

St Patrick's Church
Castle Archdale

Trustee's Annual report and statement of receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st December, 2023

Charities Number: 105472

Parish of St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale

Annual report and Financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023

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References and Administrative details

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Principal Office Bearers

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Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Castle Archdale Parish Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Castle Archdale 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. The objective of our Parish is to advance the mission of the Christian Church, through worship, service, and fellowship. These objectives are carried out through mission and pastoral activities. The principal activities of the Church are public worship and the spiritual development of its members.

In carrying out its objectives the Church depends upon the contribution, both human and material, of many volunteers from the parishioners. Activities carried out include contributions preparatory to and during worship, service on the Select Vestry and through group activities, the maintenance of premises and fabric, and a variety of pastoral and social activities. These contributions are all highly valued and all members of the congregation are encouraged to, and many do, participate in them.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, Castle Archdale 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 Castle Archdale Parish Church

Achievements, Performance & 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.

- Castle Archdale Parish Church fulfils its objectives through the weekly Sunday Services – including Holy Communion, Morning Prayer (in both formal and more informal versions), and Services of the Word. Services are led by the Incumbent and there is a group of Parishioners who assist with readings, intercessions and the administration of Holy Communion.
- There have been several “Open Days” at the Church over the summer to allow locals and holiday makers alike to see and enjoy the building. An information booklet has been prepared and is available for free to all visitors.

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- A new singing group has been established. Members sing at a monthly service and the monthly practices also are time for conversation and fellowship.
- The Parish offers pastoral care and support where possible to all associated with the Parish and who wish to avail of it. This includes ongoing pastoral care and also special support linked with crises or pastoral emergency. In all of this the Incumbent is assisted by a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant. Pastoral Care is carried out through home visits, hospital and nursing home visit as well as the administration of Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound.
- The Parish offers liturgical and pastoral support through the Occasional Offices – baptism, confirmation, marriage, ministry to the sick, burial of the dead.
- There is a very active Sunday School in the Parish that is held following the Sunday Service. As well as being part of the Sunday School, the young people also make specific contributions to the Services on the second Sunday of each month. There is also an annual Children's Day Celebration Service and also a marking of Mothering Sunday and Fathers' Day.
- An important element of the ministry of the Sunday School is helping coordinate the collection of gifts for a local Food Bank.
- The major festivals of the Liturgical Year are observed and celebrated including: Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Day. Highlights of these occasions are the Harvest Thanksgiving with the abundant decorations and the Sunday evening Harvest Supper. The Midnight Celebration of Holy Communion at Christmas is also a very popular and well loved Service.
- Castle Archdale also offers, in conjunction with the grouped parish of Derryvullen North a branch of the Mothers' Union and a Women's Group. These offer a variety of social occasions and opportunities for ministry and service in the course of the year. A specific role of one of the Mother's Union office holders is to be a support to those members who are housebound.

The Parish is also represented in the wider community by the involvement of the Rector as a member of the Board of Governors of the local (Irvinestown) Primary School. He also regularly leads assemblies in the School.

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Financial Review

The main sources of income to the Parish general accounts is Freewill Offering, with around 62 contributing to the church.

Freewill Offerings together with the Cash Plate Collection amounted to £21,634.20 which is a slight up on last years amounts.

We have around 37 members who are registered for Gift Aid which brought £4,024.94 into the church for the year 2023.

Our Church started this year with £146,639.53 in our Parish account. The expenditure was £24,118.16. The Trustee's are pleased to report that we have £160,091.72 in our Parish account at the end of 2023 which up a small amount from last year. We also have Restricted funds of £127,047.15, these funds are held for upkeep of the Church and Old School.

The Trustee's and members of the church have agreed this year for the building of a New Hall which will replace the Old school and planning permission has been passed and some of the money in our Restricted funds and Parish Funds will be used for this and other maintenance which is required in the church in 2024.

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 statements for the year end 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

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 per annum. 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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Payment and remuneration

The Incumbent serves both Castle Archdale Parish and Derryvullen North as a grouped Cure and receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

The Rev Thompson serves St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North Church Irvinestown where he receives his allowances directly from Clogher Diocese and we at St Patrick Church Castle Archdale pay a percentage of Sustentation Quartley directly to Clogher Diocese and also pay a percentage of shared expenses every year to Derryvullen North Church, Irvinestown.

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 Annual 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.

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.

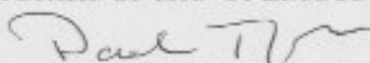
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

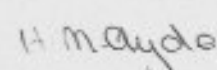
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,00.00 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 anytime the assets of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 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 

Trustee 2 

Date 06.9.24