THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ROTHWELL, LEEDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1131177

Details

Other names	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PCC, ROTHWELL, LEEDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open all Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation Pastoral work including visits to sick and bereaved Teaching of Christianity through sermons courses and small groups Taking of religious assemblies in schools Provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings Supporting other charities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£204,395	£245,810	-	-
2023-12-31	£267,090	£457,066	-	-
2022-12-31	£359,419	£233,411	-	-
2021-12-31	£146,868	£190,171	-	-
2020-12-31	£106,151	£147,062	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abhijit David		2021-04-25
Adam James Burwell		2023-04-28
CAROL ANNE CRESSALL BA HONS		2012-08-16
Carl David Burwell		2023-04-28
Ian Richard Land		2021-04-25
JENNIFER WARD		
JOYCE BLAKEY		
KEITH JOHN LYNCH		2012-08-16
MARK WILKINSON BSC HONS		
NORMA BARRETT		
PATRICIA ANN SHUTE		
Richard Howell Mayers		2016-07-14
Roger Ward		2023-04-28
Susan Franks		2014-04-06
VIRGINIA FRANCES HARVEY LYNCH		2012-08-16

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2024

11-05-25



Report on Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council 2024

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church is responsible, along with the Rector, in promoting the Church's mission in Rothwell, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also having the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Church, Parish Centre and Housing stock. The PCC is made up of Ex Officio, Appointed and Elected Lay Members. The elected members along with our Deanery Synod representatives serving a 3year term. The PCC has also appointed both a Safeguarding Officer and an Environmental Officer to advise PCC on these matters. A full list of the current PCC membership can be found in the appendix to this report.

The PCC functions within the regulations laid down within The Church Representation Rules 2022 and meets within the terms of these Regulations to ensure all its business is conducted efficiently. The Standing Committee is appointed by PCC to manage business between PCC Meetings as required. Various Sub-Committees of the PCC also meet on a regular basis to conduct the committee's allotted business. The present Sub-committees comprise: i) Fabric ii) Finance iii) Fund Raising iv) Mission & Liturgy v) Parish Centre

All our Sub-committees of PCC are led by a Lay Chair elected from within the Sub-committee. The sub-committees report regularly to PCC.
2024 began with a Pastoral ministry reorganization within the Benefice with the resignation of Revd. Sarah Hancox, who left to take up a post in Bristol, leaving the four Parish's in the Benefice to be cared for by Revd's Mark and Mandy. The process was helped by the appointment, by the Diocese, of an Interim Minister to the Benefice for a fixed period of one year. To this end Revd. Lisa Senior was licensed as Interim Team Vicar at a service on 24th March 2024 and will leave in March 2025. Much work

was undertaken by Benefice PCC's and their working parties, through the year on how the individual parishes would operate after this transitional period. During 2024 our PCC studied and after discussions adopted the Prayers of Love and Faith 2023 as issued by the Church of England for use in worship at Holy Trinity. The fabric of the Church is also under constant review by PCC and 2024 saw a major improvement in the church heating, with the installation, after a fund raising effort, of under-pew electric heating in the main seating arrears in the Nave.

PCC meetings are usually held bi-monthly with the various Subcommittees meeting in the months in-between. Attendance at our PCC meetings remains high for all members and during the year the PCC had to deal with many items many of which will no doubt be covered by other reports within this Annual Report, so I will not go into detail here.

Concluding my report, on behalf of the Parish I would like to offer our thanks to Bela Singh, our Recording Secretary, who retired in late 2024, for her hard work in transcribing our P.C.C discussions over the years and producing documented Minutes, and also to our PCC members for all their dedication and hard work for the Church in Rothwell.

Ian Land – Honorary P.C.C. Secretary

Appendix A – Holy Trinity PCC Membership at APCM 2024

Ex Officio		Elected	Retiring
Virginia Lynch	Vice Chairman		
Virginia Lynch	Warden	APCM2024	APCM2025
Mark Wilkinson	Warden	APCM2024	APCM2025
Norma Barrett	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Ian Land	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2023	APCM2026

Appointed to PCC

Joyce Blakey	Reader	APCM 2024	APCM 2025
Darren Clarke	Reader	PCC	APCM 2025

Elected Lay Representatives

Carol Cressall	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Roger Ward	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Sue Franks	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Keith Lynch	APCM 2024	APCM2027
Richard Mayers	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Pat Shute	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Jennifer Ward	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Carl Burwell	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Adam Burwell	APCM 2023	APCM2026

PCC Advisors

Debbie Mann Safeguarding Officer

John Normington Environmental Officer



THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

At the end of 2024 the number of names on the Electoral Roll were

65 Resident 15 Non-resident

Making the total number of names 80

In 2025 we have to start the Electoral Roll from fresh so please make sure you pick up a form and return it to Jennifer Ward or Sue Franks when completed.

Jennife Ward – Electoral Roll Officer



Churchwarden's Report for January to December 2024

Once again it is that time of year when it is time to put pen to paper or finger to the keyboard nowadays and write the annual report.

January started on a rather cool note, yet again our aged heating system struggled to perform when we needed it most. Despite the best efforts of Roy Franks (thank you once again) the heating system was left rather wanting. With a cold and uncomfortable church to sit in even with thermal woollies and winter coats, and despite using portable heaters we were forced to move into the Parish Centre for the coldest and darkest weeks of the year. On the plus side church members were able to join in with our younger members in the Jigsaw service. We take this as a plus as we were able to do things just that little bit differently as well as hold a more intimate kind of worship. This led to an application of a grant for a "Give to Go Green". Basically, raise a sum of money in the said amount of time (in this case £7500) and the scheme will match the funding if it goes to a greener and more environmentally way of heating. Using pew heaters fitted that brief! Heat the pew and the seating around you whilst not trying to heat a whole building saving money, energy and the environment all at the same time. A win, win situation. As per usual the combined efforts of the church family coming together to raise the required amount in such a short timeframe of approximately 7 weeks was nothing short of astounding (or perhaps not if you know the grit and determination of Holy Trinity Church). This was of course on top of all the other annual outgoings and the Parish Share.

Given the need to keep our congregation warm and comfortable and not give our vulnerable church members double pneumonia. The monies used to gain our pew heaters were not put aside for parish share. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet our parish share requirements for the first time in several years. By the shortfall of guess what £7,000! I would imagine that this shortfall would have been more dramatic if we

had not been able to invest in heating as we did. Even though the congregation has worked tirelessly to raise funds it was in the end a bridge too far, for this year.

The pew heaters are probably the biggest change to the fabric of the church in the last 12 months. The PCC are still exploring the best options to support our heating whilst looking after the environment and God's creation. In the interim God moves in mysterious ways as the boiler which was condemned and had died and was past the point of no return, became like a phoenix and resurrected itself. It is now batting along quite nicely. The boiler (or as it is known in the vestry as Lazarus) continues to defy the odds, praise be to the lord! We continue to look for a more sustainable and long-term solution to our energy requirements.

The other headline story over the past year is the greater collaboration between the benefice and our brother and sister churches in Lofthouse, Oulton with Woodlesford and Methley with Mickletown. Although we were already becoming more interdependent and sharing resources, the move of Rev Sarah Hancox to the Diocese of Bristol was a gamechanger and this was brought more firmly into focus. The Diocese is rather lacking in priests so there was always going to be a time when 3 full time priests would become two. We continue to pray for the successful ministry of Sarah and her partner Rev Anthea College and are thankful for their ministry to us all especially through the Covid pandemic and during the vacancy.

As an interim Rev Lisa Senior joined on a fixed one-year contract to support and ease the transition from 3 priests to 2. Oulton with Woodlesford and Methley have been used to sharing a priest, but this is brand new and uncharted waters for us here at Rothwell and our sisters and brothers in Lofthouse. Rev Lisa has supported the team whilst it explored how the new normal will work and a new service pattern commenced in January 2025 more on that to come next year in the 2025

wardens report (something to look forward to I'm sure). So, a lot of 2024 was taken up with thinking, praying and planning the next steps and the way forward to make a sustainable plan that works for all churches and does not burn out our clergy and laity. We also welcomed Darren Clarke to the ministry team as licensed Lay Reader to join and complement the ever-capable Joyce in supporting our worship. Both readers have made an outstanding contribution to the ministry and their knowledge and talents are greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year there has been a regular stream of baptisms and a small number of weddings (which is again the new norm). we are pleased to report that several candidates were prepared and put forward for confirmation in October. They are making a significant contribution and bringing new vigor to the church and its life. We also have a small number of newer regular attendees exploring the faith who may be looking forward to confirmation at a later date. We have had once again a significant number of funerals throughout the year. What is striking is that there have been several deceased who have passed at a relatively young age in tragic circumstances. With families left trying to pick up the pieces and make sense of what has gone on. We have seen several funerals which were standing room, only and folk outside unable to get into church as it has reached capacity levels. This has also taken a significant amount of Rev Mark's time as there have been follow-up visits and support above and beyond the usual funeral visit. It has also taken an emotional toll on vergers and sides people who have supported during these emotionally charged and sad events. We thank the continued professionalism and Christian charity of our small team of vergers who support this important ministry.

November saw a successful Archdeacon's visitation of the Parish. Archdeacon Paul is technically our line manager. So, it is a bit like an appraisal or MOT of the church, the accounts and terrier (log of fabric and moveable items) and church ministry are all explored and reviewed in greater detail and depth. Archdeacon Paul shared several pointers and refreshed and renewed the mission of the church in Rothwell. This was

just in time for the busy Advent and Christmas period which was, as it says on the tin, very busy! With excellent and increased numbers seeking the good news of Christ and the message of Christmas.



2024 saw an increase in Deputy Wardens to join and completement Jennifer and Jane who have continued in the role throughout 2024. So, a big thank you to both along with Abijit David, Roger Ward, John and Sue Normington and Carl and Diane Burwell. They have all been outstanding and supportive during the past year. We are always on the lookout for others to join and support so if you feel that it is something you would like to explore, please come and have a chat with either myself, Virginia or one of the deputies. We are grateful to Rev Mark for putting up with us over the past year, for his prayers and support and wise counsel. Sometimes it is not always plain sailing and there are different challenges to talk and work through.

Also, we would like to thank Sue Franks for her support in administration and dealings with the treasurer's duties. Carol, our building superintendent, Pat Shute who helps put the weekly rotas together, Debbie Mann our safeguarding officer, Ian Land PCC secretary and the whole PCC. Finally, we would like to thank you to the congregation for your kind wishes, prayers and support during the past year.

As singer Sam Cooke in 1963 once sang "A Change is gonna come". This will be the last churchwarden's report that we shall be compiling. As both myself and Virginia are both hanging up our Churchwarden wands. Virginia has already extended by PCC statue and behest her time in office that is allowed by cannon law. For myself this is my second tour of duty, I have served as warden the last four parish priests and two vacancies. Now work and family commitments are becoming very pressing. It is and has become increasingly difficult to carry out this role and give 100% and be effective. We are both not leaving the church or the parish, so we are still about but now is a good time to have a new face, or faces with different talents and attributes, to serve in this role and

take things forward and giving whoever takes this role on, the time and space to put their own individual stamp on the role. I have no doubt that you will be as supportive towards them as you have to us. Thank you, good night and may your God go with you.

Virginia Lynch & Mark Wilkinson



TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

Unfortunately, we didn't manage to pay off our Parish Share in full for 2024 being £5878.33 short of the £52976 requested. In previous years we have relied on being able to transfer money from the sale of 4a Carlton Lane, but this has now been depleted on paying the share and running costs of the church.

We are forever grateful to the hard-working Fundraising Committee which raised £10,313.82 in 2024 from various events which are listed later in the report from the Fundraising Committee.

Regular giving was about the same as last year. We thank all of those who give regularly without whom the church could not operate.

After re-evaluation the Trust Fund stands at £450,828 which is down £12,621 from last year. However, we must remember that we have withdrawn £23,000 to go with the donations and grant for the under-pew heating. This means that the shares have actually increased in value.

Hall bookings were down by £1500 on 2023 but the bar managed to transfer £2500 to church funds. Hopefully bookings will pick up in 2024 but the diary isn't looking too good at the moment.

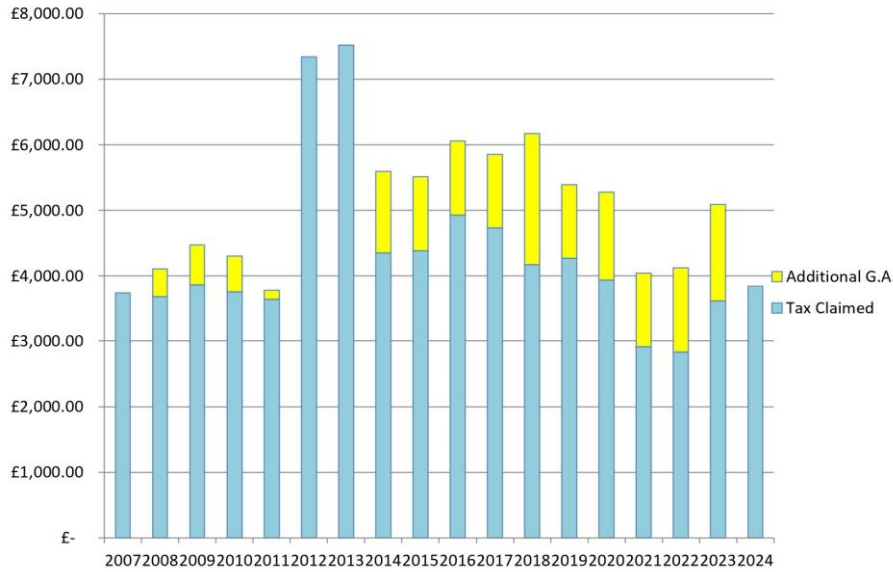
The card readers are being used regularly especially at Baptisms and weddings.

I have made the decision that after being the Treasurer for many years, and as I look towards retiring next year, it is time to step down and hand over to someone else. If anyone feels this is something they could do, please have a word with me to see what is involved. I can assure you it isn't that complicated.

Sue Franks – Treasurer

Giving Summary- December 2024

Gift Aid & Small donations gift aid scheme



The envelope scheme is reconciled to end of December 2024 and we have received gift aid payments from HMRC for both of the two 6

months periods of this year. I made reference last year that since the COVID-19 crisis we saw a reduction in giving for many reasons. As church opened then it was obvious that giving behaviours had changed, and sadly we lost a number of regular givers. As we know, numbers of donors have been in slow decline for a number of years. Over the year 2024 we had 38 regular givers through the envelope or Direct Debit scheme of which 30 are Gift Aided. This is lower than last years 41, and represents a decline of 7.3%. The average weekly envelope/debit/gift day giving was £625.90, resulting in £32.546.70 of donations which was significantly up on the previous year which is a 7.8% increase. This bounce shows a second year of growth and shows that our diminishing regular givers have met the challenge and increased their donations. Donations eligible for Gift Aid were £15,347.30 which resulted in £3843.58 of tax that we were able to claim back. Under the guidance of Rev'd Mark, and the visible increase in our congregation, I hope we can halt the decline in our regular givers and look forward to more years of growth.

Giving Officer - 2024 Report
(February 2025)

Previous Years Donations

Period	Year	Donations	Tax Claimed	Additional G.A.
01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007	2007	£ 14,345.90	£ 3,736.20	£ -
02/01/2008 to 31/12/2008	2008	£ 14,710.36	£ 3,676.94	£ 430.97
01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009	2009	£ 15,454.41	£ 3,863.71	£ 613.40
01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010	2010	£ 15,013.20	£ 3,753.30	£ 552.89
01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011	2011	£ 14,542.55	£ 3,635.64	£ 139.39
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012	2012	£ 29,356.33	£ 7,339.01	£ -
01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2013	£ 30,098.28	£ 7,524.50	£ -
01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2014	£ 17,397.47	£ 4,349.37	£ 1,250.00
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015	2015	£ 17,553.07	£ 4,388.27	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016	2016	£ 19,770.80	£ 4,931.11	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017	2017	£ 19,007.90	£ 4,730.38	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	2018	£ 16,727.00	£ 4,171.97	£ 2,000.00
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	2019	£ 17,071.00	£ 4,267.97	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	2020	£ 15,788.00	£ 3,934.49	£ 1,345.00
01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	2021	£ 15,113.00	£ 2,917.66	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	2022	£ 14,739.00	£ 2,836.67	£ 1,288.48
01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	2023	£ 14,437.00	£ 3,609.25	£ 1,485.87
01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	2024	£ 15,374.30	£ 3,843.58	£ -

The additional Gift Aid shown on the 1st graph is part of 'The Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme' which started on 6 April 2013 and offers an opportunity for all churches to claim additional gift aid of up to 25% each on cash (small) donations, i.e. the gift aid due on donations of up to a maximum cap of £8,000 which we receive in cash collections throughout the year. Cash donations collected in services are also up this year, which means we have been able to claim more for 2023.
A summary of the current giving status is shown in the table below giving a breakdown of the broad categories of 'per week' donations.

Summary of Giving in Rothwell Holy Trinity Church - 2024

Per Week Contributions	Gift Aided	Non-Gift Aided	Direct Debit GA	Direct Debit NGA	Yearly Totals	Percentage
up to £1 per week	2	1	1	0	4	11
up to £2 per week	1	0	1	1	3	8
up to £3 per week	0	1	0	0	1	3
up to £4 per week	1	0	2	0	3	8
up to £5 per week	1	0	3	1	5	13
up to £6 per week	1	0	0	2	3	8
up to £7 per week	0	0	1	1	2	5
up to £8 per week	0	0	1	0	1	3
up to £9 per week	1	1	2	0	4	11
up to £10 per week	0	0	3	0	3	8
greater than £10 per week	1	0	8	0	9	24
	8	3	22	5	38	100

My grateful thanks for your continued generous support for the mission and ministry here at Holy Trinity Rothwell through your regular giving. As always you have shown that you step up the way you give through time, talent and donation and hopefully have fun at many of our fundraising events.
Kind Regards - Carl Burwell

Giving Officer - 2024 Report
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Annual Report from Safeguarding Officer 2024

In line with Diocesan guidelines on safeguarding, the PCC of Holy Trinity Church Rothwell has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on the safeguarding of children, and vulnerable adults during 2023. We continue to display a formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops
Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement in the church, Parish Centre and on our church website, as well as information on how to obtain help, inside and outside the church regarding child and adult safeguarding issues.

Safeguarding continues to be a standing item on the Agenda at each PCC meeting.

In September I was accepted to be Lead Recruiter for our parish and therefore am now responsible for our DBS checks, renewals and identifying a person's identity with thirtyone:eight , ensuring these are up to date.



In November we had a visit from the Archdeacon with Safeguarding being an item on the agenda. Reports were provided on DBS checks and training in Safeguarding that had been undertaken in addition to a questionnaire on parish safeguarding. The feedback was very positive with our required policies and procedures being in place. Following on from this visit we were given some actions to work on and these will be worked on in the forthcoming year.

Mark has successfully managed to arrange quarterly meetings with other Parish Safeguarding Officers in the Benefice and Rev Mandy. We are working on familiarising ourselves with DBS applications, verifications

and continuous use of the Parish Dashboard to ensure all safeguarding actions are met.

Actions:-

To review the Safeguarding Action Plan annually
To ensure that roles held within the PCC and the church continue to be up to date regarding their DBS checks and safeguarding training where necessary. To ensure every person eligible for safeguarding training fulfils the appropriate training, which begins June 2025.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Acting on your concerns or seeking advice is rarely a bad idea. People often ask, "What if I'm wrong?" but we have to ask ourselves "What if I'm right? We cannot assume that someone else has seen what we may have seen and will pass on concerns. Please always ask for advice around any concerns you may have.

Debbie Mann

March 2025



ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY, ROTHWELL. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

As we continue to care for God's Creation in our church buildings and grounds, we are thankful for the many congregational members, who support and contribute to Holy Trinity becoming carbon net zero, in the next few years.

As mentioned in last year's report, the church heating became the number one priority. The money raised during the Give to Go Green

month, which was matched by the Diocese, enabled us to install pew heaters in the church. These were installed in October, following an Energy Audit earlier in the autumn. These pew heaters have been welcomed, and there have been no reports of anyone complaining of being too warm in church!

As mentioned earlier the Energy Audit suggested other areas we might want to consider, including insulating the loft space above choir stalls and installing electric panel radiators to replace the remaining gas boiler, and solar panels on the church and hall roofs. Watch this space.

Once we have costings for the outstanding items then the decision is with the PCC to decide on its priority. I would expect another round of grants to be available for suitable applications.

Sue and I attended St Mary's Embsey, for an Eco Church workshop which covered the Community on Sunday, Lifestyle and Reaching Net Zero, and Fair Trade. We missed out on the churchyard and worship session. It was such a rewarding and inspiring event.



Having been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award in 2022 I would expect us to, with the improvements already completed, to be in a position to fulfil the criteria for the Silver Award this year.

The churchyard and grounds continue to be a habitat for many species of flowers and fauna, some delivered by human hand and the rest by Gods hand. The bird boxes that Carol's Crew at Messy Church built and painted have been inhabited by the homeless, no more, birds.

Roger, Sue and I cleared the piece of “waste land” near the steps to the parish hall. It should be in flower this spring and summer time.

Also, thanks to Roger and his band of grasscutters for keeping the front of the church looking terrific. I know it’s not a two minute job and requires hours of dedication.
The Churchyard Tidy days help attract people from the local area, who don’t necessarily come to church. These people realise what an asset the churchyard is to all of us who live in the area.

We have placed a box in the porch for anyone who have seeds left over, (lots of seed packets have 1000s of seeds in them. Who needs that many parsnips!). I’m pleased to say we have those who donate and those who receive, and those who do both.

In September we supported Fair Trade Week by showing locally sourced examples of Fair Trade produce in church. I never would have thought wine and chocolate would be so popular. Many products are available in all our local supermarkets. Nowadays, they are prominently displayed, unlike in the days of yore.

I’d like to thank the Churchwardens and Sue for making sure we maintain a watchful eye over all our resources and use them wisely. Reduce where we can and source alternatives where we can. Thank you.

Thank you to all who support the challenges we meet in making the best use of our resources. I know you all “Care for God’s Creation”.

Together we all make a difference.

John Normington
Environmental Officer
March 2025.



Deanery Synod Report 2024

Holy Trinity Church forms part of the South Leeds Deanery, the Deanery itself, part of the Archdeaconry of Leeds. Along with our Clergy, at present, we can elect from the congregation of Holy Trinity, 3 members to represent Holy Trinity at the Deanery Synod meetings. Our present Elected Representatives, who serve a 3-year term of office which expires in 2026 are:
Mrs Norma Barrett,
Mr Abhijit David &
Mr. Ian Land
By virtue of their office, our elected lay representatives sit on the P.C.C. of Holy Trinity as ex-officio members.

The Leaders of the Deanery are:
Area Dean - Revd. Phil Arnold – Christ Church – Armley
Assistant Area Dean – Revd. Sharon Wilkinson – St. Marys -Woodkirk
Joint Deanery Lay Chair – Stuart Ward – Oulton & Woodlesford
Joint Deanery Lay Chair - David Jorysz
Deanery Secretary – Brenda Pickard – Calverley

Over the course of the year the Synod met 3 times with also 2 Area Forum meetings and below are brief details of these:

The Deanery Synod met on 25th January 2024 at St Peter's Church, Gildersome. Stuart Ward, Lay Chair, thanked Rev Phil Harris for serving as Area Dean, and thanked Sarah Hancox for serving as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick licensed Rev Phil Arnold as Area Dean and Rev Sharon Wilkinson as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick reflected on Jeremiah 29:4-14 and gave an overview of where we are as a Church and nation. He also referred to Psalm 137 and that we should be 'singing the Lord's song in a strange land' as he talked about us living in a time of

fragmentation and danger. As we entered a year of General Elections for half of the world's population, the bishops would be identifying political issues and calling people to look at them through the lens of the Lord's Prayer, particularly seeking the Kingdom of God. Bishop Nick talked about the Diocese being a community of people with a diversity of views, and the need for us to keep our focus on the Kingdom of God together.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th March 2024 focussed on Church Growth.

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Christ Church, Upper Armley. There were updates on the Deanery Synod elections, the practicalities of finding cover during a vacancy and an update on Parish Share. Rev Emily Tidball had been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Gomersal and Birkenshaw and as she had been serving as Deanery Secretary there was a need to appoint someone new for this role. There was a presentation by Janet Edmonds and Alena Rose-Douglas from the Diocese on using church buildings for mission and grants to support mission in our churches.

The third meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Thursday 12th September 2025 at St Wilfrid's, Calverley. Elections to Mission & Pastoral Committee – Rev Phil Arnold volunteered as Clergy Member and Stuart Ward led the election of Ian Waterhouse, previous Lay Chair, who was happy to continue. Brenda Pickard from Calverley agreed to take on the role of Deanery Secretary. Phil mentioned the Selection Panel for Ordinands and asked for any names, clergy or lay to be forwarded to him. DDV Advisors were also mentioned and Rev Rob Denton, who is an Advisor, gave a brief explanation of how it works. Rev Graham Blackwell was unavailable to speak about Artificial Intelligence so Rev Chris Balding shared a few tips on how it can be used practically. Rev Mark Watson spoke about his experiences of 3-year Interim Ministry at St Michael's.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th November 2024 focussed on Lay Training.

In closing ,our thanks all those who serve on Deanery Synod and also to Jo Sarker for her administrative work on the Deanery's behalf.

Ian land – Deanery Representative



Report from the Musical Director

The choir are in good spirits, especially with the numerous opportunities we've had to sing with Methley's choir. The carol service had fewer things go wrong than the year before, actually the joint choir did themselves really proud with the anthems, and I'm still thankful to my friend Janina Ugule who stepped in to play at the last minute.

Please don't ask me anything about next Christmas.

The organ stayed in good working order, which to be honest we should kinda be thankful for.

Apologies to those of you who were expecting something funnier, been struggling with writer's block this year.

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MISSION AND LITURGY

The Mission and Liturgy committee has met four times in the past year. Much of our discussion has centred on a reconstruction of our church services following Revd Sarah leaving Methley to continue her ministry further South. As this would leave only two clergy to serve our team of four churches, we needed to work out a strategy of how to manage the team. We were given the services of an interim vicar, Revd Lisa, for one year in order to enable us to work through it.

After discussion it was decided that Revd Mandy will oversee the services at Methley and Mickletown as well as Lofthouse while Revd Mark will take over in Oulton and Woodlesford as well as Rothwell.

Baptisms will take place at 1pm at each church on different Sundays throughout the month, although families would be offered the opportunity to have their baptisms during the morning service.

Revd Lisa's final Sunday service will take place on 23rd March and we are grateful for her time with us, giving us time to decide which direction our faith takes us.

We have three Readers in the team, meaning that on occasions it will be necessary to have a Service of the Word. We also have a part time ordained minister who may be asked to take a communion service when Revd Mandy or Revd Mark are on leave.

My thanks go to the members of the committee for their contributions to our discussions and to Revd Mark for allowing us to meet in the vicarage.

Joyce Blakey, Chair of committee



The Fabric Committee Report to The PCC Annual General Meeting, April 2025.

The Fabric Committee has met each month throughout the year in order to care for the well-being of the buildings and grounds of the Church estate. Throughout the year the Calendar of Church Maintenance has been used as a basic guide in planning the work. The first task faced in April was to formulate a response to the Quinquennial Report. To address all the issues raised would have cost £223,700 over five years. So, a plan to deal with the most important recommendations made by the Architect was drawn up. A plan has now been developed and permission given to repair the leaks in the tower roof and repair the masonry around it. When this is done work will begin on a review of mortar and stones, where required.

In January, the parquet flooring, outside the vestry, was professionally cleaned and restored. This had been seen as a repair and as a 'Health and Safety' issue. At the same time minor repairs were undertaken on the Church pews.



In the graveyard, the Committee was responsible for setting up graveyard clarence days which have made the graveyard increasingly accessible. In addition, a programme of painting has been set in place for the summer months. Concern has been expressed about the state of the graveyard paths and work is being done on this issue.

The Committee has arranged for a firm to provide a quotation to remove the remaining asbestos in the boiler room, again this was seen as a 'Health and Safety' Issue. In addition, the Committee has worked with

others on the window replacement and Heating Schemes for the Church Buildings.

We are a small, friendly group who would be delighted to have new members, so if you feel that you would like to join us (no knowledge or experience necessary), please do get in touch with me,

Keith Lynch



The Finance Committee Report To The PCC For The 2025 AGM.

The Committee meets on a regular basis to have a monthly oversight of Parish Finances and to address any other financial issues that may arise.

From the start of the financial year, it was apparent that there was a gap between the income and expenditure of the Parish. This was clearly demonstrated at the end of the year when the Parish Share had not been paid in full. The Committee expressed the view that this situation could not be allowed to continue.

The monthly monitoring of income and expenditure showed that there had been little evidence of spikes or lows in the figures, which was encouraging.

The Committee has drawn up a Five-Year Business Plan for the Church. It was recommended to the PCC who accepted it as Church policy,

During the year the Committee discussed and helped to progress a number of initiatives within the buildings of the Church. They have contributed to the discussions of heating plans in both buildings and to

the work on replacing the windows and doors of the Parish Centre. Recently, a study of the Upper Room has taken place to develop its income generating ability in the future.

Work has also been undertaken in reviewing salaries and on the costs of hiring Church Facilities. In addition, the Committee has taken responsibility for oversight of charges and costs for the Hundred Club and a review of the rental of the remaining Church house.

The Committee is a friendly group who would be delighted to accept new members for the coming year. The Committee meets every other month and no specialist financial knowledge or understanding is needed to be a member of this group. If you feel that you would like to be a member of this Committee, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the group.



Keith Lynch,
Chair of the Finance Committee.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



The Fundraising Committee have worked really hard this year. Some of the events have been led by different people – Ann & Roger Ward and Sue & John Normington - giving the usual bunch a bit of a rest – so thank you to them

We also need to give special thanks to Joyce and Stella for holding their birthday party to raise money for us and to Carole Herring for her sponsored event and helping at events even though she isn't a member of the committee.

As you can see below we held a variety of different events and managed to raise £9342.41.

Christmas Raffle		£ 813.00
Christmas Wreaths		£ 10.00
December	Fish & Chip Supper	£ 751.44
January	French Evening	£1263.40
April	Table Top Sale	£ 249.85
	Smartie Tubes	£ 70.00
	Donations	£ 70.00
	Carole's Sponsor steps	£ 130.00
May	Donation	£ 200.00
July	Soup & Sandwiches	£ 347.50
	Book Corner	£ 50.00
	Summer Fayre	£ 919.27
October	Barn Dance	£ 702.00
	Harvest Lunch	£ 481.54
	Autumn Fayre	£1371.26
November	Joyce & Stella Birthday	£ 350.00
	Soup & sandwiches	£ 605.00
December	Band Concert	£ 230.95
	Friendship Café	£ 265.00
	Raffle and Coffee Morning	£ 686.00
	Fish & Chips & Carols	£ 581.20
	Rothwell Primary concert	£ 166.41
	TOTAL	£10,313.82

If anyone can help at any event, or even organise one themselves, it would be very much appreciated by the Fundraising Committee.

Jennifer Ward



PARISH CENTRE REPORT 2024

The Parish Centre continues to be used regularly although not as much as it used to be. The rise in the cost of living seems to have people thinking twice about being able to afford to celebrate in a big way.

We still have our usual regular bookings which give us guarantee income – Paula Clark dancing classes, Toddlers, Rising Stars and Paula Vickers Pilates classes. We also have a new regular booking from January for Babybeats which helps new mums adapt.

The Fundraising Committee continue to use the hall regularly for their fundraising events.



We Beer Festival was once again a success. The kitchen made £1357 slightly down on last year and £4000 was transferred from the Beer Festival Committee. This was £1000 less than 2023 but still a very good amount. Thanks must go the Beer Festival Committee, Rothwell Lions and Virginia Lynch and her team in the kitchen. Beer Festival 2025 is booked for 10,11,12 April.

The bar transferred £2500 to church Funds in 2024 which is an increase on 2023. This may not seem a big amount but without the bar we wouldn't have the hall bookings, and every bit helps.

The hall heating is still an ongoing project. The heating does work but is inadequate. However, this project was put on the back burner as we had the opportunity for a grant for under-pew heating in church which we couldn't pass up on. Virginia is back to working on this.

The doors and windows in the hall are in a bad state of repair and one of the windows in the upper room had been cracked on the outside. The upper room window is to be sorted asap, and quotes obtained for the downstairs.

Once the heating/air conditioning and windows are installed we will look to having a working party to re-decorate the hall. W atch this space asking for volunteers – it was a lot of fun last time we did it.

Thanks must go to Carole Herring for keeping the hall clean, keeping up to small maintenance jobs and running the opening and closing of the hall for parties.

Here's to a successful 2025
Sue Franks



Bar Report 2024

Well still another so, so year with the bar, gradually improving, but a long way from pre-covid days. Bookings have been very hit and miss during the year.

Prosecco by the glass and bottle continues to the best seller in our wine range. Pinot Grigio being the best seller of white wines. Each function is different with different products doing well on each party.

January 2025 is starting ok, but February we have no functions whatsoever and March and April are looking quite quiet at the moment, we shall have to see how the rest of the year develops. I have made the decision to remove the draft bitter from our array, and replace it with a

dark draught cider, I will continue to provide bottled beers, as the demand has been much quieter lately.

We continue to get a range of birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, and it is a pleasure to see people enjoying the range of gins and wines we are able to offer. Many thanks to my dedicated team of bar staff, without whom, I would not be able to manage.

Pleased to see the Beer Festival is continuing and thank you to all who volunteered to help with that event.



Phil Thomas
Bar Manager.



Holy Trinity Open Church Group Report for 2024

Our regular planned opening of the Church for visitors recommenced in April 2024 after the winter break, and continued until December. Our small team of Stewards from Holy Trinity were again pleased to welcome visitors to the Church on non-service days, and guide them in roaming and investigating our historic building. Over the Spring & Summer until December our team welcomed a steady flow of people wanting to find out what lay beyond the large wooden doors, either for solitary exploration, to enjoy a guided tour or just quiet contemplation. In September we again took part in the National Trust's Heritage Festival. In previous years our visitor count for this day has been excellent and again 2024 did not disappoint with visitors and families coming from near and far to explore our church and be regaled with the stories its walls hold.

Our group is a small team and we are always keen to recruit new members in the running of this valuable ministry, so if you can spare a couple of hours once a month and would like to get involved in welcoming people to our historical treasure in the heart of Rothwell, please have a chat with Ian or Keith

Ian Land



Sunday School

Sunday School happens on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday in the month (the 1st Sunday is Jigsaw, and the 3rd Sunday is All-Age). Children go to the back of church after the first hymn until the Eucharistic Prayer and show their work to the rest of the congregation after Communion. Their artwork is displayed on the Sunday School and Jigsaw board in the coffee area. All children over the age of 3 can attend. Under threes can use the children's area at the back of church. Bags, containing a book, colouring and a toy, are available for 2–8-year-olds at the entrance.

We play games, listen to and act out stories, after which there is normally an art, cooking or gardening activity. These activities are all based on the gospel or one of the other bible readings of the day. There are often photos on Facebook of the children being busy! Thank you to Ann, Debbie and Diane, who have helped out when I have not been around.

