

## **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 in 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.

### **Pay and remuneration**

A rector serves the parish where she is paid a stipend, locomotory allowance and office expenses in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The proportion paid by Galloon parish is by way of assessment through the Diocese.

### **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 generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the Easter vestry meeting. 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.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

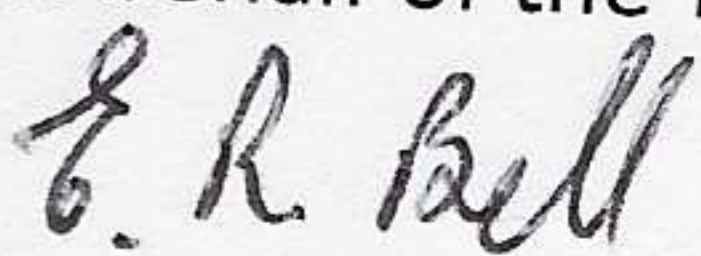
The Parish has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **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. The laws 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



Mr Richard Bell

Date: 19/4/23

## GALLOON PARISH CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Galloon Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of Galloon Parish Church is to support the advancement of Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Galloon 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, the Parish of Galloon has custody of property and records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of Galloon Parish Church.

#### **Public Benefits**

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. 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 direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plates, furnishings and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. 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. 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 purposes. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. The beneficiaries are the general public. 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. No private benefit is received by trustees fulfilling their trustee responsibilities in respect of 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.

#### **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 statement for the year ended 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.