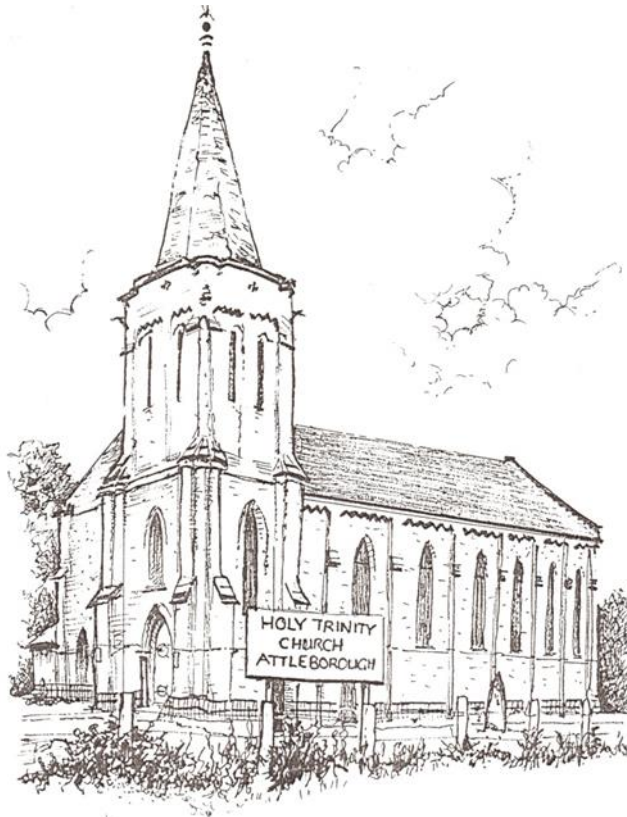


# **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Attleborough**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023



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Coventry

# **Holy Trinity Church, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm**

## **Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting**

**(open to parish and electoral roll members)**

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting
4. Election of two churchwardens
5. Adjournment

## **Agenda for Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**(only those on electoral roll may vote or comment)**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last APCM
3. Chair's Remarks
4. Electoral Roll report
5. Report on the work of the 2023/2024 PCC
6. The Financial Statements for the year ending 31st Dec. 2023
7. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
9. Report on Safeguarding
10. Reports from other church organisations or activities
11. Election of 6 members to the Parochial Church Council. *(4 for 3 years, 1 for 2 years and 1 for 1 year)*
12. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
13. Any Other Business (to be notified to C. Harding 24 hours before the meeting)
14. Adjournment

## **Agenda for PCC Meeting immediately following the APCM:**

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of Lay Chair, Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer and Standing Committee (Vicar, CW's plus 3 others)
3. Any Other Business
4. Date of next meeting
5. Adjournment

Please note: If any organisers of groups or activities wish to make a report to the APCM please supply a copy in writing to the PCC Secretary (C Harding) before the meeting.

# Annual Report for 2023

## The Parochial Church Council

The full PCC met 8 times during the year. The Standing Committee didn't meet.

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states, "The PCC is to co-operate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

We follow the diocesan vision of Worshipping God, Making New Disciples and Transforming Communities.

The PCC is governed by Standing Orders. The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM), in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

The PCC shall consist of the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, any Deputy Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, and up to 12 elected members (for electoral roll 101-200). Each member is elected to serve on the PCC for 3 years.

Vicar	The Revd Alison Evans
Church Wardens	Mrs Greta Randle, Mrs Ann Watts
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mr David King, Mrs Chris Harding, Mrs Viv Proctor Parr

## Elected members

	<b>Elected</b>	
<b>1</b>	2023	Linda Cook
<b>2</b>	2023	Tracey Davenport
<b>3</b>	2023	Chris Harding
<b>4</b>	2023	Vacancy
<b>5</b>	2022	Jon Davenport
<b>6</b>	2022	Viv Proctor-Parr
<b>7</b>	2022	David King
<b>8</b>	2022	Vacancy
<b>9</b>	2021	Roy Cook
<b>10</b>	2021	Mike Arthur
<b>11</b>	2021	Vacancy
<b>12</b>	2021	Vacancy

# Church Attendance and Electoral Roll Report

The usual Sunday attendance (without any special services) was 78 plus 8 children (last year's USA was 71). Tuesday's attendance was 14.

