

St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Parish of Armoy.

2022 CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT

References and administrative details:

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Trustees: (Select Vestry)

Principal Office Bearers:

Clergy : Canon Christopher Richard Alexander Easton B.A.(Hons), Prof . Dip.Th., Th.D.

Church Treasurer: Mr J. McCurdy.

Church Secretary: Mrs. Ruth McCurdy

Church Warden – Rectors: Mrs F. Uprichard.

Church Warden – People: Mr. R. McIntyre

Independent Auditor: Harry Girvan

Bankers: Ulster Bank PLC, 20 Ann Street, Ballycastle, Co Antrim.

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TRUSTEE REPORT St. Patricks Church Armo

St Patricks Church is part of a group of parishes that also comprises of All Saints Loughguile and Drumtullagh.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Select Vestry (SV) members is set out in the Constitution of The Church of Ireland. All SV members are Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All Lay members of the Church of Ireland who are over 18 years of age and are accustomed or resident members of the congregation and have been identifiable contributors to Parish funds, can register to be members of the General Vestry. This allows them to attend and vote at the General Vestry. A meeting of the General Vestry is held once each year. Lay members are elected at the General Vestry to be members of the Select Vestry. The Select Vestry members become the Trustees. The term of office is one year but members can be re-elected. There is no limit to the number of terms which can be served.

Public Benefit

The charity Trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commissions Public Benefit statutory guidance. Regular worship and reaching out into our community as well as other social and spiritual activities have been carried out throughout the year to fulfil our statement of public benefit.

Aim and purposes

Armo Church Select Vestry (SV) is responsible for co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church; spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic and social.

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

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities, due consideration is given to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular guidance relating to charities whose aim is the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: Worship; Prayer; Sacrament; Teaching; The provision of pastoral care; Opportunities for service; Missionary and outreach work; Social activities

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the buildings belonging to the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Post COVID most parish activities have recommenced though often on a smaller scale. Having ceased to operate normally for almost two years some people's association with the parish has diminished. As a result, church attendance and involvement in other parish activities is generally lower. Face to face Pastoral support has now resumed and weddings and funerals are being conducted as normal. Live worship is taking place in our church buildings again and the weekly church service on YouTube is no longer broadcast.

Finance. Our income has not been badly affected by the pandemic. Most parishioners continued their generous support.

Worship Prayer and Sacrament

There are a variety of regular Church Services available each month, including Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Family Service and Healing Services. There are also various additional seasonal and occasional services.

There are opportunities for people to leave requests for prayer and a Prayer Ministry Team who will pray with and for anyone requesting prayer.

Prayer for the sick is also available at our regular Healing Services.

Teaching

Teaching about the Christian Faith takes place at all Sunday Services, the Mid Week Bible Study, Sunday School, Healing Services, Confirmation Classes and various training events.

The clergy also take school assemblies in the local Primary School, where the children are taught aspects of the Christian faith.

Pastoral Care

The clergy of the parish regularly visit church members in their homes, in hospital and in care facilities. They are constantly on call and generally available in a time of crisis at short notice. Holy Communion is made available to the sick and elderly in their homes if requested.

There are a number of Wedding, Funeral and Baptismal Services each year. The number varies from year to year.

Opportunities for service

We recognize that the Church is a Body made up of many members with different gifts and abilities. We encourage all members to find a way to serve through the ministries and structures of the church.

Mission and Outreach

We reach out to the local community through work in the local Primary School, Holiday Bible Clubs, The Alpha Course, Mothers Union, Healing Services, Special Seasonal Services, The Boys Brigade and Carol Singing.

Our interest in overseas mission is chiefly through our relationship with Fields of Life. We also support local missions as detailed in our statement of accounts.

We have a strong link with a local Food Bank.

Social Activities

All of our organizations include an element of social activity. In addition to these there have been a number of other events which have in the past included, BBQ's, Treasure Hunt, breakfasts, craft classes, days out, quiz nights, holiday kidz club, senior citizens diner, carol singing, harvest supper etc.

OBSERVATIONS

The Seniors Group ("Round Tower Group") has for now ceased to function due to a shortage of leaders.

Boys Brigade. The Boys Brigade is operational. Although small in numbers compared to some BB's, the Officers are very dedicated and boys are benefit from a wide range of activities.

The Link with our Ugandan child through Fields of Life continues. Regular support to fund their education is sent via Fields of Life.

New Mums Ministry. As an outreach that demonstrates Christ - like love and generosity, we plan to continue to give every new mum a gift comprising of various useful baby items. It builds connections with people and it demonstrates faith. It is hoped to revive this ministry after a lull during the pandemic.

GDPR: The parish has a Data Protection Policy.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Child Protection

The parish operates the Church of Ireland Child Protection Policy " Safeguarding Trust."

