

Lissan Parish Church

References and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Lissan Parish Church
Charity Registration Number:- NIC104282
Contact Address: Lissan Rectory
150 Moneymore Road
Cookstown
Co Tyrone
BT80 9UU

Trustees

Mr Fred Cahoon	Mrs Marion Cahoon	Mrs Ruth Ruddell
Mrs Sadie Donaghy	Mr Keith Ruddell	Mrs Moya Cotton
Mrs Georgina Wilkinson	Mr Drew Stewart	Mrs Victoria Stewart
Mr Ian Cahoon	Mr Ian Blair	Mr Roddy Johnston
Mr Wesley Cotton	Mrs Margaret Donnelly	Mrs Ann Wensley
Mr Jason Wilkinson	Mrs Margaret Kelly	

Principal Office-Bearers

Clergy:- VACANT
Church Treasurer:- Mrs Victoria Stewart
Church Warden – Clergy:- Mr Raymond
Glendinning
Church Warden – People:- Mrs Moya Cotton

Independent Examiner

Seamus O'Neill FCA
Weir & Co.(Chartered Accountants)
23 High Street
Moneymore
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BT45 7PA

Bankers

Ulster Bank
20 William Street
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended:-

31st December 2023

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Lissan Parish Church for the year 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

All Parish activities returned to pre-pandemic status, the average church attendance at Sunday morning worship was seventy persons. During 2023 there were 3 baptisms and 10 funerals. Spring and Christmas craft fairs were held in the Parish Hall in aid of Charity. A Vintage Harvest Festival was also held in aid of Church funds. A safe guarding training session was held to update parish workers qualifications.

Lissan 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.

Financial Review

Financial Reports are reviewed throughout the year and a review on completion of the Annual Accounts.

Total payments (£79,185) for the year ended 31st December 2023 were exceeded by Total receipts (£93,491) by £14,306, increasing the total cash funds held to £183,901 from £169,595. (Pages 8&9)

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 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 Organisations. 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 Rector is not paid directly by the parish. A quarterly assessment is paid to the Diocesan Office which comprises of the following five elements:-

- Sustentation (Stipends and Locomotory Allowances)
- Expenses of Office Allowance
- "Employers" National Insurance Contributions
- "Employers" Clergy Pension Fund Contribution
- Diocesan Expenses Account

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 church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry at the General Vestry. The Select Vestry is chaired by the Incumbent. Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how parish funds are to be applied.

The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or churchwardens. In 2023 the Select Vestry met 5 times during the year and the average attendance was 90%.

Compliance with Public Benefit

Lissan Parish Church 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 Trustee's 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 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:- 