

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HORFIELD, BRISTOL

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£166,484	£141,671	-	-
2024-12-31	£133,005	£134,191	-	-
2023-12-31	£157,431	£198,529	-	-
2022-12-31	£156,318	£171,342	-	-
2021-12-31	£158,805	£133,455	-	-
2020-12-31	£139,836	£196,096	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Plaice		2019-04-07
GARTH ROBERT BAKER		2012-09-11
Helen Nancy Currie		2020-09-27
James Edward Kay		2026-05-17
Jennifer Douglas		2024-05-12
Laura Bufton		2020-09-27
Nick Stephenson		2022-06-15
Phillip Morgan Lewis		2020-09-27
Rev David John McGladdery		2018-11-26

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Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
Creating connections through the inclusive
Catholic tradition in worship, welcome and service



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Holy Trinity Church, Horfield
Diocese of Bristol

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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 17th May 2026
A G E N D A

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 18th May 2025

MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

The Rector, the Reverend Canon Dr. David McGladdery (Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer of dedication

1. **LIST OF ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES – SEE APPENDIX 1.**
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING TO ELECT THE CHURCHWARDENS HELD ON 12TH MAY 2024**

The minutes of the meeting to elect the Churchwardens held on 12th May 2024, were acknowledged as read by all those present as a record of the proceedings and approved.

3. **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

Only one warden had been nominated: Carolyn Larcey proposed and Wanda Prosser seconded that Caroline Plaice be elected for a further year and this was unanimously agreed by all present. Caroline Plaice was duly elected for a further year as Churchwarden.

The rector expressed everyone's gratitude for the work that Caroline does. Caroline thanked those present for showing their confidence in her being re-elected churchwarden and said she hoped she can represent all in the year ahead. She added that she had been the only warden since Nick Stephenson had to stand down last June owing to pressure of personal and work commitments. She said that there should be two wardens and it would be ideal if the other were a man. Caroline said she would be willing to talk to anyone who might be interested in becoming a churchwarden, if they contacted her or Fr David.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on Sunday 18th May 2025

4.1 Minutes of the APCM held on 12th May 2024

The minutes of the APCM held on 12th May 2024 were acknowledged as read by all those present. With one amendment to the list of attendees – adding Helen Hinksman's name to it, the minutes were approved.

4.2 Matters arising from the 2024 APCM - no matters arising.

4.3 Notification of any other business – none

4.4 Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Carolyn Larcey, the ERO reported that in most years the Electoral Roll is revised, but every six years the Church Representation Rules require that an entirely new roll must be created and everyone must apply again to be included on it. 2025 is such a year. Carolyn said she had contacted everyone on the previous roll, prepared in 2019, in early February, advising them that they would need to complete a new form if they wished to remain on the roll. The deadline for receipt of applications was the 31st March.

Carolyn said that the new Electoral Roll has 84 names on it – this is a very significant drop - in 2024 there had been 121 names. Carolyn felt that following Covid there were a few people who had not come back to church for various reasons and people have moved away. She hoped that over the next few years we would see the numbers increase again.

The re-appointment of Carolyn Larcey as Electoral Roll Officer for a further year was confirmed by all present.

4.5 To confirm the list of PCC members

Fr David confirmed the current membership of the PCC, including their specific responsibilities, as follows:

The Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP – Rector of Horfield

Diocesan Deliverance Ministry; Diocesan & Deanery Synods, PCC chair, Cathedral Council, Bishop's Theological Learning and Research Team

Caroline Plaice – Churchwarden; Pastoral Assistant; HR Lead; Parish Safeguarding Officer; Diocesan Synod representative; Deanery Synod representative; Reverse Mentor to the Head of Diocesan Finance

Nick Stephenson - Inclusion, Equality and Diversity Lead; Biodiversity, Ecology and Churchyard; Sustainability and Carbon Net Zero.

Carolyn Larcey*- PCC Secretary; Electoral Roll Officer; MU; Social and Hospitality, Livestream, Warm Welcome

Garth Baker* Deanery Synod representative, Warm Welcome

Jonathan Crow – Director of Music and artistic outreach

Laura Bufton – Safeguarding administrator; Sacristan and Lead for altar serving team

Helen Currie – *Children, Youth and Families*

Phil Lewis – *Welcome Project Steering Group; Social and Hospitality, Livestream, Warm Welcome*

Jen Douglas – *Church School Liaison; Finance Advisory Board (Chair); Children, Youth and Families; Welcome Project Steering Group, Grant Funding Application Team*

Grace Douglas: *Warden of the Children's Chapel of the Child Jesus; Church School Liaison*

*** Auxiliary Church Warden**

Fr David added that from the PCC, there were delegated task groups which reported back via representation on the PCC, these are :

Leadership Team: Rector; Church Warden(s)

Ministry Team: Rector; Caroline (Pastoral Assistant), Helen Hinksman (LLM, emeritus)

Finance Advisory Board: Jen, Nick, Caroline (Warden)

Social and Hospitality: Carolyn, Emma, Kate, Jane, Phil

Welcome Project Steering Group: Jen, Garth, Nick, Phil, Hilary, Caroline (CW), Rector

Grants: Jen, Hilary, Rector

Children, Youth and Families: Geoff, Jen, Chae, Jack, Alison, Helen, (Brian – helper with Friday Youth Club)

Horfield C of E Primary School: Rector; Jen & Grace; Karen Dunmall (Chair of Governors); Helen Hinksman

Eucharistic Minister & Visitors: Laura, Donald, Nick, Vera (and to be commissioned: Helen, Fergus, Jen, David G, James K)

Live-Streaming: Carolyn, Hilary, Phil, Sally, Martin

Serving Team: Laura, Donald, James K, Aaron, David G, Martin, Emma,

Green Gym & Churchyard – Caring for God's Acre: Donald, Nick, Dennis, Hilary (also, Sexton: grave-digger)

Communications & Social media (*emerging*): James K

Choir (Jon), Bell-Ringers (Bernie & Annette) and Decibells (Gill Wilding)

Employees: **Fees** - Jon (organist & Director of Music);

Paid - Andy (Caretaker); Rob (Estates Manager)

The current list of PCC members was agreed by all present.

4.6 **Deanery Synod representatives**

Garth Baker and Caroline Plaice agreed to continue to be representatives on Deanery Synod.

4.7 **To receive and approve the reports of individuals and church groups (Snapshots)**

The reports of individuals and church groups (Snapshots) was received by all present as a valid narrative of what goes on at Holy Trinity. Fr David said it was a statement of our common life together and what we do.

The report was received and commended as a record of church life.

4.8 **To receive and approve the Accounts for 2024 (included within Snapshots)**

Before the report was presented, there was a minute's silence in memory of our late Treasurer, Christine Bufton, who had passed away in February. Fr David said that Christine had achieved so much during her time as Treasurer and had been a founder member of the Finance Advisory Board which had been established to oversee our finances.

Jen Douglas gave a presentation with slides on the annual accounts, summarised as follows :

- 2024 accounts have shown a much smaller loss than in 2023.
- This is largely because we greatly reduced the amount that we paid in parish share in that year.
- There was a significant amount of outstanding tax due to HMRC from previous years.
- The church house has been revalued after many years and its true value reflected in the accounts.
- We have moved to a new accountant and are now making use of software to maintain the accounts throughout the year.

Looking forward to 2025 -

- We are regularly giving to parish share again at £3000 per month
- We will shortly claim the Gift Aid for 2024 to aid our funds
- Sharesy is showing a regular increase to the amount we're receiving each month into our hall income account.
- We have sufficient funds to pay for the path works, although we still have 2 grant applications outstanding for £10,000 each and welcome any further gifts with thanks.
- The Financial Advisory Board are reviewing areas where we can save or make money going forwards.

Questions :

- Alison Ellis asked about Staff Costs and who were the paid roles as this figure did not show a reduction following the office administrator post becoming redundant. Jen said these were for Andy (Caretaker), Rob (Maintenance) and Jon (Music Director). She said that the office administrator had been under the heading Administration and office costs and this showed a significant reduction.
- Donald Wainwright asked who the two current grant applications had been made to. Jen said one was to the Benefactor Trust and the other to Gloucestershire History Churches Trust. She said the applications had mostly been around accessibility to our building.

Garth Baker proposed that the Financial Report for 2024 be accepted and this was seconded by Phil Lewis. The resolution to accept the Financial Report for 2024 was unanimously passed.

Fr David thanked Jen for presenting the accounts and for heading up the Finance Advisory Board which now provides a budget and oversees finance and with the help of technology makes the process a lot easier.

4.9 Appointment of the Independent Examiner :

Hannah Cook and Mendip Accounting Solutions were appointed as Independent Examiners for the following year.

4.10 **Rector's Report 2024-25**

The Rector's Report is published in full here.

The first century church as described in the *Acts of the Apostles* seems to have been a church where action naturally followed from prayer:

...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people.

(Acts, 2: 42-47)

The church life of the first followers of Jesus was corporate and collaborative.

Togetherness was its distinguishing charism, "all who believed were together" and they "distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need". Here, a compassionate and attentive relationship with those who need practical support is based upon taking discipleship seriously and learning from the teaching of the apostles. Intentional ministry to a wider community is based upon corporate prayer and eucharistic celebration and transcendent "awe". It is based on having joyful hearts, the fruit of being committed to a relationship with God and all among whom they live.

The church of the apostles experienced a togetherness out of which came the fruits of their collective witness to following Christ.

Over the past year, here at Holy Trinity, we have experienced a togetherness as a gathered community sharing worship and outreach through an inclusive and welcoming approach to how we live our faith in practical ways. After analysing the outcome of discussions at our Parish Conference (last October) – it became clear that our shared life here at Holy Trinity comes under three related headings – **WORSHIP, HOSPITALITY, COMMUNITY.**

WORSHIP – the heart of our worship is the Holy Mass – doing what Jesus commanded us to do – to break bread, pour wine and remember him in the gift of his Body and Blood. Post-Covid our Sunday average attendance was 40-50. In the last year it has risen to 60-70. Weekday Masses have an average of 30-40 across the whole week. Each Saturday morning has a distinctive, regular programme: Rosary for Peace; Sapling Saturday; Welcome Conversations and Mass with anointing for healing. For a year, now, at 4 pm on the last Sunday of each month there is a Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer for Peace in our fragile world. And for a year we have been able to offer the ministry of livestreaming some of our services. This has become an important way of including those who are housebound and cannot come physically to church. We have welcomed new people and those new people have offered new skills.

On your behalf, I wish to thank our altar serving team; our choir and director of music and our live stream technicians.

Donald – (retired as head server) certificate of gratitude

Laura – succeeded Donald as Head server and Sacristan – completed her first Holy Week after the challenge of Christine's passing.

HOSPITALITY & COMMUNITY as:

PROJECTS -The PCC identified and commissioned work on a variety of **Projects** – to enhance the way we offer welcome to the wider community.

Caroline Plaipe then detailed the projects that were being worked on, see Appendix 2.

In the light of our first application for a Lottery Grant, which was not successful, the Welcome Project Steering Group has spent much time taking stock of what we need the project to deliver and how it can be delivered. You have heard of the 9 projects which have either been completed or continue to be developed.

LEARNING – What we have learnt over this past year is essentially all our projects are ways of delivering a united provision of welcoming, spiritual, pastoral and practical help and support for those amongst whom we live, here in Horfield. Caring for Ukrainian refugees (nine now); hosting Warm Welcome and Food Pantry, hosting concerts and being open 24/7 – 365; caring for our churchyard in an ecologically responsible way - has taught us that we do is God's work - and we achieve this TOGETHER, by encouraging each other to use our God-given skills and gifts to achieve what we can. And much has been achieved:

Children, Youth & Families pastors – Friday club is now thriving (20+ each week); Children's "Messy" Church (small but faithful attendees; practical links with church school (Jen and Grace).

Horfield C of E Primary School: Weekly worship; Open the Book; Prayer Space; Leavers' (Yr 6) Bibles; School governors.

FAB – restructuring the way we operate our financial responsibilities

Welcome Project Steering Group – facilitating an Autumn **Parish Conference**, out of which some practical projects have been developed.

Social & Hospitality Group (eg. **Burns' Night** and other social events and general hospitality)

Eucharistic ministers, readers and intercessors – all making their valuable contribution to the common life we share.

The **PCC** delegated **Welcome Project Steering Group** learnt last week most importantly from Ruth Gofton – a Lottery Grant application advisor – two key things.

1. The work of Holy Trinity of serving our local community is achieved in three areas: Church, hall and churchyard. Our three sacred spaces, which are linked by a shared purpose – offering Welcome.
2. Our previous Lottery grant application and associated business plan are of an excellent standard and have been produced and supported by a talented and committed team.

This led to our being advised that we would benefit from augmenting the constituent parts of our **Welcome Project** to include church and churchyard as well as hall and,

therefore enable us to apply for the much larger grants which we need to develop the projects needed :

- Re-developing hall, as per architect's plans;
- refurbishing church (sustainable energy; hospitality; organ refurbishment etc)
- continuing to make our churchyard a place of encounter for all in an ecological responsible way.

It is a privilege to be part of a wide-ranging team of volunteers, who are constantly working to nurture and support the collective work of this church, welcoming, listening, including, supporting and praying with all who reach out to us.

Thank you to Caroline - our one Church Warden (let us have two, soon); Safe-guarding officer and HR manager) for the enormous amount of voluntary work she does to co-ordinate and facilitate what is a wide-ranging, ever-changing and complex set of tasks. Thank you to Rob and Andy – our Estates Manager and Caretaker; members of our PCC and our pastoral and project groups; FAB for overseeing our church finances through preparing budgets and monitoring income and expenditure.

