

ALL-SAINTS PARISH CHURCH TULLYLISH



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

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC 101676

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December2022

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Charity Name: Tullylish Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: NIC101676

Contact Address: 6 Moyallon Park, Gilford, Craigavon, BT63 5XW Trustees:

Rev. Brian JA Cruise (Chairman Jan- Retired March 2023)

Rev Robert C Smyth (Chairman April- Dec 2023)

Mrs Muriel McCracken

Mrs Betty Jones

Mrs E J Glass

Mr J A Walker

Mrs Ray Coleman

Mr J G Bell

Mrs N Wilson

Mr A Walker (Hon Sec)

Mrs Y Davison

Mr R Acheson

Mrs N Wilson

Mr JD Shaw

Mr Wm Robinson

Mr S G Walker (Hon.Treas)

Mr S M Vint

Mr N Lemon

Principal Office-bearers:

Clergy: Rev. Brian JA Cruise (Jan-Mar) – Rev Robert C Smyth (Oct- Dec)

Church Secretary: Mr A Walker

Church Treasurer: Mr S G Walker

Church Warden- Rector's Mrs R Coleman

Church Warden – People: Mrs M McCracken

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022**

ALL-SAINTS PARISH CHURCH TULLYLISH

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the All-Saints Parish Church for the year ended 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities: The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of the All-Saints Parish Church Tullylish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the All-Saints Parish Church Tullylish 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, the All-Saints Parish Church Tullylish 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 All-Saints Parish Church Tullylish.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

With the recovery from the Co-Vid 19 pandemic, it has continued to be a year of difficulty and change for the parish. The Rector unfortunately took ill in late Dec 2021 and was unable to fulfil any duties during the year 2023 and subsequently retired in March 2023. The various groups within the parish have resumed during the year with reduced numbers as some people were still reluctant to come out after the pandemic

The Select Vestry met each month under the chairmanship of the Rural Dean the Very Rev. Canon Geoff Wilson and normal business was transacted. Sunday Services were reasonably well attended and each service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Smyth on appointment by the Bishop to cover the Rector's absence. The Bishop appointed the Rev Robert C Smyth as minister-in Charge and he was installed on 6th October 2023

We have continually reviewed our child protection procedures within the Guidelines of the Diocesan requirements

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 Parish is in a reasonable financial position with continued support from the congregation to both General operating account and the Property & Maintenance account. However, with declining numbers and an aging congregation the trustees are aware that income from weekly stewardship offerings is declining and greater use is being made of transfers from Property and Maintenance account. Plans are in place to look at possible fund-raising activities.

Going Concern

"The trustees continually review the church finances at each vestry meeting and have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds with the change in accounts status and investment reserves to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2023 can be signed off as a going concern".

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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 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 is paid directly by the Parish, and receives the full stipend in accordance with Diocesan recommended statement issued each November with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and also receives the Locomotory and expenses of office as recommended by the General Synod.

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 was chaired by the very Rev. Canon Geoff Wilson in the absence of the incumbent of 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.

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.

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.

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Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Rector


Rev. Robert C Smyth

Honorary Secretary:


Mr. Adrian Walker

Honorary Treasurer:


Mr. Samuel G Walker

Date

09/04/2023