

The Parish of Kilwaughter & Cairncastle with All Saints
Registered with the NI Charity Commission – NIC 10358

ANNUAL REPORT

For year ending 31st December 2024

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The Church of Ireland, Parish of Kilwaughter and Cairncastle with All Saints includes two churches: St Patrick's Church, Cairncastle and All Saints Church, Craigyhill

Objectives and Activities

The principal function of the Parish of Kilwaughter and Cairncastle with All Saints is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of St Patrick's and All Saints Churches 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 has custody of the property and records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Select Vestry of the Parish.

The Select Vestry is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community, fully supporting the clergy in the delivery of worship throughout the parish. To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of both churches in the parish, and the church hall.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The provision of regular weekly services of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion continues in both churches, with choir introits, anthems and sung blessings being used on special occasions. Other services are offered at key times eg Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae services during Holy Week; and the Ecumenical Dawn service at Ballygally slip way on Easter Sunday morning. The Carol Services at Christmas time are also popular: with Magheramorne Silver Band leading in All Saints Craigyhill; and the midnight Candlelit Holy Communion service on Christmas Eve, attracting people from various denominations to St Patrick's Cairncastle. A guest soloist (Ms Anne McCambridge) was a popular addition to this year's Midnight HC service in St Patrick's. Anne leads the newly formed Ballygally Community Choir, which includes several members from St Patrick's. The parish was well represented at their inaugural Christmas Concert (Dec) in Ballygally Community Centre, which was a real success.

The Col Covenant with the Methodist Church in Ireland is honoured annually using the MCI Covenant Service & Prayer on the first Sunday of the New Year (Epiphany).

A united service of Commissioning (end Jan) for Mr Stephen Haslett, a new Parish reader, was led by the Warden of Readers for the Diocese of Connor (Rev Peter Jones). This service initiated a year long period of probation and monthly parish reader training sessions (shared between Rev Moore and Diocesan Lay Reader, Mr William Patton).

New special focus services introduced for this year included Creation Sunday (Feb); a Vocation Sunday, which was coupled with the Commissioning of the Select Vestry (May), shortly after the EGV; and (in June) a very popular Songs of Praise service which involved parishioners choosing their favourite hymns and sharing something of the background of the song and why it is their favourite.

The parish was represented at the Woman's World Day of Prayer service in Larne Methodist Church (Mar). Rev Moore also regularly attends the monthly meetings of the Larne Clergy Group, held in 1st Larne Presbyterian Church Halls. As such she was involved in sub-group discussions relating to exploring the potential for holding local services for those living with dementia, and with various disabilities/special needs (This is still in progress).

Local clergy have also been trying to restart regular services (post covid) in local residential care & private nursing homes, and in 2024 Rev Moore held services in Gilaroo. As part of her commitment to CPD, she also personally undertook specific BRF-led Anna Chaplaincy qualification training (Feb-May), participated in ongoing NI Hospital Chaplains Association CPD sessions (both in person and online/Zoom); and in Col Mind Matters NI led training on mental health awareness (May).

A special memorial service was held in the grounds of All Saints (Jun 24) for little Scarlett Rossborough, one of our Brownies, who was tragically killed in a road traffic accident in Carrickfergus (Aug 23). Several of the Brownie Leaders read lessons and prayers and along with family members, (and some of the Brownie children), helped to plant a tree in her memory

An invitation was received from Cairncastle Orange Order to lead the service of Thanksgiving for the 70th anniversary of their Halls (June). Later that month the parish was also involved in restarting the Cairncastle Ecumenical Pilgrimage Walk (in abeyance since the covid pandemic). This was very well attended and

led by the clergy of all four local denominational churches (RC, Non-subscribing Presbyterian, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland)

A special Sea Sunday/'Harvest of the seas' themed service (Oct) was organised for Harvest Thanksgiving in St Patrick's. Guest preacher was Rev Mark Reid, NI Chaplain for Mission to Seafarers. Uniformed officers were also present from Larne Sea Cadets, as well as representatives from PO Ferries, and from RNLI. Each of these reps were also afforded an opportunity to share about the work of their organisations, and prayers for the same included within the service. Following this service, it was decided to continue the 'sea theme' at intervals throughout the coming year and into 2025. The idea was to invite local people who have natural lived connections to the sea to share something of their 'vocation' and how faith equips and enables them for their work. The first of these (Oct) featured a nurse who works in the immigration centre in Larne House, down at the Port.

