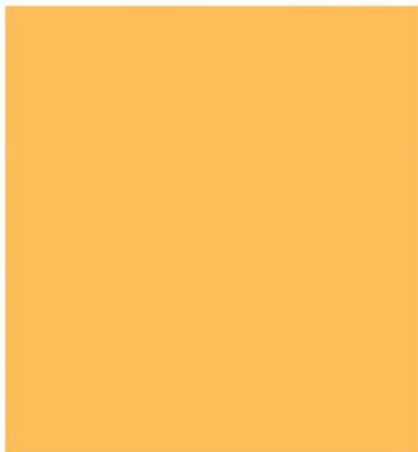
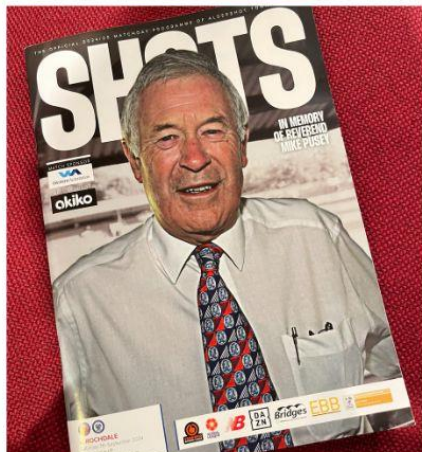
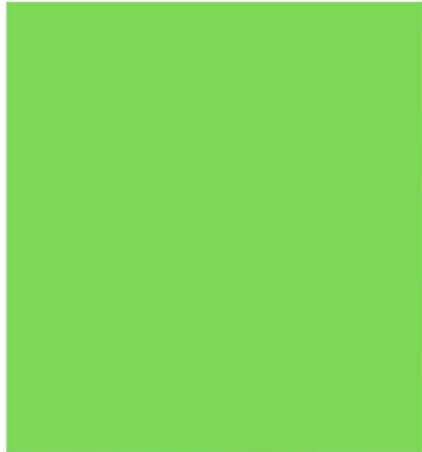
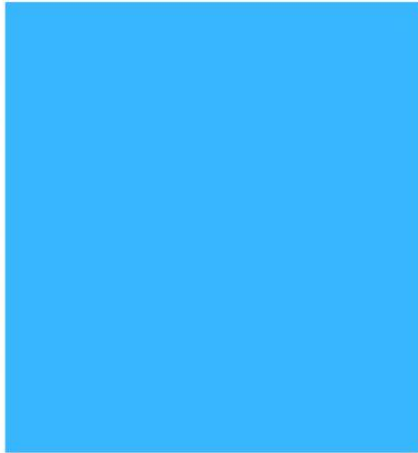


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Father, take us and use us.
Fill us with your Spirit,
That knowing your love,
We will show it through our lives,
And share it with those around us,
That the Risen Jesus will be known
throughout Aldershot.
Amen



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Agenda - Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Notice convening the meeting.
2. Appointment of Churchwardens.
3. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens.
4. The reception of the Electoral Roll and the Electoral Roll Officer's report.*
5. Election of members to the Parochial Church Council for three years.
6. Appointment of Sidespersons.
7. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Wednesday 24th April 2024.*
8. Reception of the Report on the Proceedings of the Council during 2024.*
9. Reception of the independently examined Accounts for 2024.*
10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2025.
11. Reception of the Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church for 2024.*
12. Safeguarding Policy and the Safeguarding Officer's Report.*
13. Any Other Business.

NOTE: All items marked * have supporting papers.

Please sign the Attendance Register when it is passed round. Thank you!

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2024

Minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting (AGM), including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Electors at Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Crossover.

Rev George Newton welcomed everyone to the AGM and opened the meeting in prayer.

Part 1: Looking back over 2023

George thanked Julie for her work on the Annual Report, and everyone who contributed to it.

Last year Jill Gooding was ordained and has become part of the Staff Team, and it has made a big difference to have her here. John Kellagher stepped down from the Staff Team, although we are pleased John and Jacquie are still part of the church. Alice started the year on maternity leave, and has now returned to work. George shared that he had not been looking forward to the year without Alice, but the Children and Families team has done really well and delivered most of what we would normally, by employing Ben and Pauline, and Caroline increasing her hours.

Our verse for last year was Acts 4:29-31: *'Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to perform signs and wonders, through the name of your holy servant Jesus'*. We have seen a rise in outreach at Holy Trinity. Some people attended a two-day Jackie Pullinger conference. Town Centre Pastoral Team (TCPT) almost stopped due to a lack of volunteers, however Alan Hilliar and others have revitalised it and kept it going.

We have grown as a church and welcomed many new people. We have also seen a rise in diversity which we celebrate. We want to work out how to move from being multicultural to being intercultural.

We have had both happy and sad times over the year, we said goodbye to Dave and Trisha as they moved away and sadly Paul Kirkup died unexpectedly. We can lament as well as rejoice.

We have lots to celebrate and give thanks for. George asked Janet to speak about the worship team which is a blessing to us.

Janet shared that the worship team lead sung worship at the 11.15 service. Their ethos is not to perform but to worship. They don't need the best instrumentalists, the members bring their gifts and ask God to increase them. They can see God moving in the team and they aim to create space for God to work. Janet asks if anyone has any musical skill, they are always looking for people to join the team, and you don't have to be the best, it is about your heart and wanting to serve.

Part 2: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Notice convening the meeting

The chair was taken by the Rev. George Newton who convened the meeting.

There were 31 members present in Crossover for the meeting:

Julie Edwards	Dean Pusey	George Newton	Jill Gooding
Rachel Welby	Alice Chittock	Geoff Berry	Jane Newton
Hillary Mumford	Alan Pickett	Myfanwy Pickett	John Kellagher
Jacquie Kellagher	Deirdre Baker	Ann-Marie Chittock	Colin Macarthur
Richard Bento	Caroline Ashworth	Robert King	Jocelyn King
Heather Kemp	Owen Kemp	Jan Neilson	Alan Hilliar
Carolyn Hilliar	Michael Howlett	Joseph Ebot	Janet Bento
Mercy Oyenuga	Lahiru Fonseka	Shola Akeju	

Apologies were received from:

Paul Clark	Joan Davies	Brian Davies	Tracey Pusey
Jean Embelton	Phil Le Roux	Chas Savin	Fay Hampshire
Mike Ashworth	Steve Roberts	Sandra Roberts	Michelle Rasmussen
Jean Vivian	Andrew Gooding	Pete Hawkins	Jos Johnston
Tom Chittock	Ben Smith	Jamie Broadey	Michelle Furlonger
Tayo Akeju	Dami Akeju		

2. Appointment of Churchwardens

Churchwarden is a legally, elected appointment, to work with the vicar and be responsible for the smooth running of services, and care of the building and grounds.

There are two vacancies for churchwardens. George thanked the previous wardens Michael Howlett and Colin Mc Arthur for all their service.

There is one nomination for Churchwarden:

Joseph Ebot proposed by John Kellagher seconded by Jamie Broadey

and he was elected unanimously.

George asks if anyone else is considering being a warden. We can elect another warden later on during a Sunday service.

3. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens

Deputy Churchwarden is not a legal position, but they assist the Churchwardens.

Their focus would be on Sunday, once a month to welcome people to church, and a few practical things. No-one volunteered at this time.

4. Reception of the Electoral Roll and the ER Officer's report

Julie Edwards, Parish Operations Administrator, presented the report.

The total on the electoral role is 144.

Receiving the report was proposed by Alan Hilliar, seconded by Jill Gooding and was accepted unanimously.

5. Election of up to seven members to the Parochial Church Council for three years

The PCC is the church's governance body and meets usually six times a year.

One nomination was as follows and was elected with thanks:

Alan Hilliar proposed by Janet Bento seconded by Terry Gardiner

George asked for any others to speak to him, as we can co-opt members onto PCC at a later date.

Election of up to three members to Deanery Synod for three years

There was one vacancy for Deanery Synod. There were no volunteers.

6. Appointment of Sidespersons

At Holy Trinity we call sidespersons the Welcome Team.

George requested that if people would like to join the team, they should talk to him or Julie. George thanked the existing Welcome Team.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Wednesday 27th April 2023

It was proposed by Dean Pusey, seconded by Heather Kemp, and was agreed unanimously that the minutes be approved.

8. Reception of the Report of the Proceedings of the Council during 2023.

George thanked Rachel for compiling the report.

It was proposed by John Kellagher, seconded by Lahiru Fonseka, and was agreed unanimously that the report be received.

9. Reception of the independently examined Accounts for 2023

George thanked Chas Savin for being Treasurer for an extended period of time. Michael Howlett has now taken over as Treasurer.

It was proposed by Jacquie Kellagher, seconded by Alan Hilliar, and was agreed unanimously that the accounts be accepted.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2024

The Independent Examiner for 2024 Paxton Charity Accounting is proposed by Chas Savin for the coming year and agreed that Paxton Charity Accounting be appointed.

11. Reception of the Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church for 2023 (Wardens Report)

It was proposed by Jane Newton, seconded by Alice Chittock and agreed that the report be accepted.

12. Safeguarding Policy and the Safeguarding Officer's Report for 2023

Safeguarding is very important for us to get right as a church. Fay Hampshire is our Safeguarding Officer. Dean will be stepping down from the team, and Jocelyn King is joining the team.

It was proposed by Dean Pusey, seconded by Bob King and agreed that the report be accepted.

13. Any other business

There was a question on the Parish Development Plan. Every 18 months we update our plan. It lists what we want to start or continue over the next 1-2 years. We have help on developing our plan from the Diocese via the Parish Needs Process.

Part 3: Looking forward

George spoke about our future plans for the church. Our verse for the year is Mark 1:3 *'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming. Clear the road for him'*. We sense that God is doing something new and we need to be ready. What is in our Church Development Plan comes out of prayer, particularly from PPP where we pray and listen to God. We are commissioned by Jesus to take word of God to the town. We would love to see Jesus transform Aldershot.

George expressed that it was great to have Alice back working with us. Alice is working part-time and we are looking at how to get our children's and families staffing back up to full numbers, and looking at how to go deeper with our children's work.

As we look out into the town, we want to look at areas where we can bring God's love to the most vulnerable.

George asked three people to speak about the ministry they are involved in:

Anna Chaplaincy - Jill Gooding

Jill will soon be commissioned as an Anna Chaplain. Anna was a prophet and a godly woman, advanced in age, who gave a message of good news to everyone. Anna Chaplains take a message of hope to those of advanced years, and to their family and carers. They take communion into nursing homes, read bibles, and just be with people. Anna Chaplaincy gives older people a voice, and reminds them that God still loves them and they matter. Jill has a background in palliative care, her calling is supporting people towards the end of their life. She has taken a service at Easter in a nursing home. Even those with memory issues know the hymns! Our vision is that every nursing home in Aldershot covered with spiritual support. She would also love to see a dementia friendly service at here at Holy Trinity. Jill would like to recruit a number of 'Anna Friends' to support the role of the Anna Chaplain. She would value prayers for discernment and for right doors to be opened.

