

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st Dec 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of receipts and payments, assets and liabilities for the parish of Clonallon and Warrenpoint for the year ended 2024

Objectives and Activities

The Charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion

The principal function of the Parish of Clonallon and Warrenpoint is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through its work the mission of the church –pastoral ,ecumenical , social and evangelistic

The parish has custody of property, records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage /Maintenance of these is undertaken by the select vestry

Achievements Performance and Public Benefits

Our social activities have included badminton, concerts and prayer groups which bring our parishioners and community friends together in fellowship.

Our church halls and grounds as well as supporting our members are also used by the wider community as a youth club and venues for musical workshops ,choir practices ,band rehearsals performances and concerts

Our choir, organist and musical ensemble lead the worship and we are grateful for their contribution

Going Concerns

The trustees have reviewed the budget for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are enough funds in place to ensure that the parish can continue to support its activities within the community. The financial statements have been reviewed independently by an accountancy firm and we are satisfied that the accounts for 2024 provide evidence that the parish can continue as a going concern

Reserves

We hold enough reserves to meet our obligations for the foreseeable future

Structures, Governance and Management

Governing document and constitution of the charity

Chapter 3 of the Church of Ireland constitution governs Parishes and Parochial organisations

The members of the select vestry are the charity trustees

Recruitment and appointment of the select vestry

All members of the church of Ireland over 18 years of age and who are either resident within the parish or have been accustomed members of the congregation for at least 3 months may register as members of the select vestry

Meetings of the general vestry are held at least annually and the select vestry is elected from this meeting holding their positions for a period of 1 year .

Pay and remuneration

We had no incumbent during 2024 and the Diocese sent visiting clergy to take our services. The total cost was £ 715 .00

Organizational structure

The select vestry is responsible for the day to day running of the parish. The select vestry (SV) consists of : the incumbent usually but last year we had the benefit of the area dean as chair . There are also the wardens, Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer. The total number in the SV is not more than 12.

The SV is responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish including the application of church funds. It meets at times fixed by the members of the Diocesan synod and special meetings may be convened at any time by the chair or church wardens. The SV met 10 times during 2024 with an average attendance of 10 members.

Compliance with public benefit

The Parish has considered the Charity Commission for NI guidance on public benefit to ensure that our activities in 2024 have helped to achieve its objectives and activities as well as providing public benefit

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report, statement of receipts and payments and of assets and liabilities in accordance with the applicable law and regulations. They are responsible for keeping accounting records that are enough to show and explain the parish's transactions and disclose with reasonably accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the parish.

They are further responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parish and for taking steps to direct and prevent fraud and other irregularities

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Dr David Gaw

Hon Treasurer

Mrs Evelyn Greer

Hon Secretary

26 September 2024