

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for **Markethill/Kilcluney, St Johns, Armagh, Church of Ireland** for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of **Markethill/Kilcluney, St Johns, Armagh, Church of Ireland** is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the **Markethill/Kilcluney, St Johns, Armagh, Church of Ireland** 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, **Markethill/Kilcluney, St Johns, Armagh, Church of Ireland** 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 **Markethill/Kilcluney, St Johns, Armagh, Church of Ireland**.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The high point of our week is on a Sunday when we meet together for worship, prayer and to listen and learn from God's word. During the week we provide pastoral care and support to over 250 people in the Markethill area of Co Armagh particularly through home and hospital visits. We support mission and outreach work in this country and overseas through partnering with individual churches and mission agencies, providing financial assistance and on occasions, personal volunteers.

We have numerous groups and clubs running in our church halls which cater for all ages and many interests. Boys Brigade, Girls Friendly Society, Zumba Class, Pilates Class, Mothers Union, Parent & Toddlers/Babies, Youth Fellowship, Sunday Schools, Kids Club and over 50's Club.

These activities fulfil our objectives and charitable purpose and have provided public benefit. Through our activities we aim to contribute not only to the spiritual well-being of people but their physical, practical, social and emotional needs also. Our activities are open to all and are free at the point of use. There are no fees charged. Our charity is funded by voluntary donations and contributions.

We have mitigated any potential harm from the activities e.g. We uphold the standards of the Church of Ireland's Child protection policy – "Safeguarding Trust" which includes undertaking Risk Assessments of rooms, buildings and events.

Financial Review

- The principal source of income of Kilcluney Parish Church continues to be from donations and plate collections.
 - The charity had an excess of payments over receipts of £12,845 for the year ended 31 December 2023.
 - The charity continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2023 with total cash funds of £117,916.
 - The charity aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.
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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. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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

The Incumbent (Rector) of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Diocese, and receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland together with approved 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, 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 2023 the Select Vestry met 6 times during the year and the average attendance was 77%.

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.

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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

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JOANNE UGGETT
SECRETARY

Trustee 2

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JOANNE O'BRIEN
TREASURER

Date 20/10/24