

Slavin Parish Church

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

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charities Number: 105444

Slavin Parish Church

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: 105444
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Trustees

Robert Ovens	Florence Earls
Edwin Earls	George Earls
Euphemia Gregg	Tom Ovens
Elizabeth Ovens	Jason Gregg
Robert Earls	John Ovens
Leslie Gregg	Anne Nelson
Raymond Gregg	Rev Rebecca Guildea
Doreen Earls	Noel Meehan – From 09/03/2023
Billy Nelson	

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy:	Rev Rebecca Guildea
Church Treasurer:	Elizabeth Ovens
Church Warden – Clergy:	Noel Meehan – From 09/03/2023
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Church Warden – People:	Tom Ovens

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Best Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of the Parish of Slavin is to support the advancement of the Christian faith by promoting, through the work of the Parish of Slavin 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 faith, the Parish of Slavin 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 the Parish of Slavin.

The book of Hebrews encourages us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, with that in mind, we as a group of Parishes; Garrison Parish, Belleek Parish, Slavin Parish and Kiltyclogher Parish, support and care for all in the group and worship together when the occasion demands, such as Remembrance Service, Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 5th Sundays, Christmas Eve and Carol Services.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Slavin Parish has been able to fulfil its task of sharing Christ's teaching locally through our Sunday services, mission participation and missionary links.

We host a morning service of worship and prayer for the benefit of the public and advancement of Christian worship at 11.30am on the first and third Sunday of each month. During the week we offer pastoral care, help and support for parishioners through home and hospital visits.

We have provided support to mission and outreach work through donations to both local and international programmes and have missionary links through Crosslinks and CMSI.

Our circuit usually holds a bowls club in Melvin View Orange hall which offers an opportunity for a variety of ages to come together socially. Our Sunday school gives young children the opportunity to partake in Christian Worship at an appropriate level to enhance their understanding of Christ's teachings.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the actives entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review

The main sources of income were planned giving and freewill offerings.

The Financial statements show a surplus of £4,321 for the year and no funds were in deficit at the year end.

Slavin Parish Church**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)****Going Concern**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on the ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of the signing of this report and subject to the continuing support from its members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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 is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry members 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 is paid directly by the Diocese and receives stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 2023 the Select Vestry met 3 times during the year and the average attendance was 53%.

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 actives 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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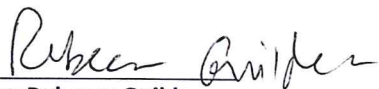
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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



Rev Rebecca Guildea



Elizabeth Ovens (Treasurer)

Date 16.04.24

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Slavin Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 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 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.

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 Report

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.

S Stenson FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date:

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations & plate collection		19,665	552	-	20,208	20,757
Proceeds from Fund Raising Events	2	1,524	2,185	-	3,709	3,468
Investment income		10	-	-	10	10
Bank & Deposit Interest		160	-	-	160	140
Other Receipts	3	720	4,322	-	5,051	3,927
Grants	4	270	1,150	-	1,420	500
Total Receipts		22,349	8,209	-	30,558	28,802
Payments						
Diocesan Costs/Assessment		13,269	-	-	13,269	7,068
Church Running Costs		1,093	-	-	1,093	1,117
Glebe Costs	5	1,065	7,478	-	8,543	4,527
Administration Costs		672	37	-	709	736
Charitable Donations	6	300	600	-	900	1,725
Sundry Expenses	7	1,498	25	-	1,523	1,062
Fundraising Costs		-	200	-	200	
Total Payments		17,897	8,340	-	26,237	16,235
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		4,452	(131)	-	4,321	12,567
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		22,349	8,209	-	30,558	12,567

On behalf of the trustees:


Rev Rebecca Guildea


Elizabeth Ovens (Treasurer)

Date 16.04.24.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Funds						
Current Accounts	8	98,302	2,890		101,192	96,871
Total Cash Funds		98,308	2,890		101,192	96,871
Investment Assets						
Investments in RCB / CIT Unit Trusts		-	-	180	180	180
Total Investment Assets		-	-	180	180	180
Assets retained for the Parish's own use						
Fixtures and Fittings		-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use		-	-	-	-	-

On Behalf of the Trustees

Rebecca Guildea
Rev Rebecca Guildea

E. Ovens
Elizabeth Ovens (Treasurer)

Date 16.01.24

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

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 is shared by the circuit and is recognised at a deemed cost of £95,000 in the accounts of Garrison Parish, being the estimated fair value of the property at 31 December 2021. 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.

ii) Investments

Investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost. The market value of investments at 31 December 2023 is £479.