With the anniversary of D day in 2024, and the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 looming in 2025, a decision was taken to begin the process of researching the stories of some of those commemorated on memorial war plaques within St Patrick's church. In this year's Remembrance Sunday service the stories of the ancestors of two parishioners were remembered and some personal memorabilia put on display.

For the first time (on Advent Sunday), a 'Lost loved ones' service was held in All Saints, Craigyhill to enable those who have been bereaved to remember their loved ones in the otherwise difficult approach to Christmas. A significant number of people attended and as feedback was very positive it is hoped to make this an annual occurrence.

Likewise (Dec), for the first time in many years, a group of 12 parishioners, accompanied by our organist, and three members from Larne Choral Society led Carol singing in two local nursing homes (Lisgarel and Inver House, Moyle Hospital). We were asked to repeat the same next year and to include other residential care homes.

Sunday School, Messy Church and links with local schools

A few new children have been added to the SS class at St Patrick's and some children have taken an active role in services. The informal Kids/Family Service of the Word on the fifth Sunday of the month is now supplemented by weekly

children's talks at the beginning of the service (and tied in as much as possible with the SS curriculum).

As a result of Volunteer Safeguarding reviews, a decision had been taken not to hold Messy Church (MC) in 2024. While it had benefitted our own SS children, only a few local children had ever come along (and mostly just once). Various attempts had been made at attracting families/children, including asking the Principals of all local primary schools to include a mailshot in their weekly home communications, and promoting MC in assemblies. However, this failed to attract any new attendees. Additionally, the monthly frequency seemed to be too much and the leaders (mostly SS parents) wanted a break. The plan is to try Messy Church once a term in 2025 and review how it goes.

A display of children's uniforms was used as a background for the Back to School Service in September, with some schools even donating uniforms for display. All local Larne schools were represented (both secondary and primary) as well as some more rural primary schools attended by parish children/youth. Gifts were distributed to those children/young people attending the service along with prayer cards for their schoolbags. Prayers were also said for all involved in education.

Reports are regularly received from the parish Transferor Representative, Mrs Jacqui McKenna, who sits on the Board of Governors for Linn Primary. Matters of significance are brought to the attention of the SV as appropriate. Rev Moore also now goes into in three Primaries (Linn PS, Cairncastle PS and Corran Integrated PS) taking assemblies as part of the local clergy rota, as well as attending special assemblies along with other invited guests from various external charitable/religious organisations.

Links continue to be built with local Principals and teaching staff, and when received, Rev Moore accepts invitations to attend school plays, fun days, open days and fete days. These are also opportunities to develop relationships with parents and other family members. For the first time an invitation was received to attend Larne & Inver PS Carol Service in 1st Larne Presbyterian Church (Dec). Connections are still to be developed with local secondary schools.

At the Christingle service (Dec) the contribution of Guest Speaker, Connor Diocesan Children's Officer, Mrs Victoria Jackson was much appreciated.

Vision, strategy and parish development

In January 2024, a parish retreat day was held (for the first time), using Drumalis as a venue and with 15 people attending, including all Select Vestry members. Feedback from the day was very positive. A vision strategy document was prepared (using the MRS GREN mnemonic for living organisms) and the UP/IN/OUT/OF aspects of the Christian life linked to the one/holy/catholic/apostolic statements in the Apostles Creed. Time was given over to explaining through a sermon series (Feb/Mar) the Biblical basis and rationale for such strategic mission thinking; the impetus for parish development and the need for personal discipleship. A programme of new activities and events were pencilled in for throughout the year, and teams created (Apr-Jun) to cover various aspects of church life, beginning with IT/admin; funding/finance and property. Training sessions were made available to the whole parish in basic first aid, CPR and the use of AED (defibrillator) devices (July) as well as in fire safety/drill (Oct). Subsequent vision strategy sessions were held over the summer months (Jul/Aug).