Another THANK YOU – Garth Baker: Stewardship Recorder and Founder member of the FAB; also, altar server; eucharistic minister and general source of wisdom and common sense. Fr David said that Garth would be retiring as Stewardship Recorder and thanked him for his dedicated service.

Thank you to Marianne (catering)

Final thank you – to all of you who make up our warm, welcoming, active and prayerful church community; it is a privilege to serve you as Rector and Parish Priest.

Vote of thanks received from -

Mary Hurlestone for making herself and husband Richard so welcome at Holy Trinity since they had moved into Horfield Lodge.

Caroline Plaice, on behalf of everyone, to Fr David for all he does.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

*Lord, help us to love one another as you love us:
Send your blessing upon this parish and community of Horfield,
That your wisdom and your love may flow into our hearts,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
And that your will be done, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

LIST OF ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES - APCM HELD ON 18TH MAY 2025

Present	Apologies
Fr David McGladdery	Nick Stevenson
Caroline Plaice	Dennis Hughes
Jen Douglas	Gill Wilding
Carolyn Larcey	Penny Moynihan
Donald Wainwright	Judy Lee
Marianne Wainwright	Pat Grosvenor
Helen Hinksman	David Grosvenor
Alison Ellis	Sandra Lloyd
Annette Martin	James Pocock
Nicky	Margaret Smith
Garth Baker	Rob Smith
Geoff Stock	Andy Cleaver
Mary White	Bryan Plaister
John White	James Kay
Christ Hopton	Jane Lewis
Tony Hopton	
Luise Williams	
Hilary Maddelena	
Nigel de Bray	
Richard Hurlstone	
Marty Hurlstone	
Jean Fenn	
Janet Douglas	
Julienne Trotman	
Phil Lewis	
Nigel Moore	
Celia Wells	
Nicolas	

UPDATE OF PROJECTS GIVEN BY CAROLINE PLAICE, CHURCHWARDEN, TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 18TH MAY 2025

This is a short update on our projects over the last year, and into this. Projects which *you* helped the PCC identify through the parish conference and ongoing conversations, all in the context of our charism for Welcome – remember our strap line – whoever you are, wherever you come from, everyone is welcome here.

The first project is that of our communications strategy – the who, why, when and how of how we communicate with wider community, and with each other. It is fundamental to how we develop.

There have been a number of developments – our live-streaming is an important part of our communication, as well as our worship. We are developing our website, a bit slower than we'd like, but it's in train. Our WhatsApp group is really important, and our social media presence is just about to take a new step by going live with Instagram.

Secondly our hall re-developments. I remember Phil standing here last year, and saying that whilst we hadn't yet been successful with a Lottery bid, we have been re-imaging all we do in the context of welcome, and that continues. But there have been developments in terms of new people joining the Grants Committee, and obtaining advice to help us move forward. Our new bid, which I hope we can report on later this year, will be encompassing of not only our hall, but our church and churchyard, too.

Our third Holy Trinity project is the path. This was identified last year as our top priority, and you've all seen that is finally becoming a reality, after months of hard work, and fund-raising. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a slab. The work will be finished next month, and I know it is going to look amazing.

Let's move on to project number 4 now. These photographs show both the new letting space for small meetings and 1-1s, the Blancharde Room, and the parish resource room, incorporating the choir vestry. This was all completed last autumn, and many thanks to all who played a part in enabling these transformations. We have had lots of positive comments about both the spaces. And having the resource room closer to where people come into church has enabled many welcoming conversations.

One of the ways we have been making more use of our plant is through signing up with the online booking system, Sharesy. Our income has on average risen by £2,000 a month, and we are also reaching more people, people who didn't even know we existed before.

Our Welcome in terms of the Warm Welcome and Warm Pantry, whilst in place for a couple of years now, has developed into a well organised 6 monthly outreach, and over the course of this last winter we made new connections in the community, and with local students, and are involved in a research project to qualitatively evaluate the impact of the initiative with the University of the West of England.

Another of the projects you identified as of particular importance is that of developing a hospitality area at the west end of church. Members of the WPSG have been collating information and ideas on how this could take shape, and the proposal will also form part of our grant applications going forward.

What we do with our art in its widest sense has already been transformed by the work in the churchyard and promoting our newly found graves, our commonwealth graves and of course the John Frost grave. We have had interest in extending this to curating and telling the story of our art works inside the church, and of involving the school in doing this. There have been a number of concerts here in recent years. Could we offer our space to others to run concerts?

And finally, to two areas which we don't have the resource to develop at the moment, but again are on our active list, and could form part of the bid going forward. These are the toilets and refurbishment of the Sacristy. Hope to be able to talk about these more in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you feel excited by our progress, and want to be part of the development of the projects over the next year and in the future. Please do feel free to ask any questions.

Caroline Plaice

Questions :

Donald Wainwright asked whether the grant applied for included the toilets. Caroline said that they had looked at having some external toilets but cost prohibited this and they will have to be part of a bigger refurbishment.

Annette Martin asked about the last unsuccessful bid and whether we had asked for too much, and understood that we had to match the amount ourselves. She asked about the sale of S Raphael and how this would affect the Ukrainian guests currently living there. Caroline explained the house would be being put back on the market in the summer and said that the current tenancy had always been for a year. She gave a reassurance that Bristol City Council would be helping them find alternative accommodation and added that herself and Fr David were in regular contact with the guests.

ANNUAL REPORT (SNAPSHOTS)

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Looking back at my report last year, covering the year 2024, what strikes me most is how a number of the projects at HTH – live-streaming, our online booking system, Sharesy, use of the parish resources room, continuing to offer sanctuary to our guests from Ukraine, an annual Warm Welcome - and many more – are now well-embedded and continuing to bear fruit. Thank you to all those involved, especially those who work so hard behind the scenes in our task groups, listed in *Snapshots* (pages 5/6) insert location, and to Carolyn Larcey, our amazing PCC secretary.

2025 saw the publication of our Quinquennial Inspection Report. This highlighted work, as expected, on the fabric of our building. Some of this work is being taken forward by Rob Brace, our Estates Manager, who continues to work joyfully to look after our building. A number of the more substantial items in the Quinquennial will form part of a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund which is ongoing as I write.

An innovation during the year was the offering of an Open Afternoon in October: an invitation to come and see what happens in our three spaces of church, churchyard and hireable areas. It was a great success, with visitors trying out bell-ringing, organ-playing, swinging of a thurible, and a staggering selection of cakes in the hospitality area. We invited and received some really useful feedback about what people enjoy about Holy Trinity, and what they would like to see in the future. All of this is so important to our applications for funding from external organisations. Work is well underway for our 2026 Open Afternoon, and there are 'taster' sessions planned to showcase those who hire our Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms.

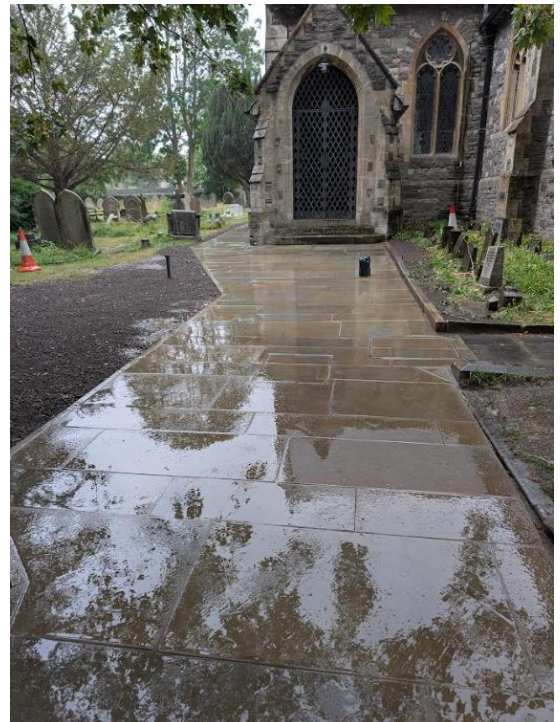
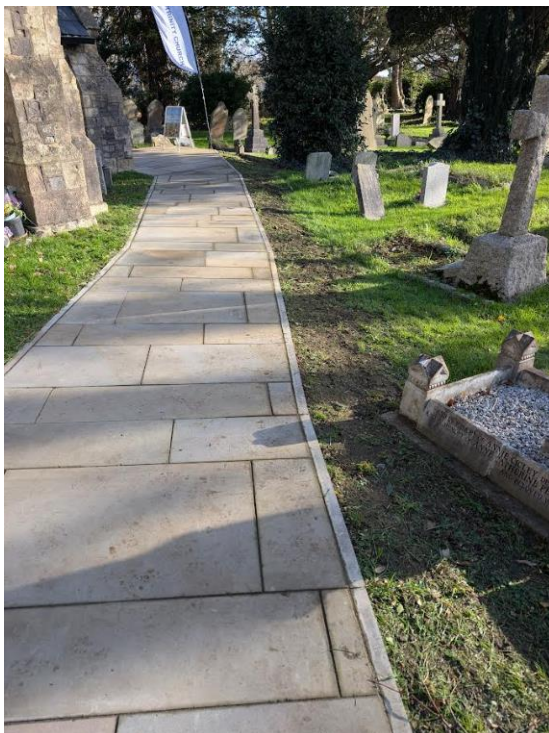
One of the areas we were pleased to highlight at that Open Afternoon was the new path. This was a major project to create an accessible, safe and aesthetically pleasing external route into church and through our churchyard. This occupied a significant amount of time from the beginning of the year until it's official opening in late summer. Enormous thanks to those who contributed to the Sponsor a Slab fund raising campaign, and to everyone who enabled the project to progress, in particular the Chair of our Finance Advisory Board, Jen Douglas. The whole project demonstrates that we continue to develop and welcome our community.

We were unable to find a second warden to work with me at the APCM, and that has been hard at times. However, I am very grateful to our auxiliary wardens who ensure that our welcome is always warm, and that the church is prepared for and tidied after major events. At the APCM this year, I will be standing for a final transition year, and I look forward to continuing to serve, and to work alongside a second warden to ensure we offer a holy and unconditional welcome.

Caroline Plaice (Warden)



Cutting the tape and official opening of the new path



A selection of photos of the new Church path

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod acts as a conduit of information and counsel between the Bishop/Diocese and the 'person in the pew'. Members have the opportunity to consider wider aspects of Church life beyond the confines of individual parishes, and from time-to-time attendance is encouraged from those outside membership with a particular interest in the matters to be discussed. Your representatives attended two meetings in 2025.

In February, we met in our own Church here. Caroline gave a presentation on our use of the 'Sharesy' booking system for our hall, for which we have been something of a 'guinea pig' for the Diocese. The system enables us to enhance our offer of welcome by making the booking of our spaces easier, to our mutual benefit. Several parishes expressed an interest. The discussion then widened into a more general consideration of our use of buildings. Did we make proper use of our buildings, given the ever-increasing cost of their maintenance? Did we need all of them? Questions it is worth each parish asking from time to time.

In June we met at St Nicholas in the City Centre. Our main topic was to consider the main qualities we needed in our new Diocesan Bishop, and the main tasks we saw for them. As I write, we still await an appointment.

Elections to Deanery Synod take place every three years. It is probably time for me to retire when they next occur, and perhaps one (or more) of you might wish to think about becoming my replacement.

Garth Baker
Deanery Synod Representative



DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

2025 Diocesan Synod Report

Diocesan Synod is the largest and most representative governing body in the Diocese. It supports the bishop in shaping the strategic direction of diocesan life by providing a forum for engagement and debate, a sounding board for emerging priorities, and a setting in which formal decisions are taken through prayerful discernment and collaborative relationships. In summary, Diocesan Synod is the place all voices and wisdom come together to discern God's calling focus and his kingdom is the Diocese.

Below is an overview of the topics discussed and motions approved during 2025. Full Synod Minutes are available on the [Governance page of the Diocesan website](#).

1. Living in Love and Faith (LLF)

LLF was discussed at every Synod meeting during 2025.

March: The Rt Revd Viv Faull, Bishop of Bristol, updated Synod on national discussions regarding the ordination and licensing of individuals seeking or in same-sex marriages. Members were invited to reflect on:

- What discussions around Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF) had taken place within PCCs and Deanery Synods, and what their impact had been.
- What further information would support constructive conversations locally.

June: The Very Revd Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol Cathedral and a member of the National Programme Board overseeing the LLF process, updated Synod on recent developments.

- The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, appointed in November 2023 as lead bishop for the LLF process stepped down from his role
- Over the summer, dioceses will convene to discuss and respond to the proposals, contributing to the next phase of the LLF process
- Resources to support Diocesan Synod discussion will be made available at diocesan level
- Diocesan Synod members encouraged to attend Nationally run LLF Webinars to gain clarity and opportunity to ask questions.

September: A dedicated LLF session enabled members to:

- Listen and engage with one another
- Deepen understanding of our diverse diocesan perspectives
- Reaffirm unity in Christ
- Prepare for the House of Bishops' October 2025 decisions

No formal minutes were produced.

November: The Rt Revd Neil Warwick (Acting Bishop of Bristol) outlined the House of Bishops' decisions:

- Prayers of Love and Faith can continue to be used within regular services of worship or privately with a couple at the discretion of the incumbent
- Standalone services will be referred to General Synod

He also provided context, reaction, and an overview of next steps.

March 2025

2. Carbon Net Zero (CNZ)

Synod received an update confirming greater clarity surrounding carbon measurement. Bristol continues to be recognised nationally for leadership in solar installations and environmental initiatives. A list of grants and schemes awarded was shared.

3. Dissolution of DBAT

The transition of Diocesan Board of Academies Trust (DBAT) schools to other trusts concluded successfully, reinforcing long-term benefits for children, young people, schools, and communities. The Diocese of Bristol School Partnership Programme (DBSP), co-constructed with trusts, will launch in September 2025.