Carol

Messy Cafe

Messy Cafe happens on the last Saturday in the month from 10am to 11-30am in the Parish Centre. It is open to all children from 0 - 8. Along with a baby area and lots of toys, there are two tables of art activities and a small cafe. At the end of the session, we gather together for a few songs, accompanied by musical instruments. Numbers fluctuate - in the February session there were 12 children with their adults. Thank you to Jane (cafe) and Stella (art activities) for all their help.

Carol

Jigsaw



Jigsaw is an accessible service for families with children, held in the Parish Centre on the first Sunday in the month at 9.30am. It is a short, interactive, sociable and hands-on service with songs, musical instruments and a range of activities on the Sunday theme. During the activities part of the service, we are able to have a drink and a snack (thank you Roger). Each month we also add prayers to the prayer tree. I would also like to thank Ruth for her help with music and Ann for help with activities and organisation.

Carol

Friendship Café

Last year I started this report by saying the café had been running for a year and was going from strength to strength. Well, I'm pleased to say that the trend has continued and now, two years on, the number of regular attendees has grown to approximately 40.

Our motto has always been, 'We're here to make friends, not to make money' and even with the effects of inflation hitting us all when we do our weekly shop, we have made a conscious decision not to raise our prices again this year. Having said all that, with our loyal friends coming every month and not only buying drinks and the ever-popular toasted tea cakes but also buying scones and buns to take home with them, we have made enough money to buy more mugs and make several donations to church funds.

Once again, I need to say a big thankyou to everyone who helps out each month either in the kitchen serving food and drink or by helping to get the tables and chairs out at the start and putting them away at the end. The café is open from 10 am – 12noon on the last Friday of every month so, if you haven't been yet, come next month. After all, I don't know anywhere else you can buy a cup of tea or coffee for 50p.
Virginia

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The GFS has continued to have a busy year with lots of different girls attending and lots of activities taking place. A very big element is the "Keep Fit Activities". We have a lot of equipment, balls, rackets ,hockey sticks, hoops and bean bags etc and various games and races are organised around these.

Handicrafts loom largely in the activities and these always reflect the seasons of the year and Church Festivals. We have included painting this year, despite the mess.

Singing continues to be a lively activity.

As usual the GFS has run the "Gingham Cafe "at the Summer and Autumn Fayres. The girls have worked very hard waitressing and GFS Staff have worked very hard in the kitchen ably assisted by Sandra Bridges, Claire Dickinson and Anne Jagger who all have very strong links with the GFS!

We have been ably assisted by two girls at Royds doing The Community Section of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. They enjoyed it so much that they stayed on until their exams to give extra help. They gave an outstanding contribution.

All this hard work would not have been able without the outstanding and selfless contribution of Stella Dunwell, Tracy Sidwell and Joyce Blakey who turn up week after week showing their kindness, caring and devotion to the work of the GFS.

The girls also sang a Carol at The Annual Carol Service which lots of the parents and families attended.

Thank you to all who contribute, particularly Sue Franks who helps with all our admin.

Jennifer Ward.





BELLRINGERS

A lot of hard work has been undertaken in the belfry and I'm pleased to report that the restoration of the bells is now complete and we look forward to ringing the bells and arranging their rededication.

While we still struggle for available ringers in Rothwell, we are supported by ringers at other local towers, which have enabled us to ring for some Sunday mornings, Thursday practice nights, a funeral and a wedding in the last 12 months. We are very grateful for the support from other towers and hope we can increase the frequency the bells are rung this year now that the work on them has finished.

While the restoration work is finished there are a number of ongoing maintenance tasks, which have been undertaken by ringers at Swillington and a big thank you goes to the Cox family and particularly to Tim for his knowledge and dedication to keeping the bells going.

As well as the bells, the bell ringing team also ensures that the church clock keeps chiming every hour. This relies on a number of volunteers to manually wind the clock every week and again particular thanks goes to the Cox family for their support with this over the last 12 months.

As we look to the future, we would like to be in a position where Rothwell has its own full band of ringers, so if you or you know anyone with an interest in bell ringing please get in contact.

FLOWER LADIES



Last year we were able to provide fresh flowers to celebrate Christmas, Easter and Harvest, providing 4 displays each time.

We have been able to do this due to the generous donations from the congregation. These donations also made it possible to buy oasis and other equipment to provide the displays.

We have also provided silk flower displays to decorate the church.

There are 4 flower ladies who all work hard to make our church look lovely.

Margaret, Tracy, Wendy and Stella

Clergy Report 2024 – Revd Canon Mark Umpleby

It's been a real joy and privilege to continue to serve as your Vicar as well as Team Rector for the Benefice.

2024 continued to be a year where I was continuing to learn more about what was going on in church and parish/community and the benefice – as well as growing my relationships with each one of you. It has been great to see confidence grow in our church and ministry as well as numerically in our services.

Worship

I really value the support and ministry of our **LLMs (Readers) Joyce and Darren**. It is great to have such experienced ministers to share in ministry as well as their support, guidance and challenge. It has been great to see our numbers growing in our weekly services as well as in attendance at "special" times and seasons.

It was wonderful to host a **Deanery Confirmation service** led by Bishop Arun – and a real joy to see Alessia and Lucas from our own church confirmed.

Baptisms – It's been wonderful to continue to see many baptisms take place and a huge thank you to the Baptism preparation team.

Choir – Thank you to Richard for his work with choir and playing the organ. Thank you to all members of the choir. It has been great to see the joint choir with Methley a couple of times.

We had an **Advent Course** for all our four churches. I was pleased to lead the daytime groups. It's good when we join with other members of the other parishes in our benefice at this time.

Pastoral care

I've been greatly appreciative for all who care for one another in our church and community – including thanks to Jennifer Ward, Church Wardens, Joyce, Darren, and many others. I've been pleased to join Jennifer in a few of the regular **home communions** she makes across the parish and the monthly communion at her home. Thank you so much to Jennifer and Norma. It would be good to grow this team to enable this role to be shared.

It's great that the **Friendship Café** continues each month where many can join together and support one another including those recently bereaved.

Occasional offices

It's been a privilege to lead many **funerals** in church and at crematoriums. Thanks to those that assist with those services and huge thanks to colleagues including retired clergy who help in this ministry. Over 2024 we had many tragic funerals taking place after a murder, tragic road accident and the loss of a newly born baby – as well as some of our well-loved church members. It's also a real joy to lead **weddings** in church.

Children/Young People

A huge priority for my ministry is with Children and Young People. Thank you to Carol and team who work on **Messy Café** and **Jigsaw (formerly called family Church)**. Thanks also to Carol and helpers for the **Sunday School** ministry… it's lovely to see children in our church and part of the worship.

It's been lovely to visit **GFS** and see the great fun and activities those attending have. Thank you to each of the leaders/helpers.

It's been great to continue connections with **local schools**. I've led collective worship in Holy Trinity Primary Academy, Rothwell Primary School, Rothwell Victoria Junior School and Cockburn Haigh Road Academy. We've also hosted again Christmas services/concerts in church – Holy Trinity Primary, Rothwell Primary School, and Rothwell Victoria Junior School. Thanks to those who welcomed at these events. It's also been great to host visit by various classes from schools to church to explore the building and for "christenings". I've also later in this year started to make links and visit Oulton Primary School.

It was great to have three school come to **Experience Christmas** in our church. Thank you to Virginia who organised and all those who helped lead those visits. As well as the Beavers who came to visit church in November.

Safeguarding – this is a hugely important part of our life together and thanks to Debbie Mann for her role in this.

Mission/Community

Worship – It's been great to see these special services where we have been able to connect with those who don't regularly attend church at Harvest, Remember with love, Advent, Christmas, Remembrance Sunday and many more.

Food Bank – I'm so please to see the regular support of the local food bank and the connections growing with the team running this.
I was pleased to attend once again, serve drinks, and speak at the Christmas Day lunch hosted at Blackburn Hall.
Many other social events took place in 2024 which I want to say thanks to the fundraising team and many others who made these events happen and to all who supported… including the amazing Rothwell Beer Festival.

Community together – it has been good to get to know our local Councillors and MP. Also, to attend and support the various carnival community events in Rothwell. Thanks to those who helped with the Autumn Festival hosting stalls here at church for people to visit. It was great that many of us joined the Rothwell Park Run takeover as volunteers.

Parish Administrator - I want to say a huge thank you to Sue Franks – who's been a huge support to the life of the parish and benefice and particularly to me.

Give to Go Green – thank you to all who supported this fundraising initiative and helped organise events and then enabled our new pew heaters to be installed – thanks to the GTGG team of Virginia, Roger and John.

Wider Benefice ministry – my role as well as vicar here, is as Team Rector of the benefice which includes the parishes in Oulton with Woodlesford, Methley with Mickletown and Lofthouse. I really appreciate the support of my clergy colleagues Revd Revd Mandy Rhodes, Revd Lisa Senior who joined us for one year in March 2024, and to retired minister Revd Diane Flynn – as well as other retired colleagues. I've visited all churches in our benefice to lead Sunday worship and their midweek services. During this last year we've had a "transition team" that explored how we can have a pattern of worship that will be missional going forward as well as allowing the ministry to be shared amongst lay and clergy ministers. It was lovely to have the joint benefice services here at Rothwell and Lofthouse.

Diocese – it was good to be elected to serve on the Diocesan Synod. Also, to lead an ecumenical team to lead the first ever **Leeds Pride Celebration Service** at Leeds Minister for the LGBTQI+ community and friends/allies. I continue to serve as honorary canon at Ripon Cathedral.

Social Media/Website

We are pleased with the connections that continue being made online and the connections being made using these online sites:

Facebook – Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Leeds

Bluesky - @markumpleby.bsky.social

Website - www.achurchnearyou.com/Holy-Trinity-Rothwell

Thank you to Carl, Ann, Sue, and others who help to maintain these missional sites.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who make things happen and use their gifts. I particular want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Virginia and Mark as church wardens, deputies (Jennifer-Jane-Abhijit-Roger-John-Sue-Carl –Diane) Readers (LLM) Joyce & Darren, all PCC members and all the sub committees, flower folk, vergers, Keith and team and Roy Franks help on our building/grounds as well as huge thanks to Carole Herring, and so many more.

I pray for you all daily, and I would love it if you can pray for me too! 😊

God bless you all lots.

Revd Canon Mark Umpleby – April 2025
Team Rector of Rothwell. Lofthouse, Methley with Mickletown, Oulton with Woodlesford.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHWELL

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Rothwell, Lofthouse, Methley with Mickletown, and Oulton with Woodlesford Team Ministry

I report on the accounts of the team ministry for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The team ministry's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The team ministry'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:

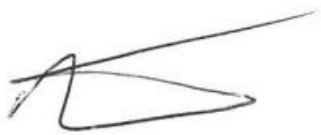
- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.



Mark Ibbertson
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17 April 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	46,046	—	—	46,046	30,325
Income from charitable activities	6,294	—	—	6,294	7,426
Other trading activities	68,167	—	—	68,167	70,660
Investments	31,252	14,275	—	45,527	100,456
Other income	38,361	—	—	38,361	58,225
Total income	**190,121**	**14,275**	**—**	**204,397**	**267,095**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4,262	—	—	4,262	3,216
Expenditure on charitable activities	216,792	—	—	216,792	433,655
Other expenditure	24,755	—	—	24,755	29,484
Total expenditure	**245,810**	**—**	**—**	**245,810**	**466,356**
Gains / losses on investment assets	(98)	(12,621)	—	(12,719)	(40,293)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(55,787)**	**1,654**	**—**	**(54,133)**	**(239,554)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	59,062	—	—	59,062	65,574
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31,500)	(27,562)	—	(59,062)	(65,574)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(28,225)**	**(25,908)**	**—**	**(54,133)**	**(239,554)**
Total funds brought forward	**702,736**	**484,709**	**—**	**1,187,446**	**1,427,000**
Total funds carried forward	**674,511**	**458,801**	**—**	**1,133,313**	**1,187,446**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	663,534	—	—	663,534	664,320
Designated					
Book of Remembrance	410	—	—	410	410
Mission and Ministry	34	—	—	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	4,946	—	—	4,946	6,199
Servers Robe fund	245	—	—	245	245
Special Contingency Func	5,340	—	—	5,340	31,526
Restricted					
Accumulated income Trust Fund	—	3,501	—	3,501	16,787
Churchyard Fund	—	2,736	—	2,736	2,736
Rothwell House Sale fund	—	1,501	—	1,501	1,501
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	—	235	—	235	235
Rothwell Trust Fund	—	450,828	—	450,828	463,449

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6401	Land & Building - Hall	490,000	490,000
6402	Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane	172,000	172,000
6403	Land & building - 4a Carlton Lane	—	—
6404	Office Equipment	—	—

6410	RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 3013318	26,826	26,040
6411	RT-CBF Investment Fund CB3013510	389,353	403,095
6412	CBF Property Fund CB3013256	34,484	34,294
6413	RH CBF Investment Fund CB3013557	1,600	1,520
6414	CHYARD CBF Investment Fund CB3013311	2,797	2,735
6420	PC BAR - cash and stock	2,684	2,782
	Total Fixed assets	**1,119,748**	**1,132,468**
Current assets			
6501	PCC Bank current account - CAF	1,704	2,519
6503	Bar Bank Current Account - CAF	2,064	3,249
6505	CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr	6,192	32,379
6506	CBF Dep Account - Parochial	—	—
6507	CBF Dep Account - Trust Income	3,457	16,744
6508	PCC Bank current account - HSBC	144	85
	Total Current assets	**13,564**	**54,977**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(41,416)	(199,261)
Z01	Starting balances	1,187,446	1,427,000
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	(12,719)	(40,293)
	Total Reserves	**1,133,310**	**1,187,446**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	668,841	664,320
	Designated	10,814	38,416
	Restricted	453,655	484,709
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**1,133,310**	**1,187,446**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 3013318 -	—	—	26,826	—	26,826	26,040
RT-CBF Investment Fund CB3013510 -	—	—	389,353	—	389,353	403,095
CBF Property Fund CB3013256 -	—	—	34,484	—	34,484	34,294
RH CBF Investment Fund CB3013557 -	—	—	1,600	—	1,600	1,520
CHYARD CBF Investment Fund CB3013311 -	—	—	2,797	—	2,797	2,735
PC BAR - cash and stock -	—	2,684	—	—	2,684	2,782
Totals	**—**	**2,684**	**455,064**	**—**	**457,748**	**470,468**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Land & Building - Hall -	490,000	—	—	—	490,000	490,000
Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane -	172,000	—	—	—	172,000	172,000
Totals	**662,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**662,000**	**662,000**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Bank current account - CAF -	1,607	—	97	—	1,704	2,519
Bar Bank Current Account - CAF -	(36)	2,100	—	—	2,064	3,249
PCC Bank current account - HSBC -	144	—	—	—	144	85
Totals	**1715**	**2,100**	**97**	**—**	**3,913**	**5,854**
Current assets - Investments						
CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr -	162	6,030	—	—	6,192	32,379
CBF Dep Account - Parochial -	(235)	—	235	—	—	—
CBF Dep Account - Trust Income -	5,199	—	(1,741)	—	3,457	16,744
Totals	**5,126**	**6,030**	**(1,506)**	**—**	**9,650**	**49,123**
Grand total	**668841**	**10,814**	**453655**	**—**	**1,133,310**	**1,187,446**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
CHYARD - Churchyard Fund							
Restricted	2,736	—	—	—	—	—	2,736
Sub-total for CHYARD	**2,736**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2,736**
MISSION - Mission and Ministry							
Designated	34	—	—	—	—	—	34
Sub-total for MISSION	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**34**
PAROCHIAL - Rothwell Parochial P							
Restricted	235	—	—	—	—	—	235
Sub-total for PAROCHIAL	**235**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**
PCBAR - Parish Centre Bar							
Designated	6,199	43,118	40,273	(4,000)	(98)	—	4,946
Sub-total for PCBAR	**6,199**	**43,118**	**40,273**	**(4,000)**	**(98)**	**—**	**4,946**
REMBOOK - Book of Remembrance							
Designated	410	—	—	—	—	—	410
Sub-total for REMBOOK	**410**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**410**
RHOUSE - Rothwell House Sale							
Restricted	1,501	—	—	—	—	—	1,501
Sub-total for RHOUSE	**1,501**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,501**
ROBES - Servers Robe fund							
Designated	245	—	—	—	—	—	245
Sub-total for ROBES	**245**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**245**
RTRUST - Rothwell Trust Fund							
Restricted	463,449	—	—	—	(12,621)	—	450,828
Sub-total for RTRUST	**463,449**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(12,621)**	**—**	**450,828**
SPECIAL - Special Contingency							
Designated	31,526	1,313	—	(27,500)	—	—	5,340
Sub-total for SPECIAL	**31,526**	**1,313**	**—**	**(27,500)**	**—**	**—**	**5,340**
TRUSTINC - Accumulated income T							
Restricted	16,787	14,275	—	(27,562)	—	—	3,501
Sub-total for TRUSTINC	**16,787**	**14,275**	**—**	**(27,562)**	**—**	**—**	**3,501**
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	664,320	145,689	205,536	59,062	—	—	663,534
Sub-total for General	**664,320**	**145,689**	**205,536**	**59,062**	**—**	**—**	**663,534**
Grand total	**1,187,446**	**204,397**	**245,810**	**—**	**(12,719)**	**—**	**1,133,310**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
1100 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	53	—	—	—	53	4
1101 - Envelopes Gift Aid Giving	1,411	—	—	—	1,411	2,504
1102 - Envelope not Gift Aided	705	—	—	—	705	816
1103 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,278	—	—	—	5,278	5,049
1104 - Donations via Sumup card machine	378	—	—	—	378	—

1105 - Church cash collections	2,876	—	—	—	2,876	2,309
1106 - Sundry donations	4,189	—	—	—	4,189	3,318
1107 - Specified donations	282	—	—	—	282	1,034
1108 - Online Giving - Gift Aided	12,550	—	—	—	12,550	11,469
1109 - Online Giving - not Gift Aided	1,760	—	—	—	1,760	2,265
1110 - Christmas Services	1,511	—	—	—	1,511	712
1115 - Special Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
1124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	43
1131 - Funeral charity collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1133 - Donations appeals etc	7,550	—	—	—	7,550	—
1134 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1135 - Non-recurring one-off grants	7,500	—	—	—	7,500	800
1136 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1137 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	46,046	—	—	—	46,046	30,325

Income from charitable activities

1111 - Fees for weddings and funerals	6,294	—	—	—	6,294	7,426
1117 - Churchyard Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,294	—	—	—	6,294	7,426

Other trading activities

1112 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1113 - Magazine income - advertising	112	—	—	—	112	152
1114 - Bookstall/cards/diaries sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1118 - Fundraising Activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
1119 - 100 Club	2,374	—	—	—	2,374	2,302
1120 - Coffee	1,108	—	—	—	1,108	305
1127 - Tower Rental	8,951	—	—	—	8,951	8,951
1129 - Book of Remembrance	30	—	—	—	30	—
1142 - Parish Share fundraising	10,313	—	—	—	10,313	8,793
1148 - Frienship Cafe	20	—	—	—	20	—
1201 - Church hall lettings - Regular bookings	10,431	—	—	—	10,431	11,465
1202 - Church hall lettings - 1 off bookings	5,475	—	—	—	5,475	5,997
1204 - Church hall sundries	—	—	—	—	—	150
1207 - Beer Festival	6,075	—	—	—	6,075	6,489
1301 - Bar Takings	—	23,274	—	—	23,274	26,054
Total	44,892	23,274	—	—	68,167	70,660

Investments

1121 - Rent from lands or buildings	6,845	—	—	—	6,845	7,200
1122 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1123 - Interest received	93	—	—	—	93	119
1139 - Proceeds from Trust Fund	23,000	—	—	—	23,000	76,650
1140 - Interest	—	1,313	14,275	—	15,589	16,487
Total	29,938	1,313	14,275	—	45,527	100,456

Other income

1125 - Transfer from Trust Income Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1126 - Transfer from mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
1128 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1130 - Transfer from current account	230	—	—	—	230	—
1132 - Church Sundries	13,516	—	—	—	13,516	19,059

1138 - move from Team a/c for copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
1141 - Defibrillator	—	—	—	—	—	—
1143 - Refurbishement fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1144 - money claime back for vacancy costs	—	—	—	—	—	18
1145 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	159	—	—	—	159	144
1146 - Baptism Certificates	—	—	—	—	—	136
1147 - Hymn Book Fund	12	—	—	—	12	134
1203 - Money transferred from bar account	2,500	—	—	—	2,500	1,000
1205 - Bond paid into bank	2,100	—	—	—	2,100	1,650
1206 - Bond retained	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Float	—	18,221	—	—	18,221	35,370
1303 - Bar Sundries	—	1,615	—	—	1,615	710
1304 - Interest Bar	—	5	—	—	5	3
1501 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	18,518	19,843	—	—	38,361	58,225
INCOME TOTAL	145,689	44,431	14,275	—	204,397	267,095

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2127 - Rental Management costs	897	—	—	—	897	1,268
2137 - Refurbishment fund raising pd to special	—	—	—	—	—	—
2142 - Money paid to GTGG Fund	1,093	—	—	—	1,093	—
2155 - 100 Club	1,275	—	—	—	1,275	1,675
2161 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
2162 - Costs Social events	—	—	—	—	—	—
2212 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	—
2213 - Sumup charges - Hall	32	—	—	—	32	38
2214 - Beer Festival Costs	718	—	—	—	718	—
2315 - Sumup charges bar	—	245	—	—	245	234
Total	4,017	245	—	—	4,262	3,216

Expenditure on charitable activities

1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cleaning	56	—	—	—	56	305
2102 - Relief Clergy/Visiting speakers	—	—	—	—	—	—
2103 - Sacristy supplies - upkeep of services	1,170	—	—	—	1,170	689
2104 - Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2105 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2106 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Church Salaries	16,324	—	—	—	16,324	14,209
2108 - Clergy expenses - car, tele etc	1,067	—	—	—	1,067	185
2109 - Oether clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2110 - Church Heating/Light/Water	4,713	—	—	—	4,713	7,805
2111 - Church maintenance and repairs	16,921	—	—	—	16,921	4,456
2113 - Church running - insurance	5,355	—	—	—	5,355	5,160
2114 - Parish Share	47,097	—	—	—	47,097	51,917
2116 - Churchyard expenses	43	—	—	—	43	40

2117 - Postage	94	—	—	—	94	144
2118 - Printing and Stationary	1,975	—	—	—	1,975	1,831
2119 - Church office - telephone	569	—	—	—	569	641
2120 - youth Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2121 - Children's Groups	375	—	—	—	375	—
2122 - Rental Repairs/Maintenance	616	—	—	—	616	558
2123 - Charities	399	—	—	—	399	1,317
2124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2125 - Christmas Charities	2,148	—	—	—	2,148	684
2126 - Funeral Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2128 - Vicarage repairs/maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2129 - HMRC - PCC	1,561	—	—	—	1,561	1,477
2131 - Church relief staff	30	—	—	—	30	—
2132 - Church Renovation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2135 - Coffee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2136 - Ark Bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
2151 - Bank Charges	146	—	—	—	146	121
2154 - Architects fees	2,807	—	—	—	2,807	4,894
2156 - Sumup charges - Church	117	—	—	—	117	17
2164 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	610
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Hall Salaries	12,547	—	—	—	12,547	15,534
2202 - Hall heating/lighting/water	5,179	—	—	—	5,179	7,260
2203 - Hall Cleaning Materials	697	—	—	—	697	1,702
2204 - Hall repairs & Maintenance	6,075	—	—	—	6,075	7,152
2205 - Hall Telephone	121	—	—	—	121	373
2206 - Hall - Insurance	2,331	—	—	—	2,331	2,356
2208 - Hall relief staff	50	—	—	—	50	—
2209 - Waste Disposal	4,981	—	—	—	4,981	8,687
2301 - Bar staff wages	—	1,500	—	—	1,500	2,215
2302 - Float retained	—	17,893	—	—	17,893	35,155
2303 - Bar Stock	—	11,547	—	—	11,547	13,640
2304 - Misc Bar Items	—	50	—	—	50	78
2305 - Bar salaries	—	2,343	—	—	2,343	3,187
2306 - HMRC Bar	—	604	—	—	604	1,359
2307 - Bar Glass disposal	—	1,565	—	—	1,565	1,247
2308 - Bar Sundries	—	1,892	—	—	1,892	866
2310 - Bar Licence Fees	—	70	—	—	70	70
2311 - Bar repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2312 - Bar cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	2,664
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	43,717	—	—	—	43,717	150,071
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	6,027
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	76,934
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	29	—	—	—	29	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	179,324	37,468	—	—	216,792	433,655

Other expenditure

2115 - Church Sundries	14,179	—	—	—	14,179	13,471
2130 - music	2,790	—	—	—	2,790	2,152

licences/Subscriptions/memberships						
2138 - Costs during vacancy	—	—	—	—	—	—
2139 - Pension Scheme	2,268	—	—	—	2,268	1,250
2140 - Team running costs	77	—	—	—	77	91
2141 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	159	—	—	—	159	145
2157 - Transfer to PCC current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2158 - Transferred to mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
2165 - Depreciation of office equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—
2171 - Depreciation of fixed asset	—	—	—	—	—	—
2207 - Hall Sundries	205	—	—	—	205	313
2210 - Bond returned	2,075	—	—	—	2,075	2,100
2211 - Hall Refunds	439	—	—	—	439	136
2309 - Paid to PCC from bar account	—	2,500	—	—	2,500	1,000
2314 - Bank charges bar	—	60	—	—	60	60
2409 - Team Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	8,763
Total	22,195	2,560	—	—	24,755	29,484
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	205,536	40,273	—	—	245,810	466,356
GRAND TOTAL	(59,847)	4,158	14,275	—	(41,413)	(199,261)

This report dated: 13 February 2025

Signed..... Dated..... 11.05.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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17 April 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ROTHWELL, LEEDS

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2023

Report on Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council.

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church is responsible, along with the Rector, in promoting the Church's mission in Rothwell, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also having the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Church, Parish Centre and Housing stock.

The PCC is made up of Ex Officio, Appointed and Elected Lay Members. The elected members along with our Deanery Synod representatives serving a 3-year term. The PCC has also appointed both a Safeguarding Officer and an Environmental Officer to advise PCC on these matters. A full list of the current PCC membership can be found in the appendix to this report.

The PCC functions within the regulations laid-down within The Church Representation Rules 2022 and meets within the terms of these Regulations to ensure all its business is conducted efficiently. The Standing Committee is appointed by PCC to manage business between PCC Meetings as required. Various Sub-Committees of the PCC also meet on a regular basis to conduct the committee's allotted business.

The present Sub-committees comprise:
i) Fabric
ii) Finance
iii) Fund Raising
iv) Mission & Liturgy
v) Parish Centre
All our Sub-committees of PCC are lead by a Lay Chair elected from within the Sub-committee.

The dawn of 2023 found the PCC of Holy Trinity engaged in meetings, along with other PCCs of the parishes within the Team, with the Archdeacon of Leeds in the process of the recruitment of a new Team Rector to the Benefice, a process which resulted in the appoint of Revd Canon Mark Umpleby to the role and his licensing to the Benefice in July at Holy Trinity.

April 30th marked our APM & APCM and for the first time in a number of years all our elected posts on the Council were filled. Up to the appointment of Revd. Mark the PCC meetings have been led by our Lay Vice Chair – Virginia Lynch and a big "Thank You" must go to Virginia for all her efforts in this regard.

PCC meetings are usually held bi-monthly with the various Sub-committees meeting in the months in-between. Attendance at our PCC meetings remains high for all members and during the year the PCC had to deal with many items many of which will no doubt be covered by other reports within this Annual Report, so I will not go into detail here.

Concluding my report, on behalf of the Parish I would like to offer thanks to our PCC members for all their dedication and hard work for the Church in Rothwell and as always a big "Thank You" to our Recording Secretary – Bela Singh for her hard work in transcribing our P.C.C discussions over the months.

Ian Land – Honorary P.C.C. Secretary

Appendix A – Holy Trinity PCC Membership at APCM 2023

Ex Officio			
Virginia Lynch	Vice Chairman	Elected	Retiring
Virginia Lynch	Warden	APCM2023	APCM2024
Mark Wilkinson	Warden	APCM 2023	APCM2024
Norma Barrett	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Ian Land	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Abhijit David	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Appointed to PCC			
Joyce Blakey	Reader	APCM 2023	APCM2024

Elected Lay Representatives

Carol Cressall	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Roger Ward	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Sue Franks	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Keith Lynch	APCM 2021	APCM2024
Richard Mayers	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Pat Shute	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Jennifer Ward	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Carl Burwell	APCM 2023	APCM2026
Adam Burwell	APCM 2023	APCM2026

PCC Advisors

Debbie Mann	Safeguarding Officer
John Normington	Environmental Officer



THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

At the end of 2023 the number of names on the Electoral Roll were

63 Resident 19 Non-resident

Making the total number of names 82

There are forms at the back of Church or from Jennifer Ward if anyone would like to be included in the Electoral Roll for 2024

Jennife Ward – Electoral Roll Officer



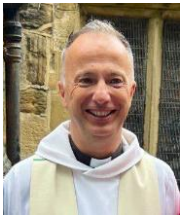
Churchwarden's Report Year ending 2023.

2023 started as 2022 ended in the middle of the vacancy for Team Rector and Vicar of Rothwell. The church continued to be blessed and gifted with a host of different and diverse array of visiting clergy covering our Sunday morning worship. Bringing different viewpoints, ideas, and influences. During those first weeks of 2023 we had a different member of clergy almost every week. This brought its own challenges, ensuring that they were welcomed and fully briefed before starting a service. The worry of them being double diary booked and not turning up, or just forgetting, or going to the wrong Holy Trinity Church in Rothwell. Most google searches will bring up Holy Trinity Church Rothwell in Northamptonshire before Rothwell in West Yorkshire. Luckily none of these things happened, by the time we got around to Lent we were back having some recurring and regular faces that helped to keep some continuity. Our grateful thanks again to Rev. Anthea College and Rev. Robin Patterson who supported us so admirably in this period. Also, the support from visiting priest and clergy and Joyce Blakey our Lay Reader who could and did step in at moment's notice and supported many of the non-Eucharistic services during the vacancy. We were very lucky to have the usual suspects of retired clergy covering the occasional offices of Baptisms, Weddings, and funerals along with Rev. Mandy and Rev Sarah sharing the team resources and always being just at the end of phone.

With services covered that gave opportunity to continue and complete the North-West Corner work. our thanks to the congregation's patience and forbearance during the disruption caused with the building work. Although disruption was kept to an absolute minimum on a Sunday there were odd areas that suddenly had big holes in it whilst drainage works were carried out and completed. At last, an internet and Wi-Fi cable was laid. I am sure that you will agree that the disruption was worth it as we now have a fully functioning kitchenette, a seating area that is used not only on a Sunday but at other events and the Holy Grail a toilet. Something that has long been on the wish list of the church since Adam

was a lad. The completion has added to the fabric of the church building and has enhanced it, utilizing space which had become a bit of a dumping ground.

Whilst all this was happening in the background continued attempts to complete parish profiles and brochures to entice candidates for the vacancy. As the cold dank winter turned to spring, a miracle, a candidate. Casting our net far and wide for the crème de la crème within the Anglican communion and searching far and wide to the far-flung corners of the empire. Whether it was an epiphany, a road to Damascus conversion or a still small voice of calm, we may never know but a spark in someone's mind was lit in deep and darkest Batley on the Dewsbury riviera. Although having a sound theological pedigree and vast experience the clincher at interview was a born and bred Yorkshireman and a die-hard Leeds United fan. So, Rothwell and the benefice would be marching on and out together with our new Team Rector. Rev Canon Mark Umpleby. He would be tying up his loose ends at Batley in May and would be joining us in July, journeying via Route 66 and the Southern States of America rather than just going 4 junctions down the M1.



At last, a light at the end of the vacancy tunnel not someone just shining a torch. We were blessed by a wonderful event in Mid-July with the Licensing of Rev Mark and his institution as team rector. Joining us in that event included Mark's parents and close family and friends with supporters from all his team at Batley. Members of the congregation from the wider benefice. Who will be tapping into and sharing Mark's skills and pastoral knowledge. Along with representatives from the local faith community and the community at large. In attendance also was the Archdeacon and Bishop Arun who was so impressed on his first visit to Rothwell with the warmth of welcome to him and how well we had coped and moved forward as a church during the time of vacancy. We welcome Mark to his new stage of his ministry and faith journey bringing his skills and talents to both Rothwell and the wider benefice.

The biggest worry is that with a new member of clergy arriving that the laity sit back and relax as they have worked hard during a vacancy and the vicar can take up the reins. Isn't that what is supposed to happen?

Well, if it is, it is not the custom and practice at Holy Trinity. The laity have never taken their foot off the gas for one minute. Planning, developing, and formulating plans to take the church at Rothwell into the 2020's. There is always work to be done, some more planning and developing. The Parish Share was paid not least in part to the fund-raising efforts of the social committee and Jennifer and her teams' relentless efforts. The mission and liturgy committee led by Joyce intermingled with her other duties and responsibilities have devised and brought to fruition different types and styles of worship including a pet service in October. Which was blessed with unseasonably warm weather to have the event outside. This is an event that will grow and get stronger going forward.

Services over the Remembrance and Kingdom season were well received throughout the local community. Remembrance Sunday was attended by members of the Royal British Legion, civic dignitaries, members of the armed forces and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire Michael Fox. Rothwell is his go to place on Remembrance Sunday morning. A testament to the warm welcome and ties of friendship he has developed over the past years.

Remember with love our annual service of remembrance of those who have passed in the past year remains well received and of great comfort and consolation at a time when loved ones are perhaps missed the most and sadness and grief can be overwhelming in the midst of the joy and celebration of the Advent season and Christmas.

Our ties and links with the local community were further enhanced during this period with the Church School learning and sharing the true gift and meaning of Christmas in the Experiencing Christmas event at the beginning of Advent. Well over a thousand school children in the local primary schools attended with parents, grandparents, friends and significant others along with teachers and governors at school Christmas carol events. Seeing the church full to capacity and beyond with standing room only (even that was in short supply) was a great joy.



The team and benefice choirs who have started to work more closely and coherently sharing time, talents and resources combined for both Rothwell and St. Oswald's Methley's service of Carols and lessons. Both events were well attended and have developed some excellent working relationships and links. It has also encouraged and nurtured new talents and singers into the choir and brought a few back out of semi-retirement to increase numbers and vocals.

Both Virginia and I have used our own skills and talents to help support the church in what has been another challenging year with other commitments and challenges competing with this role. Which means spinning a lot of plates and juggling a lot of balls sometimes all at the same time. Luckily none have fallen on our heads although there have been a few close calls.

We can confidently report seeds of growth emerging into green shoots. There are new faces making Rothwell Holy Trinity their spiritual home, we have seen wedding couples and baptismal families sharing and growing in faith and joining the established congregation. This remains a testament to the warmth of welcome and family feeling we have in our church community.



No report would be complete without a few thank-you's and shout outs. Firstly, to the assistant wardens both Jennifer and Jane, for their forbearance during the past year and commitment who just go about their work behind the scenes. Our regular sides persons and welcomers who give up their time of prayer and devotions to sort the heating out, give books out, count collections, open, close-up support newbies in church, play with the sound system and other odd jobs during a Sunday morning, a very grateful thank you. please let us know if you wish to share your time and talents or feel called to supporting the church in this vital role, please feel free to have a word with one of us.