ACCOUNT 2022

Transfer from General A/C	1796.29	Service oil burner	65.00
		Hand dryers	115.20
		Pest Control	159.60
		Heating Oil	1065.18
		Water Charges	108.77
		Maintenance	124.18
		Power N.I.	158.36
Total	1796.29	Total	1796.29

LAND ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	8684.26	Water Charges	70.14
Land Rent	4600.00	To Church & G'yard	5941.04
		Balance in A/C 2022	7270.08
Total	13281.26		13281.26

YOUTH CLUB ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	370.61	Balance in A/C 2022	370.61
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ROUND TOWER GROUP ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	288.10	Balance in A/C 2022	288.10
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CHARITIES ACCOUNT 2022

Fields of Life Jar	598.50	Fields of life sponsor child	288.00
From Building Fund A/C	577.70	Royal British Legion	120.00
		African Palms	18.20
		Ballymoney Food Bank	500.00
		Fields of Life vouchers	250.00

Total	1176.20	Total	1176.20
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GENERAL ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	10502.05	W.F.O. Booklets	500.00
New Daylight (21/22)	184.85	New daylight	130.20
Gift Aid (2021 donations)	4566.33	Postage	109.65
Gift Aid (2018/19/20)	163.89	Stationary & Ink	95.13
Power N.I. (Pole)	2.00	C.C.L.I.	287.89
Bank Interest	8.77	Audit of accounts	110.00
Food Hygiene Course	60.00	Food Hygiene Course	144.00
Treasurer's Gift	910.00	Treasurer's Gift	1016.99
R.C.B. Covid Grant	694.60	Confirmation Bibles	91.40
Ulster Covid Grant	12858.00	New Hoover	99.99
Diocesan Board of Education	24.34	Clergy Pension Fund	4578.00
Diocese of Connor General Fund	243.25	Diocesan Fair Share	3824.76
W.F.O.	34355.52	Safe Guarding Trust Ins.	64.91
J McCook Bequest	1.00	200 th Anv. Booklet	395.00
Morrison Bequest	1.43	Bank Charges	318.06
Rev Wilson Bequest	55.28	Transfer to Group A/C	21052.41
McBride Bequest	134.03	Transfer to B'Reserve A/C	12858.00
Joyce McCook Bequest	65.69	Transfer to Hall A/C	1796.29
Parishioners Bequests	34.69	Miscellaneous	256.40
Mary Wright Bequest	<u>3.56</u>	Balance 31/12/2022	<u>17140.14</u>
Total	64869.22	Total	64869.22

BUSINESS RESERVE A/C 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	18378.44		
From Building Fund A/C	1993.31		
From Building Fund A/C	6311.00		
From Building Fund A/C	5000.00		
From General A/C	12858.00		
Bank Interest	<u>90.29</u>	Balance 31/12/2022	<u>44631.04</u>
Total	44631.04	Total	44631.04

CHURCH & GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT 2022

Opening of grave	60.00	Heating oil	1870.78
From Land A/C	5941.04	Power N.I.	1124.58
From B'Fund A/C	5000.00	Organist	1600.00
		Service of oil burner	65.00
		Church & Hall Insurance	1713.85
		Easter service B.B.Q.	131.24
		Photo-copier repairs	55.00
		Keys cut	38.78
		P.C. Electrics	8.00
		Paint for barn & rectory fence	194.44
		Visiting clergy	155.00
		Organ maintenance	125.00
		Cutting of grass	1000.00
		Fuel for mower etc	297.81
		Outside sound equipment	1894.20
		Broadband	29.99
		Vestry repairs	537.77
		Pest control	159.60
Total	11001.04	Total	11001.04

SANTANDER ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	268.84	Transferred to B'Fund A/C	555.00
Santa Claus (pay pal)	480.00		
Calendar adverts	75.00		
		Balance in A/C 2022	268.84
Total	823.84	Total	823.84

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT 2022

Balance 31/12/2021	7652.02	Jive class	160.00
Smartie tubes	533.60	Christmas cards	370.00
Treasure hunt	530.00	Calendars	1560.00
Jive class	493.50	Purchase of Christmas trees	595.00
Stripe payments uk	397.31	Hire of marquee	600.00
Harvest offering	262.00	Repairs to our marquee	152.00
Sale of plants	150.00	Flood lights etc	218.39
Donation (oil tank)	30.00	Portaloo	282.00
Anon. Gift	4000.00	Hire of generator	114.00
Legacy of estate	5000.00	Sundry expenses	63.38
Donation	1000.00	Santa clause exp	300.00
In memory of (G'parents)	1000.00	Fuel for generator	166.57
Building fund envelopes	2674.00	Electrical cables	255.00
Christmas tree festival	10374.89	Castleroe benches	248.90
		Communion cloths etc	167.50
		Credit card reader	99.99
		To Business Reserve A/C	1993.31
		To Business Reserve A/C	6311.00
		To Business Reserve A/C	5000.00
		To Church & Graveyard A/C	5000.00
		To Charties A/C	577.00
		Balance in A/C 31/12/2022	9863.28
Total	34097.32	Total	34097.32

Financial Review

All accounts show a healthy balance. Fundraising continues for toilet facilities in the graveyard. These efforts were enhanced last year by a number of generous bequests.

The Trustees have reviewed their financial position and are confident that they can continue its activities effectively. The Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

Reserves policy

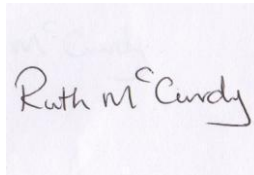
It is SV policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds in various accounts for land and property maintenance, parish development, outreach, and to take account of unforeseen circumstances. This should not normally exceed 10% of the value of all lands and property.

Approved by the EV and signed on their behalf by

Chairman Rev. Christopher Easton



Secretary Ruth MCCurdy



SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH ARMOY

With the information supplied to me I have carefully examined the double entry bookkeeping ledgers, direct debit data, bank statements, lodgements, payments, cheque book counterfoils, etc.

I can now certify that this data shows a true and accurate record of the above named church accounts for the year 2022.

signed F. H. Givan

auditor

22/03/2023
