

**Knocknamuckley Parish Church**

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

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Charities Number: 101442**  
**Knocknamuckley Parish Church**

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

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## Knocknamuckley Parish Church

### References and administrative details

Charity Name: Knocknamuckley Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: CCNI NIC101442  
HMRC XN71917

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### Trustees:

Dawn Connolly	Alastair Hewitt
Sydney Henderson	Arthur Cassidy
Thomas McKane	Noel Davison
Edith Harrison	Jennifer Cowan
Derek Cunningham	James Cunningham
Reginald Donaldson	Lawson McKitterick
Judith Sloan	Brian Fulton
Keith Gawley	

### Principal Office-bearers:

Rector:	Vacant from 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Honorary Treasurer:	Reginald Donaldson
Honorary Secretary:	Sydney Henderson
Churchwarden – Rector's:	Jennifer Cowan
Churchwarden – People's:	Arthur Cassidy

### Independent Examiner:

Mr A Gilpin, WHR Accountants Ltd, 56 Upper English Street, Armagh BT617LG

### Bankers

Ulster Bank, 20, High Street, Portadown, BT62 1HU.

## **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 Knocknamuckley Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **The purpose of the charity**

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

The principal function of the Knocknamuckley Parish Church 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 and social. The spiritual life of the Church is defined by the Holy Bible and a classical Anglican ethos as set out in the 39 Articles of religion. The Bible is central to the work at all levels in the Parish. 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, the 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 the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

### **The activities of the charity**

#### *Worship and prayer*

At the heart of Knocknamuckley Parish Church is a passionate desire to glorify God and demonstrate His love. Our varied services such as Morning Prayer, Informal Praise Service, Family Service, Praise and Testimony Service and Holy Communion services provide opportunities for everyone to engage in worship and prayer and also enable our community to participate in quiet reflective moments. In addition, varied activities such as Ladies Together, Mid-Week Bible study, Craft Class and Friendship Hour provide opportunities to engage with each other and be built up in a practical Christian way.

#### *Pastoral care*

We recognize that there are issues in our Parish that stem from sickness, bereavement, elderly, house bound, and those receiving medical treatment, care in hospital and local Nursing homes, and we are committed to helping these people in need with empathy, love and compassion. We also actively seek to reach out into our community through a range of caring and educational programs for young people. These projects include Sunday School, Young Peoples Bible class, Boys and Girls Brigade with over 100 members each, and Craigavon Christian Youth.

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### **The activities of the charity (continued)**

#### *Missions and evangelism*

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Another part of the vision for Knocknamuckley Parish Church reaches out into the local community with events like inviting Bleary Primary School to lead our worship, and support for societies such as Earl Haig Fund, Protestant Orphans Society, Christian Institute and Sight Savers. Mission also extends beyond N Ireland and established relationships and donations from Knocknamuckley Parish Church help to support different missionary societies abroad such as The Bible Society, Crosslinks, The Leprosy Mission and also Irish Church Missions. Our support includes that of our link missionaries working for Crosslinks in Sweden.

### **The achievements of the charity**

Central to work at all levels in the Parish is teaching God's word to bring Parishioners into a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour so that they are thoroughly equipped and disciplined to reach out into the community beyond the Parish. Knocknamuckley Parish Church continues to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. It continues to reach out to all Parish members, seeking to transform the local community and build a Christ centered congregation, which will be a witness for Jesus Christ and work for the advancement of His kingdom.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the Bible and improved values relating to civic engagement. Also, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Churches ministry of teaching.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **The achievements of the charity (continued)**

The renovation of Bleary Hall is now completed, and we are looking forward to continuing and increasing our outreach activities in this community. This hall now hosts a pre-school group.

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through regular visitation, increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need.

Overall, the beneficiaries of Knocknamuckley Parish Church are the general public and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support the continuing witness of the Church through contributions. The wider benefit to the public is the availability of a place for worshipping in the course of Christian outreach and the facilitation of weddings, funerals and baptisms. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfillment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfillment for the purpose of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

Also, the direct benefits flowing from the purpose of the Church include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of historic buildings and artifacts such as Church plate, furnishings and materials as an overall improved appreciation of a longstanding Christian heritage. This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artifacts and the subsequent and requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. Some requests for information during the year came from abroad.

To mitigate against harm, the Trustees ensure adequate health and safety measures are in place at Knocknamuckley Parish Church. Also, child protection checks and retraining are in place for those involved in children and youth work. No private benefit is received from Trustees fulfilling their responsibilities in respect of buildings, artifacts or records. In the course of conservation and to make records accessible to the public, no professional staff are engaged for the fulfillment of the purpose. The beneficiaries are solely the general public.

Our rectory grounds are used to host various church/community events: GB/BB camp, Barbeques, Croquet matches, Christmas and Easter Parish events. This is a great asset to the Parish.

We have also been joined with The Yellow Ribbon Charity to reach out to those who are suffering from mental illness.

# **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

## **Financial Review**

By the end of the financial year there was an overall surplus of £17,095, which incorporated a surplus of £17,029 under unrestricted funds, a surplus of £51 under restricted funds, and a surplus of £15 under endowments funds.

The overall current and deposit account bank balances at 31 December 2023 were £217,996 with an equivalent amount being retained in total funds.

## **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 2022 can be signed off as a going concern. All Accounts are in good standing.

## **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 Charity is an unincorporated organisation governed by its constitution issued by the Church of Ireland and adopted on 1 January 1871. The charity is managed and controlled by the Select Vestry that meets on a monthly basis. 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. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting and are listed on page 3 of this report. 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.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

**Pay and remuneration.**

**The position of Rector was vacant from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

### ***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, any curate assistant ("the curate"), 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. During the 2023 year the Select Vestry met ten times for scheduled meetings and had one special meeting, and all members attended on a regular basis.

### ***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.

### **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.

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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**

Honorary Treasurer:

Reginald Donaldson



Honorary Secretary:

Sydney Henderson



**Date:**

19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.