

**Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Objectives and Activities**

Clogherny Church of Ireland parish consists of two Church buildings and halls - St Patrick's Church and Seskinore Chapel of Ease.

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

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

**Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit**

The Church family meets weekly for worship within its church buildings, and all are welcome to join us in fellowship to develop our faith.

**Looking Back: Encouragements and Initiatives**

Weekly services and meetings have been held and additional extra services and events have supported the local community. Fundraising activities are ongoing within the parish. Held celebration events to mark the King's Coronation. Mother's Union group meetings are held regularly within the Parish, and they attend Diocesan events.

**Looking Forward: Main Projects this year:**

Ongoing refurbishment of Clogherny Rectory.

Maintenance of Church buildings and graveyards.

Continuing to hold Church events, special services and meetings, Sunday School outings and Parish Clubs / Groups.

**However: We need to keep our own growth and development on the agenda!**

Be committed and put plans into place to ensure growth.

We want to grow, develop and make a real impact in our community and in people's lives. We wish to invite others to church and church activities and make the most of these activities to develop in our relationship with God and each other. As we spend time with God and are prepared to journey with him and take Holy risks, hopefully we will be a people of blessing to others (Psalm 84)

**Conclusion**

Both churches are thriving, and teamwork is developing as everyone plays a part. However, we need to continue to get more people involved not just the committed core.

**Financial Review**

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<sup>st</sup> December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

**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 the 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 of the Parish receives a stipend, locomotory and office allowances in accordance with the figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The Parish is currently vacant.

## Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish which consists of two churches and graveyards (Clogherny Church and Seskinore Chapel of Ease), parish halls and a rectory. The Select Vestry consists of the Rector, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens, treasurer, secretary and not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the Rector or Rural Dean when vacant. 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, usually every second month. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the Rector or the Rural Dean.

## 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 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 the applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires 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 

Trustee 2 

Date 03/09/24