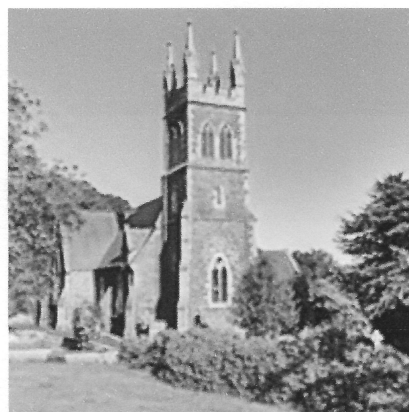


# **CARNMONEY PARISH CHURCH (NIC 102377)**



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

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **CARNMONEY PARISH CHURCH**

### **References and administrative details**

Charity Name: NEWTOWNABBEY/Carnmoney/  
Holy Evangelists/Connor/Church of Ireland

Charity Registration Number: NI102377

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### **Trustees**

Rev Carol Harvey	Rodgers Cairncross	Elaine Cairncross
William McFarland	Joyce Lardie	Jim Walker
Trevor Prenter	Renee Norwood	Wesley Beggs
Eileen Roulston	Rev. Andy Heber	Robert Campbell
Jim Magowan	David Gibson	Maggie Jamison
Ken Macklin	Sharon Ferguson	

### **Principal Office-bearers**

Chairperson: Rev Andy Heber

Vicar's Church Warden: Wesley Beggs

Vicar's Glebe Warden: Ken Macklin

Peoples' Church Warden: John Beck

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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 2023

**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.

Micah 4:1-5 talks of a church on a hill with people streaming into it, telling each other about it and encouraging them to come. But additionally the word of God not staying there, but going out from that church bringing peace and blessing to the local community. Well people aren't quite streaming into yet but I do believe that this year in particular has seen the beginning of that process as we have seen God bringing both growth and blessing to our corporate life together here, and also seen us becoming increasingly a blessing to our local community. I shared last year how its impossible now to say who actually is a part of Carnmoney Parish Church.

- Certainly many people in our many groups who we wouldn't see on Sundays here would say they belonged to this church and are blessed by the life they receive here.
- We're regularly getting 25 or more people at our monthly Midday prayer service now, probably only a quarter of whom would be on our membership list.
- Additionally our online congregation is almost as big every week as those who attend our two in person services and we have no idea who most of them are!
- But most excitedly this last 12 months have seen a number of new faces actually attending our worship on Sundays and for the first time since I've been here we've had more people join the church and become members this year than have died and been taken off our membership list.

The blessing that comes both from the faithfulness of many of our groups who meet week after week and month after month and again the really exciting thing about this last year is that we have seen numbers increasing in nearly all of our regular groups:

- Our Faith factory now has 18 members more than for many years.
- Our Wednesday Fellowship Group is growing with our recent Lent Course being the largest course we've held so far here.
- Our Friendship club sees new members every week. We had 72 people attend our March meeting very few of whom were members of this church
- Our Mothers Union again from being on the point of folding 2 years ago is attracting more and more new members Our lads brigade has almost doubled in numbers since September and our girls brigade has attracted 6 new leaders following Johnny's illness and death.
- Our Thursday bowling continues to attract new members too as does our new Monday night initiative.
- Knitting Bee too is becoming almost too big for the Memorial room and they are talking of trying to oust the bowlers from the big hall
- JOY too is a shining light attracting new people from outside the church

So that's our regularly week by week life but looking back over this year we have also seen a number of exciting new initiatives springing up. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Eco club had just started this time last year but has undertaken some amazing bits of work this year to such an extent that it was featured in the Church of Ireland Gazette last month.
- The Healing Hub has now been established and as well as our Healing Services we offer prayer after every service and also often in the hall too and we've seen some lovely healing miracles this year too.
- In August we held our first Children's Holiday Club for many years and had a fantastic week led for us by the "Play it BY Ear" Theatre company.
- Although the Men's Society folded this year the new Carnmoney Men's Group has taken its place.
- This last year we have established new outreach services into Dunanney and the Glebe Nursing homes as well as maintaining our regular service in Glenabbey Care Home.
- In September 11 of us had a fantastic Pilgrimage to Glendalough where we learnt about St. Kevin and had great fun and fellowship together.
- In November after 4 years we re-established our craft Fair raising over £2000 for church funds.
- And in November too we also trained and registered as a safe church supporting anyone experiencing domestic violence.
- Finally if you haven't already done so please do have a look at our new website developed by Harry which really is brilliant and is the first point of call for anyone wanting to find out about our church.

So lots going on and many exciting developments but lets please keep in mind our primary mission and just to remind you of Archbishop William Temples famous quote: "The church is the only voluntary organisation that exists primarily for the benefit of its non-members." Its not primarily about us, rather its about those in our community who don't know Christ and his love!

Jesus says in John 4:35 "Open your eyes and look at the fields they are ripe for harvest." Our job as Christians is in Jesus' words to "harvest the crop for eternal life" So how do we go about doing that?

### **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. The receipt of Gift Aid refund of £8k was delayed but was received in 2024 accounts. Our main FWO income increased by 7.8% and we very gratefully received Grants of £14,440

Total Income Unrestricted 115,637

Total Income Restricted 34,198



## **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 major project of replacing all rainwater goods around the church was completed. Costing £34264 we were very grateful to receive grant aid from National Churches Trust of £8000. Day to day expenditure has risen by 10%. We are confident that this is within our financial capabilities.

Total Expenditure Unrestricted £127,401

Total Expenditure Restricted £47,380

## **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 £25,766 1 year fixed rate bond – General Funds  
Cambridge & Counties Bank £30,827 1 year fixed rate bond – General Funds  
Progressive Building Society £52,118 2 year fixed rate bond – Restoration Funds  
Cambridge Building Society £53,243 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 2023 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 £7,925 (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 Eileen Roulston

Trustee 2 Rod Campbell

Date 12/3/24

## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Carnmoney Parish Church'**

I report on the accounts of the Parish for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of

the Charities Act

2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records

3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the

Charities Act

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of

the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

SIGNED.....*Anne F. Graham*.....

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Date:.....*21st February 2024*.....