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HOLY TRINITY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, STEVENAGE

including the churches of Holy Trinity and Christ the King

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

and

FINANCIAL REVIEW

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Registered Charity No. 1131873

Holy Trinity Church, Stevenage
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Aim and purposes

The charitable purpose of Holy Trinity's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the PCC is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, in co-operation with the Vicar, in the geographical, ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition, the PCC has responsibility to the Anglican Congregation at the Church of Christ the King Local Ecumenical Project located within the parish at Filey Close, Symonds Green, Stevenage (currently the sole congregation there, as there are no ecumenical partners at present), and maintenance responsibilities for the Church buildings and Churchyard of Holy Trinity, High Street, Stevenage, and the house at 413 Scarborough Avenue, Stevenage.

Objectives and activities

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church') are primarily focused on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. The PCC works to enable the church to play its part in Christian mission to the world; to co-operate with the vicar in sharing leadership; to care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church's ministry and mission; to ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments; and to be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally.

Using the language on the gov.uk site: we provide and maintain a place of worship, generally advance the Christian religion, educate people about the religion, provide pastoral care and outreach, and support missionary and evangelical activities. We provide buildings / facilities / open space (as mentioned above – the church, churchyard, and house), provide services (community activities to combat social isolation, see Pastoral Care below), and make grants to organisations (giving a portion of our planned income to other charities). We help adherents of the Christian religion, but also the general public, especially people living within our geographical parish, including children and the elderly, and we make small grants to other charities or voluntary bodies.

In addition, the PCC's activities as listed below have further public benefits; for example, teaching and taking assemblies offer advancement of education which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. Donations to other charities and our own projects provide public benefits in the relief of poverty, need, and social isolation, whether within or outside the ecclesiastical parish, often for minority groups with particular needs such as the elderly. Moreover, as a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the PCC has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage, maintenance of which is undertaken by the PCC.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

This PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Morning and Evening Prayer provide the opportunity to hear and reflect upon a number of Scripture passages read by and within a small gathering, whilst our Eucharists engage the senses more widely, with the provision of Communion. We provide a range of music on Sunday mornings, with a leaning toward the more traditional styles of hymn at Holy Trinity, and a mix of contemporary choruses with traditional hymns at Church of Christ the King. Almost all of our corporate worship is accessible by internet &/or telephone for those who are house-bound or continue to shield.

We continue to offer an 8 am Eucharist, currently once a month, without hymns, for those who prefer a quieter, earlier service, with less variation in the liturgy.

The PCC continues to seek ways in which to involve young families in the life of the church, inviting baptism families to Sunday worship, and providing material for the very young alongside the traditional sermon.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Pastoral Care

The PCC and church more widely identified the lonely as a priority group for outreach, desiring to combat social isolation. We resumed the monthly Friendship Cafe as well as a Coffee, Craft & Chat drop in at Christ the King. At Holy Trinity the Art Club has resumed as a drop-in space for anyone but especially the lonely and vulnerable. In turn, some Art Club members enhance the worship life of our church with original artwork. The Holy Trinity Parish Rooms continue (albeit on much reduced in number following the COVID restrictions) to serve as a regular meetings venue for a number of community groups including the Old Town Toddlers and Rainbow Guides.

The post-COVID resumption of daytime open church policy (currently Monday – Thursday) permits casual visitors to the church to find a quiet place for prayer and reflection. Votive candles are made available free of charge.

A Pastoral Care group meets regularly to consider the needs of those in the parish unable to attend church due to sickness or infirmity. Home Communion is taken to the house-bound, as requested.

The Parish Magazine "Crozier" continues to receive favourable comment and support both within and beyond the parish family.

Mission and Evangelism

During the year, the PCC felt able to support the religious educational needs of school children via the Bridgebuilders group in Stevenage. An ongoing commitment is in place to support the pioneer mission work of the Oak Church in Stevenage which seeks to engage with the young people of the town.

Ecumenical Relationships

The parish belongs to Churches Together in Stevenage.

Church attendance

There are 124 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 53 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance has been over 60 adults, including some connecting via Zoom or telephone (plus others who now view services via YouTube, which cannot be accurately counted).

Financial Review

Activities took place which collectively raised £2,769.00.

