



Annual Report & Accounts, 2024

Charity Number NIC 102119

Annual General Vestry
Sunday 6 April 2025

Select Vestry

As at 6 April 2025

<i>Rector:</i>	Rev James W. Cheshire
<i>Curate:</i>	Rev Noel Gordon

Members of outgoing Select Vestry

<i>Rector's Church Warden:</i>	Brian Dawson
<i>Rector's Glebe Warden:</i>	Chris Adair
<i>People's Church Warden:</i>	Tommy Burns
<i>People's Glebe Warden:</i>	Dawn Ferguson

Eva Cheshire	David Manning
Simon Edwards	Ruth Manning
Elaine Edwards	Jim Myles
David Haaijer	Karen Myles
John Harris	Timothy Pitt
Jon Judge	Joanne Rice

Financial Report 2024

We continue to be so thankful to God for his provision and the faithful giving of His people to His work here in Ballybeen. The increase in giving through standing orders is particularly encouraging. The faithful and consistent weekly/monthly giving of many people – our giving - continues to see the work of God develop and become real in the lives of young and old through the ministries of our church.

In summary

- We finished the year with
£51,176 (2023: £31,014) in our Housekeeping/General Fund
£ 4,311 (2023: £5,342) in our Development Bank account
and with loans of £128,160 (2023: £165,310) for our refurbishment programme.
- We have been able to give a record £18,600 away to other mission work; £4,800 as a consequence of a great response from the church to particular appeals.
- Again, we have been blessed by God through the receipt of grants from outside bodies. We received £15,000 from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for the toilet and group room refurbishment project. The current estimate cost of this is of £42,200 plus fees.
We also receive a grant from the Diocese to employ staff to release Jim for some time to fulfil his role as archdeacon. This grant of £15,955 covers the costs of Rev Ken Higgins (pastoral) and Karen Magee (church coordinator).
- The surplus in the General Fund has allowed us to look to employ additional staff and to embark upon major remedial work at the Rectory (approximately £46k).
- In total we had spent £592,113 on the extension and refurbishment. In 2021, we borrowed £210,000 from the Ulster Bank with repayments over 15 years. In 2024 we were able to make additional capital repayments of £13,000, and with our normal monthly payments that has brought the loan down to £128,160 (2023: £155,310). We now hope to have the loan repaid by December 2023 - 6 years early!
Thank you to all who have given to our development fund over the years to allow us to do all the work and during this last year to continue to enable us to pay off our bank loan ahead of schedule (and thereby saving more interest payments!).

Thank you to all who work to keep costs down and assist with distributing and counting the collections and envelopes.

I hope you can see from this summary and the accounts on the following pages that our finances give us another reason to rejoice and yet bring challenge for all we would hope to do in this year ahead.

David Manning
Hon. Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary's Parish Church, Ballybeen

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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 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 statement

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.



C Michael McCarter FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland

For and on behalf of GMcG Portadown
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

17 Mandeville Street
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28th March 2025

No 1 Account	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£
Recorded giving Envelopes	42,753.89	51,789.52
Recorded giving Standing Orders	84,684.00	68,425.45
Gift Aid	26,520.15	25,531.11
Cash collections	4,965.08	3,377.26
Donations general	1,476.00	715.00
Donations H&L, SS and Minibus	3,140.00	3,310.00
Earmarked donations (funeral catering etc)	1,210.15	1,600.00
Grants - non recurring	500.00	15,000.00
Grants - recurring	15,955.19	847.50
Income other sources	1,118.00	
Bank interest	715.23	4.17
* Special collections for others		2,970.67
TOTAL	183,037.69	173,570.68
	2024	2023
Payments	£	£
Staff costs	71,061.58	77,275.13
* Mission & Missionary account	14,180.00	16,880.00
Diocesan Quota	11,232.00	11,424.00
Bank & audit charges	1,166.87	726.01
Catering	2,954.27	1,524.79
Church & Hall Repairs & maintenance	8,850.12	12,267.58
Cleaning costs	6,750.76	5,674.69
Cleaning materials	1,018.38	328.47
Electricity	4,353.17	3,961.72
Equipment	5,405.45	
Housekeeping	126.80	417.99
Gas	11,312.88	9,244.16
Insurance	4,157.07	3,884.83
Minibus expenses	1,703.33	1,434.66
Printing & Stationery expenses	985.04	385.44
Rectory Repairs, maintenance, rates	7,074.11	3,110.79
Telephone/Broadband/Licences	1,613.56	2,143.17
Water & sewage charges	934.72	558.76
Cost of services	3,489.06	3,019.19
Mission & Evangelism costs	3,686.88	2,129.61
Support/materials for church/groups	504.50	727.47
Misc	315.00	
TOTAL	162,875.55	157,998.46
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	20,162.14	15,572.22
add Funds transferred in		41.79
less Funds transferred out		
Add opening cash balance (incl Petty Cash)	31,014.34	15,400.33
Closing balance	51,176.48	31,014.34