Galpin Hall – Geoff Berry

Galpin Hall is now 67 years old. We have an opportunity to see what's possible in terms of the hall's future. It is a valuable space which is well used but reaching the end of its life. A small team is exploring options. The hall is currently very poor in many areas such as thermal efficiency. We needed to understand how hall is used. We have worked with architects for a plan for flexible space. There will be new disabled facilities and meeting spaces. We need a space that is functional, adaptable, vibrant, practical and attractive. We are working towards getting BREEAM status which would attract grant funding. Geoff showed two possible options for the hall. Both have been submitted to Rushmoor Council Planning Department. Once approved, we will need to create detailed plans and get costings. We seek God's guidance for this process. When work is carried out, the hall will need to be closed for a significant period, so we need to consider the current users.

Brunch Club - Alan Hilliar

Town Centre Pastoral Team (TCPT) goes out on Friday and Saturday evenings into Aldershot town centre. They have a table serving drinks and giving out chocolate and new testaments, and ministering to people, whether through praying with people, or talking, or serving. About half the people they meet are out for an evening in the town, the other half are on the streets. We don't often reach out to these people. People recognise us as part of Aldershot scene. Out of the work of TCPT has come a need for a place to talk to people for longer. Therefore we will be starting 'Brunch Club', which will take place 12-2 in Crossover on Saturdays, and serve cooked breakfasts. The vision is to start in next month or two. People value being accepted and treated with dignity. We will try to show the love of God in everything we do and that people will respond to that. We pray that God will bring in the people least loved in Aldershot.

We say farewell to Dean and Tracey Pusey, as Dean been appointed Vicar of Mary Magdalene church in Peckham. Our new curate Gabrielle will be starting with us soon.

Julie thanked George for all he does for the church.

Dean thanked George for his support over the last three years, and encouraged everyone to renew their commitment to prayer. We have seen a lot of answered prayer in the last three years.

George closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting finished at 8.50pm.

Signed: Name: _____ Date: _____

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity 2024

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of Holy Trinity. Its membership includes our clergy and churchwardens, together with representatives of the congregation. The PCC is also a charity, and its members are trustees of this charity. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of Holy Trinity and the maintenance of the church building and Galpin Hall, along with other practical, legal, staffing and spiritual matters. The PCC works with and supports George in the management of Holy Trinity and promotes the mission of the church.

Five subcommittees report into the PCC. These are:

- **Eco Church**, chaired by Geoff Berry
- **Staff Matters**, chaired by Dean Pusey
- **Safeguarding**, chaired by Fay Hampshire
- **Outward Giving**, chaired by Jos Johnston
- **Galpin Hall works steering committee**, chaired by Geoff Berry

These subcommittees have their own reports on their activities this year in this Annual Report. Oversight of and discussion of proposals from these subcommittees take up a large part of PCC meetings.

In addition to these subcommittees, the PCC also regularly discusses Holy Trinity's Vision, Church Finances, Buildings, Children and Families, GDPR, Church Suite and Health & Safety, Curacy and Wellesley, Diocesan and Deanery Synods and Aldershot Churches Together (ACT).

The PCC meets every two months, and therefore met six times during the year. There was additionally one extraordinary meeting in July, to respond to Alice's request for part time working. At the May PCC we welcomed our new our new PCC member Alan Hilliar and our new churchwarden Joseph. Also in May, Jocelyn King was co-opted onto the PCC, and was also welcomed to PCC.

Key topics that the PCC looked at this year include:

- Holy Trinity's Vision, the Church Development Plan and the wider Parish Needs Process
- The adoption by the PCC of the Guildford Diocesan Racial Justice Covenant.
- Formalising Alice's part time working and recruiting Pauline as Assistant Children and Families minister to work alongside Alice.
- Gabrielle starting as our curate and the work she has taken on from Dean in Wellesley. The PCC authorised some repairs and updating of the curate's house in Wellesley before Gabrielle moved in.
- The starting up of the 'Brunch Club'.

- Repairs to and maintenance of the church building, for example the cleaning and repair of the church and Galpin Hall gutters, and the replacement of damaged fences.
- Making the decision to apply for a Youth Intern as part of the diocese 'Youth Catalyst Intern Project'. We now await to see whether our application is successful.
- The licensing of Jill as an Anna Chaplain.
- Formally approving the Safeguarding Policy for the year.

I would like to thank the PCC for their work this year. The members of the subcommittees do a lot of unseen work to enable the running and growth of the church, which is hugely appreciated.

The PCC currently has a number of vacancies, so if you would like to join the PCC please speak to George or myself.

Rachel Welby, PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Report to 6th May 2025

Every 6 years, all the names are wiped from the roll and a new electoral roll is prepared - and 2025 is such a year!

The use of ChurchSuite to enable people to sign up online has been extremely helpful with 78 out of a total of 138 who have signed up, taking advantage of this opportunity.

I had hoped we would at least match the electoral roll figure from last year but despite a concerted effort we have just fallen short. We have had the usual turnover on the electoral roll in the past year with people moving away or sadly dying but this has been offset by new people joining Holy Trinity. It is worth noting that these figures do not include the six ordained members of our church family.

With the roll officially closing on the 6th May, 15 days before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, those baptised on the 11th May just missed out and will be included in next year's roll.

Date	Total on roll
29/09/20	130
13/04/21	128
13/04/22	119
11/04/23	139
08/04/24	144
06/05/25	138

Julie Edwards

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church (Warden's Report)

It's been a steep learning curve having been appointed Church Warden back in April at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged and supported me in this important role.

Each parish is required to keep an up-to-date list of its assets and significant occurrences within its buildings, namely the Terrier & Inventory (an inventory of land, containing all the articles/items related to the church) and Log Book (a comprehensive record of all alterations, additions, removals or repairs to the fabric, fixtures and fittings of the church, during five quinquennial periods).

In December, we had an Archdeacon's visitation to Holy Trinity by The Venerable Catharine Mabuza, Archdeacon of Surrey and she signed off the Terrier & Inventory. The Log Book is being updated and maintained by Julie Edwards, Parish Operations & Administration.

Specific details of the work undertaken to maintain the church property in 2024 is outlined in Julie's report in the Operational section of this annual report.

Even over the past year, I have been aware of the increasing activity at the church with initiatives such as the Brunch Club bringing in new people to Holy Trinity. This is good news! However, it is also apparent that the fabric of the church will probably need to be maintained more regularly than it has been in the past. The toilet area for example, will most likely need re decorating / a 'spruce up' next year.

Thank you again for all your support and in particular to those who undertake assistant warden duties at the Sunday services and the mid-week communion service.

Joseph Ebot

Safeguarding Report

We have come a long way to change our culture in Holy Trinity and in spurring each other on to better practice and reflecting on this. We are working and making sure Safeguarding runs through the DNA of the Church 'Gathered' and 'Scattered'. So that the Gospel can be proclaimed well and safely.

We, the Holy Trinity Church, endorse fully the Church of England's safeguarding policy statement; "Promoting a Safer Church". This states:

"The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all."

We have also adopted the Principles of the House of Bishops on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk who enter Holy Trinity Church which is based on the following six overarching policy commitments:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church.

- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

Hence, we ensure that the highest standards of safeguarding are being met by:

- Making sure that appropriate policies and processes including Safer Recruitment are in place and are being rigorously implemented.
- Monitoring and auditing policy and practice of the same across the wider Holy Trinity community.
- Risk assessments are taken seriously and used to good effect to promote safety. Risk assessments are available for all aspects of our church. Assessing and managing risk through the development of a risk and issues register on safeguarding.
- Developing and managing an action plan to address the issues raised.
- Developing and monitoring key performance indicators of activity; and sharing best practice with the Diocese and other relevant safeguarding bodies.

Summary of Safeguarding Activity in 2024

The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard - We are on level 3. We are not complacent. We are aware of where the gaps are and are responding to these on an ongoing basis. Lots of other churches are also now achieving Level 3.

The Parish Dashboard's establishment has been a massive help as a tool on many levels. This has been a big focus and will continue to be a priority into 2025. The dashboard is a simple to use, online tool, that helps you keep track of safeguarding in our church and keeps us up to date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements. Our church has come a long way over recent years and continues to improve as we are getting better in understanding our Safeguarding responsibilities.

There has been movement in the right direction in how we record our activities better. We have made huge strides from where we were but have more to do so that these things are automatic and not just duty!

We have managed to some extent fulfil requirements regarding Pastoral Care and how we can improve and do this well with the resources we have in an accountable way. This is being worked on further regarding coordination, recording of visits and bearing in mind our responsibilities and accountabilities.

We are looking at ways to hold our information well and keep it up to date. This is held securely. There is a dedicated email up and running and checked regularly by the Safeguarding Officers.

Safer Recruitment – These practices form part of a network of checks and balances which will minimise the possibility of appointing inappropriate individuals to work with vulnerable groups. Our safer recruitment is strengthening and more volunteers have been interviewed for suitability

and the various stages adhered to especially our growing youth, children and families work. No application caused any concern.

We have a PCC safeguarding sub-group that meets and covers the areas of children, young people and vulnerable adults and asks questions about practice both internally and externally. Thank you to those in this group particularly supporting work for children and families and vulnerable adults. There is an identified team, currently five, with the addition of a Parish Safeguarding Assistant.

As part of our strategy, we updated some of our policies for example maternity leave and sick leave along with improved job descriptions and contracts and are actively working on a staff handbook.

Vetting and Barring Checks – The Diocese has been using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for background checking for roles which involve working with the vulnerable and satisfactory certificates were issued for all newly recruited team members. It is more than a DBS - that is the last thing. We implement various stages with the associated paperwork so that we do not leave people or ourselves as an organisation vulnerable. Also, we have managed to carry out DBS on most of our PCC members and are finalising the last PCC member.

Training – PCC members, staff, pastoral workers, children & families workers are amongst those who have been instructed to complete online training and whilst it remains a challenge to monitor this there will be an ongoing push in 2025 to ensure everyone mandated to undergo training completes the appropriate modules in good time.

We flag up Safeguarding Sunday in various ways and will look to do this again in the autumn of 2025. Last year we recognised a need to improve procedures in the area of live streaming, so as not to increase risk, especially regarding children and vulnerable adults. Thanks to the Tech Team and Parish Operations & Admin Manager and PCC for this ongoing discussion. The improved signage and communications appear to be working well.

Fay Hampshire

Synods

Synod is the form of governance for the Church of England and, until mid-2021, I (George) was on all three levels. Locally, Deanery Synod covers the area of Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet and a bit wider. There are three other representatives from HT elected to that and local and national issues are discussed as well as mission. In 2023 I took up the role of Area Dean again temporarily and handed that over to my successor in July of 2024. That means I helped oversee the twenty or so churches and organise deanery synod, Chapter and other events.

There is also Diocesan Synod and a couple of us from HT were on that looking very much at the structure, vision and finances of the diocese. General Synod, which covers the direction and governance of the whole Church of England, discussed several topics that have become quite divisive and threaten the unity of the church, and we must pray for great wisdom. It was certainly a difficult year for the Church of England with Justin's resignation, a continued departure from

key areas of orthodoxy and internal division. However, we are in a good diocese with great bishops (who hold to the biblical view) and we need to pray for and support them.

George Newton

Celebration of 2024

There were some great highlights of 2024. On the staffing side, it was great to welcome Gabrielle as our new full-time curate when she was ordained at the end of June (one day after Jill's second ordination!) Of course, the flip side of that was saying goodbye to Dean, Tracey and family who moved to Peckham at the end of July. Quite a significant number of us were able to go up there to see his licensing service to become vicar of St Mary Magdalene Church and our prayers are with him. It was also good to have Alice back from maternity leave for the year, although as part-time, so we were delighted to appoint Pauline to the role of Assistant Children and Families Worker, which is also part time, and thus see the ministry in that key area continue to flourish.

