THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1128426

Details

Other names	KINGSWOOD TEAM MINISTRY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-03-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Church of England church activities serving the community.We are part of the established Church in England and our Parish contains two churches - Holy Trinity Kingswood, Church of the Ascension. We are part of the Diocese of Bristol which in turn reports to the central Church of England.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£111,831	£185,878	-	-
2024-12-31	£268,302	£120,542	-	-
2023-12-31	£120,468	£95,669	-	-
2022-12-31	£102,129	£83,302	-	-
2021-12-31	£77,939	£79,480	-	-
2020-12-31	£71,537	£75,059	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BEVERLEY MARIA CHARLES	Chair	2018-07-23
Avril Jacqueline Owen		2025-05-18
COLLEEN MERCER		2024-04-21
Catherine Margaret Hayer		2025-05-18
Francis Alexander Burns Hearne		2020-10-25
Gillian Mary Godfrey		2026-04-26
Graham Archie Jury		2024-04-21
JANET ROSE HILL		2025-05-18
Joan Reeves		2025-05-18
Kathryn Valerie Gulliford		2026-04-26
Leta Ann Hutchins		2024-04-21
Mandy Jayne Newport		2024-04-21
REV CHRIS EVANS		2012-09-09
Rev Katherine Prosser		2024-04-23
Robert Elliott		2026-04-26

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2025 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

Overview of the Year

The past year has been one of faith, fellowship, and steady growth across the Parish of Kingswood. Our life together continues to be rooted in worship and strengthened by community, guided by the Holy Spirit as we honour our traditions while embracing new and emerging expressions of faith.

We have seen gentle but encouraging growth in attendance, welcoming new faces and new perspectives into our congregations.

We give heartfelt thanks for the ministry offered by our Licensed Lay Ministers, our clergy team, and the many volunteers whose faithful service sustains both Holy Trinity and the Church of the Ascension. The introduction of a new Welcome Team at Holy Trinity has helped nurture a culture of hospitality and belonging, while the “Together to Worship” services with Hanham Parish have continued to build unity and shared mission.

Our commitment to *fresh expressions of church* continues to bear fruit. The EXPLORE and Messy Church communities offer creative and accessible ways for families and individuals to encounter God, often acting as gateways for those who have little prior connection with church life. Both ministries have continued to grow in attendance and depth of relationship, helping children and adults alike to embark on faith journeys shaped by joy, storytelling, and shared discovery.

Outreach and pastoral care remain core to who we are. Through ongoing partnerships with local schools, hundreds of children have experienced church as a place of learning, celebration, and welcome. Initiatives like the Easter Adventure, Nativity Trail, and Community Carols have creatively told the story of God’s love to our wider Kingswood community. Regular groups such as Lunchbox, Friends and Neighbours, and H.A.R.T.S. offer fellowship, friendship, and pastoral support, helping to reduce isolation and provide connection for those who most need it.

The Mission Support Group has continued its generous outreach both locally and globally, supporting organisations from WaterAid and Save the Children to Mercy Ships and Maji Safi. Their faithful work reminds us that our calling extends far beyond our parish boundaries.

Safeguarding remains a top priority. Our policies and practice are regularly reviewed, training is well-attended, and DBS checks remain up to date. We maintain a Level 3 safeguarding status—the highest level—which reflects our commitment to ensuring that our churches remain safe and welcoming spaces for all.

Financially, 2025 was a challenging but steady year. While income decreased following a one-off legacy the previous year, our expenditure rose due to significant building repairs across both churches. These projects, though costly, represent an investment in the future health and safety of our buildings as places of worship and community gathering. Our balances remain healthy, and the organ restoration fund continues to grow through ongoing dedication and generosity.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness and for every person who has given their time, money, or prayer to sustain parish life. Together, we remain anchored in hope, growing as disciples, and striving to be a beacon of light and love in Kingswood.

We continue to seek God's guidance as we shape our vision for the next season of church life across the Benefice. In the last quarter of 2025, we embarked on a programme of prayer, reflection and conversation to develop our Vision 2030.

We began by asking the church family what they would celebrate and what they valued most about being part of our Parish.



After a month of prayer and reflection and wider consultation, we identified five key themes:

- *The beating heart of God at the centre of all we are and do*
- *Worship*
- *Discipleship - being people who follow Jesus*
- *Nurturing and equipping us to live out our faith in all our life*
- *Mission and outreach.*

We will use these themes to prepare our draft vision for 2030 which will be reviewd at our forthcoming Annual Church Meetings.

Signed: ……B Charles…… Date:… …13 April 2026…….

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev. Steve Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Curate	Rev Kathy Prosser Rev Catriona Rawlins
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey *(one post vacant)*
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Graham Jury Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Jacqueline Owen Joan Reeves
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Whyatt
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers	HSBC National Westminster Bank

Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level:	Paul Taylor
HTKDCC	John Godfrey
ASCDCC	Graham Jury
Mission	John Godfrey
HTK Restoration	Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2026 - 56, (56 - 2025)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev. Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev. Chris Evans, Curates – Rev. Kathy Prosser and Rev Catriona Rawlins and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly and Joan Reeves.

David Prosser has joined the team in a lay capacity leading on aspects of mission and outreach, including Explore, Schools work and Discipleship.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Normal Sunday Attendance	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025
HOLY TRINITY	52	29	33	36	40
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	16	19	20	21	19
ALL SOULS	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	78	48	53	57	59
EXPLORE * *MONTHLY*				14	15
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*		19	21	24	25
HTK UNDER 16	3	0	6	6	9
ASC UNDER 16	1	2	0	1	0
ASSP UNDER 16	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	7	2	6	7	9
EXPLORE * *MONTHLY*				5	6
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*		23	22	23	25

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BAPTISM	4	6	8	7	6	1
MARRIAGE	0	1	4	1	2	1
FUNERALS	12	20	19	20	10	5

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

Across the Parish, we follow a pattern of Common Worship Communion and Morning Worship services informed by the liturgical calendar, on Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings, and at Tuesday morning prayer. We also offer Evensong twice a month. We have some variations for specific seasonal attention, such as our Lent focus for 2025 on the Psalms. There is a slight growth in our numbers, with us welcoming new people, bringing us new perspective and joy.

We are grateful for our Licensed Lay Ministers, Joan Reeves, Janet Donnelly and John Godfrey (Emeritus) who provide valuable leadership to Sunday services at Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension.

On the first Sunday of the month, we continued to worship with our brothers and sisters from Hanham Parish at our **'Together to Worship'** Services.

We are always thankful to the **Messy Church** and **EXPLORE** teams for the time, commitment and gifting shared in fresh expression of communicating faith, worship and discipleship. We continue to notice the transformative presence of Christ among us. God appoints us to 'guard the good treasure entrusted to us with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.' (2 Timothy1:14)) That's what we are about in nourishing the inherited patterns of tradition and worship, whilst opening to the emergent and new ways of communicating the Gospel with those living in Kingswood.



We have continued to be blessed by those who support our **music across the Parish**.

John Cottle and Jim Williams have curated another full year of music, both at Holy Trinity Church and across the wider Benefice. They have beautifully led Advent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost services, to mention just a few, always bringing attention to theme. We are thankful to the Holy Trinity Singers and St George Singers for the beauty they bring among us as we worship God.

As well as blessing our worship for the church festivals at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the Holy Trinity Singers also supported our Christmas outreach with a service for older people and their carers and joining in the Community Carols. A varied programme of Concerts and Afternoon Tea have been well received, bringing a growing number of visitors to the church and raising much needed funds for the organ restoration.

In addition, we are thankful to David Prosser, Colin Owen, Leta Hutchins for their willingness and gifts in stepping in to lead songs at Christingle, baptisms and EXPLORE.

We continue to give thanks for the important part that music plays in our Parish.

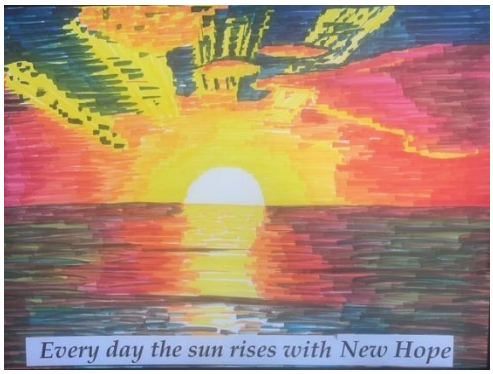
This year, a new **Welcome Team** was established at Holy Trinity Church, who have been instrumental in facilitating new people's experience of services and we are grateful to them for all their help.

We had a very successful and well attended **Parish Weekend at Emmaus House**, an encouraging weekend of teaching led by Ray Brazier as we focused on the part we all play, sharing our gifts in the Church Family.

We continue to pray for all that God is doing through and among us as we grow as disciples and share our faith with others.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Explore – Rev Kathy Prosser



EXPLORE is part of a dedication to develop intergenerational ways of worship and discipleship, that can draw in those looking for a more informal setting, often those who have little or no contact with church. Whilst we have experienced a change in those attending, the EXPLORE team and I hope for growth of worship and discipleship in this space. It has become apparent that our efforts to build bridges between Messy church and the wider church is beginning to bear some fruit, with some Messy church families also attending EXPLORE and seeing it as their 'church.'

Our challenge going forward, is to prayerfully discern the growth of emergent worship and discipleship spaces at Holy Trinity church, to enable those least connected to Christian faith and church, to find a place to 'step into' and encounter God and the Christian community. We need to pray for what this will look like and how it may change things of the present.

As we listen with God and discern Vision, this calls for the inherited traditions of worship and discipleship and the emergent and new, to live well with one another to nourish the whole Christian community of Holy Trinity Church in our worship and discipleship.

Messy Church – Mandy Newport

Another great year at Messy church old and new families joining us, the average attendance is 40 but can range between 35 and 65 children and adults.

We have been looking at biblical journeys through most of this year ,particularly Mary and Joseph journeys to Bethlehem then into Egypt to escape King Herod, ,the Kings journey to visit Jesus, Paul's journeys and also looking at our own journey's in our lives, considering what we need to take to prepare for a journey and what we will need on the journey and how God helps us at all points of our lifelong journey.

We have had fun and laughter, made friends enjoyed time together, sang, worshipped, shared stories and heard many bible stories - all helping us learn and grow get closer Jesus as our Saviour and friend .

Looking forward to another year at Messy Church, growing our attendance and moving our families on in their journey with Christ



OUTREACH AND MISSION

School Links – David Prosser



We have continued to develop our links with the local primary schools this year.

We once again had every year group from Park School to visit the church and our volunteer team were able to bring alive the relevant parts of their curriculum from Christian symbols, the Bible, festivals, Experience Easter, parables and rites of passage. This year we also had Beacon Rise Year 1s visit us at Church of Ascension to learn about symbolism used in worship and Year 2 visit Holy Trinity Church to learn about the Bible as part of their topic on Holy Books.

As in previous years, Park School and Beacon Rise came to Holy Trinity Church for their Christmas Services. In addition, the choirs from these schools supported some of our Christmas events singing alongside the Holy Trinity Singers and others.

We were excited to have year 3 and 4 from Park School come to church for a Harvest Festival Service. We sang traditional Harvest Hymns accompanied by the organ which is always very [popular with the young people as well as a more modern, Harvest Samba, which the children had practiced in school. Gifts were collected for the foodbank.

From the generosity of the church family we were able to present each year group at Park School with a Bible to support them in their learning, this was initiated following the interest the children showed in being able to read the Bible on their visits to church.

Rev Beverley is a member of the Governing Body at Beacon Rise school, contributing to building links with the church and the wider community and she visits both Beacon Rise and Park School for assemblies each term.

Christmas and Easter Outreach

“For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

We have a vision that everyone in Kingswood will know the story of God’s love played out in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus – the story behind the increasingly secular presentation of Christmas and Easter.

Alongside Messy Church and our School Visits, we partner with Freedom Church to share the Gospel story in an interactive way at both Christmas and Easter. During 2025 we tried two new activities.



Palm Sunday we launched the Easter Adventure, re-enacting the events of the last week of Jesus' life around Kingswood Park and the Churchyard, finishing at the Church Hall for Hot Cross Buns. Although the numbers were smaller, about 30, we were able to spend much more time with people and go deeper into the story leading to more conversations about the saving act of Jesus and faith in general. It was poignant to see three crosses standing on the bandstand in the park for all to see and many by standers were interested in the procession.

At Christmas we held a Nativity Trail in the church with costumes and activities. Again, numbers were lower but this made space for more significant engagement with families.

We pray for the seeds that have been sown at these events and families do go on to join Messy Church and Explore following our outreach.

We successfully gather the community to sing carols at Christmas with a short message and prayer; the weather was not so kind to us this year and **Carols at the Cross Keys pub** had to be cancelled because of the rain. **Carols in Kingswood Park** did go ahead and we also hosted the Kingswood Community Carols in the Church with over 400 people attending to hear choirs from the Church, Beacon Rise School and the Windrush Choir and join in some congregational carols.

Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity Church brought together so many strands of the life of our parish and the fruit of much that the Holy Spirit has been doing throughout the year, the church was full of all ages singing of the joy and hope that was born in Jesus Christ on that first Christmas – Emmanuel, God with us.

Christingle at Church of the Ascension brings the cubs and scouts into church with their parents and is always well received and Christingle at Holy Trinity Church is a highlight of Christmas for many families. These services also raised £251 for the Children's Society.

Toddler Groups



During 2025 we ran two toddler groups **Little Stars, at Church of the Ascension** and **CafeTots at Holy Trinity Church.** Each offers a safe welcoming environment for children 0-4 years to play and learn to socialise with other children. Parents and grandparents also benefit from a chance to chat with others and make friends. Our dedicated team of volunteers often provide a listening ear or offer of prayer when needed.

Changes to how the Government funds pre-school childcare has meant that more children are going to Pre-School earlier, which has had a knock-on effect to numbers attending toddler groups like ours. At the end of the year, we sadly took the decision to close Little Stars as it was no longer viable. Our thanks go to the amazing team who served Little Stars for five years: Gill, Cath' Colleen, Jan and Lisa.

Community Garden @ Ascension



The Queen Elizabeth 11 Peace garden continues to evolve. It was created to promote bio-diversity for wildlife and as a peaceful place for the local community to sit quietly and enjoy the flowers, birds and other wildlife.

Where possible, sustainable and recycled products have been used, such as old scaffolding planks for creating the raised beds. We have been grateful for donations of plants such as bluebell bulbs. The two created areas, the woodland area and the flower garden are maturing well, with daffodils and bluebells currently. Our aim is to have flowers for pollinators for as much of the year as possible.



We also have bird boxes, bird feeders, bat boxes, hedgehog house and a bug hotel. The birds seem to appreciate the sunken sink, as do the resident foxes.

The willow archway created last year is beginning to form well, though the wild flower area suffered badly from last year's summer drought.

Last summer's open afternoon was supported by the church family. All of this has only been possible through the hard work of a small core of dedicated volunteers, three from the church family and three local residents.

Friends and Neighbours – Colleen Mercer

A light-hearted group aimed at Seniors, meeting fortnightly at Church of Ascension.

The group provides a place to socialise and make contact over tea and cake, reducing isolation for older people. We host Speakers - lately the Salvation Army, a biographer on Hannah Moore, Wessex Water "Down the plughole", Bristol Hippodrome" Behind the curtain", British Legion, as well as homespun games, quizzes, Armchair exercises, Bingo etc. Occasionally an outing and a cream tea.

And we make an annual donation to a chosen Charity.

Kingswood Community Transport faithfully bring members who have no other means to get to us.

The monthly Tuesday coffee mornings, have continued this year are very popular, another opportunity to socialise.

Mission Support - Kathryn Gulliford

The Mission Support Group continues to be active and meets regularly throughout the year, to plan various fund raising (and also just as important) social events. The money raised from these events along with 10% of the Congregation's weekly/monthly giving, goes to support Church Mission at home and abroad.

Since the last annual report, the decision was made to cease supporting two organisations- these were 'Embrace the Middle East' and 'The Friendship Clinic Nepal'.

In place, the following are now supported:

Water Aid
Save the Children
'We are BS15'

The following organisations have been continued:

Mercy Ships
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Mission to Seafarers
Maji Safi
Community of Sisters of the Church (Bristol).

All of the above received an end of year donation of £200 each and will again be sent donations in Spring 2026. In addition there were Christmas donations of £250 each to: Caring at Christmas and the Jessie May Trust.

When able to do so, The Mission Group also attempts to send a donation to support major disasters .

During the last year, in August there was an 'Afternoon Tea' and more recently a 'Turkey Roll and Christmas Pud' lunch. Both were held in the Ascension Hall and both well attended and enjoyed, with £192 from the recent lunch being added to the Mission Funds.

The Group usually meets twice a year to discuss finances and possible activities. New members will be always welcome.

PASTORAL CARE – REV CHRIS EVANS

LUNCHBOX

This continues each Wednesday, led by Lisa (catering)and Rev Chris Evans. (pastoral oversight), with a team of dedicated volunteers. Numbers vary from 12-18 on average. Those attending come for a variety of reasons from enjoying company and friendship to needing a listening ear and support. It is also an opportunity to invite folk to other church activities such as the bereavement support group, concerts and special services such as the service of Remembrance and Christmas services.

This year we have introduced a prayer table and candles which has been used by some, and a number of folk welcoming such leaflets as our daily reflections for Lent and Advent resources.

HARTS

Our bereavement support group continues to meet second Wednesday of each month at the back of Holy Trinity Church for tea, cakes and fellowship.

We are an informal group offering friendship, support and a listening ear to those bereaved either recently or some time ago. All volunteers have experienced bereavement themselves. We do not offer counselling but a safe space to share stories and to give mutual support. There is no formal referral process; word of mouth, posters and invitation, and increasingly via GP surgeries and Social Care.



Numbers vary from 6-10, some folk joining for just a few months to help them on their journey, and others for a number of years. We open with a quiet time to remember those who we have lost, including the lighting of candles, something the group finds helpful.

Our annual service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in May was well attended by members of the group, alongside families connected through funerals and internments in church and at local crematoriums.

Pastoral Care Group

A dedicated group meets each term with a remit of pastoral care oversight within the church family, supporting or visiting those in hospital and Care Homes, housebound church members and taking Home Communion when requested. There is a link person identified at both Ascension and Holy Trinity. We also carry out visits to those requesting contact with the church at times of need, meeting preferably in church or visiting in two's at home. We review our risk assessment and job description for pastural care yearly, of importance particularly when visiting the vulnerable.

GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and approved by the PCC and a copy is displayed on the parish website. During the year, the PCC has also reviewed and approved our Procedure for dealing with concerns and allegations and our Management of known offenders.

The lists of church and non- church activities which take place on church premises and may include children, young people and vulnerable adults have been reviewed and accepted by the PCC. They are, as follows:

Church activities - Café Tots, Explore. Messy Church, Friends and Neighbours, Lunch Box, H.A.R.T.S, Pastoral Care, Community Peace Garden , Monday Bible Study Group. All of these activities are risk assessed and the leaders and volunteers who run them have all been safely recruited and undergone the required safeguarding training.

Non-church activities - 1st Kingswood Scouts, Soccer Tots, Right at Home Community Lunch, Carers Support Bristol and South Glos, South Glos Play Scheme, Kingswood Food Club, Kingswood Kitchen.
The organisers of these activities are required to have their own safeguarding procedures.

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles and four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese.

- *Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers*
- *Foundation – required by Church Wardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officers, and all volunteers working with vulnerable groups in any capacity.*
- *Leadership - required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Licenced Ministers and Leaders of church activities*
- *Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by Church Warden, Licenced Ministers, Parish Safeguarding Officer and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. In November 2025, 20 of our volunteers completed this training together.*

In addition to safeguarding training, Disclosure and Barring checks (DBS) are required every three years for PCC members, Safeguarding Officers, Leaders of Activities and the Pastoral Care Team. These checks are currently up to date.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Safeguarding Action Plan, which remains at Level 3, the highest level.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to the PCC, the clergy and all of our volunteers for the support they give me, their willingness to undertake the relevant safeguarding training and for their commitment to working together to make our churches as safe as we possibly can, not just for our children, young people and vulnerable adults, but for the whole church community.

