

CARNMONEY PARISH CHURCH (NIC 102377)



Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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References and administrative details

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for The Church of the Holy Evangelists, Carnmoney, for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Objectives and Activities The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of The Church of the Holy Evangelists, Carnmoney, is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of this parish church the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Essential elements in fulfilling this function are the maintenance of church for the worship of God, the offering of pastoral care to worshippers and those who request help, and engaging with the local community to promote understanding of issues of faith. These core activities support the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, The Church of the Holy Evangelists, Carnmoney has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage of the community. The Select Vestry of The Church of the Holy Evangelists, Carnmoney, undertakes maintenance of these and access to baptism, marriage and burial records is provided on request. The charity's beneficiaries are thus both those who choose to form part of its community of faith and those from the wider community who may request help in a variety of areas.

Following the Covid pandemic the nature of our church is changing and is now much more fluid. This was illustrated and brought home to us by an afternoon in which the vicar visited 3 people in Antrim hospital. The first person visited that afternoon was Jim who has been a regular contributing member of our congregation for many years. Due to infirmity Jim can no longer get to church but kept in touch through listening to the CDs we record and deliver and has now learnt to watch the services and meditations on line. As ever he was full of chat and really appreciated the visit.

The next person visited was a lady called Catherine whom the chaplain had asked the vicar to visit. The vicar had never met Catherine but had seen her name appearing regularly on our Facebook page as she often likes the recordings. She used to attend Carnmoney many years ago and as they got talking she shared that she'd discovered our online presence during Covid and watched the services every Sunday. Although she'll probably never walk through our church doors again due to age and infirmity, It was lovely to meet her, hear her story and pray with her.

The final visit was to a man called Jim. Jim used to attend church in Ballyclare but left some years ago after falling out with the vicar. He was well known to the vicar as he attends the bowling on Thursday mornings and also the Community Friendship Club. Recently he has also started coming to our monthly midday Prayer services. Although he's never been on a Sunday he considers Carnmoney as his church now and feels that connecting with us through our various activities has brought him closer to God, and he enjoys the fellowship and friendship with our church members in our buildings. Again he was able to receive prayer before the visit ended.

This one afternoon spent hospital visiting shows how much our church has changed since Covid struck in March 2020. Before then we had very few community groups and a minimal online presence. Most of us considered church as being those who came through the doors on Sunday and to our midweek groups and meetings. Our experience of the last 3 years has meant that all that has now changed. Church is now much more fluid and undefined. As many people are watching church online now rather than coming in person and many people who attend our groups see themselves as Carnmoney members even if they don't go to church at all. All this is both exciting

and challenging for us as we now need to operate on many different levels sharing the love of Christ with those that God is bringing us into contact with through multiple means.

Isaiah 43:19 says "See I am doing a new thing; now it springs up do you not perceive it." Our task as a church is to recognise where the Spirit is blowing, what God is doing and cooperate with it.

So as well as the more complex nature of church that has already been mentioned a number of new things and encouraging new initiatives have sprung up this year:

· Firstly there are no masks and social distancing any more as we have successfully returned to fully unrestricted church life again after Covid. And all through the year people have been returning to church having been away during covid. We're smaller as Sunday congregations but most people now are back worshipping on Sundays.

· The choir is back

· The Ecumenical Bible week returned in January after a 2 year break.

· Our Eco committee has been set up to consider our environmental responsibilities and George has taken over and expanded our recycling projects and is doing a fantastic job.

· We have run a weekly drop in on Wednesdays throughout the winter months responding to the cost of living crisis.

· For the first time we have held 2 communion services at Christmas and Easter transporting many housebound people into our Hall to allow them to attend.

· We have successfully transitioned from our freewill offering envelope schemes to standing orders saving the church a lot of money and our counters a lot of time.

· 8 people have commenced training with the Acorn Christian Foundation with the aim of setting up a parish healing hub which will enable us to offer prayers for healing in all sorts of settings.

· We ran our first Sports Quiz with Christians in Sport in November.

· The Connect Youth Events with members from 5 local Anglican churches have begun meeting at St. Brigid's once a month with our young people attending.

· A regularly monthly Midday prayer service has started up which attracts over 20 people each month of all denominations and many who aren't regular churchgoers.

· We held a big Platinum Jubilee Party in the summer for 160 people

· Our women's group JOY held a fundraising coffee morning for Hope House raising over £2000.

· We hosted two American students in the parish for a week in June.

· And finally plans are afoot for our first children's holiday club in August 2023 and also our first Parish Pilgrimage in September 2023 when we will be staying in Glendalough for 4 nights.

All of these are new things, new areas of ministry that God is leading us into but additionally other things have been re-established and consolidated after Covid.