Our verse for the year was (and still is) Mark 1:3 – "Prepare the way for the Lord's coming. Clear the road for Him." This was with the sense of God doing a new thing and, at the same time, it launched our Sunday teaching series on Mark's gospel (which we have continued into this year). It was good that we could start the year with a half night of prayer to help us prepare.



So, what new things have we seen happen? 2024 saw the launch of two new very important ministries to some of the most marginalised groups of people in Aldershot. Both have write-ups in this Annual Review.

The first to launch was the Anna Chaplaincy with a commissioning of Jill as the main Anna Chaplain at the end of July. This has already had a significant impact at Harlow Hall and other 'homes' in town. When I have joined Jill at the services and events in these places, I have noticed a real open door and a beautiful hunger and openness to God and His word. Let's pray and seek for the growth of this ministry by the adding to the team of Anna Friends and continued open doors and open hearts.

Then, at the beginning of September, we saw the launch of the Brunch Club with a great team of over a dozen dedicated helpers. This weekly 'full English' is much more than just a meal for those who may be homeless or penniless and a warm space in winter. We hope and pray it is also a place of finding a true welcome, of being listened to and taken seriously and, ultimately, of

finding God and of Him setting people free and into a new and transformed life that will also then become a prophetic sign to the rest of the town.

One or two new small groups started up in the year, one of which, on Wednesdays and over a meal, has drawn in a number of those who are Brunch Club attenders and now seeking Truth.

One thing that I have continued to rejoice in is the way we are growing in such diversity, especially with at least twenty ethnicities of heritage amongst our congregations. We are working on becoming more 'inter-cultural' rather than simply just 'multi-cultural'. We have had great food from other countries and graces in different languages and it has been great often having a verse or two of a Sunday Bible reading in someone's native tongue (this was especially the case at the Carol Service when we also had the Nepalese choir singing beautifully in Nepali). It was good to have newcomers' lunches, similarly welcoming many different people. Many of the Iranian asylum seekers have become even better friends to us although it was also sad to see a number moved to other parts of the country, and it has been great to welcome new friends from Potters who originate from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iran and Colombia.

There were difficulties in the town with a riot and other disturbances relating to immigration/asylum seekers, including one that encroached into HT. We are especially grateful for praying members of HT in these times and one positive effect has been a deepening relationship with our MP Alex Baker and our local councillors who have been very supportive. Alex has visited us at HT, and we are looking at ways of possibly working with her towards something like a Mediation Centre in town.

For me, personally, it was very special to have a service to mark my being vicar of HT for 25 years back in July! That month had five consecutive 'special' Sundays with Jill leading her first Communion, Gabrielle's welcome, my 25th, Dean's last Sunday and the commissioning of Jill as Anna Chaplain.

I do want to welcome all of you who are new to HT and joined us in 2024/5. I also want to thank everyone for all the help and generosity in enabling the church to continue, to thrive and to reach out. I have to say it is a wonderful community to be the vicar of!

George Newton

Curates

It's been quite a year for the curates, saying goodbye to Dean in July and welcoming Gabrielle as a fellow curate, also in July. At the end of June exactly one week after we celebrated with much joy, the marriage of our younger daughter in Essex, I was ordained again from deacon to priest in another joyous ceremony at Guildford cathedral. It was then a real delight a day later to celebrate my first Holy Communion with the 9.15 congregation at HT.

It has been a busy year supporting Women's Hour, developing the Anna Chaplaincy, taking monthly Holy Communion into two nursing homes and regularly presiding at midweek communion, where we have seen numbers grow again.

In August it was a real joy to be part of the full immersion baptisms and in October, supported by George I married my first couple at HT, a very special day.

I have been part of the school assembly team going into a number of schools at Christmas, which is always fun. There is placement at Frimley Park Chaplaincy to come and high on the agenda for the coming year is the development of a pastoral team at HT.

Jill Gooding

Since getting ordained as Deacon in June and joining the HT team in July, I have been warmly welcomed and have loved being part of the team at Holy Trinity. Finishing a degree, getting ordained, starting a new job, moving house and planning to get married (in February 2025) all within a year has been a whirlwind but I have appreciated all the support and help from everyone at HT!

There have been so many opportunities to get stuck in, with the Town Centre Pastoral Team, Brunch Club, Wednesday communion, visiting Women's Hour, visiting home groups, Aldershot Churches Together gatherings, Deanery gatherings, morning prayer on Zoom, Refresh and the various children's groups that run.

In my role, I have been particularly involved with the Sunday evening youth group and leading/preaching on Sundays and Wednesdays. I have also taken on the role of supervising Tallulah, who has started an apprenticeship for children's ministry at Holy Trinity. At the time of writing, I am also planning an Alpha course with Jill that will start early next year.

My curacy role has also developed since I started, as I have been put forward as a church planting curate. As part of my role, I will seek to plant seeds in Wellesley (where the curacy house is), with a vision to help people to seek and grow in faith there. I have been regularly visiting the Cambridge School staff room (often with cake!), the Wellesley planters, the team from local churches at Potter's hotel (reaching out to and supporting local asylum seekers the first Monday of each month) and the Wellesley Resident's Committee. We were invited to Cambridge School to contribute to Christmas assemblies and RE lessons for the first time in December and are hopeful for more opportunities there. I have also made some positive connections with individuals in Wellesley and with the help of George, Guildford Diocese and local church leaders and we are discerning what might come next in our mission to Wellesley.

Gabrielle Burns

Church Development Plan

We have continued to undertake an annual Parish Needs Process (PNP) with the Mission Enabler Team at the Diocese who explain "The goal of the PNP is to support parishes as they listen and identify their top priorities for mission and growth, which will form the heart of their Church Development Plan".

Our current development plan is outlined on the next page.

George Newton

Holy Trinity Aldershot Church Development Plan - September '24

WIDER AIM What you are aiming to achieve. Usually between 1 and 4 points.	DIOCESAN GOAL Which of the diocesan goals does this relate to?	SPECIFIC ACTION POINTS What you are going to do.
Discipleship of all members.	Growing Disciples	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying and training new leaders for new small groups and other teams, especially from other cultures. 2. Being ready with the diocese to work with Gabrielle to plant a church. 3. Identifying and offering the next round of appropriate courses and training, including for Prayer Ministry. 4. Develop and grow the new Anna Chaplaincy. 5. Intentionally explore practical ways of becoming more inter-cultural as per the Racial Justice Covenant. 6. Recruit and equip for pastoral visiting and prayer ministry teams.
Outreach to our town and beyond.	Growing Diversity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritise the resourcing of TCPT and the newly formed Brunch Club aiming for breakthroughs and new believers. 2. Intentionally develop links with near and new neighbours to the HT site, particularly using our garden area for open air services, hospitality and events along with visits to new and existing flats. 3. To see new disciples in Wellesley through meals/courses at 11 Scarlett's Road.
Grow the work with children and youth and families.	Growing Disciples & Growing Diversity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To build on the growing links with parents of those whose children come midweek and look to whole family discipleship including Parenting for Faith. 2. To appoint a wider team of employed and voluntary workers to oversee the children and youth work, including an Assistant C&FM and some to cover maternity leave of the C&FM in 2025 3. To seek to engage and grow 11-18 year old disciples through small groups and local and national youth events. Explore the possibility of taking on a part-time Youth Worker or Youth Catalyst in conjunction with the Diocese.
To engage with HT neighbours and use the gardens.	Growing Community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To see through the eco-refurbishment of the Galpin Hall. 2. To work with MP and other partners towards a Mediation Centre in Aldershot.

Outward Giving Sub Group (OGSG)

The OGSC has oversight of giving from the church's tithe money (10% of our income). There are 10 main recipients agreed by PCC, and members of the sub-committee link with each of these.

During the year it was decided to change the Church Army, since we no longer have active links with them, but the replacement had not been agreed during the year, so this money was used for a number of extra gifts, including the Angel Tree project which provides Christmas presents for the children of people in prison, some special workshops for young people through The Source, and gifts to 3 relief funds: Tearfund's Middle East Appeal, CMJ's mercy fund in Jerusalem, and the International Nepal Fellowship's work in Nepal. There were also gifts to the Christian Legal Centre and Elam Ministries, the Iranian centre in Shackelford. There were also 7 other one-off gifts and appeals in 2024 including Christians working in Ukraine and Gaza, the Evangelical Alliance, and 3 local organisations, the Grub Hub, the Triangle bookshop and the Christian Union of the University of Creative Arts for student work in Farnham and Aldershot.

The main recipients are intended as longer-term commitments from the church – see the list below – and several visited us during the year. Abraham Shrestha – NCC-UK – came to HT while visiting the Nepali congregation in September and is due to preach at the HT services on 13th February 2025. Chris Towner from Tearfund spoke at the services on 13th October. Ben Brown from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) talked about their work and preached on 29th December, which was well received by those present. We also publicised the activities of some of the other organisations, including CMJ, the Bible Society, CSW and the India Ministries through Hello! and the church website.

Ali Draper joined the committee in September to replace Tom Chittock, but we were again 1 person short when Heather Kemp stood down following the birth of their baby. However, we hope to find a replacement in March 2025. Thanks go to both Tom and Heather for their contributions to the committee.

As at the end of 2024, the main missions which the church supports, and the current link people, are listed below. If you have queries or would like more information, do please speak to any of us, and we are also happy to receive suggestions for one-off church gifts.

- Bible Society (Joseph Ebot),
- Church Pastoral Aid Society & The Source (Ali Draper)
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide (Julie Edwards),
- Tearfund & India Ministries (currently unallocated),
- Ben & Esther Brown (MAF) (Jennifer Paterson),
- Church's Ministry amongst Jewish People (CMJ) & Abraham Shrestha for work with Nepali groups in UK and Europe (Jos Johnston).

Jos Johnston

Eco Church Sub Group

This year we have mainly focused on the church garden helped by the expertise of Mike our gardener. Both church members and the community have continued to enjoy the church gardens this year.

Geoff and I attended a Deanery Eco church where we were able to share ideas and experience with other churches.

In addition to our ongoing recycling of paper/cardboard and food waste, we decided to collect milk bottle tops which are recycled and the money goes to Surrey Air Ambulance. There is a collection box for the bottle tops on the big wooden table at the back of the church.

Geoff Berry and Jane Newton

Staff Matters Sub Group

When our Family and Children's Minister went on maternity leave in 2023, it became clear that we had no developed policies for handling staff management issues. PCC therefore set up a Staff Management group to look into this. The group consisted of Dean Pusey as chair, Rachel Welby as secretary, and Fay Hampshire and Jos Johnston as members. When Dean left, Gabrielle Clarke joined the group.

The first task was to sort out our policies on maternity leave and sick leave. Then the group developed a template for staff contracts and made sure that all the staff members have an up-to-date contract. At this point PCC decided to make the group a permanent official sub-Committee. The Staff Management sub-Committee then started work on a full staff handbook to be completed and circulated by Easter 2025.

The sub-Committee has also given advice when specific issues have come up and can be consulted by anyone in the church about staff matters.

Jos Johnston

Galpin Hall Sub Group

We hope to receive the Galpin Hall refurbishment Planning Approval early in 2025 (**Stop Press: received on 14th February 2025**), to enable us to move forward to the detailed project planning stage.