4. Transforming Church. Together (TC.T)

An update was provided, including a presentation from Holy Trinity Horfield on its use of [Sharesy](#), which has increased bookings and improved efficiency.

5. Echo: Youth Voice

Synod watched a video on insights from trusted adults working with young people, highlighting their desire for safe and welcoming spaces.

Other business:

- Bishop's Council reports from 10 December 2024 and 25 February 2025 were approved.

[Link to 22 March 2025 Minutes](#)

June 2025

6. BDBF Annual General Meeting

- Chair: Richard Bacon re-elected
- Vice Chair: John Sutherland elected
- 2024 Accounts: Received and adopted by Synod. Subsequently formally approved by Trustees
- Auditors: Haysmac appointed for the year ending 31 December 2025

7. Safeguarding Annual Report

A comprehensive audit reflected exceptionally strong safeguarding practice across the Diocese. A new national framework now enables leadership training to be completed in a one-day session.

8. All Saints Roof Repair

Following an overview of the proposed works, a presentation from the Racial Justice Team, and extended Q&A, Synod reaffirmed its previous decision to proceed with the roof repairs.

Church Buildings Highlights included:

- Support for parishes across maintenance, accessibility, reordering, and housing schemes
- Increased staffing, including a dedicated fundraising adviser
- [Resource Hub](#) useful tools. An improved version will be launched in due course
- National funding pressures requiring coordinated planning
- A film showcasing reordering work at St Stephen, Southmead, and St Andrew, Castle Combe

Other business:

- Bishop's Council reports from 24 March and 13 May were received
- Synod approved the election arrangements for the Diocesan Board of Education for 2025–2028
- Bishop Viv's last Synod was marked with reflections on her time in Synod, and grateful thanks for her leadership

[Link to 14 June 2025 Minutes](#)

November 2025**9. Budget 2026**

Synod reviewed the significant financial challenges facing the Diocese. Key points included:

- The 2026 Budget marks the start of essential restructuring
 - Long-term sustainability planning is required
 - CNZ commitments remain firm, with a new funding plan to be developed
 - Parish Share methodology, expectations, and support resources were explained
- The budget presented a total 2026 deficit of £3,540,000. After round-table discussion and Q&A, Synod authorised the BDBF to expend the sums set out in the budget. A 10-year Financial Plan will be developed during 2026.

10. Priority Communities Network (PCN)

The [PCN work](#) is cross-departmental and integrated within the broader TC.T context and workstreams. Updates included:

- PREPARED leadership development programme
- 9 of 14 lay workers recruited
- Positive signs of engagement and growth

Synod approved becoming a formal partner of the Church Urban Fund (CUF) and joining the Together Network.

Other business:

- Bishop's Council reports from 8 July, 18 August, 14 October, and 31 October 2025 were received
- The Church Representation Rules (CRR) Scheme for Concord Church [Bishops' Mission Orders \(BMO\)](#) was approved
- Synod agreed that lay representation on Deanery Synods should remain proportionate to parish electoral roll numbers, using the formula approved by Bishop's Council

Minutes currently in draft, will be approved at March 2026 meeting

Thinking of Joining Diocesan Synod?

The current Diocesan Synod triennium ends in July 2027. If you are considering re-standing or standing for the first time, now is an ideal time to begin reflecting and finding out more.

Diocesan Synod plays a vital role in shaping the life of the Diocese, and we encourage anyone passionate about the Church's mission to consider putting themselves forward.

For further information, please contact the Governance Support Team:

governance.support@bristoldiocese.org

MUSIC AND CHOIR

2025 was a particularly fateful year in my life with many challenges. Starting with highlights was my ever first visit to York (see picture of York Minster) with the Bristol & District Organists' Association (BDOA); a moving Holy Week sequence with the Festival Choir as well as another uplifting Advent and Christmas season, a special Choral Evensong with soloist Sophie Kirk-Harris and another island hop around the Dodecanese islands.



Patmos holy island looking towards the Monastery of St John the Divine.

It was also good to welcome back the talented Greek duo Pavlos and Marily for a special Advent concert.

On the downside was a nasty fall at home which seems to have sparked a major hip problem which badly affected my walking and mobility. The upshot was that at end of 2025 I elected to take a sabbatical from my DoM role at HTH, handing over the reins to Martin Firth who is doing wonders with the choir.

I particularly appreciated the Festival Choir's performance of the beautiful Passion anthem "Ah holy Jesus how hast thou offended" (Howard Helvey/Johann Heerman) and honoured by the premiere of my own "Carol of the Stars" during Advent.

But really heartbreaking news with the sudden passing of one of our choir stalwarts David Trott just a couple of weeks ago.

I like to think that music-making is in good shape at HTH and I have enjoyed making my own contribution across 5 years, taking over from Dr Glynn Jenkins in 2021, whether as an organist, composer or choirmaster.

Jon Crow

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND CHURCHYARD

It is with great pleasure that I submit a joint report around inclusion and Churchyard this year. Finally, the path to the church has been replaced after much hard work, especially by Caroline and Jen – thank you. This, along with improved lighting around the South Transept, has in massively improved access to the church and through the churchyard.

As ever the PCC is encouraged at every meeting to challenge themselves about how every decision taken makes our work more accessible to more people, particularly those who are unchurched or do not share Holy Trinity's tradition. This is not just about the physical practicalities but also about how we think and make assumptions about how people take part in what we do.

Work in the churchyard goes from strength to strength – last winter however it was very wet with standing water remaining for weeks – this is the wettest it has been in the memory of longstanding members. The implication of this was that areas of the churchyard became inaccessible, and we had to undertake work on a weekly basis to ensure there was a safe route around the North side of the church. On the South side ground also became very uneven so we will continue to fill the worst dips and holes.

In the last year, as well as ongoing Green Gym and Sapling Saturday work we have two new initiatives: Tombstone Tuesday – a monthly volunteer group to make unsafe/leaning headstones safe and upright, and the Memorial recording project which is working to make a permanent record of all headstones and memorials before they deteriorate further. These new projects link seamlessly into the aims of the churchyard plan: to maintain, protect and develop the natural habitat of our churchyard, whilst ensuring access to each memorial headstone.

We have three new memorial benches and a Bench Policy, covering issues such as installation and maintenance. We consulted on and reviewed the 2024 Churchyard Management Plan and will shortly publish a revised plan to cover the next 5 years.

The Woodland Trust granted us 90 new hedge saplings which were planted with the help of Messy Church and are now thriving (this means that 120 hedge saplings have now been planted to restore the hedge). There have been several opportunities to use the Churchyard to encourage children and young people to understand the gift of creation and their part in preserving it.

The focus of work in the next year is to maintain what has been achieved so far, keep improving safety and access, to make safe 15 more headstones, complete 50% of the headstone recording and to ensure that the interment plot headstones are raised to be slightly proud of the surrounding ground level – making them easier to find, clean and maintain.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work in the churchyard and in particular the project leads: Doanld Wainwright (Green Gym), Andy Buchan (Memorial Recording), Dennis Hughes (Sapling Saturday & Tombstone Tuesday coordination) Hilary Maddelena (Sexton).

Following comments from some members that Sapling Saturday work being limited to a monthly opportunity means they cannot participate, we have this year added a further Saturday opportunity each month. It is notable that almost half of the regular volunteers in the Churchyard are not church members – some of these people give considerable and consistent time to supporting churchyard work. However, our volunteer numbers are dropping and if the church wishes to continue to have the opportunities that having a maintained churchyard offers then it needs to help find more volunteers. This **does not have to be a regular commitment** – just some help long the way; also, please ask your neighbours, family, and friends – this is an ideal volunteering project for someone doing DofE or who has just retired.

Please continue to visit and enjoy the Churchyard – the meadow area (North side) will be fabulous this year; the dead hedges are settling well and encouraging a much greater range of birds and insects to call the Churchyard their home. As ever, please be careful of your footing when you walk around and enjoy the Churchyard.

Nick Stephenson



Sapling Saturday volunteers and the dead hedge by the Richards' plot.



Before and after – raising a headstone.

Nick Stephenson

MOTHERS' UNION

We had our Annual General Meeting on 9th January. We had a lovely tea after the meeting as we had not had a separate Christmas meeting as we had hosted the Deanery Advent Service in December. In February Vera Seaman, talked about her 26 years behind the Screen – the screen being a Post Office. Vera and her husband ran a Newsagent/Post Office in Lockleaze for 26 years. This was before the Horizon scandal. She had some amusing tales to tell.

We had a games afternoon in March, including some prize bingo which was very much enjoyed. In April Gill talked about her experiences with the NHS throughout her life. In May Fr David came and talked about Saints of our Time. This was interesting and we learnt a lot. The most recent “saint” Fr David talked about was Carlo Acutis. Carlo Acutis was canonised on September 7 by the Pope Leo XIV.

We had our Deanery Festival at St Mary's, Shirehampton in May, it's always nice attending Deanery events. In June we had a tea party in memory of Maureen Wootton. Also in June some members went to the commissioning service of Sara Wyman as the Bristol Diocesan President in Bristol Cathedral.

In July Horfield hosted the Deanery Lunch, another successful deanery event and well attended. Thanks to Marianne and Donald for all their input.

In August Margaret Johnston came and set up her bell plates for us to have a go. I think overall we enjoyed this and it was a fun afternoon. Bell plates are supposed to be easier than proper handbells, but I'm not so sure.

We had our own Wave of Prayer Service in Church on the 11th September, following the service prepared by the MU with hymns and readings. We gave thanks for the blessings of being united in prayer with the dioceses with whom we are particularly linked: Pacong in South Sudan, Southern Nyanja in Kenya, Kutigi and Ijesha North, in Nigeria and Karnataka Central in South India.

In October Marianne had us decorate jam jars in preparation for Christmas. At our November meeting Revd Diane Simms joined us and with the aid of wonderful props that she usually uses in schools, we retold the Easter Story in the form of a film set, complete with clapper board! Lovely afternoon.

On the 11th December we had the Deanery Advent Service at St Peter's Filton. The service was followed by tea and a special celebration cake as St Peter's MU were celebrating their 90th Anniversary. Five of us had a very nice Christmas lunch at the White Lion in Westbury on the 19th December, which rounded off our year.

One of the things we did in 2025 was to draw attention to the 16 days of Activism to raise awareness of gender-based violence and domestic abuse. At Holy Trinity we promoted the Red Chair Project, where a chair is covered in red with a notice “A Place for Them” to highlight the one woman or girl who dies every 11 minutes due to violence.

I attended the Canterbury Provincial Gathering in Oxford on the 27th September, an opportunity to meet other MU members and listen to their stories, an interesting and informative day.

In 2026 Mothers' Union will be celebrating 150 years and there are lots of special events planned, including a Celebratory Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 10th June followed by the Annual Gathering the following day in London. There will be a global gathering in South Africa in October. Throughout

June it is hoped that MU members will take part in local church services, sharing the story and impact of MU in their communities. We are also hoping to take part in a MU Big Picnic in the summer, connecting neighbours, sharing food and fellowship and celebrating faith in action.

The number of our members has declined over the past few years, and members are less able to get to meetings. We will be talking about the future of our branch and how we envisage going forward.

We continue to support all the ongoing projects in Bristol and if you would like more information how you can help please do contact me.

The Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord,
Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch,
Do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the words I speak,
the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

Carolyn Larcey
Branch Leader/Secretary, MU



Some photos of our Deanery Lunch in July, and Mothering Sunday posys donated by Horfield MU Branch



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

The Children and Young People's Ministry (CYPM) has three key areas of focus: a weekly Friday Youth Club, a monthly 'Messy Church' session and outreach at Horfield CE Primary School. In addition to this there is a designated 'Children's Church' next to the Welcome Area at the back of the church where children and families are welcome to sit during services. The CYPM team is made up of volunteers from the regular church congregation under the leadership of Mother Diane.



It has been a year of significant changes for CYPM. Geoff Stock, who had run the Horfield Young People's Club for fifty years, stepped down as its Leader. Geoff has certainly deserved his chance to relax on Friday evenings and his final year with the Club was one full of celebrations of the Club and of Geoff's inspirational leadership. The culmination of these celebrations was the 50th Anniversary party in June which was attended by Club members past and present. It was a joyful occasion with food and entertainment, an opportunity to mark an important anniversary and for members to thank Geoff for all the memories he has helped to create for the children of Horfield over the years. We are so thankful to Geoff for all his work and hope that he is enjoying his retirement. We're also grateful that he continues to help with Messy Church every month.



Some photos from Geoff's 50th Anniversary Party

Mother Diane arrived in the parish in September and has taken on a lead role with the YPM . She has been busy developing our routines and activities at Friday Club and Messy Church, as well as developing work at Horfield Primary CE School. A particular highlight of her work with young people so far has been her organisation of the Spring Dance Company's visit to the school and their performance in the church hall in December. The workshop they delivered at the school involved all of Years 5 and 6. The performance of *The Journey of the Magi* attracted an audience made up of children, parents and members of the parish, that filled the church hall. It was a moving, thought-provoking and beautiful show with plenty of funny moments besides.

As well as the welcome addition of Mother Diane to the YPPM team, we have been delighted to have Neve Wilson Join us as a Gold Duke of Edinburgh volunteer. Neve has helped run activities at the club for a year and we are grateful for her help. The young people and the leaders were very sorry to see her go but understand that she needs to focus on her A Levels now. Happily, we have gained another D of E volunteer with Dylan Briggs helping out at Messy Church every month. We have also gained several extra support members of the team to help out at Friday Club. Thanks to Victoria Terry, Fergus Currie, Phil Lewis, Carolyn Larcey and Caroline Plaice for being so happy to help.

Members of the wider parish community have made a wonderful contribution to our Friday Club and Messy Church sessions. In June John Crowe led an organ demonstration which the Friday Club members loved so much that they danced along to the music in the aisles! Nick Stephenson worked with the Messy Church youngsters as they planted saplings in the churchyard whilst Jemima Victory shared her expertise working for the RSPB and guided the children as they conducted a bird survey in the churchyard.

