

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts & Payments and Assets & Liabilities for Derrynoose Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Derrynoose Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Derrynoose 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 the Christian religion, the Derrynoose Parish Church 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 Derrynoose Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Sunday Worship: A service is held each Sunday and at 12.00pm Morning Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. Holy Communion Services are usually 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. There are usually special services during the year for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Christmas Carol Service and other services are held during Holy Week and Easter. All of these services are open to the whole community and everyone is welcome. Due to Covid 19 all restrictions and guidance have been followed throughout. Pastoral Care is provided by the Rev David Moses and the Rural Dean.

Statement of Compliance

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

Financial Review

Derrynoose Parish Church continues to be in a financially healthy state for a small 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 ended 2021 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 (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 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 receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 2021 the Select Vestry met 1 time during the year and the average attendance was 8.

Compliance with Public Benefit

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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 of 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 reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

W. Stregan 2/10/22

Trustee 2

J. Hughes

Date:

2/10/22