Our first priority will be to assess the projected costs. This entails identifying and selecting materials, methods of building and professional fees. We will appoint a Quantity Surveyor for this purpose. (**Stop Press:** QS appointed, and we expect his report by the end of May 2025 or sooner. We have also accepted our architect's fee proposal to manage the project as and when we instruct them.)

One element of the refurbishment is our commitment to adhere to BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standards. Our buildings are invaluable tools for our mission. They act as witness to our faith and as such should reflect our responsibility to care for God's earth. We aim to create a highly energy efficient and sustainable building fit for the long term to serve current and future generations.

Once we are aware of, and fully understand the cost implications, we will meet to consider what funds are currently available and what the shortfall is. Several grant programs can support

BREEAM certified church halls, particularly those focused on improving energy efficiency and accessibility, and those serving the community and we will be approaching them as we progress. We will also be seeking grant funding from a range of other potential sources.

(Stop Press: With Planning Approval now granted we can confidently move to the next stages, and we pray for the Lord's blessing as we go.)

Geoff Berry

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUNG PEOPLE

Children and Families Ministry Report

At the start of 2024 I had just returned from maternity leave working part time, which was quite hard as I was trying to do all the things that I had been doing previously, but just in a lot less hours. I was looking forward to having someone come alongside as an assistant. Unfortunately it took quite a lot longer for this to happen than anticipated, so I do not feel as this has been the most fruitful year. We haven't been able to do some of the discipleship we would have liked to such as the Parenting for Faith course. Although we have kept our children's groups going and run all of our usual seasonal events, including Messy Church at Easter and Advent, Fireworks and Light Party. We also had a stand at the Christmas 'Light Switch On', and for the first time, the Playfest, both held in the town centre.

This year we have seen more children and families on a Sunday morning with a really regular committed core group, a few more families have joined us, and our baby boom has continued into 2024 meaning our baby space is always busy. This year it has also been really good to strengthen our links with Deux Chats preschool, sharing bible stories with them throughout the summer term.

In the autumn we interviewed for our Assistant Children and Families Minister role and were pleased to appoint Pauline to this role. She is settling into the role well, and has taken on the leadership of Kids Club. We have also taken on Tallulah on as an apprentice for a couple of hours a week. It's really encouraging to see people from within the church grow in their ministry and calling. And have got a great team of people ready to cover my maternity leave again in 2025.

Alice Chittock

- **Sunday Morning Children's Groups**

We run three groups on a Sunday morning, Mustard Seeds, Kids Church and Hot Chocolate. It has been really great to see children and young people grow in their faith, through these sessions. It's also been nice to see children coming along more regularly and some of the younger ones beginning to join with Sunday morning sessions.

The younger group is going to grow a lot in the next couple of years, because of the large number of babies who have been born at Holy Trinity over the last couple of years.

We couldn't run these sessions without all the of the volunteer helpers and leaders, thank you so much for all the time that you put in.

Alice Chittock

- **Kids Club**

At the moment Kids Club has a lot of boys! Which is a lot of fun, but it means we don't often do as much craft as we have done in the past. We wear them out as much as possible with some games, and then they focus really well on the bible story and often ask really insightful questions. This year we have gone through the Freedom in Christ children's course call Lightbringers. Read some of the 'Tales That Tell the Truth' books, gone through the story of Moses and looked at the gospel according to Shrek. We regularly give children the opportunity to make a response and often have children deciding to live for Christ.

I want to say a huge thank you to our team, along with our army of junior leaders.

Alice Chittock

- **Mini Club**

The number of Children at Mini Club was quite low at the start of the year, with a lot of the children becoming too old for the group, but no new ones joining in. The numbers did increase slightly through the spring, but we made the decision to take a long break over the summer, as I had limited time, restarting again in October, with a new group of families. It had been lovely getting to know these families over toast, and share a song and a bible story with them each week. I want to say a big thank you to Jacque and Pauline for all of their hard work.

Alice Chittock

- **Trinity Tots**

Trinity Tots is our weekly Baby and Toddler group which meets every Thursday morning during term time. The church is transformed into our huge play area with crafts, soft play, Lego, train tracks, toys, dressing up and bubbles! Most weeks we had between 30-40 children attending.

During the year we have taken secular stories but found Biblical messages in them. For example 'Dear Zoo' can remind us that God made everything, and the story of Elma can teach us that we are uniquely made. This has been a great way to introduce the Christian message in a child friendly and gentle manner.

10 mins before the end the 'Wiggle song' comes over the PA and all the children literally stop what they are doing and race to the stage to hear the story and join in some singing. The session concludes with the instruments coming out and everyone joining in with 'Our God is a great big God'.

A massive thank you to the team: Alice, Pam, Sandra, Tim, Mansoureh, Lucy and all the staff team.

Caroline Ashworth

- **Wednesday Club**

Throughout the year our Wednesday evening youth group has been a lot of fun. We have pizza, games and an optional craft activity, followed by some time of discussion or testimony.

This year we have gone through the youth version of Freedom in Christ, and had different people

from the congregation come in to share their stories. We have a really nice committed group of young people, from the church along with some of their friends. They are very chatty, so we decided to extend the sessions by fifteen minutes to fit everything in. A big thank you to Ben, Tim and Bianca for all their support this year.

Alice Chittock

- **Baby Group**

Our Baby group is for any baby who is not yet walking and focuses on supporting new parents. The Church floor is covered with blankets, and a large number of toys, and sensory activities which give the opportunity for parents to make friends, and for us to start to build relationships with them. We conclude the session by all coming together for singing, bubbles, the parachute and refreshments for the parents.

The group runs every Friday morning during term time and has a continuously changing group of babies, due to parents going back to work, or them mastering the wonderful skill of walking and moving up to our Toddler Group. As the group has been running for a few years we are now regularly meeting new siblings which is always such a joy!

Caroline Ashworth, Pauline Ebanks & Jane Newton

- **Baby Massage**

Baby Massage is run as a 4 week course every half term on a Friday lunch time in Crossover. It is the opportunity for a small group of parents to build a support network and learn an important skill to help them nurture their Baby. It is also a wonderful opportunity to us to start deeper conversations with them, and be a listening ear when needed. We ran 6 courses during 2024 and every course was fully booked!

Caroline Ashworth

DISCIPLESHIP – Growing as apprentices of Jesus

Small Groups

During 2024 there were six small groups meeting on a regular basis, either on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Some groups follow the sermon series, before the sermon is preached, so that the discussion is around the passage, rather than the sermon. Other groups use a range of different resources.

Small groups provide great opportunities to get to know each other more, to support stepping out, for example in praying aloud and the use of spiritual gifts and learning to apply God's Word.

In the coming year, Gabrielle aims to lead one or two groups in Wellesley in her home, primarily for residents in the area and this may include another Alpha.

If you are interested in joining a group, perhaps helping to host a group, please let one of the staff team know.

George Newton

Older Youth Group

The older youth group (age 14-18) started in late 2020 and meets on Sunday early evenings in term times and was facilitated by George and a growing team including Gabrielle, Jamie and Bianca. This grew through 2024 and there are about 10 teenagers, including one or two, who came up from the younger youth group in the autumn. We did various studies as well as a number of outings (Go Ape, Superbowl Woking for laser quest and a trip to the new Superbowl in Aldershot) As well as studies we normally have a few games too. It is now much livelier, and we have added 15 minutes to the time we meet.

We have put in an application to the diocese for a Youth Catalyst Trainee to start autumn 2025, so please pray and watch this space.

George Newton

Women's Hour

Woman's Hour continues to meet in Crossover most Thursday afternoons with various speakers. Thanks to Jill Gooding for the series 'Hymns we Love', for her oversight of Woman's Hour, sharing about the Anna Chaplaincy and the joyful occasion of her daughter's wedding. Jos showed some slides and shared about the work and with the people of Nepal and the Leprosy Trust. John a volunteer from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance told us of the work they do. The ladies of Woman's Hour were very generous, and a collection raised £200's for the cause. Terry Owens came and sang to us and we raised a generous amount of money for the Phyllis Tuckwell.

George brought communion to us each term and tested our ornithological knowledge with identifying some wonderful photos of birds that he had taken on his travels

The Christmas meeting was a time of celebration with Ryan (Daphne's grandson) playing the part of Father Christmas and all the ladies receiving a bag of goodies and a Christmas card.

We are grateful to Gerald for all he does for Woman's Hour and the church. Thanks to Liz and Doreen for their hospitality, serving teas and coffees. We are blessed to have Daphne providing delicious cakes and managing the monetary side of things. We are grateful to Wendy for her welcome on the door and her part in the open afternoons sharing her theatrical talents and entertaining us so well.

Jan Nielsen

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Soul Sisters

Our Soul Sisters group returned to the Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole in June for our much-enjoyed annual weekend away. Twenty two of us were privileged to have Anna Townsend as our guest speaker. Anna and her husband Simon were part of Holy Trinity 2014-16. They have lived in Nepal and Anna took over the running of a charity WWR (Women Without Roofs). Her theme for the weekend was the Good Samaritan thinking about how we can help our neighbours. She also so talked about her book, 'Come with me to Kathmandu' which was very inspiring.

We had lots of fun, swimming in the pool, playing games and enjoying delicious meals. We look forward to our next weekend in 2025 which sadly will be the last one at the Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole, as they are relocating.

Jane Newton

HT Men

Richard Bento continued to hold the Men's Breakfast on Saturday mornings at Brewers Fayre in Aldershot with the aim to "help encourage us men in our lives as followers of Jesus" and this was welcomed by those who enjoyed breakfast and a chance to chat and pray. Due to the closure of Brewers Fayre, in August the breakfasts were moved to the Station Café and then in November, into Crossover with a couple of sessions with fathers encouraged to bring their children along. With less demand and the logistics of needing to prepare the space for Brunch Club the breakfasts have now stopped.

Magnet groups continue meeting regularly, usually on a monthly basis.

There are people in HT who have a heart for ministry to and with men. If that's you, speak to me, to link up with others who share that heart.

George Newton

Hearing Champions

With the Wellbeing sessions finishing on Saturdays, we needed to find an alternative day and time for 'Hear Here' offering basic hearing aid maintenance and advice to support hearing aid wearers to get the best from their devices. The service is free and available to anyone with a 'behind the ear' NHS hearing aid.

We re-launched the sessions on the second Thursday of each month from 4.15-4.45pm. We are both trained by the Royal Surrey Hospital Audiology Department to clean and re-tube hearing aids and to provide batteries, so please do make use of the opportunity and spread the word to others!

Pat Clare and Jan Nielsen

Town Centre Pastoral Team (TCPT)

The Town Centre Pastoral Team has now been running for around 20 years. It remains a multi church initiative under the overall umbrella of Aldershot Churches Together (ACT) which funds TCPT operating costs. TCPT goes out on Bank Corner in Aldershot Town Centre every Friday & Saturday evening from 21:30 to 23:30 hours giving our free hot drinks and snack bars. We meet perhaps 25-30 people each evening; some are from the street community, some are going to pubs or clubs.

We usually have between 2 and 4 people on the TCPT team each evening, drawing from a pool of about 10-12 helpers under 4 team leaders on a rota. TCPT remains the foundation for other forms of community outreach. Because we're known and trusted through TCPT, then many of the same people will come to Brunch Club.