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

Another fruitful year has passed where we have seen much growth and joy.

For Holy Trinity:
The 4 church windows have been repaired and completed.
Lighting in the Chancel is still ongoing.
The gables in the hall have been repaired.
The garage door was replaced to ensure the safety of all who are using it.
Thanks to fundraising by We are BS15, “Down Under” has been renovated and now in good use. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.
A recent visit from health and safety for the church Kitchen has been given a good report.

The Car park lights have been repaired. There is now less stress on some days since the Orthodontist cars are no longer parking.

Funerals have become easier now the gates can be locked and opened by SGYH early in the mornings.

A faculty for an entrance gate from the park to the church grounds is still ongoing.

For Church of the Ascension
The Chancel has been painted and now work is complete.
A blind has been installed in the kitchen.
The church garden and surrounding borders of the church have been bought to life with bulbs popping up everywhere. Thank you to those who did the planting and to everyone for their continual hard work to keep Ascension alive and thriving.

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a joy our Parish is. We belong to one another in love, dedication and God's leading, together working and serving Him day by day. May he bless us all during the coming year and the vision he has for us, bringing light to those in our communities. We have a team and a leader who is outstanding in their loyalty and sacrifice, who work diligently to serve us and our God. We thank you all so much and give you our love and even a few days off now and again !!!

Please keep praying for another Church Warden, it could be you.

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER

The maintenance of the Parish Finances are the responsibility of the treasurers of the five different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish.

The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2025 was £100,006, a reduction of £155162 on the 2024 level, 2024 was an exceptional year which included a legacy of £150,000 for HTK. Our expenditure for 2025 was £174304, an increase of £66611 on the 2024 level, which includes repairs to the windows at Holy Trinity Church, the Chancel roof at Church of the Ascension and masonry repairs to the Holy Trinity Church Hall which totalled £82,000.

True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account transfers such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish.

Our cash balances at the end of 2025 were unrestricted, £164,345 and restricted, £160,559. This was an overall decrease of £74047 on 2024, due mainly from the building repair costs at both churches, HTK - £61817 and ASC - £18498.

In 2025 £3600 was transferred into the organ restricted fund, which now stands at £23,175, £33,568 was expended from the Restoration as a contribution to the window restoration at Holy Trinity Church. This cash is still to be transferred between the respective bank accounts.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.

PARISH of KINGSWOOD
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PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2025 to 31ST DECEMBER 2025

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2025. The combined accounts true income figure, reduced to £100,007 in 2025, back to the normal annual level. The combined accounts true expenditure figure, increased to £174,303 in 2025 due to both churches carrying out extensive building work. Again this year, Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2025 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £2940.87 in 2025 although the rent income received from 36 Elmfield was transferred to the Administration fund to partially pay for parish office staff costs. The balance of the Vicar & Churchwarden's account was transferred into the events fund within the parish level accounts in 2023. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group, under the direction of the PCC.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Overall fund balance for HTK decreased substantially in 2025 to £127,622, which was due to the cost of building work in both Holy Trinity church and hall. The parish share figure raised for 2025 was £18,600. The budget for 2026 shows a parish share requirement of £19,201 but only £18,600 has been budgeted for.

HTK RESTORATION

The balance for this fund is shown as zero at the end of 2025. This is because the expenditure was £33,568, part of the cost of Holy Trinity windows repairs. It is expected that the Restoration bank account will be transferred into the Holy Trinity church account during 2026.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The overall fund balance decreased to £54,230 in 2025 due mainly to the cost of the chancel building repairs. The parish share promise for 2026 is £9644, an increase of £929.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £164,346, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £160,559. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood 26th March 2026

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

		2025 (£)	2024 (£)	TOTAL CASH
Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)				
HSBC main checking account		5412.19	3392.36	KTM 2020
HSBC BMM account		31000.00	30158.20	£109,415.55
HSBC HI Bond		100000.00	100000.00	
Cash in Hand	£136,690.76	278.57	199.33	KTM 2021
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)				£112,696.70
TOTAL ASSETS		**136690.76**	**133749.89**	
Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)				KTM 2022
HSBC Current account		636.77	285.77	£118,734.56
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c		1557.90	1112.04	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£1,994.67	200.00		KTM 2023
TOTAL ASSETS		**1994.67**	**1397.81**	£133,749.89
				KTM 2024
KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS	£138,685.43	**138685.43**	**135147.70**	£136,690.76
Holy Trinity Accounts				
HSBC current account		510.21	2347.72	
HSBC deposit account (part restricted)		131269.75	160446.27	£33,568 from Restn fund
Cash in Hand		8.61	22.21	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) + Creditors		4871.45	2886.76	was £2886.78 in 2024
Debtors	£131,788.57	704.70	2417.65	
TOTAL ASSETS		**127621.82**	**162347.09**	
Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)				
National Westminster bank reserve account		0.00	1105.16	
National Westminster bank current account		0.00	27848.94	£33,568 to HTK Dep fund
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)				
TOTAL ASSETS	£0.00	**0.00**	**28954.10**	
HTK & RESTORATION ACCOUNTS		**127621.82**	**191301.19**	
	£131,788.57			
Church of the Ascension Accounts				
HSBC Community account		632.80	976.95	
HSBC BMM account		8117.22	22000.00	
HSBC HI Bond		45000.00	45000.00	
National Westminister Hanham bank account		3.00	3.00	
Cash in Hand		476.95	155.77	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£54,229.97			
TOTAL ASSETS		**54229.97**	**68135.72**	
TOTAL ASSETS - ALL ACCOUNTS	£324,703.97	**320537.22**	**394584.61**	

Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)

Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C

Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)

36 Elmfield (residual of house purchase) 8640.62

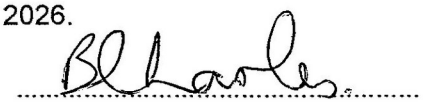
Prepared by: LJ Godfrey, PCC Treasurer, Kingswood Team Ministry, 25th March 2026

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	1,716,290	1,716,289
Investment assets	5(b)	8,641	8,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	7	705	2,418
Short term deposits		145,000	145,000
Cash at bank and in hand		179,904	250,053
		325,609	397,471
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	5,071	3,137
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**320,538**	394,334
NET ASSETS		2,045,469	2,119,264
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		1,801,469	1,835,674
Restricted		244,000	283,591
Endowment		0	0
		2,045,469	2,119,265

HTK accounts approved 25th March 2026, Restoration, subsequentially approved. ASC accounts approved 28th January 2026, KTM accounts and Mission accounts approved 28th January 2026.
Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector



The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a RECEIPTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
	Voluntary Income/Receipts								
	Planned giving:								
1	Tax efficient planned giving	13166	10575	900	3122			27763	27450
6	Gift Aid recovered	4104	3275	225	1220			8824	9064
2	Other planned giving	2767	2758		260			5785	4926
3	Collections at services	1491	604				671	2766	2825
4	All other giving & voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	437	92				179	708	1405
7	Legacies received (capital value)	5500						5500	154000
8	Grants (include recurring & one off)	5000						5000	7000
	TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	32465	17304	1125	4602	0	850	56346	206670
	Activities for generating funds								
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	937						937	1057
	Income from investments								
10	Dividends, interest, income from property	2197		1724	12	1750	13070	18753	19135
	Church activities								
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)						3792	3792	4414
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	14863	2558					17421	21540
	Other incoming resources								
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed		131	223	1917		487	2758	2352
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	**50462**	**19993**	**3072**	**6531**	**1750**	**18199**	**100007**	**255168**
	EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	1839	405	115	0	0	9465	11824	13134
	GROSS RECEIPTS	***52301***	***20398***	***3187***	***6531***	***1750***	***27664***	***111831***	**268302**

2b PAYMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	Cost of generating income	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
17	Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)							0	0
	Church activities								
18	Mission giving & donations						3850	3850	4961
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	18600	8715					27315	27223
20	Salaries, wages & honararia		0	10711			360	11071	9947
21	Clergy and staff expenses			1039				1039	1242
	Church expenses								
22	Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs						1458	1458	3907
23	Church running expenses	9143	1943	2564				13650	17629
24	Church utility bills	14500	1033					15533	19752
25	Cost of trading	13593	3375					16968	20484
	Major capital expenditure								
27	Major repairs to church building	18128			33568	18498	1800	71994	0
28	Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property	10121						10121	336
29	New building work to the church,							0	0
	SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	84085	15066	14314	33568	18498	7468	172999	105481

26	Governance costs	97	40	112		0		249	959
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	717	0	191		137	11	1056	1254
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	**84899**	**15106**	**14617**	**33568**	**18635**	**7479**	**174304**	**107694**
	EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	4044	2314	0	0	0	5216	11574	12848
	GROSS PAYMENTS	***88943***	***17420***	***14617***	***33568***	***18635***	***12695***	***185878***	**120542**
	Excess of receipts over payments	**-36642**	**2978**	**-11430**	**-27037**	**-16885**	**14969**	**-74047**	**147760**
	Transfer between funds	-3600			3600			0	0
		-40242	**2978**	**-11430**	**-23437**	**-16885**	**14969**	**-74047**	**147760**
	Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	140264	38027	-1860	51037	30108	137008	394584	246574
	Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	100022	41005	-13290	27600	13223	151977	**320537**	**394334**
		100022	41005	-13290	27600	13223	152177	320737	

NOTE:
In the interests of full transparency, the Organ Fund increase for 2025 shown as part of the HTK unrestricted fund previously has been transferred to the HTK restricted fund,which stands at £23,175.49.

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	Cash Funds - gross	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
	Bank Current Account	519	6005	0	0	3224	38885	48633	88502
	Deposit Funds	131270	35000	0	0	10000	100000	276270	306551
7	Debtors	705	0	0	0	0	0	705	2418
		132494	**41005**	**0**	**0**	**13224**	**138885**	**325608**	**397471**
8	Other Monetary Assets								
	Insurance claim refund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cheques not cashed	0	0	0	0	0	-200	-200	-250
	Creditors	-4871	0	0	0	0	0	-4871	-2887
		-4871	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-200**	**-5071**	**-3137**
3	Investment Assets								
	Investment Fund Shares at market value	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8641**	**8641**	**8641**
2	Assets retained for church use	**1110000**	**585520**	**75000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1770520**	**1716289**

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, Holy Trinity Organ fund, the Mission fund and some elements of the Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £10,200 per annum which is used to supplement the salary of the Parish Office Administrator.

Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000. Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016. At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. A replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022 following theft of the original.

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets as at 31/12/22, depreciation no longer taken into account				
5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2025	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935
	Additions	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2025	0	645	645
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	0	645	645
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2025	1,715,000	1,290	1,716,290
	At 31 December 2024	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.
Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.
Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2009

5(b) *Investment fixed assets*	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2025	8641
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	0
Market value - 31 December 2025	8641

Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets for Church use	1,641,290	75,000	0	1,716,290
Investment Fixed Assets	0	8,641	0	8,641
Current Assets	165,050	160,559		325,609
Current Liabilities	-4,871	-200	0	-5,071
Fund balance	1,801,469	244,000	0	2,045,469

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

7 DEBTORS

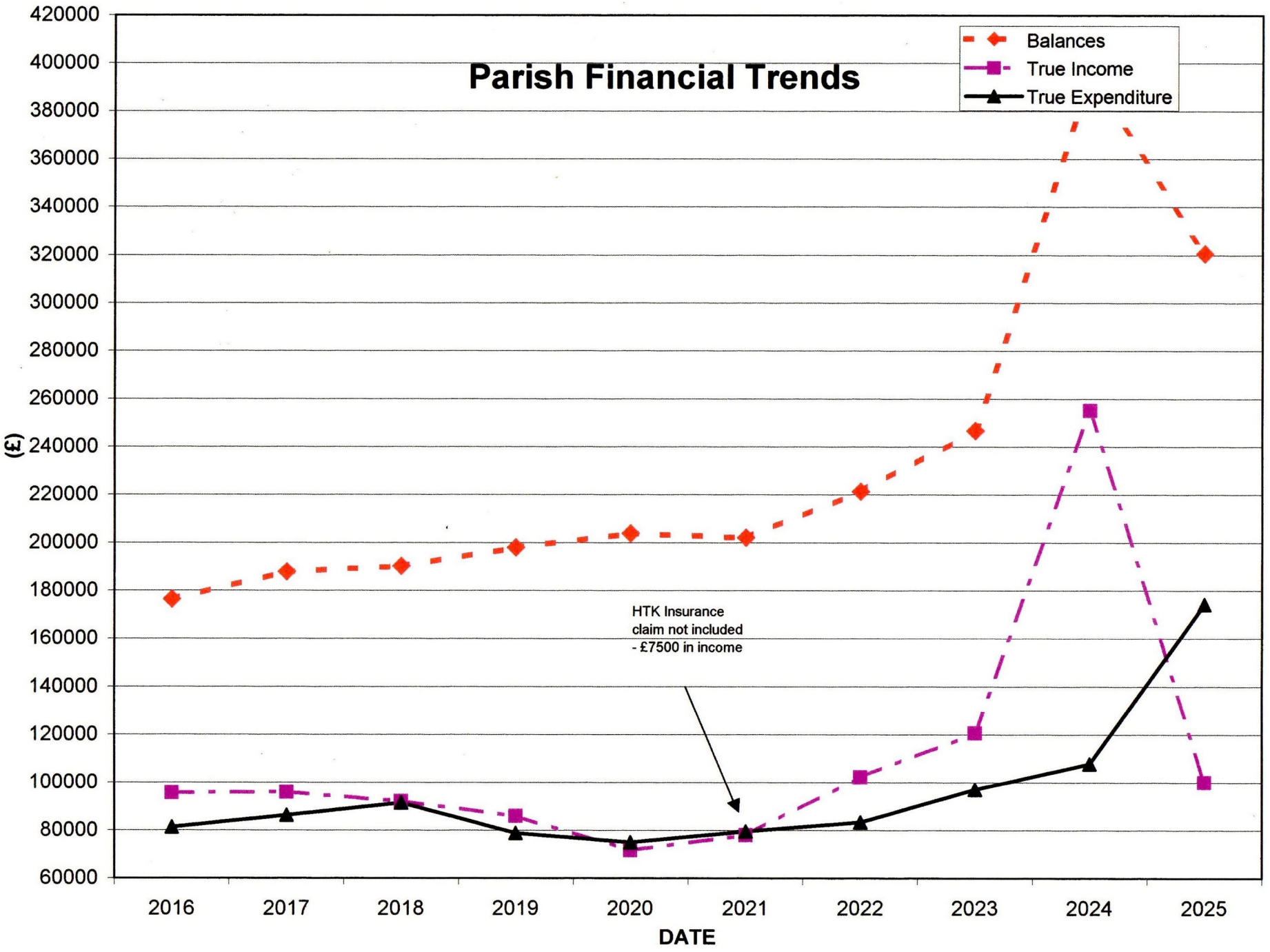
	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	705	2418
	705	2,418

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals of utility and other costs	0	0
Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share	4871	2887
Other creditors	200	250
	5,071	3,137

9 FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTK.


Parish Financial Trends
Balances
True Income
True Expenditure
HTK Insurance
claim not included
- £7500 in income
(£)
DATE
420000
400000
380000
360000
340000
320000
300000
280000
260000
240000
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2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (KTM – Parish Level), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level - KTM accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Paul A. Taylor BA, ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Absom, Bristol. BS30 5TT

P A Taylor

1st March 2026

Dated:

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Laurence John Godfrey
168, Forest Road
Kingswood Bristol. BS15 8EN

L. J. Godfrey

Dated: 23/2/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Graham Jury
21, Northfield Avenue
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3RB

G A Jury

Dated: 8/3/2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1128426

Accounts

Kingswood Parish

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

As individuals and as a Church,
we are a community:

ROOTED in God;

CALLED into faith and fellowship;

and SENT OUT to love and serve our community.









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ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2024 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

Overview of the Year

Our Parish remains committed to being *rooted in God, called into faith and fellowship, and sent out to serve the community.*

Alongside our regular worship and fellowship at both churches, our continued focus on mission and outreach is bearing much fruit. We have welcomed new people into our church family and through Alpha, Messy Church and EXPLORE, as well as our home groups and Lent / Advent courses we are growing in faith and discipleship as we seek to follow Jesus and share his love in the world. We have sustained growth in our seasonal celebrations at Christmas and Easter as well as our regular concerts at Holy Trinity Church; and our outreach initiatives at Christmas and Easter continue to raise the profile of the Church at these important times of year and invite many to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There has been much to celebrate in our partnership with our local schools, over 600 school children have visited the church this year to learn more about the Christian Faith, through the warm welcome we provide and assurance of God's love for us all, some have come along to other events bringing their parents and we are always met with excited smiles when we meet them out and about. Our thriving toddler groups seek to foster early connections to the church.

The Church family, through both generous financial support and volunteering effort are making a significant contribution to our community and wider mission, including: the successful community garden at Church of the Ascension; our partnership with We Are BS15 in the Food Club, Kingswood Kitchen and Trinity Garden; Lunchbox; Food Bank; Friends and Neighbours; bereavement support; and the Pastoral Care Group.

God is working in a powerful way amongst young people both in our church and the wider community. As a Benefice we were able to celebrate with three of our young people who came to baptism this year and share in their testimony of all that God is doing in and through them as followers of Jesus. The arrival of Rev Catriona Rawlins, our new curate, alongside support from the congregation has enabled us to respond to the number of new young people wanting to explore faith and join the church. Youth Alpha was launched for the Benefice in January 2025 and we are now exploring next steps to support our young people both in church and in our local secondary schools.

We are grateful for a significant legacy and other reserves that are enabling us to carry out significant essential works at both churches and invest in mission and outreach activities. However, our regular outgoings are more than our regular income and we need to work on closing the gap in order to provide financial stability going forward. We continue to thank John Godfrey and Paul Taylor for their hard work and sound stewardship of our finances.

Our current vision is now five years old. Later in 2025 we will take time to reflect together on the next chapter in the life of our Parish and Benefice and we look forward to lots of positive conversations as we seek God's direction for the next ten years.

The P.C.C. remain committed to a proactive approach to Safeguarding and continue to strengthen and embed our safeguarding practices to ensure a safe and welcoming Church for all. We are very grateful to Mary Whyatt our Safeguarding Officer for her dedication and support.

What is evident from this report is our continued dedication to faith, community, and responsible management of our resources, but none of this would happen without the faithful service and prayer of the Church family. It is impossible to name everybody individually but we give our heartfelt thanks for all that you do as fellow disciples and servants of the Lord.

Signed: …… Date:…9th May 2025…….

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev. Steve Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Curate	Rev Kathy Prosser Rev Catriona Rawlins *(from July 2024)*
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey *(one post vacant)*
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Graham Jury (co-opted) Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Jacqueline Owen Joan Reeves
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Whyatt Angela Chappell (assistant)
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers	HSBC National Westminster Bank

Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level:	Paul Taylor
HTKDCC	John Godfrey
ASCDCC	Adrian Britton
Mission	John Godfrey
HTK Restoration	Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2025 - 56, (72 - 2024)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev. Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev. Chris Evans, Curates – Rev. Kathy Prosser and Rev Catriona Rawlins and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly and Joan Reeves.

David Prosser has joined the team in a lay capacity leading on aspects of mission and outreach, including Explore, Schools work and Discipleship.

In June, we sadly said ‘Goodbye’ to Jenny Cresswell as she began her training for ordained Ministry. Later in the year we welcomed David Prosser and Susie Craney as they job share the role of Team Administrator, supporting the Ministry Team across Kingswood and Hanham as well as managing the Kingswood Parish Office.

In July, we celebrated with Rev Kathy at her priesting and welcomed Rev Catriona as our new curate and celebrated her ordination to Deacon in October.

