

## **Parish of Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper**

### **• Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The Trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of the Parish of Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through their work the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help and 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 Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper 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 the Parish of Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper.

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

The Parish holds public worship at a variety of services each week throughout the church year – Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer, Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. There are services focussing on Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Harvest, Young Peoples Service etc.

The purpose of our charitable fund raising is not only for our own costs, for example the Building Fund, but also for a variety of needs, Bishop's Appeal, Leprosy, CMSI, Christian Aid and others.

Our building fund has concentrated in the past on the practical rebuild of our Church Hall and now concentrates on the upkeep of the church and general maintenance with new windows being the main project. There are seven windows in total and four so far have been replaced. The other three are to be completed in early 2025.

At all times we keep in mind our Safe Guarding Trust policy, Health and Safety requirements and catering regulations.

#### **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 13.

#### **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 2024 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 who are annual subscribers of a sum not less than £50.00 per annum and are either resident within the parish or live elsewhere but have been accustomed members of the congregation 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.

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#### **Organisational Structure**

The Select Vestry takes responsibility for the managing of certain activities and decision making within 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 meetings have been chaired by our rector the Rev Gary Millar.

The Select Vestry meets at times fixed by the members of by the Diocesan Synod. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the chairperson or churchwardens. In 2024 the Select Vestry met five times through the year and the average attendance was 70%.

#### **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 Gary Millar**  
Trustee



**Caroline Neely**  
Trustee

Date: 1st May 2025