* See page 2 for breakdown

Missionary Giving for year ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS	Fund Missions (R)	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Open Doors	3.00	3.00	140.67
Bishops' Appeal		0.00	1,427.00
Harvest Appeal (Israel/Gaza relief)	708.00	708.00	1,387.00
Maridi motorbike appeal	1,675.00	1,675.00	
Abaana New Life Choir	1,605.92	1,605.92	
Mission	19.60	19.60	16.00
Dundonald Foodbank	380.00	380.00	
Salvation Army Appeal	20.00	20.00	
* Special collections for others (2023)			2,970.67
Gift Aid	420.00	420.00	167.50
	4,831.52	4,831.52	3,138.17

PAYMENTS	Missions (R)	General	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
YWAM J Judge		2900	2,900	2,560
Wycliffe Bible Translators		900	900	1,000
YWAM W McGirr			0	1,260
EMI A Gordon		1800	1,800	1,360
Mission Aviation Fellowship		885	885	720
Tear Fund			0	600
Illyrain Trust (Albania)		900	900	880
New Wine Ireland		900	900	600
Abaana (& choir 2024)	1,610.00	900	2,510	600
Open Doors		1320	1,320	600
Release International		225	225	600
Diocesan Church plant (Tullycarnet)		1950	1,950	600
Bishops' Appeal			0	1,500
Diocesan training fund			0	250
Open Doors - earthquake appeal			0	500
European Christian Mission - earthquake appeal			0	500
Scripture Union			0	250
Tear Fund - Harvest Appeal	760.00		760	1,650
Bicycles for Maridi/Sudan	2,050.00	1500	3,550	750
Dundonald Foodbank	380.00			
Bangor Worldwide Mission Convention			0	100
* TOTAL	4,800.00	14,180	18,600	16,880
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	31.52			
Add opening balance	0			
Total	31.52			

Of which £3 is designated for Open Doors and £20 for Salvation Army Appeal.

Summary for Diocesan Return

	2024	2023
World Mission (eg. Missionary Societies)	£11,780	£10,780
Bishops' Appeal	£0	£1,500
Other Development Agencies (eg Tearfund)	£6,820	£4,600
Other Charities (eg Hospice)		
	£18,600	£16,880

No.2 Account - Development Fund for year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
RECEIPTS	£	£
Development fund envelopes	10,427.80	12,272.85
Standing orders	20,399.00	18,429.00
Donations	22,178.19	3,567.52
Gift Aid	9,528.30	4,264.97
Fundraising		58.00
Bank Interest		0.02
TOTAL	62,533.29	38,592.36
	2024	2023
PAYMENTS	£	£
Professional fees	2,327.98	
Builder payments		
Loan Interest	13,551.54	14,073.84
Bank charges	116.50	
TOTAL	15,996.02	14,073.84
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	46,537.27	24,518.52
Add opening cash balance	-159,541.49	-184,060.01
Closing balance	(113,004.22)	(159,541.49)

Business Term Loan (Bank of England base rate + 4%)

Business Term Loan	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening balance	(155,310.42)	(174,537.65)
Closing balance	(128,160.84)	(155,310.42)
Paid off during the year	27,149.58	19,227.23

In February 2021 the church took out a 15 year loan of £210,000.
During 2024 we were able to make an additional capital repayment of £13,000 which is included in the above total.
It is estimated that the loan will be repaid by December 2030 and at Dec. 2024 monthly repayments were £2,291.81 (£27,501 pa) and the rate of interest is 4.75%.

Other Funds

Compassion Fund - for year ended 31 Dec. 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£
Donations	220.00	470.00
Total	220.00	470.00
Payments	£	£
Expenditure	1,828.19	0.00
Total	1,828.19	0.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(1,608.19)	470.00
Add opening cash balance	4,680.23	4,210.23
Closing balance	3,072.04	4,680.23

Restricted Gifts/Collections Fund - 31 Dec. 2024

	2024	2023
Payments	£	£
From Bequest	974.01	
Total	974.01	0.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(974.01)	0.00
less Funds transferred out to SWM	182.55	
Add opening cash balance	1,156.56	1,156.56
Closing balance	0.00	1,156.56

St. Mary's Women's Ministry - 31 Dec. 2024

	2024
Receipts	£
Donations	1,009.00
Gift Aid Claimed	45.25
Total	1,054.25
Payments	£
Catering	802.84
Visiting speakers	50.00
Other expenses	560.66
Total	1,413.50
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(359.25)
Add funds transferred in (from Restricted Gifts)	182.55
Add opening cash balance	0.00
Closing balance	(176.70)

Outreach Fund - for year ended 31 Dec. 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£
Donations	0.00	321.08
Total		321.08
Payments	£	£
Bank charges		9.49
Expenditure- SOMA outreach		454.35
Alpha & booklets	535.24	
Total	535.24	463.84
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(535.24)	(142.76)
Add opening cash balance	535.24	678.00
Closing balance	0.00	535.24

Restricted Grant Income - 31 Dec. 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts	£	£
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	15,000.00	500.00
Total	15,000.00	500.00
Payments		£
Expenditure - Coronation party		500.00
Total	0.00	500.00
Closing balance	15,000.00	0.00

Reconciliation of Bank accounts to Funds

As at 31 December 2024

The church operates 6 banks accounts (year end balances shown in BOLD below) plus Petty Cash

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Loans

	Purpose of the Loan		Balance
	Interest free loan	Church build/refurbishment	£ -
1	Business Term Loan	Church build/refurbishment	£ (128,160.84)

Other Accounts

	Title of Account	Purpose	Balance
2	No.2 Account reconciled	Development Fund - working account	£ 4,311.12
3	No.1 Account reconciled	General Fund	£ 7,051.13
	Petty cash	General Fund	£ 32.58
	Compassion - cash in hand		£ 1,080.23
4	Nationwide Instant notice	General Fund - Interest earning	£ 23,424.62
5	30-Day Business Reserve	General Fund - Interest earning	£ 46,794.78
6	Missionary Account	For missionary receipts and payments	£ 1,389.56
		Total Cash at Bank and in Hand	£ (44,076.82)
	Payroll liabilities	General Fund	£ (24.06)
	Third Party creditors	General Fund	£ 200.00

Net Assets	£ (43,900.88)
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Funds

General Fund	(see page 1)	£ 51,176.48
Missions Fund (R)	(see page 2)	£ 31.52
Development Fund (D)	(see page 3)	£ (113,004.22)
Compassion Fund (D)	(see page 4)	£ 3,072.04
Restricted gifts/ collections Fund (R)	(see page 4)	£ -
St. Mary's Women's Ministry (D)	(see page 4)	£ (176.70)
Outreach Fund	(see page 4)	£ -
Restricted Grant Funding (R)	(see page 4)	£ 15,000.00

Total Funds	£ (43,900.88)
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DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE

We confirm that all accounts operating under the auspices of the Select Vestry have been disclosed in this Annual Financial Return.