As the agreed two year contract for Rev Moore ended in Sept 2024, various meetings were also held (together and separately) between The Bishop, the Archdeacon of Dalriada, the full Select Vestry of the Parish, and with representatives of the Connor Diocesan Permanent Commission on Ministry. It was determined (Jun) that an extension of a further two year period of Priest in Charge was appropriate at this stage in the development and life of the parish. Later in the year (Oct) the Bishop of Connor also visited the parishes to offer his encouragement and support.

New parish initiatives in 2024

For the first time, St Patrick's Cairncastle participated in both days of the European Heritage Open Weekend (Sept) and offered guided tours of the parish & graveyard, pointing out the Armada Tree and various other fixtures & features of interest within the church. A total of 24 people attended over the course of the two afternoons, which was a great encouragement for those parishioners manning the premises and providing constant refreshments. It is hoped to repeat the venture in 2025 and to develop the potential of the Armada tree and the tourist trail. One visitor (who was a local walking tour operator) expressed an interest in bringing groups to St Patrick's to see the tree and the church. On a different Sunday, some native Spanish speaking visitors were keen to interview Rev Moore relating the story about the tree, and asked

to conduct a recorded interview so that they could relay the information back home in Spain where such historical links are not widely known but where there would be much interest in the same. It is hoped to translate the newly produced information booklets about the Armada itself and the Armada tree into Spanish and make contact with MEA local tourist channels.

A new Monthly Luncheon Club initiative was launched by Drumalis with a trial sampler menu (Apr). This proved to be a success and offered a great opportunity for the people of Larne to connect with Drumalis and its various programmes, as well as to lunch together with their family, and friends. It was eagerly taken up by parishioners and became a firm monthly fixture with up to twenty attending from the parish. Not only did it allow further fellowship between church members, but also facilitated organic networking with friends of friends and extending the welcome of the parish beyond its natural reach. Out of this engagement with Drumalis, several parishioners and their friends also attended a retreat day (Jun), a bereavement/reflection day (Nov), and a Christmas Craft morning (Dec) at Drumalis, with some of the Brownie leaders also participating in the latter as part of the parish group.

The idea of a new Men's group gained traction and launched tentatively (Apr) with ad hoc monthly Saturday breakfast meets at Cairndhu Golf club café/restaurant. With time, the group gradually became established. In 2024, around 10 men enjoyed meeting regularly and added trips to Whitehead Railway Station (Nov) as well as further afield to Merchant Hotel, Belfast (Dec).

Having registered with Northern Area Community Network (NACN), the parish hosted a 6-week, tutor led '*Transform your Trolley*' course (for 12 participants) in All Saints Craigyhill (Nov). This provided valuable educational input in relation to healthy eating, tips for grocery shopping, practical hands-on instruction on the use of slow cookers and air fryers as well as preparing nutritious hot meals to sample each week. Each participant also benefitted by receiving recipe books, various useful measuring aids/portion control plates and a gift voucher for £50 on successful completion of the course. NACN additionally provided £120 towards the cost of heat/light and the hire of AS premises. Two people represented the parish at the NACN AGM in Tullyglass House, Ballymena (Nov). A subsequent application to NACN (Dec) for an Elderly Wellbeing Grant secured funding (£400 payable after the event) for a future CAMEO fused glass workshop event in Ballygally Hall for 20 people in Feb 25.

The parish applied for and secured a slot for selling goods at one of the MEA Council sponsored Log Cabins in Larne Christmas Village Market, Broadways (Dec). Not only did sales add to parish funds (£467.50) but the cabin was a means to raise our profile, not just in the local communities of Craigyhill and Ballygally/Cairncastle, but in Larne town centre itself, and this during the peak Christmas period with maximum last minute shopping footfall.

