

Trustees Annual Report

Parish of Whitehead and Islandmagee (NIC102649)

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Whitehead

1st January 2017 until 31st December 2017

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 £3912.08, the Parish finances are in a reasonably healthy state at present. The number of people giving through the FWO scheme has continued to fall over this past year, 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 £13525.07, 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, there are people who find it difficult to get out and about from their homes, these people 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

Income	£93,256.39
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Expenditure	£93,256.39
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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. We give money to the Brighter Whitehead group, this group of people plant flowers and fauna throughout the local area in order to make the

town more appealing, we also donate money to the Whitehead Community Association to help fund activities for all the population of the surrounding area.

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 by others who use the premises for meetings and fund-raising activities. The church premises were used recently to allow family members to have a coffee morning after a church baptism, we do have a cup of tea after all our morning services on a Sunday, this lets people have a chat after church, the church hall is also used by our Sunday school children on a weekly basis during which they learn about the Bible and what Christianity means to everyone, they also practice the plays and other acts that they put on in the Church at Christmas and at other times.

Thankfully with the purchase of our new rectory some 18 months ago we have seen a considerable reduction in spending on the Glebe building. During the year our Church building in Whitehead has had necessary maintenance work carried out on it including repairs to stop water ingress and a complete repainting of the Church.

Our Church in Islandmagee currently requires work to be carried out on it mostly to clean the render on the exterior of the 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.

We are signatories to the Safeguarding Trust Code of Good Practice in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland chapter XVI "Ministry with Children"

I have examined all of the bank statements, books and supporting documents of the Parish of Whitehead and Islandmagee for the year ending 31/12/2017 and I am satisfied that the attached accounts are a true reflection of all the transactions of the Parish in 2017. I am also satisfied with the veracity of the opening and closing balances for the period concerned

David Taggart Robinson (Auditor)
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