There are 120 parishioners on the new Church Electoral Roll, of whom 71 are resident within the parish. 2 were removed and 4 added. (Last year's Electoral Roll was 116)

A new roll was prepared in 2019, the next new roll to be prepared in 2025.

## PCC Secretary's Report 2023

### **APCM 2023 PCC Secretary's report**

Our APCM meeting was held on 28 March 2023. Our first PCC meeting on the same day was to elect the following:

Lay Chair: Greta Randle, Treasurer: Roy Cook, Secretary: Christine Harding, Electoral Roll: Christine Harding

Standing Committee: Rev Alison Evans, Greta Randle, Ann Watts (church wardens) Roy Cook, Mike Arthur and David King.

A meeting was held on **30th April** when the PCC supported the application for a faculty and the consequent building works for the proposed new tower drainage as planned by Simon Bird, church architect. It was agreed to support the application of grants and fundraising work to raise the necessary money to complete the building work.

**In June** Viv said the Labyrinth had been dedicated and was now ready for use.

**At the August meeting** the PCC was informed that more donations and pledges have been received in relation to the tower. Further fundraising will include concerts by the Bulkington Silver Band and Bedworth Symphony Orchestra, music in the churchyard and a quiz.

The PCC support employing a family worker for 15 hours a week and is applying for grants.

**The October meeting** had an update of the tower appeal. More grants to be applied for.

The After School Family Club is good and growing slowly.

The Mothers' Union Rise Up Campaign was a call to affirm our commitment to end domestic violence. The pledge stated our branch of the Mothers' Union will pray for the victims in the UK and around the world. Alison signed the pledge on behalf of the PCC.

**The December Meeting** - A summary from the November General Synod was handed to the PCC members regarding Prayers of Love and Faith. It recognises that the church is not of one mind over same-sex relationships. We want all decisions to be based on Bible teaching.

Robin Croxall and Sue Harrison were authorised to play and sing carols at the Follow the Star event in Nuneaton. (This was for Insurance purposes)

**There were three main topics at the January 2024 meeting.** The 2023 final accounts were presented ready for the Independent Examiner. Prayers of Love and Faith - The General Synod has commended the prayers of love and faith and is considering standalone services to bless same sex marriages and relationships which is a major departure from historic church teaching and one which many cannot subscribe to. These will not be used in Holy Trinity. The Basis of Faith of the Church of England Evangelical Council was distributed which sets out our historic faith and affirms that marriage is between a man and a woman. It was proposed that this be adopted. Eight were in agreement whilst three abstained.

Tower - A grant-submitting team has been formed. No-one volunteered to be co-ordinator. It was suggested opening this up to the church family. Alison or Andy Duncan at the diocese will check any draft applications if needed. A coffee morning to raise money for the Tower Appeal is to be held.

At **the February meeting** the following will be discussed: the PCC Secretary's report for 2022, approve the safeguarding policy for 2023, children's leaders, the safeguarding Action Plan and agree non-church activities held in the church. We also approved the Mission Giving for 2023.

Chris Harding

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for  
ever and ever! Amen. Eph 3:20-21**

## Church Fabric Report 2023

Church Wardens. Greta Randle, Ann Watts

This report covers the state of the church and the grounds of Holy Trinity Church Attleborough and any repairs and changes to the contents in 2023.

In January both boilers were serviced and a Gas Safety Certificate was issued. The church boiler then developed a fault so we worshipped in the hall for 8 weeks which was a lot of fun.

The glass broken in the crèche following a break in was replaced and the cost covered by Foodbank. Broken and slipped slates over the office extension were replaced or repaired by RK Roofing. However there is still some water ingress from this multi-faceted roof design. Low level gutters around the extension were cleared by Chris Lloyd.

Ground floor windows were cleaned.

In May the Labyrinth was opened and dedicated during a service in the churchyard. A sign and a bench have since been added to allow the community to sit and reflect or pray.

During May half term the grounds were open for a family activity afternoon which was well attended.

