



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.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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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: 

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 (<i>from July 2023</i>)
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey (<i>one post vacant</i>)
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
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Independent Financial Examiners

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

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 XXIII 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
<u>Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)</u>			
HSBC main checking account	2681.86	669.17	<u>KTM 2020</u>
HSBC savings account	25000.00	16155.34	£109,415.55
HSBC HI Bond	100000.00	100000.00	
Cash in Hand	587.34	213.70	<u>KTM 2021</u>
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			£112,696.70
TOTAL ASSETS	128269.20	117038.21	
<u>Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)</u>			<u>KTM 2022</u>
HSBC Current account	1735.65	1696.35	£118,734.56
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c			
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	150.00		<u>KTM 2023</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1585.65	1696.35	£129,854.85
<u>KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS</u>	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 cashed 2022)
Debtors	3166.91	4603.50	
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	
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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 Westminster 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	
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Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)

Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C		3452.22	
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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
		<u>251,199</u>	<u>230,279</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	4,625	8,991
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,574	221,288
NET ASSETS		<u>1,972,795</u>	<u>1,947,509</u>
FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		1,718,408	1,702,669
Restricted		254,387	244,839
Endowment		0	0
		<u>1,972,795</u>	<u>1,947,508</u>

HTK accounts approved 25th March 2024, Restoration, subsequently 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
All other giving & voluntary receipts, including								
4 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
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.								
12	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

	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2023	2022
Cost of generating income								
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
Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property								
28		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

	<u>Unrestricted Funds (£)</u>			<u>Restricted Funds (£)</u>			<u>TOTAL FUNDS (£)</u>	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2023	2022
<u>Cash Funds - gross</u>								
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 <u>Other Monetary Assets</u>								
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 <u>Investment Assets</u>								
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 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. 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) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>				
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
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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
	<u>3,167</u>	<u>4,604</u>

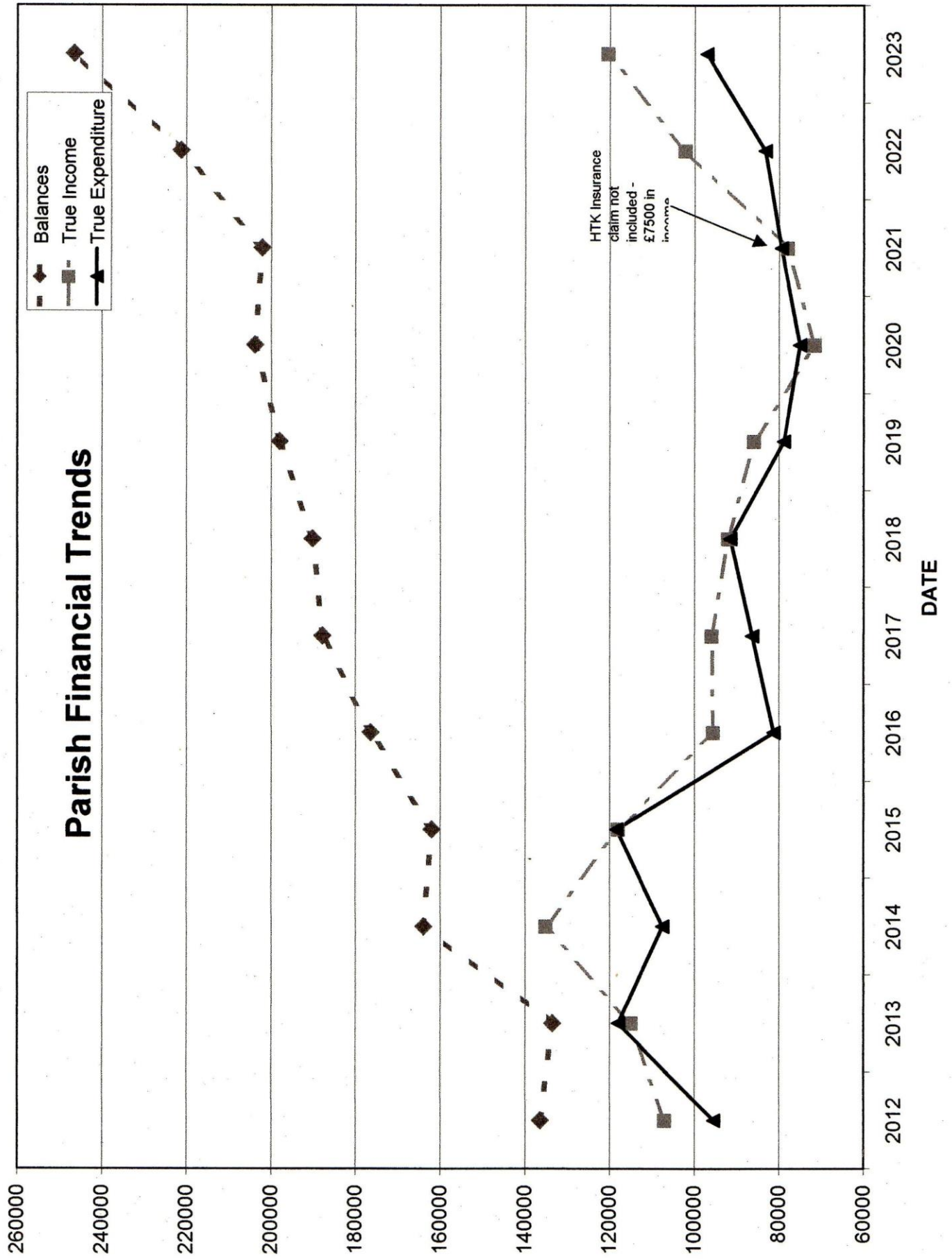
8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	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
	<u>4,625</u>	<u>8,991</u>

9 FUND DETAILS

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Parish Financial Trends



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.

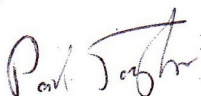
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. 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

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



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:

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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



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.

It is my responsibility to

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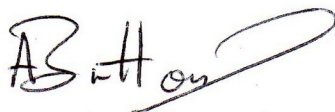
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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



Dated: 9.2.2024.