We seek to engage people in conversation, but there is no “hard” evangelism. We frequently pray with those we meet if they want us to do so, and people have come to faith in Christ on the streets. Some have become part of the worshipping community at Holy Trinity. Others are in a journey and “connect” with church in different ways.

Alan Hilliar

Brunch Club

Brunch Club started on Saturday 7th September 2024. We open the doors of Crossover between 12 noon and 2.00 pm every Saturday and serve a good quality cooked breakfast to anyone who wants to come in through the doors of the church. We ask for a £1.00 contribution per person.

We typically have 25-30 guests and around 11-12 helpers per session. We have around four people on the catering team at any one Saturday; the remainder are listeners who seek to engage the guests in gentle and welcoming conversation or set out tables and chairs.

Guests talk positively about the quality of the food, the peace and welcome and the opportunity to socialise. Guests are from the street community or from Kingsley Court or are from other parts of Aldershot. We often have guests from Union Yard who are students from the University of the Creative Arts (UCA).

We held a Christmas Day Brunch Club from 1-5pm and it was great to see 20 guests enjoy a full Christmas dinner and time together.

Thank you to all those on the Brunch Club Team for their commitment to this ministry.

Alan Hilliar

Do What Jesus Did

Inspired by a Chicago pastor, Robby Dawkins it was really good to be able to run a second series of DWJD sessions at HT. The things Jesus did are not just for Bible times. They are for today. For everyone. So DWJD provided practical opportunities for those involved.

If you missed the sessions and would like to know more, please make contact.

Pete Hawkins

Aldershot Community Chaplaincy

The running of the group called ‘Wayfarers’ in Crossover continued on Tuesday mornings throughout the year. The team is currently very small but we have a number of regular members of the group who all struggle with long term physical and mental health conditions. The group has now become a close knit and confidential group which greatly values informal time together to share current challenges and to offer mutual support. Nigel Pool still heads up the team.

Jill Gooding has been busy developing the Anna Chaplaincy, taking monthly Holy Communion into two nursing homes and being available for those who would like prayer. Carol singing took place in Harlow Hall and Kingsley Court in December but sadly had to be cancelled last minute at The Orangery. Relationships with the staff and residents at the care homes continues to develop with

many positive and encouraging conversations. The aim for next year is to develop 'Anna Friends' from churches across Aldershot to support and develop this ministry.

George Newton

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Worship Team

2023 The worship team continues to have faithful musicians and singers who serve week by week and we were joined by Mary Keet and Jamie Broadey this year. We also have a fantastic tech team who are always there to support on Sundays and at our rehearsals.

Simon, Shola and myself continue to lead on Sundays at the 11.15 Encounter service. From the start of 2024 we began to see a greater freedom and openness in our corporate times of worship and this has grown through the year. Our main time of worship is usually a response to the preaching of the word and we know, through testimonies, that God uses these times to enable fresh encounters with him.

So, we have much to be thankful for and look forward to see what new and deeper things God will continue to do in and through us as we focus on and draw closer to him.

Janet Bento

Tech Team

The Tech Team has provided audio and visual support throughout the year, with live streaming continuing to provide a valuable opportunity for those unable to join in person, participate in the service live or on catch up.

We started the year with a training session for around 10 people. The tech desk is used throughout the week and of course by the Nepalese Church on Sundays so it was good to increase the number of people who now know how to use the equipment or expand their current knowledge.

We made improvements to the live stream as the sound kept cutting out. A new audio box was installed and we upgraded the software.

It's been great to welcome Chris Smith-Keary to the tech team, that includes Geoff, Phil, Tayo, Gareth, Joe, Michael and Richard. Thank you to each one of you for your support with this key ministry. We are always very open to anyone who would like to join the team. Previous experience is not necessary as training will be given. Why not find out more and see what's involved?

Terry Gardiner

Prayer Tree

Holy Trinity's 'Prayer Tree' is an email group that can send urgent or important prayer requests out to the praying members of HT who choose to be on the Prayer Tree email group.

Anyone who is part of HT can send an email to George, Jill, Gabrielle or Julie which can be forwarded on for prayer to the Prayer Tree members. It can be relating to a personal situation, sickness or challenge or regarding a member of their family etc. (but we do ask that if anyone asks for prayer for someone other than themselves, they have permission from that person). We also ask that the details shared for prayer are not shared wider without the permission of the person asking for prayer.

We believe that prayer really does make a difference and we get many emails back with thanksgiving for answers to their prayers. If you would like to be one of the praying members of the Prayer Tree, do let Julie know and don't forget - you can ask your brothers and sisters at HT to be praying for you at any point.

George Newton

Praying Together

In addition to the main Prayer, Praise & Prophecy (PPP) on a Monday evening, people within the church have been meeting to pray on a regular basis. We meet at different times for half an hour - Tuesday morning at 8am, Wednesday morning at 7am, Thursday evening at 6pm and Sunday evening at 7pm - and different people attend these different meetings. There have been a small group of people who are faithful. We pray for people and situations we know of where there is a need or a desire for God to be at work in that situation - bringing healing, or peace, or a job, or some other sign of the kingdom.

Whereas the PPP is now only an in-person meeting, these other times of prayer are purely on Zoom - log in details are in Hello! It is one of the benefits of Zoom - it is easy to come together for a short time. And God is able to be present across the internet - we have known the presence of the Spirit during these times of prayer. Whether in-person or on Zoom, the point is to pray, because that is what opens us and the situations we pray into to God's power. These Zoom prayer times started during Covid and they continue because I was led to Isaiah 62 verses 6-7 - which talk about the watchmen giving the Lord no rest until he completes his work. That's both a task and a privilege.

I appreciate that these times will not suit everyone, and you may not see yourself as a Watchman, but if this resonates with you and you are free and haven't tried these times, then I would encourage you to have a go. All are welcome.

John Kellagher

Praying Grandparents

In November we launched 'Praying Grandparents'! A new opportunity for grandparents to come together and pray for their grandchildren. We also extended the invitation to those who have a 'surrogate' grandparent's role with nephews and nieces.

We meet in Crossover on the second Monday of every month between 2-3pm. Do speak to me to find out more or just turn up on the day.

Jacquie Kellagher

Prayer, Praise and Prophecy (PPP)

These times of gathering together and before God to give thanks, to intercede and pray as well as to listen to His voice are absolutely crucial to the ongoing ministry of HT. We keep a record of the different prophetic words that are shared, and these are helping form our decisions for the way we plan the future. In these meetings we share vision as well as seek and pray to the Lord.

I do want to thank everyone who chooses to come together to pray (and fast) in these times and I still believe this monthly meeting (usually on the first Monday evening of each month) is the powerhouse of HT. If you haven't yet joined us, please try to make it a priority. However, at the start of the year, instead of the usual PPP we had a half night of prayer which was a fantastic way to start 2024 and we repeated that this year too. I am also glad we have several other times to pray together each week by Zoom. All details are in Hello!

George Newton

Midweek Communion

The Wednesday mid-week communion service has been held most weeks through the year.

Our gathering is a simple communion service using one of the many service cards. Each week the service includes looking at a Bible passage, and we have continued working our way through the Psalms, which we anticipate finishing early 2025.

Numbers have slightly increased, with between 15 and 20 who regularly meet most weeks. Everyone is welcome. If you are available, do come along for the service that lasts about 40 minutes. Thank you to all of you who arrive early to set the room up, it is appreciated.

George Newton

Refresh

Refresh is held every Wednesday at 7.45pm in Crossover. Here the doors are open to everyone for a time to be Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus or perhaps rest in His arms for a while. We meet to worship our Lord and Saviour, to give God our Father praise and thanks and for the Holy Spirit to fill us up to overflowing, so that we can be Martha for the rest of the week.

Words are projected onto the screen for us to follow worship songs and encouraging messages. We have seen healings, heard words and seen pictures as we sing, pray, and receive God's blessing. Listening to His voice during times of silence after drawing close to God in worship is simply amazing and speaking these words out with confidence is a continuous learning process. This is the place to practice.

Once again, every meeting over the past year has been different. We have strangers walk in and rest a while, our own church members drop in and can be overwhelmed by God's love. We have open times for prayer and ministry as God leads us. There is no agenda, no script, but we do have a common purpose and that is to seek Jesus and find out what He wants.

Come and join us, rest a while with us, everyone is welcome.

Steve Roberts

PASTORAL CARE

Holy Trinity continues to be a pastoral church, caring for many people from the elderly to the very young. Pastoral support is very relational - we see many people in the congregation quietly walking alongside others in a caring and supportive way. Women's Hour and small group leaders and others are often there to listen, pray and give in practical ways. The launch of Brunch Club in September has added to the opportunities for pastoral support.

There are various courses in pastoral care available so if anyone is interested, please talk to myself, Jill or Gabrielle.

George Newton

KEY FELLOWSHIPS

Nepali Christian Church Aldershot (NCCA)

We have a close relationship with NCCA and their pastor Laxmi Limbu and other elders. Their main congregation still meets at HT on Sunday afternoons, as well as at their base in Ash Vale and some satellite congregations throughout the week. We have been able to accommodate some of their larger conferences throughout the year and they have been regular users of the baptism pool. Throughout 2024 there has been a group from NCCA praying and worshipping every weekday afternoon at HT.

As a church they are experiencing growth and have needed to buy and store extra chairs at HT to accommodate all that attend on Sundays – Praise God! They are a great support to HT in many ways and in their ministry to the town.

George Newton

Wellspring Aldershot

The Wellspring group (John, Judith, Claire and Tat) continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings to worship together and discuss faith. The 'Progress not Perfection' home group has also continued, meeting monthly both in person and on zoom. The Christians in Wellesley WhatsApp group has grown (currently 16 people), and has been a great way for Christians in Wellesley to stay connected. (e.g. Gabrielle invited them for an afternoon tea in November).

The 'edible Wellesley' group continues to run every fortnight during the growing season, meeting locals who are enjoying learning to grow edible plants. This growing season culminated in a Harvest Thanksgiving led by Gabrielle in October.

The yearly activities including outreach on Halloween night and the Wellesley street nativity were popular, with over 300 people stopping by the Halloween 'pop-up light parties' (refreshments, activities and good news goody bags), around 85 attending the street Nativity (including animals from Mill Cottage farm), and lots of Rushmoor Christmas angels were distributed around Wellesley.

The Wellesley steering group continues to meet, considering the future of mission and ministry in Wellesley, with input from the church leaders from Hope Church, Emmaus Road Church and Holy Trinity Church. (Gabrielle, George, Steve Delves and Matt Davis).

Gabrielle Burns

OPERATIONAL

Church Office

The church office is now a well-established hub at the church; at times it is quiet but on the whole, there is a lot of coming and going as different teams use the space throughout the week and visitors to the church seek information and / or support.

As Parish Operations Administrator (POA) I am continually grateful to many different people who enable the church to function as well as it does. Thank you to all those who serve on the various rotas each month supporting the Sunday services, to Jane Newton who has overseen the car park permits and use of the car park and to Pam Botwright and Ann Marie Chittock who cash up and bank the weekly giving. Thank you to those who take home tea towels to wash, who spontaneously tidy up, set up chairs, take items to the recycling centre, make repairs, help at events and donate to our small but very useful food bank etc. It really is a huge team effort.

The church is now used every day of the week and the introduction of the Brunch Club in September has resulted in the submission of an application to register a food business with Rushmoor Borough Council Environmental Health. Implications include the need for Level 2 Food Hygiene training already undertaken by Richard Bento and Anna Taterek with more to follow in the new year. All users of the kitchen will now need to even be more conscious of cleanliness and procedures regarding food storage.