In July an appeal was set up to raise money to carry out repairs urgently needed to the tower. Donations and grants have come in but much more is needed to begin the work to allow the flow of water from the tower and prevent further damage to the brickwork. This needs to be done before any internal damage can be repaired. The fund is ongoing and more events and donations are welcome.

Bulkington Silver Band performed in Church to raise funds for Tower Appeal.

In August an outdoor service was followed by an open mic and barbecue. A very popular annual event.

In September a new Family Fun after school weekly group began, bringing in families who may not usually be involved in Church.

The following works were also carried out during the year;

- A new photocopier was delivered
- New light/movement sensors were put in the Ladies & Gents toilets to prevent lights being left on unnecessarily
- Retractable fabric barriers were put up behind the front pews on the balcony to prevent children leaning over the balcony. These are removable to allow access to the sound desk switch.
- The bottom of the door to the Toy cupboard has been planed to stop it sticking as the floor has risen slightly. This work and the barrier was carried out by Chris Lloyd
- The fire extinguishers were checked
- Intruder and fire alarms were checked by MES
- The sink hole at the end of the path and the manhole cover surround near the main door were repaired. The manhole covers need to be checked to see if they are suitable for vehicular access
- Broken and slipped slates were repaired on the roof of the main building. These were damaged in extreme winds
- The gates to the rear car park were locked on December 25th and reopened on December 26th

We thank Chris Lloyd for his time and perseverance in carrying out many of our repairs throughout the year. Our thanks also go to all who contributed to the work of the church and we continue to welcome more volunteers to help

with hospitality and cleaning. We are fortunate to have a beautiful building and grounds and we must maintain the care of them to God's Glory.

Further details of all work and changes are available in the Log Book.

# Report on the Activities of the PCC for 2022

## Safeguarding Report

Our aim is always to make Holy Trinity a safe place for everyone.

All the activities of the church have been audited, and where needed, risk assessments carried out. Nearly all team members have been inducted into the necessary safeguarding level. It is good that 'we are getting there'.

There is a Safer Recruitment Process for all new volunteers, for example the wonderful team that carry out tea duties or Welcome or Children's groups. You might think that these roles could not possibly be needed to be safeguarded. However, consider this scenario:

X is a newish member of the church and has asked how they can be involved. Yes of course they are told, there are spaces on the refreshment team and welcoming teams. X decides that they would like to join the refreshment rota. So consider the ways that X could build up relationships with vulnerable adults or children, who would trust X as they are a member of the refreshment team and so can be trusted?

Although no Safer Recruitment process can completely remove all risk, we can show that we have taken every reasonable step to protect the people who attend our church. I will be looking at each church role and then creating a framework for us to use, can we request that before anyone is offered a role within church that you have a chat with either me or Alison about what the requirements would be for that role to be safely offered? Usually it is very simple and does not involve anything too formal, so no need to worry! Please talk to me if you have questions.

It is a difficult balance to hold the tension between a warm and welcoming church open to all and then ensuring safeguarding is in place. Bear with us as this framework is put into place as we are learning as we go too. We do want the framework and process to be a warm friendly one.

Thank you for all your support with this aspect of our church life.

If anyone would like to talk to me to gain further information about the role of safeguarding please do not hesitate to get in touch. To report any safeguarding concerns or allegations, please contact Jane Brown on **07872 648381** or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **024 7652 1345**. Out of office

hours, calls to this number will be diverted to a 24-hour helpline. If the risk is immediate please phone 999.

Jane Brown

## Nuneaton Deanery Synod 2023

Holy Trinity Attleborough are represented by David King, Chris Harding, and Vivien Proctor-Parr.

Rev David Poultney, Rector of Bedworth, is the Area Dean with Rev Gail Phillip the Assistant Area Dean. Rev Alison Evans was elected the new Assistant Area Dean at the November meeting.

**February:** Holy Trinity Attleborough - With all the new housing going up in Nuneaton, Rob Budd the Vicar of Heathcote had been invited to give a talk about his experiences of leading a Church in new housing areas. A table showing proposed new housing and parish boundaries, plus maps were distributed, and observations and questions were then fed back. These were to be taken to the next Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group meeting, with the aim of creating a strategy to help people involved in mission and church planting in new estates within the Deanery.