Helen Currie and Team

Mother Diane's report from Horfield CE Primary School

Since September it's been a joy to go into Horfield CE Primary to lead collective worship, including sometimes with Fr David, Helen Hinksman and more recently with Mary Hannam-Norris from Ebenezer Church. Afterwards I have been going to different classes to listen to children read. Before Christmas I supported the school in a successful bid for a grant to become a Church of England Growing Faith Learning Hub. This is two year music project sharing sacred song across the city. I will be supporting Year 3 and the school choir in this. Jen Douglas are hoping to relaunch the school prayer space from the beginning of March 2026. It is good to be part of a supportive chaplaincy team in school, led by Debs Baker, the school's new Chaplain and Partnership Lead.

CHURCHES WORKING AND PRAYING TOGETHER

Over the past year there have been many good examples of our local churches combining in a good number of activities to the greater benefit of all, and also as a witness to our togetherness in Christ Jesus.

The World Day of Prayer 2025 held at Horfield Methodist Church on 7th March saw Horfield Methodist Church, Muller Road United Reform Church and Holy Trinity Church together focussing on the service prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands with the theme "I made you wonderful".

In the season of Advent, once again friends from local churches enjoyed beautiful music and readings prepared and led by Jon Crow and sung by our Festival Choir here in Holy Trinity.

A growing number of friends, including from other churches have drawn inspiration from Helen Hinksman's beautifully prepared devotional sessions, combining art, music and chosen prayers and readings.

Lent lunches were once again arranged for Christian Aid, with four of our churches hosting this worthy initiative. *(Photo is one of the lunches at Bishopston Methodist Church)*



Think it is appropriate to mention here as well, the Pilgrimage to Walsingham made jointly with members of our congregation, including Fr David, and the Union of Catholic Mothers and other local churches, which took place in July. *(See photo below which was taken on a visit to The Church of Our Lady Saint Mary South Creake)*



And of course, we have been delighted to welcome the Reverend Diane Simms from Fishponds, as Assistant Priest to our Rector Father David.

Geoff Stock

Safeguarding Report for APCM meeting of Holy Trinity, Horfield.

Statement of commitment to Safeguarding

The parish of Holy Trinity is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Caroline Plaice

Administrative Officer: Laura Bufton

Policies

The Safeguarding policy was reviewed in November 2025 and is next due for review in November 2026.

Activities

The PCC oversees the following activities for Children and Young People : Messy Church and Horfield Young People's Club.

Safer Recruitment & DBS

The PCC is responsible for the safe recruitment of people wanting to work with vulnerable groups through the activities mentioned above.

DBS Checks

As part of the safer recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been DBS checked at the level appropriate to the role. Because the parish provides activities for vulnerable groups, the PCC members are also eligible for an enhanced DBS Check.

There are sixteen volunteers / PCC members who require a DBS check for their role and all of them have a current check (i.e. the check has been completed within the last 3 years).

Training

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles, the current situation in terms of meeting the requirements in the parish is as follows:

Basic Awareness

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
16	16	0

Foundation Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
16	16	0

Leadership Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
2	2	0

Domestic Abuse

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
9	9	0

Reporting to the PCC

The PCC was updated about Safeguarding matters in the parish at each meeting. It is a standard item on the PCC agenda. During the year there was one safeguarding matter which were reported on to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Safeguarding – everyone's business

A notice is put in the pew sheet each quarter reminding the gathered community of our individual and collective responsibility to maintaining and developing a 'Healthy Church'.

Action Plan

The PCC has an action plan created by the Parish Dashboard. Progress is reported to the PCC and we are continuing to review our Level 3 actions.

Caroline Plaice

SOCIAL AND HOSPITALITY TEAM REPORT

The Social and Hospitality Team was set up in order to provide structure around the hospitality needed for both church activities and fundraising events in the future.

Drawing on the experience of what has been provided historically and in particular on the expertise of Emma and Kate and their team of helpers, it was decided to bring hospitality under the umbrella of the Welcome Project.

The teams' terms of reference as outlined in HTH standing orders are:

- To have oversight of social and hospitality events held under the auspices of Holy Trinity
- To identify a rolling year of events
- To provide leadership and practical support for events, so that all events are adequately resourced
- To co-opt additional members to the Team as needed
- To hold regular meetings
- To liaise with the WP Steering Group in support of fundraising events
- To evaluate all events to inform future planning
- To provide a brief report to the PCC each meeting

Over the past year in addition to providing refreshments and lunches for church events (e.g APCM, festival fizz) we catered for the church BBQ in July, Harvest Lunch in September, the church open day in October and Burns Night Supper in January and well over £1000 was raised for the Welcome Project.

As important as the fundraising is, more importantly, these were excellent opportunities to socialise together as a church family, extending our welcome invitation to everyone echoing the ethos of the Welcome Project. It was also very encouraging to see how well we were supported by the wider community, and the positive feedback received from them emphasised this.

A lot of hard work goes into putting on social events, so a big “thank you” to everyone who helps make them happen. The team is fairly small, so if anyone feels like they could help out now and then, please let a Warden know.

Phil Lewis - Social and Hospitality Team

LIVE-STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Resourcing: The Ministry of Live-streaming at Holy Trinity is supported by a very dedicated team of Live-streamers who enable those who cannot be at church in person to fully participate in Holy Mass. Carolyn, Phil, Sally and Martin are regulars on the Sunday rota arranged by Carolyn, and Carolyn Live-streams the majority of Tuesday and Thursday weekday Mass’ too, all of which is very much appreciated. There is a Live-stream WhatsApp group where information is shared on availability and cover for regular or extra Services is arranged as needed.

Resilience: All Live-Streamers are now very well versed in the use of the Live-stream system after nearly two years of running, but on occasion have been frustrated by random technical issues. A recent significant finding of a worn ethernet cable, now replaced, encourages us to believe we are entering a more stable period of Live-streaming going forwards.

Reaching out - then and now: The Holy Trinity Horfield YouTube channel was launched with its first Live-stream by Caroline on Good Friday 2024. Regular Live-stream broadcasts then began on Sundays, followed by the addition of Live-streams of Thursday 10am Mass starting in May 2024, and Tuesday noon Mass, starting in October 2024. Recently some Live-streams have been complemented by the addition of short ‘outside broadcasts’ that are posted to the HTH WhatsApp group, an example being the recording of the outside procession on Palm Sunday this year.

It isn’t easy to make month on month viewing number comparisons as previous Live-streams continue to be watched by new viewers over time. It is possible to say that there was a marked increase in HTH YouTube Live-streamed viewing numbers coming into 2025 and that that increase has been maintained. The ‘running average’ for Live-stream Sunday Mass viewings for the whole of 2025 excluding special occasions and Christmas/Easter appears to be around 54 views. For just the first four months of this year this ‘running average’ Live-stream viewing number for a Sunday Mass is in the region of 66 views.

Live-streams can also be requested for special occasions - Baptisms, Weddings, Requiem Masses and Funerals – there have been around 19 of these Services so far, mostly going out live via the HTH YouTube channel, though a couple have been recorded for Private viewing only. Of particular note, one Requiem Mass has had 524 views to date.

Apart from these special occasions, some of the highest viewings we see are around Easter and Christmas time, especially when our Festival Choir is singing, and here again we can get over 100 Live-stream views for a Service.

The Holy Trinity YouTube Channel currently has 111 Subscribers.”

Prayers: there are two Live-streaming prayers said at Mass.

The first is one we Live-Streamers use, inspired by St Carlo Acutis (who is popularly known as patron saint of the Internet). We pray when setting up...

"Through the intercession of St Carlo Acutis, may we be reminded that we do God's work and that we are His instruments.

O God come to our aid, O Lord make haste to help us.

God's Will be done and to God be the Glory. "

The second prayer is led by the Liturgical President at Communion and is called 'An Act of Spiritual Communion', written by St. Alphonsus Liguori - it goes as follows ..

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Feedback: Finally, here are two sets of feedback from our online community about the importance of being able to join Holy Trinity through the ministry of live-streaming.

"I am one of your devoted livestream followers. I have only been able to visit HTH once two or more years ago. My weekly viewing of Sunday services make me feel one of the congregation. Also, the videos of what is happening in the Churchyard bring me much joy and I feel as though I am there in person. In the absence of being able to attend because of partial disability, I am so grateful for modern technology enabling me to attend and worship with this amazing community of people led by Canon David and all his conscientious helpers."

"Horfield Holy Trinity Church is what we consider to be our spiritual home. When looking for a home in Devon to start our married life in 2023, we found it difficult to envisage being able to maintain our connection with our church in Bristol.

We are delighted to share with you the impact that regularly watching the livestream from our home in Brixham has had on our lives! Who would have thought that we could feel so included, valued and connected when watching and participating in a Mass, whilst sitting in our living room in front of our television?!

There are times when we have questioned the place that technology has in our spiritual lives, but this is an example of technology providing a lifeline. Although we would dearly love to be regularly worshipping in the church we love and with our church "family", from a practical point of view, it isn't really possible.

This will inevitably be the case for people all over the world who feel isolated and disconnected, for a variety of reasons, such as health, mobility and work/care commitments. But, engage with this fantastic opportunity provided by HTH and hopefully you will feel immersed in the Mass, as we do, from the comfort of your own home.

We wish to highlight the excellent quality of the livestream. The team responsible for delivering this service to our homes are consistently discreet and professional in their delivery.

To still be able to hear the Gospel, pray and listen to Fr. David's inspirational words is something that we will never take for granted. We feel engaged enough to use all of our senses to fully participate throughout, just as we did when able to attend in person. We especially appreciate Fr. David acknowledging the presence of the online congregation.

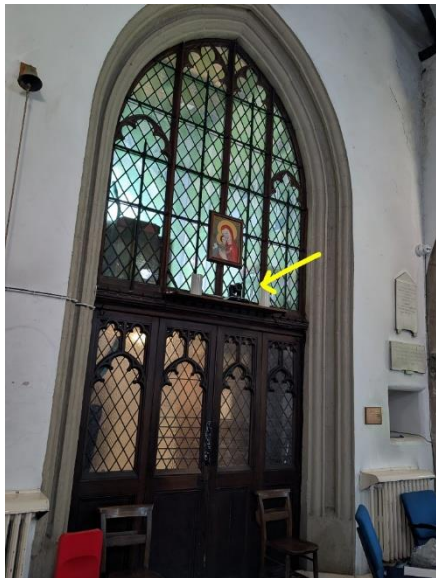
We thank all who are involved in providing this excellent service so professionally, understanding the need to respect the privacy of members of the congregation; your voluntary involvement is certainly making a difference.

Finally, we wish to convey to anyone who may feel separated from church, to consider participating in HTHs Livestream, an opportunity to feel included and connected through a shared faith.

Ian and Teresa Dye"

Live-Stream Cameras in Church and what they show on the Laptop...

- Remote 'PTZ' camera at back of Church (controlled by a remote-control handset)



- One view from the remote camera at the back of church looking into the church



- The same view as seen on the laptop



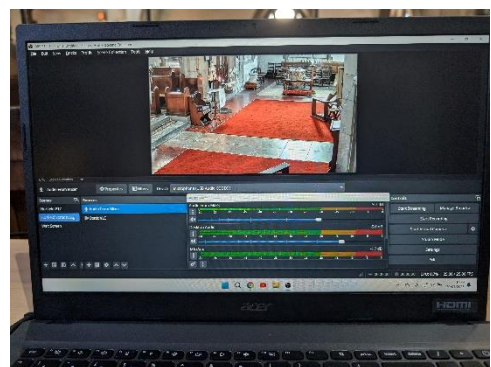
- Static camera in St Edmund Chapel (controlled directly via the laptop)



- View from the static camera in the St Edmund Chapel positioned to look across at the Baptistry



- The same view as seen on the laptop



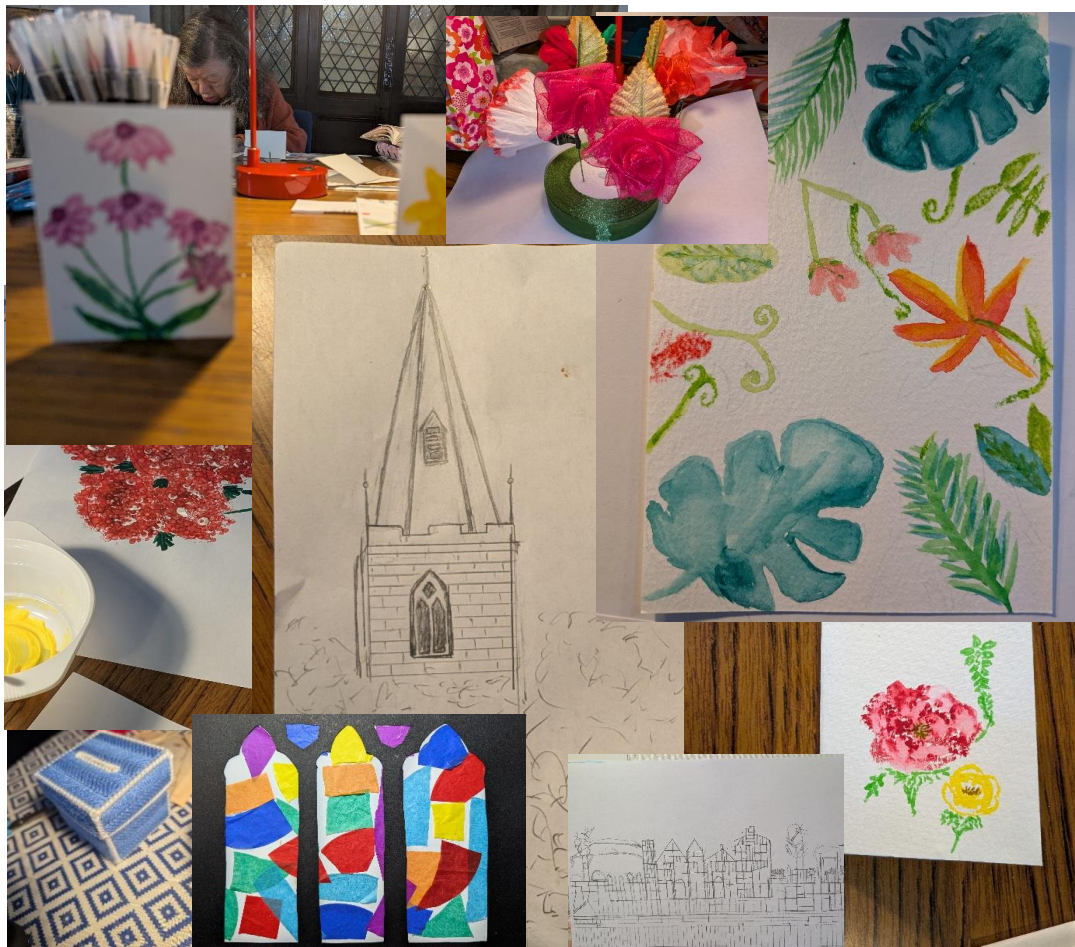
CRAFT CLUB

The idea of some sort of a regular get together with crafts as a theme was broached in November 2025 and with the idea developing, 'Craft Club' was launched in early December- Advent 2025 - a new beginning! Craft Club has run alongside Monday's Warm Welcome and feels very much complementary to Warm Welcome's mission.

