

Cappagh Parish Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Cappagh Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Cappagh Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Cappagh 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, Cappagh 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 Cappagh Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Unfortunately the Covid-19 Pandemic has severely disrupted all aspects of Church life. During the period of closure we restored to the use of technology to maintain a level of fellowship. With restrictions relaxed, Church services have now resumed with social distancing and other protocols in place.

In normal times, the Church achieves its objectives by the holding of regular religious services and also holding various events and activities for the benefit of the local community. The main function of the Parish is to provide opportunities for parishioners and other members of the community to worship God, Sunday by Sunday. To this end, the Parish provides a regular Sunday morning worship service each Sunday at 11.30am. This enables members of the community to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion which is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, and to be taught from the Bible every Sunday. As part of the Church's pastoral care to each church family, Sunday School is held each Sunday during school terms. The Trustees have a child protection policy in place under the control of a Safeguarding Trust Committee.

Outside of the worship services, Pastoral care is provided by the Rector, assisted by the parishioners. This includes home visits, hospital visits, counseling where needed, and a listening ear where someone just needs to talk. Parishioners and others are regularly remembered in prayer. Pastoral care is provided at times of difficulty e.g. bereavement and at times of celebration e.g. a marriage or baptism. On occasions, the Parish provides a free lunch for seniors and those who are prevented from attending Church due to illness or advancing age.

The Church also organises annual fundraising events, which includes Spring craft fair, Annual coffee evening, November sale and the annual pantomime performed by Cappagh and Lislimnaghan Pantomime Society. All of these events are open to everyone in the local community.

The Church Hall is provided for use by other community groups such as Cappagh bowling club, Cappagh and Lislimnaghan Pantomime Society and Mothers' Union.

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.

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Financial Review

The Parish had an excess of receipts over payments of £20,947 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Parish continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2022 with total cash funds of £236,723.

The trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the church have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. A detailed analysis of parish income and expenditure is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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 31 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 Organisation. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Select Vestry

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 Incumbent of the Parish stipend is paid directly by the Diocese, which is in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland together with approved office and locomotory allowances. No other Charity Trustees receive a remuneration from Cappagh Parish Church.

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 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. Normally the Select Vestry meets 10 times during the year and the average attendance is approximately 90%.

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Compliance with Public Benefit

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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.

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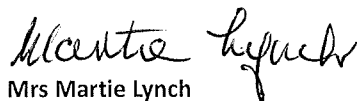
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Canon Derek Quinn

Dated: *22nd October 2023*



Mrs Martie Lynch

Dated:

22nd October 2023