**May:** St James Bulkington - Rev'd Alison Evans led a reflective session on Generosity and the themes "upward; downward; onward" and encouraged groups to think and discuss on this. The next item was the results of the Anglian Giving Survey: 2,000 surveyed between July-September 2020 on giving perceptions and practice. Then Rev'd Kate Massey gave a presentation on the Parish share update, followed by a General Synod update. This touched partly on the plan to produce prayers which can be used to celebrate a same-sex relationship.

**November:** St Mary's Atherstone - How the Synod operates and purposes. Elections to Standing Committee and Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee - the following were elected: House of clergy: Rev Gail Phillip, Rev Heather Barnes, Rev Michael Brandsma, Assistant Area Dean Rev Alison Evans, Area Dean Rev David Poultney. House of Laity - Anne Dickinson (Secretary), David Spiers (Lay Chair), Keith Wise (Treasurer), Dave Jones and Sheila Hinds. Welcome to Rev Alison Evans our new Assistant Area Dean and thank you to Rev Gail Phillip for her hard work as Assistant Area Dean.

Diocesan update and questions. Then an introduction to Bishop Ruth Worsley and questions around the discernment of a new Bishop of Coventry. Followed by "Vision for the triennium" a presentation on the Diocesan Vision and our Deanery Mission Action Plan. The synod was invited to reflect in groups on what they would like the synod to cover over the next three years.



Finally a welcome to Rev Esther Peers, Dean of Women's Ministry who gave an engaging presentation on the work of Dean of Women's ministry.

David King, Chris Harding, Viv Proctor- Parr

## Outreach

### Outreach and Social Activities 2023

Our Zoom services continued through the year, with a **Wednesday lunchtime service** and **Thursday Evening Prayer** – a beautiful, peaceful way to be present to God at the end the day.



Come rain or shine, a small group of us are out **Prayer Walking** in the Parish every Thursday first thing! We believe that God wants to do miracles and reveal himself to our neighbours.

**Good Friday** we held **Journey to the Cross**, with lots of activities to point the way to Jesus and his death for us. Lots of people came, some from church and many not, including families linked with the local schools.



After Easter we began an ecumenical **Alpha course** at **Saints** on a Wednesday afternoon, which went really well.

An **open air** with an **eco theme** and was an opportunity to celebrate our new **Labyrinth** in the churchyard. This was built in June by a team of volunteers and a grant from the Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.



August saw our annual **Music in the Churchyard** festival. Dave Parr hosted and James Baldry kept the Barbecue going. As usual there were some great singers, covering genres including pop, folk, country, & others.

This year for the first time we did Family Fun summer events on a Monday for four consecutive weeks including lunch. It was a real joy to get to know people during that time and to build relationships and we had a great team.

Late August Denise led a **Memorial Service** to remember those who had died in the past year which was once again very well attended.

September, **Family Fun** began on Monday afternoons in term time – time to eat together, chat, play and hear and participate in a Bible Story each week. It is aimed at those families who are currently outside the reach of the church and we'd love this to become a Fresh Expression of church i.e. church for those who come. There is a growing sense of family and we as the team love it too.

As the cost of living crisis has hit the outreach of the **Food Bank** has become ever more important, feeding up to 100 people each week.

We had a special **Bonfire Night Family Fun** with hotdogs, sitting round the fire pit singing campfire songs, torch games and sparklers

In November the **Remembrance** service was, as usual, held outside around the wooden cross. It was a bit wet but it was still good to be outside. Wreaths were laid by both senior and very junior members of the church, and we all had the opportunity to lay a poppy down at the foot of the cross.



During **December** we were busy collecting gifts, putting together and delivering twenty **Christmas gift bags** for students of Oakwood School. We also put together and delivered **Welcome bags** to the new housing at **Sketchley Gardens** next to the Crematorium as part of our outreach. Lovely to see people's appreciation for the bags as we introduced ourselves and chance to pray for some too.

The **Mulled Wine and Carols** evening just before Christmas is now a firm favourite, and is a great way of introducing our non-Christian friends & neighbours to church. **Christingle** saw the churchyard packed again with lots of families, many of whom we now know, enjoying the activities.

