

# **Termonmaguirke Parish Church**

## **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 Termonmaguirke Parish Church 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 Termonmaguirke Church of Ireland Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting the work of Termonmaguirke 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, Termonmaguirke 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 Termonmaguirke Church of Ireland Parish.

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The main activities undertaken by the parish to carry out its charitable purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements during the year are as follows:

#### **Sunday Worship**

Services of Christian worship were held every Sunday at 12 noon. Times change to 9.30am in July and 11.00am in August. Services of Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Family service take place every month.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month there is a service of Wholeness and Healing.

Sunday School takes place at 10.30, in the Church Hall. Sunday School meets during school term time. There is no Sunday School during family service.

#### **Pastoral visiting**

Visits to Hospitals and to parishioners at home are available on request. Most Hospitals and Nursing home are now open to visits, though some still require a phone call to make an appointment.

#### **School contacts**

The Rector carries out school assemblies in Cooley Primary School, Sixmilecross on a roughly monthly basis, during school term.

#### **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

There were two Funerals and two Baptisms in 2023. There was no confirmation this year.

#### **Bible Study**

A Bible Study was held during Lent. This was held on Wednesday evenings alternating between Sixmilecross and Termonmaguirke parish halls. It was, as in previous years, well attended.

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### Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit cont'd

#### Drop in

The Wednesday morning drop-in has continued throughout the year. It has been well attended by up to 14 people per meeting. We have tea and snacks and chat. There is no formal programme and the mostly retired members seem to enjoy this informal approach.

#### Mission activity

The parish continues to support Cross-links Mission agency. We have a link with Andrew and Eunice Moody who work in Uganda supporting the Church across the border in South Sudan. We also support a local young person, Andrew Livingstone who is now working in a Baptist run Youth and Conference centre in France. We support several local good causes such as a food bank in Omagh and Children's charity's with food collections and toy collections at Christmas.

#### Up Keep of grounds and buildings

- A team from the parish, under the supervision of the Glebe wardens take care of grass cutting, hedge trimming etc.
- Rectory – The grounds of the rectory are maintained by a professional garden maintenance company. The Rectory is in good condition.
- Hall – Good Condition.
- Church – Good condition. We now have a new, modern, toilet with disabled access and hot water which will greatly improve access to the 19th Century Church, the graves in the adjacent churchyard and our services and events.

#### Child Protection.

The parish follows the Church of Ireland child protection policy, Safeguarding Trust.

#### Financial Review

As of December 2023, the parish is in a good position, free from debt and with a balance of £29,304 in the general account and £6,977 in the fabric account.

The trustees hold reserves in the general account to ensure that obligations to the RCB and everyday running costs can be met. The fabric account is maintained to cover maintenance costs of the grounds and buildings. With historic buildings it is necessary to make provision for eventual substantial maintenance costs, particularly for our 19th Century Church Building.

#### 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 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### ***Governing Documentation and Constitution of the Charity***

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Pariochial Organisations. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

#### ***Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry (Trustees)***

The select vestry is recruited and appointed at the Annual Easter Vestry according to the rules of the Church of Ireland.

#### ***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 Gernerel 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.

#### ***Pay and remuneration***

The incumbent of the parish is paid a stipend, locomotory allowance and office expenses in accordance with figures approved by the general synod of the Church of Ireland.

#### ***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.

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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 Alon Bow

Trustee 2 June Galvin

Date 16th April 2024