

Dunseverick Parish Church Trustee's Annual Report

(1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022)

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Trustees:

Rev Patrick Barton, Anna Kerr, Barbara Brogan, Valerie Wilkinson, Jennifer McCurdy, David Kerr, Ivor Ramage, Ivan Kerr, Hugh McCurdy, Ivan Smyth, James Wilkinson, Harold Kerr, Maurice McCurdy and Frank McCaughan, James Ramage.

Finances:

Dunseverick Parish had a total income of £35,784 and expenditure of £31,021. The closing balances of the 3 church accounts at 31st December 2022 were –

Current Account (No. 1) - £20,073

Building Fund (No. 2) -£89,092

The current account is used to cover costs related to the daily running of the church. The Building Fund account is for all fund-raising monies which can be used in a number of ways.

The major project on the Bell Tower, which was mainly funded through a Heritage Lottery Grant, has still a few small tasks to be completed, which was delayed. All funds have been received from the HLF and full completion will be reached in 2022/2023.

Management:

The finances are managed by a Parish Treasurer and a "Finance Committee" with reports submitted monthly to the Trustees at Vestry meetings and on other occasions if necessary. Vestry members are elected each year at the Annual Easter Vestry meeting.

The finance committee was set up to look after fundraising and correspondence with the HLF grant application.

Purpose:

The principal function of the organisation 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 is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose. A number of methods are used to display this heritage, both within the Church and externally. For example, a time line display is located in the porch covering the almost 200 years of the church's existence, display screens are available on selected occasions featuring the characters and events which have helped to shape the parish over the years, and a graveyard map has been positioned next to the entrance footpath, displaying all the family names buried there over its recorded period. This is extremely beneficial to those people carrying out genealogical research.

Public Benefit

The charity trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance. Regular worship and reaching out into the community via community carol singing, youth clubs as well as other activities such as charitable, social and fundraising have been carried out successfully throughout the years to fulfil our statement of Public Benefit. Significant funds have been donated to other organisations such as Christian Aid, Ukraine Appeal, RCB Charity Funds, Orphan's Appeal, Dean's Sit Out, Air Ambulance, Bishop's Appeal, CRS. The Church has been used by other community organisations.



David Kerr

Select Vestry member/charity representative

4th May 2022