

## **Termoneeny Parish Church**

### **References and administrative details**

Charity Name: Termoneeny Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: NIC 104697

Contact Address: The Rectory  
25 Dromore Road  
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BT45 5JS

### **Trustees**

Mr Trevor Hamilton  
Mr Rob Moore  
Mr Stanley Leacock  
Dr Mark Hawe  
Mrs Ann Kelso  
Mr Harold Leacock  
Miss Melissa McNickle  
Mr Wilson Morrow  
Mr Ken Smyth  
Mr Keith Morrow  
Mrs Shirley Kavanagh  
Mr Edmund Kerr  
Mr Gilbert Lennox  
Mr Reece Klewchuk  
Mr Alan Arrell

### **Principal Office-bearers**

Clergy: Rev Philip Benson  
Church Treasurer: Mr Gilbert Lennox  
Church Warden- Clergy: Mr Gilbert Lennox  
Church Warden - People: Mr Edmund Kerr

### **Independent Auditor**

David Lyttle + Co Ltd  
15 Meeting Street  
Magherafelt  
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### **Principle Bankers**

Danske Bank  
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# **Termoneeny Parish Church**

## **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present the annual report and statements of receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Termoneeny parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal function of Termoneeny Church of Ireland Parish is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Termoneeny Parish 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 of the Christian religion, Termoneeny Church of Ireland Parish has custody of property and records, materials, and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the select vestry of the Termoneeny Church of Ireland Parish. The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship, and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Church's ministry of teaching.

The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support through contributions to the continuing witness of the Church. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The parish conducts a wide range of weekly acts of public worship, as authorized in the Book of Common Prayer and joins with our sister parish for bi-annual Confirmation services, led by the diocesan Bishop. In addition, the parish has hosted and participated in religious services and events marking the various feasts and celebrations of the Christian faith. In association with local community groups such as the local branches of the Loyal Orders, occasional services of worship in care homes for the elderly and monthly acts of worship through Knockloughrim Primary School morning assemblies. All are welcome to attend our worship services. As well as our regular services, some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Rev Benson regularly visited such church members to celebrate Holy Communion with them, as well as offering pastoral care and practical support to them either in their homes or in hospital/care home.

Additionally, in association "Mid Ulster Clergy Together" an ecumenical group representing a diverse range of Christian denominations within the Mid Ulster council area, we have participated in community wide acts of worship and community events. Termoneeny Parish also engaged in fund raising activities jointly with the other local churches in Knockloughrim village including carol singing to raise funds in support of local charities and for the local food banks. It has also supported local primary school children through the church-based Sunday school, its representation on the school Board of Governors, hosting the school Harvest Thanksgiving celebration as well as supporting its shared Education activities.

Termoneeny Parish has strived to build stronger social relationships the local community and with other local churches. It has also engaged in "Safe Church" training to support those on our community suffering from domestic violence and through "Mid Ulster Clergy Together" offered support to parents of LGBTQ+ children.

The benefits of public worship include contributing to the spiritual well-being of participants, the reinforcement of Christian values, together with practical support to struggling local families through Termoneeny Parish Church partnerships with specialist support organizations.

In terms of cross community activity, we host a ladies guild group and bowling club which draw from the local community as a whole.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)**

We confirm to you we have mitigated any potential harm from the parish's activities by observing the requirements of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. No trustee receives remuneration, reward, or other private benefit for carrying out their trustee responsibility.

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 achieve the parish's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Financial Review**

- The results for the year are set out on page 7, which the Trustees consider to be satisfactory.
- The reserves of the Parish are held for the advancement of its charitable purpose, other than restricted reserves which are held for a designated purpose – see note 8.

### **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 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

### **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***

The Rector is not paid directly by the Parish. A Monthly assessment is paid to the Diocese which comprises Stipend, Locomotory Allowance, Employers National Insurance and Employers Clergy Pension contributions.

#### ***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, any curate assistant ("the curate"), the churchwardens, the glebe wardens and generally not more than twelve other members of the General Vestry elected at the General Vestry Meeting.

The Select Vestry is chaired by the incumbent or other member of the clergy officiating 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 or by the diocesan synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or the churchwardens. In 2022 the Select Vestry met 7 times during the year and the average attendance was 85%.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)**

### ***Compliance with 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.

### **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**



**Rev Philip Benson  
Trustee**



**Mr Stanley Leacock  
Trustee**

**Date:** 30/04/2023.