

# **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022**

## **Donaghadee Parish**

**Charity Registration Number NIC 102612**

### **Charity Address**

Rev Ian Gamble  
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### **Trustees**

Rev Ian Gamble (Rector)  
Mrs Amanda Humphreys (People's Church Warden)  
Mrs Lorna Thrush (Rector's Church Warden)  
Mrs Diane Finlay (Secretary)  
Mrs Heather Heaney (Treasurer)  
Mr Stephen Bain  
Mr Garth Boyd  
Mrs Angela Farley  
Mr Ian Henderson  
Mr David Humphreys  
Mr Frank Humphreys  
Mr David Monahan  
Mr Gerry McGrath  
Mr Gary Robinson (People's Glebe Warden)  
Mr David Sloan (Rector's Glebe Warden)  
Mr Samuel David Martin  
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## **The purpose of the charity**

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

The principal function of the Donaghadee Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion (Faith) by promoting, through the work of the Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Bible and our liturgical worship (Book of Common Prayer) define the spiritual life of Donaghadee Parish Church as we experience it as members of the Church of Ireland – and very much a part of the Anglican Communion.

The maintenance and development of the Christian Faith, the Parish has custody of property and of records, in the care of the Select Vestry of the Parish used in pursuit of our charitable purpose.

## **The Activities of the Charity**

### ***Worship and prayer***

At the heart of Donaghadee Parish Church are worship, teaching and prayer.

- Services each Sunday:
  - 8.30am Holy Communion  
(Using liturgy in traditional language.)
  - 10.30am Morning Worship and Sunday school and youth Group.  
(Using liturgy in contemporary language.)
  - 7pm Evening Prayer  
(Using liturgy in traditional language.)
- Wednesday Morning Healing Service

Our Parish seeks to provide opportunities for everyone to engage in worship and prayer, no matter what age or liturgical tradition. Music in Donaghadee Parish Church at the morning service is provided by a Parish Music Group who provide a variety of well led and enjoyable music; we also have a valued Church organist.

We hold regular services with other churches in the town as well as for the local community, services for District Scouts and Guides, and local schools. On Remembrance Sunday the RBL, the Army Reserve and the ACF join us for morning worship. On 1<sup>st</sup> July the rector conducts a Somme Remembrance Service for the local Orange Order.

### ***Pastoral care***

As a town Donaghadee has become a popular retirement area with many sheltered dwellings, apartments complexes and Nursing Homes. Our Parish seeks to provide pastoral care during times of sickness, bereavement, care for the elderly and those who are house bound and those in hospital, as well as the wider congregation. We also minister to young families who come for Holy Baptism and couples who wish to get married. We have a strong pastoral ministry in hospitals and nursing homes as well as visiting in people's homes, especially at difficult times.

### ***Outreach***

Donaghadee Parish Church seeks to reach out into our community through a range of caring and activity programs for adults and young people.

We provide a variety of activities for adults including Indoor Bowling Club (3 sessions per week), Women's Fellowship and Monday Club for the older folk. These are opportunities to engage with each other and build friendships and fellowship. We also have a Men's Work Party who provide practical help in buildings and grounds maintenance - this also builds fellowship amongst our men.

For young people we have a Sunday School, uniformed organizations (Scouts and Guides) and we have restarted our Parent and Toddlers Group. We also have the Army Cadet Force Detachment who use our halls each week.

Donaghadee Parish reaches beyond our town through our links in prayer and financial support, given through the Church Missionary Society, to its work in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan. This year we facilitated the refurbishment of a primary school devastated by local militia.

Donaghadee Parish Select Vestry makes our Parish Halls available for use during the year groups who provide resources for programs for good mental health, hearing loss and vaccination clinics provided by Donaghadee Health Centre. Several thousand people have been vaccinated in our Halls both for Covid and the flu.

### ***The Achievements of the Charity***

Central to the work of Donaghadee Parish is teaching God's word to bring Parishioners into a deeper knowledge and understanding of faith in Jesus Christ and fostering a real sense of congregational cohesion as we reach out into the local community in Donaghadee. We have a Christian discipleship course called Pilgrim which is proving very helpful and popular - as well as a weekly Bible Study group.

The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and giving and receiving of pastoral care, a deeper understanding of the Bible and improved values relating to building fellowship and engaging with our local town community.

Donaghadee Parish is a multigenerational Church, and we seek to build strong caring relationships across all age groups. Church Services are well attended and demonstrate a keen public interest and benefit to the wider community.

Combined attendance at Sunday Services averages around 180 people but special services such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day attract very large congregations. The congregation appreciates the variety of worship in Donaghadee and discerns the presence of God with us. Our mid-week Healing Service has a regular attendance of over 30 people and includes many from other congregations in the town. During the year Donaghadee Parish had three Baptisms, one wedding, and twenty funerals. We have employed a Youth Worker and are developing our ministry to young people and to our children Sunday School/Club.

Activities outside normal Church services included barbeques, dinners, fellowship nights and concerts, and trips away. These engage our church membership, build fellowship and aid outreach and pastoral care. These were of enormous social and religious public benefit.

Overall, the beneficiaries of Donaghadee Parish Church are the congregation members and the general public. The public valuation of the benefit can be evidenced through attendance at public worship and church organizations, participation in church governance and willingness to support the work of the Church through Free Will Offering contributions, offerings for fabric upkeep and parish development, fund raising events and congregational social events.

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. Experiencing pastoral ministry has been a prime route for people into our congregational life.

### ***Governance & Administration***

Donaghadee Parish Church is a part of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and the day-to-day running is the responsibility of the Select Vestry which normally meets monthly and is responsible for the Parish Fabric, Finance and Furnishings. The Select Vestry consists of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members elected at the General Vestry.

Parish administration is carried out with the assistance of volunteers who support the Select Vestry, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer as well as Committees responsible for Finance and Property

The Trustees recognise the range of statutory regulations and obligations that are relevant to our activities and our responsibilities thereto. The Trustees ensure adequate buildings and public liability insurance. Health risks and Fire Safety Inspections are undertaken to comply with necessary rules and regulations.

All our organisations for young people are run under the guidance of the Church of Ireland's Child Protection Policy (Safe Guarding Trust) and the Select Vestry ensures that this is adhered to.

### ***Governing Documentation & Constitution of Donaghadee Parish***

Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs parishes and parochial organisation. The Select Vestry Members are Charity Trustees.

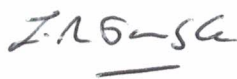
No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibilities with the exception of the Rector who receives a Parish stipend and accommodation at the Rectory.

No private benefit is received from the Trustees fulfilling their responsibilities in respect of buildings, fabric or records other than those available to the congregation and general public.


### ***Statement of Trustees Responsibilities***

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

On behalf of the Trustees:



Ian Gamble  
Rector



Diane Finlay  
Honorary Secretary



Heather Heaney  
Honorary Treasurer