

BOHO PARISH CHURCH
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and liabilities for Boho Parish Church 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 Boho Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Boho 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, the Boho 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 the Boho Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

2023 saw the church stay open with a steady congregation throughout the year for people who enjoyed the worship and fellowship in meeting together.

We had a joint fundraising concert with Devenish Parish this year in Devenish Church Hall. It was a very enjoyable evening, well supported and open to everyone.

The Trustees have put in place policies to protect anyone partaking in church activities and have a child protection policy in place.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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.

Financial Review

Our total income in the year came to £16,902 (2022: £17,295). On the expenditure side we ended up spending a total of £13,821 (2022: £12,216).

Trustees' Policy on Holding Reserves

The Trustees have a policy of holding sufficient unrestricted funds to cover three months overheads.

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 statement for the year ended 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 (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.

Diocesan Assessment

The Diocesan Assessment is £8,033.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Parish. The select vestry consists of the members of the clergy servicing in the parish, the church wardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Easter vestry meeting.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other members 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 members of the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the church wardens. In 2023 the select vestry met 4 times during the year and the attendance was 75%.

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.

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 laws 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.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Hilary Redmond
Mrs Hilary Redmond

Enid Redmond
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Date: 6. 5. 2024