

# Trustees Annual Report

Parish of Whitehead and Islandmagee (NIC102649)

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Whitehead

1st January 2016 until 31st December 2016

## Trustees:

Canon Mark Taylor, Mrs Inez Moore, Mr Allister Maxwell, Mrs Janet Peoples, Mrs Alison Higginson, Mr Trevor Peoples, Mr Austin Jenkins, Mr Bill Rafferty, Mr Bill Pollock, Mrs Maureen Reid, Mrs Mabel Allen, Mr Bert Thompson, Mrs Valerie Kincaid, Mrs Priscilla Carlisle,

## Finances:

The opening balance was £4234.32, the Parish finances are in a reasonably healthy state at present. The number of people giving through the FWO scheme has fallen over the past few years, the effect of this on our Church finances has been negated by the number of people who now give money directly into the bank. Church finances are helped enormously by the rebate we receive from HMRC, this amounted to £12,301.02, without this rebate we would struggle to exist. The Parish runs a series of "Lenten Lunches" from Ash Wednesday until the Wednesday of Easter week, these lunches bring members of, not only our local community, but of the wider community together where they spend 2-3 hours having lunch and renewing acquaintances, people who find it difficult to get out and about from their homes have a lunch delivered to them, from these lunches alone we gave £3,200 pounds to eight different charities.

Our income and expenditure balances at 31st December 2016 were

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| Income | £97,450.62 |
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| Expenditure | £97,450.62 |
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We run many other events during the year, a necessity in order to bolster our church income and to allow the parish to support other deserving charities and organisations such as C.M.S.I, and Children to Lapland Trust.

Our church hall is used extensively throughout the year by different groups such as Bowling teams, Walkers group, visiting youth groups, circus skills group, mothers union and other

people who use the premises for meetings and fund raising activities, the church premises were used recently to allow family members from around the world to gather together to remember a relative who had died just a few weeks previously.

During 2016 we sold the old rectory and purchased a new rectory, this will, hopefully, reduce our outgoings in relation to the Glebe building.

We have a rota system in place which ensures that the same people are not counting any monies which the parish receives every week, we also have two people counting this money each week.

The finances are managed by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr T. Peoples, who reports back to the select vestry every month or in between if necessary, vestry members are elected each year at the General Easter Vestry.

The principal function of the Parish of Whitehead and Islandmagee is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the parish the complete mission of the Church, pastoral, social, and ecumenical.

All the functions of the Parish relate to the advancement of the Christian religion through holding regular worship and communicating and caring for parishioners of all ages especially the sick, elderly, those with limited mobility and others in our community.

The charity trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance.