

Trustees' Annual Report

Parish of Culfeightrin

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Church of Ireland, Parish of Culfeightrin for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Trustees

Rev D Ferguson	Mr J Matthews	Mr N McBride	Mrs E Naylor
Mrs A Breen	Mr N Mitchell	Mrs C McMullan	
Mrs K Williamson	Mr R McBride		
Mr R Huggins	Mr W McBride	Mrs V Jago	

Purpose

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

The principal function of the Parish of Culfeightrin 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 are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish of Culfeightrin has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

Objectives and Activities

All of the functions of the parish relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communication with and caring for parishioners and others in our community and in the wider world.

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the public and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, and the elderly is a public benefit. We are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our church, giving and receiving pastoral care at the point of need.

To ensure this work is carried out in comfortable surroundings maintaining the fabric of our church.

No harm arises from the activities and purposes of the church and the beneficiaries are the general public.

Worship and Prayer

The Select Vestry as Trustees seek to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our parish and community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These services are designed to engage and encourage the participation of all attendees regardless of age or church affiliation. Our aim is to make everyone feel welcome and experience the love of Jesus through the expression of our Worship.

In addition to holding worship services in the church, spiritual comfort is also made available to the housebound and those living in care homes or in hospital through the provision of Holy Communion.

Mission and Evangelism

The parish supports the work of various charities such as the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal, and Christian Aid in their work overseas and in the wider community. A Bi- Monthly newsletter is provided to every family in the parish and wider afield which highlights parish and community events and is also available on our website. The newsletter also includes items of a spiritual nature and prayers.

Using the mediums of Facebook and the Parish Website we endeavour to keep our parishioners and wider audience updated on a daily basis as to what is going on in our parish.

Finances

The parish has had a successful year in terms of Free Will offering, and Donations with a substantial bequest being left to the Parish

The security and safeguarding of all monies is important to the trustees and all money is handled under dual control.

Management

The finances are managed by the Treasurer who reports back to the Trustees at regular meetings of the Select Vestry. Select Vestry members are elected each year at the annual Easter General Vestry.

On Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1
Rev David Ferguson Rector

Signed *D Ferguson*

Trustee 2
Mrs C Mitchell Treasurer

Signed *C Mitchell*
Date 01 June 2024