It has been another year of significant growth for the Ministry Team, as we welcome new members to the team, we are also blessed by the new ideas they bring. As a team we continue to look for the signs of the Holy Spirit among us and our community and seek to be led by Him in our plans and practice. WE continue to be thankful for your support and prayers.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Normal Sunday Attendance	2019	2022	2023	2024
HOLY TRINITY	52	29	33	36
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	16	19	20	21
ALL SOULS	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	78	48	53	57
EXPLORE * *MONTHLY*				14
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*		19	21	24
HTK UNDER 16	3	0	6	6
ASC UNDER 16	1	2	0	1
ASSP UNDER 16	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	7	2	6	7
EXPLORE * *MONTHLY*				5
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*		23	22	23

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BAPTISM	4	6	8	7	6
MARRIAGE	0	1	4	1	2
FUNERALS	12	20	19	20	10

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In 2024 we continued to see our parish flourish. There is so much to celebrate as we reflect on all that God has done in the life of our church, in our worship, our outreach and our mission. Though not an exhaustive list, here are some of the highlights from last year alongside our regular pattern of worship and groups.

We stepped into 2024 with excitement and faith and embarked upon our familiar pattern of Services. On the first Sunday of the month, we continued to worship with our brothers and sisters from Hanham Parish at our **'Together to Worship'** Services and on the second Sunday of the month **Messy Church** brings many families together for activities, food and celebration of our amazing, loving, powerful God as we nurture seeds of faith. EXPLORE has become a growing part of our regular pattern of worship, providing a second opportunity in the month, alongside Messy Church, for us to worship and explore faith in creative ways.

Themes for worship and teaching during 2024 have included Welcome and belonging, based on Jesus' invitation to 'abide with me' (John 15:1-17); our **Lent** focus was on drawing closer to God as we 'Watch and Pray' a resource commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury; we have looked at generosity and stewardship at points during the year and the letter of James.
The year finished with our **Advent** study reflecting on the incarnation of Jesus through a book by Isabelle Hamley - Embracing Humanity. There were special groups for Lent and Advent giving opportunity to explore the themes with others.

We have continued to be blessed by those who support our **music across the Parish**. In October we said 'Goodbye' to Pat Robson as she retired after 17 years as organist at Church of the Ascension. We are so grateful for her hard work and dedication and for the blessings she leaves us, including a number of hymns written for the congregation.

John Cottle and Jim Williams have led another full year of music leading the Church Choir, the Holy Trinity Singers and the St George Community Choir. Highlights included: another beautiful Service of Light for Candlemas, Music for Passiontide, special services of Evensong at St George Hanham Abbots for the Court Open Weekend and for the Deanery in June and a new Advent Pilgrimage which started Advent with themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. As well as blessing our worship for the church festivals at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the Holy Trinity Singers also supported out Christmas outreach with a service for older people and their carers and joining in the Community Carols. A varied programme of Concerts and Afternoon Tea have been well received, bringing a growing number of visitors to the church and raising much needed funds for the organ restoration.

David Prosser, Colin Owen and Leta Hutchins have come together to lead worship for Messy Church and Explore and play an important role helping to engage young people and their families in sung worship, introducing new songs and the much enjoyed 'Jam' sessions at Explore where the young people are able to join in making 'music'.
We continue to give thanks for the important part that music plays in our Parish.

Our regular **Monday Bible Study** Group goes from strength to strength and is at risk of outgrowing the Vicarage lounge, as well as the lent and advent materials, we have studied a varied programme including a detailed study of the Book of Revelation – which was a Revelation to us all and included a trip to see an amazing exhibition by textile artist Jaqui Parkinson! Mandy Newport and Gill Godfrey attended a course for new Small Group Leaders run by the Diocese of Bristol and have been leading some of the Bible Studies including a great series on Women in the Bible.

We ran an **Alpha Course** starting in January and had an amazing group of nine people, some completely new to the church, who came to dig a bit deeper into the foundations of our Christian faith. Their questions were exciting and stimulating and at the end of the course, those who were able, continued and completed the Bible Course. It was an absolute privilege to journey with them and witness the Holy Spirit working and bringing them to new joy in knowing Jesus. We were able to celebrate with them in May as two were baptised and one renewed their Baptismal Vows. All have found a welcome place in our Church Family.

The **Post Alpha Group** (who completed Alpha in 2022, plus a few newbies, and need a new name!) have continued to meet a couple of times a month, to discuss topics of faith, look at scripture, pray and share fellowship together. This is a small group of amazing young women who are hungry for God and support each other in life and faith.

A group of 14 attended **Spring Harvest** and we had a **Parish Weekend at Emmaus House**, an encouraging weekend of teaching led by Father Michael and Sister Ann and fellowship together.

We give thanks and praise to God for all the new people that have joined our Church family in the last year or so, across all our services, and for the joy of seeing people old and young, grow in their faith and love of Jesus.

We continue to pray for all that God is doing through and among us as we grow as disciples and share our faith with others.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Explore – Rev Kathy Prosser



As you have walked into church recently, you may have wondered why this cloud art is there! Well, in answer, at EXPLORE we have continued in our explorations of God's faithfulness, and this piece of art was created as community. It reveals the growth in our relationships as a small worshipping congregation, focused on deepening Christian faith and discipleship. We are creating informal space, to grow conversation, to foster relationships, to worship and pray in different ways, to learn faith in a way that enables those who have no faith, are new to faith, or have longstanding faith to discover the meaning of faith in an ever-changing world. Creativity is in our hearts and that includes a JAM zone for the younger among us! We welcome any who are seekers of God in diverse and creative ways of worship and prayer. We value the prayers of all, that EXPLORE may bring fruit in Christian mission, discipleship and community. My thanks to the EXPLORE team who have given sacrificially and openly, sharing the gifts God is nurturing in them. Please continue to pray for them.

Messy Church – Mandy Newport

This past year at Messy Church has been outstanding, we have a small committed, enthusiastic and dedicated team, who all take their roles seriously and give 100% in all they do, for which I am very grateful.

We average around 40-50 in attendance aged between months old to grandparents in their eighties, so very multi-generational. We have families who have been attending for over ten years and new families just joining us, keen to find out what Messy Church is all about, hearing about us often through word of mouth.

Themes we have covered this year are Families and belonging to the Family of God, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Caring for ourselves, for each other, and our community, Love, and the Holy week journey.

At Christmas and Easter, we have invited the wider church family to join with us for our Messy Nativity and Messy Easter, it has been rewarding to explore these stories at the heart of the gospel together.

There has been laughter, learning, excitement, worries and fears shared together, alongside joyous singing, delicious food, fun, crafts and games, and much conversation and getting to know each other better on this fun filled, exhausting, but very beautiful journey of Messy Church, I feel blessed to be involved with Messy Church and am excited and expectant to where God takes us next**.**

OUTREACH AND MISSION

School Links – David Prosser

We have continued to develop our links with the local primary schools this year.



We once again had every year group from Park School to visit the church and our volunteer team were able to bring alive the relevant parts of their curriculum from Christian symbols, the Bible, festivals, Experience Easter, parables and rites of passage. This year we also had Beacon Rise Year 1s and 2s visit us at Church of Ascension to learn about symbolism used in worship and the bible and Courtney school Yr4s joined us for the Experience Easter. Our challenge for 2025 is resourcing the growing interest from the other schools in the area and looking to the possibility of doing more with Park School in the future.

As in previous years, Park School and Beacon Rise came to Holy Trinity Church for their Christmas Services. In addition, the choirs from these schools supported some of our Christmas events singing alongside the Holy Trinity Singers and others. John Cabot School presented a Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity and Jim Williams continues to liaise with the music department exploring more opportunities to work together and support the young people in their exploration of music. One pupil from John Cabot School continues to use the Church for organ practice and playing the church organ was one of the highlights of the school concert.

Rev Beverley is a member of the Governing Body at Beacon Rise school, contributing to building links with the church and the wider community and she visits both Beacon Rise and Park School for assemblies each term.

Christmas and Easter Outreach

"For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

We have a vision that everyone in Kingswood will know the story of God's love played out in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus – the story behind the increasingly secular presentation of Christmas and Easter.

Alongside Messy Church and our School Visits, we partner with Freedom Church to share the story in an interactive trail at both Christmas and Easter. Children follow the trail as the story unfolds, finding at the end of the trail opportunities to chat over crafts and a goody bag to take home which includes a seasonal Story book and the obligatory chocolate kindly donated by the church family. At Easter over 150 children participated in the trail. Christmas was disappointing when our event clashed with several other events happening on the same day.

We successfully gather the community to sing carols with a short message and prayer, the weather was good this year and both events were very successful. **Carols at the Cross Keys pub** attracted over 40 people singing together in the car park and **Carols in Kingswood Park** had about 120 people attending up from last year. These services encourage great conversations about the meaning of Christmas and a few people came along to other Christmas services as a result.

Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity Church brought together so many strands of the life of our parish and the fruit of much that the Holy Spirit has been doing throughout the year, the church was full of all ages singing of the joy and hope that was born in Jesus Christ on that first Christmas – Emmanuel, God with us.

Christingle at Church of the Ascension brings the cubs and scouts into church with their parents and is always well received and Christingle at Holy Trinity Church is a highlight of Christmas for many families. These services also raised £238 for the Children's Society.

This year we provided copies of 'Why Jesus?' in the pews and encouraged visitors to take these if they felt they wanted to think more about the man at the heart of the Christmas Story. Many did take them and we pray that in time these will bear fruit.

Toddler Groups

We have a particular calling and heart for sharing the Good News of Jesus with young children and their families, inviting them to know that Jesus loves them and praying that they will embark on a life-long, personal relationship with Him. Alongside Messy Church and EXPLORE we run **two toddler groups: Little Stars at Church of the Ascension and CafeTots at Holy Trinity Church.**

Each offers a safe welcoming environment for children 0-4 years to play and learn to socialise with other children. Parents and grandparents also benefit from a chance to chat with others and make friends. Our dedicated team of volunteers often provide a listening ear or offer of prayer when needed.

Lunchbox – Rev Chris Evans

This continues to meet each Wednesday 12.15, Lisa managing the catering and Rev Chris as pastoral care oversight, with a team of dedicated volunteers. Numbers vary between 15-20 on average, with folk coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and needs. 2024 we opened on New Years Day for the few we were expecting, only to find we had 28 people and in danger of running out of food. In addition to providing a meal and a warm safe place to be, friendships are made between those attending and it gives an opportunity for those living alone to have a shared meal and conversation. Alongside fellowship it has been possible to develop a deeper rapport pastorally with those in need of a listening ear and support, and an opportunity to invite folk to other church activities such as bereavement group, concerts and special services at Christmas. Also there has been an uptake by some folk in using our Advent and Lent resources. We have recently increased our charge to £3.00 and all profits are donated back into the church.

Friends and Neighbours – Colleen Mercer

This Tueaday group for mixed Seniors is about to celebrate 40 years! At this time we are 20 in number. Our Lord just goes on blessing us.

We have tea and cake. We do light-hearted quizzes/games and have various Speakers, among which recently a Fireman on Home safety, Armchair exercises, Mary with her Assistance dog, and a local milliner with splendid hats which we were invited to try on. Occasionally we do an outing. We celebrate Christmas with a Nativity service, and Easter appropriately.

There are always books + jigsaws available to swap. There is a donation box for agreed charities and one of our ladies knits for the needy.

The Kingswood Community Transport support us at all times.

More recently we started to hold monthly Tuesday coffee mornings. Another opportunity to socialise. Come and go as you wish. You are welcome.

Mission Support - Kathryn Gulliford

The Mission Support group meets regularly during the year to plan various fund raising (and just as importantly) social events.

The money raised from these events, along with 10% of your weekly/ monthly giving, goes to support charities at home and abroad.

Within the last year, the following have each been sent £250, in November 2024 and in May 2025, £200. This has been an increase of £150 to each charity in comparison to the previous year.

The Penny Collection has though unfortunately been down- this has been the case since the Covid situation and the greater use of cards instead of cash. This collection was initially set up to help fund 'named' Maji Safi students but as there is no longer a 'named' student the money now goes into the Mission Support funds.

Current Supported Charities:

1. Embrace the Middle East.
2. Mission to Seafarers.
3. The Friendship Clinic Nepal.
4. Mercy Ships.
5. Mission Aviation Fellowship.
6. The Community of the Sisters of the Church (St Paul’s, Bristol).
7. Maji Safi.

In November 2024 the following were also supported with a donation of £250 each.
1. ‘We are BS15'.
2. Caring at Christmas.
3. The Jessie May Trust.

The Mission Group also attempts to offer financial support to major world disasters/conflict. in 2024 a 'one off' donation of £500 was sent to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Commitee)- this was to support the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.

New members to the Group will always be more than welcome - if you are interested please chat with Leta or Joan (Holy Trinity) or Gill, Cath, Lynne or Kathryn at the Church of the Ascension.

PASTORAL CARE – REV CHRIS EVANS

HARTS

Our bereavement support group continues to meet 2nd Wednesday of each month 2-3.30pm at the back of Holy Trinity church to share tea, cakes and fellowship. We are an informal group offering friendship, support and a listening ear to those recently bereaved or longer ago.

We are clear that we do not offer counselling but a space where folk can be beside others to share stories and give mutual support.

All of our volunteers have experienced bereavement themselves. There is no formal referral process; word of mouth, invitation, posters and also increasingly via social care and GP services. Group numbers vary from 6 -8; some folk join us for just a few sessions, others for months or several years. We open with a quiet time to remember those who we have lost, including the lighting of candles by each person, something that the group finds helpful.

Our annual service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance in May is attended by members of the group in addition to the families connected through funerals and internment in church and at local crematoriums.

Pastoral Care Group

A dedicated group meets each term with a remit of pastoral care oversight within the church family, supporting and visiting those in hospital and Care Homes, housebound church members and taking home Communion where requested. There is a link person identified at both HTK and Ascension and we have a new member from Ascension joining us recently. We also carry out visits to those requesting contact with the church at times on need, meeting preferably in church or in twos at home. We have recently reviewed our risk assessments and job description for pastoral care, of importance particularly when visiting the vulnerable.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed on 20th November 2024 and will be reviewed again in November 2025. Our policy on the Recruitment of ex- offenders and our Procedure for dealing promptly with allegations and complaints have also been reviewed and approved by the PCC during the past year. In addition, the list of our church activities and the risk assessments for each of them have been revised and approved.

Considerable progress has been made in implementing our safer recruitment process and it is now integral to providing a safe environment for all of the church activities which children, young people and vulnerable adults may attend. Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) are now required every 3 years for PCC members, pastoral visitors and leaders of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults. DBS checks have been carried out and completed for these roles and are currently up to date.

Four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese:

- *Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers*
- *Foundation – required by Churchwardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officer and all volunteers working with vulnerable groups in any capacity.*
- *Leadership – required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licensed Lay Ministers and Leaders of Church Activities.*

- *Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by PCC members, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licensed Lay Ministers and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

All training must be renewed every 3 years. Leadership training is currently up to date and in September 2024, thirty-six of our church members who volunteer at our activities which include children, young adults or vulnerable adults, either renewed or completed Foundation training.

During the year there has been one safeguarding matter which was referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advice and support. The process for addressing this concern was led by the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Action Plan, which remains at level 3, the highest level.

I would like to extend my thanks to the PCC, the clergy and all of our volunteers for the support they give me, their willingness to undertake relevant safeguarding training and for their commitment to working together to make our churches as safe as we possibly can, not just for our children, young people and vulnerable adults, but for the whole church community.

GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

Holy Trinity

This year has seen positive changes in the Parish which are bearing much fruit. David Prosser took over from Jenny Cresswell last September to work in the Parish office.
Messy church and Explore have seen growth in numbers and commitment. The church organist, John Cottle has led the choir and the numerous services during the year which has brought many visitors to the church.
The church hall's make-over has made a real change having used many colours to paint the cupboards which enhance the look tremendously.
The fabric of Holy Trinity church is still waiting for work to be done, but permission has been granted. A big thank you to Alan Coombs who has quietly worked on so much during the year.

Ascension

Ascension's organist retired last October after many years of dedication. The music reverted back to using CD's which was and is now manned by John and Rob.
John and Carlos have stripped the growth from the inside and outside of the wall on Greenbank Road.
Work has been planned and approved for the work needed on the roof and the decoration of the Chancel.

I would just like to thank everyone who has worked again so methodically and with such grace and love to keep our Parish as a beacon of light to the community; and a special thank you to Beverley and the team for leading us forward with such vision and enthusiasm.

We are looking for another Church Warden to take on responsibilities in this Parish so please keep praying, if not for yourself, for someone to come forward. The Parish has grown and cannot be sustained by only one warden. Please consider the work-load of our Rector.

May God lead us kindly into the coming year and bring us and our community closer together as we serve Him in humility and love.

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER

The maintenance of the Parish Finances is the responsibility of the treasurers of the five different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish. The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2024 was £255168, an increase of £134,699 on the 2023 level and our expenditure for 2024 was £107,693, an increase of £12,022 on the 2023 level. True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account trading such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish. The increase in income is largely attributed to the receipt of a legacy for Holy Trinity Church.

Our cash balances at the end of 2024 were unrestricted - £194,385 and restricted - £199,950. This was an increase of £147,911 on 2023 made up mainly from rent receipt £5193 from the parish house, £8,155 from ASC, £130,437 from HTK and £4,126 from HTK Restoration. For full transparency, the Organ fund at HTK which is restricted has been transferred to the restricted balance in the overall accounts. It is expected that the HTK Restoration fund will be transferred into the HTK fund in 2025 to be used towards the cost of works to the windows. Substantial expenditure is expected in 2025 due to building repair works in both churches.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.

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PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2024 to 31ST DECEMBER 2024

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The Vicar and Churchwarden Account was transferred to the parish level accounts in 2023. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2024. The combined accounts true income figure further increased to just over £255,167 in 2024, due mainly to a £150,000 legacy for HTK. Again this year, Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/ income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2024 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £5192.85 in 2024 although the rent income received from 36 Elmfield was transferred to the Administration fund to pay for parish office staff. The balance of the Vicar & Churchwarden's account was transferred into the events fund within the parish level accounts in 2023. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group, under the direction of the PCC.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Overall fund balance for HTK increased substantially in 2024 to £162347. This was due to the receipt of a £150000 legacy. The parish share figure raised for 2024 was £18,600. The budget for 2025 shows a parish share requirement of £20,599 but only £18,600 has been budgeted for. There will be substantial maintenance costs in 2025 due to building works.

HTK RESTORATION

There was an increase in the balance for this fund to £28,954 in 2024. with no expenditure in the year.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The overall fund balance increased to £68,136 in 2024 mainly due to a legacy of £4000. The parish share promise for 2025 is £8715, an increase of £92. It is hoped to complete the maintenance work in the chancel area in 2025 at a cost of £13,500.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £194,385, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £199,950. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood 17th March 2025

L.J. Godfrey.

