**Killaney Parish Church
St Andrew’s**

**Trustees’ Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

# TRUSTEES’ ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2020

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for **Killaney Parish Church** for the year ended 2020.

## The Year of the Pandemic.

From early 2020 the worldwide community began to realise that a dangerous virus borne infection, emerging in the Far East, posed a hazard for people in China and their immediate neighbours. Two months later we discovered that this virus, Coronavirus-2019, was actively infecting people in communities all over the world. This had been aided by international trade and transport, the availability of international holidays, and the human desire to be in close proximity to one another.

Preliminary precautions in our churches in Northern Ireland involved suspending the act of "Sharing the Peace" at communion, and later limiting "Sharing the Cup." Little did we anticipate the close down of in-person services for several months, and the need to follow precautions well into the following year.

Our Select Vestry were advised to set in motion a whole series of precautionary actions before the possibility of introducing drive-in services and, later, in-person services. The willingness of these parish representatives to take brave and thoughtful decisions in this regard was appreciated by their fellow members. Even though there was regret at their necessity, there was agreement in both their application, and the concern for safety shown in every action they took.

Services in church were suspended from March 15, until late August. A further suspension occurred in November resulting in drive-ins beginning again, and after a brief return to services in church in the lead up to Christmas, a period of drive-ins and then online-only worship which has continued to the date of this report being written.

The financial outcome of these adjustments in 2020 had, in turn, an impact on both our outgoings and income. The hall was out of use from March 2020. Church and hall heating bills were down but cash donations and weekly envelope subscriptions were reduced.

To counteract this reduction in income, letters were sent to all parishioners in May inviting them to set up standing orders for church funds. This has had a small impact on the shortfall but by no means eliminated it as the accompanying figures show.

## Objectives and Activities

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

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

## Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

St Andrew’s Church is a nineteenth century listed (B2) building with simple plain and coloured glass windows surrounding a traditional worship place. With seating for up 120 people it provides the location for a weekly service for the community, as well as the location of weddings and funerals for people with and without pre-existing connections to the parish.

One main service each week reflects a monthly cycle, including a Parish Communion service, services of Morning Prayer and all age worship. This pattern was suspended in March and partially resumed in late August, but without children's participation.

Support for parishioners continued through online prayer thoughts each day and services each week, even when a return to in-church or drive-in services was possible.

It has been our intention to awaken in one another our sense of the importance of a spiritual life for people, providing teaching, preaching, encouragements to study the bible and enabling fresh experiences of worship to enliven the heart.

## Parish Communications

A carefully managed database contains contact records of people on our church records. This is used for the purpose of issuing monthly magazines and maintaining records of contributors’ addresses. We have continued to donate food and essentials stuffs to The Larder in Mersey Street. We filled a limited number of shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children overseas, as organised by Samaritan’s Purse.

## Partnerships

We are partners in mission with other parts of the worldwide church, in particular with Olo Diocese in South Sudan. We donated food stuffs to “The Larder” - a church project in East Belfast - to provide emergency help for people in inner Belfast. Members and friends donated many shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents for children, as organised by Samaritan’s Purse.

## Pastoral Presence

Throughout the year the parish seeks to provide a pastoral presence through the ministry of the rector, our diocesan lay readers, and volunteers.

Members of the community admitted to hospital or suffering bereavements make contact with the church and their spiritual needs are addressed. Whether or not they are active members of the parish, we have sought to help people in their need. This was evident particularly when bereavements occurred, and the services of the church were made available.

## Hall Use

Our church hall is normally used by a local art club, and by young people attending our regular Sunday School. A Lisburn-based Heritage group uses the facilities as well. These activities were curtailed in 2020.

These programmes encouraged physical activity, community building and spiritual growth. The car park is also used by local families while a school bus collects and delivers children there safely each day.

To defray running costs such as heating, lighting, cleaning and maintenance, donations for heating and lighting are given by the Art Club.

For the protection of children, the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust regulations are applied for every instance where children or vulnerable adults are part of the church’s life.

