

**BANAGHER PARISH CHURCH  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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The Trustees of Banagher Parish Church present their report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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

The principal function of Banagher Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Banagher 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, Banagher Parish Church has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of Banagher Parish Church.

**ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE & PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Banagher Parish Church holds weekly services on Sunday mornings, and also holds special services. This offers an environment of worship and prayer for the local community. Pastoral care is provided for parishioners and those in the wider community.

The Sunday School runs during the school term time and is extremely well attended by the children of the Church.

The Ladies' Guild normally meets for seven months of the year. This group attracts ladies from other churches in the community. The Ladies' Guild provides catering services in the Church Hall.

The Ladies' Guild continued to sponsor two children in an orphanage in Romania. The ladies hope to continue this sponsorship for the foreseeable future.

Our activities demonstrate how Banagher Parish Church continues to implement its charitable purpose (i.e. the advancement of religion) and meets its public benefit. Benefits to members of the public include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

The Trustees have sought to mitigate any potential harm from such activities by taking out appropriate insurance policies.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Parish held net cash funds at year end of £136,527.32 (2022 £135,194.62).

A total of £12,841.06 was expended during the year on maintenance and other works - compared to a total of £14,008.33 during the previous year.

Most of this was for repainting the interior of the Church and for new seat cushions for the pews in the Church.

**GOING CONCERN**

The Trustees have reviewed 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 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

Chapter 111 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations.

The Church is a registered charity - Charity Registration number NIC105034. The Select Vestry members are the Charity Trustees.

**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.

**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 Glebewardens and other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the 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.

**COMPLIANCE OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that 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**

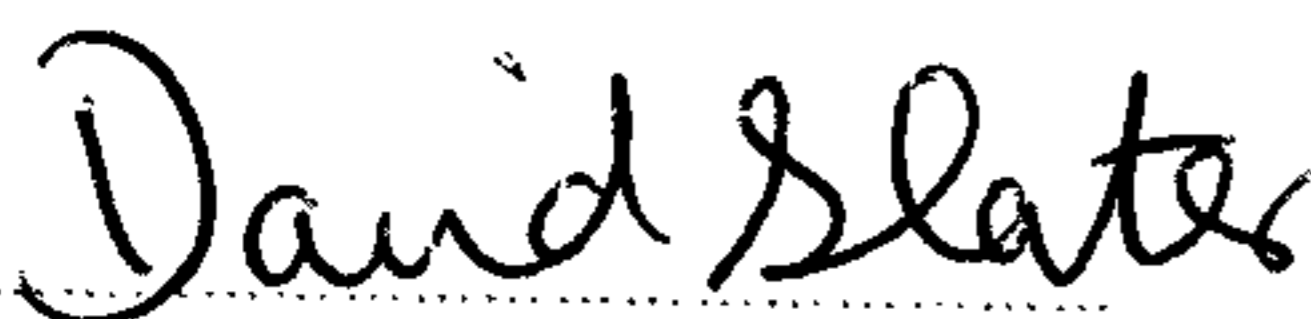
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

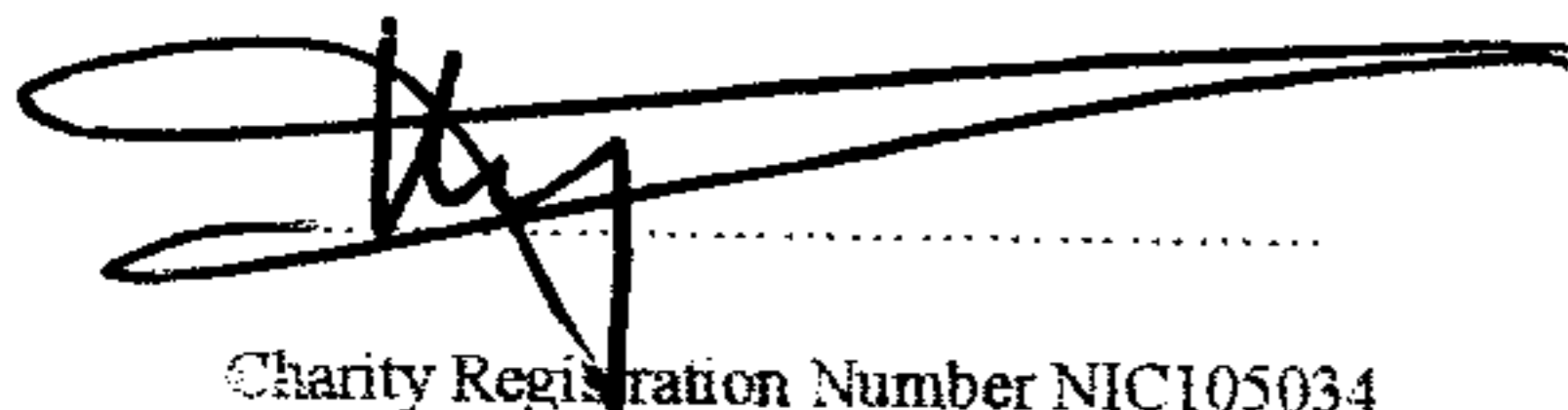
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a Statement of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year.

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.

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements and should be read in conjunction herewith.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



  
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