

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Tynan Church of Ireland Parish Church for the year ending 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principle function of Tynan Church of Ireland Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Tynan Parish Church the while 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 practice delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Tynan Church of Ireland Parish Church has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance which is undertaken by the select vestry of the Tynan Church of Ireland Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Parish provides weekly worship and prayer, there is provision of pastoral care, mission and outreach work in the community.

The Parish has supported public worship and provided the opportunity for public worship to occur through which Christian witness and outreach is delivered. All members of the public benefit from the public worship.

There was also specific worship activities aimed at specific age groups. There was a youth group for all those aged 4-12 and Sunday school for anyone up to the age of 14. These groups were aimed and providing young people with the opportunity to worship with young people their own age and to do this in a fun and positive manner. Prayer time was on the 1st Monday of each month which is open to everyone and brings people together for prayer.

Public worship and the above named groups are contributing to the spiritual well-being of participants, the reinforcement of Christian values and an opportunity for individuals to come together who may feel isolated.

We have mitigated any potential harm from the activities by following our Child protection policy and everyone required has completed their safeguarding trust training.

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.

Financial review

The Parish is currently in a good financial situation with the accounts. There is currently no deficit at the end of the 2023 reporting year.

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 ended 2023 can be signed of 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 Organisations. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)

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 the 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

Tynan Parish Church does not pay any salaries.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the members of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the church wardens, 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 of the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the church wardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry met 2 times during the year and the average attendance was 75%.

Compliance with Public benefit

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.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees'

Trustee 1 Karen Marshall

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Trustee 2 Aaron Hanthorn

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Date 03/09/2024

