

Bovevagh Parish Church
Dungiven/St Eugenius'/Derry/Church of Ireland
Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number: NIC104871

Bovevagh Parish Church
Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC104871

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Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Rev Mark Loney

Treasurer: Mark Riley

Secretary: Jonathan Wilson

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Bovevagh Parish Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

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

The principal function of Bovevagh Parish Church 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, Bovevagh Parish Church 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 Bovevagh Parish Church.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

As well as providing services of public worship and prayer, the Parish provides pastoral care, mission and outreach work and supports various parish groups, including Girls Brigade, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Squirrels, Mothers' Union and Bowling clubs. These are all open to the general public and the various activities are the means by which Christian witness and outreach are delivered. Parish activities provide benefit to the beneficiaries – benefits of public worship will include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values. The select vestry have mitigated any potential harm from the activities by implementing Safeguarding Trust and we have child protection and fire safety policies in place.

Financial Review

- The Receipts and Payments Account on page 8 show a surplus for the year of £24,053 (2022: surplus of £6,210).

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 2023 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 subscribing 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

Stipend is not paid directly to the incumbent from the church. The church pays a parochial assessment to the diocese, who then pay a stipend to the incumbent.

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. 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 2023 the Select Vestry met 9 times during the year, including 1 AGM, and the average attendance was 12.

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.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

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.

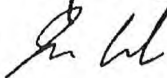
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Rev Mark Loney, Rector



Mr. Jonathan Wilson, Secretary



Date19/03/2024.....