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

		2024 (£)	2023 (£)	TOTAL CASH
Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)				
HSBC main checking account		3392.36	2681.86	KTM 2020
HSBC savings account		30158.20	25000.00	£109,415.55
HSBC HI Bond		100000.00	100000.00	
Cash in Hand	£133,749.89	199.33	587.34	KTM 2021
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)				£112,696.70
TOTAL ASSETS		**133749.89**	**128269.20**	
Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)				KTM 2022
HSBC Current account		285.77	1585.65	£118,734.56
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c		1112.04		
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£1,397.81	250.00	150.00	KTM 2023
TOTAL ASSETS		**1147.81**	**1435.65**	£128,269.20
				KTM 2024
KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS	£135,147.70	**134897.70**	**129704.85**	£133,749.89
Holy Trinity Accounts				
HSBC current account		2347.72	4080.09	
HSBC deposit account (part restricted)		160446.27	29115.35	
Cash in Hand		22.21	22.61	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) + Creditors		2886.78	4474.93	(incl £1572.51 cheq not
Debtors	£162,816.20	2417.65	3166.91	cashed 2022)
TOTAL ASSETS		**162347.07**	**31910.03**	
Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)				
National Westminster bank reserve account		1105.16	1089.36	
National Westminster bank current account		27848.94	23739.13	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)				
TOTAL ASSETS	£28,954.10	**28954.10**	**24828.49**	
HTK & RESTORATION ACCOUNTS		**191301.17**	**56738.52**	
	£191,770.30			
Church of the Ascension Accounts				
HSBC current account		976.95	363.24	
HSBC deposit account		22000.00	14423.00	
HSBC HI Bond		45000.00	45000.00	
National Westminister Hanham bank account		3.00	3.00	
Cash in Hand		155.77	191.63	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£68,135.72			
TOTAL ASSETS		**68135.72**	**59980.87**	
TOTAL ASSETS - ALL ACCOUNTS	£395,053.72	**394334.59**	**246424.24**	
Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)				
Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C				

Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)

36 Elmfield (residual of house purchase)	8640.62
HTK Graveyard upkeep (Book value £350.00)	0.00

Prepared by: LJ Godfrey, PCC Treasurer, Kingswood Team Ministry, 15th March 2025

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	1,716,289	1,717,580
Investment assets	5(b)	8,641	8,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	7	2,418	3,167
Short term deposits		145,000	145,000
Cash at bank and in hand		250,053	103,032
		397,471	251,199
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	3,137	4,625
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**394,334**	246,574
NET ASSETS		2,119,264	1,972,795
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		1,835,674	1,718,408
Restricted		283,591	254,387
Endowment		0	0
		2,119,265	1,972,795

HTK accounts approved 19th March 2025, Restoration, subsequentially approved. ASC accounts approved 17th January 2025, KTM accounts approved 29th January 2025.
Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector BCharles

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a RECEIPTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2024	2023
	Voluntary Income/Receipts								
	Planned giving:								
1	Tax efficient planned giving	13498	9859	1040	3053			27450	27254
6	Gift Aid recovered	4778	3229	260	797			9064	9307
2	Other planned giving	1944	2722		260			4926	5639
3	Collections at services	1268	872				685	2825	3556
4	All other giving & voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	1169	129				107	1405	942
7	Legacies received (capital value)	150000				4000		154000	12838
8	Grants (include recurring & one off)	5500					1500	7000	2473
	TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	178157	16811	1300	4110	4000	2292	206670	62009
	Activities for generating funds								
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	1057						1057	1874
	Income from investments								
10	Dividends, interest, income from property	1716			16	2262	15141	19135	15878
	Church activities								
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)						4414	4414	4951
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	18171	3369					21540	29570
	Other incoming resources								
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed		80	14	2258			2352	6186
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	**199101**	**20260**	**1314**	**6384**	**6262**	**21847**	**255168**	**120468**
	EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	2803	134	156	0	0	10041	13134	16852
	GROSS RECEIPTS	***201904***	***20394***	***1470***	***6384***	***6262***	***31888***	***268302***	**137320**

2b PAYMENTS

	Cost of generating income	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2024	2023
17	Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)							0	0
	Church activities								
18	Mission giving & donations						4961	4961	4571
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	18600	8623					27223	27384
20	Salaries, wages & honararia		645	8647			655	9947	9428
21	Clergy and staff expenses			1242				1242	1341
	Church expenses								
22	Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs						3907	3907	2382
23	Church running expenses	14361	1854	1414				17629	9994
24	Church utility bills	18108	1644					19752	17814
25	Cost of trading	17884	2600					20484	14879
	Major capital expenditure								
27	Major repairs to church building							0	4446
28	Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property						336	336	2279
29	New building work to the church,							0	0
	SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	68953	15366	11303	0	0	9859	105481	94518

26	Governance costs	118	61	136		644		959	326
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	610	10	476		158		1254	825
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	**69681**	**15437**	**11915**	**0**	**802**	**9859**	**107694**	**95669**
	EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	4044	2263	0	0	0	6541	12848	16383
	GROSS PAYMENTS	***73725***	***17700***	***11915***	***0***	***802***	***16400***	***120542***	**112052**
	Excess of receipts over payments	**128179**	**2694**	-10445	**6384**	**5460**	**15488**	**147760**	**25268**
	Transfer between funds	-19575			19575			0	0
		108604	**2694**	-10445	**25959**	**5460**	**15488**	**147760**	**25268**
	Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	31660	35333	8585	25078	24648	121270	246574	221286
	Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	140264	38027	-1860	51037	30108	136758	**394334**	**246574**
		140264	38027	-1860	51037	30108	137008	394584	

NOTE:
In the interests of full transparency the Organ Fund shown as part of the HTK unrestricted fund previously, has been transferred to the HTK restricted fund.

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	Cash Funds - gross	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2024	2023
	Bank Current Account	2370	8027	-1860	27849	15108	37008	88502	72828
	Deposit Funds	140871	30000	0	20680	15000	100000	306551	175204
7	Debtors	2418	0	0	0	0	0	2418	3167
		145659	**38027**	**-1860**	**48529**	**30108**	**137008**	**397471**	**251199**
8	Other Monetary Assets								
	Insurance claim refund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cheques not cashed	0	0	0	0	0	-250	-250	-150
	Creditors	-2887	0	0	0	0	0	-2887	-4475
		-2887	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-250**	**-3137**	**-4625**
3	Investment Assets								
	Investment Fund Shares at market value	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8641**	**8641**	**8641**
2	Assets retained for church use	**1110000**	**531289**	**75000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1716289**	**1717580**

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, Holy Trinity Organ fund, the Mission fund and some elements of the Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £10,200 per annum which is used to supplement the salary of the Parish Office Administrator.

Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000. Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016. At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. A replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022 following theft of the original.

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5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets as at 31/12/22, depreciation no longer taken into account				
5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2024	1,715,000	2,033	1,717,033
	Additions	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2024	1,715,000	2,033	1,717,033
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2024	0	744	744
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2024	0	744	744
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2024	1,715,000	1,289	1,716,289
	At 31 December 2023	1,715,000	1,289	1,716,289

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.

Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2009

5(b) *Investment fixed assets*	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2024	8641
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	0
Market value - 31 December 2024	8641

Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets for Church use	1,641,289	75,000	0	1,716,289
Investment Fixed Assets	0	8,641	0	8,641
Current Assets	197,272	200,200		397,472
Current Liabilities	-2,887	-250	0	-3,137
Fund balance	1,835,674	283,591	0	2,119,265

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7 DEBTORS

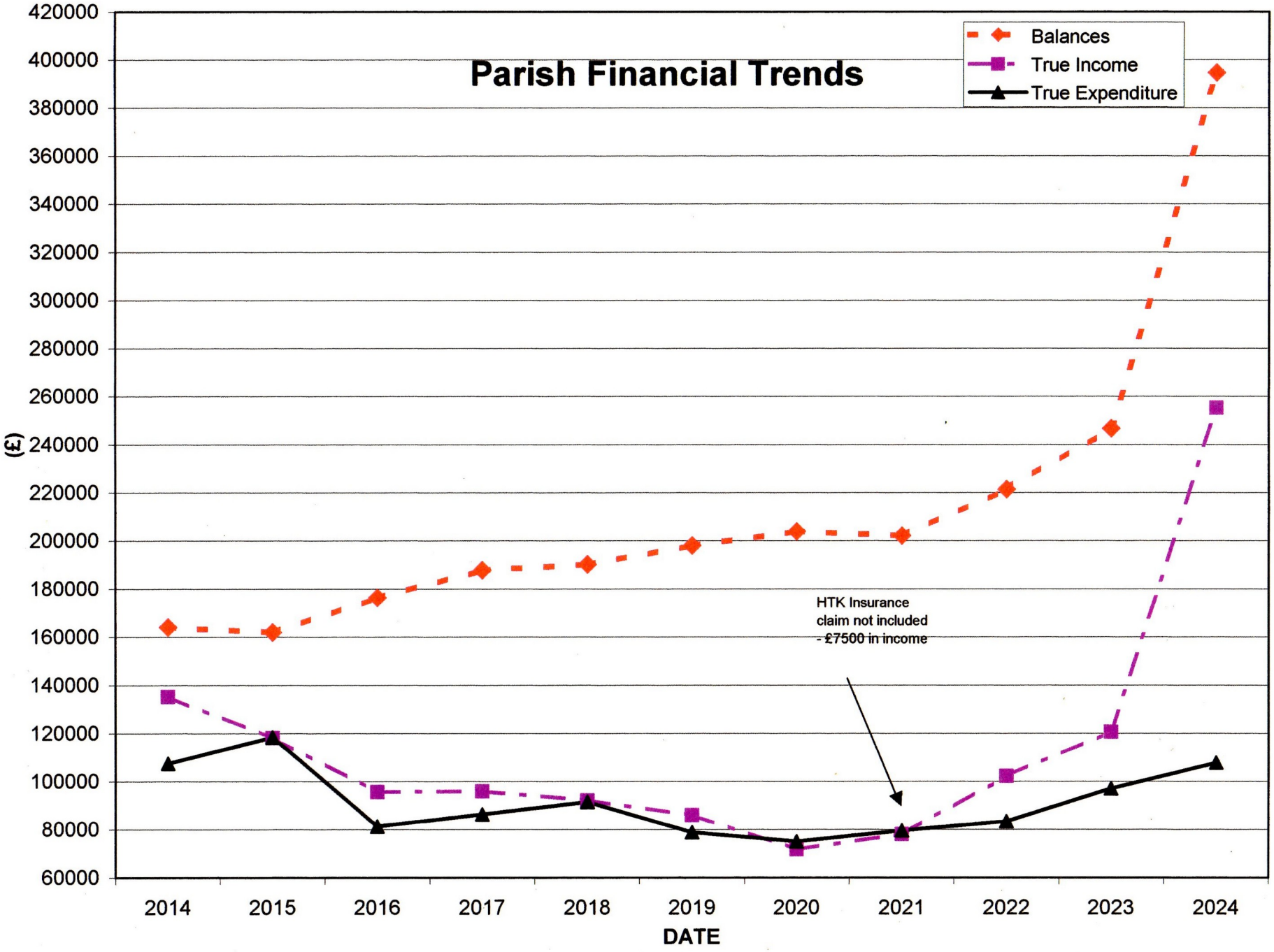
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	2418	3167
	2,418	3,167

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals of utility and other costs	0	0
Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share	2887	4475
Other creditors	250	150
	3,137	4,625

9 FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTK.


Parish Financial Trends
Balances
True Income
True Expenditure
HTK Insurance
claim not included
- £7500 in income
(£)
DATE
420000
400000
380000
360000
340000
320000
300000
280000
260000
240000
220000
200000
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2022
2023
2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Adrian Britton
1, Wykis Court
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3SQ

Dated: 01.02.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Laurence John Godfrey
168, Forest Road
Kingswood Bristol. BS15 8EN

L.J. Godfrey

Dated: 17/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Parish Level-KTM), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level (KTM) accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Paul A. Taylor BA ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Abson Bristol

P A Taylor

Dated: 29th March 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1128426

Accounts

Kingswood Parish

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

As individuals and as a Church, we are a community:

ROOTED in God;

CALLED into faith and fellowship;

and SENT OUT to love and serve our community.

















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ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2023 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

Overview of the Year

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth…." 1 Corinthians 3:6

2023 is a year of Thanksgiving as we celebrate all that God has been doing in our church family and our community. We have seen growth in so many ways and whilst we recognise the hard work of so many to make this possible, we humbly remember that it is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that transformation happens. So we continue to place prayer and listening to God at the heart of our work as we seek to respond to what He is doing and allow God to guide our efforts.

We have seen growth in the number of people joining our church family, many of whom are new to faith and new to church. We seek to offer worship in different styles, with a focus on belonging, making Jesus known and building community. Our new EXPLORE service complements Messy Church and our traditional services, catering particularly for those new to church or wanting to explore faith in a more interactive and accessible way.

We have seen Growth in discipleship, as Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship with Him. We have seen people come to faith for the first time and others experience the Holy Spirit afresh after years of coming to church, receive healing or encouragement and commit to living out their faith in everyday life.

God encourages us as we make a difference in our community, providing a place of welcome and support through our toddler groups, Friends and Neighbours, Lunchbox and H.A.R.T.S. as well as our partnership with We are BS15, sharing the love of Jesus in tangible ways.

We were excited to formally open the Queen Elizabeth II Peace Garden at Church of Ascension after a year of hard work by church and community members.

We continue to build strong links with our local schools and were particularly excited to launch Experience Easter this year.

As always we thank every member of Church family who has in any way contributed to the Worship and Mission of our Churches, when we stop to take stock we realise just how much God has been doing in and through us as we seek to worship God and share the love of Jesus with each other and our community.

Signed: …B Charles…… Date:…18th April 2024…….

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev. Steve Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Curate	Rev Kathy Prosser *(from July 2023)*
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey *(one post vacant)*
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Jill Ewans Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Jacqueline Owen Joan Reeves
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Whyatt Angela Chappell (assistant)
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers	HSBC National Westminster Bank

Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level:	Paul Taylor
HTKDCC	John Godfrey
ASCDCC	Adrian Britton
Mission	John Godfrey
HTK Restoration	Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2024 - 72, (73 - 2023)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev. Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev. Chris Evans, Curate – Rev. Kathy Prosser and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly and Joan Reeves. John Godfrey and Jill Ewans retired this year from regular ministry. John continues as LLM Emeritus, leading Celtic Worship once a quarter at the Church of the Ascension. We give our immeasurable thanks to John and Jill for their ministry and service across the parish for so many years.

David Prosser has joined the team in a lay capacity leading on aspects of mission and outreach, including Explore, Schools work and Discipleship.

In June, we sadly said 'Goodbye' to Jill Ewans as she retired from her role as Parish Administrator after 25 years of faithful service and we welcomed Jenny Cresswell as Team Administrator, supporting the Ministry Team across Kingswood and Hanham as well as managing the Kingswood Parish Office. She has enabled us to develop our processes and IT systems to provide the support needed as our team grows and to provide an appropriate standard of service to those who contact the church office.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Normal Sunday Attendance	2018	2019	2022	2023
HOLY TRINITY	57	52	29	33
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	19	16	19	20
ALL SOULS	11	10	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	87	78	48	53
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*			19	21
HTK UNDER 16	5	3	0	6
ASC UNDER 16	1	1	2	0
ASSP UNDER 16	2	3	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	8	7	2	6
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*			23	22

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
BAPTISM	9	4	6	8	7
MARRIAGE	2	0	1	4	1
FUNERALS	26	12	20	19	20

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

2023 has been another year of adventure for us as Church as we have sought to follow God and nurture, organise and develop our worship and mission in Kingswood. Though not an exhaustive list, here are some of the highlights from last year alongside our regular pattern of worship and groups.

January – We stepped into 2023 with excitement and faith and embarked upon our familiar pattern of Services. On the first Sunday of the month we continued to worship with our brothers and sisters from Hanham Parish at our **'Together to Worship'** Services and on the second Sunday of the month **Messy Church** bringing many families together for activities, food and celebration of our amazing, loving, powerful God as we nurture seeds of faith.

February began with another beautiful **Service of Light for Candlemas** at St George Hanham Abbots, Led by the Holy Trinity singers.

March – as we travelled through the **season of Lent**, on Sundays and in midweek Lent groups we focused upon seeking to be 'Open'… to transformation/to God/to each other/to creation and to ourselves'.

We also launched **Experience Easter** – a new initiative for schools. inviting the children to experience the events of Holy Week and Easter through interactive discussion and activities inside and outside the church. This was a great success which we hope to grow and offer to more schools.

April – **Holy Week** began with a choral journey to the cross of Christ by the Holy Trinity Singers and included a reflective service at Church of the Ascension, a performance of the St Luke Passion by the St George Singers, Stations of the Cross at Christ Church, an Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday reflections. **Messy Easter** took place inside Holy Trinity Church for the first time, where over 60 adults and children shared in the gospel story of Christ's death and resurrection.

Our **Easter trail in Kingswood Park** was again embraced by our community with over 100 children following the Easter Story on video through their smartphones. The trail finished at Holy Trinity Church Hall where they were able to discover more of the meaning of Easter through crafts and a take home Easter Story book.

May - the **Coronation of King Charles III** and Queen Camilla was celebrated with a sung service of prayers for the King on the eve of the coronation, including a fantastic performance of Zadok the Priest, led by the Holy Trinity Singers; a Coronation Tea Party for church family and friends hosted by Church of the Ascension for the Parish and on Sunday, we joined with the local community for 'Picnic in Kingswood Park', providing arts and crafts for hundreds of children and refreshments in the church hall.

During May we also held our annual **service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** attended by members of H.A.R.T.S bereavement support group and families connected through funerals in church and at local crematoria.

May ended with the **grand opening of the Queen Elizabeth II Peace Garden at Church of the Ascension.** Many months of hard work by Church and Community were celebrated as the garden was officially opened by children from Beacon Rise School.

At the end of June we welcomed **Jenny Cresswell, our Team Administrator** who has been an incredible support to the team, helping us bring our systems and processes into the 21st century, and particularly supporting the planning of our weekly worship, improving our communications and presence online.

July we formally welcomed **Rev Kathy Prosser** on her ordination and appointment as Curate to the Benefice of Hanham and Kingswood. Rev Kathy is largely based at Holy Trinity Kingswood, she also regularly leads and preaches at our monthly Together to Worship service.

August we had a **Parish Weekend at Emmaus House**, an encouraging weekend of teaching led by Rev Andy Shuman and fellowship together.

During September and October we celebrated **'Creationtide'** with a focus on climate emergency – alongside weekly sermons and prayer ideas, we held midweek worship, talks and discussions as we celebrated the wonder of our God who created ALL things, our responsibility to care for his Creation and how we can bear witness in how we live and speak out for change. PCC signed up to Eco Church and is working towards our Bronze award, thank you to Rev Chris Evans for leading this important work. Our Creationtide also included a 'Bio Blitz' where a number of families braved the wind and rain to count the different species of flora and fauna in the Holy Trinity churchyard, the biodiversity is to be celebrated.

Our **Harvest Celebrations** focussed on support for our local Foodbank as we gave thanks for God's provision in our lives. We held a special, Harvest and Puddings service at Holy Trinity where the choir led us in some old-school Harvest favourites, the service attracted a good number of extra visitors to church.

October began with a very special TTW service and full immersion **baptism for three adults: Matt, Zahra and Mardi,** their testimonies of how God had called them as followers of Jesus and how they faithfully responded were a blessing and encouragement to us all.

In October we launched a new service – **EXPLORE**; a fresh expression of Church designed to encourage and support discipleship for those new to a 'church' experience and to Christian faith. Our vision for Explore is sustaining, deepening and shaping a discipleship culture by creating a welcoming and safe space to explore Christian faith and discipleship, rooted in prayer and scripture.

November – Holy Trinity once again opened its doors to share something of our passion with our community – the **Organ festival** invited people to find out more about the history and capability of this beautiful instrument. There were organ recitals during the day and a chance to 'have a go' at playing the organ. A number of children came along and were excited and inspired, one has gone on to have organ lessons, a possible organist of the future.

December – Was as always busy, kicking off with a new **'Festive Fred' activity afternoon** and an amazing **service of light with the Advent Antiphons** sung by the choir.

We welcomed Beaconrise, Park Nursery School and Park School for their Christmas Celebrations at Holy Trinity Church and the Scouts to Church of the Ascension for a Christingle Service. John Cabot Learning Federation were also welcomed back to Holy Trinity for a Christmas Concert.

Messy Christmas brought Messy Church and Holy Trinity together for a Nativity Service – crazy and fun, finishing with 75 people age 0-90 sitting together for Christmas Lunch.

Building on the success of last year and with the weather much more amenable, **Carols at the Cross Keys pub** had 40 people singing together in the car park. It was a great opportunity for conversation about the meaning of Christmas and a few people came along to other Christmas services as a result.

