

Slavin Parish Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Best 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 the Parish of Slavin is to support the advancement of the Christian faith by promoting, through the work of the Parish of Slavin 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 faith, the Parish of Slavin 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 of Slavin.

The book of Hebrews encourages us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, with that in mind, we as a group of Parishes; Garrison Parish, Belleek Parish, Slavin Parish and Kiltyclogher Parish, support and care for all in the group and worship together when the occasion demands, such as Remembrance Service, Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 5th Sundays, Christmas Eve and Carol Services.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Slavin Parish has been able to fulfil its task of sharing Christ's teaching locally through our Sunday services, mission participation and missionary links.

We host a morning service of worship and prayer for the benefit of the public and advancement of Christian worship at 11.30am on the first and third Sunday of each month. During the week we offer pastoral care, help and support for parishioners through home and hospital visits.

We have provided support to mission and outreach work through donations to both local and international programmes and have missionary links through Crosslinks and CMSI.

Our circuit usually holds a bowls club in Melvin View Orange hall which offers an opportunity for a variety of ages to come together socially. Our Sunday school gives young children the opportunity to partake in Christian Worship at an appropriate level to enhance their understanding of Christ's teachings.

The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the actives entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review

The main sources of income were planned giving and freewill offerings.

The Financial statements show a surplus of £4,321 for the year and no funds were in deficit at the year end.

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The activities of the congregation are dependent on the ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of the signing of this report and subject to the continuing support from its members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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 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 which may be served.

Pay and remuneration

The Incumbent is paid directly by the Diocese and receives stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

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 glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the General Vestry.

The select vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other 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 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. In 2023 the Select Vestry met 3 times during the year and the average attendance was 53%.

Compliance with Public Benefit

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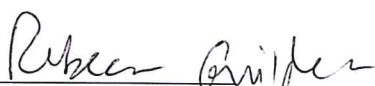
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Rev Rebecca Guildea



Elizabeth Ovens (Treasurer)

Date 16.04.24