2. Proceeds From Fundraising Events

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
Recycled Clothes	282		300	-
Sale of Books	70		90	-
Sale of Work	1,172		850	-
BBQ	-	-	1,000	1,084
Tesco Bucket Collection	-	-	144	-
Hog Roast Proceeds	-	1,224		
Fashion Show		962		
	<u>1,524</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>2,384</u>	<u>1,084</u>

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3. Other Receipts

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
Church Magazines	120	-	90	-
NIE	600	2	-	2
Share of Rectory Expenses	-	4,320	-	2,949
NIE Refund	-	-	-	63
Rates Refund	-	-	-	16
Insurance Refund	-	-	-	257
Sale of Stove	-	-	-	550
	<u>720</u>	<u>4,322</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>3,837</u>

4. Grants

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
FODC Grant – Queen Jubilee	-	-	500	-
FODC	270	400	-	-
Fermanagh Trust – Wind farm grant	-	750	-	-
	<u>270</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Glebe Costs

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
General Account	1,065	-	1,068	-
Rectory Account	-	7,478	-	3,459
	<u>1,065</u>	<u>7,478</u>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>3,459</u>

Expenses paid from the Rectory Account relate to the joint Glebe House for the Parishes of the circuit. The Parishes each contribute towards the cost.

Expenditure from the General Account reflects Slavin Parish's share of costs.

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6. Charitable Donations

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
C.M.S.	50	-	50	-
Bible Society	50	-	50	-
The Royal British Legion	25	-	25	-
L.E.M.O.O.S	100	-	100	-
Crosslinks	50	-	50	-
Sands	-	-	50	-
Enniskillen Food Bank	-	-	400	-
Tear fund	-	-	1,000	-
Pancreatic Cancer Cycle	25	-	-	-
Bishops Appeal	-	600	-	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. Sundry Expenses

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
Church Reports	100		100	-
Magazines	120		90	-
Organist	200		200	-
5 th Sunday May Collection to Rectory	74		31	-
Harvest Concert Music	260	-	-	-
Sunday School Prizes	90	-	-	-
2 Signs	20	-	-	-
Baptismal Candles & Certificates	-	-	21	-
Visiting Preachers	40	-	50	-
Jubilee Expenses	-	-	378	-
Chestnut Tree	-	-	70	-
Gazebo Hire	-	-	100	-
Communion Glasses	-	-	22	-
Group of Parishes Website	-	25	-	-
24 Hour Timer	31	-	-	-
Confirmation notebooks	12	-	-	-
Rev Rebecca – Youth Bibles	32	-	-	-
Flowers	24	-	-	-
FMC Fire Extinguishers	225	-	-	-
Delene Saunderson – Flower Arranger	200	-	-	-
Wark Hall – Hire of Hall	70	-	-	-
	<u>1,498</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Current Accounts and Cash

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Account	51,810	47,518
Fixed Term Deposit	32,403	32,403
Building Society	14,089	13,929
Rectory Account	2,890	3,021
	<u>101,192</u>	<u>96,871</u>

9. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	96,871	84,304
Receipts for the Year	30,558	28,802
Payments for the Year	(26,237)	(16,235)
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	<u>101,192</u>	<u>96,871</u>

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10. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Endowment funds					
RCB Unit Trusts	180	-	-	-	180
	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>
Restricted funds					
Rectory Fund	3,021	8,209	8,340	-	2,890
	<u>3,021</u>	<u>8,209</u>	<u>8,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,890</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	47,518	22,190	17,898	-	51,810
Fixed Deposit Fund	32,403	-	-	-	32,403
Progressive Building Society	13,929	160	-	-	14,089
	<u>93,850</u>	<u>22,350</u>	<u>17,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,302</u>
Total funds	<u>97,051</u>	<u>30,559</u>	<u>26,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,372</u>

Purposes of Endowment Funds

- Income from the Bequests and Legacies are used for stipend and general purposes.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The Rectory account are funds used for the enhancement of the Church Rectory

11. Transactions with the Trustees

The parish paid expenses of £1,065 relating to its share of expenses for the running costs of the glebe house which is occupied by the rector. 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.

12. Governance Costs

Governance costs of £504 were incurred during the year which relates to fees paid to the independent examiner. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.