

St Patrick's Parish Church, Antrim

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts & Payments and Assets & Liabilities (Unaudited)

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC 103579

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References and Administrative Details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC103579

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(Please note this is the address of the church, all correspondence MUST be sent to the contact address)

Trustees (Select Vestry)

Trustees are appointed each year through the Easter Vestry. The previous vestry will be dissolved and a new vestry appointed. The following were the trustees during the year.

Reverend I W Magowan	Mrs S Tipping
Mrs E Walker	Mrs A Evans
Mrs E Patterson	Mr J McCallion
Mr B McMichael	Mr C Campbell
Miss M McGerr	Mrs S McCallion
Mrs L McDonnell	Mr M Morgan
Mrs M McCallum	

The following were the changes in appointed or vacated positions during the year:
Mr M Morgan was appointed as vestry person.

Principal Office-bearers:

Clergy:	Reverend Ian W Magowan
Church Honorary Secretary:	Mrs S Tipping
Church Honorary Treasurer:	Mrs S McCallion
Church Warden – Clergy:	Mr A Evans
Church Warden – Peoples:	Mr B McMichael

Independent Examiner:

The accounts have been independently examined as they are under the threshold of £250,000. The examination was undertaken by:

Ms R McDowell
8 Ballymacvea Road
Kells
BT42 3NQ

Bankers

Ulster Bank – Ballymena Branch
49 Wellington Street
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BT43 6AD

Trustees Annual Report
St Patrick's Parish Church, Antrim. (NIC 103579)
1st January 2023 until 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities

The wording supplied for Charitable Objects and Activities were approved by General Synod in 2015.

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

The principal function of the Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Patrick's Parish Church, 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 Christian religion, the Parish has custody of property and records the maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry. See note 1 to the accounts.

Achievements and Performance.

It is the mission of St Patrick's Parish to promote the development of our love, faith and worship to God and to share God's love within the community of Antrim.

Public Benefit

The Charity Trustees have complied with their duties in line with 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.

Regular worship and reaching out into the community to all age groups, contributing to the Spiritual wellbeing and reinforcing Christian values. This also provides pastoral support and social intercourse for families and for those who live alone. There is an ecumenical benefit in that some of our events are supported by all sections of the community.

Our international outreach benefits the hungry, the homeless and those in educational need in other parts of the world.

Health and Safety.

We comply with the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Child Protection Policy.

We also have a Fire Safety Policy and hold Fire Drill four times per year to include the congregation and all other users of the premises and documentation is filed to this effect.

A First Aid station is available to include an eye station, first aid box and Defibrillator and records are entered for any incidents which occur

We comply with Hygiene and Food handling Guidelines.

To comply with current legislation, a safeguarding trust panel is in place. Current panel members are:

Mrs E Walker, Miss M McGerr and Rev'd I Magowan.

Finance

The Honorary Treasurer manages the finances and reports back to the Trustees at the monthly vestry meetings. The Trustees oversee the Parish finances and the allocation of all monies. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The General Fund declined, as prior year accounts received an additional boost from a Covid grant. Gross payments for Clergy included thirteen monthly payments, as December 2023 was paid earlier than prior years thus impacting on the year-end balance and comparative figures.

The Repair Fund Account is earmarked for repairs to church property, paths, buildings restoration etc. During 2022, the vestry agreed that the costs of oil and other general running maintenance costs, would now be expensed from this account. There was no significant movement on the mission fund. The mission account is used for supporting the work of the church missions and related charities. The gift account was used for providing gifts at significant events e.g. weddings, christenings etc. As there had been no income to this account for some time the vestry decided to close the account and to transfer the remaining balance into the number 1 account. The account was closed on 14th September 2023.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

St Patricks aims to adhere to GDPR.

Going Concern

The trustees have discussed the financial viability of St Patrick’s for the year ahead at the Annual General Meeting on 17th April 2023. After examining the financial report it was agreed that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the parish can continue its activities throughout the 2023 term. Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management.

Governing Document and Constitution of the charity

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Select Vestry (Trustees)

All members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18yrs, either resident within the parish or living elsewhere and have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least three months and pay traceable FWO to the parish 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 on to the select vestry.

The select vestry hold their positions for 1yr and are selected at the annual General Vestry meeting. They may be re-elected annually as there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

Pay and Remuneration

The Incumbent of the parish stipend is paid directly by St Saviour’s Parish Church, Connor. The Incumbent receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowance in accordance with the figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

The Incumbent is responsible for the grouped Parishes of St Saviour’s, Connor and St Patrick’s, Antrim. The stipend and locomotory allowances are shared equally between both churches. See note 4 to the accounts.

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, the church 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 and the absence of an incumbent by the area Dean. 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. They meet at times fixed by the chair and special meetings may be convened at any time as required.

In 2023 the select vestry held eleven meetings with no less than 80% attendance at any meeting.

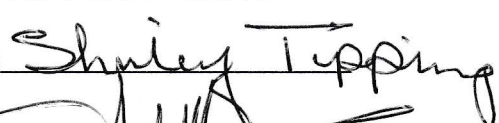
Statement of Trustees.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

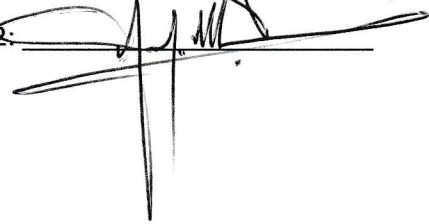
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with an income less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

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 and the assets and liabilities of the parish. They are also responsible for the safeguarding of the assets of the parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee 1: 

Date: 25/08/2024

Trustee 2: 

Date: 25-08-2024