

Registered Charity Number: 1126978

Annual Report to the Charity Commission year ending 31st August 2021

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Independent Accounts Examiner:

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Explanatory Notes to Standard Form of Accounts

As of 05/10/2021 - REV 1 (updated 16, Other Assets)

Overview of Trinity's Funds

Unrestricted General Funds:

- General (Church) Fund
- Tuesday Coffee Group
- Designated Funds (Property Reserve Fund, Church Project Fund, Memorial Funds)
- Legacies and Bequests held as unrestricted Model Trust Bequests by TMCP

Restricted Funds:

- Pastoral/Children/Youth Worker Fund
- Redevelopment Fund

Incoming Resources

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	Year 2020/2021			Year 2019/2020			Year 2018/2019
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
1 Offerings and Tax Recovered							
Total Regular Giving and Collections	£87,161.35			£84,287.58			£86,789.32
Total Donations	£14,261.00			£4,748.46			£4,192.19
Donations held in Memorial Funds (I Barton/J Thompson)	£2,500.00			£0.00			£0.00
Tax Recovered	£16,549.80			£16,999.88			£22,684.66
Tax Recovered for church projects	£0.00			£0.00			£0.00
Tuesday Coffee Group	£1,004.51			£2,829.08			£1,436.10
	£121,476.66	£0.00	£121,476.66	£108,865.00	£0.00	£108,865.00	£115,102.27
2 Bank and CFB Interest and Investment Income							
Interest General Fund	£121.03			£625.64			£593.66
Interest TMCP Legacies and Bequests	£19.64			£94.27			£92.19
	£140.67	£0.00	£140.67	£719.91	£0.00	£719.91	£685.85
3 Lettings							
Total Property Lettings	£10,783.60	£0.00	£10,783.60	£20,287.20	£0.00	£20,287.20	£22,131.56
4 Other Receipts							
Grants for Pastoral/Children/Youth Work	£26,423.96			£21,732.74			£32,754.32
Grants for Church Projects	£0.00			£0.00			£200.00
Grants for Other Purposes	£12,500.26			£0.00			£0.00
Other Receipts	£882.19			£4,928.69			£4,753.40
	£39,806.41	£0.00	£39,806.41	£26,661.43	£0.00	£26,661.43	£37,707.72
5 Total Receipts							
Total General Fund Receipts	£168,683.19			£153,610.19			£174,099.11
Tuesday Coffee Group	£1,004.51			£2,829.08			£1,436.10
Receipt for Memorial Funds (I Barton/J Thompson)	£2,500.00			£0.00			£0.00
TMCP Account Net Interest	£19.64			£94.27			£92.19
	£172,207.34	£0.00	£172,207.34	£156,533.54	£0.00	£156,533.54	£175,627.40

