

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE PARISH, COALISLAND

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AND ASSETS AND  
LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

CHARITIES NUMBER: NIC 104306

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References and Administrative details

Charity Name: Coalisland/Brackaville/Holy Trinity  
Armagh – Church of Ireland

Charity Registration Number: NIC 104306

Contact Address: 82 Dungannon Road  
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**Trustees:**

Rev Matthew Hagan (Chairperson), Mrs Sheila Patterson (Rector's Churchwarden)  
Mrs Donna Cullen (Honorary Treasurer), MS Ruth McClelland (Honorary Secretary),  
Mr Keith Oliver (People's Churchwarden) Mr Keith Oliver, Mr Barry Cullen, Mr George Gallagher,  
Mrs Florence Gallagher, Mr George Robinson, Mrs Phyllis Crooks, Mr Harry Cardwell,  
Mr Brian McKay, Mrs Isobel Johnston, Mr Fred Morton.

**Principal Office Bearers:**

Clergy:	Rev Matthew Hagan
Church Treasurer:	Mrs Donna Cullen
Church Warden – Clergy:	Mrs Sheila Patterson
Church Warden – People	Mr Keith Oliver

**Independent Auditor:**

G S Reilly & CO  
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**Bankers:**

First Trust Bank PLC  
18-20 Scotch St  
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## **Trustees' Annual report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The trustees present the annual report and statement of receipts and payments and assets and liabilities for Holy Trinity Church, Brackaville Parish, Coalisland 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 religions.

The principal function of Brackaville Parish Church to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Brackaville Church the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help and 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, Brackaville Parish Church has custody or 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 Brackaville Parish Church.

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

Brackaville, Donaghendry and Ballyclog Parish Church are all in the one parochial group under the rectorship of the Rev Matthew Hagan. We provide services of Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, Baptisms, Weddings, funeral and pastoral support including, Hospital visitation, home visitation of the elderly, the sick, the bereaved and the infirm. We run Sunday Club for Children and have a Family service the fourth Sunday in every month. We also run a Senior Citizens Club.

We Provide support and premises for Mother's Union, Badminton Club and Bowling Club.

We raise funds and donate monies to NI Hospice and Bishops' Appeal and are actively

We have Child Protection Safeguarding policy in place, in accordance with the Church of Ireland Guidelines.

## **Financial Review**

The 2023 Financial year has seen a slight improvement. Church services are back to normal. We have held one fund raising event this year.

The overall income has remained fairly constant over the year, but our expenses have also increased. The F.W.O and donations represented almost 68% of the income.

The F.W.O and donations were slightly up compared to 2022

The Investments which are held in RCB Unit Trusts have maintained a reasonable level of income for 2023.

The return on the investments income has improved over the year due to the increase in rates of Interest and hopefully this will continue to give a healthy return on the investment.

The main expense of the charity is the diocesan assessment which accounts for a considerable percentage of the charities overheads and which increases annually and is quite a drain on resources.

The organisation affiliated to the Charity namely the Senior Citizens Group is self-financing and did not receive any funding from us.

Overall, the cash funds have decreased over the financial year. They still have a considerable amount. Invested which indicates a sound basis for the charity.

## **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 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. Therefore allowing them to attend and vote at meetings. The general vestry is held at least once a year. The select vestry is elected as part of this general vestry meeting. The select vestry member 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.

### **Organisational Structure**

The select vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the rector, 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 of 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 2023 the Select Vestry met at least 6 times during the year and average attendance of 80%.

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.

### **Compliance with Public Benefits.**

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.

## Statements 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 transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets are liabilities, Of the parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for Taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1:

Danna Cullen

Trustee 2:

Benny Cullen

Date:

15/10/24