

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH
KILDRESS

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

For the Year Ended:-

31st December 2024

Charities Number:-

NIC104361

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year

Ended:- 31st December 2024

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References and Administrative Details

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Trustees

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Mr Nigel Henry	Mr Steven Lyttle	Mrs Elaine Thom
Mrs Jennifer Henry	Mrs Frances McCullough	
Mrs Lisa Henry	Mrs Helen McCullough	

Principal Office-Bearers

Clergy: Vacant
Church Treasurer: Mr Paul Stewart
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Independent Auditor

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

31st December 2024

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St. Patrick's Parish Church Kildress for the year 31st December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

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

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 at 12.00 noon for 10 months of the year, 9.30 am during the summer months. Holy Communion is celebrated once a month and Morning Prayer (Holy Baptism as requested) for the other Sundays of the month. Weekday services include Holy Communion for seniors is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am. Others, such as Ash Wednesday Service, Harvest Service and Confirmation with Holy Communion take place according to the Church calendar. Additional services, Christmas and Holy Week are held in season.

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 normally be approximately 110. This is a vibrant and busy parish, and the range of parishioners is from a few months to 90yrs.

Worship and Pastoral Care.

The Parish Church is chosen by parishioners to mark significant events in their family life. In the course of 2024, the following took place – nine Holy Baptisms, three Weddings and eight Funeral services.

A prayer meeting was held face to face or virtually most Wednesday evenings during 2024 involving both parishioners and some from neighbouring parishes. A bible study group meets face to face or virtually on Wednesday mornings or evenings at 10.00am usually for 6-week sessions with a break of a few weeks and then another beginning.

Sunday school meets most Sundays in the Parish Halls and consists of 4 classes for P1 – P7 and a separate class for Pathfinders for first year upwards until children are ready to be confirmed. During 2024 there were 65 children enrolled.

The Parish also hosts youth organisations which include, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and the Mother's Union. There is also a Bowling Club and a Dramatic Society associated with the Parish. The Kildress Bowlers meet throughout the year on a Friday in the church hall with their now annual tournament taking place for a week in September, while the Dramatic Society produced a play over three nights in April.

The Rector, and during the vacancy, Rev Canon Dawson, visits parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, or in residential/nursing homes. He also celebrates Holy Communion with those unable to attend the Parish Church at Christmas and Easter, and at other times as requested.

Under the leadership of the Select Vestry the Events Group organises social events during the year which act both as opportunities for fellowship, outreach and fund raising. During 2024, a number of fundraising events, which also offer an opportunity for fellowship and outreach were held. These included a very successful 'Tractor Run' which involved participants from across the local community and included a barbeque and in addition, fun activities for the children.

The Kildress Crafters Group continued to meet regularly over the winter months for crafting chat, coffee and treats with the products of their labour being offered for sale at the Harvest Fayre, held this year on the Saturday of the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend. This event also proved to be a very successful outlet for the production of the parish walled garden, especially the potato crop.

In addition, the parish offers hospitality to bereaved families associated with the parish and others who make use of the graveyard attached to the church. This quality service is greatly appreciated by the family and friends of the bereaved and is a significant revenue stream for church funds.

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

2024 Audited financial report at attached pdf.

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 2024 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

During 2024 the parish was vacant under the oversight of the Rural Dean, who chaired meetings of Select Vestry. The majority of Sunday services were conducted by the Rev Canon Drew Dawson, a recently retired member of the ordained ministry. Both members of the clergy receive their salary from the Armagh Diocesan Office of the Church of Ireland.

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 would usually be chaired by the Incumbent, but during the vacancy by the Rural Dean. 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 2024 the Select Vestry met eight times during the year and the average attendance was 16.

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.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)

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:-



Ken Hunter

Trustee 2:-



R.J Huey

Date:-

_____ July 2025 _____