

## **Trustees' 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 Holy Trinity Church Dromore for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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

The principal function of Holy Trinity Church Dromore is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Holy Trinity Church Dromore 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, Holy Trinity Church Dromore 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 Holy Trinity Church Dromore.

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

Holy Trinity Church Dromore has offered both 'in-Church worship' and online services on Sunday mornings and at other times (depending on Covid-19 restrictions). All services were streamed through Facebook Live and later uploaded to YouTube (68 services in 2022). CDs and DVDs of the services were produced for those parishioners who were housebound or who did not have access to the Internet and then were delivered by a small team around the homes.

Due to some in our parish having the musical skills and the technical know-how, an additional 49 songs and hymns were produced as videos (with the words) and uploaded to the Parish YouTube Channel for other churches in the rest of the UK, Ireland and beyond. We now have a total of 402 videos in our worship playlist (hymns & songs) and a few new requests came in this year to use these videos (either within services or during online events). Our subscribers grew by 49% during 2022, but over 80% of those using our channel still prefer not to click on the subscriber button. Training videos are also available on our channel to teach others how they could put together their own worship videos, etc.

A range of other activities were also provided by Holy Trinity Church Dromore either by the Church directly or through various Church organizations (e.g. Junior Sunday School, Church Lads' Brigade, Girls' Friendly Society, Ignite Youth Group, Prayer & Bible Study and Mothers' Union). Our Parents and Toddlers group (The ARK), which has good cross community support, began to have weekly meetings again in May 2022. The Bowling Club started to meet in the Autumn.

Parishioners continue to support the Enniskillen Foodbank, through regular donations of food brought to the church porch or to the Rectory and then delivered to Enniskillen. Over the past year this has amounted to 715.50 Kg of food and other items to the Foodbank as well as monetary donations. Some parishioners have also helped from time to time at the Foodbank, especially when large food deliveries have been scheduled.

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### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit (continued)**

In March 2022, we spearheaded a joint venture with the local Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Church to collect food and clothes to be transported to those in need in Ukraine (through Barnabas Fund, now Barnabas Aid). We hope to establish a local hub for further donations through Barnabas Aid's '**food.gives**' together with the other churches in the area and have a box at the back of our Church for donations of food.

A number of members of Holy Trinity Church Dromore serve on the Board of Governors of the local Dromore Controlled Primary School and support and encourage the work of the school helping to maintain good standards and practices. Due to Covid-19, some of the meetings of the Board of Governors over 2022 were held via Zoom, with the Rector of Holy Trinity Church Dromore (chairperson) and the headteacher of the school using the Church building and paid Zoom account to hold the Zoom meetings.

Holy Trinity Church Dromore supports the work of other charities and missionary work by either making donations or holding special collections in respect of same. Holy Trinity Church Dromore continued to financially support Dromore Primary School and the work of Scripture Union locally during 2022, as reflected in the financial report.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how Holy Trinity Church Dromore continues to implement its charitable purposes (i.e. the advancement of religion) and meets the Public benefit requirement. Benefits to members of the public include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values. Pre-Covid saw many more activities taking place both within the Church buildings and as joint events with other denominations in the local area. It is hoped that more activities will take place during 2023 in partnership with other denominations.

Holy Trinity Church Dromore has mitigated any potential harm from the activities through the implementation of the Church of Ireland policy on Safeguarding Trust. We have also drawn up a policy on GDPR and are in the process of getting positive consent from those currently on our register.

Holy Trinity Church Dromore 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.

### **Financial Review**

- The principal source of income of Holy Trinity Church Dromore continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections as well as the receipt of occasional Legacies.
- The principal expense of Holy Trinity Church Dromore is in respect of payments regarding Diocesan Costs/Assessment.

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### **Financial Review (*continued*)**

- Holy Trinity Church Dromore had a deficit of receipts over payments of £56,394.34 for the year ended 31 December 2022 but this was after various Funds Transferred to Investments. A surplus was made if Funds Transferred to Investments are excluded.
- Holy Trinity Church Dromore continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 31 December 2022 with total cash funds of £73,478.54.
- Holy Trinity Church Dromore aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure 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.

#### ***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 Glebewardens 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 8 times during the year and the average attendance was 75%.

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### *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 (excluding Endowment Income) 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**

Trustee 1     *Andrew Quill*  
                  Rector

Trustee 2     *Charles Kenwell*  
                  Church Treasurer

Date     *23/04/2023*