

Christ The Redeemer

Camlough Parish

Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31/12/2023

Charities Number: NIC104090

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31/12/2023

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References and administrative details

Charity Name: Bessbrook/Camlough/Christ The Redeemer/Armagh/Church Of Ireland

Charity Registration Number: 104090

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Trustees

Rev. A.P.S. Synnott, Mrs J. Kinnin, Mr. P. Goodland, Mr. A. Kinnin, Mrs. H. Cunningham, Mrs. J. Edgar, Mrs. H. Paul, Mr. J. Cunningham, Mr. A. Fegan, Mr. D. Goodland, Mr. T. Kinnin, Mr W. McKie, Dr. M. Malley
Mr. D. Doughty

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Rev. A.P.S. Synnott
Church Treasurer: Mr. J. Cunningham
Church Secretary : Mr. T. Kinnin
Church Warden- Clergy: Mr. W. McKie
Church Warden - People: Mrs. J. Edgar

Independent Auditor

RPB Chartered Accountants
22 St. Colman's Park
Newry
BT43 2BX

Bankers

Danske Bank
58 Hill Street
Newry
BT34 1AR

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31/12/2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Church for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

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

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Camlough Parish Church (Christ Church, Bessbrook) meets each Sunday at 11.30am for public worship. We celebrate Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month and Morning Prayer on the other Sundays of each month. We also hold special mid-week Holy Communion Celebrations of High Days and Feast Days in our recently opened Side Chapel. This allows a more intimate service approximately 8 times per year.

We continue to operate a Sunday School for all young people aged between 4 & 12 years old. This is held in our Parish Hall each week between September to June. Youth work is an important part of our church's ministry, and it is encouraging to see our young people taking part in church life.

During the entirety of 2023, we continued to provide 'online worship' in addition to our 'in-church worship'. With our Rector and 'Technical Team', we provided online worship for our parishioners and beyond. These were published via our church website and hosted on our dedicated YouTube channel.

The online services included a 'Live Stream' for each Sunday and Funeral service, with an edited Sunday service available by each Monday afternoon.

We were also able to hold the first fully openly attended baptism service since the onset of the covid 19 restrictions. This has completed our full return to public worship since the pandemic.

We continue to retain the highest level of responsibility and integrity with regard to our Safeguarding Protocols and have an Appointed First Aider, a Fire Warden and a Health & Safety Officer in place, with up-to-date training provided by our Diocese.

During the past year our Parish Hall has been widely used by the local community with an independent 'Young at Heart' group using the hall twice weekly for craft activities and exercise classes for persons aged 50 years and over. Sure Start South Armagh also uses the premises for some of their family community outreach programs which are continuing to return to pre-pandemic levels with increased usage by them.

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

With the continued support of all our parishioners and friends in the community who help to support us either by weekly giving, donations or attending our fund-raising activities we are able to, after paying out all our running costs and charitable donations we are left with a bank balance for 2023 financial year of £81669.72 full details can be seen in the receipts & payments account.

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 31/12/2023 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 (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

Where the Incumbent of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Parish, provide information that the incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

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 chaired by the Incumbent. 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 members or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairman or the churchwardens. In 2023, the Select Vestry met 6 times during the year and the average attendance was 71.43%.

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 actives 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

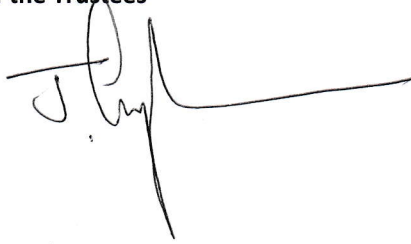
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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 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

John Cunningham
Hon. Treasurer



Trevor Kinnin
Hon. Secretary



Date 20/2/2024