To Sue Franks our parish administrator, to Pat Shute who co-ordinates rotas and roles and supports ensuring funerals and weddings are

covered with vergers (who to all those with vergerIng responsibilities we are eternally grateful). Carol Herring, who has taken over the role of caretaker and is boots on the ground most days of the week opening, locking, and keeping things ticking over day to day, and Richard Mayers our musical director who knows there will almost always be a member of the choir missing every Sunday enabling us to fulfil our dual duties as warden and choir member.

To Rev Mark for his support, friendship, and prayers I hope we have not frightened you off so far. To use a football analogy. We do have a habit of going through vicars like Leeds United go through managers, but we are hopeful you will stick with us, you're not just on loan for a season and not looking for a transfer in the January window. We do hope we have a long cup run with you.

We also want to thank our long-suffering families and friends who have so much to put up with throughout the year in office. Helen has also had to put up with completing a PGCE at university and a Great North Run for good measure she deserves a medal as big as a dustbin lid.

Also, to Keith Lynch who may feel like he is married to the church sometimes, as Virginia completes the lion share of faculty applications, emails, telephone calls, liaison with contractors, workmen (and women), the list is quite literally never-ending.



Finally, to all the congregation for your warmth, care, and support during the past year it remains both an honor and privilege to serve you and this parish in this ancient office as Bishop's officers



(Churchwardens).



TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

I'm pleased to report that we again managed to pay off our Parish Share in full. We pay off £2000 per month on standing order so we need to find the other £27,917 from somewhere. The Fundraising

committee raised £8793.30 from their various activities which are shown in the Fundraising Committee's report. We paid £9001 from the tower mast rental which left us with a £10,123.00 shortfall. Fortunately, we still have a bit of money in the money raised from the sale of 4a Carlton Lane so we used this to pay the share in full this year. Unfortunately, this fund is rapidly being depleted so we cannot rely on this for much longer.



We are very grateful to the people who give on a regular basis. More people are now giving online rather than envelopes. Because of this the envelope giving is down from last year but the online giving has risen. Cash donations from Sunday services, weddings and baptism have remained pretty much the same as 2022.

Since we stopped using the numbered envelopes and leaving the generic ones on the pews each week we have seen an increase in people gift aiding their donation.
We have also put card readers in Church, the hall and the bar which does seem to encourage slightly more donations at weddings and baptisms.

After re-evaluation of the shares the Trust Fund now stands at £463,449 which is down £40,902 from last year after.

Fees from weddings and funerals were down by nearly around £900 in 2023 but the 100 Club raised £407 more. Bookings of the parish hall was also down by £2040 on 2022

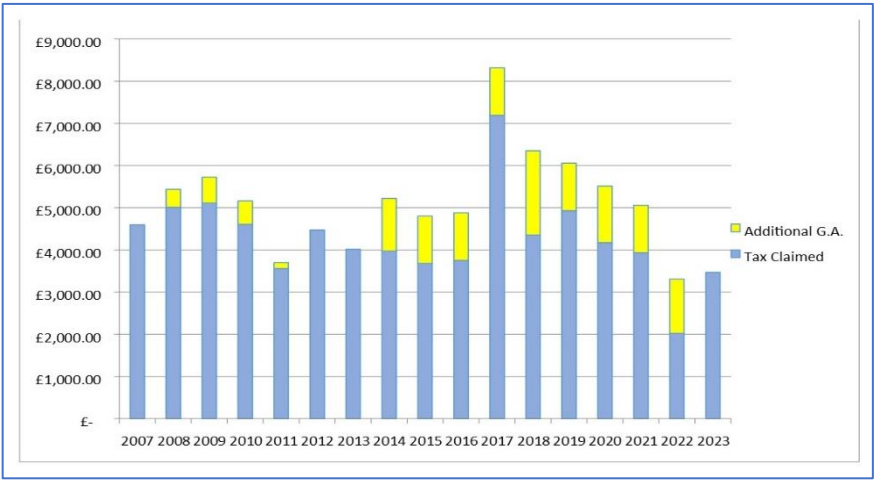
As always it is a struggle to keep the books balanced as our outgoings are still more than our income.

Sue Franks – Treasurer



Giving Summary- December 2023

Gift Aid & Small donations gift aid scheme



The envelope scheme is reconciled to end of December 2023 and we have received gift aid payments from HMRC for both of the two 6 months periods of this year. Post the COVID-19 crisis which saw a reduction in giving for many reasons, then we are seeing a recovery of giving, but still a downwards trend from a 2019 high, and our lowest total to date. It is obvious that giving behaviours have changed significantly and sadly we have lost a number of regular givers through an aging congregation and as people struggle with a cost-of-living crisis. However, as a balance to this I am informed that event led giving has been strong, and supplements regular giving. As we know the numbers of donors have been in slow decline for a number of years. Over the year 2023 we still had 41 regular givers through the envelope or Direct Debit scheme, which is a reduction of 3 over the year, 29 of these are Gift Aided. The average weekly envelope/debit/gift day giving was £569.64 resulting in £30,190.70 of donations. Donations eligible for Gift Aid were £13,874.00 which resulted in £3468.50 of tax that we were able to claim back. We look forward to the future with hope as our congregation grows. As our Direct Debit / Bank Transfer givers have increased we have stopped purchasing our traditional Envelopes and have moved to Generic giving envelopes. Regular givers can still have their yearly

envelopes which are stamped with a unique givers number and the remainder envelopes can be used by the general congregation for giving and can be found in the pews. As we modernise, we also have card readers available for the many givers who don't carry cash. We of course will review this at PCC.

Previous Years Donations

Period	Year	Donations	Tax Claimed	Additional G.A.
01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007	2007	£ 16,301.78	£ 4,597.94	£ -
02/01/2008 to 31/12/2008	2008	£ 19,388.38	£ 5,008.08	£ 430.97
01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009	2009	£ 20,446.71	£ 5,111.68	£ 613.40
01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010	2010	£ 18,429.74	£ 4,607.44	£ 552.89
01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011	2011	£ 14,245.70	£ 3,561.43	£ 139.39
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012	2012	£ 17,896.54	£ 4,474.14	£ -
01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2013	£ 16,071.01	£ 4,017.75	£ -
01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2014	£ 15,278.04	£ 3,969.99	£ 1,250.00
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015	2015	£ 14,706.60	£ 3,676.94	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016	2016	£ 15,013.20	£ 3,753.30	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017	2017	£ 28,758.18	£ 7,189.55	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	2018	£ 17,397.47	£ 4,349.37	£ 2,000.00
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	2019	£ 19,720.80	£ 4,930.20	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	2020	£ 16,677.00	£ 4,169.25	£ 1,345.00
01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	2021	£ 15,734.00	£ 3,933.50	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	2022	£ 8,082.00	£ 2,020.50	£ 1,288.48
01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	2023	£ 13,874.00	£ 3,468.50	£ -

The additional Gift Aid shown on the 1st graph is part of 'The Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme' which started on 6 April 2013 and offers an opportunity for all churches to claim additional gift aid of up to 25% each on cash (small) donations, i.e. the gift aid due on donations of up to maximum cap of £8,000 which we receive in cash collections throughout the year.

A summary of the current giving status is shown in the table below giving a breakdown of the broad categories of 'per week' donations.

Summary of Giving in Rothwell Holy Trinity Church - 2023

Per Week Contributions	Gift Aided	Non-Gift Aided	Direct Debit GA	Direct Debit NGA	Yearly Totals	Percentage
up to £1 per week	0	2	0	2	4	10
up to £2 per week	2	2	1	0	5	12
up to £3 per week	0	0	0	0	0	0
up to £4 per week	0	1	3	0	4	10
up to £5 per week	4	0	2	0	6	15
up to £6 per week	1	0	1	2	4	10
up to £7 per week	0	0	1	0	1	2
up to £8 per week	0	0	0	1	1	2
up to £9 per week	0	0	2	0	2	5
up to £10 per week	2	1	3	0	6	15
greater than £10 per week	0	0	7	1	8	20
	9	6	20	6	41	100

My grateful thanks for your continued generous support for the mission and ministry here at Holy Trinity Rothwell through your regular giving. These have been difficult times and the ways you always step up the way you give, through time, talent and donation has been an inspiration.

Kind Regards

Carl Burwell

Giving Officer - 2023 Report (February 2024)



Annual Report from Safeguarding Officer 2023

In line with Diocesan guidelines on safeguarding, the PCC of Holy Trinity Church Rothwell has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on the safeguarding of children, and vulnerable adults during 2023. We continue to display a formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement in the church, Parish Centre and on our church website, as well as information on how to obtain help, inside and outside the church regarding child and adult safeguarding issues.Safeguarding continues to be a standing item on the Agenda at each PCC meeting.

In 2023 there have been no safeguarding issues raised.

Since the last APCM three new members were appointed to the PCC and all of which have now completed DBS checks and appropriate safeguarding training.

Having had a new incumbent in July 2023, Rev Mark and I met in November regarding:-

- A secure place for keeping safeguarding records
- A possible meeting of Safeguarding Officers from the Benefice
- The continuous use of Parish Dashboards
- Risk Assessments from Church groups

Baptism request forms have been modified to include the consent from parents to use photographs on our church website to celebrate a child's Baptism Consent forms to use photographs have been created which give the church permission to display activities from Messy Cafe, Family Church and Sunday School on our church website

Actions:-

- To review the Safeguarding Action Plan annually
- To ensure risk assessments are in place for activities involving groups in church/parish centre
- To ensure that roles held with the PCC and within the church continue to be updated regarding their DBS checks and safeguarding training where necessary



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Acting on your concerns or seeking advice is rarely a bad idea. People often ask "What if I'm wrong?" but we have to ask ourselves "What if I'm right?. We cannot assume that someone else has seen what we may have seen and will pass on concerns. Please always ask for advice around any concerns you may have.

Debbie Mann
March 2024



THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY AGM, MARCH 2023.

The Committee meets on a regular basis in order to have a monthly oversight of Parish Finances and to address any broader financial issues that may arise.

At the start of the financial year the Committee discussed the income available to the Church and ways in which it could be increased. It became clear that at the moment the Church was spending more than it generated in income. Clearly this state of affairs could not continue.

At each meeting, a monthly review of expenditure is undertaken. The Committee now has three years of data, which provides a sound guide for observing any spikes or lows in the figures.

In September the whole Committee attended a meeting with a charity fund-raiser and useful practical advice was given. The fund-raising Committee is essential to the finances of the Church and it is essential that everyone supports and attends its ventures.

For a secure economic future, the church needed to improve the useability of the Parish Centre as the main source of income. It was felt that fundamental to this was new heating, new toilets and refurbishment.



In recent meeting the Committee has considered the value of having an annual budget for the Church and the Parish Centre. In addition, the value of a five year budget plan was examined and it was thought that this could be a useful tool for preparing finances of the future.

Keith Lynch.



The Fabric Committee Report to Holy Trinity A.G.M. 2023

Throughout 2023-2024, members of the Fabric Committee, met on a regular basis and dealt with a number of the fabric issues relating to the Church and Parish Centre.

As with previous years the framework of fabric care was based upon a Calendar of Church Maintenance which was discussed and acted upon at each meeting. This enabled the group to be prepared for annual issues such as gutters and specific concerns such as health and safety.

A major problem the committee has had to contend with this year is a shortage of people and firms willing to undertake work such as, for example, the repair of the pews in the church.
In lieu of the above members of the committee itself effected the repair of the church box which had been broken in the passage of time, box lid has now been re-connected to the box itself.

The Committee took part in the Quinquennial report for the church, though the report is yet to be received. It is thought that much of the coming year's work by the committee will be based on the recommendations of the Quinquennial Report.



Following a recommendation from the Committee that the Sanctuary area between the choir stalls needed attention, it submitted a report with three recommendations, and this was accepted by the PCC.

Good progress has been made in maintaining the graveyard over the past year. Local Councillors, members of the Congregation and local residents are all to be thanked for willingly giving their time and effort to this venture. It is to be hoped that this will continue in the coming spring. Should anyone feel that they could help, please contact me via the church office.

Keith Lynch.



ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

We continue to strive to care for Gods church buildings and land in an environmental way.

We have been beset by problems with heating in both the church and hall.

We were delayed in making progress in both buildings, due to the DAC approved heating engineer relinquishing his position with the DAC without informing us. He had recommended an air source heating for the hall and a single high efficient gas boiler for the church. We considered a ground source pump for the church, but access would be a problem for its installation. We will revisit this scenario, as time moves on so does technology.

The heating in the hall, which was initially the priority, now seems to be working ok. The catastrophic loss of heating in the Church has meant that the Church heating has moved its way up the pecking order.

We also obtained quotes for solar panels on the hall roof, if we were going to reduce our carbon footprint we would have to use carbon neutral energy.

Sue and I visited St Mary's Church Embsay, to look at other alternatives to heat the church. They had been funded to install an array of church heating alternatives. In our opinion the most effective heating system for our church would be under pew heaters. UPH are installed in ST Oswald's in Methley.

In the Autumn we were invited to put in a bid for match funding in the Good To Go Green funding stream from the C of E. We formed a small group to formulate a bid to install Under Pew Heaters, that met the needs of the GTGG criteria. It was a very tight timescale, but ultimately worthwhile. We were strongly supported by all the congregation. So a big thank you to all who contributed, their time energy, money and most importantly their prayers.

Other areas of reducing our carbon footprint, was in reducing our use of single use items in the cafe areas, Sue closely monitors our paper and refuge usage, alongside recycling printers cartridges.

We also introduced a seed swap to ensure and encourage economical use of any left over seeds from parishioner.

Most of this is well known to most of us, as it is reported in the monthly magazine and in church. I try and ensure that most months there is an article regarding the environment. So, thanks to all those eloquent people who's articles I have borrowed, and in some cases "nicked", I

couldn't have done it with out you! Though I may have written one or two myself.

The bird houses that Messy Cafe children made up and painted last summer were put up in the churchyard, and hopefully used by the birds in the locality.

Many thanks to the churchyard clean up teams that have made a huge difference to the approach to the buildings. I hope to sow some wildlife seeds to attract birds and insects in the church grounds (if it stops raining).

Thank you to Roger Ward and his merry team of grass cutters and pruners in making the approach to the church so beautiful.



John Normington
Environmental Officer

MISSION AND LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Mission and Liturgy committee has met four times this year to discuss our worship, to plan services and to look at our mission and outreach in general.

At our September meeting we welcomed Revd Canon Mark Umpleby, our new vicar. Revd Mark asked if the committee was happy with the pattern of services being used since the church re-opened after Covid. After discussion it was decided to advise the PCC that we felt the current pattern should continue.

A pet service was held outside the church and was attended by 15-20 people and their pets and was well received. Revd Mark suggested we give more personal invitations to people we meet for this service.

The Baptism Visitors have met with Revd Mark to discuss the best way forward. It was decided that they would meet baptism families in the Parish Centre or at church after the service instead of in their own homes. The baptism form was amended and a new baptism leaflet is to be given to them.



Several other discussions have taken place. These included Christmas services, Easter services, Harvest Festival and an Advent Course was held and was considered to be very interesting by those who attended. This was based on Bishop Arun's book "Stick with Love".

We held "Experience Christmas" in December. This was well received by children from the Holy Trinity Academy and it is hoped to do this again next Christmas.

We also discussed "Experience Easter" but it was suggested that a session of Messy Easter would be appropriate on 30th March.

A Lent Group is being held at Lofthouse Church based on the BBC programme "Call the Midwife". This is for the team of churches in the benefice.

I would like to thank each member of the committee who, despite having very busy lives, have been constant in their attendance at meetings and have contributed a great deal to discussions. But this is not a closed shop and members of the PCC who wish to join us would be welcome.

Joyce Blakey, Chair.



Deanery Synod Report 2023

Holy Trinity Church forms part of the South Leeds Deanery, the Deanery its self, part of the Archdeaconry of Leeds. Along with our Clergy, at present, we can elect from the congregation of Holy Trinity, 3 members to represent Holy Trinity at the Deanery Synod meetings. Our present Elected Representatives, who serve a 3-year term of office are:

Mrs Norma Barrett, Mr Abhijit David & Mr. Ian Land
By virtue of their office, our elected lay representatives sit on the P.C.C. of Holy Trinity as ex-officio members.

Over the course of the year the Synod met 4 times and below are brief details of the meetings:

i) The Area Forum of all the Deanery's in the Leeds area took place on 27th April 2023 at St George's, Leeds with a discussion centred on Climate change.

ii) The Deanery Synod met on 25th May 2023 at St Peter's, Morley where the new Area Dean, Rev Phil Harris was introduced. There was an explanation of what Deanery Synod is and a number of topics were discussed - Encouragement and Unity, Being Inspired and Equipped, Making a Different to the Wider Church, Clergy and Lay Together – these were led by Rev Phil Harris, Rev Mark Watson, Rev Sarah Hancox, Ian Waterhouse. Rev Sharon Wilkinson led a short time of prayer for the deanery. David Jorysz, Lay Chair, then talked about the vacancies for a Deanery Secretary and Lay Reps for Synod and the Standing Committee. There was a discussion about topics for future synod meetings - these were noted as mental health, gender issues, domestic abuse, engagement with politicians, divestment from fossil fuels, how to begin a Bible study culture, AI and ChatGPT, cost of living, pros and cons of the disestablishment of the Church of England, the changing role of priests as they inevitably take on responsibility for more churches.

iii) The autumn of the Deanery Synod took place on 14th September 2023 at St Peter's, Morley. Elections were held for Deanery Standing Committee and for leadership for both lay and clergy. Stuart Ward (Oulton/Rothwell) was elected as Joint Lay Chair. Newly elected members of the clergy on the Standing Committee are Rev Phil Arnold, Rev Emily Tidball, Rev Sharon Wilkinson, Rev Mark Watson. Newly elected lay members on the Standing Committee are Ian Waterhouse (Beeston) and David Jorysz (Bramley). No Deanery Secretary was elected. Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer, then spoke

about the Eco-Church Award Scheme. The diocese will offer training and there are funding opportunities that will be released soon that will help parishes to engage with environmental issues.

iv) The final Area Forum of the year took place on 9th November 2023 at St George's, Leeds with a discussion on Advent Hope.

We are thankful for all those who serve on Deanery Synod and, in particular, the work of Rev Phil Harris, Area Dean, and David Jorysz and Stuart Ward, Joint South Leeds Deanery Lay Chairs.

Ian land – Deanery Representative



Bar Report 2023

Well still another so, so year with the bar, gradually improving, but a long way from pre-covid days. Bookings have been very hit and miss during the year.

The regular Salsa workshops and dances continue to contribute a small income to funds. Luckily the birthdays, weddings and anniversaries contribute a better source of income, with the odd party giving us a real boost to takings. December's takings exceeded £4,000.00 from various funtions, which was a big help.

January 2024 has started ok, but February and March are looking quite quiet at the moment, we shall have to see how the rest of the year developes.

We continue to get a range of birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, and it is a pleasure to see people enjoying the range of gins and wines we are able to offer. Many thanks to my dedicated team of bar staff, without whom I would not be able to manage.

Pleased to see the Beer Festival is continuing, and thank you to all who volunteered to help with that event.



Phil Thomas
Bar Manager.

PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The Parish Centre continues to be a good source of income although takings were down on 2023.

We still have a number of regular bookings through the week – Paula Clark dancing, Toddlers, Rising Starts and Paula Vickers. The Salsa dances are still ongoing once a month too.

We had a new roof installed by Roofclad Systems and touch wood we have not had any leaks from the usual places. We have had a couple of floods in the toilets although this wasn't due to the roof but something missing off an outlet which has since been replace.

The Fundraising Committee continue to regularly use the hall for their events to raise funds.



The Beer Festival continues to be a major source of funds raising £5000 in 2023 plus £1489 raised from the kitchen. Thanks must go to the Beer Festival Committee, Rothwell Lions and Virginia Lynch with her team in the kitchen as there is a lot of planning and

hard work goes into this. The 2024 Beer Festival has been booked for 18-20 April 2024.

The bar continues to draw people in to hire the hall and in 2023 managed to transfer £1000 to Church Funds. This doesn't seem a lot but without the bar we wouldn't have the bookings.

The heating in the hall is insufficient for the size of the place and the boiler is very old. It also gets very hot in the hall in summer. We have begun looking at ways of sorting these problems and also becoming a greener hall. At the moment we are looking at HVAC systems which give out warm air in winter and cool air in summer using fresh air from outside. This is a project for 2024.

After the retirement of Rita, the church cleaner, it was decided to create a totally new job and combine the hall and church cleaning. The new person was to be Building Superintendent and would be responsible for not only the cleaning but the efficient running of the buildings in conjunction with the Parish Administrator. Joanne, the hall cleaner, was made redundant and was told she could apply for the new position, which she wasn't interested in. After advertising and interviewing, Carole Herring was appointed and everything seems to be going well.

We need to look after the hall and keep it fit for purpose otherwise we will not get the bookings we need.



Sue Franks

Dear Members of the Parish,

It is with great pleasure that I present my not at all AI-generated annual report of musical activities that happened in 2023. It is an honour to serve as director of music at our Anglican Parish Church, and I am proud of our achievements in our music ministry this year.

This year has been a productive year of making music to sing our praises to the Lord Jesus. We have had much to celebrate and be thankful for in 2023, including welcoming Reverend Mark as our vicar. ChatGPT was very excited about his energy and enthusiasm, so I see they must have met somewhere. We are excited to see the developing new chapter of our Church's life under his ministry and leadership, and I look forward to seeing his fruitful ideas for keeping our worship at its usual high standard and broadening our repertoire of good solid hymns.

Our choir continues to play a much valued role in the life of our Church's worship ministry. This year we had the joy of combining our talents with those of the choir of St. Oswald's Church, Methley at various times through the year, including to welcome Reverend Mark, and for our services at both churches over Christmas where almost everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong. Their talent and enthusiasm has still been a blessing to all of us and has been instrumental in our success over the holiday season. Please can we have more excuses to sing together, that's from me not one of the AI reports.

The choir's ministry has also been blessed with the arrival of our newest members, Darren and Kathryn. Darren and Kathryn have fitted right in and we are immensely grateful for their vocal talents to

help our choir uplift and inspire our congregation. The AI loved them a little too much and if I'd copied what it said about them into here they would have thought I was making fun of them. Not that I or the ChatGPT don't love our existing choir of course.

The need for new hymn books to refresh the sung worship in church is still as great as ever. The fund for books is progressing gently and I am grateful to all who have generously contributed so far, but there is still a long way to go. I hope that with the help of the Fundraising Committee, we will be well on the way to completing this fund either this year or next year, so as to let us sing praises to God with even greater joy and reverence.

Going into 2024, the music ministry of our Anglican Parish Church is still marching on together, and we are in a good place for many successes in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted to the APCM

Richard Mayers – Director of Music

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Committee consists of an extremely hard working and very generous group of people who give of their time and effort all year long.
Pat Shute, Pat Higgins, Sue Franks, Sue Normington, John Normington ,Mark Wilkinson, Abhijit David, Norma Barrett, Stella Dunwell, Keith Lynch, Virginia Lynch and Jennifer Ward.

Events held this year

Feb 6th.	French Evening.	£1,000.00
March 10th.	Pre Loved Sale.	£ 235.30
April 17th.	40's Night.	£ 932.00
May 5th	Easter Raffle.	£ 540.00
June 6th.	Coronation Afternoon Tea.	£ 910.00
July 7th.	Italian Evening.	£ 885.00
July 27th	Barn Dance.	£ 860.00
July 8th	Summer Fayre.	£ 881.00
Nov 11th.	Book Stall.	£ 51.00
Nov 20th.	Soup and Sandwiches.	£ 500.00
Dec. 12th.	Autumn Fayre.	£1,400.00
Dec 15th	Christmas Raffle.	£ 600.00

Anne Ward gave us the Book Stall Money. Sue and John Normington organised the French Evening and Anne and Roger Ward did the Barn Dance together with Sue and John .Thank you.

This has meant a lot of hard work and we would welcome new helpers.

Jennifer Ward.





Holy Trinity Open Church Group Report for 2023

After the winter break,2023 saw the small team from Holy Trinity once again opening our church doors to welcome visitors to regular planned openings of the Church, on non-service days, and guide them in roaming and investigating our historic building. Over the Spring & Summer until December our team welcomed a steady flow of people wanting to find out what lay beyond the large wooden doors, either for solitary exploration or to enjoy a guided tour. In September we again took part in the National Trust's Heritage Festival.

In past years our visitor count for this day has been very good and again 2023 did not disappoint with visitors and families coming from near and far to explore our church and be regaled with the stories its walls hold.

Our group is a small team and we are always keen to recruit new members in the running of this valuable ministry, so if you can spare a couple of hours once a month and would like to get more involved in the historical aspect of the oldest surviving building in Rothwell, please have a chat with Ian or Keith

Ian Land

Friendship Café

The café has been running for a year now and is growing from strength to strength.

The idea for it came in late 2022 when, after talking with members of the congregation, it became clear that people would welcome the opportunity to get together for a couple of hours, on a regular basis to chat with old friends and make new friends in a friendly comfortable place. Having consulted the diary, we found that the Parish Centre was free on Friday mornings so decided that the last Friday of each month would be an easy date to remember for our new venture.

From the outset, we deliberately set our prices low as the reason for the café was to bring people together to combat the growing problems of loneliness and the huge hike in energy prices. A year on, we have a loyal core of approximately 25 regular attendees who come for tea, coffee and toasted teacakes - other baked goods are available too!

The café would not be able to happen without the support of a loyal band of volunteers and I'd like to say a big thank you to Joyce, Jennifer, Pat, Stella, Norma, Sue, Claire and Ann who regularly run the kitchen and I mustn't forget Keith, Barry and John who get out, and put away, the tables and chairs.

I said earlier that we didn't set out to make money but, this year, we have managed to buy 40 lovely 'bee happy' mugs, enough material to make 12 red gingham tablecloths and have also been able to donate £100 to the 'Heat a Seat' campaign, so thank you everyone and let's look forward to another successful year.



Virginia

GFS

We have been thankful for the leadership of Stella Dunwell, Tracy Sidwell, Joyce Blakey and Jennifer Ward all through the year. Two girls working towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award have been helping every Thursday too which has been a big help. They are very sensitive to the Girls needs and show an excellent sensitivity and thoughtfulness.

We have staffed The Gingham Cafe at both the Summer Fayre and The November Fayre and been successful in raising a lot of funds, but also given the girls real experience at dealing with money and being pleasant and polite to their customers and learning how to take orders.

We sang a Carol at The Carol Service, which is a G F S tradition. We held an enjoyable Christmas Party with lots of games.

Stella has continued with her creative craftwork and the girls hung their Christmas symbols on the branches of the tree leading up to the Parish Centre. These were very positively commented on by Church members and the General Public.

Rev, Mark has joined us on two occasions making the girls very happy. He also joined GFS staff for a fish and chip supper.

We continue to play games ,sing, make food and lots of creative crafts and have a very hard working team.

Jennifer Ward

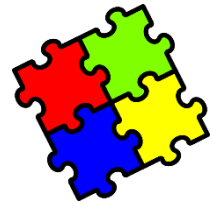


Messy Cafe

The numbers attending Messy Cafe have sometimes been low in the last year, but have increased a bit with more frequent advertising and email invitations. As well as the normal art, construction, book, sports and baby areas; the children created a poster for the Mothering Sunday service. Our next session on 23rd March will have an Easter theme, with children being able to decorate Easter eggs and hear the Easter story. I would like to thank Jane and Stella for their help with running this, especially when I couldn't attend because I had covid.

Carol

Jigsaw



This is the new name for Family Church, which happens on the first Sunday in the month in the Parish Centre. It is a half hour service aimed at families with songs, games and activities, accompanied by snacks and drinks (provided by Roger and Ann). I would like to thank Roger and Ann for their help with organisation and making the families feel welcome, as well as Ruth for sorting out the music. We have 5 or 6 families that attend regularly but are hoping to increase this number by inviting Baptism families sooner, advertising more, and inviting those who have given us their email addresses.

Carol



Sunday School

Sunday School has enjoyed being in the cafe corner since it was finished, and now has equipment cupboards close by. We hope that we will soon be back in church, when the heating problems have been sorted. I feel it is important that the creche area is near to the Sunday School, to make it easier for parents, and am still trying to work out how to fit it in. Numbers have grown a bit over the last year. Ann, Debbie and Diane have stepped in when I have been away, which has been great. Thank you. Children have enjoyed the games and activities.

Carol



Bellringers Annual Report 2023

Similarly to last year you may not have heard the being bells rung at Holy Trinity, however, a huge amount of hard work has been happening in the bell tower. As reported in 2023 a full restoration of the bells is required, and this has been the focus during the last 12 months.

In March 2023, repainting of the bell frame had commenced, with such a large area to cover and difficult access to the frame (up a spiral staircase, with narrow beams and bells to manoeuvre), this has been slow progress, but we are happy to confirm there is just one more coat required.

To ensure safety and continuity of ringing, a large amount of technical work has been undertaken on the bell mechanisms, much of the work completed by ringing friends from Swillington and particular thanks go to Tim Cox for his knowledge and hard work. Each of the towers eight bells has at least one 'pully box`, which the bell rope feeds throughs; these had all worn out and it was decided to replace them: These have arrived, been installed and ready for future ringing. A number of bearings had collapsed and needed replacement and missing bolts observed and resolved. The 7th bell, a bell weighing over half a ton, was found to be loose, so it was very important to get this resolved.

In May 2023 work on the restoration was paused to allow all eight bells to be ring for the kings coronation. Then later in July, with the arrival of Reverend Mark, the bells were also rung at the start of his induction service. Following this the ropes were removed once again to focus back on completing the restoration works.

Away from the bells themselves, the door at the top of tower has been repaired, the bell chamber and steps have been cleaned and the bell chamber walls have been painted white, which should also help limit the dust in that room. The Ringing room window has been restored, where the poppies at remembrance were attached and positioned to 'flow' down the tower.

Whist the bells have had limited ringing the clock continues to strike, but this has relied on a number of volunteers to manually wind the clock every week.

Looking forwards, at the time of writing the ropes have been reinstalled and we hope to have ringing practice tonight, which will be an opportunity to make more minor adjustments of the bell mechanisms and ropes. It is hoped that later this year we will be in a position to confirm the restoration is complete and arrange a rededication of the bells.

The restoration would not be happening without all the volunteers that have helped in many different ways, but a special big thank you to our ringing friends from Swillington, Tim, Edward, Robert and Roger, for guidance, humour and hard graft.



Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF)
Draft FRS102 Wording - December 2023 Year End

EMPLOYER participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
    a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
    b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time

to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the 2019 valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2024, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 5% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2023. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, **EMPLOYER** could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.



Clergy Report 2023 – Revd Canon Mark Umpleby

I am really delighted to come to join in ministry here in Rothwell on July 19th. A huge thanks for the wonderful **licensing service** and welcome from you all.

My first six months have involved trying to get to know as many of you as possible, learn about the church/parish/benefice, and trying to find out what God is already doing through your ministry and the church.

Worship
For my first Sunday we saw the return of the chalice.

Baptisms – It's been wonderful to see many baptisms take place and a huge thank team to the Baptism preparation team.

Choir – Thank you to Richard for his work with choir and playing the organ. Thank you to all members of the choir. It was great to see the joint choir with Methley a couple of times.

We had an **Advent Course** across all our four churches. I was pleased to leave the Monday morning group.

Pastoral care
I've been greatly appreciative for all who care for one another in our church and community – including thanks to Jennifer Ward, Church Wardens, Joyce, and many others. I've been pleased to join Jennifer in the many regular **home communions** she makes across the parish and the monthly communion at her home. Thank you so much to Jennifer and Norma.

Communion for the Homebound

It's great that the **Friendship Café** continues each month where many can join together and support one another including those recently bereaved.

Occasional offices

It's been a privilege to lead many **funerals** in church and at crematoriums. Thanks to those assist with those services and huge thanks to colleagues including retired clergy who help in this ministry. Also, the joyful **weddings** in church.

Children/Young People



A huge priority for my ministry is with Children and Young People. Thank you to Carol and team who work on **Messy Café** and **Family Church**. Thanks also to Carol and helpers for the **Sunday School** ministry… it's lovely to see children in our church and part of the worship.

It's been lovely to visit **GFS** and see the great fun and activities those attending have. Thank you to each of the leaders/helpers.

It's been great to start making connections with **local schools**. I've led collective worship in Holy Trinity Primary School and Rothwell Primary School. We've also hosted again Christmas services/concerts in church – Holy Trinity Primary, Rothwell Primary School, and Rothwell Victoria Junior School. Thanks to those who welcomed at these events.
It was great to have Holy Trinity Primary come to Experience Christmas in our church. Thank you to Virginia who organised and all those who helped lead those visits.

Safeguarding – this is a hugely important part of our life together and thanks to Debbie Mann for her role in this.

Mission/Community



Worship – It's been great to see these special services where we have been able to connect with those who don't regularly attend church at Harvest, Remember with love, Advent, Christmas, Pet Service, Remembrance Sunday

Food Bank – I'm so please to see the regular support of the local food bank and the connections growing with the team running this.
I was pleased to attend, serve drinks, and speak at the Christmas Day lunch hosted at Blackburn Hall.

Many other events took place in my first six months which I want to say thanks including Heritage Day and social Evenings – Barn Dance, Carols n Fish/Chips.

Parish Administrator - I want to say a huge thank you to Sue Franks – who's been a huge support to the life of the parish and benefice and particularly to me.

Wider Benefice ministry – my role as well as vicar here, is as Team Rector of the benefice which includes the parishes in Oulton with Woodlesford, Methley with Mickletown and Lofthouse. I really appreciate the support of colleagues Revd Sarah Hancox and Revd Mandy Rhodes.



It's been sad to have said farewell to Sarah and Anthea as they moved to the Diocese of Bristol. I've visited all churches in our benefice to lead Sunday worship and their midweek services.

Social Media/Website
We are pleased with the connections that are being made online and the connections being made using these online sites:
Facebook – Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Leeds
X (was Twitter) - @markumple
Website - www.achurchnearyou.com/Holy-Trinity-Rothwell

Thank you to Carl, Ann, Sue, and others who help to maintain these sites.

Thank you all who make things happen and use their gifts. I particular want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Virginia and Mark as church wardens, deputies Jennifer and Jane, Reader (LLM) Joyce, all PCC members, flower folk, vergers, Keith and team and Roy Franks help on our building/grounds, and so many more.

God bless you all.
Revd Canon Mark Umpleby
March 2024

Team Rector of Rothwell. Lofthouse, Methley with Mickletown, Oulton with Woodlesford.