Resources Expended

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	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
6 Circuit Assessment							
Circuit Share	£38,523.00		£38,523.00	£72,840.00	£0.00	£72,840.00	£67,601.00
7 Donations	£9,950.00		£9,950.00	£12,027.20	£0.00	£12,027.20	£10,500.00
8 Repairs and Maintenance							
Total Property	£6,312.83		£6,312.83	£5,333.51	£1,260.00	£6,593.51	£7,156.98
9 Insurance, Utilities etc							
Total Utilities	£14,668.58		£14,668.58	£13,382.45		£13,382.45	£14,223.40
10 Staff	£51,771.08		£51,771.08	£54,501.22		£54,501.22	£51,010.44
11 Other Payments							
Ministry and Mission	£783.50			£3,739.37			£8,722.70
Office Costs	£1,858.61			£3,281.74			£3,613.39
Other Payments	£2,408.00			£4,022.28			£6,473.88
	£5,050.11		£5,050.11	£11,043.39		£11,043.39	£18,809.97
12 Total Funds Brought Forward From Last Year							
Cash Book Opening Balance	£116,437.26	£2,973.27	£119,410.53	£132,158.44	£4,233.27	£136,391.71	£127,808.56
Cheques and Direct Payments Outstanding	-£1,267.93			-£2,876.04			-£919.29
TMCP Opening Balance	£14,370.68			£14,276.41			£14,184.22
Tuesday Coffee Opening Balance	-£1,804.51			-£3,229.08			-£2,836.10
	£127,735.50	£2,973.27	£130,708.77	£140,329.73	£4,233.27	£144,563.00	£138,237.39
13 Tuesday Coffee							
Donation Diane Brooks to Restricted Funds (Not Used)	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
14 Cash in Hand							
Opening Balance Cash in Hand	£857.12			£1,919.35			£0.00
Opening Balance Petty Cash Office	£187.11			£300.00			£300.00
	£1,044.23		£1,044.23	£2,219.35		£2,219.35	£300.00
Closing Balance Cash in Hand	£39.00			£857.12			£1,919.35
Closing Balance Petty Cash Office	£94.12			£187.11			£300.00
	£133.12		£133.12	£1,044.23		£1,044.23	£2,219.35
15 Bank Current Account							
Opening Balance Barclays Current Account	£30,359.06			£46,790.76			£40,720.62
- Cheques and Direct Payments Outstanding	-£1,267.93			-£2,876.04			-£919.29
Adjusted Bank Balance	£29,091.13			£43,914.72			£39,801.33
- Tuesday Coffee Opening Balance	-£1,804.51			-£3,229.08			-£2,836.10
	£27,286.62		£27,286.62	£40,685.64		£40,685.64	£36,965.23
Closing Balance Barclays Current Account	£75,930.74			£30,359.06			£46,790.76
- Cheques and Direct Payments Outstanding	-£1,741.94			-£1,267.93			-£2,876.04
Adjusted Bank Balance	£74,188.80			£29,091.13			£43,914.72
- Tuesday Coffee Closing Balance	-£200.00			-£1,804.51			-£3,229.08
	£73,988.80		£73,988.80	£27,286.62		£27,286.62	£40,685.64
16 Other Assets							
Opening Balance							
-Letting Invoices as yet unpaid	£628.00			£362.00			£427.00
-Application for tax relief made on Gift Aid	£4,361.27			£4,189.63			£9,281.91
	£4,989.27			£4,551.63			£9,708.91
Closing Balance							
-Letting Invoices as yet unpaid	£531.00			£628.00			£230.00
-Application for tax relief made on Gift Aid	£9,291.49			£4,361.27			£4,189.63
	£9,822.49			£4,989.27			£4,419.63

(building contents insured for £128,177)

Appendix A to Accounts

Movement of Funds during the year

	UNRESTRIC'T'D	UNRESTRIC'T'D	DESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRIC'D	
	General Church Fund	Childrens & Youth Fund	Property Reserve	Memorial Funds	Redevel Fund	Total
Receipts	£143,283.38	£26,423.96	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£172,207.34
Payments	£92,294.43	£33,981.17	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£126,275.60
Net Receipts & Payments	£50,988.95	-£7,557.21	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£45,931.74
Funds B/F 1 Sept 20	£29,007.65	£0.00	£80,000.00	£18,727.85	£2,973.27	£130,708.77
Sub Total	£79,996.60	-£7,557.21	£80,000.00	£21,227.85	£2,973.27	£176,640.51
Transfers between Funds	-£7,557.21	£7,557.21	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance c/f 31 Aug 21	£72,439.39	£0.00	£80,000.00	£21,227.85	£2,973.27	£176,640.51
Notes to Appendix A						
	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19			
Children & Youth Worker Payment						
- Childrens ministry coordinator	£21,160.59	£20,523.41	£18,506.94			
- Youth ministries coordinator	£12,820.58	£15,105.29	£14,291.84			
	£33,981.17	£35,628.70	£32,798.78			

Overheads associated with the Children's & Youth Work were not specifically allocated in 2020/21 so do not appear in the above reconciliation

Appendix B

TMCP Account (On application)

Amount

Made up of:

£14,390.32

£8,000.00 Margaret Bainbridge Endowment

£2,000.00 Elizabeth Howey Endowment

£4,390.32 Accrued interest

Appendix C

Memorial Funds (Agreed with Church Council)

Amount

Made up of:

£21,227.85

£10,082.35 Opening balance received from TMCP (2007/8)

£645.50 David Bingham Memorial service (2010/11)

£1,000.00 Billie Brogdon legacy (2012/13)

£5,000.00 Irene Grant legacy (2014/15)

£2,000.00 JE Gilhespy legacy (2015/16)

£500.00 Isabel Barton (2020/21)

£2,000.00 Jean Thompson (2020/21)