

## **The Parish of Enniskillen**

### **St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen**

#### **Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 December 2022**

The Trustees present the annual report and accounts for St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen Parish, Enniskillen for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Reference and Administration Details**

The reference and administration details of the charity are as shown on page 3.

#### **Objectives and activities**

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

The parish objectives are encapsulated in its vision statement which is "St. Macartin's at The Heart of the Community, Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love". The principal function of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, being open to and engaging with society as a whole.

All activities undertaken further the charity's purpose for Public Benefit.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the parish 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 parish.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen has a clear Anglican identity, and during 2022 it held approximately 150 services of divine worship of Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer. In addition Harvest Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are celebrated as well as commemoration of significant historical events. Some of these services used zoom technology owing to COVID restrictions.

In 2022 the parish held 26 burials, 8 baptisms, 8 weddings and 26 confirmations. Pastoral support to parishioners was provided through the ministry of the Dean and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

Public benefit in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in addition to divine worship is achieved through a wide variety of activities that take place throughout the year in the Cathedral Hall. The groups which meet cater for all ages and a wide variety of interests. The parish supports those in need with its outreach mission both at home and abroad.

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen has a strong musical and choral tradition with the Cathedral choir contributing to the worshiping life of the parish and diocese. The parish provides ministry to young people in Sunday Lights, Sunday Lights Café, Messy Church, Xplore and a Confirmation class as well as its Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Mothers' Union provides a meeting opportunity for women of the parish. The Bowling Club provides recreation for interested members of the parish and the community. Community outreach is provided to the elderly through the Tuesday Club. A new Parenting and Wellness Group has been formed during the year.

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Three Select Vestry members serve on the Boards of Governors of local schools. In addition the clergy lead assemblies in local schools.

The parish enjoys very good community relations with all its neighbouring churches and has a particularly strong link with the local Roman Catholic parish of St. Michael's, Enniskillen and its clergy.

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen adheres to Safeguarding Trust Regulations, Data Protection Laws and the Church of Ireland Child Protection Policy.

#### ***Public Benefit Statement***

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Church's ministry of teaching. The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support through contributions the continuing witness of the Church. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plate, furnishings and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage. This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. There is no harm arising from the purpose. The beneficiaries are the general public. No private benefit is received by trustees fulfilling their trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts, but in the course of conservation and to make these accessible to the public, the engagement of professional staff and services is essential but incidental to the fulfilment of the purpose.

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 as well as providing public benefit in the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Trustees of the parish confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 31 December 2022.

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### ***Financial Performance***

The trustees are satisfied that St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen Parish remains in a sound financial position at the year end. The results for the year are set out in detail on page 11 of the accounts.

### ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees do not have a formal reserves policy. However, they must ensure that the church has sufficient resources. It is considered good practice to seek to build financial reserves which will enable the church to meet future commitments or unforeseen expenses without a negative impact on the ability to deliver services in the manner planned. By holding reserves, the church will be able to absorb setbacks and take advantage of change and opportunity as well as demonstrate a plan for viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.

### ***Going Concern***

The Trustees are satisfied that St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen Parish can continue its activities and that the financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022 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 the age of eighteen, contribute a minimum of £50 per annum, 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 members 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 of office which may be served.

#### ***Pay and remuneration***

The Rector and Dean, the Curate and the Pastoral Assistant are paid in accordance with figures approved by the Clogher Diocese and the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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#### ***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 serving in the parish, the church wardens, the glebe wardens and not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry meeting.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or another 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.

The select vestry meets monthly except in July and August. Special meetings may be convened at anytime by the chairperson or church wardens. In 2022 the select vestry met ten times and the average attendance was 94%.

#### **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 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 (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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish 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) 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

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#### Statement as to disclosure to our Independent Examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

- there is no relevant information of which the parish's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the parish's independent auditor is aware of that information.

#### Independent Examiners

CavanaghKelly, Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Easter Vestry Meeting.

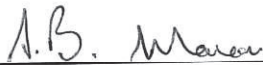
This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by:



Very Rev Kenneth RJ Hall  
Chair



Mrs Hope Kerr  
Honorary Treasurer



Samuel B Morrow  
Honorary Secretary