ROTHWELL OULTON WITH WOODLESFORD
LOFTHOUSE METHLEY WITH MICKLETOWN

M. Umpleby.
14.04.24

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHWELL

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the following pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The churches' trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The churches' 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Mark Ibbertson
9 Mickletown Road
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Leeds
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12 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments ***from:***					
Donations and legacies	30,325	—	—	30,325	26,449
Income from charitable activities	7,426	—	—	7,426	8,314
Other trading activities	70,660	—	—	70,660	62,545
Investments	85,814	14,641	—	100,456	230,350
Other income	58,225	—	—	58,225	31,760
Total income and endowments from:	**252,453**	**14,641**	**—**	**267,095**	**359,419**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3,216	—	—	3,216	3,478
Expenditure on charitable activities	433,655	—	—	433,655	212,491
Other expenditure	29,484	—	—	29,484	17,441
Total expenditure on:	**466,356**	**—**	**—**	**466,356**	**233,411**
Net income / (expenditure)	**(213,902)**	**14,641**	**—**	**(199,261)**	**126,007**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	65,574	—	—	65,574	47,938
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40,000)	(25,574)	—	(65,574)	(47,938)
Net income / (expenditure)	**(188,327)**	**(10,933)**	**—**	**(199,261)**	**126,007**
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	327	(40,620)	—	(40,293)	(294,384)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(188,000)**	**(51,553)**	**—**	**(239,554)**	**(168,376)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**890,737**	**536,263**	**—**	**1,427,000**	**1,595,377**
Total funds carried forward	**702,736**	**484,709**	**—**	**1,187,446**	**1,427,000**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	664,844	—	—	664,844	808,749
Designated					
Book of Remembrance	410	—	—	410	410
Mission and Ministry	34	—	—	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	6,199	—	—	6,199	2,853
Servers Robe fund	245	—	—	245	245
Special Contingency Func	31,526	—	—	31,526	69,681
Restricted					
Accumulated income Trust Fund	—	16,787	—	16,787	27,720
Churchyard Fund	—	2,736	—	2,736	2,500
Rothwell House Sale fund	—	1,501	—	1,501	1,453
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	—	235	—	235	235
Rothwell Trust Fund	—	463,449	—	463,449	504,352

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	662,000	662,000
Investments	470,468	510,761
	1,132,468	**1,172,761**

Current assets		
Investments	49,123	98,234
Cash at bank and in hand	5854	156,004
	54977	**254,238**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**54977**	**254,238**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,187,446**	**1,427,000**
Total net assets less liabilities	**1,187,446**	**1,427,000**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	664,320	808,749
Designated		
Mission and Ministry	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	6,199	2,853
Book of Remembrance	410	410
Servers Robe fund	245	245
Special Contingency Func	31,526	69,681
Restricted		
Churchyard Fund	2,736	2,500
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	235	235
Rothwell House Sale fund	1,501	1,453
Rothwell Trust Fund	463,449	504,352
Accumulated income Trust Fund	16,787	27,720
Funds of the church	**1,187,446**	**1,418,232**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 3013318 -	—	—	26,040	—	26,040	24,664
RT-CBF Investment Fund CB3013510 -	—	—	403,095	—	403,095	443,132
CBF Property Fund CB3013256 -	—	—	34,294	—	34,294	36,536
RH CBF Investment Fund CB3013557 -	—	—	1,520	—	1,520	1,473
CHYARD CBF Investment Fund CB3013311 -	—	—	2,735	—	2,735	2,500
PC BAR - cash and stock -	—	2,782	—	—	2,782	2,455
Totals	**—**	**2,782**	**467,686**	**—**	**470,468**	**510,761**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Land & Building - Hall -	490,000	—	—	—	490,000	490,000
Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane -	172,000	—	—	—	172,000	172,000
Totals	**662,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**662,000**	**662,000**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Bank current account - CAF -	2,422	—	97	—	2,519	155,702
Bar Bank Current Account - CAF -	(6)	3,255	—	—	3,249	227
PCC Bank current account - HSBC -	85	—	—	—	85	74
Bar Bank Current account - HSBC -	(162)	162	—	—	—	—
Totals	**2339**	**3417**	**97**	**—**	**5854**	**156004**
Current assets - Investments						
CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr -	162	32,216	—	—	32,379	70,533
CBF Dep Account - Parochial -	(235)	—	235	—	—	—
CBF Dep Account - Trust Income -	5,199	—	11,544	—	16,744	27,701
Totals	**5,126**	**32,216**	**11,779**	**—**	**49,123**	**98,234**
Grand total	**669,465**	**38416**	**479,562**	**—**	**1,187446**	**1,427,000**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
CHYARD - Churchyard Fund							
Restricted	2,500	—	—	—	235	—	2,736
Sub-total for CHYARD	**2,500**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**	**—**	**2,736**

MISSION - Mission and Ministry							
Designated	34	—	—	—	—	—	34
Sub-total for MISSION	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**34**
PAROCHIAL - Rothwell Parochial P							
Restricted	235	—	—	—	—	—	235
Sub-total for PAROCHIAL	**235**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**
PCBAR - Parish Centre Bar							
Designated	2,853	62,135	59,116	—	327	—	6,199
Sub-total for PCBAR	**2,853**	**62,135**	**59,116**	**—**	**327**	**—**	**6,199**
REMBOOK - Book of Remembrance							
Designated	410	—	—	—	—	—	410
Sub-total for REMBOOK	**410**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**410**
RHOUSE - Rothwell House Sale							
Restricted	1,453	—	—	—	47	—	1,501
Sub-total for RHOUSE	**1,453**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**47**	**—**	**1,501**
ROBES - Servers Robe fund							
Designated	245	—	—	—	—	—	245
Sub-total for ROBES	**245**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**245**
RTRUST - Rothwell Trust Fund							
Restricted	504,352	—	—	—	(40,902)	—	463,449
Sub-total for RTRUST	**504,352**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(40,902)**	**—**	**463,449**
SPECIAL - Special Contingency							
Designated	69,681	1,845	—	(40,000)	—	—	31,526
Sub-total for SPECIAL	**69,681**	**1,845**	**—**	**(40,000)**	**—**	**—**	**31,526**
TRUSTINC - Accumulated income T							
Restricted	27,720	14,641	—	(25,574)	—	—	16,787
Sub-total for TRUSTINC	**27,720**	**14,641**	**—**	**(25,574)**	**—**	**—**	**16,787**
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	808,749	188,472	398,477	65,574	—	—	664,320
Sub-total for General	**808,749**	**188,472**	**398,477**	**65,574**	**—**	**—**	**664,320**
Grand total	**1,418,232**	**267,095**	**457,593**	**—**	**(40,293)**	**—**	**1,187,446**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
1100 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	4	—	—	—	4	—
1101 - Envelopes Gift Aid Giving	2,504	—	—	—	2,504	2,660
1102 - Envelope not Gift Aided	816	—	—	—	816	1,573
1103 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,049	—	—	—	5,049	1,953
1104 - Sunday school collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1105 - Church cash collections	2,309	—	—	—	2,309	1,764
1106 - Sundry donations	3,318	—	—	—	3,318	3,552
1107 - Specified donations	1,034	—	—	—	1,034	829
1108 - Online Giving - Gift Aided	11,469	—	—	—	11,469	11,291
1109 - Online Giving - not Gift Aided	2,265	—	—	—	2,265	2,100
1110 - Christmas Services	712	—	—	—	712	85
1115 - Special Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
1124 - Water Aid	43	—	—	—	43	—
1131 - Funeral charity collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1133 - Donations appeals etc	—	—	—	—	—	640
1134 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—

1135 - Non-recurring one-off grants	800	—	—	—	800	—
1136 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1137 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	30,325	—	—	—	30,325	26,449

Income from charitable activities

1111 - Fees for weddings and funerals	7,426	—	—	—	7,426	8,314
1117 - Churchyard Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7,426	—	—	—	7,426	8,314

Other trading activities

1112 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1113 - Magazine income - advertising	152	—	—	—	152	—
1114 - Bookstall/cards/diaries sales	—	—	—	—	—	28
1118 - Fundraising Activities	—	—	—	—	—	719
1119 - 100 Club	2,302	—	—	—	2,302	1,895
1120 - Coffee	305	—	—	—	305	4
1127 - Tower Rental	8,951	—	—	—	8,951	8,951
1129 - Book of Remembrance	—	—	—	—	—	30
1142 - Parish Share fundraising	8,793	—	—	—	8,793	9,751
1201 - Church hall lettings - Regular bookings	11,465	—	—	—	11,465	12,378
1202 - Church hall lettings - 1 off bookings	5,997	—	—	—	5,997	7,126
1204 - Church hall sundries	150	—	—	—	150	1,000
1207 - Beer Festival	6,489	—	—	—	6,489	4,906
1301 - Bar Takings	—	26,054	—	—	26,054	15,754
Total	44,605	26,054	—	—	70,660	62,545

Investments

1121 - Rent from lands or buildings	7,200	—	—	—	7,200	7,200
1122 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1123 - Interest received	119	—	—	—	119	124
1139 - Proceeds from Trust Fund	76,650	—	—	—	76,650	200,000
1140 - Interest	—	1,845	14,641	—	16,487	23,025
Total	83,969	1,845	14,641	—	100,456	230,350

Other income

1125 - Transfer from Trust Income Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1126 - Transfer from mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
1128 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1130 - Transfer from current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1132 - Church Sundries	19,059	—	—	—	19,059	5,358
1138 - move from Team a/c for copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
1141 - Defibrillator	—	—	—	—	—	—
1143 - Refurbishement fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1144 - money claime back for vacancy costs	18	—	—	—	18	—
1145 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	144	—	—	—	144	134
1146 - Baptism Certificates	136	—	—	—	136	157
1147 - Hymn Book Fund	134	—	—	—	134	200
1203 - Money transferred from bar account	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—
1205 - Bond paid into bank	1,650	—	—	—	1,650	3,272
1206 - Bond retained	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Float	—	35,370	—	—	35,370	20,282
1303 - Bar Sundries	—	710	—	—	710	2,353
1304 - Interst Bar	2	0	—	—	3	1

1501 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	22,145	36,080	—	—	58,225	31,760
INCOME TOTAL	188,472	63,980	14,641	—	267,095	359,419

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2127 - Rental Management costs	1,268	—	—	—	1,268	1,412
2137 - Refurbishment fund raising pd to special	—	—	—	—	—	—
2155 - 100 Club	1,675	—	—	—	1,675	1,175
2161 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
2162 - Costs Social events	—	—	—	—	—	30
2212 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	720
2213 - Sumup charges - Hall	38	—	—	—	38	26
2315 - Sumup charges bar	—	234	—	—	234	114
Total	2,981	234	—	—	3,216	3,478

Expenditure on charitable activities

1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cleaning	305	—	—	—	305	35
2102 - Relief Clergy/Visiting speakers	—	—	—	—	—	66
2103 - Sacristy supplies - upkeep of services	689	—	—	—	689	687
2104 - Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2105 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2106 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Church Salaries	14,209	—	—	—	14,209	13,796
2108 - Clergy expenses - car, tele etc	185	—	—	—	185	720
2109 - Oether clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2110 - Church Heating/Light/Water	7,805	—	—	—	7,805	7,282
2111 - Church maintenance and repairs	4,456	—	—	—	4,456	1,663
2113 - Church running - insurance	5,160	—	—	—	5,160	4,838
2114 - Parish Share	51,917	—	—	—	51,917	51,387
2116 - Churchyard expenses	40	—	—	—	40	35
2117 - Postage	144	—	—	—	144	44
2118 - Printing and Stationary	1,831	—	—	—	1,831	2,777
2119 - Church office - telephone	641	—	—	—	641	558
2120 - youth Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2121 - Children's Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2122 - Rental Repairs/Maintenance	558	—	—	—	558	2,973
2123 - Charities	1,317	—	—	—	1,317	907
2124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2125 - Christmas Charities	684	—	—	—	684	248
2126 - Funeral Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2128 - Vicarage repairs/maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	55
2129 - HMRC - PCC	1,477	—	—	—	1,477	1,285
2131 - Church relief staff	—	—	—	—	—	90
2132 - Church Renovation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2135 - Coffee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2136 - Ark Bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
2151 - Bank Charges	121	—	—	—	121	157
2154 - Architects fees	4,894	—	—	—	4,894	5,238
2156 - Sumup charges - Church	17	—	—	—	17	33
2164 - Organ / piano tuning	610	—	—	—	610	938
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Hall Salaries	15,534	—	—	—	15,534	10,338

2202 - Hall heating/lighting/water	7,260	—	—	—	7,260	7,475
2203 - Hall Cleaning Materials	1,702	—	—	—	1,702	1,460
2204 - Hall repairs & Maintenance	7,152	—	—	—	7,152	2,273
2205 - Hall Telephone	373	—	—	—	373	340
2206 - Hall - Insurance	2,356	—	—	—	2,356	2,109
2208 - Hall relief staff	—	—	—	—	—	121
2209 - Waste Disposal	8,687	—	—	—	8,687	7,631
2301 - Bar staff wages	—	2,215	—	—	2,215	1,235
2302 - Float retained	—	35,155	—	—	35,155	20,826
2303 - Bar Stock	—	13,640	—	—	13,640	10,361
2304 - Misc Bar Items	—	78	—	—	78	113
2305 - Bar salaries	—	3,187	—	—	3,187	2,061
2306 - HMRC Bar	—	1,359	—	—	1,359	655
2307 - Bar Glass disposal	—	1,247	—	—	1,247	1,201
2308 - Bar Sundries	—	866	—	—	866	4,654
2310 - Bar Licence Fees	—	70	—	—	70	70
2311 - Bar repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2312 - Bar cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	2,664	—	—	—	2,664	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	150,071	—	—	—	150,071	43,741
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	6,027	—	—	—	6,027	—
2721 - HMRC 2014 for all accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	76,934	—	—	—	76,934	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	375,833	57,821	—	—	433,655	212,491

Other expenditure

2115 - Church Sundries	12,947	—	—	—	12,947	10,506
2130 - music licences/Subscriptions/memberships	2,152	—	—	—	2,152	1,909
2138 - Costs during vacancy	—	—	—	—	—	—
2139 - Pension Scheme	1,250	—	—	—	1,250	1,039
2140 - Team running costs	91	—	—	—	91	140
2141 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	145	—	—	—	145	134
2157 - Transfer to PCC current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2158 - Transferred to mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
2165 - Depreciation of office equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—
2171 - Depreciation of fixed asset	—	—	—	—	—	—
2207 - Hall Sundries	313	—	—	—	313	181
2210 - Bond returned	2,100	—	—	—	2,100	3,300
2211 - Hall Refunds	136	—	—	—	136	150
2309 - Paid to PCC from bar account	—	1,000	—	—	1,000	—
2314 - Bank charges bar	—	60	—	—	60	81
Total	19,137	1,060	—	—	20,197	17,441
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	397,953	59,116	—	—	457,069	233,411
GRAND TOTAL	(209,480)	4,864	14,641	—	(189,974)	126,007

This report dated: 6 February 2024

Signed……M. Umpleby……..
Revd. Mark Umpleby – Team Rector

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the following pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The churches' trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The churches' 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Mark Ibbertson
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12 March 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ROTHWELL, LEEDS

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Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2022



Report on Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council.

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church is responsible, along with the Rector, in promoting the Church's mission in Rothwell, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also having the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Church, Parish Centre and Housing stock.

The PCC is made up of Ex Officio, Appointed and Elected Lay Members. The elected members serving a 3-year term. The PCC has also appointed both a Safeguarding Officer and an Environmental Officer to advise PCC on these matters. A full list of the current PCC membership can be found in the appendix to this report.

The PCC functions within the regulations laid-down within The Church Representation Rules 2022 and meets within the terms of these Regulations to ensure all its business is conducted efficiently. The Standing Committee is appointed by PCC to manage business between PCC Meetings. Various Sub-Committees of the PCC also meet on regular basis to conduct the committee's allotted business. All our Sub-committees of PCC are lead by a Lay Chair.

2022 saw the evolution of a hybrid form of working for PCC, holding meetings either in person or virtually via the Zoom facility. It is pleasing to report that attendance at our PCC meetings remains high for all members. Since the retirement of our Rector, the PCC meetings have been led by our Lay Vice Chair – Virginia Lynch. As well as its usual business meetings PCC again held a

“PCC Away Day” this year, in Ilkley ,to deliberate on the future mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for Rothwell.

During the year the PCC had to deal with many items, from the on-going church re-ordering project, the urgent repairs required for the Parish Centre and the ever important finances along with a myriad other topics which will no doubt be covered by other reports within this Annual Report, so I will not go into detail here. Our Rector, Arun, retired from Ministry in Rothwell at the end of August and we wish both him and Bina a happy retirement. From September the Parish was in vacancy and up to the end of the year the official recruitment process had yet to begin so 2023 looks to be interesting on that front.

To conclude my report, on behalf of the body of Holy Trinity, I would like to offer thanks to our PCC members for all their dedication and hard work for the church, over the last year and also a big “Thank You” to our Recording Secretary – Bela Singh for her hard work deciphering of our P.C.C discussions.

Ian Land – Honorary P.C.C. Secretary

PCC Membership as detailed in the attached Appendix A

Appendix A – Holy Trinity PCC Membership

Ex Offixo		Elected	Retiring
Revd Arun John	Chairman		
Virginia Lynch	Vice Chairman	APCM 2021	
Viginia Lynch	Warden	APCM2021	APCM2022
Mark Wilkinson	Warden	APCM 2021	APCM2022
Norma Barrett	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Ian Land	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Vacant	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	

Appointed to PCC		Elected	Retiring
Joyce Blakey	Reader	APCM 2021	APCM2022
Chris Singh	Reader	APCM 2021	APCM2022

Elected Lay Representatives		
Carol Cressall	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Abhijit David	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Sue Franks	APCM 2022	APCM2025
Keith Lynch	APCM 2021	APCM2024
Richard Mayers	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Pat Shute	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Jennifer Ward	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Vacant		
Vacant		

PCC Advisors	
Debie Mann	Safeguarding Officer
John Normington	Environmental Officer



THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

After leaving forms to be completed the number of names on the Electoral Roll for 2023 at the time this report is printed is:

62 Residents (62 last year)
17 Non-Residents. (18 last year)

Making the total number of names 79

Jennifer Ward – Electoral Roll Officer



Churchwarden's Year Ending Report 2022

January 2022 seems like a long time ago now as I sit here and write the annual report. The year started as 2021 had left with a continued Covid disruption due to the Omicron variant. Allegedly, more infective but with the likelihood to make you less ill and suffer serious long term consequences. We are still living with many of the consequences as we are still not at the stage to share the common cup or shake hands at the peace at this present time.

2022 has been a year of goodbyes and new beginnings which as a church we have had no option but to embrace. In the post Covid world the church in Rothwell remains a visual and actual presence in the community but there is more as a church we would like to do. The occasional offices continue with the life cycle of Baptisms, weddings and Funerals. I hope even in this small way we will have served the community well. Baptism families have been very engaged attending church and many returning once the baptism process has been completed. This is testament to the work of the baptismal visitors, the work with young families on a Sunday through Carol Cressall' s Sunday School and praise services ably supported by Ruth, Ann & Roger Ward along with Norma and Helen Wilkinson in differing capacities throughout the year. It is also Testament to the friendly, inclusive and supportive church family who welcome those new to faith into the church family. It has also been evident with several wedding couples who have begun a new life in the community as husband and wife and have returned to church. This again is testament to the friendly and welcoming approach in the congregation but also the work that goes on behind the scenes with vergers who will meet the couple support through

rehearsals and throughout the couples time in church on the wedding day. These vergers are not just opening and locking up but supporting music choices, acting as DJ at the sound system, opening up for flowers, chimney sweeps, steel bands, mass choirs and other such things that make a wedding. To our very supportive band of vergers our undying thanks and gratitude. Although for differing reasons I have not been so involved in funerals this year this same supportive approach to families in times of crisis and bereavement handling these solemn occasions with dignity and sensitivity is a credit to the people involved and a reflection of the love and Christian spirit alive and well in Rothwell. We have also being open and available during times of tragedy supporting Ukraine with monetary offerings and a service for peace and reconciliation along with the church open and becoming a focal point of the community during the period of mourning after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

2022 has been a time of change in the interior of the church as work has finally begun on our new meeting area, kitchenette and finally a toilet in church. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this hard work and in the coming days as work is planned to be completed at some point in Lent 2023. A lot of work, time and effort has gone into this, numerous meetings too many to count various decisions and governance issues to ensure that the church's character and fabric is upheld whilst bringing the church into a more modern era equipped to support the congregation and be a resource that the community can enjoy along with us. This major re-ordering, certainly the biggest in the last 10 years has been long in coming and once completed I feel sure you will agree will be something to enjoy and benefit from for years to come. As part of this process work on the Bell Tower was planned during 2022 and finally the planning process of a new roof for the Parish centre. Again what seems a long time coming but the process to complete major works on consecrated grounds is long and arduous to ensure

that things are right and every stone, fixture and fitting is correctly placed.

Otherwise, the church remains in good order going into a quinquennial year.



As I mentioned 2022 was a year of goodbyes and new beginnings . Our Team rector Arun John left us in August to go into semi-retirement accomplishing much of what he had intended to do in his time. Although hampered during the Covid Pandemic in what was the traditional expectation of a priest Arun managed to think outside the box and bring new and innovative ways to preach the gospel. Arun has been a trusted and learned friend in his time in the parish and has touched everyone's lives with his wise counsel, experience and knowledge and helped us to explore faith through differing lenses. He is sadly missed along with Bina who has herself had to struggle with her own issues of health but managed to maintain her support and dignity to allow Arun to care for the parish, sometimes at the detriment of her own well-being. They are both missed and remain in our hearts and prayers as they start their new life away from Rothwell.

Going forward into another vacancy would once be a source of great anxiety and fear to a parish. Arun made us not to rely on him or any priest but to encourage and nourish our own skills and talents reminding us that the church is not just one person but many all working to the common good. We have already experience, and knowledge of how vacancies work and the church continues until the right person is called by God to come to Rothwell. Luckily there is a wealth and depth of visiting ministers on Sunday mornings. It is at this point to say thank you to Mandy and Sarah for their wise judgement and support. Rev. Anthea who

has supported many Sundays, along with Rev Robin Patterson, Rev Rob Harper, the Archdeacon, Canon Haley Matthews (now Archdeacon of Wrexham) and Bishop Nick. We are still trying to secure a slot for the new Bishop Arun but diaries are not linking at present and talks are going on to secure the Archbishops of York and Canterbury along with the Pope if he can get a Sunday off and a cheap flight from Rome. Last and by no means least our readers Chris and Joyce. Joyce has worked tirelessly has stepped in to support the non-Eucharistic services and ministry of the word services willingly and diligently carried out her duties sometimes at the drop of a hat and remains a constant in the changing and dynamics of church life in Rothwell. When our new Team Rector arrives, he or she will be fortunate to have this solid support around them and their depth of local knowledge and experience to build on.



The PCC meets regularly and has adapted well to the vacancy meeting and acting in a business-as-usual way. With the church moving forward. One of the main challenges is navigating a way forward in the post covid world. The church is a different place to three years ago and the dynamics of the congregation have changed considerably. Our resources at our disposal have changed and many who were relied on to support are no longer with us or age and infirmity have caught up with them. There is still a small band of willing volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. With this change in dynamics, it is important to use the resources wisely and effectively. As a church we need to be brutally honest with ourselves and we cannot do what we did 20 years ago now, no matter how much we try. The numbers and dynamics of the congregation have changed, and it is an accepted fact that to be classed as a regular worshipping member of the congregation does not mean that you come every single week. We are 24 hour 7 days a week society and for numerous people

Sunday is not the special day it once was. It is vital to make the best use of our time and talents. It was necessary to look at service provision and how we manage this with our busy lives and the resources available. After getting an overview of the thoughts and feelings of the congregation it was decided to change from two services to one on a Sunday morning. Many have welcomed the change, but some have felt disillusioned by this change. To try and cater for everyone's taste a service provision using differing styles of worship has been established to try and meet the need of the 21st century. This is not an uncommon feature in other churches and is other service provision within the team and differing times to suit if required. Even with this change it remains a constant and real challenge to cover services with readers and intercessors along with sides persons and servers. Also, to look after the well-being of those who play these vital roles in the service that they are not overworked and taken advantage of their good nature. We are always on the lookout for those who would like to read, say prayers or act in other ways to help the service. Please speak to a warden, Sue in the office or Pat Shute if you feel that God is calling you to that role in ministry and we will be overjoyed to add you to the list. We have also changed the worship booklets although still in line with common worship they are distinct and directed to the style of worship at Rothwell. We are indeed thankful to Richard Mayers for typesetting and revisal along with Sue for printing this mammoth task.

The PCC also had the opportunity to attend an away day/retreat to think about moving the church forward. Initially a plan of Arun but carried on in his absence to the Briery in Ilkley. This time it was not an exclusive PPC event and other interested parties attended having a successful day thinking about the future direction during the vacancy along with talks on the environment and becoming a more carbon neutral church. This added to the discussions which were lively and opened up some further new ways of working

collaboratively as a community. Thanks to the work of John Normanton who is charged with the portfolio of environmental officer we have successfully achieved the church bronze eco award. No mean feat in the slightest. John has successfully completed the linked diocesan training course in his own time and is now a valid informational resource to tap into in the future and is currently looking at further innovative ideas to support God's creation and be better stewards of his world.

Although the church is only allowed two Churchwardens by Canon Law. It is not a two-person job, and the wardens would not be able to function with the support and love of the congregation. Also, our assistant wardens Jennifer and Jane, our band of able sides persons and welcomers who support greatly. We could not do this without you. THANK YOU. A special thank you for Sue in the office who supports and informs and has a tight grip on the purse strings. Also, to Richard and Joyce and Ian in carrying out your official duties and the congregation for supporting us during this time of vacancy.

Also, a shout out to Pat Shute for her support in completing the rotas especially since I have gone back to university. Last but by no means least our long-suffering spouses and families who act as sounding boards live through the up and downs, the frustrations, the fears and anxieties, in addition to the joys and honor of carrying out this ancient office and serving the church in Rothwell.



Your wardens

Virginia Lynch and Mark Wilkinson



TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

We once again managed to pay off our Parish Share in full. The Fundraising went a long way towards this by raising £9705.57 – see Fundraising report for individual amounts. We did, however, have to draw on the money from the house sale to the tune of £30,000 in order to meet the Parish Share of £51,387 and pay our bills. The money in the house sale fund is not going to last very long at this rate – maybe 2 years if we are lucky.

As mentioned in the Giving Report the number of regular givers has gone down and the amount people do give has remained static as people struggle with the cost-of-living crisis. We are very grateful to the people who do give monthly or weekly and understand that they give what they can afford. Most of the people who gave in the envelope scheme before COVID and transferred to online have continued to give online which is good for the environment too. The PCC decided to stop buying the usual envelopes with numbers on as these were costing us money and start with a generic Gift Aid envelope and will stamp the numbers on themselves. It also means that anyone who is not a regular worshipper can Gift Aid their donation if they are eligible.



The Trust Fund has decreased in value mainly due to the withdrawal of money to put the toilet, kitchen facility and seating area in Church and the Parish Hall roof but still stands at £504,352 which is double what it started at many years ago.

Wedding bookings were still down in 2022 with people being cautious but are on the increase for 2023 and will hopefully keep on coming in as.

The hall bookings were still slow in 2022 but again people seem to be gaining confidence in booking for their celebrations. We have 2 new regular bookings with Rising Stars every Wednesday evening and a Salsa

Party group once a month. These are very welcome as it is guaranteed income every month.

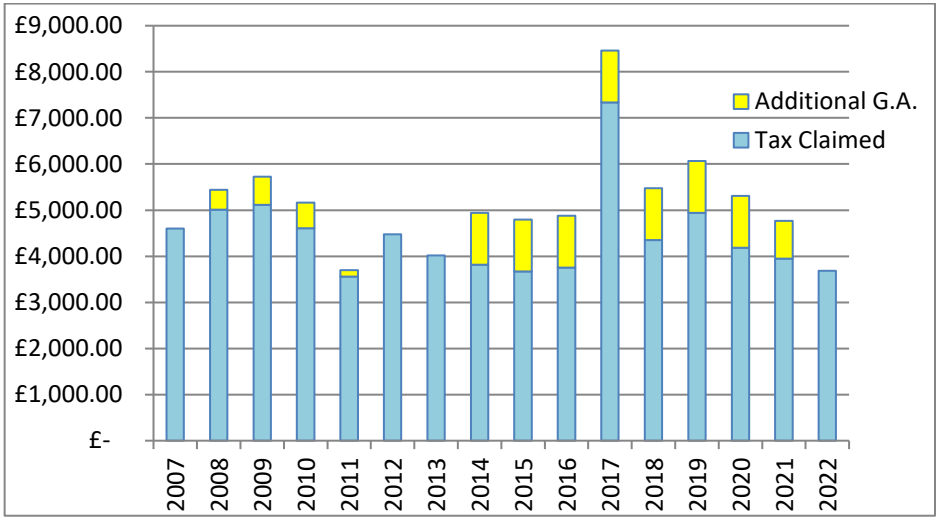


It is a daily struggle trying to make ends meet as our monthly income is less than our monthly outgoings.

Sue Franks – Treasurer

Giving Summary- December 2022

Gift Aid & Small donations gift aid scheme



The envelope scheme is reconciled to end of December 2022 and we have received gift aid payments from HMRC for both of the two 6 months periods of this year. The COVID-19 crisis saw a reduction

in giving for many reasons. Some were able to respond via direct debit/ cheque giving, but envelopes were an issue. As church opened and returned to normal from a health perspective, then it is obvious that giving behaviours have changed and sadly we have lost a number of regular givers. Regular givers are down significantly since 2019, and what they give has stayed static for years as people struggle with a cost-of-living crisis. However, as a balance to this I am informed that event led giving has been strong. As we know, numbers of donors have been in slow decline for a number of years. Over the year 2022 we still had 44 regular givers through the envelope or Direct Debit scheme of which 29 are Gift Aided. The average weekly envelope/debit/gift day giving was £614.52 resulting in £31,955.15 of donations which was significantly up on the previous year. However, this bounce was due to people returning to church and catching up with their giving. Donations eligible for Gift Aid were £14,739.00 which resulted in £3684.00 of tax that we were able to claim back. Considering the difficulties we have faced over the past years then, with hope, and a change from our inter-regnum status we look forward to the future.

Previous Years Donations

Period	Year	Donations	Tax Claimed	Additional G.A.
01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007	2007	£ 16,301.78	£ 4,597.94	£ -
02/01/2008 to 31/12/2008	2008	£ 19,388.38	£ 5,008.08	£ 430.97
01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009	2009	£ 20,446.71	£ 5,111.68	£ 613.40
01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010	2010	£ 18,429.74	£ 4,607.44	£ 552.89
01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011	2011	£ 14,245.70	£ 3,561.43	£ 139.39
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012	2012	£ 17,098.21	£ 4,474.14	£ -
01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2013	£ 16,071.01	£ 4,017.75	£ -
01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2014	£ 15,278.04	£ 3,819.51	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015	2015	£ 14,680.31	£ 3,670.08	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016	2016	£ 15,013.20	£ 3,753.30	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017	2017	£ 29,356.03	£ 7,339.01	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	2018	£ 17,397.47	£ 4,349.37	£ 2,000.00
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	2019	£ 19,770.80	£ 4,942.70	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	2020	£ 16,727.00	£ 4,181.75	£ 1,345.00
01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	2021	£ 15,788.00	£ 3,947.00	£ 821.00
01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	2022	£ 14,739.00	£ 3,684.75	

The additional Gift Aid shown on the 1st graph is part of 'The Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme' which started on 6 April 2013 and offers an opportunity for all churches to claim additional gift aid of up to 25% each on cash (small) donations, i.e. the gift aid due on donations of up to a maximum cap of £8,000 which we receive in cash collections throughout the year.

A summary of the current giving status is shown in the table below giving a breakdown of the broad categories of 'per week' donations.

Summary of Giving in Rothwell Holy Trinity Church - 2022

Per Week Contributions	Gift Aided	Non-Gift Aided	Direct Debit GA	Direct Debit NGA	Yearly Totals	Percentage
up to £1 per week	0	6	0	0	6	14
up to £2 per week	2	2	3	0	7	16
up to £3 per week	0	1	0	0	1	2
up to £4 per week	0	1	1	0	2	5
up to £5 per week	0	0	3	0	3	7
up to £6 per week	0	1	1	1	3	7
up to £7 per week	1	0	1	1	3	7
up to £8 per week	0	0	2	0	2	5
up to £9 per week	0	1	1	0	2	5
up to £10 per week	2	0	2	0	4	9
greater than £10 per week	2	0	8	1	11	25
	7	12	22	3	44	100

My grateful thanks for your continued generous support for the mission and ministry here at Holy Trinity Rothwell through your regular giving. These have been difficult times and the ways you always step up the way you give through time, talent and donation has been an inspiration.



Kind Regards
Carl Burwell

Annual Report from Safeguarding Officer 2022

The PCC of Holy Trinity Rothwell has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults during 2022.

All DBS checks are up to date for PCC members, GFS leaders and helpers, Messy Cafe and church volunteers and church members who visit the sick.

Although I explored various options from the Diocese for safeguarding training which was required by PCC and other members of church in their various roles, I am proud to say that Safeguarding training began in June 2022 and that everyone on PCC and some other members by the end of April 2023, will have completed their Basic Safeguarding Awareness course individually and I thank those who gave their time to support others where it was needed. Two members went on further, to achieve the Foundation course and I am awaiting notification of vacancies on the Leadership course.

To my knowledge there have been no Safeguarding issues reported during 2022 and Safeguarding remains on the agenda to be addressed at every PCC meeting.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Acting on your concerns or seeking advice is rarely a bad idea. People often ask 'What if I'm wrong?' but we have to ask ourselves 'What if I'm right?'. We cannot assume that someone else has seen what we may have seen and will pass on concerns. Please always ask for advice around any concerns you may have.



Debbie Mann
March 2023



Finance Committee Report To The AGM

Following the issues raised by Covid, it is now hoped to restart face to face meetings of the Finance Committee in April. Until the present point in time the work of the Committee has been conducted by email and telephone. Thanks to the continued work of Sue, the monthly expenditure totals have enabled an overview of parish costs and expenditures to be retained.

Essentially the parish has been kept afloat financially by the money gained from the sale of the house in Carlton Lane, and the Committee is aware that this is not sustainable. This does give some cause for concern, particularly when read in conjunction with the report from the Giving Officer.

In respect to the cost of the re-ordering of the Church, the money required has been made available from the Trust Fund, the purpose for which it was set up.

Finally, the Finance Committee is very grateful for the work of Jennifer and the fundraising committee for making the payment of the parish possible.



Keith Lynch.

Fabric Committee Report To The AGM

Throughout the period of intense Covid infection, work by the Fabric Committee had been conducted largely electronically or by visits to the church by individuals. However in September 2022 it was agreed by

Committee members that it was appropriate to resume regular meetings and, since then, these have taken place each month.

The first meeting opened with a discussion of the implications for the Church of the 2023 Quinquennial year. It was agreed that the immediate requirements, the inter-mediate requirements and some of the long-term requirements of the previous report had been met.

The Calendar of Church Maintenance was re-adopted as an item on the monthly agenda of the Committee. In addition items as diverse as the condition of the south porch door, the church fire-proof box and the state of the Church paths were discussed.

In a good way the work of the Committee has been limited by the re-ordering that is taking place in the Church. A number of items previously raised by the committee will be solved by their inclusion into the programme, for example the provision of safety rails, to the Lady Chapel steps.



Members of the Committee have discussed the need to replace the boilers in both the church and the Parish Centre. However this item can only be considered when the re-ordering of the Church is complete.

In October the Committee undertook an examination of the Upper Room. It had areas of rotten woodwork and a number of wasp nests (these were later cleared by Roy) and had become something of a dumping ground. It was agreed that when the roof in the parish centre had been replaced a builder should be asked to quote for repairs.

Finally the graveyard itself, The Committee has discussed the possibility of planting trees in the graveyard and has consulted with our Environmental Officer John Normington. This is in its early stages as yet.

