

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

The Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. Pauls Church, Tartaraghan, for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

Objective and Activities

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

The principal function of St. Paul's Church, Tartaraghan, is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St. Paul's Church, Tartaraghan, 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 St. Paul's Church, Tartaraghan 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 St. Paul's Church, Tartaraghan.

Achievements, Performances and Public Benefit 2023

The Parish continued to have regular Services of Worship throughout the year 2023. Sunday School classes were held during part of this year. The Church has officers in place in accordance with the Church of Ireland Policy on Safeguarding trust.

Financial Review 2023

The Income into the Parish from various sources was £105,371 with outgoings of £281,886 leaving excess of payments -£176,515.

The Bank and Cash in Hand Balance at 31st December, 2023 was £363,233.

It is the Trustee's policy to hold sufficient reserves for future running costs, and to cover unexpected emergencies, to enhance funds to pay for future maintenance to the Church and grounds and to further the Objective and Activities of the Church of Ireland.

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 31st December, 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

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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. 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

Canon Hilliard serves the Tartaraghan and Diamond Grange Group of Parishes where he receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The proportion paid by Tartaraghan is by way of Assessment through the Diocese of Armagh.

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 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 officiating in the parish. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and important to the parish including deciding how parish funds are to be applied.

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

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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 of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a Statement of Receipts and Payments and 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 E. F. Moore

Trustee 2 D. Moore

Dated 16/10/24