

Fivemiletown Church of Ireland - St John's Church and Kiltermon Church 2023

Reference and administrative details

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People's Churchwarden:
Rector's Glebewarden:
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Fivemiletown Church of Ireland – St John’s Church and Kiltermon Church Trustee’s Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for Fivemiletown Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity’s governing document, The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland SORP 2015 (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Fivemiletown Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Fivemiletown Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. Being open to and engaging with society 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 Christian religion, Fivemiletown Parish has the 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 Fivemiletown Parish.

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.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

2023 was a year of great opportunity and challenge in the life of Fivemiletown parish.

Sunday Gatherings: A time which proved to be very fruitful, not only in the way we engaged with the scriptures inspiring us to live out our lives for Jesus but also in the manner that we looked out for each other. It afforded us the opportunity to pray and offer practical support.

Each week we engaged with one another and our community.

Over the course of the year we conducted 8 baptisms, 4 weddings and 12 funerals.

Much of what we do is centred round the areas of serving, reaching out and discipling others in the Christian faith.

Outreach: Through our men’s, women’s, seniors and children’s ministries we reach many people on a monthly basis.

Serving: We try to serve the local community of which we are part. The men’s ministry gave away potatoes to each home in Fivemiletown, in the weeks before Christmas.

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Knitted items were gifted from the parish to individuals in local nursing homes.

A new initiative for young women was introduced in recent years. This is open to the whole community and the group meet for craft, food, skills based work.

Financial Review

- The principal source of income of Fivemiletown Parish continues to be from Donations and Plate collections.
- The principle expense of Fivemiletown Parish Church is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Assessment.
- Fivemiletown Parish had an surplus of receipts over payments of £5,844 for the year ended 31 December 2023
- Fivemiletown Parish continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2023 with total cash funds of £141,168
- Fivemiletown Parish aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

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

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

i. Assets retained for the Parish’s own use

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- Church Buildings and Graveyard
- Church Hall
- Glebe House/Rectory
- Fixtures and fittings

The Church Buildings (St John’s Church and Graveyard & Kiltermon Church) 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 Minor Hall was built in 1904 and the Main Hall was built in 1964 and 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.

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The Glebe House/Rectory is recognised at deemed cost, being the capital value placed on the property for Rates purposes.

ii. Investments

Fixed asset investments comprising Fixed Term Deposit Account Bequests and Representative Church Body (RCB) Investments are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

Reconciliation of Cash Funds

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Total Cash Funds at beginning of the year	£135,324
Receipts for the Year	£147,229
Payments for the Year.	<u>(£141,385)</u>
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	£141,168

Purposes of Designated Funds

Men’s Group – These funds have been set aside for the activities of the Men’s Group

Connect Youth Group – These funds have been set aside for the activities of Connect Youth Group

Bowling Club - These funds have been set aside for the activities of the Bowling Club.

Mums and Tots – These funds have been set aside for the activities of Mums and Tots

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 end 31 December 2023 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 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 the 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 consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, any curate assistant (“the curate”), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

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The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating at the parish. Select vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general financial 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.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the clarity and financial information included on the charity’s website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors / examiners

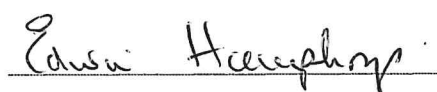
In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees’ annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company’s auditor is unaware
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company’s auditor is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Rector



Honorary Treasurer

Date: Tuesday 22nd / October 2024