

PARISH OF TEMPLECORRAN

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parish of Templecorran for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of the Parish of Templecorran is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish of Templecorran 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 Templecorran has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the Parish of Templecorran.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The parish through its Church Building provides weekly services of public worship, open to all, which contribute to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values. Through the rector, and those who assist him, the parish provides pastoral care to any who request it. The rector, on behalf of the parish, is involved in the local primary school leading assemblies monthly and serving on the Board of Governors. In cooperation with the other churches in the village of Ballycarry there are a number of joint events each year for the whole community and for all ages.

As there is no rector at present the Diocese provides clergy to perform the Sunday services during the vacancy and deal with pastoral matters as they arise. The Diocesan process has begun to find a new rector and that process is expected to be completed by summer 2019.

These activities implement our charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

Financial Review

The parish continues to be in a sound financial position with an in year surplus on all accounts and significant reserves to meet unforeseen liabilities. The cash funds we have invested with "The Church of Ireland Trustees" we endeavour to maintain as a reserve against any major capital work on our Church Building which we may need to do in the future. All income from unit trust investments with the Representative Body and the Church of Ireland Trustees is available for general purposes. At 31 December 2018 unrestricted funds amounted to £28346 and restricted and endowment funds amounted to £60254.

Going Concern

During the current period of vacancy, income may be expected to reduce slightly however costs will also be lower. With a new rector expected in summer 2019 costs will increase but the new rector will be active to stimulate growth including income growth. In the light of this 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 for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 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.

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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 stipend, office and locomotory allowances of the incumbent of the Parish is paid by the other parish with which the Parish of Templecorran is grouped, namely the Parish of Kilroot. The Parish of Templecorran pays 25% of these costs which are in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and the Diocese of Connor. The rector resigned with effect from 6 October 2018 so the amounts expended in 2018 are lower, pro-rotta, than those in 2017. See note 3 for details of the amounts expended in the year ended 31 December 2018.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the member of the clergy serving in the parish, the churchwardens, 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 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. In 2018 the Select Vestry met 3 times during the year and the average attendance was 90%.

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 purpose and objectives, 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 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 MRS. K. MACEWAN
Date 25th February 2019


Trustee 2 MRS. D. BARR