Signed: D. Manning 27/02/2025
Honorary Treasurer Date

Signed: Samuel C. C. 27/02/2025
Incumbent/Area Dean Date

Signed: C. F. C. 28-03-2025
Independent Examiner/Auditor Date

FREEWILL OFFERING Contributions

Envelopes, Standing Orders and Bank Transfers

for the year ended 31 December 2024

No.	Amount £	No.	Amount £	No.	Amount £
2	2,040.00	64	520.00	120	1,230.00
4	20.00	65	123.00	126	500.00
5	520.00	67	260.00	127	100.00
6	2,080.00	68	460.00	129	180.00
7	320.00	70	260.00	131	1,650.00
8	790.00	71	1,200.00	132	1,000.00
11	254.10	72	230.00	183	20.00
12	2,850.00	74	250.00	188	100.00
16	340.00	75	97.00	201	2,600.00
19	1,040.20	76	530.00	202	1,200.00
20	430.00	77	1,050.00	203	1,920.00
22	3,025.00	78	285.00	204	7,140.00
24	160.00	79	515.00	205	4,610.00
25	322.15	80	375.00	206	3,350.00
26	18.25	81	480.00	207	2,600.00
27	705.00	83	1,040.00	208	1,800.00
29	810.00	84	1,200.00	209	540.00
30	210.00	85	185.00	210	530.00
31	1,550.00	86	3,025.00	211	2,600.00
33	510.00	88	130.00	212	3,360.00
34	1,000.00	89	4,800.00	213	1,680.00
35	774.00	90	464.00	214	4,390.00
36	1,000.00	93	3,010.00	215	720.00
37	165.00	94	3,090.00	217	6,000.00
40	10.00	95	275.00	218	240.00
42	165.00	96	2,380.00	220	480.00
43	3,120.00	97	1,280.00	221	1,440.00
45	260.00	101	480.00	222	180.00
46	530.15	102	410.00	224	460.00
48	600.00	103	750.00	225	1,045.00
51	236.93	106	385.00	226	1,950.00
54	3,480.00	109	250.00	229	270.00
56	450.00	113	1,480.00	230	1,030.00
57	10.00	115	900.00	231	1,199.00
58	2,950.00	116	920.00	233	1,190.00
61	2,600.00	117	880.00		
63	37.11	118	520.00		

If you are unsure of your envelope number please contact the treasurer or check in Churchsuite.

DEVELOPMENT FUND Contributions

Envelopes, Standing Orders and Bank Transfers

for the year ended 31 December 2024

No.	Amount £	No.	Amount £
2	573.80	84	300.00
6	2,080.00	88	130.00
8	265.00	89	658.60
12	1,024.00	90	455.00
20	95.00	93	902.59
22	600.00	94	2,060.00
26	7.75	95	275.00
31	310.00	101	245.00
34	520.00	109	245.00
43	795.00	113	200.00
48	1,320.00	117	9.60
58	20.00	121	1,460.00
60	243.05	183	6,345.00
63	2.00	204	14,800.00
64	500.00	205	10,080.00
65	20.00	208	600.00
72	220.00	215	480.00
76	530.00	217	600.00
77	1,000.00	229	260.00
78	260.00	231	899.00
79	350.00	232	400.00

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MISSION Fund Contributions

No.	Amount £	No.	Amount £
2	20.00	71	20.00
8	5.00	93	19.60
22	20.00	94	40.00
31	20.00	109	20.00
34	50.00	203	100.00
58	1,500.00	217	20.00

Women's Ministry Fund Contributions

No.	Amount £
54	171.00
214	10.00

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BALLYBEEN

Boys' Brigade Company

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Weekly dues	870.00	359.00
Uniforms	80.00	183.00
Donations	500.00	511.00
Collection Basket @ Display	105.00	
Total	1,555.00	1,053.00
Payments	£	£
HQ Assessments/fees/training	613.00	461.00
Uniforms	150.00	183.00
Equipment	139.70	94.60
BB House supplies		323.95
Display badges/prizes	109.15	171.00
Christmas party/selection boxes	92.50	122.28
Carol service	22.96	
Pancake Tuesday	30.26	
Easter Eggs	63.20	111.96
Total	1,220.77	1,467.79
Surplus (deficit) for the year	334.23	(414.79)
Opening Balance	434.27	849.06
Closing Balance	768.50	434.27

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BALLYBEEN

194th St. Mary's Girls' Brigade Company Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Weekly dues	5,394.53	4,303.66
Uniforms	653.95	591.75
GB Week & display	3,084.50	4,390.00
Grant Education Authority	3,577.00	2,400.00
Gifts	235.00	-
Total	12,944.98	11,685.41
Payments	£	£
Heat & light	2,000.00	2,000.00
Uniforms	830.40	700.93
Outings	-	273.76
Gifts	400.00	380.00
Christmas/Easter parties	1,548.49	602.51
Craft & equipment	1,638.17	198.81
HQ Assessments/fees/training	1,709.20	1,500.32
Camp, Display & enrolment	3,556.34	3,571.22
Sundries	1,121.32	551.23
Refund to EA	646.43	
Total	13,450.35	9,778.78
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(505.37)	1,906.63
Opening Balance	3,309.91	1,403.28
Closing Balance	2,804.54	3,309.91