It was really helpful that Dwayne Ebanks was appointed as a part time Church Cleaner in November. He has catering experience and knows the importance of good cleanliness in a kitchen environment as well as other areas throughout the church.

As well as supporting various teams throughout the church, I have continued to issue regular copies of Hello! and Facebook posts that seem to work well on the communication front. Our website functions well and is a good portal for outside enquirers, although we really need a set of high-quality images illustrating everyday life at Holy Trinity to elevate it to the next level – any photographers out there that could help?

Back in the summer, having received box loads of historic information from Don Payne (former Buildings Manager), Dave Haley (Crossover re development), Chas Savin (former Treasurer), John Pask (former Archivist) and Trisha Haley (Soul Sisters) there was a need to sort and collate the information. An archive has been established. It is basic, but importantly information is now all in one place.

So, it's been another full year! The church building and Galpin Hall are being used more than ever which is great, but it does have a knock-on effect regarding 'wear and tear' of the buildings, pressure on storage space, the need for more volunteers and everyone making sure that visitors are given a genuine and sincere welcome. Lots of challenges but they are good challenges!

Thank you again for all your support. It really is appreciated.

Julie Edwards

Property Maintenance

Over the past two years or so, we have highlighted the need for someone or a team of people who would be willing to contribute to property maintenance, a role previously held by Don Payne, but this has not been forthcoming.

The buildings still need maintaining and so this has in the meantime been taken up by myself as part of my Parish Operations & Administrator role with assistance from George and Jane Newton.

Work that has been undertaken include:

1. **Boilers** – annual servicing and gas safety checks were carried out for both the main church boiler and the one in Crossover. The boiler in 11 Scarletts Road (curates house) has also been serviced.
2. **Electrical** - Including, ongoing replacement of bulbs in the main church, kitchen and toilets. PAT testing of all electrical equipment was undertaken in December.
3. **Guttering** - gutters, downpipes and gullies were cleaned on the main church building in June.
4. **Lightning Protection Test and Inspection** - This was carried out in July.
5. **Fire Alarm Testing & Extinguisher Inspections** – covering both the main church building and Galpin Hall (extinguishers only).
6. **Plumbing** – The hot water heater in Galpin Hall was replaced in July and leaking toilets in Galpin Hall were fixed in December.
7. **Painting & Decorating** – quotes were obtained for interior painting and decorating of 11 Scarletts Road. The work was undertaken in August and new stairway carpet was also fitted.
8. **Fencing** – new fencing panels were installed in the car park area and also in the church garden.

Whilst all of the above work has been carried out by external contractors, we must once again thank Gerald Inglis, who has continued to step up and contribute his many skills to help out with a number of repair jobs throughout the year. Gerald's willingness to address things so promptly has been a huge help to the efficient and safe running of the church buildings.

Decoration of the south aisle wall following repairs due to the roof leak was due to be carried out in 2024 but this has been delayed until 2025 and we will continue to address further matters highlighted in the Quinquennial Report.

We would still like to get more people involved in this ministry. If it is of interest, please do speak to me or George who can explain what is involved.

Julie Edwards

The Galpin Hall – Letting

The main users of Galpin Hall are Deux Chats (pre-school) and Bethany Prayer House, both established regular users of the hall.

The Nepali Christian Church Aldershot (NCCA) uses the hall on Sundays for their children's groups and for occasional special events on other days.

Other users include members of HT who hire the space for one-off family events.

Jean Embelton

I am taking the opportunity to add an extra, important paragraph under Galpin Hall letting as Jean has said that in March 2025 she would like to step back from her role. Jean, you deserve to hand over the baton after around 20 faithful years overseeing nearly 1,000 bookings! We are so grateful for your commitment to this ministry. Thank you so much.

Julie Edwards

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

At a broad level, my vision for this town remains the same: that Christians from HT, along with other churches, are active and visible out in the town and beyond in every network and hub. People that love other people and love Jesus and who are intentionally acting and shining out of that love in ways that people will encounter and notice. My prayer is for transformation in the name of Jesus throughout the town with people being set free and restored. This is a vision that involves all Christians. Areas of intentional focus are i) families, ii) the most vulnerable iii) our parish which is essentially the town centre along with Wellesley and iv) redeveloping our Hall.

With families, Alice is back on maternity leave, but we have a good paid team to cover in Pauline, Caroline and Bianca along with Tallulah as Apprentice. We hope and pray that, as we walk with families and children from birth to age 18 that, in building relationships over time, many will be drawn to Jesus. I still long for many more times that the baptism pool has whole families in together confessing their new faith and commitment.

We hope to be able to invest further in the coming years in the area of youth with an application into the diocese for a Youth Catalyst Trainee to join us for 5-6 years starting in the autumn. Although we are active in many areas of outreach and have two youth groups, up to now we haven't actually done any formal detached youth work, so this could help kickstart that.

As we reach out in the town, we are coming across more and more people who are in a very vulnerable state, many of whom have deep addictions and deep-seated rejection through abusive and neglectful upbringings. We would love to see the Lord break through and set many free from their chains and bondage. We continue to be active in and it is great that the new Brunch Club is running weekly with a brilliant and committed team where many of these folk can come in for a cooked breakfast on Saturday lunchtimes and where we can come alongside to listen to their stories, be with and look to pray and minister to and with them with the longing that there will be miraculous deliverance. Please do be praying for this and consider whether you could be part of that team.

Another area of working with the vulnerable is the Anna Chaplaincy reaching out to care and residential homes in and around Aldershot, starting at Harlow Hall and The Orangery. Could you be an 'Anna Friend'?

Looking to Wellesley, there is a lot of ministry to build on. On the basis that we hope we will be able to extend the loan on the curate's house so that Gabrielle will continue the ministry there, picking up from where Dean left off. If you feel called to be part of that, please let us know. We are considering how we might plant a church there in the next two years with Gabrielle at the helm.

Furthermore, and one specific area from our Church Development Plan, is that we want to move ahead with a full and thorough upgrade of our church hall. It is very eco-unfriendly, as well as being a rather basic and drab building. So, the PCC have been working with a newly formed sub-group under the directives of Geoff Berry and a lot of investigative work has already happened and we are now getting together plans from architects for how we might make the building much more attractive, eco-friendly, as well as upgrading it in terms of its facilities. We have some restricted funds for this and, if we can get a good BREEAM rating, we will apply for certain grants as well as fundraising within the church through Gift Day and otherwise. This will help make the whole site more attractive, give us greater facilities for many of the activities that we run, as well as bringing blessing to the local community.

On top of all that, I am hoping that we will take steps to deepen the links within our diversity and become more truly inter-cultural. We are very much open to suggestions how that can be achieved further and how things could change if needed.

George Newton

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2024

Governance

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The PCC of Holy Trinity Aldershot was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 10th Sept 2009.

Registered number : 1131569

Address : Victoria Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 1SJ

Trustees :

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Reverend George Newton	Chairman
<i>Associate Ministers (NSM):</i>	The Reverend John Kellagher	
	The Reverend Jill Gooding	
<i>Curates:</i>	The Reverend Gabrielle Clarke (from June 24) (becoming Gabrielle Burns)	
	The Reverend Dean Pusey (until July 24)	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Joseph Ebott (From April 24)	
	Colin McArthur (Mac) (until April 24)	
	Michael Howlett (until April 24)	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Michael Howlett (from April 24)	
	Charles Savin (Chas) (until April 24)	
<i>Secretary:</i>	Rachel Welby	
<i>Lay Chair:</i>	Jos Johnston	
	Alan Hilliar	
	Fay Hampshire	
	Geoff Berry	
	Jocelyn King	
	Mike Ashworth	
	Pete Hawkins	
	Phil LeRoux	

General Finances

As you look at the pages of accounts you will appreciate all the work of the treasury team. We are very grateful to Michael Howlett, who is our Treasurer with a wider team including Joe Newton and Tim Gooding.

We have to submit accounts to the Charity Commission as we are formally a charity in our own right and PCC members are Trustees. We are all very indebted for all the work each week behind the scenes, and for all the hours that have gone into preparing the figures in this Annual Statement, which are then submitted for independent examination and then to the Charity Commission.

Obviously, our finances are very important and without the necessary money there is no way we could operate or continue as Holy Trinity. The figures give a very detailed break-down of the finances; let me give a rough thumbnail sketch for simplicity:

Essentially it costs us about £4,000 per week (yes, 'week' not 'month'!) to keep running the church. Very approximately this is spent in three ways in roughly equal amounts:

The first is the Parish Share which goes to the diocese and covers my stipend (salary) and housing along with many diocesan expenses which are primarily to equip churches for fruitful ministry. For 2024 it was about £76,000.

Then we have to pay for bills, heating, lighting, insurance etc. which are significantly higher than our domestic bills (and the massive rise in gas and electric prices in 2022 have had a major effect on our outgoings with contracts at very significantly higher rates than just three years ago). Most of our utilities are now 'green' thanks to Geoff Berry, as is most of our lighting. Part of this expenditure are the ongoing repairs to the building which frequently produces leaks, loses tiles from the roof (or boilers explode), and different parts of which also require pointing and redecorating. Any high-level work requires scaffolding which is expensive. A few years ago we had a quote from our new architect for a shuddering £175,000 for work to the roofs! We hope that won't be necessary but the next quinquennial inspection is not too far off and there are action points to be done soon on the buildings. We have recently discovered we are on the 'At Risk' register of English Heritage.

The third area is spending money on what we are actually about as a church; namely mission, and this includes paying staff salaries and expenses. This covers Julie, Alice (and, in her maternity absence, Pauline and Bianca, as well as paying her maternity pay) and also Nigel (ACC) and Caroline.

Outgoings were up but only as budgeted. Thankfully we are still solvent and having broken even in 2023 we have seen an upturn in our finances in 2024 which demonstrates the amazing generosity of so many at HT. Our reserves are important and need somehow to be maintained against the ever-present likelihood of continued high utility bills, the end of the temporary small government grants and our 140-year-old building requiring even more external repair. Our policy has always been to have a reasonable sum on deposit, but this has been slightly less possible over some recent years.

We choose to give away a tithe (10%) of all our income to God's work further afield, which we believe is biblical and important, and we give several special offerings on top of this. We are grateful for the Outward Giving Sub Committee (OGSC) for their work in organising this part of our giving ministry and arranging the promotion of the organisations we support in the church. Yet we could still spend so much more to continue to make our buildings more user-friendly, attractive, practical and visible (and we have significant plans to thoroughly upgrade our Hall with new roof, exterior cladding and much more) and, of course, on our outreach, worship and nurture.

Practically all our income comes from individual giving (with a little bit from car parking and an occasional small grant but we make no profit from hall rentals), so I want both to thank everyone who gives generously and sacrificially and encourage each of you to renew and consider prayerfully your ongoing financial support. I am aware that nearly half of our membership give in a planned and regular way, working their stewardship with the treasury team (thus by standing order, through Parish Giving or weekly envelopes) and I'm sure others use the collection plate or card machine at the back.

I would especially like to encourage you to consider giving to our Church through the Parish Giving Scheme if you are not doing so. Put simply - all your giving will still come to our Church, but the

Diocese will process the giving, which includes collecting Gift Aid. This will save time and resources for our Church in reducing our administrative burden.