COVID implications continue to reflect reduced Planned Christian Giving via our Stewardship Envelopes scheme and by bank standing order. Combined total of envelopes and standing orders is £56,016 (£57,783 in 2021, £60,300 in 2020). A review of Planned Christian Giving will take place in 2023.

£65,042 was spent in meeting our commitment to supporting the Christian ministry at Holy Trinity and Christ the King as well as our obligations to St Albans Diocese, Stevenage Deanery and Churches Together in Stevenage.

A combination of generous donations, fundraising activities and extraordinary receipts amounting to £23,175 during the year has resulted in a net surplus of income over expenditure of £13,396.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It has been our policy to invest our funds balances over and above those needed to maintain three months' payment cover, as well as a positive cash flow position, at our bank with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Volunteers

We continue to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches lively, welcoming and vibrant communities. In particular, we want to mention Lee Slater and Elaine Hawkes who, although having stood down from their positions as Church wardens, have continued to perform many of the warden functions pending the election of replacements, as well as Deputy Warden Sue Benford, and those who support them on a week-by-week basis. We give thanks for the election of Mary Barton to the role of Church warden at the end of the year. We also continue to thank all the other members of the PCC and its sub-committees for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running. We have been greatly blessed by the support given during the year to the ministry in the parish by the Rev'd Andy Thomas (self-supporting), Readers: Anne Price, Clive Bell and Keith Battarbee and Lay Leader of Worship Glynis Ireton, who also serves as sacristan to Holy Trinity.

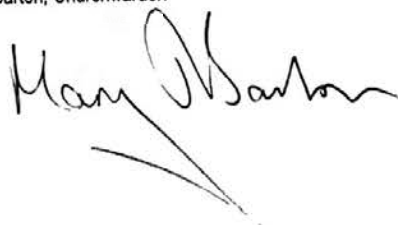
Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC met 7 times in 2022. This included one meeting immediately after the APCM for the purpose of appointing officers of the PCC, and one meeting which was devoted solely to discussing and formulating our Mission Action Plan. The average attendance was 64%.


John Morgan, Bookkeeper

Mary Barton, Churchwarden


Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in the High Street, Stevenage. It is part of the Diocese of St Albans within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 18 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 3JD.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity

PCC Members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

Vicar	Rev'd Dr Ruth Carroll (PCC Chairman)	
Self-Supporting Associate Minister:	Rev'd Andy Thomas	
Reader:	Mrs Anne Price	Until 21/07/2022
Reader:	Mr Clive Bell	
Reader:	Mr Keith Battarbee	
Wardens:	Mrs Elaine Hawkes	Until 31/07/2022
	Mr Lee Slater	Until 31/07/2022
	Mrs Mary Barton	w.e.f. 11/12/2022
Deputy Warden:	Mrs Sue Benford	

Elected Members:

Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Mr Lee Slater
	Mrs Glynis Ireton
	Mrs Suzanne Sandry

Parish Representatives

Mrs Janice Apthorpe	
Ms Rebecca Birch	
Mrs Karen Cattell	w.e.f. 20/03/2022
Mrs Susan Fisher	w.e.f. 20/03/2022
Mr Ian Hamilton	
Mrs Nancy Handscombe	w.e.f. 20/03/2022
Mrs Diane Hanlon	
Mr Clive Hearmon	Until 20/03/2022
Mr Francis Nartey	
Mrs Val Piesse	
Mrs Sheila Soothill	
Mr Geoff Withers	Until 4 February 2022

PCC Secretary

Mrs Janice Apthorpe

Approved by the PCC on 7th February 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Dr Ruth Carroll (PCC Chairman)



Signed 9 March 2023

after independent examination

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Stevenage
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	68,478	-	-	68,478	70,881
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	24,416	-	-	24,416	14,213
Income from investments	2(c)	6	-	-	6	0
Church activities	2(d)	13,297	470	-	13,767	9,095
Other incoming resources	2(e)	19,118	-	-	19,118	9,307
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		125,317	470	-	125,787	103,495
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3(a)	109,330	470	-	109,800	102,361
Cost of generation of voluntary income	3(b)	2,501	-	-	2,501	1,220
Fund-raising trading costs	3(c)	158	-	-	158	17
Governance costs	3(d)	-	-	-	-	144
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3(e)	111,989	470	-	112,459	103,743
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		13,328	-	-	13,328	- 247
Gains on investment assets:						
on disposal		-	-	-	-	-
on revaluation		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		13,328	-	-	13,328	- 247
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2022		9,793	-	-	9,793	10,040
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2022		23,120	-	-	23,120	9,793