Over the weeks, there have been a core of regular crafters with others dropping in when they can. Numbers vary around 6 to 10 people each week and there is always a lovely casual atmosphere - sometimes lots of chatting, other times you could hear a pin drop, such is the concentration on each's chosen activity! There is always drawing and painting to do - we have one crafter who has been patiently and methodically working on a drawing, and it is thrilling to see this piece of artwork develop. Marianne leads with a fantastic knowledge of craft work which she generously shares with the group; using wool, tissue paper, weaving mats, cotton buds!... all sorts - with brilliant results! Here are a few photographs of things the Club has been doing...

Craft Club will continue to run on Monday mornings 9-10:30 at the west end of the church in the welcome area during term times. If you would like to come along, do give it a try, you would be most welcome - bring along your own craft or join in the craft of the day (materials and refreshments are provided).

Hilary Maddalena



BELLRINGERS

We are a very happy band that many of you, sat in the congregation, never see! Next time you come into church, take a look up and see if you can see us, high above you.

We are a ringing band of 10 +, although we only require 5 ringers at any one time to be actually ringing. We ring every week before the 10 am Sunday morning service and we may also be asked to ring at special celebratory services e.g. Advent, Remembrance Sunday, as well as weddings and sometimes, funerals. We also have a practice night on Monday which enables us to learn and ring new methods which we then, once perfected, ring on Sunday mornings .



The Bell Tower

Last year, some of you may have had the chance to ring a bell and see us in action at the HTC Open Day. The overall comment was that ringing was much harder than one thought, but you all loved the experience and the opportunity to have a go yourselves. There will be another opportunity for those who didn't manage to visit the Ringing Tower last year, to do so, at this year's Open Day , at the end of next month. Please come and see us.

We are awaiting a very special addition to HTC Ringing Tower in the months to come so do listen out

Annette Richer



Inside the Bell Tower

Some photos from the Open Day last year



HORFIELD FAMILIES GROUP

We are a friendly group of 16 ladies with a range of interests and views. Our programme provides a mixture of speakers and activities both indoor and out. Families and friends are always welcome to join us at meetings.

In 2025 our speakers have entertained and informed us with “Tales of Derring do and desperation” – stories from the archives of the Suspension Bridge, and the story of a visit by the Scouts to Nepal. Vera Seaman from the M.U. reminisced about her 26yrs” Behind the screen” working in a Post Office, and we received practical advice on keeping our house plants happy. Frances Borrowoughes gave a talk entitled “Can you play Jerusalem for us? – humorous recollections of speaking to various Women ‘Institute groups, He was quite a sharp observer, and we wondered if we might be appearing in future talks,

In January we enjoyed an evening of line dancing and February saw us indoor Curling. Two more active evenings which we probably needed to help shift the pounds we all gained at Christmas.

Our June outing was a guided tour of St. Nicholas Market and Air Raid shelter located in the Corn Exchange. This was a very popular visit and attracted both members and friends and family.



We had planned our Christmas lunch for December 3rd but on arrival were greeted by an apologetic Landlord who explained that there was a gas leak in the kitchen and they were unable to serve our meal. After complementary coffees we decided to re-schedule for January and so welcomed in the New Year with turkey and Christmas pudding! Our Christmas meeting at the Hall went more smoothly as we puzzled over a photo quiz trying to match pictures of ourselves as toddlers with the adults. Followed as usual with mince pies and mulled wine.

Our Charity for the year was The Children’s Air Ambulance, and we presented a cheque to their representative in September. We raised in total £402.14p. this consisted of our cheque for £220 pounds from our usual fundraising and an impressive £182.14p from a collection box we kept on the serving hatch containing loose change and donations from guests. A good amount of money from a small group.

For all the various activities that we enjoy, one of the main strengths of the group is the friendship and support we give one another.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall, starting at 7.30pm Our events are listed in the Church Pew sheet, if anyone would like to come along they would be very welcome

Christine Payne HFG Secretary



THE DECIBELLS HANDBELL TEAM

The Decibells team continued to meet in the church most Wednesdays in 2025 to practise playing the set of handbells donated to the church by Betty Topham in the 1980s.

We moved to practising in the church rather than the choir vestry and have found it much better with the church acoustics and the increased space and enjoy meeting people who call into the church for so many reasons.

In September we had an Open Taster afternoon when we invited anyone interested to come and join us, listen to the bells ask questions, have a go themselves and join us for refreshments. We advertised the event in local churches in Henleaze and Westbury as well as our church pew sheet. We were pleased with the response on the day, some popping in to hear us play and several had a go themselves at playing. As a result of that event, we now have a new member of the team, Chris, who hadn't played handbells before but now joins the team on Wednesdays when she can.

Sarah, who joined the team in 2024 went to the Residential National Residential Ringing week in Sheffield in August and brought back many useful tips on handball ringing technique which she shares with us at our practices, and she is planning to be at the International Symposium in Aberdeen this year.

In October we went to a regional get-together of handbell teams at Iron Acton. This is an event when local teams get together, learn from the experts, and all the teams join to play pieces of music together – a useful and enjoyable experience!

We accepted an invitation to go to Westbury Methodist Church Fellowship Group in December to play at their meeting. Handbell music is often associated with the Christmas season, so we played some Christmas music and some of their members also had the chance to play at the end of the meeting. As in previous years we also enjoyed being a part of the service of lessons and music in our church the Sunday before Christmas by playing the bells as people came in for the service.



Barbara Martin retired from the team at the end of the year. She had been a loyal member since its early days in the late 1980s when the Decibells was then called Horfield Young Families' Handbell Team. Barbara has given a lot to the team over the years and we shall miss her.
Gill Wilding

Gill Wilding



Horfield Theatre Company

www.horfieldtheatre.co.uk

This is my first Chairman's report for Snapshot since taking up the role last year

This last year for Horfield Theatre Company (HTC) has been challenging and diverse. We have carried out two productions during the year starting with two one act plays in May at the Alma Tavern. These were Failed Investments by Lynn Britney and Lucy in the Sky by Tony Layton and both were Directed by Judith Claypole. These included very sensitive subjects like abuse, rape and misogyny. These were both successful and very well received by the audience.

For the October production the HTC Committee decided to advertise for a Director and were able to appoint Levi James to the role and put on the The Father by Florian Zeller. In a change this was done in the round, on the floor of the hall, with a number of new actors joining for the production. In keeping with looking at current issue the Play looked at the subject of dementia with great acting and work from the cast and backstage people. The Play was reviewed for the Rosebowl awards and received a reasonable review.

This production also highlighted the increasing problem of non-acting support for productions, particularly front of house, set building, bar, costume and props, etc, with many people having to do multiple jobs to for the shows to be put on. This being the case, the Committee made the decision to cancel the February 2026 production and concentrate on having a series of monthly play readings, commencing in February, to bring in new members and reach out previous members. At the first we did have two new people join us. We will also have two Play Production workshops looking at all aspects of this, including set design, lighting and sound, costumes front of house, etc.

The proposed Hall refurbishment is an issue we are making plans to accommodate, though we will certainly be able to use the Hall in October and, quite possibly, next February. In the meantime the Committee is looking to other venues to perform, and alternative places in which to rehearse when the hall is not available when work starts on the hall. With regard to booking of the Hall, with the online, third party system Sharesy, with the help of Caroline Plaice I have been able to make this easier for us to use. Though it has taken quite a number of back and forth emails.

Lucy, who has been a stalwart on the Committee and in the shows is having to step back for personal reasons and, at our AGM, I expressed my personal thanks for all she has done and her support for me in my first year.

Going forward I am hoping that the play readings will provide us with a play to perform in October, along with some new members. In addition, I am hoping that we will have a better idea as to what is happening, so that we can plan with certainty.

In the last year a number of stalwarts of the Company have passed away, particularly in mind are Richard Morgan who acted as our auditor and always supported every show, and Tom Rogers who was always cheerfully in the background ensuring that shows happened either set building, behind the bar, but mostly as our official photographer.

This coming year is going to be a challenge. I like to feel that with the committee and the members we will continue to provide a community theatre in Horfield and the wider community.

Donald Wainwright
Chair
Horfield Theatre Company

Finance report APCM May 2026

Overall position for 2025

Year end balances for 2025

Hall £22,779.07

Charity £587.23

Main £2,943.33

Welcome project £8,147.01

Points of note

Some headings have been updated this year – for example we now have ‘church house’ rather than curate’s house. We have added lines for youth work and CCTV.

Some of the salaries have moved position – the organist salary is now under the occasional organist line.

We have allocated some of the restricted funds for the new cottas.

There will be a new line being added in 2026 for Bell ringers funds.

Income and Outgoings

We have seen an increase in both our gifted income and hall income in 2026. The gifted income has increased, in part due to our path fund raising campaign from last year and also as we were able to claim gift aid. The hall income has risen since the change to our online booking system Sharesy and our church house income has also increased.

Our outgoings have also increased significantly, although a large part of this increase is due to the path renovation completed in 2025.

We largely funded this from funds held with the church investment which were moved across in readiness in 2024. This has led to the negative position for the year overall.

You may notice that some headings have gone up and some down this year. This is often due to cost moving around rather than significant changes.

Completed Path

The project was a huge success with award ceremony pending! Whilst a large expenditure for the church, we now have a safe, usable path to welcome the community into our churchyard. The expenditure for this can be seen within the ‘major church repairs’ heading on the accounts.

Parish Share and Stewardship

In 2025 we were able to increase our giving to the diocese to £34,000.

We continue to rely on donations from our regular congregation to fund the welcome that we offer at Holy Trinity. We need these donations to keep the church running and appreciate everyone who contributes to the church. We would encourage everyone to review their regular giving each year.

Budget planning for 2026

FAB are meeting this year to draw up a budget plan for the various areas of spending at church so that we can be pro-active in our planning for the church finances.

Jen Douglas

Finance Advisory Board

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY HORFIELD

I report on the accounts of the parish of Holy Trinity, Horfield for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.

I 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.

Name: Hannah Cook, Accountant

Date: 30/04/2026

Signed: 

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICPA

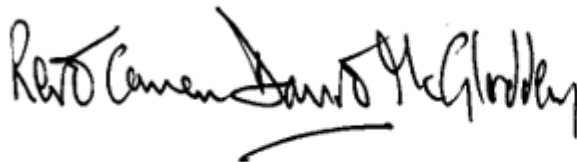
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

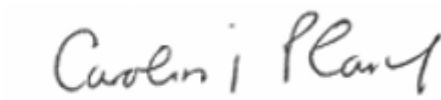
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	77,768.26	0.00	0.00	77,768.26	58,223.05
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Income from investments	2(c)	5,476.90	0.00	0.00	5,476.90	6,491.18
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	77,738.43	0.00	0.00	77,738.43	56,817.35
Other incoming resources	2(e)	0.00	15,050.95	0.00	15,050.95	5,973.05
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		166,483.59	15,050.95	0.00	181,534.54	133,004.63
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3(a)	141,671.40	68,563.02	0.00	210,234.42	134,191.39
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		141,671.40	68,563.02	0.00	210,234.42	134,191.39
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
		24,812.19	-53,512.07	0.00	-28,699.88	-1,186.76
Gains (losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	-6,727.66	-6,727.66	6,053.08
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		24,812.19	-53,512.07	-6,727.66	-35,427.54	4,866.32
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY		10,444.10	62,465.46	176,931.93	249,841.49	244,975.17
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		35,256.29	8,953.39	170,204.27	214,413.95	249,841.49

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2026, and signed on its behalf by



Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP


Caroline Plaice, Churchwarden

28th April 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2 (a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	52,579.53	0.00	0.00	52,579.53	46,500.21
Tax recoverable	12,902.55	0.00	0.00	12,902.55	0.00
Other	235.00	0.00	0.00	235.00	0.00
Open plate	8,558.83	0.00	0.00	8,558.83	11,135.36
Sundry donations	3,492.35	0.00	0.00	3,492.35	587.48
Flood lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	77,768.26	0.00	0.00	77,768.26	58,223.05
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special collections and appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Grants received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	5,177.04	0.00	0.00	5,177.04	6,381.84
Deposit account interest	299.86	0.00	0.00	299.86	109.34
	5,476.90	0.00	0.00	5,476.90	6,491.18
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	944	0.00	0.00	944.00	2,102.00
Income from insurance	530.00	0.00	0.00	530.00	0.00
Church hall income	57,761.13	0.00	0.00	57,761.13	41,965.35
Youth Club Income	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	700.00
Rent from Church House	16,303.30	0.00	0.00	16,303.30	12,050.00
	77,738.43	0.00	0.00	77,738.43	56,817.35
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Welcome Project	0.00	15,050.95	0.00	15,050.95	5,973.05
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	166,483.59	15,050.95	0.00	181,534.54	133,004.63

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield
Registered Charity No. 1132013

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restirtcted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3 (a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Other	1,872.94	0.00	0.00	1,872.94	0.00
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	34,000.00	0.00	0.00	34,000.00	20,000.00
Incumbent expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non PCC funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	24,841.25	0.00	0.00	24,841.25	11,108.29
Major church repairs	0.00	67,136.19	0.00	67,136.19	3,972.00
Insurance	6,195.31	0.00	0.00	6,195.31	5,724.06
Heating, lighting and water	22,779.62	0.00	0.00	22,779.62	22,084.83
Hospitality	128.54	0.00	0.00	128.54	0.00
Sacristy	2,578.97	1,426.83	0.00	4,005.80	3,745.98
Occasional Organist	6,015.04	0.00	0.00	6,015.04	820.00
Organ and Pianos	972.00	0.00	0.00	972.00	1,106.40
Music and Choir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
Flowers	432.17	0.00	0.00	432.17	240.15
Churchyard maintenance	4,142.73	0.00	0.00	4,142.73	1,004.41
Live Streaming Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	778.80
CCTV	2,709.12	0.00	0.00	2,709.12	0.00
Youth Club Expenses	3,170.14	0.00	0.00	3,170.14	538.94
Bells	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	669.98
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	12,294.82	0.00	0.00	12,294.82	8,927.36
Employer Pension Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	164.61
Administration salaries	12,354.13	0.00	0.00	12,354.13	42,197.17
Legal and professional fees	2,101.20	0.00	0.00	2,101.20	328.80
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.70
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	1,435.64	0.00	0.00	1,435.64	6,246.91
Church house upkeep	2,897.78	0.00	0.00	2,897.78	3,606.00
	141,671.40	68,563.02	0.00	210,234.42	134,191.39
3 (b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Traidcraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	141,671.40	68,563.02	0.00	210,234.42	134,191.39

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	12,354.13	0.00	0.00	12,354.13	25,661.27
Historical Wages Journal Correction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,535.90
	12,354.13	0.00	0.00	12,354.13	42,197.17

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2025 £	2024 £
Church House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the revaluation in 2024	600,000.00	600,000.00

Total tangible fixed assets

The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for a value of £7,700,043

The property has been revalued in this year at £600,000

(b) Investments

(b) Investments			change	2025	2024
			£	£	£
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units	131.29	5,495.14	5,363.85
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units	-4,981.38	119,621.76	124,603.14
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units	-414.13	9,944.84	10,358.97
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	1583.12 units	-1,463.44	35,142.53	36,605.97
These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December			-6,727.66	170,204.27	176,931.93

These investments are held in trust with only the interest payable to the church each year. The capital is not available to spend.

	2025 £	2024 £
Market Value 01 January	176,931.93	220,878.85
Transferred to Cash	0.00	-50,000.00
Revaluation gain	-6,727.66	6,053.08
Market Value 31 December	170,204.27	176,931.93

The market value at 31 December 2024 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax Recoverable	7,914.42	7,914.42
Total	7,914.42	7,914.42

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

7 LIABILITIES

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Auditor's Honorarium	750	750
Charities	476.60	2,127.46
Tax & NI	4,549.50	20,146.99
Net Pay Control	0.00	3.80
Pensions	-54.66	-54.66
Total	5,721.44	22,973.59

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement	Fund at 31st Dec 2025	Fund at 31st Dec 2024
	£	£	£
Bell fund	0.00	1,482.55	1,482.55
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	-368.75	0.00	368.75
Specific donations	-1,058.08	0.00	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Welcome Project	-52,085.24	3,887.81	55,973.05
Total	-53,512.07	8,953.39	62,465.46
Endowment Fund	-6,727.66	170,204.27	176,931.93

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Fund	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment fixed assets	0.00	0.00	170,204.27	170,204.27	176,931.93
Current assets	38,420.56	8,953.39	0.00	47,373.95	93,329.15
Liabilities	5,721.44	0.00	0.00	5,721.44	22,973.59
Total	35,253.12	8,953.39	170,204.27	214,410.78	249,841.49

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HOLY TRINITY

WITH ST ANDREW AND ST EDMUND

HORFIELD PARISH CHURCH



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Annual parish report 2025

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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 18th May 2025
A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer and Worship
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners**
 - 3.1 Minutes of the meeting to elect Churchwardens held on 12th May 2024
 - 3.2 Election of Churchwardens

4. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
 - 4.1 To approve the minutes of the APCM held on 12th May 2024
 - 4.2 Matters arising from the 2024 APCM
 - 4.3 To approve the report of the Electoral Roll Officer
 - 4.4 To confirm the list of PCC Members
 - 4.5 To confirm the Deanery Synod Representatives
 - 4.6 To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)
 - 4.7 To receive and approve the Accounts for 2024 (included within Snapshots)
 - 4.8 Appointment of the Independent Examiner : Hannah Cook, Mendip Accounting Solutions.
5. Rector's Report and Reflections
6. Questions

Parish of Holy Trinity with St. Edmund, Horfield

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishoners held on Sunday 12th May 2024

The Rector, the Reverend Canon Dr. David McGladdery (Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

1. List of attendees and apologies – see Appendix 1

MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH APRIL 2023

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Wanda Prosser proposed, and Christine Bufton seconded that Caroline Plaice be elected for a further year and this was unanimously agreed. Caroline Plaice was duly elected Churchwarden.

Wanda Prosser proposed, and Christine Bufton seconded that Nick Stephenson be elected for a further year and this was unanimously agreed. Nick Stephenson was duly elected Churchwarden.

Parish of Holy Trinity with St. Edmund, Horfield

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on Sunday 12th May 2024

4.1 **Minutes of the APCM held on 30th April 2023** were agreed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

4.2 **Matters arising from the 2023 APCM** - there were no matters arising.

4.3 **Notification of any other business** - none

4.4 Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Carolyn Larcey the Electoral Roll Officer, reported on the 2024 revision of the Electoral Roll as follows :

Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2023

121

Number of names removed between then and APCM 2024 3

Number of names added between then and April 2024 3

Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM 2024 121

Carolyn also reported that next year a new Church Electoral Roll is required, which means that everyone must reapply to be included on the Electoral Roll for Holy Trinity.

Fr David thanked Carolyn for her report.

4.5 PCC nominations and elections

There were four nominations:

Helen Currie, proposed by Garth Baker and seconded by Jen Douglas

Phil Lewis, proposed by Dennis Hughes and seconded by Tony Hopton

Laura Bufton proposed by Jen Douglas and seconded by Helen Hinksman

Jen Douglas proposed by Christine Bufton and seconded by Garth Baker

All were elected unanimously.

Christine Bufton (Treasurer) and Carolyn Larcey (PCC Secretary) were co-opted in their roles.

4.6 To confirm the list of PCC members

Current membership of the PCC, including their specific responsibilities are as follows:

Chair: Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP – Rector; Diocesan Synod

Caroline Plaice – Churchwarden; HR Lead; Parish Safeguarding Officer; Deanery and Diocesan Synod representative
 Nick Stephenson - Churchwarden, Inclusion, Equality and Diversity Lead; Estates and Plant Lead
 Carolyn Larcey- PCC Secretary; MU; Social and Hospitality
 Garth Baker – Stewardship Recorder; Deanery Synod representative
 Jonathan Crow – Music and artistic outreach
 Christine Bufton – Treasurer
 Laura Bufton – Safeguarding administrator; altar serving team
 Helen Currie – Children, Youth and Families
 Phil Lewis – Welcome Project Steering Group; Social and Hospitality
 Jen Douglas – Church School Liaison; Finance Advisory Group; Children, Youth and Families; Welcome Project Steering Group.

4.7 **Deanery Synod representatives**

Garth Baker and Caroline Plaice agreed to continue to be representatives on Deanery Synod.

4.8 **To receive and approve the reports of individuals and church groups (Snapshots)**

The report was commended and received as a record of church life.

4.9 **Presentation from the Financial Advisory Group**

Jen Douglas presented the report from the group (Dennis Hughes, Garth Baker, Christine Bufton, Jen Douglas, Nick Stephenson). The slides are at Appendix 2.

Questions from the floor:

- Clarification about taking the church house in Rosling Road off the market.

Yes, we have taken the property off the market, for up to a year. We have not had as much interest in the property as we anticipated, and no realistic offer has been made. The market is currently volatile, and we've been advised to wait. As we are not immediately looking for the revenue to provide match funding for the Lottery funding, we can be more flexible in our timings with this. In addition, we can continue to offer the house as a welcome refuge. It is our intention to rent the property to guests from Ukraine through the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which will bring in income from the government.

- There is a rumour that the Diocese will have the money from the sale of the house anyway .

That isn't the case. We have been working closely with the Diocese on the process of selling and the money will be credited to us.

- The heating and lighting costs for last year are extremely high. Why?

The costs cover both the Church and the Hall and Helliwell Room. Some of the increase is accounted for by the increase in the cost of fuel which has impacted on us all. Some of the inefficiencies of e.g. the cost of the sodium lights in church, were addressed mid-year (June 2023) and since then, we have seen the cost of lighting reduce by two thirds. In our recent energy audit, the inefficiency of relying on gas was highlighted. We hope to have access to grants of up to £20,000 to move to an electric based heating system, and also have expertise from those who have done this already, including S. Matthew's Cotham. Their Environment Lead, Deborah Tomkins spoke at our Parish Conference on this and offered further support.

- Are there elements in the hall which we can change now?

Yes, we can do things to the building which will not change going forward, for example cavity wall insulation, suspended ceilings. It is also worth noting that at the moment we have one heating system for the hall and Helliwell, and cannot be flexible to the individual spaces, which is wasting money. Donald Wainwright asked to be included in this work, based on his experience in the industry.

Following the presentation and questions, the accounts were approved unanimously.

- 4.10 **Independent Examiner** (JF Balshaw and Company) were appointed for the following year

5. **Rector's Reflection**

Flourishing Like a Tree -

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

(2 Jeremiah, 17:7-8)

I chose to begin my report in *Snapshots* with those verses of scripture from the prophet Jeremiah, because they describe what is happening here in Holy Trinity.

We now live in a very different world to the one I grew up in; a very different world to the one I began my adult life in – and certainly church is a very different organisation now than it ever was. We have to be serious about this – the United Kingdom is not united and it is not a Christian country. Those who attempt to live the Christian faith know that some things remain ever the same. God as the source of all healing, inclusive, forgiving love is constant. The example of humble, non-judgemental love taught us by Jesus the Christ (the chosen one) of God is the same as ever. The power of the life-giving and life-giving Holy Spirit is the same as ever.

We must not confuse these two realities. Our Christian Faith remains the same; the institution of the Church is ever changing as its cultural and social setting ever changes.

Over the last four years, much has changed here at Holy Trinity in terms of the way we have learnt to live our Faith in practical ways. I want to outline a few points by which the Leadership team and PCC will be enabling and encouraging our whole church community to be positively involved in a **Year of Flourishing**.

FLOWER OF FLOURISHING (See Appendix C)

The way we organise Church REVEALS what we set as priorities for what we wish to achieve.

LIVING UNCONDITIONAL WELCOME – Phil Lewis

Phil spoke about the work of the Welcome Project and the recent response to the Lottery decision – What is God telling us? Project started Nov 2020 – 3 ½ years go with a plan to refurbish the church hall a – because it needed it, b – to realise the vision of being a church engaged with and reaching out into the community. To demonstrate Christ's love for all people in practical ways.

To be honest – when we started, we only had our vision and the early days were spent thinking about how we were going to achieve this. There was no real experience and it did feel a bit like we were winging it! ☐ Within a couple of months, we realised there was a need to shift from the church hall being specifically attached to the church, to being more inclusive and community based, and our strapline of Whoever you are, wherever you come from, everyone is welcome here came into being. ☐ Over the months, a plan was developed, and actioned upon – research, consultation, business plan appointing architects etc.

We certainly had our challenges – initially our lack of experience; the overwhelming size of the task; encouraging the church to be involved not forgetting the impact of the pandemic – however, whatever the challenge, we seemed able to persevere through – it was as though God still wanted us to carry on. Which of course he does. ☐ However, the Welcome Project started to gradually develop beyond just the refurbishment of the hall. Opportunities arose which enabled us, you, the church to start being the Welcome Project in a very practical way.

With your support, we housed our Ukrainian friends offering a safe friendly welcome; we started the Warm Welcome over the winter months; we offer a free food pantry to people that need it; we've developed our youth ministry and have become a dementia friendly

church. Even moving refreshments at the end of mass to the back of the church encouraging more people to stay behind and chat.

So, alongside the practical, pragmatic business of the hall refurbishments, the Spirit was quietly leading us into a much wider project. The Welcome project isn't just the steering group. It's all of us. We are all doing the Welcome Project. It's what we do, what we have become and what we are.

So, the lottery decision, although disappointing, did lead us to take stocking stock.

