

**St Bartholomew's Church,
Parish of Donaghmore**

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

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charities Number: NIC103269-0

St Bartholomew's Church, Parish of Donaghmore

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

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References and administrative details

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Mr Trevor McGaffin
Mr William Joseph Mathers McGaffin
Mr Neil McKnight
Mr Norman McKnight
Revd Rodney Magennis
Mr Colin McKnight
Mrs Emma McGaffin (Appointed 04.05.2022)

Principal Office-bearers

Clergy: Revd Rodney Magennis
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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 St Bartholomew's Church, Donaghmore Parish for the year ended 31st December 2022

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish, 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, St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage. Maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of St Bartholomew Church, Donaghmore Parish.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit 2022 (2021 in brackets)

The Parish continued to have regular Services of Worship throughout the year 2022. This year we were allowed to meet every Sunday with no restrictions due to Covid which was a significant improvement. Services continued to be broadcast each week on the Parish Youtube Channel and Facebook page. There were 51 (40) Sunday Services of Worship in 2022 (2021) with an average congregation of 23 (18). The average number of Communicants each month was 18 (17). As well as 6 (2) Occasional Services, 1 (0) Baptisms and 0 (1) Marriage, there was 9 (4) burials (1 Parishioner, 8 Non – Parishioners). On Christmas Eve in the evening, a service was held in Donaghmore and the attendance was 28 (21). This year, a Confirmation Service was held in the group and 1 member of the Parish was confirmed.

Pastoral work and visiting remained difficult in 2022 when restrictions were in place and especially in the settings of hospital and care homes but as the year progressed, restrictions were easing and more visits were possible.

The Parish celebrated the Jubilee with a 'Jubilee Lunch' as part of the nationwide 'Big Lunch' to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was well attended with Parishioners and Non – Parishioners joining the celebrations. A tree was planted in the Church Graveyard by the Select Vestry as part of the 'Queen's Canopy.'

The new parish – wide Youth Fellowship started up in November 2022 and is going well with a healthy membership and leaders in place. Also in Donaghmore, a Sunday School started on two Sundays in the month with upwards of 6 children in attendance. A monthly Prayer Meeting for the Group was started and rotates around each of the Churches. We have officers in place in accordance with the Church of Ireland Policy on Safeguarding Trust.

Repairs and general maintenance were continued on the Church property during 2022. In May 2022, the Bishop of the Diocese came and there was a special service to dedicate the new windows that were replaced in the Church.

At the end of the year, a Rectory was purchased within the Group for £240,000. Donaghmore Parish owns 10% of this property and is responsible for 10% of the repairs and maintenance costs. The property is located in the village of Loughbrickland which is central to the group of Parishes and the Rector has been residing there since the end of 2022.

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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. The Parish currently provides burial facilities for other Christian Denominations in the area.

Financial Review 2022 (2021)

The Income into the Parish from various sources was £47,164 (£50,641) with outgoings of £44,654 (£45,259) giving a surplus of £2,510 (surplus £5,382.)

The Bank and Cash in Hand Balance at 31st December 2022 was £55,149 (£72,539). It is the Trustee's Policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected emergencies, to build up funds to pay for future maintenance to the Church and grounds and to further the Objectives and Activities of the Church of Ireland.

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 ended 2022 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 (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 Rev. Magennis serves the Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva Group of Parishes where he receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances directly from the Parishes in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. The Donaghmore Parish pays 10% of this sum.

The Trustee, Mr Neil McKnight's Business, Silverwood Landscapes, was engaged to maintain the Grave Yard and in 2022, the Parish paid £2,400 for carrying out this work.

The Trustee, Mrs Greta Jackson acted as Sexton and was paid £750 for carrying out this work.

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Organisational Structure

The Select Vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the Parish. The Select Vestry comprises a member of the Clergy serving in the Parish, the Church wardens, the Glebe wardens and generally no more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry Meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the 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 Treasurer, Neil McKnight is responsible for the Current Account and the Building Funds. The Assistant Treasurer, Trevor McGaffin is responsible for the Graveyard Account and The Glebe National School Account.

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 Church wardens.

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 objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit. As detailed on page 4 above.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report, 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

Rodney Magennis

Trustee 2

E.M. Gaffin

Date

6/6/2023