

PARISH OF KILCONRIOLA AND BALLYCLUG

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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References and administrative details

Charity Name: Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug
Charity Registration Number: NIC103115
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BT43 7BT

Trustees

Trustees from 01.01.2023 – 19.04.2023

Rev. Mark McConnell, Mr D Dunlop, Mr R Fleming, Mr A Marrs, Mrs V Greer, Mr A McNeill, Mrs S Doak, Mr W Burnett, Mrs H Weir, Mr A Adair, Mrs L Bell, Mr J Greer, Mr J Graham, Mr J Mawhinney, Mrs I Mawhinney, Mrs C Sloan, Mrs J Cunningham, Mr R Atkinson, Mr B Taylor.

Trustees from 19.04.2023- 13.06.2023

Rev. Mark McConnell, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Vera Greer, Mrs Sharon Doak, Mrs Carol Sloan, Mr J Greer, Mr Robert Atkinson, Mr Adam McCurdy, Mrs Donna McCurdy, Mr Alan Cooke, Mrs Jaclyn Richardson, Mr Peter Chestnutt, Mrs Lynda Bell, Mrs Susannah Foster, Ms Elizabeth Peachey, Mr John Graham, Mrs Donna McCurdy, Mr Jim Mawhinney, Mrs Irene McConnell

Trustees from 13.06.2023 - 31.12.2023

Rev. Mark McConnell, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Sharon Doak, Mrs Carol Sloan, Mr Robert Atkinson, Mr Adam McCurdy, Mrs Donna McCurdy, Mr Alan Cooke, Mr Peter Chestnutt, Mrs Lynda Bell, Mrs Susannah Foster, Ms Elizabeth Peachey, Mr John Graham, Mrs Donna McCurdy, Mr Jim Mawhinney, Mrs Irene McConnell.

Trustees approving this report

Rev. Mark McConnell, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mr Alex McKay, Mrs Sharon Doak, Mrs Carol Sloan, Mr Jim Mawhinney, Mrs I McConnell, Mr Robert Atkinson, Mr John Graham, Mr E Lynn, Mrs Lynda Bell, Mrs Susannah Foster, Mrs Elizabeth Peachey, Mr Adam McCurdy, Mr Peter Chestnutt. Mr Jim Ross, Mrs Jean Ross, Mr John Graham, Mrs Deborah Bennett, Mr Ken Hughes, Mr Larry Cunningham, Mr Richard O'Neill.

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev. Mark McConnell
Church Treasurer: Mr David Megaughin (01/01/2023 to 17/03/2023)
Mrs. I McConnell (from 09/05/2023 to 31/12/2023)
Church Warden- Clergy: Mr. J Mawhinney
Church Warden - People: Mrs. I McConnell

Independent Examiner

Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

Bankers

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78 Wellington Street
Ballymena
BT43 6AF

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

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug 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 Kilconriola and Ballyclug 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 select vestry of the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Charity exists to further the teachings of Jesus Christ, principally within our locale, to promote His teaching to any and all who may be willing to learn and to encourage and enable His followers to take to heart His example and try to lead their lives according to that example as best they might.

How have we acted to fulfil our purpose?

There have been regular Services of Public Worship which were open to all throughout the year in all three of our Churches on Sundays (and mid-week in Castle Street) with additional Services provided for particular outside organisations when requested. Our Clergy and lay-people have made great effort to provide pastoral ministry, particularly to the sick, the elderly and the young, and not only to parishioners but to anyone in the wider community who we could be of help to as we became aware of their need.

The Parish has dedicated Youth Workers who commit long hours of effort to supporting local youngsters through our Youth Club and educating them in the Christian religion through participation in Sunday School and Confirmation classes, and engaging with others through joining in events at the levels of our Rural Deanery and Diocese.

The Parish also facilitates a range of organisations for people of all ages, and these are welcoming to anyone who wishes to take part, whether or not they are members of the Church. We also like to support our local community by providing use of our premises to outside organisations where possible, for fund-raising events perhaps or regularly hosting the Blood Transfusion Service. We have continued to donate to and support our local Food-bank (organised by the Trussell Trust) and given financial support to a variety of other local charitable causes, and some farther afield.

The Parish also provides a source of archived records, and welcomes visitors to simply enjoy the historic buildings and their fittings and furnishings which are privileged to be the custodians of, principally the Church of St. Patrick in Castle Street, Ballymena which is a grade B listed building.

The general public benefit from all of these activities and resources, and no Trustee (other than clergy) receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their responsibilities as Trustees.

In carrying out their responsibilities the Trustees have at all times had due regard to and complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission under Section 4(b) of the Charities Act.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

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Financial Review

The Parish maintains two current accounts – with a General Account to meet out working expenses, and a Property Account to cover the costs of maintaining and improving our properties.

During the year our income for the General account was £283,229, and expenditure was £215,632. After £48,865 was transferred to various other funds, this left the general account with a surplus of £18,732 for the year.

Restricted funds include Property, Renovation, Mission and Charities and Organisation funds. During the year our restricted income was £93,780, and expenditure was £124,064. The transfer of £48,865 from the General account to these restricted funds resulted in a surplus in restricted funds of £18,581.

Our overall surplus for the year was £37,313 (deficit 2022: £231,442).

The overall situation is that the Parishes income and expenditure levels remain closely monitored, although they have adequate reserves. The Select Vestry continue to seek ways to increase income and cost saving measures but remained confident that the situation would be improved and as we continue to exercise good governance of the Parish.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year end December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months, may register as members of the general vestry of the parish, allowing them to attend and vote at meetings of the general vestry and to stand for election to the select vestry. Meetings of the general vestry are held at least once a year. The Select Vestry is elected as part of this General Vestry meeting. The Select Vestry will hold their positions for a period of one year. Select Vestry members may be re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served

Pay and remuneration

The Incumbent and Curate both receive a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland along with office and locomotory allowances.

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Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating in the parish. Select vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

The select vestry meets at times fixed by the members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens.

In 2023 the Select Vestry meet 8 times during the year and the average attendance was 83%.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK , including Charities SORP (FRS 102) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law).

Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement as to disclosure to our examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The examiner, Ian Johnston (A.F.A), for and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants, has indicated his willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning the reappointment was passed at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting.

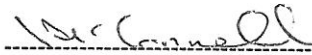
On Behalf of the Trustees



Rev. Mark McConnell



Mr. Ronnie Fleming – Secretary



Mrs. I McConnell- Treasurer

Date: 11th June 2024