

**Colaghty Parish Church**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and  
Payments and Assets and Liabilities**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Charities Number: NIC105468**

# **Colaghty Parish Church**

## **Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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## **Colaghty Parish Church**

### **References and administrative details**

Charity Name: Colaghty Parish Church  
Charity Registration Number: NIC105468  
Contact Address: The Rectory  
38 Main Street  
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### **Trustees**

Rev Canon Alan Irwin	Mr Marcus Graham
Mrs Helen Beacom	Mrs Isobel Kilfedder
Mr Joseph Keys	Mrs Joy Oldman-Reid
Mr William Irvine	Mr Ronald Kilfedder
Mr Marcus Barton	Mr Thomas (Ken) Curtis (retired 29 March 2023)
Mr Alan Curtis	Mr Robert Johnston
Mr David Keys	Mr Thomas Milligan
Mr Robert Graham	Mrs Jean Woods
Mr Jason Kilfedder	

### **Principal Office-bearers**

Rector:	Rev Canon Alan Irwin
Rector's Churchwarden:	Mr Joseph Keys
People's Churchwarden:	Mr Marcus Barton
Rector's Glebewarden:	Mr Alan Curtis
People's Glebewarden:	Mr William Irvine
Church Treasurer:	Mr Joseph Keys
Church Secretary:	Mrs Helen Beacom

### **Independent Examiner**

McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Church House, 24 Dublin Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, BT78 1HE

### **Principal Bankers**

Danske Bank  
Branch Business, P.O. Box 183,  
Donegall Square West, Belfast

## **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 Colaghty 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 Colaghty Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Colaghty 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, Colaghty 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 Colaghty Parish Church.

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The Parish's activities are governed mostly by the churches year and as such, Colaghty Parish Church seeks to fulfil its purposes in the support and advancement of the Christian religion through weekly services, inclusive of Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Family Services, Contemporary worship, additional services (evening) and those of the Church's calendar year at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Throughout the year, pastoral care and assistance continue, offered to all within the parish family and those within the parish boundary, as the parish fulfils its mission calling. This is further enhanced with the various church organisations and activities that take place throughout the year.

These groups include, but exhaustive to, that of Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, CE, Youth Group, continue to provide opportunity for worship, fellowship, and teaching as an integral part of its support and advancement of the Christian religion. The above groups meet regularly throughout the year providing opportunities for everyone to avail off.

The monthly Women's Fellowship provides opportunities for ladies from within the church and community to share together each month, with a range of speakers and topics that are relevant to everyday experiences. Colaghty Bowling club encourages an intergenerational mix of abilities from throughout the wider community. It offers play both at local and competition level and has taken part in the Churches league in 2023. This outreach has seen new members joining in the last year.

The Young at Heart group, which caters for the over 55's from within the church and the wider community, has put on a range of activities, from games, and speakers. This together with its monthly meetings provides great opportunities for fellowship for many who are on their own.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit (continued)**

Additional outreach comes through the parish auction and burger evening. Both events afford the Church family reaching out in more practical ways. As do individual members of the parish family, including a few of the present Trustees, who continue to be actively involved within the wider community – serving on Boards of Governors, the Parent, Teacher, Friends, Association and Lack Community Group.

The parish regularly donates to missional projects and other charities, both locally and overseas and is currently in partnership with Crosslinks in the prayerful and financial support to the parish mission partners. The parish responds to emergency appeals channelling any monies through recognised charities.

The Trustees' (who have a responsibility for the upkeep of Church property, Church, Graveyard, Rectory and Parish Hall), continue to exercise their stewardship by ensuring the necessary remedial repairs to the surrounds of the parish Church and rectory are regularly maintained. As part of that stewardship, the trustees address any necessary repairs as required, to ensure that all facilities are welcoming, safe, and usable by members and the wider public.

The activities mentioned above, provide evidence of how Colaghty Parish Church continues to implement its charitable purposes, the advancement of religion, and meets the Public Benefit requirement.

Colaghty Parish Church, with the guidance of the Church of Ireland and the Diocese of Clogher on information received thus far, has through the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust, and Adult Safeguarding, sought to mitigate the potential for harm from its activities. The parish has undertaken, through guidance and direction from information supplied by the Church of Ireland and the Diocese of Clogher to implement GDPR in accordance with current legislative requirements.

### **Financial Review**

- The principal source of income of Colaghty Parish Church continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.
- The principal expense of Colaghty Parish Church is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Costs/Assessment.
- Colaghty Parish Church had an excess of receipts over payments of £5,928.88 for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- Colaghty Parish Church continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2023 with total cash funds of £118,897.13.
- Colaghty Parish Church aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure 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 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.

#### ***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 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 7 times during the year and the average attendance was 71%.

#### ***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 actives 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.

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)**

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**

**Trustee 1**      *A Irwin*  
Rector

**Trustee 2**      *R Joseph Keys*  
Church Treasurer

**Date**            *20 March 2024*