Not all new initiatives flourish, and this was the case for the suggestion of a Film Night, meeting for an evening once a fortnight to view a film and then enjoy related discussion afterwards, offering popcorn/refreshments. A donation basket was proposed to cover the cost of hiring Ballygally Hall's small meeting room, kitchen and IT facilities (£28). Despite initial enthusiasm, on the second night only 1 person attended (apart from the 3 organisers) and so after the first month (Sept) it was decided that there was insufficient interest to continue running such a film night at this stage, and the hall hire (expenditure) was cancelled.

Social media posts and continuous updates keep the local community informed of parish events/activities and services and simultaneously raises the profile of both the parish and all our user groups.

Halls use

On Wednesday evenings, 6th Larne Company continue to use the parish halls at All Saints, attracting **30 Rainbows and 43 Brownie Girl Guides from all across the Larne area, with 14 volunteer leaders over all sections.** (Additionally the older Girl Guide section which meets in the local Community Centre has 32 girls and 6 leaders, and the Ranger Guide unit has 18 girls and 4 leaders)

Dogs Trust NI continue to hire the halls on a rolling basis for their 4 weekly training blocks attended by children and adults from the local community along with their pets. Following a break of 4 weeks (when they use venues in other towns) they return and engage a new group of 6 people/dogs from the Larne area for a further block of 4 weeks in All Saints, so their clientele using the parish halls is constantly changing and the local impact of the parish is growing.

Larne School of Highland Dancing began to use the parish halls as its home base for weekly classes in late 2023 and it continued to grow from strength to strength throughout 2024. It now has 25 dancers (23 from ages 3-18yrs, 2 adults), 2 tutors and 4 supervisors (all independently AccessNI vetted). Parish

support is ongoing for the Dancing School and a number of parishioners enjoyed attending their Family & Friends nights (June & Dec).

Excellent working relationships are enjoyed with all these groups and developed by helping to advertise their recruitment, activities, and events via our parish FB page and through in-service announcements in both churches. In doing this, the parish also evidences to a wider audience our aim of promoting all kinds of community development and engagement.

Community engagement & benefit –

The 100th birthday of our oldest parishioner (Mr Billy Gillespie) was marked (Jan) by special prayers on the weekend closest to his birthday; and a surprise party held in Millbrook Community Centre. The party was organised by his family and attended by our Bishop, and some parishioners as well as our centenarian's many relations and friends. The parish presented him with an inscribed copy of a KJV bible (Family heirloom edition, giant size print).

Teas/coffees and tray bakes are served free of charge in the Robinson Room following Sunday morning services in St Patrick's Cairncastle. The CAMEO group continue to meet in Ballygally Castle, providing an opportunity for much needed extended fellowship in comfortable surroundings. This is valued highly by those who cannot attend church regularly, or find it difficult to stay for long periods for coffee/refreshments after a service. The venue also serves as a useful connection point with the local community and the hotel itself willingly receives (and often even asks for) any promotional materials we may have about services or events. Likewise, Halfway House Hotel warmly welcomes church members/groups and willingly displays posters/flyers on our behalf.

Ballygally Castle Hotel was the venue for the celebrations following the Parish Reader Commissioning Service (Jan). All parishioners were generously invited to the Sunday carvery meal as guests of the family. If anyone wished to give a voluntary contribution re their meal, such donations would benefit All Saints parish funds. A total of £688 was received.

Links with Cairncastle Community Association continue as parishioners connect with local residents at the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights (Dec), and at the CCA run Community Conversation and Chat informal gathering in the Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church Grounds (June). Likewise connections with Ballygally Community Development Association happen through occasional hire of the halls and through parishioner independent

participation in its various programmes. Intentional links were furthered this year as Rev Moore registered as a member of BCDA, and attended the monthly Community meal (Dec) as well as the usual switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

The Annual Dixon Hall Art exhibition (Aug) is enjoyed by many parishioners. Rev Moore continues to act as Co-chair of the Dixon Hall Management Committee and attends its various ad hoc meetings throughout the year.