## Discipleship

### Home Groups Report 2023

This year small groups continued to meet weekly or fortnightly. Viv and Dave's came to an end in Summer last year as it was the right thing for the group and Viv and Dave. I want to take this opportunity to thank Viv for leading this group especially alongside the challenges Covid brought for

communication. Denise and Ed's group has grown to the extent that they have now grown into two small groups that meet on a weekly basis. This opportunity to grow into two small groups is very encouraging. The groups are now led by Janet Broadbent and Robin Croxall; Ed Brown, Jane Brown, and Jon Davenport; Denise Burgess and David King; Mark and Tracey Pargeter; Jim and Maureen Reid; Paul and Claire Cooke.

Four groups meet on a Tuesday evening, two meet on a Wednesday evening. Two groups meet in person, one group meets with a mix of some members on zoom and others meeting in person during the winter months, and three groups meet on zoom, with in person socials.

Small groups continue to be an important part of church life and play a key role in personal discipleship. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the small group leaders for their time, effort, and support in running these groups.

Small groups are a great way to get to know Jesus better, ask questions, explore the bible, pray, and grow in relationship with each other. We would love everyone to be part of a small group so if you would like to know more do talk to Liz, Alison or the group leaders.

Liz Goodwin

## Transforming Work

Transforming work is about giving glory to God in the workplace and meeting together gives us a chance to reflect on our work lives. It's for people with any work pattern, paid or unpaid, new in work, in between jobs and currently has a small group of about 8 regulars. It usually has a video, sometimes has a bible study, always has breakfast and prayer and is really supportive in conversation.

We have been challenged to look at all work as good work, to bring God's culture to work and to celebrate what God is doing in the workplace. We meet about once a month, Sat 9am to 10.30. Come and try one.

Cathy Norris

## Sunday Group

We have created a warm and welcoming room for us to use and have addressed all safety concerns. Each leader brings their own 'touch' to the group; the size of the group can vary from week to week. The children love showing their work to the church family at the end of each session and enjoy joining in. It is a joy to see them feeling very much at home in church services. Over the past year, we have looked at many aspects of God's word and used various ways to illustrate this, for example Jayne, provided a clay pot making process to highlight the work carried out and we use paint, stickers, and of

course glitter, (they love the creative work) Robin plays music for us and Linda has the most wonderful ideas, such as feet painting for 'following the star'. Lea has an amazing talent for leading any drama that may be needed. We love being with the children and seeing them learn more about Jesus, they just soak up what we offer, even if they struggle to remember at the end of church!

Jane Brown

## Outreach

### Project Connect

Connecting people to Jesus and to each other

### Toddler Toybox



Toddler Toybox has continued during term time through the year. We have a team of 4 leaders with a new volunteer interested in joining us. Numbers each week vary but we have welcomed some new families. We are unsure how the new Government regulations on free nursery places will affect the group but we pray that parents will choose to use their free childcare on days other than Monday. We will continue to meet, share opportunities to tell the children about Jesus and God's world and encourage families to join us in the Toddler prayer.

Ann Watts & David King

### Family Fun



The summer holidays 2023 saw a weekly lunch time outreach promoted for families to come along for a fun session of games and activities with a healthy lunch of sandwiches, fruit, drinks and snacks included. Numbers varied over the weeks but a steady core developed. Sessions were



designed with primary school aged pupils in mind but welcomed younger or older too. The Church family responded with super levels of support.

A small group then met to pray around the initiative and its possible expansion into a weekly term time outreach. September then saw us opening on a Monday from 4.30 to 6pm, again with craft activities, games and indoor table football / table tennis etc. A hot meal is offered and all those in the group sit and eat together, be it child, parent or volunteer/adult.

Each term has a wider Bible led theme and a plan is drawn up of activities to tie in with this. As the weeks have progressed we are moving towards the sessions including more Worship opportunities. Some of the conversations about Jesus have been amazing. We long to see real faith grow among those who come.

The Lord has drawn different church and non-church families in including two young single mums with young children who have become very regular attendees. Summer and early autumn did have a few families who were with us for a number of weeks but have not continued to attend. We hold them in particular in our prayers. As the spring term is unfolding however there is a palpable sense of community developing within the group.