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Stevenage
Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5	19,000	19,000
Investments		-	-
		19,000	19,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		197	200
Debtors	6	1,747	3,601
Short term deposits		498	491
Cash at bank and in hand		23,559	9,135
		26,000	13,427
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	3,775	4,530
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		22,226	8,897
Total assets less current liabilities		22,226	8,897
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	10	10
TOTAL NET ASSETS		22,216	8,887

PARISH FUNDS

Unrestricted
Restricted
Endowment

8

22,166

50

-

22,216

8,838

50

-

8,888

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on **9th / MARCH** /2023 and signed on its behalf by

The Rev'd Dr Ruth Carroll (PCC Chairman)

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis. There is currently only one restricted fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes but maybe identified for PCC designated purposes within the accounts.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable and is accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. All such assets have been previously written off under this programme.

The curate's house is held on a value linked loan with the Church Commissioners. All risks associated with the asset value of ownership belong to them and therefore it is not included in these accounts.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. All such assets have been previously written off under this programme.

No investments have been made beyond the short term deposits with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund shown.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Voluntary Income						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aid donations		47,582	-	-	47,582	49,392
Tax Recoverable		8,434	-	-	8,434	13,098
Other		12,462	-	-	12,462	8,391
	2(a)	68,478	-	-	68,478	70,881
Activities for generating funds						
Collections (open plate)	9(a)	5,877	-	-	5,877	2,681
Donations, appeals, etc.	9(b)	13,982	-	-	13,982	9,220
Fund-raising	9(c)	2,769	-	-	2,769	650
Messy Church		-	-	-	0	-
Crozier Magazine		1,789	-	-	1,789	1,661
	2(b)	24,416	-	-	24,416	14,213
Income from Investments						
CBF of Church of England Deposit Interest		6	-	-	6	0
	2(c)	6	-	-	6	0
Income from church activities						
Church hall lettings		2,760	-	-	2,760	1,160
Fees		5,769	-	-	5,769	4,834
Parish Breakfast		790	-	-	790	218
Traidcraft Stall		87	-	-	87	45
Other	9(d)	3,892	470	-	4,362	2,838
<i>Sub-Total</i>	2(d)	13,297	470	-	13,767	9,095
413 Scarborough Avenue letting		7,200	-	-	7,200	7,200
413 Scarborough Avenue utilities/maintenance		4,107	-	-	4,107	1,299
Extraordinary Income	9(e)	7,811	-	-	7,811	808
<i>Sub-Total</i>	2(e)	19,118	-	-	19,118	9,307
Total incoming resources		125,317	470	-	125,787	103,495

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Church activities				2022	2021
Missionary and charitable giving					
Overseas:					
Familia Moja	-	-	-	-	2,628
Bishop's Harvest Appeal - D.R. of Congo	-	-	-	-	185
SCIMP	25	-	-	25	-
Sub-Total	25	-	-	25	2,813
Home:					
Abbeyfield	-	-	-	-	30
Age UK	-	-	-	-	76
Alzheimers Society	231	-	-	231	-
Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust	425	-	-	425	330
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	54	-	-	54	-
Bridgebuilders	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
Friends of Holy Trinity	-	-	-	-	175
Letchmore Infant' & Nursery School	91	-	-	91	-
Mayor's Fund	143	-	-	143	-
St Albans Diocesan Ordinands Fund	83	-	-	83	68
Stroke Association	226	-	-	226	-
The Haven	9	-	-	9	-
The Oak Church	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
The Children's Society	100	-	-	100	-
Total Charitable Giving	4,387	-	-	4,387	6,493
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	64,742	-	-	64,742	64,805
Wider Church: JCC/Deanery/CTiS	300	-	-	300	1,445
Sub-Total	65,042	-	-	65,042	66,250