· Our bigger children's events such as the Good Friday workshops, Light Party and Worship in the Woods as well as our weekly Brigades meetings are all attracting children from outside the church, whilst our Faith Factory continues to meet weekly feeding our own children spiritually.

· We've held a Memorial Service in the autumn for those who have been bereaved and a SANDS service for those who have lost children in December both of which attracted a lot of people who appreciated those services and the support they gave.

· Our Select Vestry held an Away Day in June planning for the year ahead.

· What's more all our groups have successfully got up and running again. We've also held regular teaching courses throughout the year; our discussions in the autumn after our Issues facing Christians Today sermons attracting record numbers of attendees.

So it's been both a busy and exciting year here at Carnmoney and all that has occurred has been because many people have been supporters and not spectators, offering a phenomenal amount of time, talents and money to make Carnmoney and its ministry all that it is.

So as we move into 2023, Here's three areas which we are aiming to move into and develop this year all of which are included in our mission statement.

1. Firstly and this is the most important: We constantly need to be seeking to share the good news of Jesus with those around us. As 1 Peter 3:15 says: "Always be willing to give an account of the hope within you but do it with gentleness and respect." We are an elderly congregation and do need to invite and disciple new people into our church life if our church is to firstly

survive and secondly to grow. For this to happen all congregational members need to be involved; all need to be bold and brave.

2. Secondly we aim to continue to meet God and grow in our faith as our Mission statement says. Opting into those faith development courses and keeping our own individual walks with God strong through our prayer and bible readings will be vital for each one of us.

3. Finally as our healing hub develops we hope to be not only offering more prayer and ministry in church but taking it out into our various church groups and also other community settings making the healing of God available to everyone. Watch this space as this develops from the summer onwards.

In a time when many churches are struggling and declining we aim to with God's help buck the trend here at Carnmoney if we dare to believe and are bold and brave. God has done some amazing things amongst us this year, and will we pray continue to do so as members of our church are active disciples, offering their time, gifts and talents in serving him

Conclusion and Public benefit Compliance

The life of Carnmoney Parish Church is varied, multi-faceted and sees many people offering their time, money and gifts in the service of God and others. 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income

We divide our funds and bank accounts into General and Restoration. General is 'unrestricted' funds and are used for day to day expenditure. Restoration is 'restricted' funds used for the maintenance and restoration of our buildings, grounds and fabric. Both receive funds from the weekly giving and other donations from our congregation. Other sources of income include grants, fundraising, rental and investments. Income fell by 7% mainly due non repeating grants and legacies from 2021 however our main FWO income remains steady

Total Income Unrestricted 116858

Total Income Restricted £19175

Expenditure

The Vestry work very hard to ensure costs are controlled and thank all who assist in this endeavour. There was no call on Reserves this year. A number of projects were undertaken including installing new emergency lighting, roof repairs, boiler repairs and general maintenance Day to day expenditure has risen by 15%. We are confident that this is within our financial capabilities.

Total Expenditure Unrestricted £115282

Total Expenditure Restricted £8831

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- **Church Building**

The Church Building and its integral organ are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102).

These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

- **Sexton's Bungalow**

The Sexton's bungalow is not valued as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish. The bungalow is also 'landlocked' between the church and the hall and therefore any value would not be easily realised.

- **Parish Hall**

The Hall is valued at current value. It is in good repair and is well maintained and suitable to the future needs of the parish

- **Glebe House**

The Glebe House is valued at current value. It is in good repair and well maintained as living accommodation for the incumbent vicar. It would be readily saleable.

- **Glebe Land**

Glebe land is leased to a farmer and valued as agricultural land.

INVESTMENT ASSETS

The Unit Trust investments detailed are held as 'Endowment Funds'. The income from these funds are classified as 'unrestricted' income.

Reserve funds are currently held as follows:-

Progressive Building Society £25663 1 year fixed rate bond – General Funds

Cambridge & Counties Bank £30,000 1 year fixed rate bond – General Funds

Progressive Building Society £51859 2 year fixed rate bond – Restoration Funds

Cambridge Building Society £51594 1 year fixed rate bond – Restoration Funds

LIABILITIES

- The church currently has no liabilities

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds to ensure the Parish can continue its activities and the financial statements for 2022 can be signed off as a going

concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter 111 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 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 rector received a stipend directly from the parish in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and office, locomotory and general allowances of £7,391 (before tax and national insurance).

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the fabric, furnishings and finance of the parish. The select vestry is chaired by Rev Andy Heber. Select vestry members are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how parish funds are to be applied.

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 law 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

Trustee 1 Robert Campbell

Trustee 2 James H. Maguire

Date 7th March 2023