We relaunched **Carols in Kingswood Park** for the first time since Covid and were staggered that over 100 people attended. With a message of Jesus bringing light and hope to all as we stood in the dark, holding our candles and singing.

Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity Church brought together so many strands of the life of our parish and the fruit of much that the Holy Spirit has been doing throughout the year, the church was full of all ages singing of the joy and hope that was born in Jesus Christ on that first Christmas – Emmanuel, God with us.

Explore experimented with a new approach to Christingle which worked well with much to build on for next year.

The year finished with our Christmas Communion services – *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth' John 1:14*

Throughout the year we have been blessed in our worship by the work of our musicians:

Jim Williams, John Cottle and the Holy Trinity Singers have led us beautifully in our choral tradition at Holy Communion and Evensong as well as our festivals and special services, they are a gift which God sustains and we cherish.

Pat Robson has beautifully supported the worship at Church of the Ascension with the organ and occasional guitar, playing familiar hymns and some she has composed herself. **Pat's Christmas Sing-a-long** was as ever well supported and a fun addition to our Christmas Calendar.

David Prosser, Colin Owen and Leta Hutchins have come together to lead worship for Messy Church and Explore and play an important role helping to engage young people and their families in sung worship.

We give thanks and praise to God for all the new people that have joined our Church family in the last year or so, across all our services, and for the joy of seeing people old and young, grow in their faith and love of Jesus.

We continue to pray for all that God is doing through and among us as we grow as disciples and share our faith with others.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14

We have a particular calling and heart for sharing the Good News of Jesus with children and their families, inviting them to know that Jesus loves them and praying that they will embark on a life-long, personal relationship with Him.

We run **two toddler groups: Little Stars at Church of the Ascension and Cafe Tots at Holy Trinity Church.**

Each offers a safe welcoming environment for children 0-4 years to play and learn to socialise with other children. Parents and grandparents also benefit from a chance to chat with others and make friends. Our dedicated team of volunteers often provide a listening ear or offer of prayer when needed.

The groups support a number of children with special needs, as well as parents and carers in need of practical and pastoral support.

During the year we introduced the Christian Festivals and a few Bible stories as well as inviting families to join us at Messy Church and other appropriate services.

Messy Church has had another year of meeting many new families as well as families who have been joining with us for a while, most months 40-50 come along to Messy Church and all receive a warm welcome.

We have lots of fun, fellowship, great food and most of all we share God's love and grace, through
conversations, crafts and activities, music and precious time together. This year we have looked at varying themes from Creation to caring for our world, remembrance and prayer.

Thankful and grateful we have a strong established, committed, hard working, energetic and faithful team who give their all every month. But we are very keen for more help and support to lighten
the load, if anyone is interested?

MISSION

We are called to share the love of Jesus with our neighbours locally and across the world.

The Mission Support Group meets regularly throughout the year to plan various fund raising (but also just as importantly) social events.

The money raised from these events, along with 10% of your weekly/ monthly giving go to support Church Mission at home and abroad. Within the last year, the following were twice sent cheques of £150 each.

- The Church Army,
- Embrace Middle East
- Mission to Seafarers
- Maji Safi*
- The Friendship clinic Nepal,
- Mercy Ships;
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Community of the Sisters of the Church (Ashley Road, Bristol)

* This includes the 'Penny Collection'. Unfortunately since the Covid situation cards are now used more than cash, but anything, however small is always appreciated.

At Christmas 2023 cheques of £150 were also sent to 'We are BS15' and 'Caring at Christmas'.

The Mission Group also attempts to offer financial support to major World disasters and during 2023 donations were sent to the Moroccan earthquake and the Libya floods- each received £250 as a one-off donation.

The next AGM is planned for Tuesday 23rd April- new members to the Mission Support Group are always welcome.

Kathryn Gulliford

Through our partnership with **We are BS15**, we are now supporting over 150 people a week with food, friendship, practical and wellbeing support through the Kingswood Kitchen, Food Club and Trinity Garden. Church members volunteer in practical ways as well as supporting them in financial donations and prayer.

Our generous support of Kingswood Foodbank also makes a real difference to people at times of crisis.

In November, we opened the Church Hall for 10 nights to provide emergency accommodation for refugees, this was at the request of South Gloucestershire Council. We were able to step in when all other doors were closed.

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team continue to provide support and visits to those in our church family who are no longer able to come to church regularly or who need other practical or pastoral support, including taking Home Communion where appropriate and visits in hospital.

Friends and Neighbours meets fortnightly at Church of Ascension to enjoy each other's company and a range of speakers and home spun entertainment. There is always, Tea and Cake as well as occasional meals and good cheer!

H.A.R.T.S. our bereavement group offers support, friendship and a listening ear to those bereaved recently or longer ago. We do not provide counselling but a place and a space where folk can be alongside others to share their stories and give mutual support. All of our volunteers have experienced bereavement themselves. Referrals are by personal invitation, advertising of group but also via social care and GP surgeries. The group has had a number of new members over the past year, some just for a few sessions and others for longer. Numbers are around 10-15, some also come back to church or join in with other church activities.

Lunch Box continues to flourish, Lisa Pearce now manages the catering and Rev Chris Evans provides pastoral oversight, with a dedicated team of volunteers. Numbers average 15-22, with folk coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and needs.

In addition to a meal and a warm, safe place to be, friendships are made and it gives an opportunity for those living alone to have a shared meal and conversation. Alongside fellowship it has been possible to develop a deeper rapport pastorally with those in need of a listening ear and support, and an opportunity to invite folk to other church activities such as bereavement group, concerts and special services as at Christmas. We have not increased our price of £2.50 to ensure all can afford the cost, and all profits are donated back into the church general funds.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk. The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed on 20th Sept 2023 and will be reviewed again in September 2024. During the current year the PCC has reviewed and approved the list of our church activities and our procedure for dealing promptly with allegations and complaints.

We have made considerable progress in implementing our safer recruitment process, although it is now imbedded in most of our church activities, it remains a priority for 2024.

DBS checks are now required every 3 years for PCC members and leaders of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults. DBS checks have been carried out and completed for these roles and are currently up to date.

Four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese:
Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers
Foundation – required by Churchwardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officer and all volunteers working with vulnerable groups in any capacity.

Leadership – required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licensed Lay Ministers and Leaders of Church Activities.

Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by PCC members, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licensed Lay Ministers and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

All training must be repeated every 3 years. Leadership training is currently up to date and Foundation training for those who need to renew their training and those who have not yet completed it, has been booked for September 2024.

During the year there have been two safeguarding matters which were referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advice and support. Both of these matters have been handled primarily by the Diocese.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Action Plan, which has recently been upgraded to level 3, the highest level. Level 3 could not have been achieved without the support of clergy, PCC members, Activity Leaders and all volunteers who assist in our church activities in any capacity and I would like to extend my thanks to them all.

The coming year will provide new challenges as we strive to achieve the requirements of this new level.

GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

Another year has passed with so many blessings to the Parish. A big thank you to the team for all the dedication and visions that are now producing fruit. It is only when God's calling is held and we are willing to act, that through the Holy Spirit He enables us to do his work.

The Area Dean carried out the Tri-annual Inspection on behalf of the Archdeacon on 5th October 2023, we passed with an almost clean bill of health. The main outstanding item was the need for a Fire Risk Assessment and procedures for Holy Trinity Church, which has now been completed. Jacquie Owen has ably led this work and will shortly be seeking volunteers to train to be fire stewards for our larger services.

The fabric at Holy Trinity has had much needed jobs done or are being arranged to be done this year. As we work together, the arduous tasks when shared become less stressful. A special thank you to all those who decorated the hall recently and thanks to Alann Coombs for the wonderful work of replacing the fence around the boiler house.

There is nothing to report on fabric at Ascension but plans for re-decorating the chancel are in hand.

There are so many willing people at both churches who have worked so hard throughout the year giving time and gifts to enable the parish to flourish. Thank you everyone, you know who you are and as we work as a family may we continue to look to God and thank him for his faithfulness.

I would like to finish with something for us all to pray about. The Parish is growing and the need for another church warden is becoming more urgent. If you feel God is nudging you (and don't be afraid, if I can do it so can you) please talk to Beverley or myself. Even to shadow for a year would be great.

I would like to finish with a saying you may be familiar with. Pope John XX111 said:
“Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”
What you hold, may you hold, what you do, may you do and not stop ..... believing nothing, agreeing with nothing that would dissuade you from your commitment or would place a stumbling block for you on the way.”

Blessings to you all and thank you for your support – Gill

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER

The maintenance of the Parish Finances are the responsibility of the treasurers of the six different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish. The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts.
Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2023 was £120,469 an increase of £18,340 on the 2022 level and our expenditure for 2023 was £95,671 an increase of £12,369 on the 2022 level. True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account trading such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish. Our cash balances at the end of 2023 were unrestricted - £75,828 and restricted - £170,746 which was an increase of £25,287.34 on 2022 made up mainly from rent receipt £11,120 from the parish house (this includes the transfer of the Vicar & Churchwarden’s account into the parish level accounts of £3453), £1,248 from ASC, £14,482 from HTK and -£1,563 from HTK Restoration.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual church accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.

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PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

(Registered Charity No: 1128426)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2023 to 31ST DECEMBER 2023

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The Vicar and Churchwarden Account was transferred to the parish level accounts in 2023. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2023. The combined accounts true income figure further increased to just over £120,000 in 2023, recovering from the Covid19 Pandemic. This year Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/ income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories. Main change in 2023 was an increase (£19,149) in overall fund balances.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2023 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £11120.29 in 2023 due mainly to rent received from 36 Elmfield but there were small maintenance costs on the property during the year. Also the balance of the Vicar & Churchwarden's account was transferred into the events fund within the parish level accounts. The income from the rent on 36 Elmfield was used to support the employment of a parish administrator. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group under the direction of the PCC.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Overall fund balance for HTK increased in 2023 to £31910. The parish share figure raised for 2023 was £18,000 which was £625 shorter than that requested by the diocese. The budget for 2024 shows a parish share figure of £18,570. A legacy of £12,300 was also received in 2023.

HTK RESTORATION

A small decrease in the balance for this fund (£563) which was due to the repair work carried out in the chancel area. Expenditure in the year has covered maintenance in the main church hall.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The overall fund balance increased slightly by £1248 in 2023. The parish share promise for 2024 is £8623, an decrease of £764. It is hoped to complete the maintenance work in the chancel area in 2024.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £75,827.84, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £170,746.40. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood 25th March 2024

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)	TOTAL CASH
Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)			
HSBC main checking account	2681.86	669.17	KTM 2020
HSBC savings account	25000.00	16155.34	£109,415.55
HSBC HI Bond	100000.00	100000.00	
Cash in Hand	587.34	213.70	KTM 2021
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			£112,696.70
TOTAL ASSETS	**128269.20**	**117038.21**	
Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)			KTM 2022
HSBC Current account	1735.65	1696.35	£118,734.56
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c			
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	150.00		KTM 2023
TOTAL ASSETS	**1585.65**	**1696.35**	£129,854.85
KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS	**129854.85**	**118734.56**	
Holy Trinity Accounts			
HSBC current account	4080.09	11147.10	
HSBC deposit account (restricted)	29115.35	12198.18	
Cash in Hand	22.61	42.38	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) + Creditors	4474.93	10563.19	(incl £1572.51 cheq not
Debtors	3166.91	4603.50	cashed 2022)
TOTAL ASSETS	**31910.03**	**17427.97**	
Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)			
National Westminster bank reserve account	1089.36	1076.35	
National Westminster bank current account	23739.13	25315.17	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			
TOTAL ASSETS	**24828.49**	**26391.52**	
HTK & RESTORATION ACCOUNTS	**56738.52**	**43819.49**	
Church of the Ascension Accounts			
HSBC current account	363.24	421.36	
HSBC deposit account	14423.00	13167.07	
HSBC HI Bond	45000.00	45000.00	
National Westminister Hanham bank account	3.00	3.00	
Cash in Hand	191.63	141.42	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			
TOTAL ASSETS	**59980.87**	**58732.85**	
TOTAL ASSETS - ALL ACCOUNTS	**246574.24**	**221286.90**	
Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)			
Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C		**3452.22**	

Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)

36 Elmfield (residual of house purchase)	8640.62
HTK Graveyard upkeep (Book value £350.00)	0.00

Prepared by: LJ Godfrey, PCC Treasurer, Kingswood Team Ministry, 25th March 2024

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	1,717,580	1,717,580
Investment assets	5(b)	8,641	8,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	7	3,167	4,604
Short term deposits		145,000	145,000
Cash at bank and in hand		103,032	80,675
		251,199	230,279
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	4,625	8,991
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**246,574**	221,288
NET ASSETS		1,972,795	1,947,509
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		1,718,408	1,702,669
Restricted		254,387	244,839
Endowment		0	0
		1,972,795	1,947,508

HTK accounts approved 25th March 2024, Restoration, subsequentially approved. ASC accounts approved 17th January 2024, KTM accounts approved 24th January 2024.
Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector

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The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a RECEIPTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2023	2022
	Voluntary Income/Receipts								
	Planned giving:								
1	Tax efficient planned giving	14007	9179	900	3168			27254	27115
6	Gift Aid recovered	5169	3178	225	735			9307	9123
2	Other planned giving	2801	2838					5639	6451
3	Collections at services	1662	947				947	3556	3727
4	All other giving & voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	285	265				392	942	3122
7	Legacies received (capital value)	12338				500		12838	500
8	Grants (include recurring & one off)	2473						2473	2289
	TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	38735	16407	1125	3903	500	1339	62009	52327
	Activities for generating funds								
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	1874						1874	1817
	Income from investments								
10	Dividends, interest, income from property	220			13	1807	13838	15878	10552
	Church activities								
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)						4951	4951	9204
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	26532	3038					29570	26465
	Other incoming resources								
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed		543	1924	258		3461	6186	1764
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	**67361**	**19988**	**3049**	**4174**	**2307**	**23589**	**120468**	**102129**
	EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	2661	0	1720	0	0	12471	16852	22940
	GROSS RECEIPTS	***70022***	***19988***	***4769***	***4174***	***2307***	***36060***	***137320***	**125069**

2b PAYMENTS

	Cost of generating income	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2023	2022
17	Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)							0	0
	Church activities								
18	Mission giving & donations						4571	4571	3047
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	18000	9384					27384	26820
20	Salaries, wages & honararia		795	7933			700	9428	6475
21	Clergy and staff expenses			1341				1341	597
	Church expenses								
22	Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs						2382	2382	4468
23	Church running expenses	4782	2094	2085	1033			9994	15573
24	Church utility bills	15484	2330					17814	7603
25	Cost of trading	12033	2846					14879	11961
	Major capital expenditure								
27	Major repairs to church building				4446			4446	0
28	Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property		608				1671	2279	4626
29	New building work to the church,							0	0
	SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	50299	18057	11359	5479	0	9324	94518	81170

26	Governance costs	123	61	142				326	348
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	310		69	8	108	330	825	1784
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	**50732**	**18118**	**11570**	**5487**	**108**	**9654**	**95669**	**83302**
	EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	5058	2820	0	0	0	8485	16363	22618
	GROSS PAYMENTS	***55790***	***20938***	***11570***	***5487***	***108***	***18139***	***112032***	**105920**
	Excess of receipts over payments	**14232**	-950	-6801	-1313	**2199**	**17921**	**25288**	**19149**
	Transfer between funds							0	0
		14232	-950	-6801	-1313	**2199**	**17921**	**25288**	**19149**
	Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	17428	36283	7358	26391	22449	111377	221286	202137
	Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	31660	35333	557	25078	24648	129298	**246574**	**221286**
		31660	35333	557	25078	24648	129298	246574	

NOTE:

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	Cash Funds - gross	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2023	2022
	Bank Current Account	4103	5333	8585	23739	9648	21420	72828	72079
	Deposit Funds	29115	30000		1089	15000	100000	175204	157198
7	Debtors	3167	0	0	0	0	0	3167	0
		36385	**35333**	**8585**	**24828**	**24648**	**121420**	**251199**	**229277**
8	Other Monetary Assets								
	Insurance claim refund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
	Cheques not cashed	0	0	0	0	0	-150	-150	0
	Creditors	-4475	0	0	0	0	0	-4475	-8991
		-4475	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-150**	**-4625**	**-7991**
3	Investment Assets								
	Investment Fund Shares at market value	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8641**	**8641**	**8641**
2	Assets retained for church use	**1110000**	**532580**	**75000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1717580**	**1717580**

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTK.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £9000 per annum which is ued to supplement the salary of the Parish Office Administrator.

Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000. Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016. At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. At Ascension a replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022.

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets as at 31/12/22, depreciation no longer taken into account				
5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023	1,715,000	2,580	1,717,580
	Additions	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	1,715,000	2,580	1,717,580
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	0	0	0
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023	1,715,000	2,580	1,717,580
	At 31 December 2022	1,715,000	2,580	1,717,580

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.
Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.
Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2009

5(b) *Investment fixed assets*	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2023	8641
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	0
Market value - 31 December 2023	8641

Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets for Church use	1,642,580	75,000	0	1,717,580
Investment Fixed Assets	0	8,641	0	8,641
Current Assets	80,303	170,896		251,199
Current Liabilities	-4,475	-150	0	-4,625
Fund balance	1,718,408	254,387	0	1,972,795

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

7 DEBTORS

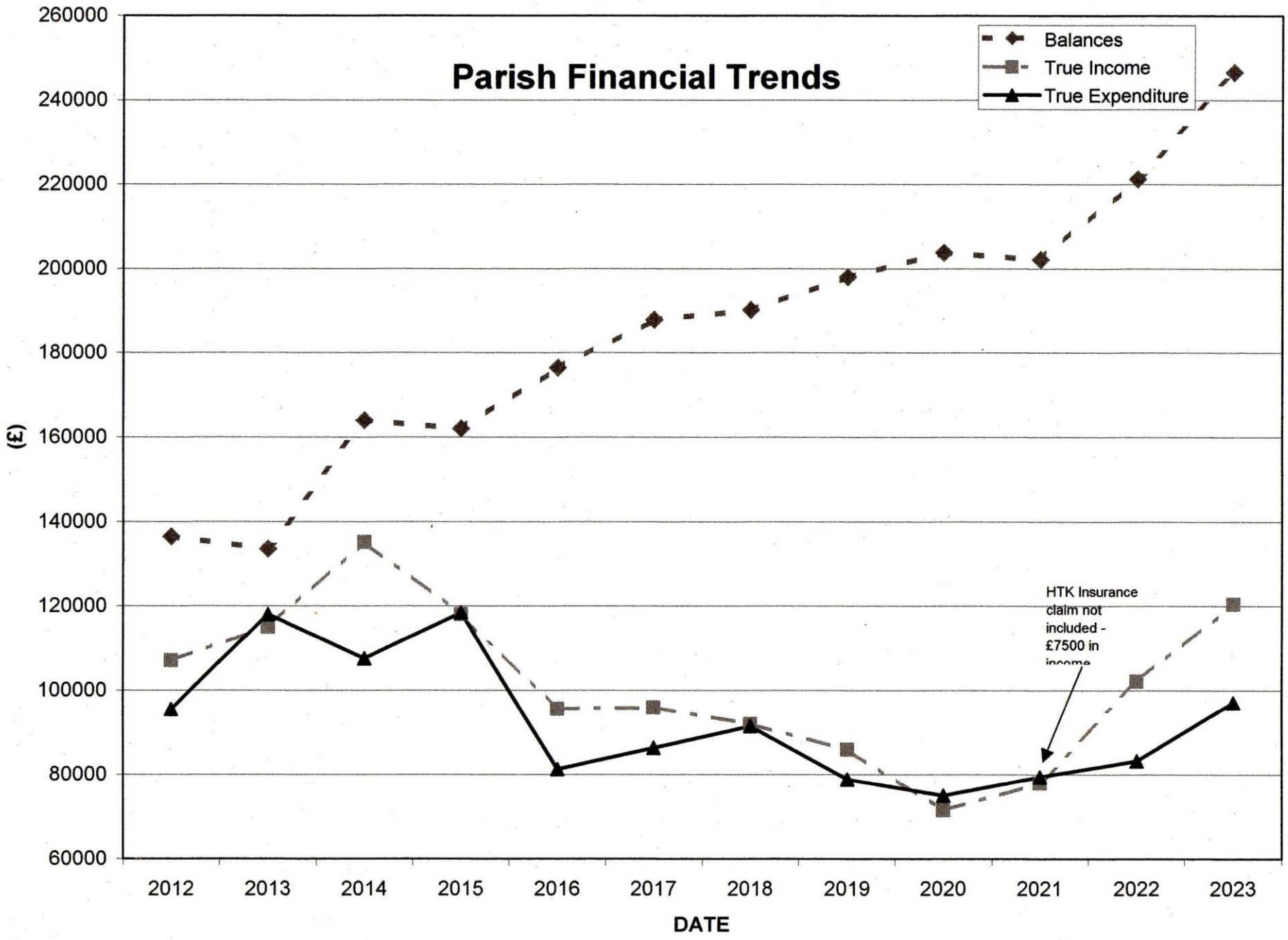
	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	3167	4604
	3,167	4,604

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals of utility and other costs	0	0
Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share	4475	8991
Other creditors	150	0
	4,625	8,991

9 FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension DCC funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTKDCC.


