

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

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CALLED into faith and fellowship;
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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 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 (<i>from July 2024</i>)
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey (<i>one post vacant</i>)
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 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.

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 Committee)- 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 £255,168, 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 £5,193 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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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.

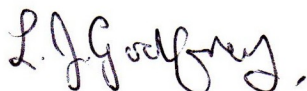
Going Concern Accounting Policy

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



PARISH OF KINGSWOOD
FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2024
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)	TOTAL CASH
<u>Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)</u>			
HSBC main checking account	3392.36	2681.86	<u>KTM 2020</u>
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	<u>KTM 2021</u>
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			£112,696.70
TOTAL ASSETS	133749.89	128269.20	
<u>Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)</u>			
HSBC Current account	285.77	1585.65	<u>KTM 2022</u>
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c	1112.04		£118,734.56
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) £1,397.81	250.00	150.00	<u>KTM 2023</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1147.81	1435.65	£128,269.20
<u>KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS</u>			
£135,147.70	134897.70	129704.85	<u>KTM 2024</u> £133,749.89
<u>Holy Trinity Accounts</u>			
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	
<u>Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)</u>			
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
<u>HTK & RESTORATION ACCOUNTS</u>			
£191,770.30	191301.17	56738.52	
<u>Church of the Ascension Accounts</u>			
HSBC current account	976.95	363.24	
HSBC deposit account	22000.00	14423.00	
HSBC HI Bond	45000.00	45000.00	
National Westminster 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
<u>Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)</u>			
Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C			
<u>Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)</u>			
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
		<u>397,471</u>	<u>251,199</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	3,137	4,625
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>394,334</u>	<u>246,574</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,119,264</u>	<u>1,972,795</u>
FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		1,835,674	1,718,408
Restricted		283,591	254,387
Endowment		0	0
		<u>2,119,265</u>	<u>1,972,795</u>

HTK accounts approved 19th March 2025, Restoration, subsequently approved. ASC accounts approved 17th January 2025, KTM accounts approved 29th January 2025.

Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector

B. Charles

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
All other giving & voluntary receipts, including								
4 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
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

	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2024	2023
Cost of generating income								
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 & honoraria		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
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

	<u>Unrestricted Funds (£)</u>			<u>Restricted Funds (£)</u>			<u>TOTAL FUNDS (£)</u>	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2024	2023
<u>Cash Funds - gross</u>								
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 <u>Other Monetary Assets</u>								
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 <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	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.

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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
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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	1,641,289	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

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

7 DEBTORS

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

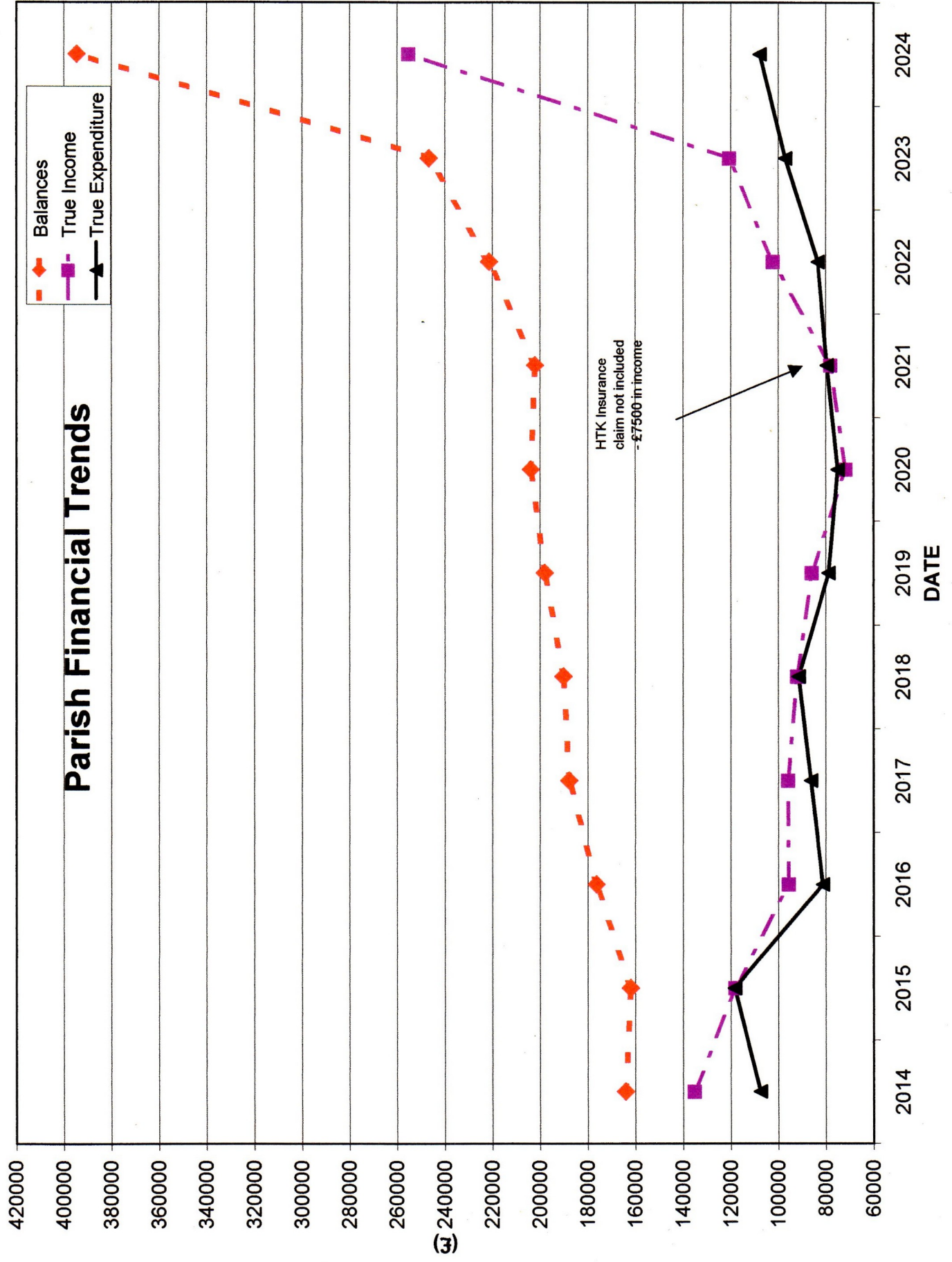
8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	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
	<u>3,137</u>	<u>4,625</u>

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



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

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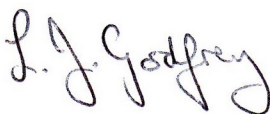
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Laurence John Godfrey
168, Forest Road
Kingswood Bristol. BS15 8EN



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.

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

Dated:

PA Taylor
29th March 2025