What is God telling us? On reflection, I believe it's that we're doing Ok actually, to take heart and carry on with the project, perhaps taking a different approach, but still with the redevelopment of the church hall an integral part of future proofing our mission to serve our community in the name of our Lord Jesus through the welcome Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - Caring for the Churchyard

Our churchyard is a place of remembrance and peace that is widely valued and used by many local people. The churchyard is noted as being the most biodiverse area of Horfield common. Green Gym has been working tirelessly over the years to maintain and keep accessible as much of the churchyard as possible. Last year we started Sapling Saturdays – inviting volunteers to help tackle specific areas of the churchyard (initially taking out saplings that were growing where our mowers were not able to reach them), compost bins were built and we began clearing some of the very overgrown areas of the churchyard.

We need to better manage the churchyard to both respect the memory of those who are buried here and also to ensure that it remains an accessible and open place for remembrance and reflection.

Additionally, we wish to record the memorials we have as historical monuments (ie. John Frost's grave), and understand and increase the biodiversity (plants, insects, animals). Parts of the hedge are dying and are being overtaken by ivy, some areas which are now cleared are very uneven, many saplings continue to grow through memorials at a phenomenal speed and there remain large areas of scrub and bramble.

Over the next year we plan 3 things:

1. Continue our maintenance of the churchyard with Green Gym and Sapling Saturday and continue working to revitalise the hedge.
2. Leave some areas of the churchyard unmown so we can survey the current wildlife.
3. Develop a plan to identify areas of the churchyard which are managed differently to encourage a range of habitats, for example those where grass is mown every week, areas which are left to grow longer and perhaps cut twice a year, and areas which we may only cut every two or three years.

You are all invited to give your thoughts about how the churchyard is managed as well as to record what you know about the churchyard. We will be using excellent resources from Caring for God's Acre to support this work.

The Welcome Project will involve and develop and provide a way for us to enable the flourishing of our resources to serve and support those in need in our community. We will have a re-developed, parish hall to support this work within the very near future.

I wish to draw our attention to the number of young adults who have been welcomed into our regular congregation over the last year. We do have regular worshippers from each decade of human life. Our average attendance at all services has increased over the last year – and I commend to you the work achieved by our Children, Youth and Families Pastoral Team, who have revitalised Friday Club and initiated a growing Messy Church.

A church community in the 3rd decade of the 21st century is encouraged to be far more collaborative – with everyone invited to give of their talents and encouraged to weave the threads of their own interests, capabilities and gifts to create a living tapestry of all that is good; all that will be helpful and all that serves those who feel isolated, judged and not included in the turmoil of life in 2024.

When we anchor our lives in faith, we won't fear the heat of trials or the drought of difficult times. Our lives will bear fruit, reflecting the steadfastness of our trust in God. This image of a thriving tree teaches us the beauty of reliance on God, promising a life that overcomes challenges, blooms and flourishes in every season.

In this coming **Year of Flourishing** – I invite you to give yourselves in any way you are able, in prayer, in unconditional welcome, in action to make a living contribution to the flourishing of the Kingdom of God in Horfield.

6. **Questions following the Rector's report and Phil's presentation**

- Some local churchyards have been closed because of concerns about safety. What are we doing to monitor the graves, many of which look unstable?

It is a monthly part of Rob's workplan to check all the graves for any sign of deterioration. We are also seeking advice from the Diocese, and working with the organisation Caring for God's acre to maintain and protect our churchyard. If anyone notices anything amiss, please do inform Nick.

The first issue of *Welcome, Matters!* was distributed. This new publication provides detail on how we are moving forward with our plans, and will appear on a regular basis.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Appendix 1

Attendees and apologies

Attendees:

Fr David
Donald Wainwright
Marianne Wainwright
Celia Wells
Judy Lee
Helen Currie
James Kay
Carolyn Larcey
Gabrielle Evans
Vera Seaman
Eleanor Costelloe
Geoff Stock
Nicky Stanton
Karen Dunmall
Julienne Trotman
Tony Hopton
Chris Hopton

Mary White
John White
Annette Martin
Bryan Plaister
Laura Bufton
Emma Bickford
Alison Ellis
Nigel Martin
Jen Douglas
Christine Bufton
Garth Baker
Dennis Hughes
Hilary Maddalena
Phil Lewis
Jane Lewis
Nigel de Bray
Nick Stephenson
Caroline Plaice

Apologies:

Penny Moynihan
Gill Wilding
Andy Cleaver
Fergus Currie
Pat Grosvenor
David Grosvenor
Margaret Smith
Rob Smith

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

During 2024 we had a short period of stability with two wardens – Nick and myself – and then sadly Nick had to step back in June due to family and work commitments. Thank you, Nick, for all you brought to the warden role, and to the work you have continued to do as our lead in a number of areas – environment, and equality, diversity and inclusion. For the rest of the year, we have been fortunate to have several auxiliary wardens who ensure that our welcome is always warm, and that the church is prepared for and tidied after major events.

There have been many developments over the year. It is clear that our **Welcome Project**, originally focused on re-imagining the Hall, has expanded and grown in so many areas. Whilst the Hall remains a priority, and our Grant-Funding Team is working hard to secure the funding for this, there are a number of other areas which have been incorporated into us realising a life of welcome at Holy Trinity. At our parish conference in the autumn, there were thoughtful and ambitious discussions around prioritising our objectives as a community. Some of the ways we have realised our welcome over the year being reported are listed below:

1. **Re-purposing of the former Parish Office:** with there no longer being a need for a staffed office across the road from the church building, the room was renovated and dedicated in October as 'The Blancharde Room' in memory of our dear friends Mtr Hilary and Brian. The room is available for hire for 1-1 and small meetings and has received many positive comments for its welcoming and bright atmosphere.
2. **Re-development of the Choir Vestry** as a Parish Resource Room in the autumn: As well as continuing to be the base for the choir, the area also now houses the photocopier and the printing for services, pew sheet etc. now happens here. It is very useful to have the 'copier close to hand for last minute printing, and an unexpected benefit of the re-development has been the opportunity to be able to welcome people who come into church whilst in the office. Thank you to Rob for his work to renovate the space, to choir members for their significant support in sorting out music and the existing furnishings, to Hilary for donations of furniture to enhance the space, and to Carolyn for all the back office work she carries out there, quietly and efficiently.
3. **Introduction of a new booking system** for our spaces: Holy Trinity have been one of the first churches in the Diocese to introduce *Sharesy* for our room bookings. The online booking system has a number of benefits, facilitating instant booking of the hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms by people across the community. This has resulted in an increase to our income, which in turn we can then put back into our support in other areas. Most importantly this initiative, has enabled us to welcome people who had no idea previously that there was a church and hireable spaces available, and to enable interesting conversations, and for us to offer a welcome in very different ways.
4. **Live-Streaming:** whilst recording services had previously been enabled, it was sporadic and beset by technical difficulties. I am so pleased to report that the system is now much more stable, and we have an excellent team supporting the recording of our services and events. Thank you to Carolyn, Hilary, Sally, Phil and Martin for all they do to enable people to join with us in

worship from afar. We know from the many comments received what an important part of our ministry this is.

5. **Church Path:** approved for re-development in 2024, our old and increasingly unsafe path will be replaced very soon. This is very much a practical example of making that welcome safe and inviting, for all those who use the church environment, whether it is to come into church itself, or to walk through the churchyard.
6. **Electrics and energy efficiency:** a review begun in 2023 continues, and through the Financial Advisory Board (FAB), and under the enthusiastic and can-do chairing of Jen, supported by Nick and Garth, we continue to make savings, and think carefully about how we move into the future.
7. **Welcome area at the west end of church:** identified by all as a priority, the Welcome Project Steering Group have visited other locations, led by Phil, to inform our ideas for how a welcome and hospitality area could look at Holy Trinity. This will be a priority in 2025.
8. **Communications Strategy:** all of our work needs to be informed and progressed by communications. There are a number of elements to this which are bubbling away, including a new-website and effective use of social media.

As well as these developments, we have welcomed a **new family of guests from Ukraine to our church house**. Iryna, Vitaly and Dominika, and latterly Lidiia, have settled into their new home. They are a gift to us, and a very real reminder of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Our **Warm Welcome** continues to be offered across the winter months, and the Pantry all year around. Whilst numbers coming along for the Warm Welcome remain modest, they have enabled some extraordinary and affirming interactions with the wider community, which are bearing fruit and will be reported on for our 2026 report.

Thank you to so many for your ongoing support, hard work and enthusiasm which enables our community at Holy Trinity to flourish. It continues to be a privilege to serve.

Caroline Plaice (Warden)

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod acts as a conduit of information and counsel between the Bishop/Diocese and the 'person in the pew'. Members have the opportunity to consider wider aspects of Church life beyond the confines of individual parishes, and from time-to-time wider attendance is encouraged from those with a particular interest in the matter to be discussed.

Your representatives attended three meetings in 2024. In February we met at Cotham Parish Church. The main focus was a 'weaving trust' workshop enabling us to 'speak across difference' and learn from each other's experiences of Church in our respective communities. Amongst subjects discussed were what were our current challenges and what needed to be prayed about, community engagement and how we linked with other Churches.

In June we met at St Stephen's, Southmead. The main subject was the Diocesan Priority Community Programme (part of 'Transforming Churches Together' initiative). The Diocese was concentrating more of its resources on areas of deprivation, the intent being to improve support for such areas and raise up leaders from the community. Churches were encouraged to work with each other and share the gifts of their respective congregations.

In September we met in St Ambrose, Whitehall. We concentrated on work in schools. 75% of people first came to faith before the age of 16, yet more than a third of parents were not particularly concerned to pass on their faith to future generations. It was important to utilise all the senses in spreading The Good News, and to work with others in 'non-Church schools, finding people where they were and using modern technology as appropriate.

An interesting 'mixed bag'. Our Parish is currently entitled to three seats on Deanery Synod, but we have only taken up two of them. Anyone interested?

Garth Baker
Deanery Synod Representative

STEWARDSHIP

I wrote quite a long piece about Stewardship this time last year, and we covered the matter further at the Parish Conference in October. So perhaps I should not need to write much now. But we all need to remind ourselves that Stewardship is essentially about looking after our Church, a matter much wider than just money (important though that is). It is about giving some part of ourselves to God, both in terms of practical gifts (be they in IT or Flower Arranging, and all points between) as well as money. Is there something which you think ought to be happening in Church, but currently is not? If so, perhaps you are the one who should be offering to do it? Have you reviewed your financial giving in the last five years (evidence suggests that some have not), or should you do so now?

At the Conference in October, we launched a Stewardship Event, but I have to record the response was somewhat disappointing. We probably made a mistake in hoping that people would take up the invitation to pick up the offered literature and forms, rather than making sure by posting copies through your letterboxes, but it is never the wrong time to consider these matters and response. (I have the relevant financial forms available, and practical gifts are never unwelcome). We will not have another Stewardship Event quite so soon, and the next one should be led by my (as yet unidentified) successor, but I think that we should go back to the true and tested 'stuff envelopes then stuff letterboxes' approach we did previously.

Food for thought (and prayer), I suggest.

Garth Baker
Stewardship Recorder

MUSIC AND CHOIR

Among my musical highlights of the year 2024/25 were a successful visit to Exeter and Devon with the Bristol & District Organists' Association (BDOA), a brilliant Advent and Christmas Season with the newly formed Festival Choir, another hugely successful Burns Supper which included a very challenging quiz of Scottish places and an illustrated Bach 275th anniversary talk which included a survey of my own visits to the Bach towns and churches in north Germany.

The Festival Choir's performances of "When will we see the little one" and my own arrangement of the French carol "Now tell us gentle Mary" were both very well received. I was also very pleased with the performance of Richard Shephard's beautiful "Advent Carol." The whole experience inspired me to write my very own Christmas carol - "Carol of the Stars" - both words and music which I look forward to premiering this year during Advent and Christmas.

It is really good to have Andy and James now regularly sing in our choir and even better to have Gail singing again after her ordeal. Furthermore, having occasional support from Nick, Jen, Sally and Donald means that the choir can sing anthems during Mass and enrich worship.

As 2024 was my 60th birthday year I treated myself to holidays to my own "special places" of Patmos and Islay. I have always enjoyed Hebridean sunsets and was not disappointed. I was blessed with the most glorious weather for two weeks in September, which I had never previously had during family visits over many years. I was also blessed that the tides were favourable for one of my



Exeter cathedral organ



favourite walks, the walk from Colonsay to Oronsay as part of a day trip from Islay. Oronsay is a tiny island which has a medieval abbey and can only be reached at low tide. It has an extraordinary atmosphere and sense of peace and calm that restores the soul.

As I said during my recent talk on Bach, Bach is my absolute passion. It gives me a reason to live. It brings me comfort and joy each day. Every day I listen to some Bach. It helps me sleep at night. My passion for Bach started at age 12 when I was first introduced to the organ music of Bach at school at St Peter's Church Colchester. My music teacher Duncan Godwin was himself a keen organist who loved Bach. I was simply blown away by it and devoted myself to learning the organ and excelling at it. Since then my own love of Bach has just grown and grown. I have won organ competitions and given many organ recitals of Bach. So much so that I have been given the nickname Johann Sebastian! I may not be Bach's No1 Superfan, but I think I am right up there!

In terms of 2025/26 my future plans for Holy Trinity Horfield are as follows:

For 15 June 2026 Trinity Sunday we have been successful in getting a patronal grant for choral evensong and I am currently making arrangements for our Festival Choir to be augmented by invited guest soloists. I also hope to involve Horfield Junior School in some of the music.

On 16 August 2026 at 3pm I have arranged a special organ and vocal concert by the stunning Greek organist Pavlos Triantaris and his wife Marily Kritikou. This will include a performance of his very own Japanese Fantasy which is absolutely mind-blowing. (I have heard this during the course of its composition in the course of previous BDOA trips).

Among other plans yet to be arranged I hope to host an organ day to demonstrate the workings of the organ.