As usual I would like to thank those wonderful people, both from the congregation and from our neighbours who have given up time to help clear the graveyard. I am very grateful to Pat Shute who has donated two petrol strimmers for use in to churchyard, so if anyone wishes to use these, please let me know.

Keith Lynch

Parish Meeting Environmental Report.

2022 was a year when we all became more aware of how we, together, can reduce our own carbon footprint and that of Holy Trinity's.

I, along with the Church Wardens completed an audit of our usage not only of energy but also other significant areas such as paper usage, churchyard, waste disposal etc.
While we do what we do quite efficiently, doing an audit allowed us to tweak and make efficient savings, and re look at how we can improve.

The audit not only allowed to look at the here and now, but also think about where we go in the future. To this end we commissioned a heat loss survey on both the church and parish hall and energy survey, to find the most cost efficient and energy efficient way of heating both these buildings. We are all aware that the church will never be Net Carbon Neutral, due to its construction, but we can improve many things, from the amount of paper we use for the services to pew heating, and many things in between.
An audit of the lighting usage and installation had been commissioned previously and we are awaiting its report.

Once our heating efficiency issues have been resolved, with the installation of improved heating systems, I have this will allow us to look forward and plan further improvements that will help us achieve Net Carbon Neutral, before 2028. The C of E have an ambition to be Net Carbon Neutral by 2030. Let's be bold, but achievable with our target setting.

I visited St Oswald's, Methley for a general environmental chat, and a commitment for an exchange visit to Holy Trinity. Also to St Mary's Embsey

to view their exhibition of alternative “people heating”, as opposed to space heating.

Other things we have done are making and painting bird boxes by Carols Messy Cafe, some of the congregation took part in the RSPB Bird Watch Weekend, there was an an ongoing opportunity to measure our own carbon footprint. As you will have all read I have been including regular articles for the magazine, which I have tried to make as varied as possible. I have used the auspices of the Diocesan “Green Fingers” website to adapt some of the articles, and to include some articles that I just plagiarise, and one or two that I wrote myself.

This year we became a member of EcoChurch. This C of E approved charity, A Rocha, allows us to to monitor our progress of how environmentally friendly we are, and can become.



I n recognition of all our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, we have been awarded the Eco Church Bronze Award in trying to care for God’s creation. We hope to work our way through Silver to Gold. I am sure we will encounter hurdles along the way.

I am sure none of the above will be news to, you, our church members, as I have found our congregation highly motivated when it come to Saving Gods Creation.
I have been helped along the way, this year, with valuable input from Sue, Virginia, Roger, Abhijit, and Rev Arun.

I don’t envisage us to make swift progress in resolving all our carbon emission problems, but I do expect that with the support of the PCC, our new incumbent, and congregation we can regularly solve those issues that impact on our journey towards us becoming Net Carbon Neutral.

John Normington
Parish Environmental Officer.
March 2023



Deanery Synod Report 2022

At the beginning of 2022 Holy Trinity Church forms part of the Whitkirk Deanery, the Deanery its self, part of the Archdeaconry of Leeds. Along with our Clergy, at present, we can elect from the congregation of Holy Trinity, 3 members to represent Holy Trinity at the Deanery Synod meetings. Our present Elected Representatives, who serve a 3-year term of office are:
Mrs Norma Barrett &
Mr. Ian Land
and one vacant seat.
Our elected members term of office expires in 2023 when new elections of the Deanery Synod will be held at Holy Trinity's APCM. By virtue of their office, our elected lay representatives sit on the P.C.C. of Holy Trinity as ex-officio members.

During 2022 the Area Dean post passed from the Revd. Canon Matthew Peat to the Revd. Anne Russell, Team Rector of the Seacroft Team Ministry along with the appointment of Revd. Sarah Hancox as the assistant Area Dean. The Lay Chair of the Deanery continues to be Dr. John Beal.

Throughout the pandemic the Deanery had met virtually via Zoom however 2022 saw the recommencement of the Deanery Synod again meeting face to face.
The first meeting was held on 15th June 2022 at St. James the Great, Manston and
the final meeting held on 20th October 2022 at St. Hilda's, Cross Green.

In my previous report to the APCM in 2021 I detailed plans to reform the existing Deaneries within the Leeds Episcopal area. These plans came to fruition in the closing months of 2022. With the passing of Bishops Pastoral Order under the Mission and Pastoral Measures 2011 the new Deaneries within the Leeds Episcopal area came into being:

) North-West Leeds
ii) East Leeds
iii) South Leeds

each Deanery having 24 parishes within their boundaries. Holy Trinity, Rothwell now resides in the South Leeds Deanery, the Area Dean being Revd. Phil. Harris, Vicar of St Peter's Morley. Along with Holy Trinity, the other Churches that make up the South Leeds Deanery are:



BEESTON
BELLE ISLE AND HUNSLET
BRAMLEY
CALVERLEY
DRIGHLINGTON
EAST ARDSLEY
GILDERSOME
HOLBECK
LOFTHOUSE
METHLEY WITH MICKLETON MIDDLETON
OULTON WITH WOODLESFORD
PUDSEY, ST. LAWRENCE AND ST. PAUL
ST. ANDREW, BRUNTCLIFFE
ST. BARTHOLOMEW, ARMLEY WITH ST. MARY, NEW WORTLEY
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FARSLEY
ST. PAUL, MORLEY, TOWNEND
ST. PETER, MORLEY
ST. THOMAS, STANNINGLEY
THE VENERABLE BEDE, WYTHER
UPPER ARMLEY
WOODKIRK OR WEST ARDSLEY
WORTLEY AND FARNLEY

At the final meeting of the Whitkirk Deanery on 20th October 2022 the Deanery account held a balance of £458.05. The meeting agreed that after a donation of £150.00 to St. Hilda's to cover refreshment

and heating costs for the Deanery Meeting. The remaining balance to be donated equally to the foodbanks run by the churches at Cross Green, Lofthouse and Seacroft.

Ian Land

Report of the Mission and Liturgy Committee

The committee has met six times in the past year with a view to discussing all things pertaining to our worship and also means of outreach to the community.

At a meeting which took place in February of last year a schedule was drawn up for ideas and recommendations to be taken to the PCC. This was, of course, before last year's report but I am pleased to say that several items have been worked on during the last year.

The first thing to mention is a review of the pattern of services. When we were able to re-open the Church after the pandemic it was decided to look at the types of services that people want. This was discussed with PCC and we have a pattern which, I think, works well.

A new liturgy book was produced by Richard Mayers and Revd Arun which covers all the Sunday services and meant we could dispense with a great many unused books.



Before Arun left he was anxious that we should keep in touch with bereavement families. However we were unable to get any volunteers for a bereavement team. In view of this Virginia suggested we have a Friendship Café once a month. This is open to

bereavement families and also members of the congregation and the local community as a place to have a cuppa and a chat, and those who attend enjoy the company.

There are a great deal of other things to mention but for me to go into detail would make for a very long report. Perhaps they will be in next year's report.

In addition to the above, I should mention that members of the committee and the congregation attended a workshop day in Gildersome on the subject of Working with Young People, and also an Away Day in Ilkley when the discussion was about reducing our carbon footprint. Both of these events were very interesting and gave us plenty of food for thought.

I would like to thank all members of the committee who, despite having very busy lives, use their talents in our Church here in Rothwell.

Joyce Blakey, Chair

Holy Spirit Bar Report



Well another difficult year with the bar, gradually improving, but a long way from pre-covid days. Bookings have been very hit and miss during the year, with September and October, being particularly bad. Luckily things have picked up from November and December, including a regular booking starting in December from a Salsa group, who meet on the first Friday of every month, including demonstrators and workshops., followed by a social dance period. Dancers are coming from Sheffield, Selby, Harrogate and from further afield to attend. A great addition to the services offered at the parish centre.

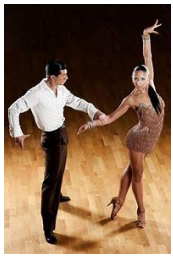
We continue to get a range of birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, and it is a pleasure to see people enjoying the range of gins and wines we are able to offer. Many thanks to my dedicated team of bar staff, without whom I would not be able to manage.

Pleased to see the Beer Festival returning, and thank you to all who volunteered to help with that event.

Phil Thomas
Bar Manager.

PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Parish Centre continues to be a good source of income for the Church. The income from regular bookings was £12,378 BS 1 off booking was £7,126. The 1 off bookings were still slow in 2022 but did start to pick up at the end of the year and are looking better for 2023.



We have gained a new regular booking on a Wednesday evening and another one once a month on for a Salsa Party is due to start in 2023

The hall roof is still leaking and the PCC decided to cut our losses and get quotes for a new roof. The quotes were received and we accepted one from Roofclad systems and the work was booked in for January/February 2023. The money for this will be withdrawn from the Trust Fund.

The Beer Festival is booked in for April 2023 so fingers crossed we get a good response as this is a major fundraising event from the kitchen as well as the festival itself. Anyone who can help either in the kitchen or pulling pints please let us know.

The bar continues to draw people to book the hall but currently doesn't have reserves to transfer to the church. However, like I have previously stated it does draw in people to book the hall for their parties and it makes enough to cover staff wages.

The hall is regularly used for fundraising events – see fundraising committee for more details.

All in all the hall is a good source of income and we would be lost without it.



Sue Franks



Director of Music's Report

Well, another year has passed so what's been happening? The organ still works, the choir still exists, and I still have a job. End of report! Nah actually there's been a fair bit going on. While in the middle of yet another attempt to tidy up the disaster area that is the choir music library, I found a pile of old orders of service for an Easter carol service that the RSCM drew up. It looked interesting so I convinced Arun to let me put it on and we got to work. It went down very well with the two people who came! I think I used the fact that we had to cancel our Christmas carol service the previous year as my rationale for it, but honestly I think there's mileage to do something similar in future, or even have carol services for other times in the church year. Carol services are for life, not just for Christmas, or something. The Epiphany carol service seems to be becoming popular in various churches so maybe at some point I'll float the idea of one of them. I'm sure the choir will love the prospect of more work having just seen off Christmas..

Holy Week had a lot going on and was easily the most stressful one I've ever known. I'm glad I managed to revise the Tenebrae service

that I'd done in 2021, and again those who came really enjoyed it. When we get our new vicar I'll have to see if they're interested in trying it again next year. The Saturday evening prayer services are still soldiering on whenever I'm around. Numbers for that plateaued a while ago, but it's currently the only service going out online at the moment so I don't really want to stop it. Plus people still come regularly so it must still mean something to them.

This year we welcomed back our sung mass setting, though only for one Sunday a month. I haven't forgotten my plan to introduce a second setting alongside it for variety, that's hopefully on next year's musical to-do list. Another thing I did this year was to spend many, many late nights typesetting a series of service books so we have something permanent rather than disposable sheets. They're working well now, though I do wish I wasn't still finding typos months after they were printed. Hopefully we'll wear them out nice and quickly so we can print some more with all the errors corrected.

I know we're still not streaming Sunday services from church and I'm sad about that as well, but that's purely been down to the fact that it's surprisingly difficult to pull in a cable from Sue's office to somewhere in the church building. How exactly do you run a cable between two buildings separated by a path? Well it turns out the answer is start a totally different building project in another part of the church that just happens to involve digging a trench in about the right place! Hopefully by the time you're reading this that part will be done.



Speaking of stuff I wish we'd sorted by now, we are, unfortunately, still singing from the orange hymnals, though not for lack of effort from me. The PCC agreed that getting new books is a good thing, but we can't afford them so some of us are organising some fundraisers to raise the cash ourselves alongside whatever Jennifer is doing.

Keep your eyes peeled for some upcoming exciting things. I'm sure I don't need to tell you this but a new set of books will easily set us up for a good 10-15 years, possibly longer if we take care of them, and will also mean we have the benefit of some new songs that either Kevin Mayhew thought were too good to include, or were written in the 20 odd years since that book was published.

Christmas! I love Christmas, at least that's what I have to keep telling myself. (Actually Advent has better music.) The anthems for this year's carol service were themed for the first time (high-five to Mark and Virginia); they were all Christmas songs from different countries – a German chorale that a few of us had been looking for an excuse to sing, a native Canadian/Huron song that someone requested, an American shape-note song from one of my many tune books, and a Ukrainian folk carol that I quickly arranged and Virginia versified from a Google translation of the words. The choir took it in their stride and pulled it off very nicely indeed! Of course they did, they're brilliant. Once again though I thought it would be good to change a David Willcocks descant in favour of one by Stephen Cleobury. I also gave the Once In Royal solo to Terry, our tenor singer. I've wanted to have a lower voice sing that since before covid and it worked really well - it's a modern twist on an established thing. All this came together magnificently and it was by far and away the best carol service I've ever done at this church. It also gave me a headache that didn't go away for two days. That's not to say this service has peaked, absolutely not! We're still only seeing the beginning of what's possible. As a close friend of mine said to me at the time, tradition does not mean preservation. There's no better way to kill all joy and life in something than to stifle creativity in the name of "because tradition", and rigidly preserving something for no real reason is no more right than axing it completely. Kindle the fire, don't worship the cold ashes, and remember as well that it needs to point to a greater purpose and not be self-serving. I've sat



through enough dull, uninspired services elsewhere where everything is set in stone to the nth degree and I believe we can do better here. Tradition will evolve and develop naturally alongside our understanding of it, and that will make for better, more fulfilling services.

I can't let this report go to print without paying tribute to my man Arun. I was as shocked, if not more so, than the rest of you when he suddenly announced he was leaving, and I was genuinely deeply sorry to see him go, but if I'm totally honest I say fair enough to him. He was 100% the right man for the job the whole time he was here, but while he'll never admit it, I'm fairly certain I saw some signs of burnout. Ending on the high of having healed many of our problems and steered this church through covid is a very respectable legacy and history will be kind to him. Our loss is definitely the British Embassy's gain and his successor has some big shoes to fill. Yes he and I butted heads a handful of times but I'm grateful to have had Arun for the time we did and I only wish he'd been able to last another year.

Anyway this obviously means we're now into Interregnum 2, or as I like to call it, In2regnum. (Yes I know most of you will remember the one before Jeremy as well, but A) I don't and B) In3regnum doesn't work.) As always, if there's anything else then I probably just forgot about it at some point in time.



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Fund Raising Report



This is a group of very hard working and generous people who give of their time and their money to bring support to the Church, but have fun and enjoyment at the same tlme. Social inter action is so important and since Covid it is even more important for us to meet and be together and talk and chat.

We are also in need of younger members to come and join us as the years are catching up with us.

As you can see from the list below we have worked very hard this year to keep going .We are to be praised as a Parish because we never gave up. We had our outdoor stalls and Raffles. Thank you very much indeed for those who contributed in anyway, you have been wonderful and generous and have kept our Parish alive and interesting

Grateful thanks are extended to all on The Fund Raising Committee for your long and continued hard work and the fun and happiness you have engendered.

21 January	French Evening	£ 857.00
26 March	Books Sale	£ 529.71
2 April	Plant Sale	£ 154.37
2 June	Jubilee Afternoon Tea	£1014.70
8 July	Fish & Chips, Quiz	£ 548.51
12 November	Autumn Fayre	£1531.50
19 November	Spud & Pud Lunch	£ 510.00
2 December	Fish & Chips & Carols	£ 502.40
10 December	Coffee Morning, raffle	£ 78.00

Easter Raffle	£ 760.00
Christmas Raffle	£587.00
Bookstall	£ 50.00

Total Fundraising in 2022 £7123.19 however we carried £2582.38 of the money raised in 2021 forward as we had already paid off the parish share before this money was collected so in total the fundraising money paid off the parish share in 2022 was £9705.57

Jennifer Ward

Holy Trinity Open Church Group Report for 2022



The Spring of 2022 brought with it the recommencement of our regular planned openings of the Church on non-service days, to allow casual visitors the freedom to roam and investigate our historic building. Over the months our team welcomed a steady flow of people wanting to find out what lay beyond the large wooden doors, either for solitary exploration or to enjoy a guided tour. In September, after an absence of two years we again enrolled in the National Trust's Heritage Festival. Our attendances on this day never disappoints and again, visitors and families came from near and far to explore our church and be regaled with the stories its walls hold.

Time does take its toll, not the least on our volunteers and the team is always looking for new recruits to help in the running of this valuable ministry, so if you can spare a couple of hours once a month and would like to get more involved in the historical aspect of the oldest surviving building in Rothwell, please have a chat with Ian or Keith .

Ian Land



Sunday School

Sunday School meets after the first hymn (and a prayer especially for us) in the back of church every Sunday except the first in the month, with games and activities to make learning about the gospel fun, and is aimed at 3 - teenage. At the end of the service, we show our work to the rest of the congregation. There is a creche area for younger children, which will soon, I hope, be in our new cafe area. There are also toy/book/colouring bags for children under 8.
Carol

Family Church



Family Church is a short, fun family service (half and hour) in the Parish Centre on the first Sunday in the month, where we listen to a bible reading, sing songs (accompanied by shakers), join in art or cooking activities, at the same time as having a drink and a snack (on Palm Sunday the snack was hot cross buns). We changed the time to 9:30am this year, to give baptism families a choice of a child-friendly service at the same time as the said service in church. Roger and Ann Ward have hugely helped me with this service: helping set up, organising the cafe, by talking to the parents and by publicity on facebook. I have also been helped by the Baptism Visitors encouraging families to attend.
Carol.



Messy Cafe

Messy Cafe started again, after Covid, on the last Saturday in October. It is a drop in session from 10 am to 12 on the last Saturday in the month in the Parish Centre, catering for 0 - 8 year olds, with a small cafe. We have a baby safe area, art activities, a ball and skipping area, as well as a book

and construction area. At the moment we sing songs at 11:30 am. We are considering having a story at 10:45. Numbers have built up so that now we have between 7 and 15 children and their parents attending. Most people stay for most of the session. Thank you Jane and Stella for your help setting up and organising the kitchen and art tables.
Carol

GFS Annual report

The period of Covid has had a serious effect on many areas of life. I have been a member of GFS for 72 years of my life and never has the Organisation stopped working.

After we closed GFS due to Covid I made a determined effort to keep in touch with all the girls. At Easter I went to their homes and gave them Easter Eggs and a doorstep chat with them and their parents which kept up to date. At Christmas I went round with Chocolate Oranges, Christmas Cards and another family doorstep chat. This was beneficial to us all. The leaders were visited too and taken plants and cards.

It was a very sad and challenging era for the GFS as it was for us all. We started to think about restarting. Two of our leaders, Elizabeth Lewis and Angela Wilkinson felt they were unable to restart. We had a

supper and they were presented with flowers and thanked for their long years of service, Thursday after Thursday.
Stella Dunwell ,Tracy Sitwell, Joyce Blakey and myself felt we would try to start the GFS again. We were helped on line by London and Rothwell Church School Academy and Victoria Junior School.

All the leaders past and present, were sent Awards from Central Office in London to thank them for their long and loyal service as leaders.

The GFS reopened on the 9th of June 2022 at 6 pm and we were delighted to welcome 10 girls. This number has fluctuated between 10 and 18 girls and we are delighted to be open again. The GFS played a full and active part in the Autumn Fayre running The Gingham Cafe. Sandra Bridges, a previous GFS Member, always helps with cooking the bacon sandwiches. The girls were excellent waitresses. and received many compliments on their skills and social interaction.

As is the GFS tradition they sang Silent Night at the Carol Service, singing a verse in German. Richard had a theme of countries around the world and we were delighted to sing a very old German Carol.

We continue to work very hard and do our best to provide a loving ,loyal and caring atmosphere. The leaders are superb.

Jennifer Ward.



Bellringers Annual Report

You may not have heard may bells rung at Holy Trinity in the last year, however, there has been a hive of activity in the bell tower: During covid times, with no ringing possible, a family of kestrels made the bell chamber a home. Once restrictions were lifted until the birds had finished nesting it was not possible to commence ringing for some time. However, in September 2022 with the birds now gone and the announcement of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, it was important to get the bells ringing again. With the support of ringers from other local towers and a very long evening working on the bells, we were able to ring all eight bells in Memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II the following morning. A few weeks later you many have heard the largest bell in the tower at 772kg, tolled prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Whilst kestrels are beautiful animals, they do cause a lot of mess within an enclosed bell chamber, in addition upon looking at the bells themselves, which had not been fully reviewed for some time, it quickly became apparent that a full restoration was required.

Many evenings have been spent cleaning out the mess the kestrels left us, whilst navigating eight large bells, suspended off the floor on a metal frame. Equipment must be carried up a narrow spiral staircase, before putting on appropriate PPE and taking on the challenge of flea infestations, freezing cold winter nights and strong winds blowing straight through the open windows and going home looking like you've been down a mine.

Once the bell chamber had been cleaned, work could then start on the bells and frame: The old worn ropes were removed, and new ones are now ready to be reinstalled. The clappers (the part inside that swings to make the bell ring) have been restored, pins, bolts, brushes checked and replaced. The cast iron bell frame installed in 1951, has been cleaned, old paint removed and then repainting is ongoing. New wire netting has been installed across the windows, to ensure the kestrels no longer return inside the bell chamber.

The restoration could not have happened without all the volunteers that have helped in many different ways, but a special big thank you to our ringing friends from Swillington, Tim, Edward, Robert and Roger, for their expert advice, guidance, humour and hard graft.

Many hours work have gone into the project and there is much more to, however, we hope at a push to get the bells in a safe position to ring for the King and then to complete the restoration to ensure safety and continuity of ringing for years to come.

Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF)
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Year End



EMPLOYER participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
    a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
    b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable **(2022: £XXXX, 2021: £XXXX).**

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 10.1% following improvements in the funding position over 2022. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, **EMPLOYER** could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHWELL

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	26,449	—	—	26,449	38,548
Income from charitable activities	8,314	—	—	8,314	7,829
Other trading activities	62,545	—	—	62,545	40,880
Investments	208,363	21,987	—	230,350	25,262
Other income	31,760	—	—	31,760	34,348
Total income	**337,431**	**21,987**	**—**	**359,419**	**146,868**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3,478	—	—	3,478	1,487
Expenditure on charitable activities	212,491	—	—	212,491	176,399
Other expenditure	17,441	—	—	17,441	12,284
Total expenditure	**233,411**	**—**	**—**	**233,411**	**190,171**
Gains / losses on investment assets	117	(294,501)	—	(294,384)	95,063
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**104,137**	**(272,514)**	**—**	**(168,376)**	**51,761**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	38,651	—	—	38,651	83,283
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,000)	(8,651)	—	(38,651)	(83,283)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**112,788**	**(281,165)**	**—**	**(168,376)**	**51,761**
Total funds brought forward	**777,948**	**817,428**	**—**	**1,595,377**	**1,543,615**
Total funds carried forward	**890,737**	**536,263**	**—**	**1,427,000**	**1,595,377**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	818,036	—	—	818,036	673,421
Designated					
Book of Remembrance	410	—	—	410	410
Mission and Ministry	34	—	—	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	2,853	—	—	2,853	5,719
Servers Robe fund	245	—	—	245	245
Special Contingency Func	69,681	—	—	69,681	98[illegible]
Restricted					
Accumulated income Trust Fund	—	27,720	—	27,720	14,384
Churchyard Fund	—	2,500	—	2,500	2,834
Rothwell House Sale fund	—	1,453	—	1,453	1,453
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	—	235	—	235	235
Rothwell Trust Fund	—	504,352	—	504,352	798,520

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	662,000	662,000
Investments	510,761	805,146
	1,172,761	**1,467,146**
Current assets		
Investments	98,234	113,878
Cash at bank and in hand	156,004	14,352
	254,238	**128,231**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**254,238**	**128,231**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,427,000**	**1,595,377**
Total net assets less liabilities	**1,427,000**	**1,595,377**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	818,036	673,421
Designated		
Mission and Ministry	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	2,853	5,719
Book of Remembrance	410	410
Servers Robe fund	245	245
Special Contingency Func	69,681	98,642
Restricted		
Churchyard Fund	2,500	2,834
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	235	235
Rothwell House Sale fund	1,453	1,453
Rothwell Trust Fund	504,352	798,520
Accumulated income Trust Fund	27,720	14,384
Funds of the church	**1,427,000**	**1,595,377**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 1081F -	—	—	24,664	—	24,664	28,487
RT-CBF Investment Fund 1374S -	—	—	443,132	—	443,132	728,639
CBF Property Fund 1011P -	—	—	36,536	—	36,536	41,393
RH CBF Investment Fund 1481D -	—	—	1,473	—	1,473	1,453
CHYARD CBF Investment Fund 1075S -	—	—	2,500	—	2,500	2,833
PC BAR - cash and stock -	—	2,455	—	—	2,455	2,338
Totals	**—**	**2,455**	**508,306**	**—**	**510,761**	**805,146**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Land & Building - Hall -	490,000	—	—	—	490,000	490,000
Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane -	172,000	—	—	—	172,000	172,000
Totals	**662,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**662,000**	**662,000**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Bank current account - CAF -	155,628	—	73	—	155,702	5,923
Team Bank Current Account - CAF -	524	(524)	—	—	—	—
Bar Bank Current Account - CAF -	(9)	236	—	—	227	3,219
PCC Bank current account - HSBC -	74	—	—	—	74	64
Bar Bank Current account - HSBC -	(162)	162	—	—	—	—
Vicars Fund (Team) - HSBC -	(5,145)	—	5,145	—	—	5,145
Totals	**150,910**	**(125)**	**5,219**	**—**	**156,004**	**14,352**
Current assets - Investments						
CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr -	162	70,370	—	—	70,533	99,494
CBF Dep Account - Parochial -	(235)	—	235	—	—	—
CBF Dep Account - Trust Income -	5,199	—	22,502	—	27,701	14,383
Totals	**5,126**	**70,370**	**22,737**	**—**	**98,234**	**113,878**

Grand total	818,036	72,700	536,263	—	1,427,000		1,595,377

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
CHYARD - Churchyard Fund							
Restricted	2,834	—	—	—	(333)	—	2,500
Sub-total for CHYARD	**2,834**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(333)**	**—**	**2,500**
MISSION - Mission and Ministry							
Designated	34	—	—	—	—	—	34
Sub-total for MISSION	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**34**
PAROCHIAL - Rothwell Parochial P							
Restricted	235	—	—	—	—	—	235
Sub-total for PAROCHIAL	**235**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**
PCBAR - Parish Centre Bar							
Designated	5,719	38,391	41,373	—	117	—	2,853
Sub-total for PCBAR	**5,719**	**38,391**	**41,373**	**—**	**117**	**—**	**2,853**
REMBOOK - Book of Remembrance							
Designated	410	—	—	—	—	—	410
Sub-total for REMBOOK	**410**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**410**
RHOUSE - Rothwell House Sale							
Restricted	1,453	—	—	—	—	—	1,453
Sub-total for RHOUSE	**1,453**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,453**
ROBES - Servers Robe fund							
Designated	245	—	—	—	—	—	245
Sub-total for ROBES	**245**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**245**
RTRUST - Rothwell Trust Fund							
Restricted	798,520	—	—	—	(294,167)	—	504,352
Sub-total for RTRUST	**798,520**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(294,167)**	**—**	**504,352**
SPECIAL - Special Contingency							
Designated	98,642	1,038	—	(30,000)	—	—	69,681
Sub-total for SPECIAL	**98,642**	**1,038**	**—**	**(30,000)**	**—**	**—**	**69,681**
TEAM - Team Expenses							
Designated	(9,811)	—	—	—	—	—	(9,811)
Sub-total for TEAM	**(9,811)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(9,811)**
TRUSTINC - Accumulated income T							
Restricted	14,384	21,987	—	(8,651)	—	—	27,720
Sub-total for TRUSTINC	**14,384**	**21,987**	**—**	**(8,651)**	**—**	**—**	**27,720**
VICARS - Vicars Fund							
Designated	9,287	—	—	—	—	—	9,287
Sub-total for VICARS	**9,287**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9,287**
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	673,421	298,002	192,037	38,651	—	—	818,036
Sub-total for General	**673,421**	**298,002**	**192,037**	**38,651**	**—**	**—**	**818,036**
Grand total	**1,595,377**	**359,419**	**233,411**	**—**	**(294,384)**	**—**	**1,427,000**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
1100 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - Envelopes Gift Aid Giving	2,660	—	—	—	2,660	7,841
1102 - Envelope not Gift Aided	1,573	—	—	—	1,573	3,665
1103 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,953	—	—	—	1,953	4,313
1104 - Sunday school collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1105 - Church cash collections	1,764	—	—	—	1,764	853
1106 - Sundry donations	3,552	—	—	—	3,552	2,893
1107 - Specified donations	829	—	—	—	829	700
1108 - Online Giving - Gift Aided	11,291	—	—	—	11,291	8,586
1109 - Online Giving - not Gift Aided	2,100	—	—	—	2,100	—
1110 - Christmas Services	85	—	—	—	85	—
1115 - Special Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
1124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
1131 - Funeral charity collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1133 - Donations appeals etc	640	—	—	—	640	—
1134 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1135 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	1,880
1136 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1137 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	7,814
Total	26,449	—	—	—	26,449	38,548
Income from charitable activities						
1111 - Fees for weddings and funerals	8,314	—	—	—	8,314	7,829
1117 - Churchyard Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Team Fees - weddings, funerals etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,314	—	—	—	8,314	7,829
Other trading activities						
1112 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1113 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	190
1114 - Bookstall/cards/diaries sales	28	—	—	—	28	—
1118 - Fundraising Activities	719	—	—	—	719	—
1119 - 100 Club	1,895	—	—	—	1,895	624
1120 - Coffee	4	—	—	—	4	20
1127 - Tower Rental	8,951	—	—	—	8,951	8,951
1129 - Book of Remembrance	30	—	—	—	30	10
1142 - Parish Share fundraising	9,751	—	—	—	9,751	9,721
1201 - Church hall lettings - Regular bookings	12,378	—	—	—	12,378	6,296
1202 - Church hall lettings - 1 off bookings	7,126	—	—	—	7,126	3,133
1204 - Church hall sundries	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	1,266
1207 - Beer Festival	4,906	—	—	—	4,906	—
1301 - Bar Takings	—	15,754	—	—	15,754	10,666
Total	46,790	15,754	—	—	62,545	40,880
Investments						
1121 - Rent from lands or buildings	7,200	—	—	—	7,200	4,040
1122 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1123 - Interest received	124	—	—	—	124	17
1139 - Proceeds from Trust Fund	200,000	—	—	—	200,000	—
1140 - Interest	—	1,038	21,987	—	23,025	21,203

Total	207,324	1,038	21,987	—	230,350	25,262
Other income						
1125 - Transfer from Trust Income Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1126 - Transfer from mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
1128 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	12,742
1130 - Transfer from current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1132 - Church Sundries	5,358	—	—	—	5,358	9,491
1138 - move from Team a/c for copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
1141 - Defibrillator	—	—	—	—	—	—
1143 - Refurbishement fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1144 - money claime back for vacancy costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1145 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	134	—	—	—	134	132
1146 - Baptism Certificates	157	—	—	—	157	—
1147 - Hymn Book Fund	200	—	—	—	200	—
1203 - Money transferred from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1205 - Bond paid into bank	3,272	—	—	—	3,272	600
1206 - Bond retained	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Float	—	20,282	—	—	20,282	8 [illegible]
1303 - Bar Sundries	—	2,353	—	—	2,353	3
1304 - Interst Bar	1	—	—	—	1	—
1501 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9,123	22,636	—	—	31,760	34,348
INCOME TOTAL	298,002	39,429	21,987	—	359,419	146,868

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2127 - Rental Management costs	1,412	—	—	—	1,412	1,421
2137 - Refurbishment fund raising pd to special	—	—	—	—	—	—
2155 - 100 Club	1,175	—	—	—	1,175	
2161 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	
2162 - Costs Social events	30	—	—	—	30	6
2212 - Publicity	720	—	—	—	720	—
2213 - Sumup charges - Hall	26	—	—	—	26	—
2315 - Sumup charges bar	—	114	—	—	114	58
Total	3,364	114	—	—	3,478	1,487

Expenditure on charitable activities

1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cleaning	35	—	—	—	35	94
2102 - Relief Clergy/Visiting speakers	66	—	—	—	66	202
2103 - Sacristy supplies - upkeep of services	687	—	—	—	687	438
2104 - Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2105 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	95
2106 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Church Salaries	13,796	—	—	—	13,796	14,639
2108 - Clergy expenses - car, tele etc	720	—	—	—	720	1,176
2109 - Oether clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2110 - Church Heating/Light/Water	7,282	—	—	—	7,282	6,472

2111 - Church maintenance and repairs	1,663	—	—	—	1,663	2,798
2113 - Church running - insurance	4,838	—	—	—	4,838	4,662
2114 - Parish Share	51,387	—	—	—	51,387	50,822
2116 - Churchyard expenses	35	—	—	—	35	271
2117 - Postage	44	—	—	—	44	66
2118 - Printing and Stationary	2,777	—	—	—	2,777	2,712
2119 - Church office - telephone	558	—	—	—	558	399
2120 - youth Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2121 - Children's Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2122 - Rental Repairs/Maintenance	2,973	—	—	—	2,973	10,643
2123 - Charities	907	—	—	—	907	505
2124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2125 - Christmas Charities	248	—	—	—	248	—
2126 - Funeral Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2128 - Vicarage repairs/maintenance	55	—	—	—	55	—
2129 - HMRC - PCC	1,285	—	—	—	1,285	1,434
2131 - Church relief staff	90	—	—	—	90	100
2132 - Church Renovation	—	—	—	—	—	10,708
2135 - Coffee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2136 - Ark Bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
2151 - Bank Charges	157	—	—	—	157	127
2154 - Architects fees	5,238	—	—	—	5,238	7,917
2156 - Sumup charges - Church	33	—	—	—	33	1
2164 - Organ / piano tuning	938	—	—	—	938	12,992
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Hall Salaries	10,338	—	—	—	10,338	8,326
2202 - Hall heating/lighting/water	7,475	—	—	—	7,475	6,317
2203 - Hall Cleaning Materials	1,460	—	—	—	1,460	625
2204 - Hall repairs & Maintenance	2,273	—	—	—	2,273	1,728
2205 - Hall Telephone	340	—	—	—	340	301
2206 - Hall - Insurance	2,109	—	—	—	2,109	1,974
2208 - Hall relief staff	121	—	—	—	121	50
2209 - Waste Disposal	7,631	—	—	—	7,631	5,661
2301 - Bar staff wages	—	1,235	—	—	1,235	1,145
2302 - Float retained	—	20,826	—	—	20,826	8,536
2303 - Bar Stock	—	10,361	—	—	10,361	5,413
2304 - Misc Bar Items	—	113	—	—	113	53
2305 - Bar salaries	—	2,061	—	—	2,061	1,358
2306 - HMRC Bar	—	655	—	—	655	270
2307 - Bar Glass disposal	—	1,201	—	—	1,201	680
2308 - Bar Sundries	—	4,654	—	—	4,654	1,626
2310 - Bar Licence Fees	—	70	—	—	70	70
2311 - Bar repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	2,976
2312 - Bar cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	43,741	—	—	—	43,741	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2721 - HMRC 2014 for all accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	171,312	41,178	—	—	212,491	176,399

Other expenditure						
2115 - Church Sundries	10,506	—	—	—	10,506	6,868
2130 - music licences/Subscriptions/memberships	1,909	—	—	—	1,909	1,732
2138 - Costs during vacancy	—	—	—	—	—	—
2139 - Pension Scheme	1,039	—	—	—	1,039	987
2140 - Team running costs	140	—	—	—	140	176
2141 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	134	—	—	—	134	121
2157 - Transfer to PCC current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2158 - Transferred to mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
2165 - Depreciation of office equipment	—	—	—	—	—	402
2171 - Depreciation of fixed asset	—	—	—	—	—	—
2207 - Hall Sundries	181	—	—	—	181	1,092
2210 - Bond returned	3,300	—	—	—	3,300	731
2211 - Hall Refunds	150	—	—	—	150	75
2309 - Paid to PCC from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2314 - Bank charges bar	—	81	—	—	81	96
Total	17,360	81	—	—	17,441	12,284
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	192,037	41,373	—	—	233,411	190,171
GRAND TOTAL	105,964	(1,943)	21,987	—	126,007	(43,302)

This report dated: 3 March 2023

Signed.....

