

Trustees' Annual Report **for the year ended:-**

31st December 2022

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. John's Parish Church Ballinderry for the year 31st December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the St. John's Parish Church Ballinderry, 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, St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry 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 St. John's Church of Ireland Parish Church Ballinderry.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Advancement of the Christian Religion.

The Parish Church exists primarily, and above all else, as a place of Christian worship. Services of public worship are held on Sundays throughout the year at 12.15pm. Holy Communion is celebrated once a month and Morning Prayer (Holy Baptism as requested) for the other Sundays of the month. Weekday services such as Mothers' Union Holy Communion, Ash Wednesday Service, Harvest Service and Confirmation with Holy Communion take place in the Parish Church. Holy Week Services focusing on the central pillar of the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus occur each year.

The Parish is in the terminology of the Church of Ireland, mostly 'resident' members with a small number of 'accustomed' (persons living outside the parish boundary) members. The average number of parishioners in 2022 for Sunday worship would be 30. This is a relatively small parish and the range of parishioners is from 5yrs to 80yrs.

Worship and Pastoral Care.

The Parish Church is chosen by parishioners to mark significant events in their family life. In the course of 2022 the following took place – Holy Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services. Other Pastoral Care, such as visiting the sick at home or in hospital was carried out on a regular basis as and when required.

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.

Financial Review

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

Total Receipts (£65,781) for the year ended 31st December 2022 exceeded Total Payments (£40,222) by £25,559 increasing the total cash funds held to £33,168 from £7,609. (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 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 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 2022 the Select Vestry met twice during the year and the average attendance was 90%.

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 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.

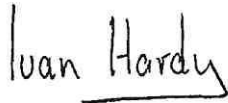
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1

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Trustee 2

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Date:- 27.09.2023