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BALLYBEEN

BEEENIES TODDLER GROUP

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Subscriptions	1091.5	1,032.50
Donations	8.83	11.55
Bank Interest	23.04	16.21
Total	1,123.37	1,060.26
Payments		£
Morning snacks	278.36	291.16
Party expenses	153.82	314.49
Christmas expenses	130.97	82.57
Equipment	13.94	175.39
Coronation party expenses		36.16
General expenses	24.15	6.00
Donation to Children in Need	56	
Bibles & books	154	
Bank charges	29.79	28.65
Total	841.03	934.42
Surplus (deficit) for the year	282.34	125.84
Opening Balance	1,392.44	1,266.60
Closing Balance	1,674.78	1,392.44

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BALLYBEEN

SILVER THREADS

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Subscriptions	5,062.50	3,525.00
Grants	999.00	999.00
Sale of dishcloths	53.00	41.00
Refund on Outing		143.36
Donations	142.50	300.80
Donations for mission	78.00	89.43
Total	6,335.00	5,098.59
Payments	£	£
Groceries	260.09	291.39
BHSCT for lunches	1,740.00	1,800.00
Self-catered lunch	37.90	
Cards & Postage	43.10	33.52
Bank Charges	95.86	87.92
General expenses	49.93	31.42
Fuel for minibus	105.00	60.00
Gift for Audit Services	120.00	120.00
Coronation party		34.45
Christmas expenses	96.00	91.65
Outings		
Translink	365.00	1,075.45
Moravian Village Tour	124.00	730.77
Millside Restaurant	586.45	
Cotton for Dishclothes	17.90	18.99
St. Mary's for use of minibus	450.00	290.00
St. Mary's for Heat & Light	600.00	910.00
Donation St Mary's BB	50.00	
Donation to Mission - ICEJ	50.00	100.00
Other Gifts	204.00	25.00
Equipment	63.94	
Total	5,059.17	4,625.11
Surplus (deficit) for the year	1,275.83	473.48
Opening Balance	1,497.79	1,024.31
Closing Balance	2,773.62	1,497.79

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BALLYBEEN

SIXTY PLUS

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	1,590.00	1,232.44
Fundraising	684.00	682.36
Bring & Buy sale	307.50	250.00
Total	2,581.50	2,164.80
Payments	£	£
Cost of monthly supper	817.79	580.75
Christmas Dinner Costs	629.76	628.48
Cost of outing	130.95	630.00
Donation to St. Mary's	90.00	70.00
Gifts	128.00	30.50
General expenses	30.00	
Visiting speaker		30.00
	1,826.50	1,969.73
Surplus (deficit) for the year	755.00	195.07
Opening Balance	235.02	39.95
Closing Balance	990.02	235.02

St Mary's Parish Church, Ballybeen
Minutes of the Annual General Vestry
held on Sunday 14 April 2024

The Annual General Vestry took place after the morning service and Rev Jim Cheshire incorporated his report of the year into his sermon. David Manning (Hon. Treasurer) also presented a summary of the accounts to the whole congregation.

Jim thanked the Church Wardens Freda Rutherford and Jim Myles for their dedicated service over many years – Freda for over 15 and Jim for 6 – and presented each with a token of appreciation.

Jim read from 1 Peter 1:1 – 2:3

Jim began by reminding us about the solar eclipse that occurred on Monday past and was seen from various parts of the USA. When we see something like this we feel a sense of awe and are aware that we are in the midst of something great, and it can make us feel so small....Experiencing awe can be life changing – we see ourselves in a new light – it can change our behaviour and cause more connectedness in community.

In terms of the solar eclipse those effects are short-lived – maybe 24 hours or so - but another eclipse that won't be forgotten so easily is the one that occurred for 3 hours when Jesus was on the cross. That has left its mark on the whole world for eternity. Having experienced the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples were changed – see the book of Acts. Have you encountered the risen Christ like that?