Virginia Lynch – Vice Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on the following pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The churches' trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The churches' 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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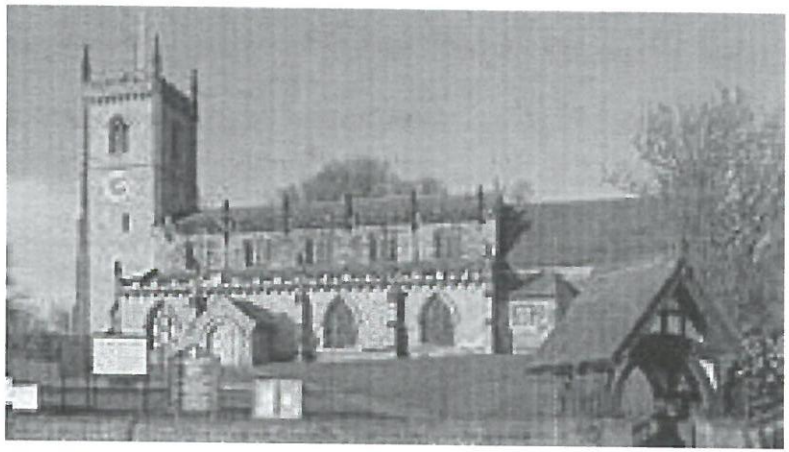
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2021

Report on Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council.

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church is responsible, along with the Rector, in promoting the Church's mission in Rothwell. Pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also having the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Church, Parish Centre and Housing stock.

The PCC is made up of Ex Officio, Appointed and Elected Lay Members. The elected members serving a 3-year term. A full list of the current PCC membership can be found in the appendix to this report.

The PCC functions within the regulations laid-down within The Church Representation Rules 2020 and meets within the terms of these Regulations to ensure all its business is conducted efficiently. The Standing Committee is appointed by PCC to manage business between PCC Meetings. Various Sub-Committees of the PCC also meet on regular basis to conduct the committee's allotted business. All our Sub-committees of PCC are lead by a Lay Chair.

During 2021 as we continued with the ongoing restrictions for the Covid 19 pandemic, our PCC and Sub-committee's have continued to meet virtually via the Zoom facility. It is pleasing to report that attendance at our PCC meetings remains high for all members. Away from the virtual world however, during July the PCC did meet in person as we held a "PCC Away Day" to discuss the future direction of our church and worship here in Rothwell. The reflections from PCC's deliberations on this day will slowly filter through our services and worship in the coming months at Holy Trinity. A big thanks to our colleagues at Christ Church, Lofthouse for allowing use of their Parish Hall and facilities to host our away day.

Many of the topics PCC have discussed at their meetings during the year, will no doubt be covered by other reports within this Annual Report, so I will not go into detail here, but to conclude my report, on

Sunday School

Sunday School is at the back of church every week, except for the first week in the month. Our new place in church gives us more room for our art activities and for a few games. All children over 3 years old are welcome after the first hymn. Sometimes our work is displayed on the nearby noticeboard.

This is really important work for our church, nurturing the youngest members of our congregation. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Carol Cressall

Messy Church



Messy Church is in the Parish Centre at **10:30am** every first Sunday in the month. It is a short half-hour service, with a drink and fruit, aimed at all children and families. There is an activity (art or cookery) linked to the reading, and two songs which are accompanied by shakers or actions. At the moment, because Baptism Visitors have not been back to normal, numbers are small; but the services have still been enjoyed by those that attend. I would like to thank Ann and Roger Ward, as well as Ruth, for their great help.

Carol Cressall

Messy Cafe

I'm hoping Messy Cafe can restart at the last Saturday in May. Look out for advertisements on Facebook and in the pew sheet.

behalf of the body of Holy Trinity, I would like to offer thanks to our PCC members for all their dedication and hard work for the church, over the last year and a special personal thanks to our Recording Secretary – Bela Singh for her dedicate deciphering of our P.C.C musings

Ian Land – Honorary P.C.C. Secretary

PCC Membership as detailed in the attached Appendix A

Appendix A – Holy Trinity PCC Membership

		Elected	Retiring
Ex Offixo			
Revd Arun John	Chairman		
Virginia Lynch	Vice Chairman	APCM 2021	
Viginia Lynch	Warden	APCM2021	APCM2022
Mark Wilkinson	Warden	APCM 2021	APCM2022
Norma Barrett	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Ian Land	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	APCM2023
Vacant	Deanery Synod Rep	APCM 2020	
Appointed to PCC			
Joyce Blakey	Reader	APCM 2021	APCM2022
Chris Singh	Reader	APCM 2021	APCM2022
Elected Lay Representatives			
Carol Cressall		APCM 2019	APCM2022
Abhijit David		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Sue Franks		APCM 2019	APCM2022
Keith Lynch		APCM 2021	APCM2024
Richard Mayers		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Vacant			
Mavis Moore		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Pat Shute		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Jennifer Ward		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Team Council Reps			
Sue Franks		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Ian Land		APCM 2020	APCM2023
Virginia Lynch		APCM 2020	APCM2023



THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

After leaving forms to be completed the number of names on the Electoral Roll for 2022 at the time this report is printed is:

62 Residents (62 last year)
17 Non-Residents. (18 last year)

Making the total number of names 79

Jennifer Ward – Electoral Roll Officer

Churchwardens Report 2021



2021 started as 2020 had finished with yet another lockdown. After spoiling Christmas and New Year plans for many covid decided to spoil the rest of winter and Easter along with most of the spring.

As cases from the Covid 19 Alpha variant rose significantly the government ordered a further lockdown straight into the New Year with schools, most non-essential shops and churches closing again. Holy Trinity by nature of the congregation demographics and the considerable risk of severe illness and worse was left with little option but to close its doors again for the third time in recent history. Although the new vaccines had just started to

Church CD's	£ 20.00
Smartie tubes	£ 86.20
Honey	£ 10.00
Change bottle	£ 38.00
Sundry Donations	£ 180.00
	£9721.58

We managed to hold our Autumn Fayre in November which was very well attended and raised £1391.03 including the sale of the church CD's. We were lucky that Jennifer had kept n touch with the GFS girls who helped out in the kitchen. We also had another Christmas raffle which raised £715.00. However, as we had already managed to pay off our Parish Share for 2021 we held onto these funds and a further £148.71 from a Spud n' Pud Lunch held earlier in the year to go towards our 2022 Parish Share.

Thanks must go the members of the fundraising team for their magnificent contribution to fund raising and paying our parish share. Hopefully, in 2022 we will be able to hold more events in the hall.



GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY 2021

The G.F.S didn't meet during 2021 due to COVID still being around and the age of the ladies who run it.

Jennifer has kept in touch with the girls from G.F.S. and delivered chocolate oranges to them at Christmas and Easter eggs at Easter.

The girls still helped out in the café at the Autumn Fayre which was held 2021.



Holy Trinity Open Church Group Report for 2021

Unfortunately the on-going Covid Pandemic and the associated restrictions

meant that the group could not open the church to welcome casual visitors on non-service days as we had in the past. Additionally for the second year in succession we could not take part in the National Trust's Heritage Festival which attracts a good number of visitors into our church. Our Open Church team look forward to 2022 in the hope of better times when again we hope to open the church doors to visitors.

Ian Land



Church Fundraising

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 2021

Due to the COVID pandemic we were unable to hold many events during 2021. However we did manage a few ways of raising money for the Parish Share to the tune of £9,721.58 made up as follows

Christmas 2020 raffle	£1352.00
Donation in memory of Winnie Beane	£1000.00
Christmas wishes	£ 50.00
Sponsored walk	£3950.00
Easter Raffle	£ 860.00
Lychgate sales of plants etc	£ 665.40
Afternoon Teas	£ 80.00
Donation from Tea Cosy Café	£1200.00
Adopt a Plot	£ 80.00
Fish & chip Supper	£ 149.98

be rolled out it was still a long way to go before there would be a significant improvement and winter turned out to be longer and more depressing than it had ever been in the past. This coincided with significant snowfalls and bad weather just to make things as miserable as possible. In Spring, Covid invited it's Indian Cousin the Delta Variant to join it making things extremely hard and challenging for the whole world. Our hearts went out to the television pictures in India and Asia as they struggled to contain things. Given our close links through Arun & Bina with the Indian Sub-Continent the pictures and accounts on the radio were even more harrowing to this church. The Church congregation weathered this new wave much better and the majority of the vulnerable remained safe.

Church was forced to default to You tube and Facebook. However, the tricks of the trade that had been learnt during the initial 1st and 2nd lockdown were brought to fruition with the production of high quality and visually pleasing live stream services. That continued until the middle of May when church services started to tentatively resume with a said 9:00am service. The church in Rothwell was the last to physically go back into their building within the Benefice. With the church demographics of high proportion of Elderly and Vulnerable members this church had to be guided by the data and the science to keep those wishing to visit safe. As rules and guidance has been relaxed again the church has followed the science and not been influenced by our brother and sister churches in the benefice or diocese. We have done what was right for our church. Service times and service formulas have been discussed at length during the year and although not to everyone's taste or satisfaction tough pragmatic decisions have had to be made and supported by the PCC. Unfortunately, Arun requirement to return to India to support his family through illness and Virginia required surgery and subsequent convalescence left a large gap in cover for Sunday during late summer and early Autumn. However, Reverend Rob Harper who is curate at Saint John's Wakefield returned to his former home and took services on Sunday which was widely appreciated. Also Mandy and Sarah supported occasional offices and pastoral care in that time. Again, this church took longer to re-start hymn singing once restrictions and guidance was relaxed. Facemasks remain mandatory which the congregation has been

accepting and happy to follow. Although we have at sometimes struggled with those in the wider community using our church at the occasional offices (Weddings Baptisms and Funerals) who in some cases have not been as willing and as ready to keep each other safe and prevent spread of virus droplets. Over winter we erred on the side of caution with one service to accommodate both congregations of 8am and 10am with a middle ground of 9:30am. Unfortunately, this decision turned out to justified with the spread of the Omicron variant which was more transmissive in nature. Although another lockdown was avoided the disruption and unpredictability of this virus Christmas services took another hit for another year. An 11th hour cancellation of the physical Christmas Carol service became the main casualty. As infections hit over 100,000 in less than a week. However, thanks to the hard work of Richard and the Choir a recorded streamed service was premiered on Facebook and You Tube The church also had to make the decision to cancel the crib service much to the disappointment of old and young alike and Christmas services suffered with reduced rose to numbers in comparison with other years as transmission rates of the virus rose to unprecedented and frightening levels.

Turning away from covid the churchwardens can report no real serious issues in repairs and fabric of the building. Unfortunately work on the north aisle with the aim of a toilet and kitchenette area has been somewhat slower than anticipated. Although faculty has been received the tendering of work has been slow as the building trade comes out of its forced isolation. We are hoping for progress this year now restrictions have been lifted and things are slowing getting back to normal (or as normal as they can be in the post covid climate). The church and parish center has been dogged by the usual suspects of the leaking parish centre roof, financial giving and supporting the congregation. Many who are now struggling with their mobility to get to church physically. We continue to react and be proactive in these challenges and try to show leadership and good sense in these challenges.

The churchwardens are not just two people it is a real team effort and a church like this is impossible to run with just two people. Lots of people work behind the scenes and give time gladly without mention or a word

sucks, but we've got a job to do". In fact there was only one person who decided to throw a strop about cancelling the service, and he doesn't even worship here anyway! Well done and thank you to the whole choir and our visitors from Brayton for the hard work. It was an utter slog but the people loved it, even if it's now Lent and I still can't stomach the thought of singing that Carol Of The Bells again!

What else have I done this year? Oh yeah Holy Week and Easter were a thing. I dunno what prompted me to try filming that big long Palm Sunday reading while walking from the church to Springhead Park,



but I hope we don't have to go back to streamed services between now and Palm Sunday because I'm pretty sure I can't top that. I convinced the higher ups to let me do a Tenebræ service as well and I really want to explore that more this year. What else? Oh yeah I finally managed to stream my Evening Prayer from church, and the result was...fairly mixed but not bad considering it was entirely over 4G. Next challenge is have one with a congregation in person. Will it happen? Let's see shall we. Arun is banging the drum on getting wired internet pulled into church so we can stream services from there, so watch this space, it will be happening soon. Hymn books we're still no further with since we're now printing the hymns in the service book. Still, that's a step up from Complete Dog-Turd Hymns Old & New. Maybe at some point soon I'll be able to blag a chunk of money to buy some music copies of the new Ancient and Modern, that way at least the choir will be singing from a book that wasn't edited at 5pm on a Friday. What were those editors smoking?

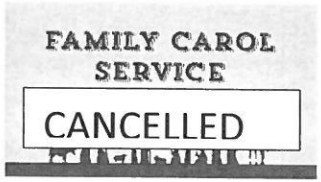
Anyway I should probably go to bed. Whatever I've forgotten to put in here will have to be recounted in person to whoever'll buy me a drink.

Bye

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descant to open the service. I know this isn't a popular opinion but I think the Willcocks descants need a very long sabbatical, so over the next few years I'll be phasing them out in favour of newer ones by the late great Sir Stephen Cleobury. While I love a lot of our church traditions, I believe in keeping things varied within that, and not just rigidly going with the same tired old stuff all the time. It gets boring after a while if we never sing anything different, and there's a whole world of great music out there for us to get stuck into. I also haven't decided which lineup of anthems to do this year yet, should I do "A Very Deep-Cut Christmas", "English Is Overrated", or "I CBA Learning An Accompaniment"?

Picture the scene: It's a cold, very slightly damp night in December, and I'm supposedly on holiday. More specifically, I'm wandering the streets of Nottingham looking for a restaurant that appeals to me but isn't rammed full. Meanwhile I've just received and relayed the bombshell that one of our singers has just tested positive, and back in Rothwell, Arun and the churchwardens are having a collective moment of "Oh poo, maybe holding a carol service with 300 people in church isn't such a good idea". I eventually eat my tea in a very noisy restaurant and de-camp to the oldest pub in Britain. About 1/3 of the way down my pint, the phone call I was grimly resigned to expect arrived. The carol service is off, but you can plan and turn around an entire prerecorded streamed replacement carol service from 70-odd miles away, right Richard? Guess I'd better down the rest of my drink, run for the tram back to the Premier Inn and find out! It's fine, the 1500 word essay I need to write isn't due for another month anyway.. One night's sleep, a hasty Zoom meeting over 4G (Premier Inn wifi sucks!), and an hour and a bit's drive later and the choir have once again outdone themselves. I had visions of an angry mob waiting for me with pitchforks and a rope hanging from a nearby tree when I got back to Rothwell, but instead the general attitude was "Yeah this



of thanks. Until now that is. Our assistant wardens work behind the scenes and work unseen just getting on with stuff. Jennifer and Jane, your assistance and wise counsel is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Sue in the office, Pat Shute who organizes funerals and weddings and ensures theses occasional offices are covered. Our team of vergers along with our welcomer teams who commit each week without fail. The team is small and needs increasing to share the load so if you would like to help, please speak to one of the team who will be able to add you to the team. A thank you to Richard Mayer's who has to deal with two members of the choir out of the choir stalls 2 weeks in a month and for all his technical help with Wi-Fi and technology.

A special mention to our long-suffering spouses Keith & Helen who have a lot to put up with and are essential sounding boards when things are tough and do not go along to plan. Our families and extended families for understanding. Along with special deputy wardens young Ari and Dotty the Dog

The final mention goes to our long-suffering incumbent Arun who despite have the most challenging of years personally continues to give encouragement and prayers for our work in the church.

Looking forward to 2022 with hope for completion of the North Corner and fully live streamed services in church. The parish centre roof is likely to crop up again and we are starting to look at a replacement heating system which will reduce our carbon footprint whilst keeping our heating bills down. With luck this time next year this tick box list will be completed

With love and prayers

Virginia Lynch & Mark Wilkinson



OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

Who'd be a Church Treasurer in the midst of a pandemic! In fact who'd be a Church Treasurer at any time.

First of all the good news – we managed to pay off our parish Share in full with the help of the fundraising committee and various donations and only had to draw £10,000 from the house sale money. We even had a small amount left over from the fundraising committee which will be carried forward to our 2022

The church and hall stayed closed for the first few months of 2021 therefore we had reduced income yet again.

Regular church members continued to give their donations online, but we weren't getting the cash donations we usually get on a Sunday morning when we can actually meet in person. We were allowed funerals which brought in some income but weddings were still on hold until the middle of the year. People were still reluctant to re-book their wedding at first but towards the end of the year we had a few go ahead.

There was no income coming in at all from the hall until April when Paula Clark started up her dancing classes again with mostly private lessons rather than group sessions. Shortly after toddlers returned with limited numbers then Rising Starts and Paula Vickers came back. Every little helps. In September we were able to start holding weekend bookings but people were reluctant to book.

So yeah we have our sung Eucharist back again! OK it's not quite back to normal, there aren't as many hymns and it's only one kind because



the Church of England has an inexplicable problem with individual communion wine cups, but it's still an actual in-person service with singing and organ playing and a proper Eucharist rather than just watching Arun eat it! It makes SUCH a difference! With singing restricted to parts of the service where no one's moving around, I've had to step up and fill in with music. Actually it's been kinda the kick I've needed for a while to learn some new stuff, or at least practice more since I've apparently forgotten about 90% of my repertoire during covid. The choir are very ready for some more singing though, and I'm very glad we'll be getting more hymns and anthems back in time for Easter.

I have a confession to make, I've been playing away a bit. No it's not what it looks like. After we were joined last year by Lindsey and Kylie from Brayton, I agreed to take advantage of Bloody Stupid Johnson relaxing the law and drive over to their home turf for some singing with their choir. No real plans, just evenings of singing. Well singing is cool and all but it's nice to work towards something. Hey, we've got a carol service coming up, who wants to come and sing for that? Sadly not everyone could be persuaded but it was still lovely to welcome a handful of talented singers from Brayton St. Wilfred's to join us for the carol service. Speaking of the carol service, this year was actually the first one I've ever done at this church that I was genuinely excited for. Arun left me to take the lead on planning for some reason, so I just gave the simple instruction of "no obvious low-effort, low-hanging-fruit musical choices. Put some proper thought into it". I don't know about you but I think the result was pretty sweet! I'll say it here, the best suggestions came from Mark and he's definitely got a place on every service planning meeting I'm forced to head up from now on. The other big achievement this year was introducing a new



The fool hath said in his heart, "Richard should become a priest." – Director of Music's Report 2022

Hello, it's that time of year where I once again try and figure out at what point Sue's gonna kick this back and say "Richard, you can't write that in a church report!"

Well the good news is I have my old job back! Yeah this last year sucked as well as 2020 but I am so thankful to be back at the organ. Fair play to you if the online streamed services are your thing but while as I've said before Arun did a fantastic job, I think even he will admit it was no substitute to the real thing. (Close to two years after the first streamed service and I still don't see the point of "Spiritual Communion", even after various people have tried explaining it to me!) With all that said I will never stop being so incredibly proud of the choir for what we've achieved in that time. When we made the first "virtual choir" recordings for those streamed services back in I'd like to say May 2020, a couple of you commented on the service videos saying we should make a CD. I read those comments and thought "What a silly idea! Those tracks are enough hard work, why the hell would we go to all the effort of making a CD?" Anyway we made a CD. If you haven't got a copy already please buy one. I had an unexpectedly heated argument with Arun last year over how many copies to make, so the sooner we shift the current stock the sooner he can get his way and print more. There's plenty of other hymn recordings in my library and I think the choir might want a second CD at some point, although I hope not because that's a whole lotta work I could do without. Despite what some of you may say, I'm actually very lazy!



Fundraising events were still far and few between but by the end of the year these were starting up again. There was an Easter raffle where tickets were posted through people's doors which raised £860, a sponsored walk raised a massive £3950 and there were a couple of Lychgate sales which raised £665.00. The fundraising Committee report lists all the ways they raised money.
The Beer Festival could not go ahead once again but hopes are high for 2022.

We had a major panic when the organ people came to check the organ and pipes and they told us that there was a lot of damage due to the humidifier not working properly. The price quoted for the repair was just over £13000 but we were very relieved when the insurance company told us we were covered for this.

The Trust Fund increased in value from being worth £704,190 to £798,520 which is an increase of £94.330 in 2021. This is good as we will probably have to draw on the fund for a new roof on the Parish Hall as well as the toilet and kitchen facilities in church.

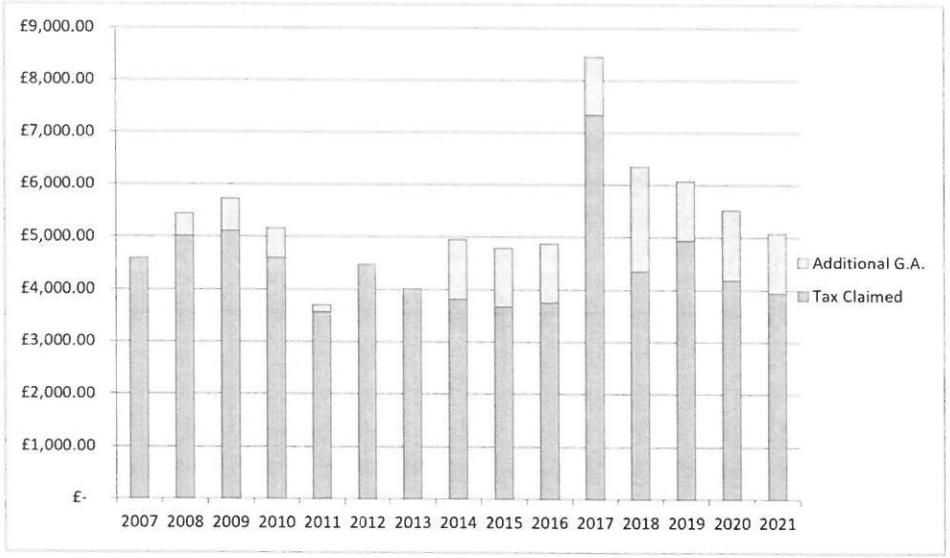
Once again I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support the church during these hard times.

Sue Franks – Treasurer
April 2020



Giving Summary- December 2021

Gift Aid & Small donations gift aid scheme



The envelope scheme is reconciled to end of December 2021 and we have received gift aid payments from HMRC for both of the two 6 months periods of this year. The COVID-19 crisis has seen a reduction in giving for many fold reasons, but as church opens and hopefully see things return to normal from a health perspective, then it is obvious that giving behaviours have changed. Regular givers are down significantly, and what they give has stayed static for years as people struggle with a cost-of-living crisis. However, as a balance to this I am informed that event led giving has been strong. As we know, numbers of donors have been in slow decline for a number of years. Over the year 2021 we still had 51 regular givers through the envelope or Direct Debit scheme of which 31

Toddlers came back in May with limited numbers allowed. Things were starting to look up a little bit but we still couldn't open to weekend parties with the bar. Paula Vickers started back with her pilates classes in June but we lost Kirsty with her fitness classes as she couldn't get enough people to come back. However, every cloud has a silver lining, Paula Vickers started running classes on Monday as well as Wednesday.

The hall was eventually able to open in September for weekend bookings with the bar but people were reluctant to book in case we ended up in lockdown again. All in all, takings for the hall were very dire in 2021.



In September the office re-opened with Sue going in on Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 12 noon but Thursday evening is by appointment only.

The saga with the roof still continues – a few days after raining water comes in through the roof over the steps onto the stage from the entrance hall. Trelawny Roofing have been called back several times but are insisting that it is vandalism causing the problem. We have had an independent report done and know this is not the case. The PCC are looking into options for the way forward.

Let's hope that bookings pick up in 2022.

Sue Franks

Advertising in the local press seems to help to improve bookings, and make people aware of our Parish Centre, as it's not very obvious from the road.

Many thanks to all my staff for all your help during the year, often At short notice, as without your support the bar could not function.

With the early part of 2022 being very quiet, possibly because of people not sure how their finances are going to be with all the proposed rises in energy bills. Bookings are still very quiet, but hopefully will pick up later in the year.

The return of the Beer Festival hopefully will show that the hall is back to use and available for hire.





Phil Thomas
Bar Manager

PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE 2021

2021 began very much the same as 2020 ended – the hall was still closed due to COVID. We had thought we may be able to open again but then numbers started rising which put a stop to that.

In April we were allowed to re-open to some of our regular bookings. Paula Clark came back having people dancing in their own little squares marked out on the floor.



are Gift Aided. The average weekly envelope/debit/gift day giving was £380.80 resulting in £20,182.25 of donations which was £1000 down on the previous year. Donations eligible for Gift Aid were £15,788.00 which resulted in £3947.00 of tax that we were able to claim back. Although this is a slow decline, year on year, 2022 feels to be a challenging year and indications are that the 1st quarter has not started strongly.

Previous Years Donations

Period	Year	Donations	Tax Claimed	Additional G.A.
01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007	2007	£ 16,301.78	£ 4,597.94	£ -
02/01/2008 to 31/12/2008	2008	£ 19,388.38	£ 5,008.08	£ 430.97
01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009	2009	£ 20,446.71	£ 5,111.68	£ 613.40
01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010	2010	£ 18,429.74	£ 4,607.44	£ 552.89
01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011	2011	£ 14,245.70	£ 3,561.43	£ 139.39
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012	2012	£ 17,098.21	£ 4,474.14	£ -
01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2013	£ 16,071.01	£ 4,017.75	£ -
01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2014	£ 15,278.04	£ 3,819.51	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015	2015	£ 14,680.31	£ 3,670.08	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016	2016	£ 15,013.20	£ 3,753.30	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017	2017	£ 29,356.03	£ 7,339.01	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	2018	£ 17,397.47	£ 4,349.37	£ 2,000.00
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	2019	£ 19,770.80	£ 4,942.70	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	2020	£ 16,727.00	£ 4,181.75	£ 1,343.00
01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	2021	£ 15,788.00	£ 3,947.00	£ 1,125.00

The additional Gift Aid shown on the 1st graph is part of 'The Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme' which started on 6 April 2013 and offers an opportunity for all churches to claim additional gift aid of up to 25% each on cash (small) donations, i.e. the gift aid due on donations of up to a maximum cap of £8,000 which we receive in cash collections throughout the year. Each year we assess this and claim against small cash donations into the church.

A summary of the current giving status is shown in the table below giving a breakdown of the broad categories of 'per week' donations.

Summary of Giving in Rothwell Holy Trinity Church - 2021

Per Week Contributions	Gift Aided	Non-Gift Aided	Direct Debit GA	Direct Debit NGA	Yearly Totals	Percentage
up to £1 per week	1	1	0	0	2	4
up to £2 per week	1	5	1	0	7	14
up to £3 per week	2	1	0	1	4	8
up to £4 per week	2	1	1	0	4	8
up to £5 per week	2	4	1	1	8	16
up to £6 per week	3	2	1	0	6	12
up to £7 per week	0	0	1	0	1	2
up to £8 per week	0	1	0	0	1	2
up to £9 per week	1	2	1	0	4	8
up to £10 per week	0	1	2	0	3	6
greater than £10 per week	7	0	4	0	11	22
	19	18	12	2	51	100

My grateful thanks for your continued generous support for the mission and ministry here at Holy Trinity Rothwell through your regular giving. These have been difficult times and the ways you always step up the way you give through time, talent and donation has been an inspiration



Kind Regards

Carl Burwell

The PCC met for a whole day's meeting at Lofthouse Church in 2021 and the Mission and Liturgy Committee has met to discuss subjects and suggestions which came from that meeting. Some of those things may be implemented straight away and others will need careful planning. Some of the discussions focused on means of outreach to the community which we feel is important.

Thank you to all those who give their time to serve on this committee and thank you to Richard Mayers who is the Vice Chair of the committee. Revd Arun had guided the committee as Chair till the Lay Chair was appointed. He appreciated the efforts of Richard who had co-ordinated the meetings with the Vicar.

We do not know what the future holds but it is my hope that our strong Church family will welcome new members and continue to thrive.

Joyce Blakey

Chair



Report from Holy Spirits Bar for 2021

Well 2021, a bit better than 2020, with a few bookings, but still not back to anything like pre Covid times.

A lot of the bookings are for small numbers so takings haven't always been as high as we would like, but something is better than nothing.

The AMPC decided to move forward with the scheme to form three new Deaneries from the existing four Deaneries.

The new Deaneries will be:
i) North-West Leeds
ii) East Leeds
iii) South Leeds

each Deanery having 24 parishes within their boundaries.
For Holy Trinity Rothwell this will mean that we move from the Whitkirk Deanery into the newly formed South Leeds Deanery. It is understood that a Bishops Pastoral Order under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to enact these changes will shortly be implemented.

Ian Land

Report of the Mission & Liturgy Committee



The Mission and Liturgy Committee is one of the sub-committees of the PCC and discusses all aspects of worship both within Holy Trinity and its mission in the community of Rothwell. It offers its recommendations to the PCC.

During the pandemic we continued to meet via Zoom as there was much to discuss. When we were unable to open the Church at all, a streamed service was welcomed and appreciated by many people and as the restraints have started to ease somewhat we have discussed the ways in which our worship can proceed.

Annual Safeguarding report April 2022

Annual Report from Safeguarding Officer 2021

The PCC of Holy Trinity Rothwell has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults during 2021.

I took over the role of Safeguarding officer in January 2021

Since taking up the post, I have familiarised myself with the Safeguarding policy of the church and DBS checks within the people of the church. These have been updated where necessary and any new people who are required to have one now have one.

I am currently using the Parish Dashboard regularly to aid me in carrying out an audit of Safeguarding at Holy Trinity and this will generate a Parish Action Plan for the church.

I have attended and reported at PCC meetings and have kept them updated about any issues of safeguarding. I have also questioned them to gain knowledge of areas within safeguarding and where we are as a parish in this area.

Training

I have been in contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding team about training and have been given a couple of options for myself and church members.

I am going to take an online training course as soon as possible.

It is evident that the PCC and other members involved in areas of the church need to refresh or begin their safeguarding training and I have explored how this can be carried out. I am hoping to lead this within the next few months because the PCC and other relevant members agreed that they would prefer to be trained as a group, rather than doing this individually online.

To my knowledge there have been no Safeguarding issues reported during 2021

Debbie Mann

April 2022



Finance Committee Annual Report 2021-22

The work of the Finance Committee has been highly curtailed by the effects of the Covid Pandemic. It has not been possible to hold meetings and as a result forward planning has been limited.

Monthly monitoring of the Parish expenditure has continued and it is clear that there has been no unexpected spikes in the parish expenditure over the last year. There is now a data base for scrutiny of parish expenditure over two years. This will make the scrutiny of accounts much easier in the future.

It is important to record that the parish finances have remained relatively stable in this financial year because we have been able use the Government's furlough scheme for some of our employees and been able to draw on the cash available from the sale of the house on Carlton Lane. However I must once again emphasise that this is not a sustainable approach and that the Church should develop new and permanent sources of income in the coming years.

The Committee has noted that there has been a slow, but steady return to members of the congregation attending services. Though there is still along way to go, it has allowed regular giving to take place. Helpfully more people are now using direct debits as a means of payment, this is very helpful for financial planning as regular income can now be known.

Beal as our new Lay Chair at the May meeting. Mr. Beal who joins us from Allerton Deanery, served on that Deanery as Assistant Lay Chair.

During 2021 our Deanery was also expanded by the inclusion of St. Saviours, Richmond Hill and St. Hilda's, Cross Green into the Deanery's boundaries.

Due to the on-going Covid 19 pandemic the Deanery meetings have not been as frequent as previous years and throughout 2021 have been conducted virtually by the Zoom platform and later in the year, in person at St. Georges, Leeds and also by Zoom.

The major part of the Deanery's work during this year has been the consideration of proposals to reorganise the existing Deaneries within the Leeds Episcopal area. .The proposed re-organisation was brought about by unbalance of the current Deanery sizes. Two options were considered

i) One large deanery supported by smaller clusters of parishes
ii) A number of smaller deaneries supported by an episcopal forum with which the Area Bishop could engage
The indications were that one deanery was not an acceptable way forward for 3 of the 4 current Deaneries. The working group looked at a number of alternative groupings of parishes across the city and took a proposal to the Area Mission and Pastoral Committee in November 2021.
The parameters for the deaneries were :
a) That they should be of roughly equal size in terms of parishes and lay representatives on Deanery Synod
b) Current multi parish benefices should be in the same deanery.
c) The city centre parishes of Leeds Minster and St George's should be in the same Deanery.

https://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/saving-creation
Both sites are worth a look.

I will continue to put occasional articles into the monthly newsletter, and circulate good practice from other parishes and the Diocese. To make any of this happen we not only need, both human and financial resources, we need your prayers.



Let us ensure we care for Gods creation as best we can, for our future generations.

Caring for Gods Creation starts today not tomorrow!

John Normington

Deanery Synod Report 2021

Holy Trinity Church presently forms part of the Whitkirk Deanery, the Deanery its self, part of the Archdeaconry of Leeds. Along with our Clergy, at present, we can elect from the congregation of Holy Trinity, 3 members to represent Holy Trinity at the Deanery Synod meetings. Our present elected representatives, who serve a 3-year term of office are:
Mrs Norma Barrett &
Mr. Ian Land
by virtue of their office, our elected lay representatives sit on the P.C.C. of Holy Trinity as ex-officio members.

The Synod meets under the leadership of the Area Dean, the Revd. Canon Matthew Peat. Following the retirement of our immediate past Lay Chair John Holland, the Deanery synod has elected John

Despite the difficulties caused by the covid virus, it is pleasing to report that the parish share has been met for the fifth consecutive year. Given the times that we live in this is a remarkable achievement and it is more than appropriate to thank the hard work of the fund-raising committee.

Should anyone feel that finance is a part of church activities that they could contribute to, please do not hesitate to contact me you would be made more than welcome by this very small committee



Keith Lynch

Fabric Committee Annual Report 2020-21.

As a consequence of the Covid Pandemic, this committee has been unable to meet at a physical level. However throughput the year individual members of the committee have followed the established 'Calendar of Church Maintenance' to ensure that at a basic level the chu8rch has been looked after.

Standard work such as the clearing of the gutters and drains has taken place as per normal. As highlighted in last years report the Committee has recommended the need for safety rails in the Church and the Church Tower, this will be included in the forthcoming reordering of the Church.

I must thank those two or three valiant souls who have done sterling service in the Graveyard this year. I trust that every one has noticed that the path from Meynall Avenue now resembles an approach to a place of worship. There is still a lot to be done, but



we are making progress. Once again if anyone feels that they can help or adopt 10 square foot at the side of the path then please get in touch, I would love to see the whole path welcoming!