Parish Financial Trends
Balances
True Income
True Expenditure
260000
240000
220000
200000
180000
160000
140000
120000
100000
80000
60000
(£)
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
DATE
HTK Insurance claim not included - £7500 in

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Parish Level-KTM), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level (KTM) accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Paul A. Taylor BA ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Abson Bristol

Dated: 7th February 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity Church), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity Church accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Laurence John Godfrey
168 Forest Road Kingswood
Bristol BS15 8EN

L. J. Godfrey

Dated: 25th March 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Adrian Britton
1, Wykis Court
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3SQ

Dated: 9.2.2024.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1128426

Accounts

Kingswood Parish

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

As individuals and as a Church, we are a community:

ROOTED in God;

CALLED into faith and fellowship;

and SENT OUT to love and serve our community.

















ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2022 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

Overview of the Year

2022 has been a year of great blessing, with much to celebrate as we see God at work in our Parish.

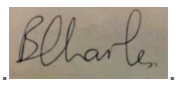
- We have seen new people come to faith and join our church family. Although we have sadly said 'Goodbye' to some much loved church members, we have also welcomed new members to each of our congregations;
- The range of services we offer from Book of Common Prayer Choral Evensong to Messy Church and everything in between, seeks to invite people to meet with God in a meaningful way and experience a living, loving relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- work with children and young families continue to grow with attendance at Messy Church up 40% as well as more families deepening their faith and love of Jesus;
- Our profile in our local community continues to grow as they see their local church as a place where they will find love and acceptance, a place where life is happening and everyone is welcome.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us and as this annual report bears witness to, we serve a miraculous God and in him all things are possible…

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. *Ephesians 3:20-21*

As we look forward to 2023, we continue to prayerfully seek God's direction for us as the body of Christ in Kingswood and in our partnership with Hanham Parish in the newly formed Benefice.

Nothing in this report would happen without the faithful service and prayer of the Church family, it is impossible to name everybody individually but we give our heartfelt thanks for all that you do as fellow disciples and servants of the Lord.

Signed: …  …… Date:…4th April 2023…….

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev Steve Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey *(one post vacant)*
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Jill Ewans Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Alan Jenner (resigned May 2022) Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Jacqueline Owen (from May 2022) Joan Reeves
Safe Guarding Officer	Mary Whyatt Angela Chappell (assistant)
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers	HSBC National Westminster Bank

Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level:	Paul Taylor
HTKDCC	John Godfrey
ASCDCC	Adrian Britton
Mission	John Godfrey
HTK Restoration	Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2023 - 73, (71 - 2022)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev Chris Evans and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly, Jill Ewans, John Godfrey and Joan Reeves.

During 2022, Kathy Prosser has continued to serve and learn among us as an Ordinand, training for ordained ministry at Sarum College. She has been a blessing to the parish and the team and we are pleased to say that she will continue to serve in our Benefice as Curate following her ordination in July 2023.

Rev Chris Evans was on sabbatical from July – September and reflects: *"The Sabbatical enabled me to have a break from active ministry and to use the space to reflect more deeply on my calling by the Lord into ministry and where He may be leading me. It was a time of spiritual journeying, of structured and unstructured retreat space, theological reading, and of course, prayer. I was able to return refreshed and renewed, ready for what He has planned next for me, and to rejoin the team here in our new benefice."*

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

	2018	2019	2020 JAN-MARCH	2021 JUNE-DEC	2022
HOLY TRINITY	57	52			29
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	19	16			19
ALL SOULS	11	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	87	78			48
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*				12	19
HTK UNDER 16	5	3			0
ASC UNDER 16	1	1			2
ASSP UNDER 16	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	8	7			2
MESSY CHURCH * *MONTHLY*				18	23

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BAPTISM	16	9	4	6	8
MARRIAGE	1	2	0	1	4
FUNERALS	23	26	12	20	19

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Declare His glory among the nations, and his marvelous deeds among all people. 1 Chronicles 16:24

Sharing God's story

2022 was a busy, fun year as many events returned following two years of COVID impacts.

We focus our efforts on two key outreach events during the year, taking the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

Building on the success of The Great Easter Stone Hunt, in 2022 we partnered with Freedom Church to run an Easter Trail in Kingswood Park. Over 180 children completed the trail and took part in activities reinforcing the story of Easter. Several new families joined Messy Church following the easter event.

December saw the first closure of the high street for a Christmas Market in Kingswood. To make sure we were at the centre of the events, we moved our Christmas Trail – Nativity Heros to the shopping centre area and based ourselves at the Moravian church for Christmas crafts and activities. Our presence, brought many families to the High Street and was recognized as a key contributor to the overall success of the event. Over 250 children and their families heard the wonderful story of God come to dwell among His people and 'Emanual' was the secret code word to collect their prize. Again it was an opportunity to promote Messy Christmas and we had over 70 attend the following week.

Through kind donations of the congregation and of the Mothers' Union, many homes in Kingswood now have Christmas and Easter storybooks to share with their children.

Rev Chris organised an excellent Carols in the Pub at the Cross Keys opposite the Church of the Ascension. This was a great success, with some of the drinkers joining us outside for a good sing-along even though the weather was cold. The event was well received and supported by the pub and has helped to raise the profile of the church with the regulars and the community – definitely one to be repeated.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June was another great opportunity to celebrate with our community. We joined the community celebration in the park, making crafts and distributing 400 copies of 'The Servant Queen' a beautiful book sharing memories of the long and dedicated reign of our Sovereign Queen and of her deep personal faith in Jesus that sustained her throughout. Sadly, the queen died later that year, and Holy Trinity Church would become a focal point for people to pay their respects during the period of public mourning. Over one hundred people visited the church and signed the book of condolences and the children at Messy Church made beautiful flowers in memory the late Queen. The Holy Trinity singers provided a beautiful musical backdrop to our Service of Remembrance for the Queen.

Sharing God's love

February 2022 saw the horrific invasion of **Ukraine** by Russian forces and the displacement of millions of people, mainly women and children. The Church family immediately supported the relief effort with financial donations and we worked with South Gloucestershire Council to provide a welcome hub for people arriving to stay with host families in the county. It transpired that numbers of Refugees being settled in Kingswood was quite small but we were able to support them and welcome one into our church family.

We continue to be a key partner in **We are BS15.** By providing our buildings, our faithful volunteers and our prayers, we touch so many lives in the community: feeding the hungry, tackling poverty and isolation and supporting people with friendship, prayer and practical support. The Community Kitchen has been running since June 2021, and served over 1300 meals in 2022. The number of meals served has increased dramatically since the cost-of-living crisis and the kitchen now provides around 70 meals a week to people across our community. The Growing Space behind the church hall had its first harvest providing a fantastic range of vegetables for the meals in the Kitchen, with plenty of excess for the new Community Fridge. Funding from Southern Brooks enabled us to make the Church Hall available for a warm space run alongside the community Fridge every Thursday, with 70-80 people attending each week. The Year ended with a Community Christmas Party and the Church Choir came along to round off the day with carols. The St George Singers have adopted We are BS15 as their charity for the year from Dec 2022

Another important partnership for the Parish continues to be **Mothers' Union**. Although Kingswood Parish no longer has an active branch of Mothers' Union, members continue to provide the supportive link between the Diocese of Bristol Mothers' Union and Kingsmeadow@MadeForever, the community hub on the edge of the parish. The hub is open to anyone six days a week with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The relatively small team of paid staff do an amazing job organising many different activities to suit diverse needs and interests.

A central principle of Mothers' Union is to support family life and especially those who have met with adversity. This year has seen a dramatic increase in families experiencing economic hardship. Mothers' Union members from the Diocese have provided items for well over 100 emergency hygiene kits free to anyone who needs them. It is of concern that children's dental health in particular, has suffered drastically in the past few years. Providing toothpaste and toothbrushes is a small thing that can be done to help with this. Personal hygiene is essential for health and the provision of toiletries is a simple way to show our love for the disadvantaged.

Last summer the Diocese of Bristol Mothers' Union sponsored two coaches for families to spend a day out at Weston-super-Mare. Some of the families cannot afford to travel beyond Bristol. They had a lovely time and it was a joy to see their happy, if tired faces at the end of the day. The staff are hoping that we can do the same this year and we have had an indication that it will happen.

Although members are very generous with their gifts, continuing prayer is needed not just for these families but also for individuals seeking support from the hub through difficult times and for the staff and volunteers at the hub who work so hard to provide support to the whole community.

During 2022, our regular groups returned to full swing and are growing significantly post covid.

HARTS, Continues monthly, over tea and cakes, offering a warm welcome and safe space for those bereaved either recently or longer ago to share stories of pain and loss as people feel comfortable to do so, and supporting each other. We have links with social care services in welcoming bereaved people who are struggling with the pain of loss.

Lunchbox relaunched with a new team in December 2021, has lost some much loved members this year but has also seen many new people join. Every Wednesday we offer a meal and, more importantly, an opportunity for those living alone to share a meal and conversations with others and to forge friendships. Our dedicated team are always on hand to offer support and a listening ear where needed. Numbers are growing, often 15-16 in recent months.

Friends and Neighbours have been able to meet through much of the year as a support group and have enjoyed, Cream Teas, bingo, quizzes and other activities, most importantly, they have enjoyed each other's' company. At points when they were unable to meet, the Friends and Neighbours Team continued to provide support with fun care packages containing activities and edible treats.

Mission Support Group – During 2022, the Parish continued to support a number of charities at home and abroad.

- Church Army,
- Euro Evangelism (aka Transform Europe Network)
- Mission to Seafarers,
- Friendship clinic Nepal,
- Mercy Ships;
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Embrace the middle east.

We also support a number of local charities at Christmas; Caring at Christmas, East Bristol Foodbank and Sisters of the Church. With our penny collection we support the Maji Safi Bursary fund.

During the year we made one-off Donations to The British Red Cross to support relief in Ukraine (#500) and the Pakistan Emergnecy Appeal (£250).

As well as our money all of these groups, organisations and people need our prayers.

Finally thank you for your support. The money that you give has a direct impact on people's lives and spreads our church's gospel message in a practical way at home and abroad.

Cath Hayer

Caring for God's planet

The Community Garden at Church of Ascension has been named the Queen Elizabeth II Peace Garden and will be formally opened in May 2023. This past year has seen a great commitment by our amazing team of volunteers from both the Church and the local community. The hard work is almost complete and the site is taking shape. The woodland area is finished but will need ongoing maintenance and more planting of native woodland plants. The nature garden, to attract bees and butterflies is close to completion with four raised beds constructed from scaffolding boards donated by a local roofing firm. A path to lead to seating is being constructed at present and the ground is being prepared to plant a wild flower meadow. We received a grant of £1000 from Hanham Parish Council when they spotted our work in the local paper, this will be used to buy some butterfly and bee loving shrubs and seating.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

"Come my children, listen to me; I will teach you the wonder of the Lord." Psalm 34:11

We continue to prioritise our work with children and young families, seeing God's blessing as they grow closer to Him.

We now have two thriving toddler groups: **Little Stars** at Church of the Ascension and **CafeTots** at Holy Trinity Church. As well as a place for children and adults to have fun and make friends, it also provides an opportunity where those needing support can receive help and a listening ear. As our groups grow in popularity careful planning is needed to maintain a safe space for children and adults.

Our Toddler Groups are a place where the Church builds relationships with families through our team of dedicated volunteers. We share our Christian faith and celebrate our Christian Festivals together. Many of the families also come along to our Easter and Christmas trails and some have come for baptism or moved from Toddler Groups to Messy Church.

We still have a good connection with the **Scout group at Church of Ascension** and a Christingle service was held just before Christmas with the church being filled with all the parents and church congregation.

Messy Church continues to go from strength to strength, numbers attending are up 40% and, more importantly, families are going deeper into relationship with Jesus. In 2023 we will introduce a second opportunity in the month for families to gather and worship together in a fun, informal way with more opportunity to discuss questions from scripture and to share food together, Café style.

Messy Christmas brought over 80 people together for a raucous, interactive Nativity and Christmas Lunch. It was lovely to see Messy Church families and other members of Holy Trinity and Church of Ascension coming together for this special service. It made Christmas!.

Our new policy for the **Baptism of Children** was implemented in January 2022 and has generally been well received by both the church members and the baptism families. The re-introduction of baptism into the regular Sunday morning worship on the 4th Sunday of the month, usually at Holy Trinity Church enables the church family to welcome and engage more with the baptism family. The service of morning worship with Baptism seeks to be welcoming to those who may be unfamiliar with 'church'.

On receiving an enquiry the family are visited at their homes to discuss the meaning of baptism and the process. If they wish to proceed, they are invited to a monthly baptism preparation which takes place on a Sunday afternoon and is led by Rev Chris and Rev Steve as possible. At the same time the link between baptism families and Cafe Tots, Little Stars and Messy church is promoted.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. Fir you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Psalm 86:9-10

Our worship pattern launched in 2021 continues to provide arange of worship opportunities across the Parish and the Benefice.

We are blessed great, talented musicians and singers to support us across both churches in the parish.

At the **Church of the Ascension** our organist, Pat Robson is a gem with all her talents. She often leads a small guitar group which makes the worship very special. Her talents extend to her own compositions (27 in all) and it is a joy to sing so many of them. Thank you Pat, for your continued support and blessing.

At **Holy Trinity Church**, we have a choir and musicians of superb quality to support our worship and special services through the Church choir, Holy Trinity Singers and St George Singers. Thank you to Jim Williams, John Cottle and all the singers for their hard work and continued support.

The Choir has provided an amazing range of music for all our festival services throughout the year, new services this year were the Candlemas in January at St George's, Hanham Abbots and the Advent Antiphons at the end of November. Both services brought together music, light and liturgy to transport us deeper into the presence of God and were a blessing not just to church family but also visitors.

This year we completed the revision of our traditional service booklets and our special thanks go to John Cottle for his liturgical and technical skills as well as a lot of printing and stapling.

Holy Trinity was gifted a new cruet set for Holy communion in memory of Patricia Lewis which was commissioned at Midnight Communion.

The yearly service of **Thanksgiving and Remembrance** was well attended and those joining us always express how helpful they find it to light a candle for their loved ones and to place their name on the prayer tree.

Together to Worship is our monthly, contemporary service where we come together with the Parish of Hanham for Benefice worship and is now well established. We are led in worship by Eley Dyson and the music group made up of members from both parishes. The service is very special, as the place where all our existing and our new congregations come together to worship as one body in Christ. The teaching is designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit and equip us as disciples to follow Jesus in our everyday.

After Easter we ran the **Alpha course** in the parish after a long break, supported by Rev Vicky Wicks who was on placement with us. Course attendees were a mixture of existing members and new people who rapidly created a lovely sense of community, exploring faith together. At the end of the course, we have continued to meet together for Bible Study, prayer, fellowship and lots of food as well as regularly attending Together To Worship.

We were excited to celebrate Lisa Pearce's Baptism at Church of the Ascension and later confirmation in October by Bishop Viv.

The **Pastoral Care Group** continues to make sure those who are housebound feel that they are still very much part of the church family and that any further support needs are brought to the attention of the clergy team.

We have continued to commit to praying for our Church family and community; at home; opening the church for quiet prayer and reflection and through specific prayer days, we are ever grateful for our committed team of church watchers who make this possible. Colleen Mercer continues to co-ordinate the prayer chain on behalf of the church family of Holy Trinity and the Church of the Ascension.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed on 15th Sept 2021 and will be reviewed again in September 2023. During the current year the PCC has reviewed and approved the list of our church activities, our procedure for dealing promptly with allegations and complaints and our policy on the use of Social Media.

We are continuing to work on implementing our safer recruitment process and this remains a priority for 2023. DBS checks are now required every 3 years for PCC members and leaders of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults. DBS checks have been carried out and completed for these roles and are currently up to date.

Four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese:

Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers

Foundation – required by Churchwardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officer and volunteers working with vulnerable groups

Leadership – required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licenced Lay Ministers and Leaders of Church Activities.

Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by PCC members, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Licenced Lay Ministers and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Training must be repeated every 3 years. Currently all training is up to date, with the exception of Basic Awareness, which will be a focus this summer.

During the year there have been two safeguarding matters which have been referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advice and support.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Action Plan, which is currently at level 2.

During the past year we have put demands on many volunteers to undertake the required level of

training for their roles. Some of this training was challenging and included the submission of written work. Without exception, everyone has been willing to attend sessions led by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team or to complete them on line and I would like to extend my grateful thanks for their commitment and support.

GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

It has been a very busy year for the Parish and wonderful things are happening. There always seems to be something being organised with diaries being filled which is a sign that God is working his purpose out in our community. It has been a privilege to serve as your Church Warden and would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and diligence that has made our Parish thriving and "awake" to the Gospel truth, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

I would also like to thank Beverley and the team for their support, even when I exasperate them we can always laugh. As we move forward I pray that God will continue to move in all our hearts to continue the good work he has given us to do.

We are pleased to report that the following work was completed during the year.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
The Scout hall has been made safe by Carricks Ltd and a new lintel installed.
Debris falling from the Chancel arch in the church has been repaired.
A Quinquennial Inspection Report was done in October
One of the panes in the side window of the office was replaced due to vandalism

ASCENSION
The trees in the church grounds have been pollarded
A new lawn mower was purchased due to vandals stealing the old one.

The Car Park at Holy Trinity has continued to cause significant problems, thank you to the amazing team that stand out in all weathers to manage the car park as best we can for funerals. We have finalized the plans for the new gates and the Diocese have agreed to fund their purchase and installation to improve the security of the site.

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER

The maintenance of the Parish Finances are the responsibility of the treasurers of the six different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish. The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2022 was £102,129 an increase of £24,192 on the 2021 level, this is mainly due to hall income and giving returning to pre-covid levels and grants received towards hall heating and the community garden. Expenditure for 2022 was £83,302 an increase of £3,825 on the 2021 level. True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account trading such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish. Our cash balances at the end of 2022 were unrestricted - £68,079 and restricted - £161,198 which was an increase of £19,149 on 2021 made up mainly from rent receipt £7,348 from the parish house, £2,006 from ASC, £6,837 from HTK and £2,958 from HTK Restoration.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.

