

St Saviour's Parish Church, Connor



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charities Number: NIC 103559

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References and Administrative Details

Charity Name: St Saviour's Parish Church, Connor
Charity Registration Number: NIC 103559
Contact Address: 50 Church Road
Kells
Ballymena
BT42 3JU

Trustees (Select Vestry)

Trustees are normally appointed each year through the Easter vestry, with the previous vestry being dissolved and a new vestry appointed. The following were the trustees during the year:

Rev I Magowan	Mr P Bell
Mr S Hall	Mrs K Bell
Mrs H Magowan	Mrs H Cooper
Mrs L Hall	Mrs H Ramsey
Mr R Matthews	Miss V Livingstone
Mrs R Matthews	Mr J McClung – appointed April 2024
Mrs E Colgan	
Mr E O'Neill	
Mr K Turner	

Principal Office-Bearers:

Clergy	Rev I Magowan
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs E Colgan/Mrs H Magowan (handover period)
Hon. Secretary	Mr S Hall
Church Warden- Clergy	Mr P Bell
Church Warden - People	Mrs H Ramsey

Independent Examiner:

These accounts are below the threshold for the requirement of an audit. The accounts have been independently examined as they are under the threshold of £250,000. The examination was undertaken by:

Ms R McDowell
8 Ballymacvea Road
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BT42 3NQ

Bankers:

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1-2 Broadway
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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the Annual Report; Receipts and Payments; and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Saviour's Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of St Saviour's Church, Connor is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Saviour's Church 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 Saviour's Church 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 St Saviour's Church. See note 1b to the financial statements.

Achievements, Performance

The functions of the Parish all relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular public worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners of all ages and the sick and elderly in the parish and community. Public worship benefits all in the parish contributing to the spiritual well-being of participants and reinforcing Christian values through teaching the gospel, Christian witness, outreach and pastoral care. The children attend Sunday School. Although our church Bible Study Group has not been able to meet, we would intend to start it up again. The 'Women on Wednesday' group meets in the Church Hall and is open to the wider community. Our Mothers' Union welcomes anyone who wishes to attend as does our informal bowlers' group. Our church hall is used on occasions by other local groups. Our church provides a welcome and safe environment to all and supports the Christian religion and its advancement. We adhere to Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy for the protection of children. Home Communion is offered to those who are housebound and have requested it. St Saviour's continues to have a close relationship with other churches in the area and also with local community groups.

The above organisations continue to meet as normal during the year. All our Sunday Services are back to normal as are our other special Services during the year.

We have a defibrillator which is located in the church hall.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

St Saviours aims to adhere to GDPR.

Public Worship

Service of Morning Prayer	12 noon	Each Sunday
Service of Holy Communion	12 noon	1 st Sunday in month
Family Service	12 noon	4 th Sunday in month

Additional Services, i.e. Community Christmas Carol Service, and other Commemoration Services are held at appropriate times throughout the year. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services alternate between St Saviour's and St Patrick's Antrim.

Sunday School meet each Sunday during term time from 10.45am – 11.45am and the children are encouraged to take part in the Family Service each month.

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.

Financial Review

Free will giving and donations into the General Account during 2024 were down from 2023, due to the prior year having a substantial bequest. Overall income for the year increased as a result of a HMRC backpay refund for overpaid employer national insurance contributions. 50% of the refund was repaid to St Patrick's who has contributed to employer contributions throughout.

Expenditure excluding transfers to the restoration account, remained at similar levels to 2023. Volunteers from the Parish continue to assist in looking after the Church and Rectory grounds, grass cutting and cleaning of the church and hall thus assisting in reducing costs.

The Restoration Account continues to hold a healthy balance. Free will giving income was up slightly when compared to the previous year. Expenditure from this account was significantly greater in 2024, due to laying of tarmac to a section of the church carpark and lane; clearance work around the church grounds and rectory grounds; new fire extinguishers in church, church hall and rectory; and various other maintenance and repairs.

The Mission Account is used for supporting the work of church missions overseas and at home and related charities. There was no significant change in the balance on this account.

The Honorary Treasurer manages the Finances and reports back to the trustees at the monthly vestry meetings. The trustees oversee the Parish finances and the allocation of all monies.

Going Concern

The Trustees have discussed the financial viability of St Saviour's for the year ahead and continue to take appropriate action to reduce costs. The impact of Covid-19 still has had an impact on numbers of congregation attending church during 2024.

The Trustees have continued with the agreed bank overdraft and are satisfied that this will ensure that there are adequate funds in place to enable the Parish to continue its activities, and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

The trustees note that St Saviour's have adequate restricted funds in the restoration account. The trustees are aware that the restricted income funds have been declared by the donor(s) for specific purposes and have legal consequences if not utilised for that purpose.

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; and subscribe to the funds of the parish, 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 stipend is paid directly by the Parish. The Incumbent receives a stipend, office and locomotory allowances in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

As the Incumbent, is responsible for the grouped parishes of St Saviour's, Connor and St Patrick's, Antrim the stipend and office and locomotory allowances are shared equally between both churches.

Organisational Structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day management of the parish. The select vestry consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the general vestry elected at the annual general vestry meeting.

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. During 2024 the Select Vestry met 8 times during the year and the average attendance was 80% also a few impromptu meetings were held after the morning Service.

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

J. Whagowan
Trustee

9th August 2025
Date

Samuel Hall
Trustee

9th August 2025
Date