

Drumkeeran Parish Church

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Drumkeeran Parish Church
Charity registration number NIC105469
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The trustees

Rev C Eames
Mrs E Aiken
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Mr J Vance

Independent examiner Gary Thompson

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 18 and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation for the last 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.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

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 on 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 churchwardens.

Objectives and activities

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

The principal function of Drumkeeran Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Drumkeeran Parish 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, Drumkeeran 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 Drumkeeran Parish.

While our normal activities continued the year 2024 marked a milestone event in the life of our parish as we celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the church which was built as the result of the legacy of George Vaughan which also resulted in the building of the former Charter School behind the church building as well as other notable buildings in the area.

We marked this occasion in two ways. In May we had Olwen Gormley who has spent the past number of years unearthing the story of George Vaughan, his life and his legacy deliver a talk to a large crowd of people on the subject. This event was well received and the furthest attendee hailing from Ontario. It is hoped to produce a booklet holding the information later this year.

In September we had a special service which also marked this occasion as well as thanking God for his provision to us in the harvest. This service was well attended and many present enjoyed a delicious lunch after the service. A special collection was taken and as a result we donated £250 to ten charities to mark this special occasion.

Achievements and performance

Drumkeeran continues to support the work of other charities and missionary work by either making donations or holding special collections during the year.

The Parish has given special consideration to the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland's guidance on the public benefit to ensure that all activities undertaken during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's aims and objectives, as well as providing public benefit.

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Financial review

The parish recorded a surplus of £6,682 during the year ended 31 December 2024.

The trustees policy on reserves is to ensure that sufficient reserves are retained to meet all future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 28 March 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rev C Eames
Trustee