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/aldershot-holy-trinity-aldershot



In terms of giving, any taxpayer not giving already by Gift Aid, or those who would like help in forming a Will or making Legacies are encouraged to ask the Treasury team for advice.

May God continue to bless and reward you richly.

George Newton

On behalf of the PCC.

Treasurer's Report

2024 was a good year for the church financially and, just as in previous years, was testament to the generosity of our members. Most notably, we have received over £100,000 in regular giving. Also of note, our annual Gift Day brought in just over £37,000 and in March when 2 of our members forgave £35,000 of loans.

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All in all, the bottom-line figures show a surplus of just over £38,000. This is very encouraging, and we are very grateful to our many generous donors who have made this possible. In 2025, now that our finances are more comfortable, the PCC has decided to start looking into the possibility of getting a youth worker so we can give more back to you.

Reserves policy

While we have a fairly strong balance sheet, many of these funds are committed as restricted funds for specific purposes.

Our restricted funds are fully covered by money on deposit with most of the remaining funds within that account earmarked for designated funds. At 31 December 2024 we held sufficient General funds to cover two months' operating costs, in accordance with the Diocese recommendations.

Risk

The PCC review all risks affecting the church building, its environment and its people on an on-going basis, and take appropriate measures to reduce any perceived risks as far as is possible.

Before any outside activity, usually connected with youth work, a risk assessment is carried out and the PCC notified in advance.

Continuing Operations

None of the Charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the last two financial years.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

The Trust has no recognised gains or losses other than the movement in funds specified in this report for the last two financial years.

Michael Howlett

A full set of accounts is available upon request.

Please contact Julie Edwards, Parish Operations & Administration on Julie.htca@gmail.com

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME					
INCOME FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
Donations & Legacies	2a	218,963	10,789	229,752	160,757
Other trading activities	2b	21,212	632	21,844	27,333
Investment income	2c	10,697	0	10,697	9,659
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Church activities	2d	1,283		1,283	1,942
OTHER INCOME	2e	251	4,694	4,945	10,117
TOTAL INCOME		252,406	16,115	268,521	209,808
EXPENDITURE					
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b	0		0	0
Fundraising costs	3c	5,709	0	5,709	5,956
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: COSTS OF GOODS SOLD & OTHER COSTS					
Costs of church activities	3a	198,096	26,326	224,422	200,929
GOVERNANCE COSTS	3d	390		390	390
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		204,195	26,326	230,521	207,275
Net income before other recognised gains & transfers					
		48,211	(10,211)	38,000	2,533
Other recognised gains:					
		0		0	0
Net income before transfers		48,211	(10,211)	38,000	2,533
Transfers	4	(4,995)	4,995		
Net Movement in funds for the year		43,216	(5,216)	38,000	2,533
Total funds brought forward					
		234,924	79,089	314,013	311,480
Total funds carried forward					
	12	278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	430,573		430,573	432,322
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		430,573	0	430,573	432,322
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	42,954		42,954	29,956
Short term bank deposit		125,464	75,216	200,680	199,837
Pre-paid debit cards		846		846	3,262
Cash at bank & in hand		40,856		40,856	38,240
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		210,120	75,216	285,336	271,294
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(362,554)	(1,343)	(363,896)	(389,603)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(152,434)	73,874	(78,560)	(118,309)
Total assets less current liabilities		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013
TOTAL NET ASSETS		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013
PARISH FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		73,874	73,874	79,089
General fund		126,039		126,039	106,880
Designated funds	12	152,101		152,101	128,044
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

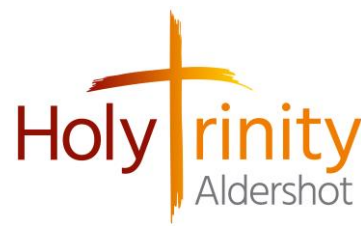
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The Reverend G.P.H Newton (Chairman)

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M Howlett (Treasurer)

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Cash generated from operating activities (note 13)	(9,653)	(20,549)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest income	10,697	9,659
Proceeds from sale of freehold property		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		
Cash used in investing activities	10,697	9,659
Cash flows from financing activities		
Receipt of borrowings		
Repayment of borrowings		
Cash provided by financing activities	0	0
Increase (decrease) in cash & equivalents in the year	1,044	(10,890)
Total cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	241,338	252,228
Total cash & cash equivalents at the end of the year	242,382	241,338



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year to 31 December 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the general membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, ordained ministers licenced to the Parish, one reader, the treasurer and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services regularly and are baptised, are encouraged to become full members of the congregation and to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how PCC funds are to be spent.

The full PCC met six times during the year, with an average level of attendance of 70%. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include fabric and mission support, are all responsible to the PCC, and their deliberations and decisions are reported back to the PCC and discussed as necessary.

Aims and purposes

Holy Trinity PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend George Newton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building of Holy Trinity Aldershot.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of Holy Trinity Aldershot.

Achievements and performance

Holy Trinity's Annual Report lists all of the main groups that use the Church, the activities that take place and various highlights from 2024. A copy is attached to the end of this report so please see that for further details.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance Public benefit: running a charity (PB2). The achievements and activities within this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the Charity's activities.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources of the Charity are donations from church members and the Gift Aid tax recoverable as well as rental income from the church hall.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

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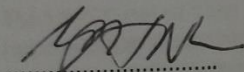
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Approved by the PCC on 21 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
The Reverend G.P.H. Newton
(Chairman)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Holy Trinity Church for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

We report in respect of our examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of the 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 statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME					
INCOME FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
Donations & Legacies	2a	218,963	10,789	229,752	160,757
Other trading activities	2b	21,212	632	21,844	27,333
Investment income	2c	10,697	0	10,697	9,659
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Church activities	2d	1,283		1,283	1,942
OTHER INCOME	2e	251	4,694	4,945	10,117
TOTAL INCOME		252,406	16,115	268,521	209,808
EXPENDITURE					
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Cost of generating voluntary income	3b	0		0	0
Fundraising costs	3c	5,709	0	5,709	5,956
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: COSTS OF GOODS SOLD & OTHER COSTS					
Costs of church activities	3a	198,096	26,326	224,422	200,929
GOVERNANCE COSTS	3d	390		390	390
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		204,195	26,326	230,521	207,275
Net income before other recognised gains & transfers					
		48,211	(10,211)	38,000	2,533
Other recognised gains:					
		0		0	0
Net income before transfers		48,211	(10,211)	38,000	2,533
Transfers	4	(4,995)	4,995		
Net Movement in funds for the year		43,216	(5,216)	38,000	2,533
Total funds brought forward					
		234,924	79,089	314,013	311,480
Total funds carried forward	12	278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013

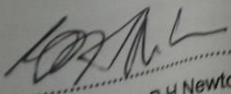
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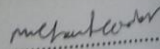
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets					432,322
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	6	430,573		430,573	432,322
		430,573	0	430,573	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors					29,956
Short term bank deposit	7	42,954		42,954	199,837
Pre-paid debit cards		125,464	75,216	200,680	3,262
Cash at bank & in hand		846		846	38,240
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		40,856		40,856	271,294
		210,120	75,216	285,336	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(362,554)	(1,343)	(363,896)	(389,603)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(152,434)	73,874	(78,560)	(118,309)
Total assets less current liabilities		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013
TOTAL NET ASSETS		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013
PARISH FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		73,874	73,874	79,089
General fund		126,039		126,039	106,880
Designated funds	12	152,101		152,101	128,044
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		278,140	73,874	352,013	314,013

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


The Reverend G.P.H. Newton (Chairman)


M Howlett (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Cash generated from operating activities (note 13)	(9,653)	(20,549)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest income	10,697	9,659
Proceeds from sale of freehold property		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		
Cash used in investing activities	<u>10,697</u>	<u>9,659</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Receipt of borrowings		
Repayment of borrowings		
Cash provided by financing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash & equivalents in the year	<u>1,044</u>	<u>(10,890)</u>
Total cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	241,338	252,228
Total cash & cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>242,382</u></u>	<u><u>241,338</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the Financial Statements are as follows:

1a Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard available in the UK & Republic of Ireland.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds, which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the PCC for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure, and these restrictions are imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

1c Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received. Gift Aid Tax refunds are recognised and included in the same financial period as the underlying donations which give rise to the refund. Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due. All other income is generally accounted for when receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross, before any outgoings, unless the amount involved is not significant.

Amounts received specifically for mission partners are dealt with as creditors.

1d Expenditure & irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs represent those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and regulatory requirements of the Church, and include any independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the church.

1e Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available, and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice property, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities, and separately disclosed where significant.

The freehold property which is used to house a curate is valued at cost, and is not depreciated.

Equipment within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items costing less than £1,000 are written off to expenditure when acquired.

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1f Pension Contributions

Holy Trinity Church makes pension contributions into a money purchase scheme on behalf of certain members of staff. These contributions are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due for payment.

1g Volunteer Help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustee's Annual Report.

2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
2a Donations and Legacies				
Planned giving:				
Members' donations	99,864	6,689	106,553	85,801
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	28,786		28,786	21,930
Collections (open plate)	7,246		7,246	8,789
Gift day	37,067		37,067	38,074
Other donations & appeals	11,000	4,100	15,100	6,163
Legacies and bequests	35,000		35,000	0
	218,963	10,789	229,752	160,757
2b Other trading activities				
Church hall lettings	14,122		14,122	23,055
Car park lettings	7,090		7,090	4,279
Brunch club		632	632	0
	21,212	632	21,844	27,333
2c Income from investments				
Dividends & interest received	10,697		10,697	9,659
	10,697	0	10,697	9,659
2d Income from church activities				
PCC Fees	1,283		1,283	1,942
	1,283	0	1,283	1,942
2e Other incoming resources				
Insurance & legal claims	0		0	2,173
Contributions for activities	251	4,694	4,945	7,944
	251	4,694	4,945	10,117
<u>Total incoming resources</u>	252,406	16,115	268,521	209,808

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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a Church activities				
Missionary & charitable giving:				
Annual tithe	24,584	200	24,784	18,602
Other donations		2,912	2,912	1,700
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	76,282		76,282	73,525
PCC Fees	704		704	1,482
Clergy expenses	2,210		2,210	1,001
Outreach	672	234	906	138
Brunch club		2,613	2,613	0
Church plant	22		22	0
Children's Ministry	24,497	6,775	31,273	25,737
Parish Operations Administrator	20,523		20,523	19,482
Aldershot Centre for Health Chaplaincy	638	2,655	3,293	3,156
Soul Sisters		4,559	4,559	5,340
J Men Outreach			0	0
Trinity Tots	450	180	630	233
Youth Work	1,570		1,570	1,844
Church running expenses:				
Electricity, gas, water etc.	9,159		9,159	12,107
Insurance	5,295		5,295	5,061
Church interior repairs	347		347	0
External building work	1,069		1,069	132
Cleaner and expenses	3,407		3,407	3,238
Flowers	0		0	0
Other church expenses	1,647		1,647	111
Galpin Hall Redevelopment		2,607	2,607	7,178
Curate's house running expenses	6,243		6,243	1,863
Worship & technical equipment	2,254		2,254	554
Website maintenance and IT costs	451	108	559	1,166
General equipment maintenance	1,154		1,154	1,880
Other service costs	321		321	1,645
Printing, stationery, postage, copier & publicity	1,752		1,752	1,997
Literature	49		49	508
Training	1,912		1,912	633
Telephone	770		770	762
Travel	12		12	671
Church social & event catering	2,405		2,405	2,258
Miscellaneous	1,439		1,439	557
Grounds & garden	1,452		1,452	523
Eco-church	1,031	1,072	2,103	223
Benevolence payments	0	2,410	2,410	1,501
Gifts	0		0	339
Accountancy / Banking charges	2,026		2,026	2,032
Depreciation of fixed assets (note 6)	1,749		1,749	1,748
Unclaimable Gift Aid	0		0	0
	198,096	26,326	224,422	200,929
3b Cost of generating voluntary income				
	0		0	0
	0		0	0
3c Fundraising costs				
Hall running expenses:				
Rates, electricity, water etc.	4,642		4,642	4,467
Insurance	966		966	1,055
Repairs & maintenance	75		75	3
Sundries	26		26	431
Car parking / grounds	0		0	0
	5,709	0	5,709	5,956
3d Governance costs				
Independent examination	390		390	390
<u>Total resources expended</u>	204,195	26,326	230,521	207,275