PARISH of KINGSWOOD
REBUILDING, RENEWING, REACHING OUT

Holy Trinity, Kingswood **Church of the Ascension, Mounthill**

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PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2022 to 31ST DECEMBER 2022

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The Vicar and Churchwarden Account balance is shown on the parish balance sheet. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2022. The combined accounts true income figure increased to just over £100,000 in 2022, recovering from the Covid19 Pandemic. This year Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared instead of Accrual accounts. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories. Main change in 2022 was an increase (£19,149) in overall fund balances due mainly to rent income from 36 Elmfield in the Parish Level accounts.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2022 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £7248 in 2022 due mainly to rent received from 36 Elmfield but there were small maintenance costs on the property during the year. Also income from weddings and funerals returned to pre-pandemic levels. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group under the direction of the PCC.

HTKDCC

Overall fund balance for HTKDCC increased in 2022 to £6837. The parish share figure raised for 2022 was again shorter than that requested by the diocese. The budget for 2023 shows a parish share figure of £18,000 which is again short (£625) from that requested.

HTK RESTORATION

A small increase in the balance for this fund (£2958). Expenditure in the year has covered routine maintenance in the church hall.

ASCDCC

The overall fund balance increased slightly by £2006 in 2022. Maintenance work was carried out on the trees on the property and the tractor-mower was replaced following a robbery. The parish share promise for 2023 is £9387, an increase of £567.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £68,079, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £161,198. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood 4th April 2023

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	1,717,580	1,715,197
Investment assets	5(b)	8,641	8,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	7	4,604	1,001
Short term deposits		145,000	145,000
Cash at bank and in hand		80,675	60,120
		230,279	206,121
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	8,991	3,983
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**221,288**	202,138
NET ASSETS		1,947,509	1,925,976
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted		1,702,669	1,693,247
Restricted		244,839	232,729
Endowment		0	0
		1,947,508	1,925,976

HTKDCC accounts approved 25th February 2023, Restoration, subsequentially approved. ASCDCC accounts approved 18th January 2023 KTM accounts approved 3rd February 2023.
Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector

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The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a RECEIPTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2022	2021
	Voluntary Income/Receipts								
	Planned giving:								
1	Tax efficient planned giving	14420	8664	900	3131			27115	22592
6	Gift Aid recovered	4802	3266	225	830			9123	7792
2	Other planned giving	2622	3829					6451	8020
3	Collections at services	2091	690		380		566	3727	3857
4	All other giving & voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	635	118		2369			3122	5479
7	Legacies received (capital value)		0			500		500	0
8	Grants (include recurring & one off)	1289	0				1000	2289	0
	TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	25859	16567	1125	6710	500	1566	52327	47740
	Activities for generating funds								
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	1817	0	0	0	0	0	1817	179
	Income from investments								
10	Dividends, interest, income from property	16			2	474	10060	10552	9031
	Church activities								
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)						9204	9204	5695
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	22076	4389					26465	12803
	Other incoming resources								
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed	217	1214	213		120		1764	2491
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	**49985**	**22170**	**1338**	**6712**	**1094**	**20830**	**102129**	**77939**
	EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	5045	496	6723	0	0	10676	22940	18216
	GROSS RECEIPTS	***55030***	***22666***	***8061***	***6712***	***1094***	***31506***	***125069***	**96155**

2b PAYMENTS

	Cost of generating income	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2021	2020
17	Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Church activities								
18	Mission giving & donations						3047	3047	4364
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	18000	8820					26820	29400
20	Salaries, wages & honararia		780	4375			1320	6475	5544
21	Clergy and staff expenses			597				597	0
	Church expenses								
22	Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs			2325			2143	4468	461
23	Church running expenses	10739	1700	1402	1386		346	15573	11740
24	Church utility bills	6000	1603					7603	5236
25	Cost of trading	9562	2399					11961	8546
	Major capital expenditure								
27	Major repairs to church building							0	9422
28	Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property		3814				812	4626	3209
29	New building work to the church,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	44301	19116	8699	1386	0	7668	81170	77922
26	Governance costs	141	60	147			0	348	437
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	1559	0	165		60	0	1784	1121

TOTAL PAYMENTS	**46001**	**19176**	**9011**	**1386**	**60**	**7668**	**83302**	**79480**
EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	4560	2518	0	0	0	15540	22618	18354
GROSS PAYMENTS	***50561***	***21694***	***9011***	***1386***	***60***	***23208***	***105920***	**97834**
Excess of receipts over payments	**4469**	**972**	**-950**	**5326**	**1034**	**8298**	**19149**	**-1679**
Transfer between funds							0	0
	4469	**972**	**-950**	**5326**	**1034**	**8298**	**19149**	**-1679**
Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	8581	35311	8308	23434	21415	104239	201288	203817
Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	13050	36283	7358	28760	22449	112537	220437	**202138**
	13050	36283	7358	28760	22449	112537	220437	

NOTE: there was an error in the HTK unrestricted cash balances at the end of 2020 so the total for the parish should have been £203817.This has been verified from the bank account statement as at 01/01/22.

includes £1160 Downunder balance in HTK deposit total

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
Cash Funds - gross	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2022	2021
Bank Current Account	14220	5283	6378	26392	7450	12356	72079	52674
Deposit Funds	12198	30000			15000	100000	157198	153447
	26418	35283	6378	26392	22450	112356	229277	206121
Other Monetary Assets								
Insurance claim refund	0	1000	0		0	0	1000	0
Creditors	-8991	0	0		0	0	-8991	-3833
	-8991	1000	0	0	0	0	-7991	-3833
3 Investment Assets								
Investment Fund Shares at market value	0	0	0	0	0	8641	8641	8641
2 Assets retained for church use	1110000	532580	0	0	0	75000	1717580	1715197
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension DCC funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTKDCC.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £9000 per annum for the parish.
Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.
Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.
Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016.
At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. At Ascension a replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022.

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings £	Church equipment £	Total £
5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2022	1,715,000	416	1,715,416
	Additions	0	3,225	3,225
	At 31 December 2022	1,715,000	3,641	1,718,641
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022	0	197	197
	Charge for the year	0	864	864
	At 31 December 2022	0	1,061	1,061
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022	1,715,000	2,580	1,717,580
	At 31 December 2021	1,715,000	219	1,715,219

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.

Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2009

5(b) *Investment fixed assets*	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2022	8641
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	0
Market value - 31 December 2022	8641

Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets for Church use	1,642,580	75,000	0	1,717,580
Investment Fixed Assets	0	8,641	0	8,641
Current Assets	69,080	161,198		230,278
Current Liabilities	-8,991	0	0	-8,991
Fund balance	1,702,669	244,839	0	1,947,508

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

7 DEBTORS

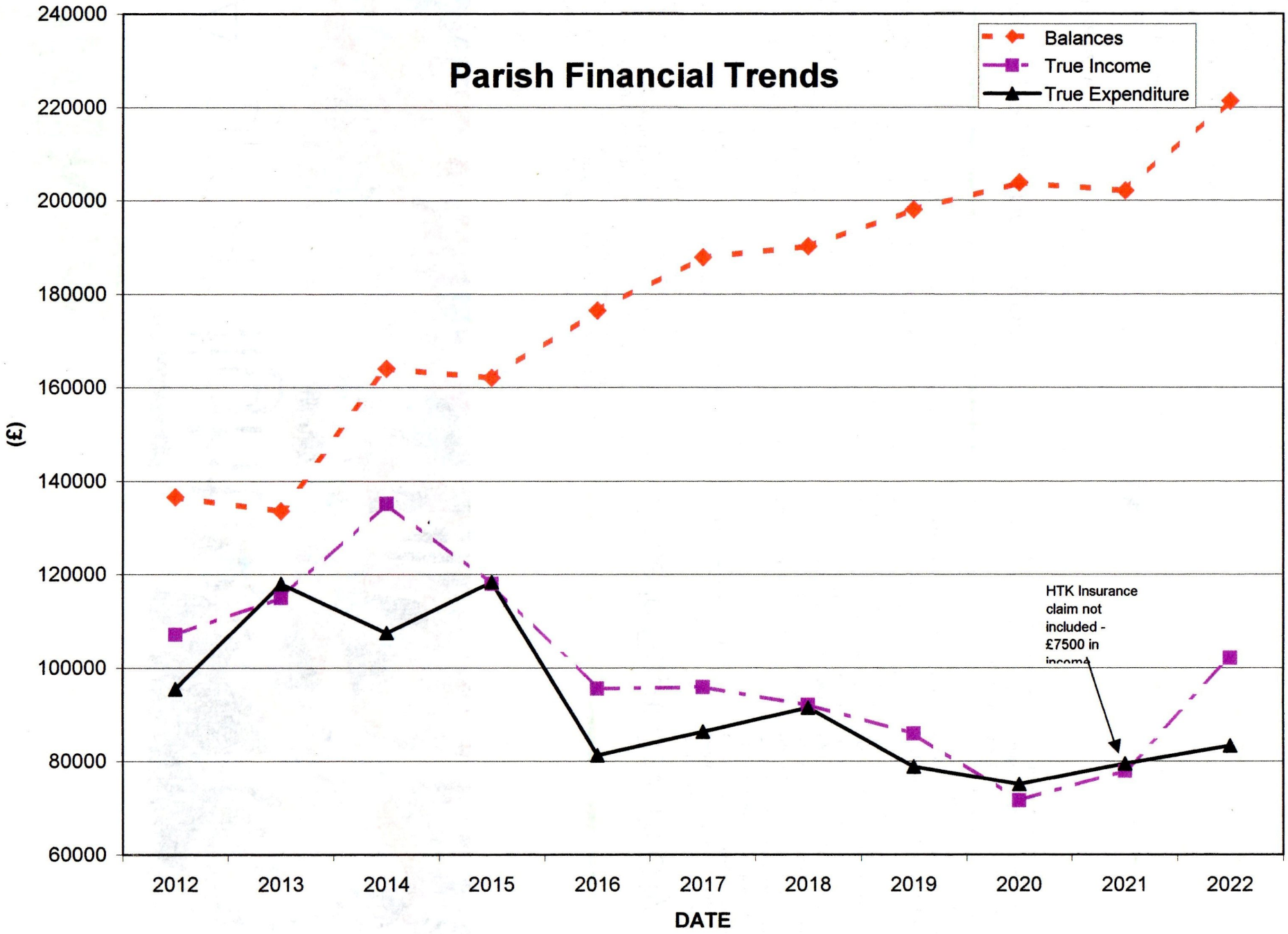
	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	4604	1001
	4,604	1,001

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals of utility and other costs	0	0
Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share	8991	3833
Other creditors	0	150
	8,991	3,983

9 FUND DETAILS

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Parish Financial Trends
Balances
True Income
True Expenditure
240000
220000
200000
180000
160000
140000
120000
100000
80000
60000
(£)
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
DATE
HTK Insurance claim not included - £7500 in

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Parish Level-KTM), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level (KTM) accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Paul A. Taylor BA ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Abson Bristol

Paul A Taylor

Dated: 20th February 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Adrian Britton
1, Wykis Court
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3SQ

Dated: 25/2/23

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity Church), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity Church District Church Council accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Laurence John Godfrey
168 Forest Road Kingswood
Bristol BS15 8EN

L. J. Godfrey

Dated: 28/2/2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1128426

Accounts

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2021 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.



As individuals and as a church,we are a community:

ROOTED in God

CALLED into faith and fellowship

And SENT out to love and serve our community

Overview

2021 has been another year in which the global pandemic has continued to be more than a significant factor in the life of our Parish. We entered the third national lockdown on the 4th January 2021 and didn't emerge from most of these restrictions until 19th July.

Unlike the sunny days of the previous lockdowns, January was dark and wet, we generally began the year in low spirits but God was ever faithful. As we journeyed through lent we traced God's redeeming love, from calling His people out of slavery in Egypt to the beautiful vision of "all things made new" in the book of Revelation. We trusted that God would bring new encouragement from the frustrations of this latest lockdown, and He did.

Highlights of 2021 include:

- A deepening of our prayer life, both individually and as a parish;
- New ways to worship, it has been a particular blessing to come 'Together To Worship' with our brothers and sisters in Hanham Parish;
- Growing engagement with local families through our new Toddler Group – Little Stars and growth in Messy Church attendance;
- Softening the boundaries between church and the community with events like the Easter Stone Hunt which attracted over 300 children and their families and the new Community Garden at Church of Ascension, where many new friendships have been made.
- An amazing celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church. We pulled out all the stops for a summer Fayre and exhibition on the Saturday and a beautiful service with the Bishop of Bristol and invited guests on Sunday 11th September, followed by afternoon tea.

Our closing observation is what an encouragement it is has been to stop and look back over 2021. With the Covid haze it has taken some effort to piece together all that Jesus has done for us and in us during the year. There has been so much encouragement and new life to come out of a season that might instinctively have been seen as one of stagnation or decline. We hope, as you read this report, you will also feel encouraged.

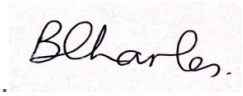
As the Apostle Paul reminds us and as this annual report bears witness to, we serve a miraculous God and in him all things are possible…

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.

Ephesians 3:20-21

As we look forward to 2022, we continue to prayerfully seek God's direction for us as the body of Christ in Kingswood and in our partnership with Hanham Parish in the newly formed Benefice.

The PCC wish to thank the host of volunteers who make our church life and outreach possible.

Signed: ……  …… Date:…07/05/22…….

Rev Beverley Charles (Team Rector)

Members of The P.C.C. are either ex Offico or elected at The Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev Stephen Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey *(one post vacant)*
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Jill Ewans Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Alan Jenner (co-opted May 2021) Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Joan Reeves
Safe Guarding Officer	Mary Whyatt *(From March 2021)* Angela Chappell (assistant)
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers HSBC
National Westminster Bank

Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level: Paul Taylor
HTKDCC John Godfrey
ASCDCC Adrian Britton
Mission John Godfrey
HTK Restoration Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2021 - 71, (74 - 2021)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Team Vicar – Rev Steve Dyson, Associate Priest – Rev Chris Evans and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly, Jill Ewans, John Godfrey, Kirsty Hubert and Joan Reeves.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Attendance at services in Church continued to be disrupted in 2021, from January to May we offered an in-person Sunday service at Holy Trinity and a service on Zoom jointly for the Parishes of Kingswood and Hanham and some continued to worship at home using the resources we provided. These figures are not included in the table below.

NORMAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	2017	2018	2019	2020 Jan-March	2021 June-Dec
HOLY TRINITY	61	57	52		
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	21	19	16		
ALL SOULS	18	11	10	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	100	87	78		
HTK UNDER 16	3	5	3		
ASC UNDER 16	1	1	1		
ASSP UNDER 16	3	2	3	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	7	8	7		

Our Messy Church is a monthly service, we currently have average attendance of 12 adults and 18 Children.

PASTORAL SERVICES

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
BAPTISM	21	16	9	4	6
MARRIAGE	3	1	2	0	1
FUNERALS	15	23	26	12	20

MISSION AND OUTREACH

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. John 20:21

During 2021, our outreach and our desire to continue to connect with and serve our community has had to adapt to the continued constraints of COVID-19 restrictions.

On Easter Saturday we launched our **'Giant Community Easter Egg (stones) Hunt'** which saw hundreds of families running around Kingswood seeking out stones painted by our local school children and culminating in each child receiving a chocolate treat and an Easter Story book. We presented over 300 Goody Bags and recruited a few new members for Messy Church. By Christmas, we went hi - tec with our Nativity Trail, **Nativity Heros**, using QR codes to connect posters in the park drawn by children from Beacon Rise School, to a recording of the Christmas Story prepared by Year 6 from Park School. We extended the trail to 5 days and invited families to finish with crafts and activities in the Church Hall. These events give us an opportunity to share the story of Jesus with the next generation. Through this and the kind donation of the Mothers' Union, many homes in Kingswood now have Christmas and Easter storybooks to share with their children.

Aa lockdown restrictions began to ease the need for support through the COVID-19 BS15 Help (Kingswood) group was reducing. However, the experience of coming together as a community to support each other was much valued and **We are BS15 CIC** was born. It's objective is to support projects that bring the community together to share skills and resources to support each other, encourage community spirit and reduce loneliness and isolation in the BS15 area. We as a church, are key partners in this and the first project – the Community Kitchen was launched at Holy Trinity in June 2021 and plans are underway for a Community Allotment behind the Church Hall.

Another exciting new venture, led by Rev Chris Evans, is **the Community Garden** project based at Church of the Ascension. During the lockdowns, Chris noticed the lack of quiet places to sit and chat in the immediate local area. By advertising locally, a team of 8 people from the local community and of the church family got together in October to begin to transform what was an overgrown area of land at Church of Ascension into an area for both wildlife and local residents to enjoy.

The first stage was well underway by the end of the year,….clearing brambles to create a woodland space with feeding and nesting boxes and planting some woodland flowers. The second area for attracting bees and butterflies…and local residents…is stage two of the project. Linking with the local community has been as important as what we are trying to create, Beacon Rise school who are excited to use the area in the future as part of their nature studies, including planting a tree for the Queen's jubilee and has re-established a link with the pub opposite the Church. The Garden has also been a means by which the church family can be reminded of our calling as Christians to care for God's creation and has led to encounters and conversations with passers-by who want to find out about what we are up to.

Our regular groups continued to be affected by Covid – 19 restrictions for much of 2021 but the teams continued to work hard to stay in contact with as many people as possible and provide support when needed:

HARTS, our support group for the bereaved, has been running again since May. The group is co-ordinated by Colleen Mercer and Rev Chris. We have welcomed a few new members via funerals taken and from liaison with a Social Care Worker; it continues to provide a safe and supportive space where the sharing of tea and cakes enables a sharing of stories and sorrows in dealing with bereavement and loss.

The **Thanksgiving and Remembrance service** was held again in October with wonderful singing and music from the choir; our thanks go to them for the way they lift this service for those attending. These services will hopefully revert in 2022 to being held in May as we leave behind the restrictions of the pandemic, just after Easter with its' message of hope and resurrection. All names of loved ones are read out and the families have the opportunity to light their own candles of remembrance and place names and prayers on our prayer tree. This service connects not just with the families whose loved ones' funerals we have taken but is open to all who have lost someone, either recently or longer ago.

In October we were able to re-start **Lunch Box** again. We are ever grateful to Leta Hutchins and Eddie Simms for starting this wonderful group and running it faithfully, 51 weeks a year for nearly 30 years and to our new group of volunteers who have picked up the mantle. There had been frequent enquiries about it starting up again, an indication of how valuable individuals have found the opportunity to share a meal and conversation with others, often those living alone. It has been good to see again old faces and welcome some new faces.

Friends and Neighbours have been able to meet through much of the year as a support group and have enjoyed, Cream Teas, bingo, quizzes and other activities, most importantly, they have enjoyed each other's' company. At points when they were unable to meet, the Friends and Neighbours Team continued to provide support with fun care packages containing activities and edible treats.

Sadly, the Holy Trinity and Church of Ascension branch of **Mothers' Union** formally closed during 2021 as the group is now too small, but members continue to be active through our deanery links and continue to support for Kingsmeadow families at the Made for Ever Centre with toiletries and sanitary items.

By summer 2021, numbers attending the **Refugee and Asylum Seeker Drop-in** were too low for this group to be viable. Most of the families we were working with had been moved to other parts of Bristol or no longer needed the support of the group and new referrals were not coming through. We have closed the group, but maintain good links with South Gloucestershire Council and the Children's' Centre and we are always available to provide support in individual cases as need arises.

Mission Support Group – During 2021, the Parish continued to support a number of charities at home and abroad.

- Church Army,
- Aid Ukraine,
- Euro Evangelism (aka Transform Europe Network)
- Mission to Seafarers,
- Leprosy Mission,
- Friendship clinic Nepal,
- Mercy Ships;
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Embrace the middle east.

We also support a number of local charities at Christmas; Caring at Christmas, East Bristol Foodbank and Sisters of the Church. With our penny collection we support the Maji Safi Bursary fund.

As well as our money all of these groups, organisations and people need our prayers. If there are groups that you feel need our support then do please tell us.

Finally thank you for your support. The money that you give has a direct impact on people's lives and spreads our church's gospel message in a practical way at home and abroad. *Cath Hayer*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:9

2021 has seen continued growth in our work with children and young families.