## Property and Maintenance

The graveyard continues to provide a significant source of income beyond gifts by regular subscribers.

The interior walls of the church were painted throughout, and the repointing of part of the wall around the church grounds was continued. Some cast iron windows were removed for repair and replaced on completion of the work. Plans for the placement of new paths in the graveyard continued to be explored and developed.

While parking for disabled spaces is not commensurate with the visual appearance of the church and car park, areas adjacent to both the church doors and hall doors are left vacant for such usage where needed. A portable ramp is provided for the use of wheelchair users to come into the church building and is regularly put in place for them.

## 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.

## 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 2020 can be signed off as a going concern.

# Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

###  Total Total

###  Note 2020 2019

###  £ £

### **Receipts** Donations and plate collection 18,032.91 19,861.87

###  Proceeds of Fund Raising Events 3 810.00 2,015.16

###  Bank and Deposit interest 147.60 144.78

###  Rental of premises 0.00 800.00

###  Allocation of Graves 17,750.00 9,930.00

###  Other Receipts 646.32 2,853.06

###  Gift Aid Receipt 0.00 12,954.92

### **Total Receipts** 37,386.83 48,559.79

### **Payments** Salaries 12,273.00 12,056.88

###  Diocesan Costs/Assessment 1,852.19 2,217.59

###  Church Running Costs 25,720.88 14,283.16

###  Administration Costs 4 0.00 0.00

###  Charitable Donations 3 0.00 1,800.00

###  Payments by Parish Organisations 0.00 0.00

###  Grass Cutting 1,040.00 1,820.00

###  Bank Fees 79.31 91.64

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### **Total Payments** 40,965.38 32,269.27

### **Excess of Receipts over Payments** (3,578.55) 16,290.52**for the year**

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Total 2020 £** | **Total 2019 £** |
| **Cash Funds** |  |  |  |
| Current Accounts |  | 53,881.94 | 57,970.50 |
| Deposit Accounts |  | 45.59 | 45.58 |
| Total Cash Funds | 2 | 53,927.53 | 58,016.08 |
| **Investment Assets** |  |  |  |
| Investments in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts |  |  | 11,538.00 |
| Total Investment Assets |  |  | 11,538.00 |
| **Assets retained for the Parish’s own use** |  |  |  |
| Fixtures and Fittings | 1 |  |  |
| Total Assets retained for the Parish’s own use |  |  |  |

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

**1. Accounting Policies**

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

**(a) Receipts and Payments Account**

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

**(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**(I) Assets retained for the Parish’s own use**

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise:-

- Church Building and Graveyard

- Parish Centre

- Fixtures and Fittings

The Church Building and Graveyard are deemed to be Heritage assets as defined by the Charities SORP (FRS102). These Heritage assets are not included in the statement of assets and liabilities as information on the cost or valuation is not available and such information cannot be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts and to the parish.

There are no reliable records of the Parish Centre’s cost of construction and a valuation approach for such a building lacks sufficient reliability. As a result this building is not recognised in the parish statement of assets and liabilities.

Fixtures and Fittings are deemed to be recognised if greater than £5,000 in value.

**(II) Investments**

Fixed asset investments comprising investment in RCB/CIT Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and are then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

**2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds**

 £

Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year 58,016.08

Receipts for the Year 37,386.83

Payments for the Year (40,965.38)

Timing difference between (510.00)
lodging and presentation of cheques

Total Cash Funds at end of the year 53,927.53

**3. Collections for Third Parties**

 2020 2019

 £ £

Bishops’ Appeal 0.00 0.00

Christian Aid 0.00 35.00

The above amounts have been included in Receipts for the year under “Proceeds from Fund Raising Events” and in Payments for the year under “Charitable Donations”.

**4. Governance Costs**

Governance costs of £0.00 were incurred during the year. These fees would usually relate to fees paid to the independent examiner, however in 2020 our 2019 accounts were examined free of charge. Governance costs are included within Administration costs in the Receipts and Payments Accounts.