

Church of Ireland  
Diocese of Armagh

Saint Mary's Church

Parish of Aghavilly



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and  
Payments and Assets and Liabilities  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charities Number: NIC 103964

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**References and administrative details**

Charity Name	Aghavilly Parish Church
Charity Registration Number	NIC 103964
Contact Address	The Rectory 16 Derryhaw Road Tynan Co. Armagh BT60 4SS

**Trustees**

Keith Agnew	David Kennedy
Richard Keys	Janice Kennedy
Philip Agnew	Christopher Keys
John Clarke	C Mitchell
Mavis Courtney	Elaine Heatrick
Samuel Mc Niece	Robert Keys

**Principal Office Bearers**

Rector	Rev D Kerr B.A. B. Th
Church Warden- Rector's	Samuel McNiece
Church Warden- Peoples	Annette Foster
Secretary	Philip Agnew
Treasurer	Colin Monaghan
Envelope and Missions Secretary	Nadine McNiece
Glebe Wardens - Rectors	Richard Keys
	Brian Lyons
Glebe Warden - Peoples	Desmond Robinson
	John Clarke
Parochial Nominators	John Clarke
	Richard Keys
	Christopher Keys
	Adrian Faulkner
Representative Diocesan Synod	Brian Lyons
	Frances Nutt

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**Principal Office Bearers Continued**

Organist	Kirsty Nesbitt
Sexton	Richard Keys
Church Lands Trustees	E Agnew
	T Lyons
	R Keys
	J Lyons
	D Robinson

**Independent Auditor**

Keith Stewart  
6 Knox's Hill  
Armagh  
BT60 2HP

**Bankers**

Danske Bank  
Scotch Street  
Armagh

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Aghavilly Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Objectives and Activities**

The Charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland and the Parish of Aghavilly is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of Saint Mary's Parish Church, the Parish of Aghavilly is to support the advancement of the Christian Religion by promoting, through the work of Saint Mary's Parish Church, the Parish of Aghavilly 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 Aghavilly 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 Aghavilly Parish Church.

**Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit**

The Parish of Aghavilly continues to promote the charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland the advancement of religion and continues to meet the requirements of its statement of public benefit.

The parish of Aghavilly continues to promote the Christian religion with the holding of weekly church services, services on holy days and special occasions. The Parish provides pastoral care to its members and in circumstances of need, particularly the elderly, the sick, the troubled and in cases of bereavement. The Parish holds regular prayer meeting open to all (A Time for Prayer) and promotes to its members events and activities which will benefit their religious education and wellbeing. The Parish supports work with young people through its Sunday school and the support of Aghavilly Youth Club. It promotes church and community development through clubs and activities, Aghavilly Mothers Union, Aghavilly Bowling Club, Wednesday together club, growing together gardening club and the amblers walking club.

The Parish promotes the work of Missions and has a link with the Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo and supports work in partnership with CMS Ireland

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#### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit (Continued)**

Church Activities are open to all.

The Parish holds Church Records going back to its founding in 1841, these records are open to inspection by the public, no charges are made.

The Parish and Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for child protection and other legislation and mitigate risk with appropriate training. The Parish mitigates risk by ensuring appropriate and adequate endurance is in place.

The Parish of Aghavilly has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI'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**

During the year the parish incurred expenditure of £41,122. This was financed by income of £34,700. The parish generated an overall deficit of £6,422 for the year.

The deficit was deducted from reserves. At the year end the parish had a general reserve of £16,612 which is retained for the upkeep and running of the parish. There is church lands reserve which is maintained separately from the trustees of the parish and controlled by church land trustees, it is maintained for covering deficits and for church maintenance. The church lands reserve was £125,797 at the year end.

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

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**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**

In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December the Parish paid a Stipend of £19,103 to the Diocese of Armagh, the incumbent receives a stipend in accordance with figures approved by the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and details of office and locomotory allowances.

**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, the glebe wardens 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 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. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens.

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**Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)**

**Compliance with Public Benefit**

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

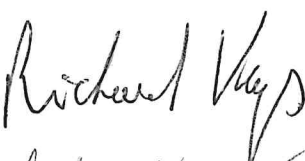

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)**

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   
Trustee 2 

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**