Cafe Tots at Holy Trinity continues to thrive and grow thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. As children leave to start pre-school we welcome new parents and carers as they bring their toddlers to join us.

First Time Round at Church of the Ascension was a vital support to first time mums during lockdown, it was a delight to see them and their babies grow in confidence. As lockdown restrictions eased, it became evident that the Humpty Dumpty Toddler group at Church of Ascension would not restart and so with the mums from First Time Round we launched our new Baby and Toddler Group – **Little Stars**.

The family links we make through these groups give valuable support and a listening ear as we share the love of Christ through this ministry; and links into Messy Church and Baptism requests continue to be made.

Messy Church continued on-line for the first half of 2021 and was great fun but we were excited to be able to have our summer fun on the vicarage lawn in July. You can't really have a water fight on-line!

From September we have met in the church hall and our numbers have been steadily increasing. We are now averaging 30 children and parents / carers for this service. At Christmas we invited the church to our first Messy Nativity, it was messy! It was noisy! just like a stable in busy Bethlehem, and it was great fun with over 60 people taking part.

Rev Chris Evans and Rev Steve Dyson reviewed our policy regarding baptisms this past year with a view to offering baptism within the regular Sunday service; this better offers a true welcome to those being baptised and their families into the church family, the new policy was approved by P.C.C. in September 2021. In the Parish of Kingswood, these now take place on a 4th Sunday at Holy Trinity. The revised service order that Rev Chris has prepared for this enables the regular church family to come together in an inclusive act of worship that is also welcoming for those guests who are not so used to structured church worship. There has been positive feedback from both baptism families and congregation about this new service plan. Baptism preparation is now offered jointly with Hanham baptism families by Rev Steve and Rev Chris on the first Sunday of the month in the afternoons.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. [Westminster Catechism]

We spent the first half of 2021 offering a physical service at Holy Trinity with some limitations and an on-line Zoom Service that catered to both our Kingswood congregations and to our wider Church family in Hanham parish. The nature of the Covid restrictions necessitated that our season of Lent was a combination of books/'goody bags' with online groups and prayer days replacing physical ones. Holy week reflections and services were again mainly on-line. This year we were able to provide Easter Communion in person at Ascension and Holy Trinity alongside the Zoom Service which included a special shared Agape.

One of the fruits of this season is how the Zoom Services provided the opportunity to worship in a less formal way and getting to know people from across the different congregations and two parishes. So many valued this grace of coming together that, as we returned to worshipping physically in our buildings in June, we initiated a new joint service on the first Sunday of each month called **Together to Worship** (TTW). On that first Sunday in June it was such a joy to greet and worship with those we had grown to know and value over the previous 6 months.

We also introduced a regular **Evensong using the Book of Common Prayer** on two Sundays per month and a programme of concerts in the summer months on the fourth Sunday afternoon at Holy Trinity Church. We are blessed to have a choir and musicians of superb quality to support our worship and special services through the holy Trinity Singers and St George Singers. Thank you to Jim Williams, john Cottle and all the singers for your hard work and continued support.

In October we shared our **harvest service** and lunch with Hanham parish, 60 people from across all our congregations sharing food together was a new milestone as we gave thanks to God for all he provides.

The year ended with **Christmas services** able to happen as normal albeit a further outburst of Covid did unsettle and dampen things a little.

Our Zoom Bible Study has continued throughout the year, this year we tackled the Old Testament – tracking the overarching story of God's people and grappling with how best to interpret these ancient texts for today. The **Tuesday Bible Study group** was happily able to resume meeting I from 30th November, commencing with the Advent course focusing on the book of Ruth.

We have continued to commit to praying for our Church family and community; at home; opening the church for quiet prayer and reflection and through specific prayer days and we are ever grateful for our committed team of church watchers who make this possible. Colleen Mercer continues to co-ordinate the prayer chain on behalf of the church family of Holy Trinity and Ascension.

In May, Rev Chris Evans led a group of from Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension in a quiet weekend at Ammerdown Retreat House with its peaceful gardens. The theme of the weekend was Birds in the Bible, focusing on what we can learn from birds that helps us in our relationship with God, such as leading and supporting each other as do flocks of geese, and leaving the safety of a nest to travel into the unknown with God, and of course the Holy Dove of God. It is not only a time of fellowship, reflection and journeying but also a time to get to know each other better.

Home visiting continued throughout the year when pastorally essential, but from the Summer onwards, we were able to visit more people, more frequently and to resume Home Communion where appropriate, taking care to test before we visited and maintain good Covid controls. The **Pastoral Care Group** continues to make sure those who are housebound feel that they are still very much part of the church family and that any further support needs are brought to the attention of the clergy team.

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight "(*Proverbs 3:5).

This past year has certainly been a challenge for us all and as we have trusted in God's grace and faithfulness we must give thanks for all the blessings he so generously gives each day.

Church of Ascension
We are pleased to report the following things that have been completed since last year.

- *Ridge tiles on the roof replaced where necessary*
- *Other coping stones re-pointed*
- *A new consumer box in the vestry fitted after electrical inspection*
- *All electrical items have been PAT tested*
- *Loop system installed*
- *External notice board replaced*

The sanctuary wall is waiting to dry out following the coping stone work. Re-decoration will be arranged possibly for 2023.

Ascension Church helped Christ church pre-school out during the spring term due to work needing to be done in Christ Church hall.

The congregation at Ascension has stabilised with an average of 20 people every week.
We are building a friendly and inclusive community.

Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity church has some stone-work waiting to be done.

The Car Park continues to cause much concern with unauthorized parking and anti-social behaviour causing upset and problems for Church activities including funerals. New gates for the car park are in the process of being agreed upon and purchased.

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard through the year to keep Ascension and Holy Trinity alive and thriving. Onwards and upwards, God is in control, Alleluia .
Blessings to you all.

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY

The maintenance of the Parish Finances is the responsibility of the treasurers of the eight different bank accounts with overall responsibility being with the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2021 was £77,939 with £79,480 true expenditure. However when taking into account excluded income and expenditure the overall gross deficit is £1,679 for the year. This deficit was due mainly to maintenance work on 36, Elmfield and at Church of the Ascension. Our cash balances at the end of 2021 were £202,138 in total. However, £149,938 of these reserves were deemed restricted funds not available for general use.

True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account trading within the parish. Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM which have been approved by the PCC. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT

I am pleased to report that there have been no significant safeguarding issues in the past year in Holy Trinity or Ascension.

The emphasis this year has been on safeguarding training and will continue to be the focus for the next year too.

In November 2021, twenty-five church members who have direct contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, completed a Foundation Safeguarding Course. It was the first face to face training which the Diocese had delivered since lockdown and I wish to thank everyone who attended for their commitment and support.

On 1st January 2022 the Church of England brought out a new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework which has much more stringent and robust guidelines and requirements. DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks now have to be renewed every 3 years instead of 5. There is a revised two- part Leadership course which must be completed by anyone who holds a leadership role whether paid or voluntary. All members of the PCC are required to complete a Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse Course. Suggested dates for these courses have been submitted to the Diocese.

Anyone who carries responsibility for recruiting volunteers to assist in running our church activities must complete a Safer Recruitment Course. The aims of this are to ensure that everyone who has direct contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults understands their role and is recruited safely through consistent, fair and secure guidelines.

Our churches are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all our members and visitors. There is much work to be done in the coming year but compliance with the new Church of England Safeguarding Framework should enhance the good practice we already have and ensure that everyone feels valued, safe and loved.

Thank you for the support and encouragement I have received in my first year as Safeguarding Officer.

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PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

(Registered Charity No: 1128426)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2021 to 31ST DECEMBER 2021

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, All Souls Southey Park, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The Vicar and Churchwarden Account balance is shown on the parish balance sheet. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally only the Parish Level account operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2021. The combined accounts true income figure was reduced further below £100,000 in 2021, This has been mainly due to the Covid19 Pandemic. This year Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared instead of Accrual accounts. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/income/expenditure in gross terms as well as net of these categories. Main change in 2021 was a small decrease (£1680) in overall fund balances due mainly to expenditure on fabric at Church of the Ascension and repairs at 36 Elmfield in the Parish Level accounts.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2021 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £5256 in 2021 due mainly to rent received from 36 Elmfield but there were small maintenance costs on the property during the year. The administration balance also reduced due to the additional payment of £2000 to the diocese for parish share. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group under the direction of the PCC.

ALL SOULS, SOUTHEY PARK DCC

All Souls was closed at the end of 2020 and the remaining assets were re-distributed in 2021. This included £1000 being paid to the diocese for parish share.

HTKDCC

Overall fund balance for HTKDCC decreased further in 2021 by £1316. The parish share figure raised for 2021 was again shorter than that requested by the diocese. The budget for 2022 shows a parish share figure of £18,000 which is again short from that requested.

HTK RESTORATION

A small increase in the balance for this fund (£1305). Expenditure in the year has covered urgent repairs to the church and hall.

ASCDCC

The overall fund balance decreased slightly by £4468 in 2021. This was due to repair work on the chancel coping stones, a new electricity distribution board, new noticeboard and loop system. The parish share promise for 2022 is £8820.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the global economy, and has in turn impacted the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of this issue on the charity's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £52200, that can be drawn down if necessary and

restricted reserves of £149938. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the PCC and the AGM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood 10th March 2022

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)		
HSBC main checking account	682.63	601.47
HSBC savings account	9000.00	5847.47
HSBC HI Bond	100000.00	100000.00
Cash in Hand	392.50	122.44
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)		1954.71
TOTAL ASSETS	**110075.13**	**104616.67**
DownUnder (Designated Fund)		
Lloyds TSB bank account	1159.59	1159.59
Cash in Hand	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	**1159.59**	**1159.59**
Mission Account (Restricted Fund)		
HSBC Current account	1461.98	938.82
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c		745.76
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	150.00	170.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**1311.98**	**1514.58**
Holy Trinity DCC Accounts		
HSBC current account	4885.79	9642.31
HSBC deposit account (restricted)	7372.66	3852.14
Cash in Hand	4.69	47.96
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) + Creditors	3833.15	2989.91
Debtors	1000.57	193.86
TOTAL ASSETS	**9430.56**	**10746.36**
Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)		
National Westminster bank reserve account	1074.01	1073.89
National Westminster bank current account	22360.19	20855.48
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)		
TOTAL ASSETS	**23434.20**	**21929.37**
ALL SOULS (Southey Park) unrestricted/restricted		
HSBC current account	**0.00**	**2656.77**
Church of the Ascension DCC Accounts		
HSBC current account	482.33	3401.87
HSBC deposit account	11000.00	12160.60
HSBC HI Bond	45000.00	45000.00
National Westminister Hanham bank account	3.00	3.00
Cash in Hand	241.21	629.27
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)		
TOTAL ASSETS	**56726.54**	**61194.74**
TOTAL ASSETS - ALL ACCOUNTS	**202138.00**	**203818.08**
Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)		
National Westminster Kingswood bank account	**3448.58**	**3448.40**
Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)		
36 Elmfield (residual of house purchase)	8640.62	8640.62
HTK Graveyard upkeep (Book value £350.00)	0.00	0.00

Prepared by: LJ Godfrey, PCC Treasurer, Kingswood Team Ministry, 10th March 2022

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a	**RECEIPTS**	Unrestricted Funds (£)				Restricted Funds (£)				TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	22021	2020
	Voluntary Income/Receipts										
	Planned giving:										
1	Tax efficient planned giving	10929		8037	900	2726				22592	19209
6	Gift Aid recovered	3941		2963	206	682				7792	8840
2	Other planned giving	4455		3565		0				8020	8129
3	Collections at services	2471		970		0			416	3857	2322
4	All other giving & voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	2476		754		1537			712	5479	4026
7	Legacies received (capital value)									0	500
8	Grants (include recurring & one off)									0	0
	TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	24272	0	16289	1106	4945	0	0	1128	47740	43026
	Activities for generating funds										
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	200
	Income from investments										
10	Dividends, interest, income from property	1				0		6	9024	9031	9641
	Church activities										
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)								5695	5695	2769
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	11814		989		0				12803	14437
	Other incoming resources										
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed	0		0	326	1625		290	250	2491	1464
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	**36266**	**0**	**17278**	**1432**	**6570**	**0**	**296**	**16097**	**77939**	**71537**
	EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	3103	0	191	6039	0	0	0	8883	18216	12951
	GROSS RECEIPTS	***39369***	***0***	***17469***	***7471***	***6570***	***0***	***296***	***24980***	***96155***	**84488**

2b PAYMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds (£)				Restricted Funds (£)				TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	Cost of generating income	HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	2021	2020
17	Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Church activities										
18	Mission giving & donations	0	1454	0	0	0	0		2910	4364	3803
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	18000	1000	8400	2000	0	0		0	29400	27600
20	Salaries, wages & honararia	0	0	450	4194	0	0		900	5544	6077
21	Clergy and staff expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1935
	Church expenses										
22	Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs	0	0	0	0	0	0		461	461	623
23	Church running expenses	8532	51	1741	1416	0			0	11740	11622
24	Church utility bills	4292	0	944	0	0	0		0	5236	5289
25	Cost of trading	6388		2158	0	0	0		0	8546	10295
	Major capital expenditure										
27	Major repairs to church building	0	0	3059	0	3323	0	3040	0	9422	360
28	Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3209	3209	5913
29	New building work to the church,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	37212	2505	16752	7610	3323	0	3040	7480	77922	73517
26	Governance costs	18	0	0	75	344	0		0	437	360
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	44	0	0	377	548	152	0	0	1121	1182
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	**37274**	**2505**	**16752**	**8062**	**4215**	**152**	**3040**	**7480**	**79480**	**75059**
	EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	4260	0	2441	0	0	0	0	11653	18354	12111
	GROSS PAYMENTS	***41534***	***2505***	***19193***	***8062***	***4215***	***152***	***3040***	***19133***	***97834***	**87170**
	Excess of receipts over payments	-2165	-2505	-1724	-591	**2355**	-152	-2744	**5847**	-1679	-2682
	Transfer between funds									0	0
		-2165	-2505	-1724	-591	**2355**	-152	-2744	**5847**	-1679	-2682
	Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	10746	1832	37035	8899	21929	825	24159	98392	203817	197973
	Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	8581	-673	35311	8308	24284	673	21415	104239	202138	**203916**
		8581	-673	35311	8308	24284	673	21415	104239	202138	

NOTE: there was an error in the HTK unrestricted cash balances at the end of 2020 so the total for the parish should have been £203817. This has been verified from the bank account statement as at 01/01/22.

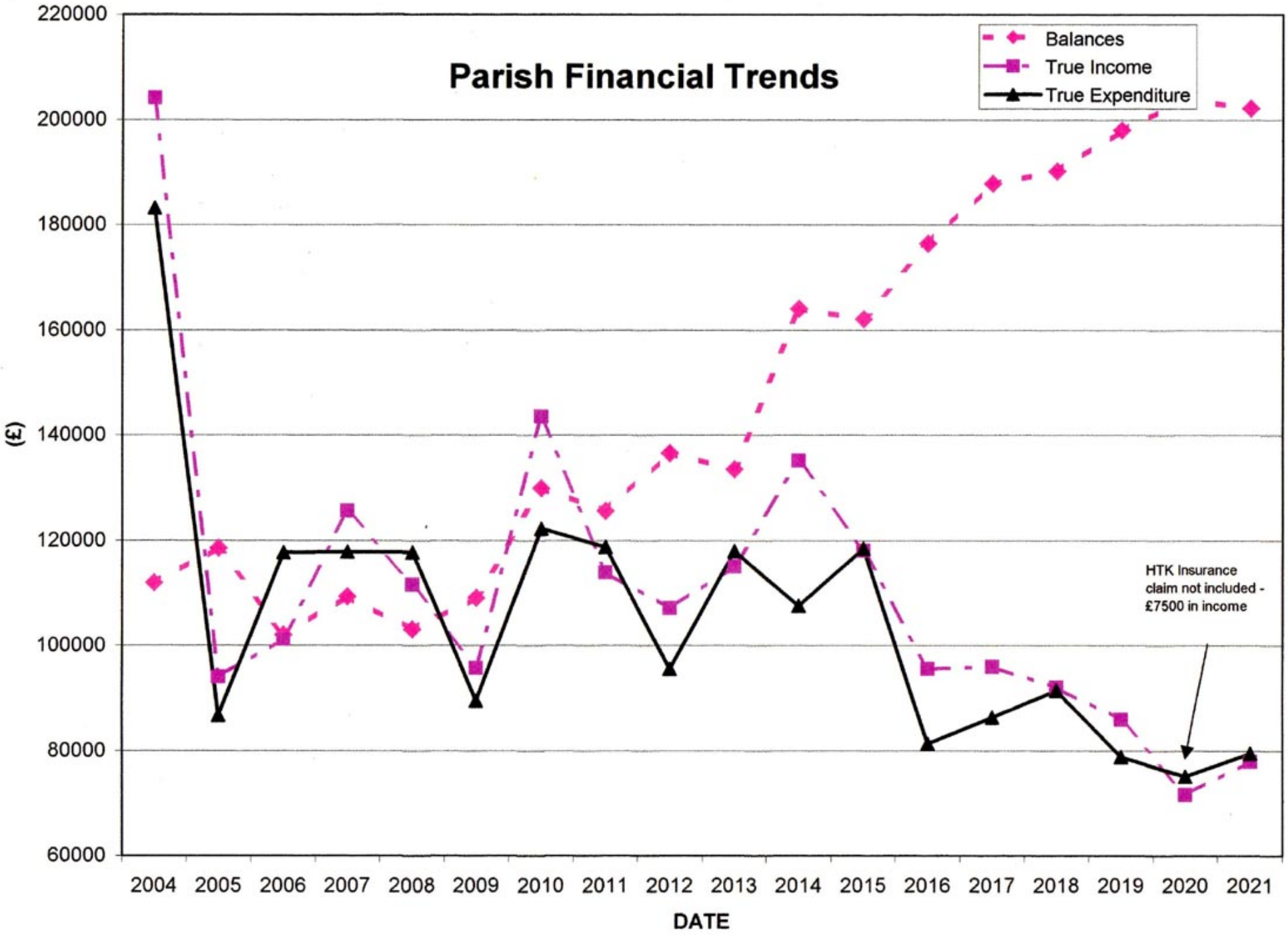
STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds (£)				Restricted Funds (£)				TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
Cash Funds - gross	HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASSP	ASC	PARISH	2021	2020
Bank Current Account	5891	0	5311	8308	22360	0	6415	4389	52674	56530
Deposit Funds	7373	0	30000		1074	0	15000	100000	153447	145000
	13264	0	35311	8308	23434	0	21415	104389	206121	201530
Other Monetary Assets										
Insurance claim refund	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	7500
Creditors	-3833	0	0	0		0	0	0	-3833	-2990
	-3833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3833	4510
3 Investment Assets										
Investment Fund Shares at market value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8641	8641	8641
2 Assets retained for church use	1110000	0	530197	0	0	0	0	75000	1715197	1715416
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	150	2125

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension DCC funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTKDCC.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £9000 per annum for the parish.
Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.
Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.
Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016.
At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019.


Parish Financial Trends
Balances
True Income
True Expenditure
220000
200000
180000
160000
140000
120000
100000
80000
60000
(£)
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
DATE
HTK Insurance
claim not included -
£7500 in income

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Parish Level-KTM), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level (KTM) accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Paul A. Taylor BA ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Abson Bristol

P A Taylor

Dated: 17th January 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension District Church Council accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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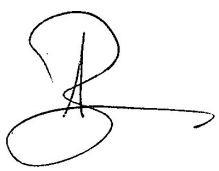
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   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

Adrian Britton
1, Wykis Court
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3SQ



Dated: 8.2.2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity Church), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity Church District Church Council accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or

   to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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

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Dated: 2nd March 2022