Other ministry costs	9(f)	13,825	-	-	13,825	12,698
Church running and maintenance	9(g)	8,206	-	-	8,206	7,378
Church Utilities	9(g)	2,965	-	-	2,965	2,289
Parish magazine costs		1,789	-	-	1,789	478
Printing and stationery	9(h)	991	-	-	991	773
Major renovations/repairs		-	-	-	0	-
Extraordinary expenditure	9(j)	5,873	-	-	5,873	317
Wages and Salaries	4(a)9(k)	6,723	-	-	6,723	5,684
	3(a)	109,800	-	-	109,800	102,361

Fund raising costs

100 Club		2,096	-	-	2,096	1,080
Parish Breakfast		61	-	-	61	6
Other		343	-	-	343	134
<i>Sub-Total</i>	3(b)	2,501	-	-	2,501	1,220

Traidcraft		158	-	-	158.45	17
<i>Sub-Total</i>	3(c)	158	-	-	158	17

Governance Costs	9(i)	-	-	-	-	144
<i>Sub-Total</i>	3(d)	-	-	-	-	144

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3(e)	112,459	-	-	112,459	103,743
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4. STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries	4(a)	6,723	-	-	6,723	5,684
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During the year the PCC employed a parish secretary and administrator, grass cutter and two church cleaners (all part time) but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs. Other similarly small payment of fees were paid in respect of occasional duties performed by vergers, relief organists and sexton.

Together these employees equate to less than one full time employee.

Payments to PCC members 4(b)

Payments in respect of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC have been paid to PCC members: Rev'd Dr Ruth Carroll; Janice Apthorpe, Clive Bell; Anne Price; Lee Slater; Elaine Hawkes; Diane Hanlon; Keith Battarbee; Glynis Ireton; Sue Benford

A salary has been paid to Janice Apthorpe in her role as Parish Secretary

Fee payments have been made to associates of PCC Members: Geoff Withers

100 Club prizes have been paid to, or associates of, PCC Members: Karen Cattell; Diane Hanlon; Elaine Hawkes

5. FIXED ASSETS

With effect from 1 July 2011, the Church Commissioners have awarded the PCC a small share in the equity of the Curate's House at 413 Scarborough Avenue, Stevenage in recognition of improvements made to the property by the PCC.

Estimated value of property = £290,000

Equity Share = 6.57534% which approximates to £19,000

6. DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and accrued interest	1,747	3601

7. LIABILITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due in one year (unrestricted funds)	3,775	824
Accruals for utility and other costs	-	-
Other creditors	10	10
	<u>3,785</u>	<u>834</u>

8. FUNDS

Designated funds have accumulated over time and represent funds that have been set aside for various purposes. The amounts remain held accounted as such unless, or until, the PCC determines that payments be made from them.

Designated Fund movements

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Balance as at 1 January 2022	10,697
Incoming resources	32,669
Resources expended	-30,283
Balance at 31 December 2022	13,083

9. ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THE PARISH

9(a) Collections (open plate)

2022

2021

General Plate	£ 4,671	£ 2,253
Baptism Services	£ 415	£ 185
Christmas Services	£ 343	£ 89
Wedding Services	£ -	£ 30
Funeral Services	£ 5	£ 100
Other Services	£ 443	£ 25
	£ 5,877	£ 2,682

9(b) Donations, appeals, etc.

2022

2021

Abbeyfield	£ -	£ 30
Age UK	£ -	£ 76
Alzheimers Society	£ 231	£ -
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	£ 54	£ 185
Bishop's Ordinands Fund	£ 83	£ -
Christingle (The Children' Society)	£ 100	£ -
Donation for Friends of Holy Trinity	£ -	£ 175
Donation per Give-a-Car	£ -	£ 95
Donations in memory of Margaret Ashby	£ -	£ 265
Donation in memory of Patricia Keal	£ -	£ 25
Donation in memory of Geoff Withers	£ 1,934	£ -
Donations in memory of Derek Jackson	£ 356	£ -
Donation towards organist fee	£ 80	£ -
Donations via Amazon Smile	£ 21	£ 16
Donations via DONr	£ 50	£ -
Donations via GoodBox	£ 391	£ 366
General Donations	£ 3,711	£ 7,330
General Donations - Gift Aided	£ 5,678	£ -
Historic Churches Bike n Hike	£ 425	£ 330
Holy Trinity Church Choir	£ -	£ 50
JustGiving Donations	£ 182	£ 278
Letchmore Infants' & Nursery School (½ Collection)	£ 91	£ -
Mayor's Carol Concert	£ 143	£ -
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Donations	£ 182	£ -
SCIMP	£ 25	£ -
Stroke Association	£ 226	£ -
The Haven	£ 9	£ -
Towards candles	£ 10	£ -
	£ 13,982	£ 9,220

