

Londonderry/Glendermott/Derry/Church of Ireland
Charity number NIC104864

Report of the Trustees
Year ending 31 December 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Charity number: NIC104864

Registered office: Church Brae, Derry, Londonderry. BT47 2LS

Our advisors

Bankers: Danske Bank, Business Banking, PO Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast, BT1 6JS

Independent Examiners: Northwest Accountants, Unit 18, Skeoge Industrial Estate, Londonderry BT48 8SE

Trustees

The trustees of the charity are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Key management personnel	Londonderry/Glendermott/Derry/Church Of Ireland	Charity Trustees
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Ian Peilow Left April 23
Nigel McFarland
Roberta Cooke
Colin Lowry
Adrian Street
Albert Smallwoods
Ernest Hugh Miller
Linda Moore
Norman Boyd
Richard Edgar
Adrienne Edgar
William Moore
William Galbraith
David Milligan left April 23
Christine McCready left April 23
Jerome Moore
Norma Burns left April 23
Darren Parkhill
Scott King
Rev Johnny Lowden
Canon Robert Boyd
Paula Campbell
Catherine Boyd From April 23
Jeremy McCourt From April 23

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charity which established the objects and powers and is governed under its Constitution. The organisation also became a registered charity with the Commission for Northern Ireland dated - 26th February 2016

The Select Vestry seeks to ensure that the needs of this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. Therefore, as part of the recruitment of trustees the group promotes the need to have the knowledge and experience to assist the charity.

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2023 .

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal function of the Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the Parish 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 Glendermott and Newbuildings 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.

Purpose 1 the expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the 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 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 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.

Purpose 2 the direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plate, furnishings, and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage. This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. There is no harm arising from the purpose. The beneficiaries are the public. No private benefit is received by trustees fulfilling their trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts, but in the course of conservation and to make these accessible to the public, the engagement of professional staff and services is essential but incidental to the fulfilment of the purpose.

The mission statement of the parish relates to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communicating with and caring for parishioners and others in our community

Objectives:

The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish 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 is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

The main areas of activity of the organisation are:

Youth

Every Sunday except during July and August there is Sunday school for the young people of the Church, held before Morning Worship. There are also a number of Organisations Affiliated to the Church which run activities aimed at both members of the Congregation and the wider community. The Rainbows meet on a Monday night for the very junior member of the Parish and on a Wednesday night the Brownies, Scouts and the Guides meet in the Church Hall. All these organisations are open to all members of the community.

For those of teenage years there is Youth Fellowship where activities and fellowship to meet the needs of teenagers are catered for. The Youth Fellowship group for those Young People aged 11-14 meets weekly on Sunday Evening at 7pm

Senior members of the community

On the last Tuesday in the month there is a time of fellowship, Lunch and worship for the more senior members of the community.

Outreach Activities

The Church opened a Charity Shop and Outreach centre in November 2015 in Glendermott, to reach out to the local community. The Charity shop sells donated goods as well as providing tea, coffee, and light meals. The Charity shop now has volunteers from the local community and originally it aimed to open for just 3 days per week, due to demand this has now stretched to 6 days a week. The Shop has a prayer room and a Children's Bible Club runs in the community during the summer. The Charity shop in 2021 established a Men's Shed and Polytunnel to grow vegetables. At Christmas there is a community Crib service and all funds raised are reinvested in community Outreach activities. The size of the Charity Shop premises in Glendermott Valley Business Park have been increased to 3 units in order to meet demand and to provide additional services to the community such as a Craft Class, Stay and Play and Messy Church as well as I.T. Courses and advice

Religious Services

There are services each Sunday, Wednesday Evening and on other special days throughout the year such as Easter and Christmas time. In addition monthly a service of Holy Communion is conducted as well as the laying on of hands. Those who are Housebound can have communion services in their own home and each Sunday the service is video recorded for distribution via the website to those who cannot get to the service.

There is a parish Welcoming team which operates on a rota basis and who welcome Parishioners to Church each week. The Women's' fellowship meets on the 1st, Tuesday of the month and the Ladies Guild meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland governs Parishes and Parochial Organisations. 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.

Going Concern

The Select Vestry have reviewed the Accounts for the year which have been independently examined 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 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Financial review

The organisation returned a net incoming of resources for the year of (£24,151) (2022 £-2,477). At 31st December 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £387,397 (2022 - £363,246) comprising unrestricted income funds of £325,332 (2022 - £363,246), Designated Funds of £60,000 (2022, Nil) and restricted Funds of £2,065 (2022 - £Nil)

RESERVES POLICY

Introduction

The Charity is keenly aware of the need to secure its viability beyond the immediate future. In order to be able to provide services over the longer term, the Charity must be able to absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity. The Charity will provide for this by putting aside, when they can afford it, some of their current income in a Business Investment Account as a reserve against future uncertainties.

Definition of Reserves

For the purpose of this policy the term "reserves" is applied to that part of the Charity's income that is freely available for its general purposes. Reserves are the resources the Charity has or can make available to spend for any or all of its purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure.

The definition excludes unspent money from restricted grants i.e. where a donor has specified what the money must be spent on and the Charity does not have the power to spend the money on anything else.

Why hold Reserves?

- * The Charity aims to have no less than 3 months of the average monthly expenditure as reserves to deal with loss of funding.
- * The Charity Reserves are reviewed on an annual basis and amended to reflect the financial climate.

Unrestricted funds may be earmarked for a particular purpose from time to time and may be designated as a separate fund, for example, funds could be

- * Designated for a specific area that the Charity is seeking to build resources for.

Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Londonderry/Glendermott/Derry/Church of Ireland registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on the 26th February 2016.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Select Vestry

The charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Select Vestry. The Constitution does not set out a term of office and therefore at the Annual General Meeting the members of the Select Vestry step down but are eligible for nomination again along with any new members also nominated at that time.

Principal Funding Sources

The Organisation is dependent on securing donations in order to deliver its services.

Please refer to the breakdown of income contained in the financial report (page 11), for full details.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The reference and administration details of the charity can be found on page 2.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). Under the relevant legislation the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the net movement in funds for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- * Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- * Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- * Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the church's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant charity legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees



Canon Robert Boyd
Rector

Date: 21st March 2024



Mr Albert Smallwoods MBE
Hon Secretary

Date: 21st March 2024