'An Armada Tale & the Little Gold Ring' (Oct) proved to be a very popular evening of music and story with local storyteller & singer/songwriter, Colin Urwin, selling out almost as soon as it was announced, and many weeks in advance of the date. A display of Armada themed artefacts, items wood-turned from the stricken Armada tree and all sorts of seafaring & nautical related decorations created a lovely atmosphere for the evening and for our harvest services that weekend. The concert was attended by various distinguished guests, among them the Mayor of Mid and Easter Antrim Borough Council (Alderman Beth Adger); and the PSNI District Commander for Mid and East Antrim (DC Gerry McGrath). The church was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed a full programme of entertainment as well as refreshments provided by parishioners. We wish to acknowledge the gift of two very generous filled 'Catch of the Day' chests for a raffle, which increased parish profits over and above ticket sales. Likewise, the sale of newly produced parish mugs and leaflets relating to the Spanish Armada & Tree boosted parish funds further.

A bolt-on CAMEO parish excursion to the Flying Angel (Mission to Seafarers Centre at Belfast Port) as well as a guided tour of the Harbour Commissioners Building completed a busy but enjoyable weekend which left those involved inspired and enthused in relation to organising and hosting more such events and outings in future.

Taking full advantage of the fact that the interior of All Saints had been cleared of all furniture to facilitate much needed ceiling repairs, multiple tables were set up loaded with donated goods and the general public welcomed into the body of the church for a Nearly New Sale (Nov). Unsold items were passed on to other charities for their benefit as well. Some remaining quality items are being sold online on Vinted.

Parishioners also participated in the annual Christmas 'Walk of Light' which moves from one church premises to another along an agreed route in Larne

town centre (Dec); and an enjoyable night at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert in the Town Hall, which featured local storyteller performances, singers/musicians from the Music Yard, and Ballygally Community Choir.

Mission engagement

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our Christian faith and activities designed with this aim in mind serve as further opportunities for fellowship and connection with the local community. However financial aid and practical resources are also welcomed by charities and mission organisations.

Collections from Harvest Thanksgiving services in both churches were earmarked for Mission to Seafarers and totalled £697. Additionally a large consignment of donations of food items and toiletries for the Harvest foodbank appeal were collected at All Saints and delivered to Larne Foodbank. Collections from the Remembrance Sunday services (£152) benefitted the Earl Haig Fund.

In response to the Diocesan Appeal in the wake of the devastating fire at Greenisland Parish Church, a total of £260 was collected and forwarded.

St Anne's (Belfast) Cathedral was celebrating its 120th anniversary and so individual parishioners were encouraged to consider responding to their appeal by sponsoring new seats (dedicated perhaps in memory of a loved one) The parish also contributed to the appeal buying two chairs (£150/chair), one for each of All Saints and St Patrick's. Several parishioners attended the special 120th anniversary thanksgiving (and dedication of chairs) service (Jun).

Throughout the year, various parishioners knitted/crocheted trauma teddies as per the suggestion of little Scarlett Rossborough, and in memory of her. These were handed over to Lisburn and Carrickfergus NIFRS stations. Members also made cot blankets, matinee coats/booties & baby hats for both Antrim Area Hospital Neonatal Unit and Baby Basics; as well as pompom hats for Mission to Seafarers. Good quality clothes (shirts/jumpers/coats & shoes were also gifted to the Shop in the Flying Angel Centre during our (Oct) visit. Mission to Seafarers also benefitted from unsold items from our nearly new sale (Dec), as indeed did Salvation Army, McMillan Cancer and Antrim Coast Lions. Additionally, jigsaws were gifted to Inver house (Dec) and new toys to Women's Aid, Ballymena for families at Christmas.

The SS children asked all parishioners to sponsor them to wear their Christmas jumper at the St Patrick's Christingle service, with all donations to benefit the Black Santa Christmas Appeal. Several of the children and their teachers went up to Belfast in person (Dec) and handed over a cheque for £500, representing the total raised at that point. They deliberately co-ordinated their visit to coincide with the first appearance on rota of the newly appointed (Ecumenical Canon) Black Santa, none other than Rev Dr Colin McClure from 1st Larne Presbyterian church. Since that occasion a further £458.35 was received through Christmas service collections and is due to be forwarded.

