

DRUMBANAGHER PARISH CHURCH- St. Mary's- AD 1861

1 Church Hill, Tandragee Road, Jerrettspass, Newry, Co. Down BT35 6FT

NI Charities Registration No. 104088

2023 TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1st January 2024- 31st December 2024

Once again it was another busy and fulfilling year for the parish of Drumbanagher that is part of the combined grouping of Acton, Drumbanagher and Loughgilly in the Diocese of Armagh. During the period under review there was one Holy Baptism, one Christian Burial and one service of Holy Matrimony.

Divine worship was also enriched by the organists Mrs. Elizabeth Freeburn, Mrs. Margaret Henry and Mrs. Heather Sandford and the church choir consisting of Mrs. Betty Gibson, Mrs Marilyn Sweeney, Mrs Clare Morton, Mrs Heather Morton and Mrs Cara Reid along with the accompanying children and grandchildren respectively.

Our Sunday School is a vital part of the fabric of our parish, and we are blessed with those parishioners who lead the Sunday School, Mrs Clare Morton, Mrs. Heather Morton and Mrs Karen Morton.

In June 2024 the Rector of the Grouped Parishes, Rev Graham Spence retired and at the time of writing this report the Group Parishes are vacant with no rector in post.

Charity

Donations in 2024 amounted to £2,885.40 which were donated to the following Charities.

- Southern Area Hospice
- Hospice
- Cancer Research, Newry Branch
- Royal British Legion
- Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society

Fund Raising

Fund Raising Activities for the Building & Repair Fund raised £1,469.21 from the following events.

- Tractor Road Run
- Big Breakfast
- Sale of Church Models

Building & Repair Works

There were no major items of work undertaken during the year as the Church underwent a major restoration project during 2020- 2022 .

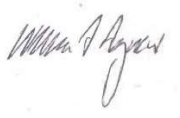
In carrying out the annual programme of divine worship services and related activities throughout the year the Trustees have regard to the public benefit by ensuring that the pastoral, social and

ecumenical work of the Church enhances the lives not only of church members and their families, but also the wider community and particularly several charities who support less fortunate than us.

The Church is governed by the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.

The Church is in sound financial standing at the close of the financial year ending 31st December 2024. The Trustees wish to express their appreciation to the parishioners for their continued support through regular giving.

This concludes the Trustee Report.


Signed:

John Agnew

(Member of Select Vestry & Hon. Treasurer)

Date 23rd September 2025