

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Kilcronaghan Parish Church for the year ended 2022

Objectives and Activities

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

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

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Kilcronaghan Parish Church is under the incumbency of the Reverend Rosemary Diffin. As a church we provide a weekly service of Morning Prayer, a twice monthly service of Evening Prayer and a once per month service of Holy Communion. We also provide for baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral support.

This year, because of an increase in Covid 19cases the annual Bible Week organised by the three churches had to be postponed. It was held in the church at the end of November when the speaker was the Rt. Revd Andrew Forster. When we were unable to have services in the church, the rector had recorded a service every week to put up on face book and u tube. This ministry has continued even though normal services have resumed. CDs of the service are also handed out to those who do not use face book. Each morning, a thought for the day –a bible verse is put on face book followed by a gospel song or hymn.

During Lent we had a Lenten service every Wednesday and special services during Holy Week. We were delighted to be able to resume our dawn service on Easter Sunday. This was followed by a parish breakfast in the parish hall.

Our prayer fellowship meets on a Wednesday evening followed by a Bible study

In June a special afternoon tea party was held in the grounds of the rectory to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were entertained by Tamlaghtmore Silver Band. A Jubilee tree was also planted at the rectory and another was planted in the church grounds.

The Connect group continues to meet every Thursday morning – a community coffee morning followed by a talk or activity one week and on alternate weeks a community soup lunch. An excursion took place to Galgorm Garden Centre.

The Sunday School excursion took place in June.

At the end of August a Holiday Bible Club/Summer School was held for Primary School children. This was followed by a special service on the Sunday with a BBQ for everyone and bouncy castles for the children.

When Covid restrictions eased we were delighted that many of our church organisations re-opened. The GFS started the season with a Big Night Back and at Hallowe'en the church organised a Light Party.

The Prayer Fellowship resumed in September and this was followed by an Alpha Course.

Our usual Harvest and Carol services took place and some special songs of praise services when we invited local bands to accompany the hymn singing.

Items of food were collected during the year and given to the local food bank.

The church continues to support 6 mission partners and other charities. A special collection was taken up for the Bishops' Appeal for Ukraine, another for generators for Ukraine and shoe boxes and donations were collected for Samaritans' Purse.

A number of fundraising events were held during the year for our new hall fund. These included a sale of items donated to us, a daffodil tea and a craft and dessert night. Our annual Tractor Run was held in December and a sponsored fast by one of our parishioners.

Our Child Protection Policy is in accordance with the Safeguarding Trust policies of the Church of Ireland.

As a result of the pandemic the church has implemented a special protocol to ensure the safety of our parishioners.

Kilcronaghan

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