Posts relating to all these initiatives were featured on the parish Facebook page, in Connor Connections and on the Diocese of Connor website and Facebook pages.

FINANCIAL REVIEW SECTION

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total receipts (General Account) for the 2024 financial year amounted to £98081.27

INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment dividend income from Church of Ireland Trustees and RCB Unit Trusts accounted for £2599.18 of the total receipts (with £919.38 of the dividend total coming from the Broadford account). Endowment income may be used up to supplement clergy costs. Gift Aid for the benefit of the parish received during this reporting period amounted to £28,688.39.

FWO

Freewill offering through envelopes (£30232.48), Standing Orders (£20496) loose plate collections (£2031.70) and annual donations (£488.20) totalled £53,248.38 in 2024. This is an increase of £3711.26 from the total of £48537.12 in 2023 reflecting a slight increase in giving through Standing Orders, donations and loose plate collections. A separate anonymised list with the breakdown of individual FWO subscriber contributions is provided this year.

ONE-OFF SOURCES OF INCOME

The sale of Christmas cards/bookmarks at the end of 2023 accounted for £255 income in early 2024. Baptism donations of £80, and funeral fees totalling £510 were also received in 2024. A fundraising Harvest Concert (which included the

sale of raffle tickets for some excellent donated prizes) brought in a total of £1895 after all expenses had been paid. Voluntary donations from a new 'Lost Loved Ones' Service for the bereaved amounted to £111. A nearly New Sale (Dec) coupled with the sale of new parish mugs added an additional £1123. £467.50 funds were raised through sales of handmade crafts and goods at the Christmas Village Market Cabins in December. Loose cash donations from the All Saints building fund bucket included £480; and a further £980 in earmarked donations helped offset spend on All Saints repairs.

RENTALS

All Saints Hall rental agreements with Dogs Trust NI and Larne School of Highland Dancing, along with a contribution (£120) from NACN towards use of the hall for the 'Transform your Trolley' course (Nov) resulted in a combined total of £1445 income across all hall hire fees.

ALL SAINTS ACCOUNT

The All Saints account is designated for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, parish hall and grounds. This account may also be used to help maintain the rectory (if required). The 2023 end of year balance for the All Saints Account totalled £12497.75. The 2024 end of year balance is £7310.69. Major repairs totalling £6587 were carried out in 2024 to the external hall roof (porch area), to the hall (roller) doors, and to the internal ceiling of the church sanctuary. Also an upgrade of electrics in the kitchen was completed along with replacement of the kitchen ceiling & tiles and a new lightning conductor system added to the exterior of the building/spire.

ST PATRICK'S ACCOUNT

The balance in the St Patrick's restoration fund remains the same (£14008) as it was in 2023 as no major fundraising drives in relation to St Patrick's Church premises were carried out in 2024, or specific donations received. The Select Vestry has approved the use of this account for the maintenance of St Patrick's Church as well as its adjoining graveyard and grounds. The account may also be used to help maintain the rectory (if required).

EXPENDITURE / OUTGOINGS

In 2024, a total of £87062.90 was spent on the provision of Christian ministry within the parish. This includes diocesan quota contributions, staffing and superannuation costs, as well as repairs, maintenance and all other general

running expenses. The net result for the 2024 financial year (£87062.90) was a slight increase in expenditure of £389.20 over the previous year's total of £86693.70 and simply represents the rise in costs of goods generally plus the standard annual increases in clergy stipend/expenses, rectory rates etc.

BANK BALANCE TOTALS

The four bank balance totals carried forward on 31st December are as follows: General account (£86660.20) Broadford account (£5546.39) St Patrick's (£14008.00) and All Saints (£7310.69) providing an overall combined total balance of £113525.28.

