

**St James' Church of Ireland
Parish of Moy & Charlemont**

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2023

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Moy| Moy & Charlemont| St James| Armagh| Church of Ireland
St James' Church of Ireland, Parish of Moy & Charlemont

Charity Registration Number: 104195

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The Trustees present the annual report for St. James' Parish of Moy & Charlemont for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St James' Parish Church, Moy is to nurture and advance the Christian faith through pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical means. We aim to foster a sense of community and support any who may be in need.

St James' also has custody of property and records, materials and artifacts of cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

In order to fulfill the Church's mission, the parish undertakes a wide range of activities. To this worship is central. There are two services each Sunday in the Church building with numerous and varied additional services held throughout the year in the Parish Hall. There are services in both a traditional and contemporary style. We also conduct baptism, marriage and funeral services.

The parish also engages in a range of pastoral activities to provide support particularly to those who are isolated or in need. In the normal course of events, activities include pastoral visits to hospitals, nursing homes and residential care centres. Parishioners are routinely visited in their homes (the housebound at least once a month), individuals and couples are prepared for baptism and marriage, and the bereaved are supported in their time of loss. The Rector also prepares adults and teenagers for Confirmation.

Organizations run by the parish include the Carer and Toddler Group, Sunday School, Boy's Brigade, Youth Club, Walking Club, Badminton Club, Creche, Bowls, Mother's Union and Choir. Approximately 250 people a week from across the community benefit from participation in these organizations.

Expenditure is incurred in the provision of activities and the maintenance of parish buildings, facilities and services. This includes the diocesan assessment, salaries, repairs and maintenance to church properties and grounds, licences, compliance costs, professional fees and materials and equipment required for effective delivery of parish activities. The Select Vestry seeks to steward our financial resources wisely and support the work of the Church.

St James' remains committed to our Mission by supporting the work of various organizations, local and international. These include Bishop's Appeal, NI Hospice, Crosslinks, Boy's Brigade, Irish Church Missions & The Leprosy Mission.

Our worship services will continue to offer the best we can in terms of Anglican liturgy and music as well as more contemporary expressions which aim to reconnect those who have become disconnected from the church's life.

Our dedicated team of volunteer leaders seek to serve the community through the range of activities mentioned in this report. Many of our members are very appreciative of the opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth that the church offers to them and we want to offer those opportunities to as wide a demographic as we can.

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 and those planned for the future have and will continue to help and achieve the Parish's objectives and provide a public benefit.

Financial Review

Through the continued generosity of parishioners and others together with careful budgeting and wise stewardship of the finances, the day-to-day running costs and the expense of non-recurrent commitments arising during the year were covered while donations to charitable causes continued.

Expenditure exceeded income in 2023 due to the ambitious and costly programme of works on the church's stained glass windows, which commenced in the summer of 2022 and completed in May 2023. Thanks to a most generous bequest from a former parishioner in 2021 we have been able to cover the cost of this work in full, together with necessary work on the exterior stonework.

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 end 31st 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

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 Rector receives a stipend and office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and pension contributions and Employees National Insurance are paid in accordance with Diocesan recommendation.

The Organist receives payment commensurate with role and experience.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the Rector, the Churchwardens, the Glebewardens 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.

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 the 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



Revd Dr I Jamieson



Mrs C Watson – Hon. Secretary

Date 27th October 2024