

Shankill Parish Lurgan

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Shankill Parish Lurgan present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2022.

The charity is a registered charity and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as issued by the Charity Commissioners for Northern Ireland 2018, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

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Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of Shankill Parish Lurgan is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting the mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and relational. 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. Additionally, and in accordance with its stated charitable purpose, Shankill Parish Lurgan has custody of a large collection of historical records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of both the Parish and the town of Lurgan. The care and maintenance of these is undertaken by the Select Vestry.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Shankill Parish is a vibrant and welcoming church family of different ages and backgrounds seeking to build faith and build community in Lurgan. We are called to be hope builders in our community as we use our gifts, talents, and passions to serve one other and those beyond our walls, sharing the transforming love of God and leaving a legacy of faith for the generations to come. This statement embodies and undergirds the mission we undertake as a parish and recognises the strategic role we have in the community of Lurgan. The parish has considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered during the year have helped to achieve the Parish's objectives, as well as providing public benefit.

CORPORATE WORSHIP

For almost the whole of 2022, we have been worshipping in the Jethro Centre (the community facility owned by Shankill Parish Caring Association). This is due to a serious outbreak of dry rot in the church building. Investigations into this and the consequent remedial works necessitated the closure of the church from the start of February 2022. Worshipping in the sports hall at Jethro is very different to an historic church building, but the congregations have grown during this period, particularly at our 10am service which is targeted specifically at a younger demographic. We are consistently seeing over 300 people gather for worship each Sunday. We are grateful to the management and staff of the Jethro Centre for their support.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

During the year our children's and youth ministries have been able to resume without restrictions. It has been so encouraging to see children and families re-engage with our programmes on Sundays and during the week. Particularly pleasing has been the re-launch of our Toddler Time group which has seen large numbers of parents/carers and children return on a Monday morning each week. Our Sunday school and associated children's programmes have all seen encouraging growth.

Our youth programmes returned to normal during 2022. Our youth worker left in June to take up a post with the Education Authority and we successfully recruited her replacement who started in post in September. By the end of the year, programmes for 11-18 year-olds were running on Sunday morning and evening, Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening.

PASTORAL CARE

During the year, restrictions that had impacted pastoral care were gradually eased and we have been able to return to a more or less normal pattern, the exception being access to care homes and some hospital wards, access to which has at times been restricted by COVID outbreaks. Our pastoral Support Worker retired in mid-2022, and we took the opportunity to create an enhanced pastoral care role. We successfully recruited a Pastoral Care Coordinator, and she took up her role in September 2022.

PARISH GROUPS

The easing of COVID restrictions and a return to regular patterns of social interaction has allowed us to re-introduce our various mid-week programmes which encourage members in their faith and provide opportunities for social connection, which has been so important coming out of the pandemic. These include Connect Groups, Womens' Guild, Mother's Union, choir and our weekly prayer group.

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

Towards the end of 2021, we applied to The Henry Smith Charity for a grant to enable us to employ a community evangelist who would develop our spiritual and practical outreach into the community. Our successful application has enabled us to employ a community evangelist. His role has significantly increased our presence in the community and enabled us to initiate several new programmes such as The Living Room, a weekly drop-in run in partnership with SPCA, and Story, a monthly informal gathering in Café IncredAble (in the Jethro Centre) where a member of our church family is interviewed about their life and faith. This new role has also enabled us to expand our compassion ministry through more personal face-to-face contact and support.

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Financial Review

Full details of the current year finances are shown from pages 10 onwards. In 2021 financial year the Charity received £574,902 of income which had increased from 2020 results (35%). The majority of the income (73%) is unrestricted. Expenditure in 2021 totalled £340,888, including £46,407 of depreciation. The total expenditure in the current year is significantly higher than the 2021 comparative (81%) as as over £220,000 has been spent on the repair of the dry rot in the church and on spire repairs. A reported surplus of £144,366 including this depreciation charge is shown in the Church's Statement of Financial Activities for the year. This result is as anticipated and expected by the Trustees.

The Church has reserves of £6.9m at the year end and the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £7,125,358 (2021 - £6,970,543) and liabilities of £145,994 (2021 - £135,545). The net assets of the charity have increased by £144,366.

The charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our Christian Community. Our Services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

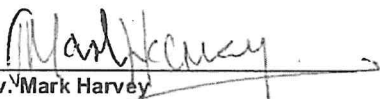
The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Shankill Parish Lurgan subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

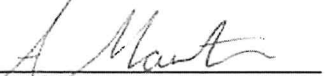
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev. Mark Harvey
Chairperson


Alison Martin
Trustee