

St. Saviour's Craigavon

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Charities Number: NIC101580

St. Saviour's Church of Ireland Craigavon

References and administrative details

Charity Name: St Saviour's

Charity Registration Number: NIC 101580

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Trustees

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Principal Office-bearers

Incumbent: Rev Stu Armstrong
Church Treasurer: Mrs Reda Matuseviciene
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for St. Saviours Church, Craigavon for the year ended 31st December 2021

Objectives and Activities

St Saviour's Craigavon is an Evangelical Anglican parish, part of the Church of Ireland in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of St Saviour's Craigavon is to support the advancement of the Christian faith through engagement in the whole mission of the Church – evangelism, justice, pastoral care, worship, spiritual formation, fellowship, as well as inter-denominational and inter-organisational partnership. 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, St Saviours Craigavon has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of the parish. The care and maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St. Saviours, Craigavon.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St Saviour's is a small but growing faith community, committed to the mission of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news of the Kingdom of God – praying for and working for the spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and social flourishing of Central Craigavon, the Greater Craigavon Area, and further afield. Below you will find a summary of the main activities undertaken by the parish to carry out its charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

WORSHIP

Worship services take place each Sunday morning. All ages worship together on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Holy Communion is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Worship services include both contemporary and traditional elements and seek to engage people through vibrant worship, reflective prayer and liturgy, relevant Bible teaching, and times of pastoral and prophetic prayer ministry. Two new worship gatherings were launched in Autumn 2023 – a weekly Wednesday evening prayer time, and a monthly Sunday evening service of worship and prayer. Seasonal and special worship times have taken place including Candlelit Carol Service, Intercultural Worship, Campfire Worship, Tenebrae, and more.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday School takes place during each morning service (with the exception of all age services) for P1-Y9. Kids engage in worship and prayer, learn Bible stories and faith concepts in interactive and age-appropriate ways, ask questions and develop socially

with peers and adult role models, all with the intention of growing in faith and understanding of God's love and their place in His kingdom. Special trips and events are also organised for fun, friendship, and further faith development – including messy church trails, petting zoos, movie nights, picnics and park walks, and Diocesan Light Parties.

St Saviour's Youth Ministry was launched in Autumn '23 and meets twice per month. This provides an opportunity for young people to develop friendships, ask questions, discover, own, and grow in their faith. A typical session includes food, a fun activity, and participation in Youth Alpha. Special events have taken place including weekends away, mini golf, and shared worship nights with other youth groups.

Mums and Tots takes place each Thursday morning and provides a safe space for carers with young children to meet for socialising and support. The parish seeks to serve and support and extend invitations to become part of the worshipping life of the church.

Local children and young people are also cared for through visitation to and partnership with local schools and youth centres.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral visitation of the sick, lonely, bereaved, distressed, and curious takes place continuously by both clergy and volunteers.

The Monday Club provides regular social interaction for senior citizens through arts and crafts, snacks and chat. There are regular musical performances, karaoke, and meals shared. Members regularly pray for and with one another and offer pastoral and faith support.

Supporting relationships with local care homes are in development which have included the delivery of dozens of wash bags and toiletries to residents, as well as visitation, prayer ministry, and hymn singing. A ministry to dementia patients in both Lisniskey and Sandringham care homes are in the later stages of development alongside the relevant staffing personnel.

A visioning process is taking place which has begun to identify focus areas for pastoral care. These are newcomers (including asylum seekers and refugees), young families, and the elderly.

MISSION

St Saviour's has a desire to engage in and support both local and international Christian mission. Locally, the parish has developed a partnership with Youth For Christ and offers support in 3 ways – financial, prayerful, and volunteers including

board members. St Saviour's has reached out to the community through sharing literature, developing inter-personal relationships for pastoral support and evangelism, and through invitation to special services and events – including table quizzes, movie nights, and Christmas celebrations.

Internationally, St Saviour's has become a "One Church" partner with Open Doors UK & Ireland – offering financial and prayerful support, and receiving input from them in the form of guest speakers for worship services and email newsletters. The parish has also committed to partner with the Park's family in the missionary work in Uganda.

First steps to further mission partnerships have taken place with presentations from the Suitcase Project and International Justice Mission.

Financial Review

An overview of the Parish's financial position at the reporting date 31 December 2023 may be found on the relevant pages of this document.

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 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

In keeping with both Constitutional requirements and Diocesan regulations, all members of the Church of Ireland who are over the age of 18, have made a recordable financial contribution to the parish, 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.

Pay and Remuneration

The Incumbent of the Parish's stipend is paid directly by the Parish. The incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and Diocesan approved office and locomotory allowances.

Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day-to-day management of the parish. The Select Vestry consists of the Incumbent serving in the parish, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens 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. 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. Generally, the Select Vestry will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in the Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK , including Charities SORP (FRS 102) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) "and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law) Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they fully agree with it.

The Select Vestry of St. Saviour's, Craigavon are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Parish will continue as a going concern.

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 financial position of the Parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the provision of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. 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.

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 as to Disclosure to our Auditors / Examiners

In so far as the trustees are aware at the timing of approving our trustee's annual report:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.