Following God's grace with funding and the advertisement now in place for a Pioneer Family Worker it is hoped that this outreach will continue to develop to meet the needs of our community and lead them to faith in Jesus. Please pray for the group to grow from strength to strength and for guidance for the leaders as they facilitate that growth. We've a big team of volunteers including a junior leader who make it happen each week.

Janet Morton

### **Trinitea**

There is a regular crowd of people who come for a drink and cake each Tuesday afternoon. We are aware of needing to reach out and invite more people as part of our outreach, but it provides a safe haven each week for up to 20 people, many of whom come for the service first where we discuss Luke and share ideas. Lunch is an important part for many of us as we eat together and build community.



# Mission



As a church we believe God calls us to give generously of what the Lord has given us and so we give each year to a number of mission groups. Each year we give a tithe (10%) of our income. Each year PCC reviews the Missions we give to and this year decided to support Saints, Nuneaton as a local Mission instead of Church Army, but we will continue to raise money through the Church Army Donation boxes. Some church members also have boxes in their homes for The Children's Society and Church Mission Society. Harvest again this year gave us an opportunity to give to Tearfund and Food Bank.

In the summer of 2023 our CMS partners Tom and Verity Clare finished their time in Uganda, returning to the UK. Ian and Greta Randle have made two trips to India since the last report which has been a blessing. Pastor Suvarna is regularly in touch and sends great photos of their work which keeps us informed.



We also support 2 children through Compassion, Charles from Tanzania is now 14 and Krismary from El Salvador is 6.

We continue to support other groups which are directly linked to church or part of our ministry by active involvement with them (often through volunteering of church members) and responding to specific needs as they arise: Ian & Greta Randle's work in India and Nuneaton Food Bank.

Our own church mission has continued through the Foodbank and it was a delight to give Christmas gift bags to children at Oakwood Special School.

## Pastoral Care

### Home Communion

Each month Nancy takes communion to 4 or 5 households where they can't get to a church service but would still like to be a part of the church. This is a

lovely way of including people even after they have become housebound. If you would like to help in this ministry do talk to Nancy.

## Attleborough Grange Care Home

Once a month a small team, led by Rev Denise Burgess, take a short service at the care home.

# Finance Report 2023

Treasurer: Roy Cook

Finance Team: Mike Arthur, Roy Cook, David King, Alison Evans

The audited church accounts for 2023 show that we had a total income of £143,390 against a total expenditure of £103,563. This gives a surplus of £39,826 for the year.

“Wow” you say, “we’re rolling in it”. Before you get too excited, let me explain what’s included in the income. There is a sum of over £50,000 from grants and legacies and donations that are restricted funds for projects such as the Tower Fund and employment costs for a Family Worker. This money cannot be used for church running costs.

If we take this into account, our running-costs income and expenditure ended the year with a deficit of around £7500. We had budgeted for a deficit of £13,000 so a deficit was expected in a year where running costs were still rising sharply with inflation. For example, gas and electricity bills were more than double those of the previous year.

A generous legacy of £20000 and grants will allow us to meet the employment costs of a paid Family Worker for at least three years and consider other outreach.

The Tower Fund is on track to raise the funds needed to carry out the essential repairs.

2024 will be a challenging year with inflation still rising and the challenge of the tower repairs. Our trust is in the Lord that we are well equipped to meet these challenges.

Thanks to the following:

- Roy Cook, our Treasurer, who continues to regularly update the PCC with our financial status and provides accurate budget forecasts. This helps us manage our cash flow and gives confidence that any expenses can be met.
- Chris Harding who continues to manage hall bookings to provide valuable additional income.
- All those regular givers who continue to give generously and allow HTA to fulfil its mission. We are also grateful to the number of people who made substantial additional donations above their usual regular giving amounts.

Thanks to our generous and loving God, we again entered a new year in good financial shape.



## Generous Giving

The Bible reminds us of the promise of blessing to those who put their trust in God.

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*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10*

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Please do review your giving regularly and pray whether it is appropriate to increase it. Please think about how inflation has affected your giving. For example, if you were giving £100 a month in 2014, that would have to be £132 today simply to keep up with inflation.