Keith Lynch

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

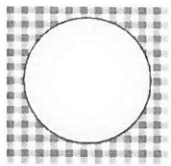
This year I was appointed the Environmental Officer for our church. I completed the Diocesan "Creation Salvation" course in the autumn. Following on from this I submitted an "Carbon Net Zero Parish Plan" to the PCC, which they accepted. (I will circulate a "potted" version in near future).

The expectations of the Church of England are that all church's and buildings will be carbon neutral by 2030. I have suggested that we could meet that target in advance of 2030

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Although many of our action are environmentally friendly, there are areas we can improve on. One of the issues is that being environmentally aware is an added expense. So, we have to manage not only our actions but our expectations.

We are always looking at ways of reducing our paper usage, energy and travel are but some more obvious examples. We are quite good at our recycling of waste. A major hurdle is the use of paper plates in the hall. Although we have "real" plates, we don't have the resources of washer uppers! The age and build of our church means we will probably never get it to be carbon neutral. So we aim to reduce it as low as practically possibly.



The largest contributor to our carbon footprint is caused by our ancient boiler system. I expect this to need a major if not complete re vamp. Funds will, no doubt, dictate what we are able to achieve in this area. We have engaged the help and advice of the diocese to suggest ways of improving our church heating system. So, watch this space!



It was good to see Abhijit getting a team together to start to make some inroads in tidying paths and verges of the churchyard. We do a brilliant job of keeping our church visually pleasing, thank to Roger and his team. The spring and summer plant sales were a way of showing how we support and encourage the community in becoming "greener".

I have started to do an audit on our usage and how green we are. One area we are looking at is to make our lighting systems more efficient. Both in the parish hall and church have a number of high wattage lamps and we need to change these to low energy.

The Diocese is quite a good resource for finding out what works in other churches, we also have a access to a Diocese Environmental officer for advice.

As many of you will suspect, we are unlikely to achieve carbon net zero, by having a centuries old church to heat and care for. There are schemes where we can use "offsetting" to lower our carbon footprint. (In its simplest form we could plant a forest. Though we can support other types of schemes to do this on our behalf).
A recognition scheme is available for churches to measure their progress.

The Eco Church recognition scheme is provided by A. Rocha, maybe next year.
https://www.arocha.org/en/
The Leeds Diocese environmental pages are found here. Articles are published on "Gods Green Fingers" pages of this site.

<HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHWELL, LEEDS>

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	38,548	—	—	38,548	34,699
Income from charitable activities	7,829	—	—	7,829	6,124
Other trading activities	40,880	—	—	40,880	22,860
Investments	4,114	21,148	—	25,262	27,294
Other income	29,202	5,145	—	34,348	15,223
Total income	**120,574**	**26,294**	**—**	**146,868**	**106,201**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,487	—	—	1,487	1,879
Expenditure on charitable activities	176,399	—	—	176,399	129,789
Other expenditure	12,284	—	—	12,284	15,394
Total expenditure	**190,171**	**—**	**—**	**190,171**	**147,062**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(69,596)**	**26,294**	**—**	**(43,302)**	**(40,861)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	83,283	—	—	83,283	83
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40,000)	(43,283)	—	(83,283)	(83,343)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	378	94,685	—	95,063	39,744
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(25,934)**	**77,696**	**—**	**51,761**	**(1,117)**
Total funds brought forward	**803,883**	**739,732**	**—**	**1,543,615**	**1,544,733**
Total funds carried forward	**777,948**	**817,428**	**—**	**1,595,377**	**1,543,615**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	673,421	—	—	673,421	692,678
Designated					
Book of Remembrance	410	—	—	410	410
Mission and Ministry	34	—	—	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	5,719	—	—	5,719	2,452
Servers Robe fund	245	—	—	245	245
Special Contingency Func	98,642	—	—	98,642	108,527
Restricted					
Accumulated income Trust Fund	—	14,384	—	14,384	31,374
Churchyard Fund	—	2,834	—	2,834	2,479
Rothwell House Sale fund	—	1,453	—	1,453	1,453
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	—	235	—	235	235
Rothwell Trust Fund	—	798,520	—	798,520	704,190

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6401	Land & Building - Hall	490,000	490,000
6402	Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane	172,000	172,000
6404	Office Equipment	—	402
6410	RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 1081F	28,487	30,514
6411	RT-CBF Investment Fund 1374S	728,639	637,449
6412	CBF Property Fund 1011P	41,393	36,226
6413	RH CBF Investment Fund 1481D	1,453	1,453
6414	CHYARD CBF Investment Fund 1075S	2,833	2,478
6420	PC BAR - cash and stock	2,338	1,960
	Total Fixed assets	**1,467,146**	**1,372,484**
Current assets			
6501	PCC Bank current account - CAF	5,923	24,714
6503	Bar Bank Current Account - CAF	3,219	330
6505	CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr	99,494	109,439
6506	CBF Dep Account - Parochial	—	—
6507	CBF Dep Account - Trust Income	14,383	36,573
6508	PCC Bank current account - HSBC	64	73
6509	Bar Bank Current account - HSBC	—	—
	Total Current assets	**123,086**	**171,131**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(43,302)	(40,861)
Z01	Starting balances	1,543,615	1,544,733
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	95,063	39,744
	Total Reserves	**1,595,377**	**1,543,615**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	673,421	692,678
	Designated	104,527	111,205
	Restricted	817,428	739,732
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**1,595,377**	**1,543,615**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 1081F -	—	—	28,487	—	28,487	30,514
RT-CBF Investment Fund 1374S -	—	—	728,639	—	728,639	637,449
CBF Property Fund 1011P -	—	—	41,393	—	41,393	36,226
RH CBF Investment Fund 1481D -	—	—	1,453	—	1,453	1,453
CHYARD CBF Investment Fund 1075S -	—	—	2,833	—	2,833	2,478
PC BAR - cash and stock -	—	2,338	—	—	2,338	1,960
Totals	**—**	**2,338**	**802,808**	**—**	**805,146**	**710,082**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Land & Building - Hall -	490,000	—	—	—	490,000	490,000
Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane -	172,000	—	—	—	172,000	172,000
Office Equipment -	—	—	—	—	—	402
Totals	**662,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**662,000**	**662,402**

Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Bank current account - CAF -	5,868	—	54	—	5,923	24,714
Team Bank Current Account - CAF -	524	(524)	—	—	—	—
Bar Bank Current Account - CAF -	—	3,219	—	—	3,219	330
PCC Bank current account - HSBC -	64	—	—	—	64	73
Bar Bank Current account - HSBC -	(162)	162	—	—	—	—
Totals	**6,294**	**2,857**	**54**	**—**	**14,352**	**25,118**
Current assets - Investments						
CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr -	162	99,332	—	—	99,494	109,439
CBF Dep Account - Parochial -	(235)	—	235	—	—	—
CBF Dep Account - Trust Income -	5,199	—	9,184	—	14,383	36,573
Totals	**5,126**	**99,332**	**9,419**	**—**	**113,878**	**146,012**
Grand total	**673,421**	**104,527**	**812,281**	**—**	**1,595,377**	**1,543,615**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
CHYARD - Churchyard Fund						
Restricted	2,479	—	—	—	354	2,834
Sub-total for CHYARD	**2,479**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**354**	**2,834**
MISSION - Mission and Ministry						
Designated	34	—	—	—	—	34
Sub-total for MISSION	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**34**
PAROCHIAL - Rothwell Parochial P						
Restricted	235	—	—	—	—	235
Sub-total for PAROCHIAL	**235**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**
PCBAR - Parish Centre Bar						
Designated	2,452	22,048	19,159	—	378	5,719
Sub-total for PCBAR	**2,452**	**22,048**	**19,159**	**—**	**378**	**5,719**
REMBOOK - Book of Remembrance						
Designated	410	—	—	—	—	410
Sub-total for REMBOOK	**410**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**410**
RHOUSE - Rothwell House Sale						
Restricted	1,453	—	—	—	0	1,453
Sub-total for RHOUSE	**1,453**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**0**	**1,453**
ROBES - Servers Robe fund						
Designated	245	—	—	—	—	245
Sub-total for ROBES	**245**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**245**
RTRUST - Rothwell Trust Fund						
Restricted	704,190	—	—	—	94,330	798,520
Sub-total for RTRUST	**704,190**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**94,330**	**798,520**
SPECIAL - Special Contingency						
Designated	108,587	55	—	(10,000)	—	98,642
Sub-total for SPECIAL	**108,587**	**55**	**—**	**(10,000)**	**—**	**98,642**
TRUSTINC - Accumulated income T						
Restricted	31,374	26,294	—	(43,283)	—	14,384
Sub-total for TRUSTINC	**31,374**	**26,294**	**—**	**(43,283)**	**—**	**14,384**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	692,678	98,470	171,011	53,283	—	673,421
Sub-total for General	**692,678**	**98,470**	**171,011**	**53,283**	**—**	**673,421**
Grand total	**1,544,137**	**146,868**	**190,171**	**—**	**95,063**	**1,595,897**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
1100 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - Gift Aid Giving	7,841	—	—	—	7,841	8,200
1102 - Envelope scheme - not Gift Aided	3,665	—	—	—	3,665	3,488
1103 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4,313	—	—	—	4,313	6,073
1104 - Sunday school collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1105 - Church cash collections	853	—	—	—	853	1,458
1106 - Sundry donations	2,893	—	—	—	2,893	2,129
1107 - Specified donations	700	—	—	—	700	140
1108 - Covenanted Giving - bank	8,586	—	—	—	8,586	8,905
1109 - Direct Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
1110 - Christmas Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
1115 - Special Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
1124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	10
1131 - Funeral charity collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1133 - Donations appeals etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
1134 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1135 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,880	—	—	—	1,880	4,294
1136 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1137 - Other funds generated	7,814	—	—	—	7,814	—
Total	38,548	—	—	—	38,548	34,699
Income from charitable activities						
1111 - Fees for weddings and funerals	7,829	—	—	—	7,829	6,124
1117 - Churchyard Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Team Fees - weddings, funerals etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7,829	—	—	—	7,829	6,124
Other trading activities						
1112 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	4
1113 - Magazine income - advertising	190	—	—	—	190	—
1114 - Bookstall/cards/diaries sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1118 - Fundraising Activities	—	—	—	—	—	49
1119 - 100 Club	624	—	—	—	624	200
1120 - Coffee	20	—	—	—	20	123
1127 - Tower Rental	8,951	—	—	—	8,951	8,951
1129 - Book of Remembrance	10	—	—	—	10	10
1142 - Parish Share fundraising	9,721	—	—	—	9,721	1,211
1201 - Church hall lettings - Regular bookings	6,296	—	—	—	6,296	4,462
1202 - Church hall lettings - 1 off bookings	3,133	—	—	—	3,133	2,366
1204 - Church hall sundries	1,266	—	—	—	1,266	—
1207 - Beer Festival	—	—	—	—	—	—
1301 - Bar Takings	—	10,666	—	—	10,666	5,482
Total	30,214	10,666	—	—	40,880	22,860

Investments

1121 - Rent from lands or buildings	4,040	—	—	—	4,040	5,720
1122 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1123 - Interest received	17	—	—	—	17	21,250
1139 - Proceeds from Trust Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1140 - Interest	—	55	21,148	—	21,203	324
Total	4,058	55	21,148	—	25,262	27,294

Other income

1126 - Transfer from mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
1128 - Insurance claims	12,742	—	—	—	12,742	—
1130 - Transfer from current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1132 - Church Sundries	4,345	—	5,145	—	9,491	6,781
1138 - move from Team a/c for copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
1141 - Defibrillator	—	—	—	—	—	—
1143 - Refurbishement fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1144 - money claime back for vacancy costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1145 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	132	—	—	—	132	124
1203 - Money transferred from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	
1205 - Bond paid into bank	600	—	—	—	600	600
1206 - Bond retained	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Float	—	8,378	—	—	8,378	6,117
1303 - Bar Sundries	—	3,003	—	—	3,003	1,600
1501 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	17,820	11,381	5,145	—	34,348	15,223
INCOME TOTAL	98,470	22,103	26,294	—	146,868	106,201

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	
2127 - Rental Management costs	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	
2137 - Refurbishment fund raising pd to special	—	—	—	—	—	—
2155 - 100 Club	—	—	—	—	—	600
2161 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
2162 - Costs Social events	6	—	—	—	6	195
2212 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	180
2315 - Sumup charges bar	—	58	—	—	58	—
Total	1,428	58	—	—	1,487	1,879

Expenditure on charitable activities

1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cleaning	94	—	—	—	94	147
2102 - Relief Clergy/Visiting speakers	202	—	—	—	202	—
2103 - Sacristy supplies - upkeep of services	438	—	—	—	438	721
2104 - Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	17
2105 - Training	95	—	—	—	95	80
2107 - Church Salaries	14,639	—	—	—	14,639	13,019

2108 - Clergy expenses - car, tele etc	1,176	—	—	—	1,176	963
2109 - Oether clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2110 - Church Heating/Light/Water	6,472	—	—	—	6,472	6,130
2111 - Church maintenance and repairs	2,798	—	—	—	2,798	1,881
2113 - Church running - insurance	4,662	—	—	—	4,662	4,614
2114 - Parish Share	50,822	—	—	—	50,822	50,049
2116 - Churchyard expenses	271	—	—	—	271	50
2117 - Postage	66	—	—	—	66	197
2118 - Printing and Stationary	2,712	—	—	—	2,712	2,441
2119 - Church office - telephone	399	—	—	—	399	282
2120 - youth Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2121 - Children's Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2122 - Rental Repairs/Maintenance	10,643	—	—	—	10,643	3,050
2123 - Charities	505	—	—	—	505	—
2124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2125 - Christmas Charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2126 - Funeral Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2128 - Vicarage repairs/maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	187
2129 - HMRC - PCC	1,434	—	—	—	1,434	1,227
2131 - Church relief staff	100	—	—	—	100	40
2132 - Church Renovation	10,708	—	—	—	10,708	—
2135 - Coffee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2136 - Ark Bus	—	—	—	—	—	—
2151 - Bank Charges	127	—	—	—	127	60
2154 - Architects fees	7,917	—	—	—	7,917	3,879
2156 - Sumup charges	1	—	—	—	1	—
2164 - Organ / piano tuning	12,992	—	—	—	12,992	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Hall Salaries	8,326	—	—	—	8,326	9,008
2202 - Hall heating/lighting/water	6,317	—	—	—	6,317	5,945
2203 - Hall Cleaning Materials	625	—	—	—	625	467
2204 - Hall repairs & Maintenance	1,728	—	—	—	1,728	4,355
2205 - Hall Telephone	301	—	—	—	301	282
2206 - Hall - Insurance	1,974	—	—	—	1,974	1,944
2208 - Hall relief staff	50	—	—	—	50	—
2209 - Waste Disposal	5,661	—	—	—	5,661	4,695
2301 - Bar staff wages	—	1,145	—	—	1,145	670
2302 - Float retained	—	8,536	—	—	8,536	5,926
2303 - Bar Stock	—	5,413	—	—	5,413	4,211
2304 - Misc Bar Items	—	53	—	—	53	15
2305 - Bar salaries	—	1,358	—	—	1,358	1,357
2306 - HMRC Bar	—	270	—	—	270	647
2307 - Bar Glass disposal	—	680	—	—	680	650
2308 - Bar Sundries	150	1,476	—	—	1,626	500
2310 - Bar Licence Fees	—	70	—	—	70	70
2311 - Bar repairs & Maintenance	2,976	—	—	—	2,976	—
2312 - Bar cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2721 - HMRC 2014 for all accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—

2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	157,394	19,005	—	—	176,399	129,789
Other expenditure						
2115 - Church Sundries	6,868	—	—	—	6,868	9,589
2130 - music licences/Subscriptions/memberships	1,732	—	—	—	1,732	2,355
2138 - Costs during vacancy	—	—	—	—	—	12
2139 - Pension Scheme	987	—	—	—	987	1,014
2140 - Team running costs	176	—	—	—	176	39
2141 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	121	—	—	—	121	47
2157 - Transfer to PCC current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2158 - Transferred to mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
2165 - Depreciation of office equipment	402	—	—	—	402	402
2171 - Depreciation of fixed asset	—	—	—	—	—	—
2207 - Hall Sundries	1,092	—	—	—	1,092	287
2210 - Bond returned	731	—	—	—	731	950
2211 - Hall Refunds	75	—	—	—	75	6
2309 - Paid to PCC from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	
2314 - Bank charges bar	—	96	—	—	96	60
Total	12,188	96	—	—	12,284	15,394
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	171,011	19,159	—	—	190,171	147,062
GRAND TOTAL	(72,540)	2,943	26,294	—	(43,302)	(40,861)

This report dated: 14 February 2022

Signed: Reverend Arun John



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

To the Managing Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ending 31st December 2021 which are set out in the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) b of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

(1) gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, as contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 have not been met; or

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

Mr. Matt Griffin
Independent Examiner
May 2022

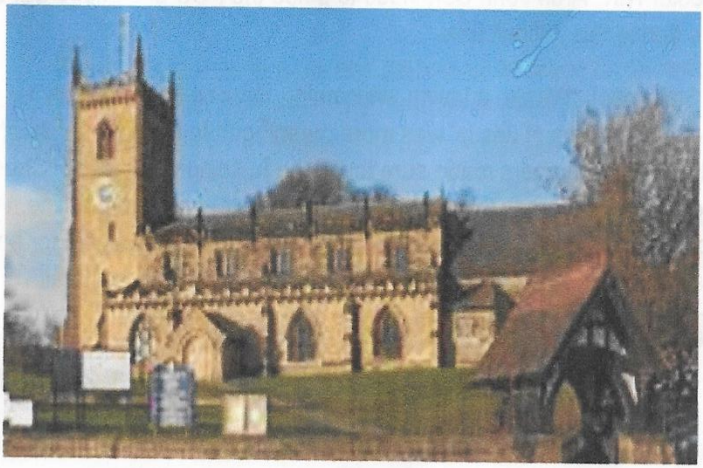
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Accounts

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2020

Holy Trinity Church
PCC Recording Secretary's Report 2020 – 2021

It was a strange start of 2020. The year of COVID-19. Before we knew it everything was shut down and we were told to stay indoors. This affected our Church services, church related meetings and other activities that took place in our Parish Centre. As PCC we could not meet in the Church building so we had to hold these meetings on Zoom. PCC members adapted to it quickly and the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church Rothwell, met 12 times during the year through Zoom.

The sub committees worked very well and supported PCC for the management and maintenance of the Church and the Parish Centre.

Team Rector Rev. Arun John Continued to guide the PCC and encouraged its members during this difficult time.

Mission Statement: 'We are a loving, welcoming, serving church family for everyone, in the name of Jesus' was more meaningful to the community of Rothwell as PCC members made sure that if the building was closed, Church was reaching to the homes through internet. Church service went online. When restrictions were lifted by the Government, the Church opened again for an 8am Sunday Eucharist with strict Covid19 precautions, giving 'spiritual communion' at first and then communion in one kind was offered.

Mission and Liturgy committee continue to focus on the evangelistic role of the Church, to bring it closer to the community.

The churchyard has become a focal point for bringing the Christian message to the community through the displays of posters with uplifting and spiritual content and members of the PCC took responsibility for decorating the church both inside and outside for Christmas. The outdoor Christmas tree was particularly welcomed by members of the community.

Due to the restrictions fund raising events had to be cancelled that has affected the Church's finances.

Budget setting by Finance committee is going on and it helps the Church to keep an eye on its financial health.

The Churchwardens, with the agreement of the PCC, were able to finally submit their Faculty petition to the DAC for the alterations in church: the provision of an accessible toilet, a tea bar, the removal of pews to enlarge the meeting area in the North aisle, the installation of new cupboards along the North wall to replace lost storage, hand rails to the Lady Chapel steps and a hand rail to the tower staircase. A meeting with the DAC is scheduled for the New year.

Because it was not possible to hold Fabric Committee meetings, the chair of the committee used the calendar of church maintenance to ensure basic maintenance was maintained liaising with the Parish Administrator to book individuals to carry out these tasks.

Church has paid its Parish share in full again this year.

Due to the commitment of so many people, the PCC feels the Church is moving forward.

Abhijit David joined as a new member of the PCC and Ian Land took up the role of PCC Secretary.

Since COVID hasn't come to an end PCC is still meeting via Zoom and their work is continuing despite lockdown.

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THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

After leaving forms to be completed the number of names on the Electoral Roll for 2020 at the time this report is printed is:

62 Residents (64 last year)
18 Non-Residents. (18 last year)

Making the total number of names 80

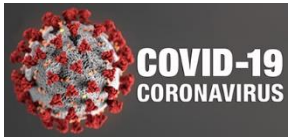
Jennifer Ward – Electoral Roll Officer

Churchwardens Report 2020



January 2020 brought forth many plans and actions for the coming year and there were hopes of a repeat of 2019. The church had paid off its Parish Share three years running and completed and jumped through the hoops the diocese had set to write off our historic share debt. Free from this burden around our neck we looked forward to days to look at mission and reaching out rather than number crunching the figures and trying to keep our heads above water. Members of the congregation were looking forward to joining Arun and Bina and sharing their hospitality in their Indian retreat overlooking the Himalayas. New service ideas were planned, and Lent courses were being formulated. The church was alive with ideas to explore faith and provide outreach to the community of the gospel message.

Unfortunately, international events were to take hold and for the first time in living memory by mid-March we were legally bound to suspend worship and close our doors. Not though famine, war or pestilence had we been put in this situation. Neither the Kaiser, Hitler nor Napoleon had managed to close Holy Trinity Church down. A new word entered our language called Covid and the world was never going to be the same again. However, this invisible enemy with its modus operandi to wreak suffering, fear, misery, and destruction of lives in its wake. Despite our doubts and upset about this it was the right thing to do at the time as the nation knuckled down to its first lockdown. This meant regular income from weddings, funerals and general fund raising was postponed or lost. Our salaried staff had to be furloughed and there was no use of the Parish Centre. This caused further financial headaches just at the time we thought we could relax a little. Through government schemes our employees were able to stay on the books and their loss of earnings were not detrimental and were mitigated against.



We began to ride the storm. Services were moved to online and Facebook and You Tube became the new medium to experience collective worship. Holy Trinity, along with a significant majority, was dragged and pulled into the 21st century. Initially the first services were rather tame, and a steep learning curve was experienced. Luckily, as a church we are blessed with individuals who are savvy in technology and communications and have helped bring professionally made services to suit and cater for all needs. The church is now truly international in outlook and we have visits, hits and likes via these mediums for services from India, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the States. Nationally we have followings throughout the land. These services grow from strength to strength and encompass both our youth, families and the elders of the church. There is something for everyone. Although we cannot be physically in the building, we can share weekly fellowship and mutual support.

Our choir leads the singing and again a big 'thank you' to Richard for his endeavors and hard work in using the talents in the choir to lead singing and worship and his patience in supporting a large technological learning curve to ensure there are weekly hymns for all to enjoy.

Arun takes a weekly evening prayer in Hindu and Urdu which is well received both at home and on the Indian Sub-Continent.



Following a national 10 days of prayer between Ascensiontide and Pentecost called "Thy Kingdom Come" an evening online service was formulated and has now evolved into a regular Saturday Evening Prayer service led by our Organist and Worship Leader Richard Mayer's. This is well supported each week via Facebook and can be watched later YouTube. This complements a Wednesday morning prayer which is firmly established led by Arun. Occasional services also take place via this medium. We have been able to follow the church year via the internet.

We have also been able to have full PCC, standing committee, mission and ministry and wardens' meetings via zoom. The Parish has also been

able to experience zoom pub quiz nights on Monday's, bible study and prayer groups along with choir practice using this medium.

As usual church business was suspended our elections to offices and AGM's were disrupted and the regular April meeting was delayed until the end of October. Wendy Ramsbottom decided to stand down as Churchwarden in early spring leaving Virginia to shoulder the burden of church work. This she did for several months keeping things ticking over. As early summer commenced and as a country, we were over the first peak and wave of infection Arun asked that I rejoin as warden to support Virginia. After much groveling and pleading by Arun to Helen I was able to accept.

July saw the return of congregations to churches and places of worship and Holy Trinity was able to re-open. A mass operation of planning, working out seating arrangements, safe spaces to comply with the two-meter rule and a rigid regime of track and trace with church holding contact details of attenders in case Covid reared its ugly head. There was an emotional return to 'in-person' 8am services but a continuation of 10 am online. 8am is faithfully attended with between 15-25 regular congregation. We are only able to safely fit in about thirty people as a maximum to maintain social distancing and safety. All worshipers have temperatures checked on entering, face masks must be worn, social distancing is strictly enforced, hand sanitization an absolute must and track and trace forms are completed. Communion in one kind is offered but there is only a small uptake due to concerns about virus spread. We have followed both government, diocese, and national church advice to the letter of the law. Decisions to close in Autumn and winter have had to be justified to the bishop and supported with evidence to justify our decision. The PCC have supported these decisions and if an alternative to this could be found we would have taken it. Once church was open there have been minimal weddings.



Funerals take place on Tuesday and Thursdays only to give the church building time to breath in between services and disinfect areas of public use to ensure 48 hours between use (scientific advice suggests that the

virus is no longer active on surfaces after that time). Safe staffing to verger these occasional offices has been an issue as most of the team have been classed as clinically vulnerable or shielding. However, we have managed to recruit some newer members into the team and Jane, Diane and Tracey are now trained and able to provide this extra support. We continue to thank Ian and Pat for their support in this vital ministry in the village. Both myself and Virginia are on these rosters to ensure a visual presence of the wardens to the community.

In October we finally said our farewells to Rob Harper, Beth, and the family. Rob (or should I say Reverend Rob) who is now ordained Curate Deacon at St John's in Wakefield. We will miss his vast contributions to church life but wish him well in his new life in Christ. It was an honor to see all those years of soul searching, hard work and Christian life finally paying off cumulating in a struggle with a Deacon's stole in front of Bishop Nick in Bradford Cathedral. Best of luck mate you deserve it!!

I am pleased to report there have been no instances of tracked infection coming from church. Unfortunately, further lockdowns have caused the decision to make further suspension of Sunday morning worship given the demographic make-up of our congregation. These are not decisions that are taken lightly. We have followed the science and epidemiology of this virus and endeavored to protect the most vulnerable and frail in our congregation and keep risk to an absolute minimum. We have followed a similar line to many parishes in the area and across the country and suspend Sunday services. Although some may argue that this is the time people need church most. We have provision online for these services these decisions remain under constant review. Having inside knowledge of working in local healthcare. I have seen the virus at close quarters and the death and misery it causes. This virus can and does show no mercy and even if you get symptoms and are only mildly ill, you are one of the lucky ones as there are many who were not that fortunate. Even the fittest can still succumb.

Despite these staggered stop starts we have still had building issues to deal with. The Faculty Application for the planned re-ordering in the North-West corner of kitchen and toilet facilities for church, something

that is vital for the church's sustainability has been completed and we are expecting significant progress in the coming months with restrictions easing. The plans are being reviewed by the Archdeacon and the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Board) will visit in early spring 2021. Unfortunately, there has been water damage to the organ in late summer. Luckily, we have been able to get some insurance money and the damage although significant is not as bad as initially feared. Although repair work is slowed due to lockdown regulations. Malcolm Spinks who regularly attends to our church organ has taken on this work. Malcolm restored the organ back in the late 1980's early 1990's and to him it is more than another job but a labor of love. Once work is completed, we can expect to hear this magnificent instrument restored to full glory for us and future generations to enjoy and share in worship

As the year ends, we can report that special contingency measures enabled that the parish share was paid in full for 2020. We have no desire to return to having to be in arrears again and the pressure and anguish it puts on the congregation who have gone that extra mile time and time again. No one expected the significant loss of income from congregational collections, our regular bookings in the Parish Hall and use of the bar. This has and is putting significant strain on our purse strings. This financial pressure may well extend into 2021 given how events stand and how the roadmap out of lockdown to the new normal pans out. It is too early to forecast at this moment in time.

Christmas was completely different for us all and the vast array of services and traditions that the community takes comfort from were limited or cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Christingle, carol singing around the nursing homes, hosting the 9 lessons and Carols with the Rothwell temperance band midnight mass and crib service were cancelled as they had the potential to be super spreader events. An online Carol Service with the choir and interludes from the band was well received and the tradition midnight communion was experienced from

the home. The Church did provide an early morning Christmas Day Eucharist attended by a handful of worshipers as restrictions only allowed a limited amount of time with loved ones and the five-day

lockdown amnesty was cancelled due to surges in infection rates and a heightened R number. A children's online Christmas Day service was really well received and provided a blueprint to future family and children's events.

2021 will be another challenge as we close the year with the virus surging out of control into a third wave and further measures and lockdowns planned. However, several of the congregation have received their first vaccinations, a sign that an end may be in sight.

To carry out this role is impossible without you the congregation who support, love, care and pray for us through thick and thin and help whenever asked. You are too numerous to mention but you know who you are. So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Special mention to Arun for his prayers, ministry and counsel to us this year, and to our deputy wardens, Sue in the office, Richard our organist, PCC and Deanery Representatives.

As wardens we would like to personally thank our long suffering and very forgiving spouses and families during this past year.

Let us hope that in a year from now we will be able to give a completely different type of report and we can all meet at the other side of this nightmare.

God's blessing to you all and your loved ones and Stay Safe!!!

Churchwardens

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2020



Well what can I say about 2020 – the only good thing financially was the fact we had sold 4a Carlton Lane without which we would not have been able to pay our monthly bills never mind the parish share which we once again paid in full.

The church and hall had to close in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Money from church collections initially dried up but gradually people started putting envelopes through my letterbox or asking for bank details to pay online. We lost all income from funerals and weddings for a while but funerals were allowed later in the year. Weddings were a different kettle of fish - with only 30 guests being allowed to attend all but 2 weddings have been postponed or cancelled.

The parish hall also had to close and when we were allowed to re-open it was only for certain things - we couldn't have the weekend bookings with bar including my 60th birthday in April. Toddlers made an attempt at coming back but then the rules changed so they had to stop. Kirsty Walton came in for a few weeks with her exercise classes but then legislation changed again to prohibit group meetings so she had to stop. Paula Clark carried on longer than Kirsty as she could do private lessons for people from the same household but then we were put into another lockdown and that wasn't allowed either. Paula Vickers who holds Pilates classes in the hall didn't return at all and neither did Rising Stars. These bookings are our bread and butter as they are guaranteed income.

I cancelled as many of the services as I could but as we are on contract we still had to pay something towards the rubbish disposal and nappy bins etc. Gas, electric and water bills still had to be paid for both the church and the hall.

Fundraising events couldn't go ahead either so we also lost the income from that although Jennifer and her team did come up with a few ideas towards the end of the year. Any ideas where social distancing can be maintained would be very much appreciated.

The Beer Festival, one of our main fundraising events of the year giving us around £7000 per year, couldn't go ahead – another major blow to our finances. It doesn't look as though there will be a Beer Festival in 2021 either unless we can do something later in the year.

The money in the special contingency account from the house sale started the year at £183,942.32 and finished at £109,439.36 which means we have had to draw £74,502.96 just to pay our parish share and bills in 2020.



On a positive note – the Trust Fund shares increased in value from being worth £664.030.00 to £704,190.00 but as we know from previous years, shares can also drop in price. We will be drawing on the Trust Fund – hopefully in 2021 – to put toilet and kitchen facilities in church. If share prices stay the same the gain will cover a lot of the cost of this work.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support the church, financially and otherwise. Without your support we would be in a far worse situation.

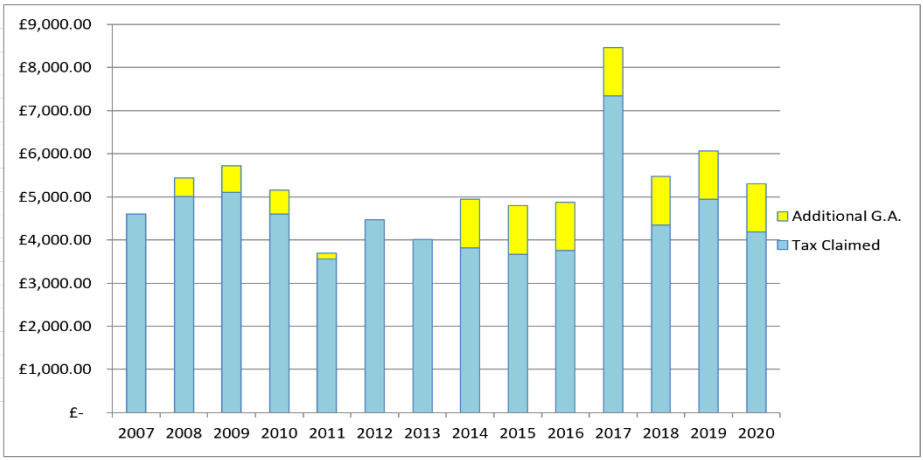
Let us all pray for an end to the pandemic in 2021 and I look forward to the time when we can meet physically again - even if we must keep our social distance and wear face masks.



Sue Franks – Treasurer

Giving Summary- December 2020

Gift Aid & Small donations gift aid scheme



The envelope scheme is reconciled to end of December 2020 and we have received gift aid payments from HMRC for one of the two 6 months periods of this year, the second is ongoing. The current COVID-19 crisis has seen a reduction in giving for many fold reasons, but we look forward to the opening of church and hopefully will see things returning to normal shortly. Numbers of donors have been in slow decline for a number of years, and over this year we still had 52 regular givers through the envelope or Direct Debit scheme of which 32 are Gift Aided. During the past year the average weekly envelope/debit/gift day giving was £387.85 resulting in £20,556.26 of donations which was £5000 down on the previous year. Donations eligible for Gift Aid were £16,727.00 which resulted in £4,181.75of tax that we were able to claim back.

Previous Years Donations

Period	Year	Donations	Tax Claimed	Additional G.A.
01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007	2007	£ 16,301.78	£ 4,597.94	£ -
02/01/2008 to 31/12/2008	2008	£ 19,388.38	£ 5,008.08	£ 430.97
01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009	2009	£ 20,446.71	£ 5,111.68	£ 613.40
01/01/2010 to 31/12/2010	2010	£ 18,429.74	£ 4,607.44	£ 552.89
01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011	2011	£ 14,245.70	£ 3,561.43	£ 139.39
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012	2012	£ 17,098.21	£ 4,474.14	£ -
01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2013	£ 16,071.01	£ 4,017.75	£ -
01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2014	£ 15,278.04	£ 3,819.51	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015	2015	£ 14,680.31	£ 3,670.08	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016	2016	£ 15,013.20	£ 3,753.30	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017	2017	£ 29,356.03	£ 7,339.01	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	2018	£ 17,397.47	£ 4,349.37	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	2019	£ 19,770.80	£ 4,942.70	£ 1,125.00
01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	2020	£ 16,727.00	£ 4,181.75	£ 1,125.00

The additional Gift Aid shown on the 1st graph is part of 'The Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme' which started on 6 April 2013 and offers an opportunity for all churches to claim additional gift aid of up to £1,250 each, i.e. the gift aid due on donations of up to a maximum of £5,000 which we receive in cash collections throughout the year. This is claimed at the end of each financial year and I can confirm that the value of our cash donations allowed us to claim this full figure for 2019/20, however, this will not be the case for 2020/21.

A summary of the current giving status is shown in the table below giving a breakdown of the broad categories of 'per week' donations.