9(c) Fund Raising

2022

2021

Book Sales	£ 10	£ 25
Bike 'n Hike	£ 212	£ 165
Harvest Festival	£ 90	£ -
Jubilate Concert	£ 815	£ 460
Christmas Fayre	£ 1,642	£ -
	£ 2,769	£ 650

9(d) Other Income

2022

2021

100 Club	£ 2,118	£ 2,218
Christmas Dinner	£ -	£ -
Flower Fund	£ 1,023	£ -
Sundries	£ 1,121	£ -
Wedding Deposits	£ -	£ 620
Youth Work	£ 100	£ -
	£ 4,362	£ 2,838

9(e) Extraordinary Income

	2022		2021	
Bequest	£ 500		£ 500.00	
Boundary Wall repairs	£ 3,602		£ -	
Collection for Catherine Smith (Organist)	£ -		£ 158.00	
Donation towards Dishwasher	£ 1,000		£ -	
Donation towards pastoral care carrier bags	£ -		£ 100.00	
Grant towards Godly Play materials	£ 150		£ -	
Maintenance Grant	£ 2,559		£ -	
Towards Easter Bags	£ -		£ 50.00	
	£	7,811	£	808

9(f) Other Ministry Costs

	2022		2021	
Clergy Expenses	£ -		£ -	
Clergy Travel	£ 804		£ 544	
Fees	£ 2,893		£ 2,540	
413 Scarborough Avenue	£ 10,127	£	13,825	£ 12,698

9(g) Church running and maintenance

	2022		2021	
Admin	£ 219		£ 83	
Faith Development	£ 80		£ -	
Flower Arranging	£ 428		£ -	
General Maintenance	£ 1,658		£ 1,063	
Heat & Light	£ 2,714		£ 2,124	
Insurance of the Church	£ 1,811		£ 1,723	
Organ Maintenance	£ 328		£ 312	
Stewardship	£ 82		£ 106	
Sundries	£ 821		£ -	
Telephone	£ 895		£ 828	
Upkeep of Services	£ 1,885	9(l)	£ 2,009	
Water	£ 251		£ 166	
Wedding Deposits Used	£ -		£ 1,253	
	£	11,171	£	9,668

9(h) Stationery

	2022		2021	
Photocopier Rental	£ 558		£ 468	
Photocopier Paper	£ 67		£ 39	
Photocopies	£ 367	£	991	£ 773

9(i) Governance Costs

	2022		2021	
Fire Risk Assessment	£ -	£	-	£ 144

9(j) Extraordinary expenditure

	2022		2021	
Candle Gifts	£ -		£ 97	
Art Club	£ 32		£ -	
Boundary Wall repairs	£ 3,602		£ 25	
Streamers and Bells	£ 225		£ -	
Godly Play Materials	£ 338		£ -	
Hardship Relief	£ 22		£ 150	
Maintenance Grant	£ 1,279		£ -	
Prayer & Care Packages	£ -		£ 241	
Refund CTiS overpayment 2020	£ -		-£ 240	
Stevenage Pride Award	£ 100		£ -	
Vicar's Retreat	£ 220		£ 45	
Vicar's Training Course	£ 55		£ -	
	£	5,873	£	317

9(k) Wages

	2022		2021	
Caretaker	£ 1,291		£ 492	
Grasscutter	£ 275		£ 275	
Organist	£ 580		£ 341	
Secretary	£ 4,577	£	6,723	£ 5,684

9(I) Upkeep of Services

	2022		2021
COVID-19	£ 36	£	535
Books	£ 52	£	66
Candles	£ 602	£	495
Music	£ 926	£	725
Candle Stand	-£ 44	£	124
Communion Wafers	£ 170	£	-
Microphone Clips	£ -	£	34
Palm Crosses	£ -	£	30
Zoom Subscription	£ 144	£ 1,885	£ - £ 2,009

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STEVENAGE**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 11, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements: you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

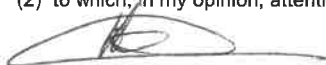
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion of the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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



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