are satisfied that the Parish has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2 Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	Total £
Total cash funds at beginning of the year	14,631
Receipts for the year	93,896
Payments for the year	(71,755)
Total cash funds at end of the year	36,772

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

3 Movement in Funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Gain on Investments £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted Funds						
General Funds	45,314	3,131	(4,107)	(10,051)	-	34,287
Total Restricted Funds	45,314	3,131	(4,107)	(10,051)	-	34,287
Unrestricted Funds						
General Funds	(30,683)	90,765	(67,648)	10,051	-	2,485
Total Unrestricted Funds	(30,683)	90,765	(67,648)	10,051	-	2,485
Endowment Funds						
Investment in RCB / CIT	80,253	-	-	-	4,828	85,081
Total Endowment Funds	80,253	-	-	-	4,828	85,081
Total Funds	94,884	93,896	(71,755)	-	4,828	121,853

4 Collections for Third Parties

	2024 £	2023 £
Tyrone Protestant Orphan Society	-	112

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the year under Donations and Plate Collection.

5 Transactions with Trustees

No Trustee received 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.