Summary of Giving in Rothwell Holy Trinity Church - 2020

Per Week Contributions	Gift Aided	Non-Gift Aided	Direct Debit GA	Direct Debit NGA	Yearly Totals	Percentage
up to £1 per week	2	5	0	0	7	13
up to £2 per week	0	3	2	0	5	10
up to £3 per week	3	2	0	1	6	12
up to £4 per week	1	5	1	0	7	13
up to £5 per week	3	1	1	1	6	12
up to £6 per week	1	2	0	0	3	6
up to £7 per week	0	0	2	0	2	4
up to £8 per week	0	0	0	0	0	0
up to £9 per week	2	1	1	0	4	8
up to £10 per week	1	0	2	0	3	6
greater than £10 per week	5	1	3	0	9	17
	18	20	12	2	52	100

My grateful thanks for your continued generous support for the mission and ministry here at Holy Trinity Rothwell through your regular giving. These have been difficult times and the ways you have all stepped and changed the way you give has been an inspiration

Kind Regards

Carl Burwell

Parish Safeguarding Officer report 2020

I was your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for the parish for the whole of 2020. After I moved to start my Curacy in July, I retained this role until a new PSO was able to take over.

The correct posters and documentation have remained on display.

I provided reports to the PPC and I am able to confirm no new issues that would need reporting have occurred to my knowledge since 1 January 2020 to the present date.

Rob Harper

31 December 2020

Finance Committee Annual Report 2020-21.

The work of the Finance Committee has been highly curtailed by the effects of the Covid Pandemic. It has not been possible to hold meetings and as a result forward planning has been limited.

Monthly monitoring of the Parish expenditure has continued and it is clear that there has been no unexpected spikes in the parish expenditure over the last year. There is now a data base for scrutiny of parish expenditure over two years. This will make the future scrutiny of accounts much easier in the future.

It is important to record that the parish finances have remained relatively stable in this financial year because we have been able use the Government's furlough scheme for some of our employees and been able to draw on the cash available from the sale of the house on Carlton Lane. However I must emphasise that this is not a sustainable approach and that the Church should develop new and permanent sources of income in the coming year.

The Committee has noted that because of the lock-down we have all faced, there has been an increased use of on-line worship. This is an area that we have not considered as a source of income, and it is one that we need to look at urgently.

Should anyone feel that this is a part of church activities that they could contribute to, please do not hesitate to contact me you would be made more than welcome by this very small committee.



Keith Lynch.

Fabric Committee Annual Report 2020-21.

As a consequence of the Covid Pandemic, this committee has been unable to meet at a physical level. However throughput the year individual members of the committee have followed the established 'Calendar of Church Maintenance' to ensure that at a basic level the chu8rch has been looked after.

Standard work such as the clearing of the gutters and drains has taken place as per normal. As highlighted in last years report the Committee has recommended the need for safety rails in the Church and the Church Tower, this will be included in the forthcoming reordering of the Church.

I must thank those two or three valiant souls who have done sterlin g service in the Graveyard this year. I trust that every one has noticed that the path from Meynall Avenue now resembles an approach to a place of worship. There is still a lot to be done, but we are making progress. Once again if anyone feels that they can help or adopt 10 square foot at the side of the path then please get in touch, I would love to see the whole path welcoming!



Keith Lynch
Bar Report 2020



Holy Spirit Bar Report

Well what started off as a year like any other, turned into a year completely different, and like no year we had ever experienced.

January and February and early March were much as usual, but then came Lockdown. All functions were cancelled, including the Beer Festival, the single most lucrative event of the year.

We had to buy PPE and screens to protect staff, with the hope of re-opening later in the year, but it didn't happen.

By the end of the year we have had to destroy nearly half of our stock as it went out of date.

Many thanks to the staff that have helped us year on year, and sorry that we have not been able to re-open and it looks as though it will be summer 2021 before we re-start.

Phil Thomas
Bar Manager.



Deanery Synod Report 2020

Holy Trinity Church forms part of the Whitkirk Deanery, the Deanery its self, part of the Archdeaconry of Leeds. Along with our Clergy, at present, we can elect from the congregation of Holy Trinity, 3 members to represent Holy Trinity at the Deanery Synod meetings. Our present elected representatives, who serve a 3-year term of office are:

Mrs Norma Barrett
Mr. Rob Harper &
Mr. Ian Land
by virtue of their office our three elected lay representatives sit on the P.C.C. of Holy Trinity as ex-officio members.

The Synod, under the leadership of the Area Dean, the Revd. Cannon Matthew Peat and Lay Chairman John Holland, who retires this year after many years of service to the Synod, meets three times within the calendar year. The venue for the meeting is usually St. Georges, in the centre of Leeds. Scope and style of the meetings tend to be a two-part event, has following on from reorganisation of the Deaneries within the Leeds Episcopal Area, all the Deaneries within the Leeds area meet together for the first part of the meeting and the second part sees each individual Deanery meet separately to discuss local matters / business. The size and layout of St. Georges is ideal for this type of event.

Unfortunately, as for all of us, Covid 19 has affected the ongoing work of the Synod, with meetings being postponed due to lock down, members being unable to attend due to shielding etc. and finally the move to virtual meetings via Zoom which has its own draw-backs. Let us pray that in 2021 we can cautiously begin to move back to meeting face to face.

Ian Land

Environment Report 2019/20

The Church of England is supporting parishes to review and where possible reduce their carbon footprint.



We will start to review our environmental footprint in the coming months.
Areas we need to consider are the Church building, and the Parish Hall.
We will be restricted on what “improvements” we will be able to do on the church itself, due to its historic nature.
Suggestions are also being considered on how we can improve / maintain our management of the grounds, for the benefit of users and the wildlife.

The survey of the potential carbon footprint, covers many areas. For example,
1, Reduction in energy usage, by installing / reviewing energy saving lighting and heating, and reducing heat loss and usage where possible.
2, Ensure the building is well maintained.
3, Review where we can our energy supplier, and use renewable sources.
4, Consider using alternative sources of electricity, eg solar, wind or ground source heating pumps.
5, Conducting a survey of how users travel to use the buildings and grounds.
6, Look at where we can “offset” the rest, to achieve `net zero`. This can be done, for example, by sponsoring water, energy and environmental projects overseas.

As this year is “unusual”. I have suggested that we use the data from 2019, and augment it with current information. This we can then use as a baseline for comparison in future years.

John Normington
Environmental



How are you supposed to climb the walls if you can't get any grip? – Director of Music's Report 2020

What an absolute flaming dog turd this year has been. There are many people we can blame for the past year, I'm fairly sure none of the are reading this, but that's probably not why people are wasting their time reading my usual beer-fuelled stream of consciousness!

So yeah, my job is barely recognisable from the one I had when I started bashing out last year's report. This time last year I thought this covid thing was just a minor issue that would blow over without much fuss, much less force the church to close for the first time since Oliver Cromwell. (Thank you for that Virginia, having a retired teacher for a churchwarden whose husband was also a teacher does have its advantages!) As a result we had to adapt pretty quickly, especially my man Arun who had to figure out how to stream a church service having never touched live-streaming in his life. I'm sure he's grateful that you chose to employ a Director of Music who does IT for a living! He's done incredibly well though and this church is far better off for it, even if Vicar's personal IT support isn't strictly speaking on my list of duties.



The choir have been absolutely incredible this year and I seriously could not have done my job without them. In the early days of our sudden transformation into the Church of St. Sofa on the Wifi, Arun had planned to use recordings from his CD collection, however copyright is a thing and keeping compliant with that is probably a good idea. I think we were about a month into online services before I thought to try recording some hymns as a "virtual choir" with individual members recording themselves to a backing track that I then mix to form a single audio track. It was something I'd done briefly in another group and I decided to try

and do it here, partly so we weren't running the risk of getting banned from Facebook and Youtube, but also just to give the choir something to do. I'm not sure I want to know what they must have thought of me when I first suggested it to them! That said they have really risen to the challenge, with a bit of hand-holding at the beginning, and they have been such a blessing to the church. Barely a week goes by without someone commenting on how well they are doing and while no doubt they try to sing my praises, it's every one of them that makes it all possible every week. When it sadly became clear that an in-church carol service wouldn't be possible, it didn't take long for us to decide to do a streamed carol service in the same way. I set about organising all the anthems that I've always wanted to do for Christmas but never had the manpower to pull it off in person, and we got to work. The end result broke the record my Allegri Miserere scratch quintet set in 2016 for the most positive feedback received for choir singing. A real testament to the choir's hard work. I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with.

We have also grown slightly in number along the way. Over Christmas we were delighted to welcome back former chorister Lindsey Ward (S1), along with her friend Kyle Boyle (A), who initially agreed to help out with the carol service before both deciding to join us as full members for the start of 2021. Hopefully before too long I'll be able to meet them in person, but in the meantime I'm really grateful for their contributions. It's not all been smooth running online though, despite our attempts to stay licensed and compliant, YouTube's copyright system is sadly open to abuse by various corporations trying to claim fraudulent copyright on Public Domain hymns. At the time of writing, I've had to deal with false claims from the following organisations: -

- AA-PAL
- Adorando Brazil
- AdRev Publishing
- AdShare (Publishing)
- AMRA
- APRA_CS
- ARESA
- Audiam (Publishing)
- BMG Rights Management (US) LLC
- BUMA CS
- Capitol CMG Publishing
- CD Baby Sync Publishing
- Cobalt Music Publishing
- COMPASS_CS
- Concord Music Publishing

- ECAD_CS
- EMI Music Publishing
- Hexacorp (Music Publishing)
- ICE_CS
- IPRS_CS
- IRICOM
- Kobalt Music Publishing
- KODA_CS
- LatinAutor
- Peermusic
- Rumblefish (Publishing)
- SESAC_CS
- SOCAN
- Sony ATV Publishing
- TEOSTO
- TONO_CS
- VCPMC_CS
- WAMI_CS

I could have left this whole section out, but after all the extra work I've had to do as a result of these clowns, I'm gonna use this report to name and shame them. Because I can.

The organ sadly hasn't fared too well. The first lockdown meant that the usual springtime tune-up didn't happen, so when the humidifier failed and started dripping water into the pedal division, no one noticed until the blower and pedal action stopped working properly. At the time of writing she is still unplayable, but hopefully once current restrictions are lifted Malcolm Spink can finish making repairs in time for whenever we can worship in person again. At least it happened now and not while sung services are still taking place. Off the back of this we've agreed to start a regular programme of inspections and tuning so hopefully we won't have this situation again. I have to give a big shout-out to Christ Church, Lofthouse and St. George's Church, Tilehurst for letting me record the accompaniments to some hymns on their organs until I could get my Hauptwerk setup at home up and running. I'm sure our old girl won't be too upset at me for cheating on her with a few other instruments.



Remember that course I mentioned last year? Well I've finished that and been commissioned as a Lay Worship Leader in this church. I now have a certificate that says I know what I'm doing when taking services. Cool! Back in May last year, Arun received an email from the Diocese with some ideas for Thy Kingdom

Come, a project of daily prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Not being one to do anything if he can find someone else to do it, he forwarded it to me with a note telling me to organise something with whoever seemed interested. A group of us took this on and did a series of daily Evening Prayer services over Zoom, each led by a different person, which ended up being a lot more popular than I thought they'd be! This then turned into me running a weekly service of Evening Prayer for basically whoever wanted to keep it going. I went into it with zero strategy and zero long-term plan, just a vague idea of what might be nice in a service and a thought that I'll just keep it going until people lose interest. Nine months later and people are still coming – a testament really to the importance of prayer since there's no way they're coming to hear me bungling hymn accompaniments while attempting to sing. I would like to try and do this service from the church building at some point, probably still streamed, though when rules allow I'm up for a small congregation as well. Again, I've no idea when or how that will happen, or what I'm really doing, let's just see what happens shall we.

I think that's about it. If there was anything else then I've forgotten what it was. Hopefully I'll have my old job back by this time next year, I miss having proper crowds of people singing around me. One day I'll tell you all the story of the best service I ever played.

Don't vote Tory.
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Church Fundraising

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT 2020

The fundraising Committee started the year off well with in January with a French Evening followed 2 weeks later by a Barn Dance. The money raised at the French Evening had already been anticipated and paid off the Parish Share in 2019 to enable us to pay off the share in full. The Barn Dance raised £665.00

In February Lego church raised £10.80.

Then COVID hit the world and everything had to stop – no fundraising, no church services, no anything.

At the end of the year the committee put on their thinking caps to come up with some sort of fundraising ideas. Baking was the answer – Jennifer was on the apple pies, Virginia offered cakes to order and Joyce got our her pickling vinegar for the various pickles and not forgetting her delicious preserves. This raised £105.20. Carl's Honey also made £7.50.

In December Sue and John Normington organised a Christmas raffle. They delivered raffle tickets here, there and everywhere. They deserve a big thank you for this tremendous effort. Thanks also to the members of the congregation and electoral roll for buying said raffle tickets which were pushed through their letter box. The raffle raised a magnificent £1000. However, by the time the money was counted the parish share for 2020 had already been paid off from our emergency resources so the money was taken forward to pay towards the 2021 parish share. Thanks must also go to anyone who donated some wonderful prizes for the raffle.



The Fundraising Committee will continue to think of innovative ways of making money during 2021 – hopefully we will be able to hold some functions in the parish hall later in the year.

Here's hoping for a better 2021
Jennifer Ward – Chair



PARISH CENTRE REPORT 2020

2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone, and for the Parish Centre.



We had to close our doors in March when Lock Down was announced, and apart from a few weeks in the summer, we have unfortunately had to remain closed for the rest of the year.

Paula, Janice and Kirsty came back for a few week but Janice decided it wasn't viable and Kirsty had to close when Boris stopped group activities again. Paula managed to carry on longer by doing private lessons but that again had to stop when all indoor activities were stopped.



We have lost most of our revenue, but bills have still had to be paid, which has been a struggle.

Sue has continued to work, but mostly from home, going into the centre only when having to use the office equipment.

Sue and Roy have kept an eye on the building, to make sure that everything was OK. Our thanks must go to Sue and Roy for doing this.

Joanne our cleaner has been furloughed, and we have been topping up her salary.



Our only problem is still the roof, as we are still having problems with water coming into the centre. We are doing our best to get this sorted, and it is on-going.

Pat Shute.

Holy Trinity Open Church Group
Report for 2020

The Open Church group at Holy Trinity was looking forward in March to a new season of our planned openings of the church on non-service days to encourage the casual visitor through the door, unfortunately Covid 19 and our national lock down 1.0 and subsequent further lock downs required us to put our plans on hold. Unfortunately this suspension lasted for the rest of the year, but our Open Church team look forward to 2021 in the hope of better times when again we hope to open the church doors to visitors.



Ian Land



COFFEE AND COMUNION AND TELEPHONE WORSHIP GROUP

During the pandemic I have continued to communicate with the Coffee & Communion group and most of the other parishioners who do not have internet access.

We have all had long conversations and discussions and shared each other's anxieties and joys. This has been a very useful form of worship and helped continue a strong with both Holy Trinity Rothwell.

Chocolate oranges and Christmas cards were distributed at Christmas and daffodils were distributed for Mother's Day. These were delightfully and joyfully received.

Leslie Walker on Beech Grove has helped with the telephone worship with other members of the congregation and his help has been very much appreciated.

Someday, hopefully this year, we will be able to gather together again for coffee, communion and friendship

Jennifer Ward

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY

As usual the GFS had their annual party in January which is a big favourite of all the girls and their families who are also invited.

We continued to meet on Thursday evenings doing the usual activities including crafts and games.

The in March COVID-19 hit and everything stopped.

Or almost everything – Even though we couldn't meet up I have kept in regular contract with the girls and at Christmas they all received a chocolate orange.

We look forward to being able to resume GFS at some point in 2021.

Thank you to all my lovely leaders for their help and support

Jennifer Ward

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY
confidence • growth • friendship

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 2020

Whilst engaging with children in a streamed service is difficult, we have continued to have children's activities at the beginning of services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month and tried to make the services on these Sundays all-age.



It has been a delight for us to see pictures (and a Noah's Ark) in the coffee meeting after the service.

The Mothering Sunday Service was perhaps the most inclusive we have managed online so far, with a reading by Zachary, a talk by Virginia, a flower (thanking our mothers) to make, a cartoon telling the story of Hannah and a short reflection by Arun with pictures. Thank you to everyone involved in that service.



ALL-AGE WORSHIP

I am also appreciative of the prayers and posters put up in the churchyard to reflect the changing seasons.

The Church May be Closed
but the Churchyard is Always Open

Looking back, it is difficult to find much that was positive about 2020. For the first time ever the church building was ordered to close along with schools, non-essential shops, restaurants and most people's places of work. We all know the reason why, Covid 19 or Coronavirus and, like the British people in 1914 who thought, 'it'll all be over by Christmas.' Most of us thought, 'We'll be back to normal soon.' Well, a year on, how wrong we were.

When we realised we had to display notices explaining why church was closed, our first thoughts were, 'Where do we put the notices?' and 'Where is the best place for them to be seen?' The answer was, of course, the churchyard as so many people use it as a cut through from Wood Lane and Meynell Avenue. The Diocese sent us notices that had to be displayed by law, explaining why the church was closed but these were so official and impersonal that we decided that we had to do more. Our lovely parishioners deserved better.

So the idea of using the churchyard as a spiritual resource took shape. As the year progressed, photographs with uplifting messages, poems or verses from hymns were displayed. It was sad to find that our first efforts had to be replaced due to someone defacing them with graffiti but, happily, all subsequent work has been left untouched. VE Day and Remembrance Sunday saw pictures, flags and verses put up in celebration and thanksgiving of past lives lost and celebrations for other festivals were planned.



Advent and Christmas were particularly joyful occasions with a living 'Advent Wreath' created from five rather well-placed trees - a divine landscape gardener at work, perhaps? And posters describing Christmas customs and traditions were displayed. Many members of the congregation made decorations at home and placed them in the trees throughout the churchyard and the tree which would normally stand

inside the church was placed near the South Porch and decorated with lights and more beautiful, home-made decorations. Paper chains and lanterns were hung from the church railings and angels and stars adorned the Lychgate all of this made the churchyard a truly magical place to be.



Many positive comments were received from different members of the community often expressing the same thoughts – that walking through the churchyard, reading the prayers, poems and uplifting verses had really helped and cheered many people during this remarkable period, and because of this, we have decided to continue using the churchyard as a way of reaching out to the community at large so… watch this space!

Virginia Lynch
(With grateful thanks to: Keith Lynch, Jennifer Ward, Joyce Blakey, Norma Barrett, Mark, Helen, Noah and Zachary Wilkinson, Stella Dunwell, John and Sue Normington and all the anonymous tree decorators)





Vicar's Report – 2020
Rev Canon Dr. Arun Andrew John

Let me start with a warm Welcome to some new office bearers: Debbie Mann as "Parish Safeguarding Officer", John Normington "Ecological Officer", Ian Land "PCC Secretary".

I appreciate a large team of volunteers supporting the Vicar. I will not name individuals as it is a long list. Members of PCC, Pastoral team, Fund raise team, Mission and Liturgy Committee, Fabric and Finance Committee, Church Choir, All Age Services, Weekdays services, monthly Church Magazine, all those who had been engaged in making all our festive celebrations joyful and meaningful for the community.

COVID 19 with all its challenges has helped us to learn to be resilient. It gave me an opportunity to realise the enormous gifts we have within our parish. Sadly, we have lost members in our parish and in our community. It had not been easy for bereaved families to cope with the restrictions imposed for safety purposes by the Government while arranging services in the Church. I take this opportunity to comfort all those who have lost their dear ones during the year. It is our prayers that *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

I acknowledge with thanks for the tireless services of wardens, treasurer, and PCC Secretary.

I am conscious that we have already responded to the changing situation and are aware of emerging future challenges to our missional life in Rothwell. PCC has arranged a special meeting in April to review our life in the united benefice and as a parish in Rothwell.

Indeed, changes can present all kinds of challenges. Much will depend on how we respond to the post COVID scenario and learn to live with new normal as a Church. I would like to encourage you to be confident, positive, and proactive in facing the future as the Body of Christ. We will

walk together looking forward and upward to face new realities of our time with courage.

We recently celebrated the resurrected Jesus. Some time it amazes me to realise how disciples who witnessed and participated in the life, work, death, and resurrection of Jesus had managed such fast-changing situations around them? But the wonderful outcome was that they learnt to convert their fear into Trust and became a confident witnesses as a resurrect community of Jesus.

The words prophet Jeremiah 29:11: are immensely helpful as we move into next phase of our life and work as Church in Rothwell.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHWELL, LEEDS

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	34,649	—	—	34,649	228,383
Income from charitable activities	6,124	—	—	6,124	9,870
Other trading activities	22,860	—	—	22,860	68,792
Investments	11,685	15,608	—	27,294	28,169
Other income	15,223	—	—	15,223	47,862
Total income	**90,542**	**15,608**	**—**	**106,151**	**383,078**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,879	—	—	1,879	3,556
Expenditure on charitable activities	129,789	—	—	129,789	181,993
Other expenditure	15,394	—	—	15,394	209,035
Total expenditure	**147,062**	**—**	**—**	**147,062**	**394,585**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(56,520)**	**15,608**	**—**	**(40,911)**	**(11,506)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	83,343	—	—	83,343	213,279
Gross transfers between funds - out	(75,200)	(8,143)	—	(83,343)	(213,279)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	(575)	40,319	—	39,744	211,722
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(48,951)**	**47,784**	**—**	**(1,167)**	**200,216**
Total funds brought forward	**852,784**	**691,948**	**—**	**1,544,733**	**1,344,516**
Total funds carried forward	**803,833**	**739,732**	**—**	**1,543,565**	**1,544,733**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	692,628	—	—	692,628	665,428
Designated					
Book of Remembrance	410	—	—	410	410
Mission and Ministry	34	—	—	34	34
Parish Centre Bar	2,452	—	—	2,452	3,937
Servers Robe fund	245	—	—	245	245
Special Contingency Func	108,587	—	—	108,587	183,252
Restricted					
Accumulated income Trust Fund	—	31,374	—	31,374	23,914
Churchyard Fund	—	2,479	—	2,479	2,320
Rothwell House Sale fund	—	1,453	—	1,453	1,447
Rothwell Parochial Purposes	—	235	—	235	235
Rothwell Trust Fund	—	704,190	—	704,190	664,030

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6401	Land & Building - Hall	490,000	490,000
6402	Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane	172,000	172,000
6403	Land & building - 4a Carlton Lane	—	—
6404	Office Equipment	402	804
6410	RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 1081F	30,514	29,474
6411	RT-CBF Investment Fund 1374S	637,449	596,434
6412	CBF Property Fund 1011P	36,226	38,121
6413	RH CBF Investment Fund 1481D	1,453	1,447
6414	CHYARD CBF Investment Fund 1075S	2,478	2,319
6420	PC BAR - cash and stock	1,960	2,535
	Total Fixed assets	**1,372,484**	**1,333,136**
Current assets			
6501	PCC Bank current account - CAF	24,664	2,431
6502	Team Bank Current Account - CAF	—	—
6503	Bar Bank Current Account - CAF	330	1,240
6505	CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr	109,439	183,942
6506	CBF Dep Account - Parochial	—	—
6507	CBF Dep Account - Trust Income	36,573	23,880
6508	PCC Bank current account - HSBC	73	101
6509	Bar Bank Current account - HSBC	—	—
6510	Vicars Fund (Team) - HSBC	—	—
	Total Current assets	**171,081**	**211,596**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(40,911)	(2,905)
Z01	Starting balances	1,544,733	1,335,915
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	39,744	211,722
	Total Reserves	**1,543,565**	**1,544,733**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	692,628	665,428
	Designated	111,205	187,356
	Restricted	739,732	691,948
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**1,543,565**	**1,544,733**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
RT Inv - CBF Fixed Interest Fund 1081F -	—	—	30,514	—	30,514	29,474
RT-CBF Investment Fund 1374S -	—	—	637,449	—	637,449	596,434
CBF Property Fund 1011P -	—	—	36,226	—	36,226	38,121
RH CBF Investment Fund 1481D -	—	—	1,453	—	1,453	1,447
CHYARD CBF Investment Fund 1075S -	—	—	2,478	—	2,478	2,319
PC BAR - cash and stock -	—	1,960	—	—	1,960	2,535
Totals	**—**	**1,960**	**708,122**	**—**	**710,082**	**670,332**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Land & Building - Hall -	490,000	—	—	—	490,000	490,000
Land & Building - 2a Carlton Lane -	172,000	—	—	—	172,000	172,000
Office Equipment -	402	—	—	—	402	804
Totals	**662,402**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**662,402**	**662,804**

Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Bank current account - CAF -	24,663	—	0	—	24,664	2,431
Bar Bank Current Account - CAF -	—	330	—	—	330	1,240
PCC Bank current account - HSBC -	73	—	—	—	73	101
Totals	**24,730**	**330**	**0**	**—**	**25,068**	**3,773**
Current assets - Investments						
CBF Dep Account - mmgpsrbr -	162	109,276	—	—	109,439	183,942
CBF Dep Account - Parochial -	(235)	—	235	—	—	—
CBF Dep Account - Trust Income -	5,199	—	31,374	—	36,573	23,880
Totals	**5,126**	**109,276**	**31,609**	**—**	**146,012**	**207,822**
Grand total	**692,264**	**111,556**	**739,732**	**—**	**1,543,565**	**1,544,733**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
CHYARD - Churchyard Fund						
Restricted	2,320	—	—	—	159	2,479
Sub-total for CHYARD	**2,320**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**159**	**2,479**
MISSION - Mission and Ministry						
Designated	34	—	—	—	—	34
Sub-total for MISSION	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**34**
PAROCHIAL - Rothwell Parochial P						
Restricted	235	—	—	—	—	235
Sub-total for PAROCHIAL	**235**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**235**
PCBAR - Parish Centre Bar						
Designated	3,937	13,199	14,109	—	(575)	2,452
Sub-total for PCBAR	**3,937**	**13,199**	**14,109**	**—**	**(575)**	**2,452**
REMBOOK - Book of Remembrance						
Designated	410	—	—	—	—	410
Sub-total for REMBOOK	**410**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**410**
RHOUSE - Rothwell House Sale						
Restricted	1,447	6	—	—	—	1,453
Sub-total for RHOUSE	**1,447**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,453**
ROBES - Servers Robe fund						
Designated	245	—	—	—	—	245
Sub-total for ROBES	**245**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**245**
RTRUST - Rothwell Trust Fund						
Restricted	664,030	—	—	—	40,159	704,190
Sub-total for RTRUST	**664,030**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**40,159**	**704,190**
SPECIAL - Special Contingency						
Designated	183,252	534	—	(75,200)	—	108,587
Sub-total for SPECIAL	**183,252**	**534**	**—**	**(75,200)**	**—**	**108,587**
TRUSTINC - Accumulated income T						
Restricted	23,914	15,602	—	(8,143)	—	31,374
Sub-total for TRUSTINC	**23,914**	**15,602**	**—**	**(8,143)**	**—**	**31,374**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	665,428	76,808	132,953	83,343	—	692,628
Sub-total for General	**665,428**	**76,808**	**132,953**	**83,343**	**—**	**692,628**
Grand total	**1,544,733**	**106,151**	**147,062**	**—**	**39,744**	**1,543,565**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated		Total Restricted	
	Endowment	This year	Last year		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations and legacies					
1100 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - Gift Aid Giving	8,150	—	—	8,150	9,615
1102 - Envelope scheme - not Gift Aided	3,488	—	—	3,488	4,927
1103 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,073	—	—	6,073	6,267
1104 - Sunday school collections	—	—	—	—	5
1105 - Church cash collections	1,458	—	—	1,458	3,687
1106 - Sundry donations	2,129	—	—	2,129	2,454
1107 - Specified donations	140	—	—	140	1,415
1108 - Covenanted Giving - bank	8,905	—	—	8,905	8,788
1109 - Direct Giving	—	—	—	—	—
1110 - Christmas Services	—	—	—	—	960
1115 - Special Services	—	—	—	—	—
1124 - Water Aid	10	—	—	10	100
1131 - Funeral charity collections	—	—	—	—	1,920
1133 - Donations appeals etc	—	—	—	—	—
1134 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—
1135 - Non-recurring one-off grants	4,294	—	—	4,294	119
1136 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—
1137 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	188,122
Total	34,649	—	—	34,649	228,383
Income from charitable activities					
1111 - Fees for weddings and funerals	6,124	—	—	6,124	9,870
1117 - Churchyard Income	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Team Fees - weddings, funerals etc.	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,124	—	—	6,124	9,870
Other trading activities					
1112 - Parish magazine sales	4	—	—	4	3
1113 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	387
1114 - Bookstall/cards/diaries sales	—	—	—	—	7
1118 - Fundraising Activities	49	—	—	49	103
1119 - 100 Club	200	—	—	200	1,985
1120 - Coffee	123	—	—	123	436
1127 - Tower Rental	8,951	—	—	8,951	8,951
1129 - Book of Remembrance	10	—	—	10	—
1142 - Parish Share fundraising	1,211	—	—	1,211	15,135
1201 - Church hall lettings - Regular bookings	4,462	—	—	4,462	10,219
1202 - Church hall lettings - 1 off	2,366	—	—	2,366	6,306

bookings						
1204 - Church hall sundries	—	—	—	—	—	—
1207 - Beer Festival	—	—	—	—	—	6,935
1301 - Bar Takings	—	5,482	—	—	5,482	18,321
Total	17,377	5,482	—	—	22,860	68,792

Investments

1121 - Rent from lands or buildings	5,720	—	—	—	5,720	7,298
1122 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1123 - Interest received	5,413	227	15,608	—	21,250	20,818
1139 - Proceeds from Trust Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1140 - Interest	17	306	—	—	324	51
Total	11,151	534	15,608	—	27,294	28,169

Other income

1128 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1130 - Transfer from current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1132 - Church Sundries	6,781	—	—	—	6,781	15,515
1138 - move from Team a/c for copying	—	—	—	—	—	—
1141 - Defibrillator	—	—	—	—	—	—
1143 - Refurbishement fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1144 - money claime back for vacancy costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1145 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	124	—	—	—	124	—
1203 - Money transferred from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	—
1205 - Bond paid into bank	600	—	—	—	600	1,500
1206 - Bond retained	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Float	—	6,117	—	—	6,117	24,286
1303 - Bar Sundries	—	1,600	—	—	1,600	6,560
1402 - Team expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
1403 - HMRC Tax from team	—	—	—	—	—	—
1404 - Team Expenses sundries	—	—	—	—	—	—
1405 - Copier Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1501 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7,506	7,717	—	—	15,223	47,862
INCOME TOTAL	76,808	13,733	15,608	—	106,151	383,078

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2127 - Rental Management costs	904	—	—	—	904	1,872
2137 - Refurbishment fund raising pd to special	—	—	—	—	—	—
2155 - 100 Club	600	—	—	—	600	1,575

2161 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
2162 - Costs Social events	195	—	—	—	195	12
2212 - Publicity	180	—	—	—	180	96
Total	1,879	—	—	—	1,879	3,556

Expenditure on charitable activities

1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cleaning	147	—	—	—	147	14
2102 - Relief Clergy/Visiting speakers	—	—	—	—	—	6
2103 - Sacristy supplies - upkeep of services	721	—	—	—	721	572
2104 - Service Books	17	—	—	—	17	—
2105 - Training	80	—	—	—	80	55
2106 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	363
2107 - Church Salaries	13,019	—	—	—	13,019	13,104
2108 - Clergy expenses - car, tele etc	963	—	—	—	963	1,139
2109 - Other clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2110 - Church Heating/Light/Water	6,130	—	—	—	6,130	6,996
2111 - Church maintenance and repairs	1,881	—	—	—	1,881	11,863
2113 - Church running - insurance	4,614	—	—	—	4,614	4,533
2114 - Parish Share	50,822	—	—	—	50,822	51,405
2116 - Churchyard expenses	50	—	—	—	50	—
2117 - Postage	197	—	—	—	197	63
2118 - Printing and Stationary	2,441	—	—	—	2,441	2,449
2119 - Church office - telephone	282	—	—	—	282	287
2120 - youth Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2121 - Children's Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
2122 - Rental Repairs/Maintenance	3,050	—	—	—	3,050	429
2123 - Charities	—	—	—	—	—	545
2124 - Water Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2125 - Christmas Charities	—	—	—	—	—	960
2126 - Funeral Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	1,293
2128 - Vicarage repairs/maintenance	187	—	—	—	187	—
2129 - HMRC - PCC	1,227	—	—	—	1,227	994
2131 - Church relief staff	40	—	—	—	40	240
2135 - Coffee	—	—	—	—	—	32
2136 - Ark Bus	—	—	—	—	—	300
2151 - Bank Charges	60	—	—	—	60	60
2154 - Architects fees	3,879	—	—	—	3,879	550
2164 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Hall Salaries	9,008	—	—	—	9,008	9,511
2202 - Hall heating/lighting/water	5,945	—	—	—	5,945	9,250
2203 - Hall Cleaning Materials	467	—	—	—	467	1,508
2204 - Hall repairs & Maintenance	4,355	—	—	—	4,355	6,562
2205 - Hall Telephone	282	—	—	—	282	287
2206 - Hall - Insurance	1,944	—	—	—	1,944	1,874
2208 - Hall relief staff	—	—	—	—	—	133
2209 - Waste Disposal	4,695	—	—	—	4,695	4,888
2301 - Bar staff wages	—	670	—	—	670	2,402
2302 - Float retained	—	5,926	—	—	5,926	24,231
2303 - Bar Stock	—	4,211	—	—	4,211	12,105
2304 - Misc Bar Items	—	15	—	—	15	78

2305 - Bar salaries	—	1,357	—	—	1,357	2,776
2306 - HMRC Bar	—	647	—	—	647	558
2307 - Bar Glass disposal	—	650	—	—	650	752
2308 - Bar Sundries	—	500	—	—	500	6,560
2310 - Bar Licence Fees	—	70	—	—	70	140
2311 - Bar repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	109
2312 - Bar cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	115,739	14,049	—	—	129,789	181,993
Other expenditure						
2115 - Church Sundries	9,589	—	—	—	9,589	203,076
2130 - music licences/memberships	2,355	—	—	—	2,355	1,594
2138 - Costs during vacancy	12	—	—	—	12	—
2139 - Pension Scheme	1,014	—	—	—	1,014	934
2140 - Team running costs	39	—	—	—	39	1,501
2141 - Pension Scheme - St. Oswald's	47	—	—	—	47	—
2157 - Transfer to PCC current account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2158 - Transferred to mm/gp/sr/br	—	—	—	—	—	—
2165 - Depreciation of office equipment	402	—	—	—	402	268
2171 - Depreciation of fixed asset	—	—	—	—	—	—
2207 - Hall Sundries	287	—	—	—	287	169
2210 - Bond returned	950	—	—	—	950	1,350
2211 - Hall Refunds	634	—	—	—	634	50
2309 - Paid to PCC from bar account	—	—	—	—	—	—
2314 - Bank charges bar	—	60	—	—	60	90
Total	15,334	60	—	—	15,394	209,035
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	132,953	14,109	—	—	147,062	394,585
GRAND TOTAL	(56,144)	(375)	15,608	—	(40,911)	(11,506)

This report dated: 9 February 2021

Signed: Reverend Arun John

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

To the Managing Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ending 31st December 2020 which are set out in the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) b of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

(1) gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, as contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 have not been met; or

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

Matthew Griffin

Mr. Matt Griffin
Independent Examiner
May 2021