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4 Transfers

	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Unrestricted Total	Restricted Funds	Reason
Member Support Fund	750		750	(1,150)	Founder request
Children's Ministry Fund				400	
U5 worker	(897)		(897)	897	raise fund to 0
Health centre chaplaincy	(4,848)		(4,848)	4,848	
Galpin Hall Redevelopment	<u>(14,827)</u>	<u>14,827</u>	<u></u>		Gift day
Total transfers	<u>(19,822)</u>	<u>14,827</u>	<u>(4,995)</u>	<u>4,995</u>	

5 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salaries	54,721	47,727
National Insurance (Employer's contributions)	0	0
Pension costs	1,277	1,361
Totals	<u>55,997</u>	<u>49,087</u>

During the previous year the PCC employed a full-time Children & Families Minister, a part-time Parish Operations Administrator, a part time cleaner, a part-time Team Leader for the Health Centre Chaplaincy and an Under 5s Worker throughout the year.

Members of the PCC receive no remuneration or expense allowances for their services as PCC members.

During the year the average number of employees was 6 (2023 = 6).

No employees received employee benefit (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

6 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Cost at 1 January 2024	430,573	30,637	461,211
Cost at 31 December 2024	<u>430,573</u>	<u>30,637</u>	<u>461,211</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024		28,889	27,140
Charge for year		1,749	1,749
At 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>30,637</u>	<u>30,637</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>430,573</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>430,573</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>430,573</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>432,322</u>

All fixed assets are unrestricted.

The freehold building is a curate's house in Aldershot, Hampshire.

7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid Tax and GASDS receivable	38,126	19,364
Statutory Maternity Pay	2,028	7,218
Deposit fund interest	2,400	2,680
Sundry debtors	0	294
Prepayments	400	400
	<u>42,954</u>	<u>29,956</u>

Holy Trinity Church had not yet received the Gift Aid return for 2024 or Q4 2023. The debtor shown above as at 31st December 2024 relates to Gift Aid accrued during that period and GASDS accrued since the start of the current tax year. The treasurer has since submitted the Gift Aid return and the monies have been received.

The Statutory Maternity Pay recovery relates to the Children's & Families' Minister who took maternity leave between 18th March and 15th December 2023.

Deposit fund interest comes from their Q4 interest being paid just after year end. Counting it as a debt is the best way to handle this from an accounting perspective

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8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balances due to missions supported (note 11)	27,284	18,817
Social Security and other taxes	0	0
Creditors for goods & services	2,862	1,951
Deferred income	0	86
Long-term loan (see below)	333,750	368,750
	<u>363,896</u>	<u>389,603</u>

A property was acquired in Scarletts Road, Aldershot in August 2021 to house the curate. The purchase was funded through loans raised from the congregation, which do not accrue interest. Repayment of these loans is due when the property is sold and by 30th September 2025 at the latest; however the loans are recognised as current liabilities as the lenders also have the right to request repayment at any time upon giving 4 months' notice.

9 Financial commitments

The PCC is committed to Children & Families workers at a cost of approximately £30,000 per annum as well as a Parish Operations Administrator at approximately £20,000 per annum. These staff members were in employment on 31st December 2024.

10 Trustee Benefits

During 2024 there were two PCC Trustees who drew benefit from the charity:

Our Curate, Dean Pusey, for whom the PCC provided a house until August. In addition the PCC covered housing costs which amounted to £838.82.

Our Curate, Gabrielle, for whom the PCC provided a house from August. In addition, the PCC covered housing costs which amounted to £1019.52 and paid £800 for rent for the 2 months between curacy start and the house being available.

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11 OUTWARD GIVING

11a Mission support

	Held at 1 January 2024	Donations redistributed	Annual Tithe	Donations sent	Held at 31 December 2024
Abraham Shrestha	1,710		2,358	1,710	2,358
Angel Tree	20	250		270	0
Anwer Shah	100				100
Ben & Esther Brown (MAF)	1,710		2,358		4,069
Bible Society	1,710		2,358	1,710	2,358
Christian Legal Centre	300	310		300	310
CU of Farnham university			100	100	0
Church Army	1,710	-1,710			0
Church Pastoral Aid Society	1,710		2,358	1,710	2,358
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	2,020		2,358	2,020	2,358
Church's Ministry among Jewish People	1,910	200	2,358	1,910	2,558
Debs Wignall	30				30
Elam ministries		250			250
Evangelical alliance			250	250	0
The Grub hub			100		100
India Ministries	1,710		2,358	1,710	2,358
Int. Nepal Fellowship	200	250		200	250
Mosaic Middle East			200		200
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice	72			72	0
Samaritans Purse			200		200
The Source	1,782	250	2,358	2,032	2,358
Tear Fund	2,020	200	2,358	2,220	2,358
Triangle book shop			150		150
The Vine	100			100	0
To be confirmed			2,358		2,358
Women without Roofs			200		200
	18,817	0	24,584	16,316	27,284

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11b Tithe calculation

Open Plate	7,245.93
Member Donations	71,045.91
Less Wellspring donations	-285.00
Parish Giving Scheme	24,753.08
Other Donations	8,367.43
Gift Aid and GASDS	28,786.11
Bequest	35,000.00
Grants (non-specific)	11,000.00
Less:	
Macedonian Fund	-1,922.07
Gift Day	37,067.06
Bank Interest	10,697.41
Hall Rents	14,122.00
Less Hall costs	-5,708.67
Car Parking	7,090.00
PCC Fees	579.00
 Total Tithable Income	<hr/> 247,838.19
 Tithe at 10%	 24,783.82
 Less gifts authorised by OGSC during the year:	
Evangelical alliance	(250)
Mosaic Middle East	(200)
Samaritans Purse	(200)
Women without Roofs	(200)
CU of Farnham university	(100)
Grub hub	(100)
Triangle book shop	(150)
 Balance to distribute	<hr/> 23,583.80
 Balance distributed as follows:	
Bible Society	2,358.38
Ben & Esther Brown (MAF)	2,358.38
CPAS	2,358.38
CSW	2,358.38
CMJ	2,358.38
Nepal	2,358.38
India	2,358.38
The Source	2,358.38
Tear Fund	2,358.38
to be confirmed	<hr/> 2,358.38
	23,583.80

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12 Movements in internal funds

	General Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds		Total Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Closing Balance
	£	£ Out	£ In	£	£ Out	£ In	
<u>Brunch Club</u>							
Brought forward							
Grants received						4,100	
Income						632	
Expenditure					2,613		
Carried forward							2,119
<u>Church building fund</u>							
Brought forward						4,871	
Carried forward							4,871
<u>Children's Ministry</u>							
Brought forward						610	
Donations received						570	
Transfers from Member Support fund						400	
Expenditure					17		
Carried forward							1,563
<u>Trinity Tots (formerly Contact)</u>							
Brought forward						797	
Purchases					180		
Carried forward							617
<u>Eco-Church</u>							
Brought forward			4,609			1,047	
Donations received						25	
Goods purchased		749			1,072		
Carried forward			3,860			0	3,860
<u>Every day with Jesus (AKA Bible reading notes)</u>							
Brought forward						31	
Carried forward							31
<u>New hall fund</u>							
Brought forward			123,436			46,465	
Galpin Hall redevelopment project costs					2,607		
Gift Day 2024 (recorded as transfer)			14,827				
Carried forward			138,263			43,858	182,120
<u>Centre for Health Chaplaincy</u>							
Brought forward						0	
Team leader remuneration					2,655		
Fund transfer						4,848	
Carried forward							2,193
<u>J-Men fund</u>							
Brought forward						107	
Carried forward							107
<u>Macedonian fund</u>							
Brought forward						10,557	
Benevolence payments					1,922		
Carried forward						8,635	8,635
<u>Member Support fund</u>							
Brought forward						1,440	
Transfers to Children's Ministry fund					400		
Transfers to General					750		
For members					250		
Carried forward							40
<u>Total movement in funds</u>		749	14,827		12,466	10,575	206,157

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12 Movements in funds (cont.)

	Unrestricted		Total	Restricted Funds		Closing
	General	Designated Funds	Unrestricted			Balance
	Funds		Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£	
		Out	In	Out	In	
Totals from previous page		749	14,827	12,466	10,575	206,157
<u>Church plant</u>						
Brought forward			0			
From diocese			10,000			
Expenditure		22				
Carried forward						9,978
<u>Soul Sisters</u>						
Brought forward					546	
Contributions to activities					4,694	
Soul Sisters Weekend 2024				4,559		
Donation				200		
Carried forward						481
<u>Under 5s Worker</u>						
Brought forward					53	
Member donations					5,809	
Under 5s Worker remuneration				6,759		
Transfer from general					897	
Carried forward						0
<u>Wellspring - General</u>						
Brought forward					12376	
Donations received					285	
Outward donations				3,150		
General expenses				342		
Carried forward						9,168
<u>Wellspring - Community Café</u>						
Brought forward					190	
Carried forward						190
Total movement in funds		771	24,827	27,476	22,260	225,974

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12 Movements in funds (cont.)

	General Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds		Total Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
		Out	In		Out	In	
Totals from previous page		771	24,827		27,476	22,260	

<u>General & all funds</u>	General	Designated Funds		Unrestricted Total	Restricted		Grand Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
		Out	In		Out	In	
Brought forward	106,880		128,044	234,924		79,089	314,013
Transactions from above, as appropriate:							
Incoming resources (ex-transfers)	242,406		10,000	252,406		16,115	268,521
Outgoing resources (ex-transfers)	(203,425)	(771)		(204,195)	(26,326)		(230,521)
Transfers	(19,822)	14,827		(4,995)	(1,150)	6,145	
Carried forward	126,039		152,101	278,140		73,874	352,013
Revaluation reserve							
Total internal funds				278,140		73,874	352,013

13 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income before other recognised gains & transfers for the year	38,000	2,533
Add back depreciation charge	1,749	1,748
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(10,697)	(9,659)
Decrease in debtors	(12,998)	(11,109)
(Decrease) in creditors	(25,707)	(4,063)
Deduct: gain on sale of property generation		
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>(9,653)</u>	<u>(20,549)</u>

Analysis of cash & cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank current account / cash in hand	40,856	38,240
Pre-paid debit cards	846	3,262
Church of England Deposit account	200,680	199,837
	<u>242,382</u>	<u>241,338</u>