



# **Representative Church Body**

## **Charity Accounts**

**for Northern Ireland**

## **Receipt & Payment Accounts**

**2022**

# **Clare Parish Church**

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Charities Number: NI1004300**

**Clare Parish Church.**

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

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**Clare Parish Church**

**References and administrative details**

Charity Name: Clare Church of Ireland  
Charity Registration Number: NIC104300  
Contact Address: Mavemacullen Road  
Tandragee  
Co. Armagh

**Trustees**

Rural Dean Rev'd Elizabeth Cairns  
*Mr Tommy Alexander*  
*Mr Roy Alexander*  
*Mr Norman Finch*  
*Mrs Ada Alexander*  
*Mrs Winifred Alexander*  
*Mrs Leanne Cornett*  
*Mrs Peari Hall*

**Principal Office-bearers**

Rural Dean Rev'd Elizabeth Cairns  
Church Treasurer: Mrs Leanne Cornett  
Church Warden- Clergy: Mr Thomas Alexander  
Church Warden - People: Mr Roy Alexander

**Independent Auditor**

WHR Accountants Ltd  
56 Upper English St,  
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BT61 7LG

**Bankers**

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Portadown,  
Craigavon  
BT62 1LB

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Clare Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

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

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

#### ***Worship and Prayer***

Clare Parish Church is keen to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our community can find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our weekly Sunday Services. As well as our regular Sunday Services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping.

Clare Parish Church was unable to hold their annual orange service and carol service this year due to the coronavirus and government restrictions.

#### ***Provision of Pastoral Care***

Some members of our Parish are unable to attend Church due to sickness or age. The Rural Dean Rev'd Elizabeth Cairns has visited Church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

#### ***Mission and Evangelism***

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. For being of a small parish, Clare Parish Church continues to strive to support other appeals and during the year a special collection with a total of £230.00 was collected for one organisation which was the poppy appeal and £147 was raised during the orange service for the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society and Crosslinks. The Select Vestry agreed to support to further charitable organizations Leprosy Mission £60.00 and NI Children Hospice £60.00.

#### ***Statement of Compliance***

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the actives entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (continued)**

### **Financial Review**

Clare Parish Church continues to financially in a healthy state for a small parish. The parish has three accounts: Account No 1 [charity account] had a closing balance of £35,015.39 an increase of £4,004.86 from the previous year, which is explained by the return of Sunday Worship with a reduction of government restrictions regarding coronavirus, this seen an increase in Donations, Sunday collections and weekly envelopes. Account No 2 [repairs account] had a closing balance of £1,683.46 a decrease of £18,382.88 which is explained by the extensive repairs carried out in the Church Hall. Account No 3 [Sunday school account] had a closing balance of £390.06 which remains the same as the previous year; this is due to the Parish having no Sunday School attendants at present.

### **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 2022 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 (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***

Where the Incumbent of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Parish, provide information that the incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

#### ***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 curate, 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 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. In 2022 the Select Vestry met once during the year and the average attendance was 72%.

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (continued)**

**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 actives 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.

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: Winifred Alexander

Trustee 2: Pearl Hall

Date: 30.10.23.