

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH  
CLONOE**

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**TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**for**

**Year 2023**

**Northern Ireland Charity Number NIC 104281**

Provided free of charge as well as conducted tours of our Church Building. These Contributions indicate that the Trustees are keen that the wider public have access to this Important Christian Heritage site as well as its records.

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

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**

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

Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organizations. 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 members of the Select Vestry Will hold their position 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.

### **Organizational Structure**

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry consists of the Clergy servicing 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 is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating in the Parish, Select Vestry Members is 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.

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

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and liabilities for Clonoe Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

The principal function of Clonoe Parish Church is to support the advancement of the

Christian religion by promoting through the work of Clonoe 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, Clonoe

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 Clonoe Parish Church.

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

In reviewing the year 2023, the Trustees are aware of the continued growth of Clonoe Parish Church as evidenced through consistent numbers in attendance at Services of Public Worship.

Teaching continues in various formats, through our weekly Sunday School and Services of

Public Worship, Social integration continues to be provided through various events held in

Our Church Hall and other venues.

The Select Vestry have decided to seek to purchase a piece of land adjacent to our Church and Hall

for the provision of much needed carparking to enable cars to be parked safely so that everyone would

be kept away from the main road. To enable this to happen we have set aside our investment account

as restricted funds for this purpose.

No funds were materially in deficit at the end of the year, Our Church continues to adhere to

The Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Code of Conduct and Good Practice for all those

Working with children and vulnerable adults.

Our members and the wider public continue to have access not only to our Church Records

But also to visit our Church Building. Assistance with tracing of family history has been

**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 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.

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 2023.**

The Annual Report for the year which has been duly prepared by the Trustees and audited for Year 2023 is attached.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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: Mind Wasse

Trustee 2: Henry Wessel

Date .....18/11/2024.....