If you have encountered Christ you will have

1. A sense of purpose
2. A sense of being forgiven
3. Love for other believers
4. Growth in Christlikeness

The highlights of this past year have been....

- Alpha Course – 9 people gave their lives to the Lord and others rededicated themselves.
- Holy Week in 2023 saw a Messy Church event for all the family.
- Discipleship course called Life Explored
- A Fun Day for the King's Coronation
- SOMA Team outreach to the community in June
- Baptismal Service on Father's Day
- July/August the school uniform project
- Holiday Bible Club with over 85 children
- Connected with Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention
- Discipleship Explored course in September
- Jim was made Archdeacon of Down and Dromore in October – a new challenge and new opportunities and it has brought Diocesan funding to employ Rev Ken Higgins for pastoral support and Karen Magee as Church Coordinator.
- Harvest Celebration
- Light Party at Hallowe'en
- Remembrance Service
- Advent Sunday worship & prayer evening
- Women shared an Advent Bible reading plan
- Full Christmas programme – BB Carol Service, Senior's Dinner, Church Carol Service, Nativity

- Jim did a stint as the Black Santa at St Anne's Cathedral.
- Lock-in for young people between Christmas & New Year
- We prayed in the New Year
- Said good-bye to Lorcan on his move to Holywood Parish

It is a story of growth in all kinds of ways but with growth comes challenges....

1. We can't love each other the way we are called if we are not here.
2. Love here, serve here – there is something for everyone to do.
3. We need to grow our staff.
4. We need to grow our giving.

Jim is excited about what God is doing but these are the challenges. We are a people who have seen that the Lord is good.

The General Vestry Meeting after the church service was chaired by Rev Jim Cheshire. 44 adults and 3 children were in attendance.

Apologies: Ethan Cheshire, Daniel Crawford, Anne Dawson, Rachel Haaijer, Laura Stitt.

Opening: Jim thanked everyone for staying behind for this year's Annual General Vestry. Jim thanked David for his work with the church accounts and he thanked both David and Noel for their faithful support and encouragement over the year.

Minutes: The minutes of last year's AGV were reviewed; Simon Edwards proposed their adoption, Stephanie Harris seconded this and all agreed.

Financial Accounts: David briefly reviewed the pages of the accounts and expressed his thanks to those who help with the count each week and to Sylvia for all her help in the background – he appreciates her continued support.

Voting:

Jim again thanked Jim Myles and Freda Rutherford for their faithful work as Church Wardens and announced his wardens for this year:

Rector's Church Warden: Brian Dawson

Rector's Glebe Warden: Chris Adair

People's Church Warden:

Tommy Burns – proposed by Dawn Ferguson, seconded by Jim Myles.

No further nominations so Tommy was duly elected.

People's Glebe Warden:

Dawn Ferguson – proposed by Linda Gordon, seconded by Jim Myles

No further nominations so Dawn was duly elected.

Jim thanked Megan Ross for her service on the Select Vestry. Megan will not be seeking re-election as she will be taking up a job in Africa in June. Jim thanked all of the outgoing Select Vestry for all their hard work over this past year to keep the ministry of the church running.

Names were taken for nomination for Select Vestry and the following were duly elected.

Select Vestry:

	Proposed by	Seconded by
David Manning	Joanne Rice	Simon Edwards
Ruth Manning	Sylvia Clarke	Freda Rutherford
Joanne Rice	Tommy Burns	Jon Judge
Karen Myles	Sylvia Clarke	David Haaijer
John Harris	Jim Myles	Colin Stitt
Elaine Edwards	Joanne Rice	David Manning
Eva Cheshire	Inez Lawther	Leah Judge
David Haaijer	Jon Judge	Rebecca Adair
Simon Edwards	Colin Stitt	Joanne Rice
Jon Judge	Maggie Dawson	Colin Stitt
Jim Myles	Joe Ireland	Tommy Burns
Timothy Pitt	Simon Edwards	Stephanie Harris

Jim thanked all who let their names go forward and is looking forward to working with those who have been elected for this year.

Close: Jim closed the meeting in prayer, and everyone stood to say the Grace together.

Signed: _____

Date: _____