

Report of the Trustees for the year Limavady/Drumachose/Christ Church/Derry/Church of Ireland

Year ending 31 December 2022

Objectives and Activities.

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of Drumachose Parish Church is to nurture and advance the Christian faith through, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical means. We aim to foster a sense of community and support any who may be in need..

The Parish also has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the parish.

Achievements and Performance & Public Benefit

In order to fulfil the Church's mission, the parish undertakes wide range of activities. To this **worship** is central. There are three services each Sunday in the Church building with numerous and varied additional services held throughout the year. There are services in both a traditional and contemporary style. We also conduct baptism, marriage and funeral services.

The parish also engages in a range of **pastoral activities** to provide support particularly to those who are isolated or in need. Such activities include pastoral visits to hospitals, nursing homes and residential care centres. Parishioners are routinely visited in their homes (the housebound at least once a month), individuals and couples are prepared for baptism and marriage, and the bereaved are supported in their time of loss. The Rector also prepares adults and teenagers for Confirmation.

Through a wide range of activities Christ Church helps to **nurture a sense of community** through social and education interaction. These activities are open to all and attract individuals from across the age spectrum. They include Sunday School and Confirmation Classes, a Youth Club, Creche, Bowls, Mother's Union, Bible Study and Prayer Group, and Choir. Groups such as Gardening Club, Slimming World and a children's nursery also use the Church Halls.

In all our activities designed to reach out to children and young people, the parish adheres to Safeguarding Trust, the Church of Ireland policy of good practice in working with children and young people.

The parish organizes one off social events during the year to raise money for a wide range of **charitable causes**. There are also collections in response to emergency disasters. We also seek to develop closer community relations by facilitating events organized by the community as a whole. These include among other things, facilitating events organized by other churches in the area looking to use our halls, school events, and an annual Community Christmas Carol Service. We also seek to build relationships with churches of other denominations in the area and work together when we can.

The parish is also the **custodian** of property and records, materials and artefacts of significance to our cultural and religious heritage, which is made accessible to the public and the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry. This is demonstrated through the continuing provision of access to church records for research and genealogy and through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts such as church plate and furnishings.

Expenditure is incurred in the provision of the above activities and the maintenance of parish buildings, facilities and services. This includes the diocesan assessment, salaries, repairs and

maintenance to church properties and grounds, licences, compliance costs, professional fees and materials and equipment required for effective delivery of parish activities. The Select Vestry seeks to steward our financial resources wisely and support the work of the church. No private benefit is received by trustees in fulfilling their trustee responsibilities.

Christ Church remains committed to our mission by supporting the work of various organisations, local and international. These include Bishop's Appeals, N.I. Hospice, Foyle Hospice, Air Ambulance, CMS Ireland, Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society, The Church Army, C. of I. Retirement Trust, The Mission to Seafarers, SAMS Ireland, The Bible Society, The Leprosy Mission, Family Routes, C. of I. Chaplaincy at Q.U.B. The Church's Ministry of Healing, R.U.C. G.C. Widows Association, Royal British Legion.

Our worship services will continue to offer the best we can in terms of Anglican liturgy and music as well as more contemporary expressions which aim to reconnect those who have become disconnected from the church's life.

Our dedicated team of volunteer leaders seek to serve the community through the range of activities mentioned in this report. Many of our members are very appreciative of the opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth that the church offers to them and we want to offer those opportunities to as wide a demographic as we can.

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 and those planned for the future have and will continue to help and achieve the Parish's objectives and provide a public benefit

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter 111 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.

Financial Review

There was £63,600 spent on building a retaining wall at the Ogilby Hall and the decrease of £64,000 in closing balance in the Income & Expenditure account reflects this.

The balance in the Property Account is £160,000 less than last year due to the Rectory renovation costs.

Without these one-off expenses we would be in a similar financial position to last year

The expenditure in the Special Collection & Missions section of our accounts are donations made to Ukranian and Bishops appeals and various charities and missions.

The Church follows all the regulations of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust in respect of the protection of children.

Accounting Policies

Receipt and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipt basis

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The assets of the Parish comprise of:

Church Building and Graveyard

Main Parish Hall , Minor Parish Hall

Ogilby Hall

Building at 76/78 Main Street

Rectory

The Church Building and Graveyard and Ogilby Hall are deemed to be Heritage Assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish. The Church was built in the 17th Century and Ogilby Hall in 1834.

The Main Parish Hall was built in 1968, The Minor Hall in 2013 and the Main Street Building in 2002. All the buildings are of stone and brick construction and are in good condition. No depreciation has been provided as the current estimated residual value is not less than their carrying values and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

The Renovations to the Rectory were completed in 2022 and the increase in asset values reflect this expenditure

Investments

Investments in CIT and RCB Unit Trusts are stated at the Nominal Book Value which is lower than the current net realisable value.

Reconciliation of Cash Funds

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Total Cash Funds at beginning of year	402,520
Receipts for the year	182,534
Payments for the year	411,028
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	174,026

Going Concern

The Select Vestry have reviewed the Accounts for the year 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 going concern

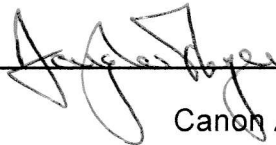
Statement of Trustees responsibilities

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 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



Canon Aonghus Mayes

Trustee 2



Tom Dunn

Date

18th OCTOBER 2023