Please consider making your offering by standing order if you do not do so already. This helps us to plan our annual budget more easily. It also means that less cash has to be counted and banked each week. If you pay tax, and are able to Gift Aid, the church can claim 25% of your giving back from HMRC.

Roy Cook, Treasurer  
Mike Arthur, Chair of Finance

## Leaving a Legacy in your will

Over the years legacies left to the church have been significant in helping us to worship and reach out into the area. Helpful advice from the Church of England website:

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*‘Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. Leaving a gift in your Will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support the mission and ministry in your community. A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future.’*

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Charitable legacies are free of inheritance tax. And, if you’ve not written a will yet please do, it is very important!

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ATTLEBOROUGH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Holy Trinity Church, Attleborough ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act)
- (ii) to follow the procedure laid down under the General Directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of The Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 145 of The Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Craddick  
157 Windermere Avenue  
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Date *21st February 2024*

H.T.A. Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 31st December 2023						
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash Funds					0	0
HSBC Bank Account	13689		47240		60929	21102
CBF Deposit Fund	16588		9178		25766	25766
Cash Balance					0	0
Total bank current and deposit accounts	<b>30277</b>		<b>56418</b>		<b>86695</b>	<b>49242</b>
Liabilities						
Creditors						
Fixed Assets						
Totals					<b>86695</b>	<b>49242</b>
Accumulated Funds					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Change in Year					<b>37453</b>	
Notes:-						
1) The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.						
2) A statement of Assets and Liabilities has been prepared for the year ended 31st December 2021 in the form of a Balance Sheet.						
Approved by the PCC on			And signed on their behalf by:			

(PCC Chairman) and

*Ashon J Evans*

Date: 26-2-24

Church Warden

*Cireta Randle*

Date: 26/2/24

## Notes on the 2023 accounts

### Payments

Projects includes Tower work

Miscellaneous includes £2500 Saints Grant from the diocese

### Holy Trinity Church Year End Financial Statement 31 December 2023

Receipt and Payment Account	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Regular Giving.</b>						
Standing Orders & Envelopes	54837				54837	53473
Cash Collections	5242				5242	4110
Gift Aid Recovered	11875				11875	12681
Gift Day	1925				1925	6395
Reserves In					0	0
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>73879</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73879</b>	<b>76659</b>
<b>Other Voluntary Receipts</b>						
Legacy & Donations	41290		18190		59480	1457
<b>Total</b>	<b>41290</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18190</b>		<b>59480</b>	<b>1457</b>
<b>Activities &amp; Generating Funds</b>						
Special Collections	1040				1040	830
Hall / Church Hire*	9726				9726	6448
Grants (Restricted Giving)	9050		29050		38100	2147
Donations (From Church Groups)	810				810	435
<b>Total</b>	<b>20626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49676</b>	<b>9860</b>
<b>Church Activities</b>						
Weddings /Funerals/ Banns	6190				6190	5856
Insurance Claims					0	4257
Receipts from investments	233				233	0
Bank Interest	572				572	310
Misc Receipts	600				600	4050
<b>Total</b>	<b>7595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7595</b>	<b>14473</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>143390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190630</b>	<b>102449</b>

Receipt and Payment Account	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Cost</b>						
Parish Share	57049				57049	56308
Salaries	165				165	2000
Parochial Fees	8063				8063	3615
Mission Giving	9891				9891	10465
Training	3238				3238	2947
Office Costs	2150				2150	1544
Special Collections (Out)	700				700	576
Ministers Expenses	131				131	98
Minister Discretionary Fund					0	0
Heat & Light (Gas & Electricity)	7647				7647	3268
Special Project Costs	897				897	10
Maintenance & Improvements	4794				4794	4703
Water Rates	78				78	46
Projects	1663				1663	9781
Services & Worship	2393				2393	1446
Children & Youth Work	233				233	322
Pastoral & Hospitality	1146				1146	510
Training	43				43	0
Outreach	219				219	86
Cleaning	209				209	287
Quinquennial Inspection /architect					0	0
Misc	2853				2853	4169
Debtors					0	0
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>103562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103562</b>	<b>102676</b>
<b>Year Balance</b>	<b>39828</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87068</b>	<b>-227</b>