The 2024 General account total (£86660.20) demonstrates an increase of £11018.37 over the 2023 end of year balance (£75641.83) The additional contributions of Gift Aid received in 2024 (£28,688.39) plus the profits from the parish sale were used to help cover expenditure on lightning conductor placement and general repairs at All Saints.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the Select Vestry's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, (equivalent to approximately £21,000) to cover emergencies that may arise. The balance held on unrestricted funds at year end is in excess of this target.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to maintain our parish and give of their time freely to develop various activities and events.

Structures, governance and management

The Parish of Kilwaughter and Cairncastle with All Saints Craigyhill is part of the Diocese of Connor, within the Church of Ireland. The method of appointing Select Vestry members (Trustees) is set out in the Church of Ireland Constitution. Annually, during the month of February, if they have not already done so, individuals (proven to have subscribed to parish funds in a traceable form in the previous financial year) are encouraged to register as resident or accustomed members of the General Vestry (Electoral Roll). The General Vestry Register is revised annually at a public meeting. This is well advertised in advance through various channels (noticeboards, flyers, announcements, social media and online posts). Individuals who have moved from the parish, passed away or ceased subscribing are removed and new applications are considered

(as above). All those named on the General Vestry Register are eligible for appointment to the different offices of the church and to stand for election to the Select Vestry at the next Easter General Vestry (AGM), held within a given period around Easter.

In a united benefice with two churches, such as ours, a Select Vestry normally has an allocation of one appointed Rector's Churchwarden for each church site; and one Glebewarden shared between the two churches. At present the officially nominated Glebewarden comes from St Patrick's Cairncastle but an additional local ex officio Glebewarden role for All Saints ensures availability and coverage at the Craigyhill site. An Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Two People's Churchwardens are then elected at the Easter General Vestry along with other members to make up the full complement of the Select Vestry. In the case of St Patrick's Cairncastle the role of People's Churchwarden is fulfilled not by a single elected individual, but by various Select Vestry and other General Vestry members operating a monthly rota system together in pairs.

Select Vestry members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds under the care of the Select Vestry are to be spent. The Select Vestry had regular monthly meetings (with the exception of the summer months of July and August) in the 2024 financial year.

Personnel changes in 2024 Select Vestry

At the 2024 Easter General Vestry (AGM) Mr Hugh Craig stood down from his official role as People's Glebewarden (AS), although he continues ex officio to carry out Sunday duties in the absence of other volunteers. He also remains as an invaluable member of the Property Team. A Commissioning Service for the complete Vestry for 24/25 took place during morning services on Vocation Sunday, 12th May 2024. Later in the year (Oct), Mr Trevor Hassin submitted his resignation as official Glebewarden (St Patrick's), but likewise he continues to carry out Sunday duties ex officio and remains as an active member of the Graveyard & Property Teams. Mrs Jennifer Stafford also stood down as Hon Secretary at the Oct SV meeting, although remains on the Parish Safeguarding Panel. Mr Colin Stafford stood down in Nov. All of these folk have been long standing members of Select Vestry and all were duly appropriately thanked for their service on behalf of the parish with £100 gift vouchers. Mr Allan Jones offered to fill the casual vacancy of Hon Secretary (from Oct) until the situation could be rectified at Apr 2025 EGV.

The complete list of serving Trustees during this reporting period is as follows:

Rev Arlene Moore	Chairperson
Mrs Janice Jones	Honorary Treasurer
Mrs Jennifer Stafford	Honorary Secretary
Mr Peter Samuel Kaye	Churchwarden
Mrs Mabel Gilpin	Churchwarden
Mr Hugh Craig	Glebewarden
Mr Trevor Alexander Hassin MBE	Glebewarden
Mr Herbert Francis	
Mr Allan Jones	
Mr Colin Stafford	
Mr Ian McCallum	
Mr Ian McGarel	
Mr John Hamilton	
Mr William Patton	
Mr William Rutherford	
Mrs Elizabeth Rutherford	
Mrs Marie Hayes	
Mrs Edna Gibson	

This report is approved and signed on behalf of the Select Vestry

CHAIRPERSON

Rev Arlene Moore

Arlene Moore

HON TREASURER

Mrs Janice Jones

J. Jones

DATE

27/3/25