I will of course look forward to another exciting Advent and Christmas season with the Festival Choir and already have ideas for the music for it.

Any suggestions of favourite hymns or organ voluntaries are always welcome.

Jon Crow, Music Director

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Our focus in the last year focus has mainly been on improving specific pieces of physical access around the church. At last the church path is about to be re-laid, and the opportunity is being taken to ensure consistent path width, improved lighting and also to make the SE steps accessible. Work on the church toilet is now finished, making it as accessible as possible given the physical constraints of the building.

We have also taken opportunities to open up our invitation to a wider group of people. Specific invitations to events on social media have brought new people to the church. The information posters that we now regularly update on the church gates enable conversation with our local community when they are out and about.

As ever the PCC is encouraged that every meeting to challenge themselves about how every decision taken makes our work more accessible to more people, particularly those who are unchurched or do not share Holy Trinity's tradition.

Thank you everyone who has supported our work around inclusion. From the simplest social media invite to the Christingle service, to ongoing project management making our path fit for purpose. It all helps. It all makes a difference.

Nick Stephenson

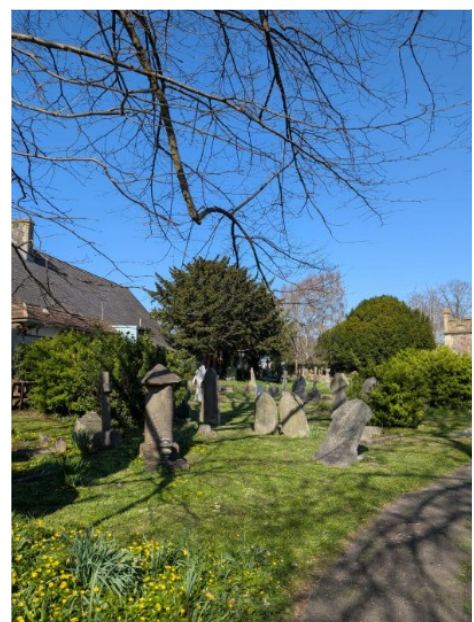
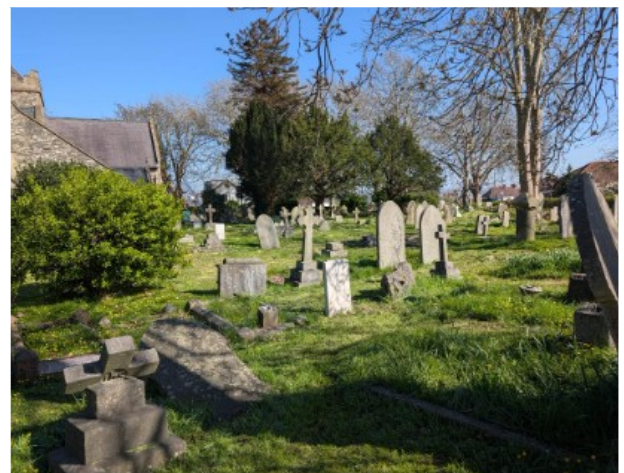
LIVING CHURCHYARD

Changes within the churchyard are very visible and receive a huge amount of comment and feedback. Even so, over time, we can forget how much work by so many people goes into making it happen. Work on the Living Churchyard is not a Chelsea Flower Show instant garden transformation but will take time as we do more get acquainted with how the churchyard has changed over the years and undertake work within our resources.

The Parish Conference last October agreed the Living Churchyard plan, which we had been working on and consulting over for a number of months. We will now follow this for the next year and then review it to check what is working and make any changes that are necessary.

A Wessex Water grant and a generous donation has enabled us to install two water butts in the churchyard and also purchase some new equipment and supplies. The hedge on the East side has been stripped of the ivy which was killing it and now has new hedgerow plants filling the gaps. The North side of the churchyard has been cleared of bramble revealing parts of the churchyard that have not been seen for decades. Our waste management plan is beginning to work and 'dead hedges' are enhancing the diversity of habitats available for wildlife. The profusion of late winter and spring flowers this year has been beautiful – we hope encourage such growth in the coming years.

Along with the dedication of a number of individuals, work on the churchyard is largely undertaken by two groups of volunteers: Green Gym mow and strim every week from April to October, whilst the Sapling Saturday volunteers meet on the Second Saturday morning each month to do specific clearing and maintenance work. These are both open and sociable groups who enjoy the work and friendship it brings



to

about. Some of those who help have no other connection to the church. Thank you everyone who has mown, trimmed, cut, dug, pruned, chopped, strimmed, cleared or encouraged over the last year. Naturally we're always on the lookout for more people to get involved; if you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please get in touch.



Phil Hall, who had been organising Green Gym for 33 years has stepped down from this role and Donald Wainwright has ably volunteered to take it on – thank you both.

As we move further into spring, please take some time to walk around the Living Churchyard and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of this place. Please be careful! Whilst we have filled some dips and uneven parts of the main grassed route around the church, it can still be slippery with hazards that are not easily visible; we will continue this year to fill more holes and stabilise some of the leaning monuments. When you walk through, or take a few moments to sit in, the Living Churchyard, you will be able to see uncovered memorials, watch bees and butterflies around the wildflowers, and enjoy the song of our

friendly resident Robin - if you are lucky you may get to see the nesting Jays.

Nick Stephenson

MOTHERS' UNION

We held our Annual General meeting as usual in January. In February Jacky Fredrickson, the Diocesan President, came to talk about the RiseUp campaign raising awareness about domestic abuse across Britain and Ireland. The letters of RISE UP stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. Since her talk, Mothers' Union working with the Church have attained the Bronze Award, the certificate was presented to me at the Deanery Festival on the 13th June. We are now taking steps to achieve the Silver award.

In March Marianne had us crafting collecting boxes for MU projects. In April we had a slide show illustrating the Threads through Creation exhibition some of us at seen at Wells Cathedral. In July we joined the other branches for the Deanery lunch at St Mary's Shirehampton. As usual a lovely lunch and good fellowship. At our July meeting Helen Hinksman, a former Lay Reader at Holy Trinity, did one of her Café Style workshops – Reflections on the Blessings of Summer. This was an open meeting, and we had a very good turnout.

We held a short Wave of Prayer service in September which was followed by Donald Wainwright giving us a very interesting talk on the church's liturgical colours and we had a demonstration of how the priest puts on each item of clothing in a specific order. In October Marianne had us looking ahead, forward planning and planting. She had kindly organised a hyacinth bulb and pot for everyone with specific planting and nurturing instructions for getting the hyacinth

to bloom in time for Christmas. In November we had the Rev Jo Jennings from Horfield Prison come and talk to us. This was an open meeting and a few members from other branches joined us. Jo talked at length about her work in the prison which was really interesting. We also wrote Christmas cards for the Christian prisoners.

In December we hosted the Deanery Advent Service, we used the service prepared by the Faith Group and had lots of lovely Advent hymns and readings. We had tea and mince pies after.

We enrolled two new members to our branch this year, Jean Fenn and Vera Seaman and sadly lost our dear friend Maureen Wootton who had been such a valued MU member during her life and is truly missed.



As Mothers' Union members we support our diocesan projects, below, either by volunteering or by raising funds and giving donations.

- Mothers' Union members started the Friends for Parents scheme at Bristol Children's Hospital more than 30 years ago, providing a friendly face, supplies of tea and coffee and practical help for parents who arrive from all over the country.
- We are also the welcoming face for visitors to Ashfield Prison, providing a hot drink, biscuits and a listening ear.
- In the summer we send coaches with families to Weston-Super-Mare for the day, under the Away From It All (AFIA) scheme.
- We have recently gone into partnership with Gympanzees helping to fund transport to pop ups to enable transport for all.
- Every Christmas we purchase over three thousand Christmas Story books from the Bible Society and distribute them in pre-school play groups, primary schools and children's centres, reaching out to the families who have little knowledge of the real message of Christmas.
- We are in partnership with the Clewer Initiative, raising awareness across the Diocese of the plight of modern-day slaves, those who are 'Hidden in Plain Sight'. We also participated in the 16 Days highlighting Domestic Abuse.
- We currently support Refugees and Asylum Seekers, as they try to establish themselves in our country.
- We value our link with Bristol Cathedral and the Mothers' Union prayers are part of the 12.30 pm Eucharist in the Cathedral on the first Thursday of every month.
- Mothers' Union RISE UP Challenge against Domestic Abuse.
- Supporting the 'Blonde Angels Street Team' working to bring homeless people into accommodation.
- Supporting Community Projects in Kingswood and in Chippenham

If you would like any further information or feel you would like to come to one of our meetings, usually the second Thursday of each month, please do have a word with me.

Carolyn Larcey,

Branch Secretary, MU.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Young People's Ministry in the parish continues to flourish and evolve. Every week between 15 - 20 young people have fun aplenty at Friday Club and our monthly Messy Church sessions have regular attendees who take part in worship, prayer, cooking, crafting and physical games. In addition to these church-based groups, links with Horfield Primary School have been strengthened through regular prayer sessions run by Jen Douglas.



We have just had the first of the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of Friday Club. The Club was set up by Geoff Stock in January 1975. It is an incredible achievement for Geoff to have started a group that has gone on to touch so many young people's lives in many positive ways. Indeed, this remarkable anniversary hasn't gone unnoticed as was demonstrated when Geoff received a letter of congratulations from King Charles himself! One of the activities already undertaken to

mark the anniversary was a 'Sponsored Talents' fundraiser. The young people raised money by doing whatever they do best. There was a range of talents, including football, maths, art. A total of £383 was raised through this for the charity 'Help Bristol's Homeless'. There will be a further day of celebrations in June when Friday Club alumni will be invited to join us in the Hall for refreshments and sharing of memories.

Messy Church takes place in the church hall every third Sunday at 10am during Parish Mass. We have had some great activities in the past year, including setting up a camp in the hall garden, mixing a Parish Christmas Cake, lots of craft activities and always some singing and sharing of Bible stories. One regular member comes all the way from Birmingham to attend! We regularly have new children who come along to try out a session. Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



Jen Douglas has set up a hugely popular fortnightly lunchtime 'Prayer Space' at Horfield C of E primary school. The Club consists of a Bible story and an activity and attracts around forty children every fortnight.

We look forward to seeing how the young people's ministry will develop further in the coming year. Many thanks to all the adults who give their time, support and energy to the groups.

Helen Currie

Safeguarding

Statement of commitment to Safeguarding

The parish of Holy Trinity is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Caroline Plaice

Administrative Officer: Laura Bufton

Policies

The Safeguarding policy was reviewed in November 2024.

Activities

The PCC oversees the following activities for Children and Young People : Messy Church and Horfield Young People's Club

Safer Recruitment & DBS

The PCC is responsible for the safe recruitment of people wanting to work with vulnerable groups through the activities mentioned above.

DBS Checks

As part of the safer recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been DBS checked at the level appropriate to the role. Because the parish provides activities for vulnerable groups, the PCC members are also eligible for an enhanced DBS Check.

There are eighteen volunteers / PCC members who require a DBS check for their role and all of them have a current check (i.e. the check has been completed within the last 3 years).

Training

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles, the current situation in terms of meeting the requirements in the parish is as follows:

Basic Awareness

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
17	17	0

Foundation Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
17	17	0

Leadership Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
3	3	0

Domestic Abuse

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
10	10	0

Reporting to the PCC

The PCC was updated about Safeguarding matters in the parish at each meeting. It is a standard item on the PCC agenda. During the year there was one safeguarding matter which were reported on to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

PCC workshop regarding safeguarding

Following the publication of the [Makin Report](#) (*The Independent Learning Lessons Review* produced following the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth), the PCC held a workshop considered the implications for both the Church at a national level, and for us at a local level. The outcomes from this were sent to the Bishop of Bristol, and a display of the comments and actions from that PCC workshop put up in the Welcome Area. There was a notice in the pew sheet inviting anyone with specific concerns to contact Fr David or Caroline (PSO).

Action Plan

The PCC has an action plan created by the Parish Dashboard. Progress is reported to the PCC meetings, and we are working on Level 3 actions.

Caroline Plaice

SOCIAL AND HOSPITALITY TEAM REPORT

The Social and Hospitality Team was set up in February last year in order to provide structure around the hospitality needed for both church activities and fundraising events in the future.

Drawing on the experience of what has been provided historically and in particular on the expertise of Emma and Kate and their team of helpers, it was decided to bring hospitality under the umbrella of the Welcome Project.

The teams' terms of reference as outlined in HTH standing orders are:

- To have oversight of social and hospitality events held under the auspices of Holy Trinity
- To identify a rolling year of events
- To provide leadership and practical support for events, so that all events are adequately resourced

- To co-opt additional members to the Team as needed
- To hold regular meetings
- To liaise with the WP Steering Group in support of fundraising events
- To evaluate all events to inform future planning
- To provide a brief report to the PCC each meeting

Over the past year in addition to providing refreshments and lunches for church events (e.g APCM) we catered for the Strictly Masterclass in June, church BBQ in July, Harvest Supper in Oct, Curry and Quiz in Nov, Festive Fun in Dec and Burns Night Supper in Feb.



As usual, the hospitality team provided excellent food and drink for each occasion and over the six events raised over £2000 for the Welcome Project which was very encouraging. As important as the fundraising is, more importantly, these were excellent opportunities to socialise together as a church family, extending our welcome invitation to everyone echoing the ethos of the Welcome Project. It was also very encouraging to see how well we were supported by the wider community, and the positive feedback received from them emphasised this.

A lot of hard work goes into putting on social events, so a big “thank you” to everyone who helps make them happen. The team is fairly small, so if anyone feels like they could help out now and then, please let the Warden know.

Phil Lewis - Social and Hospitality Team

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HORFIELD

Quiz Quiz Quiz

QUIZ & CURRY

Saturday, 23rd November – 7 pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wellington Hill

Poppodums and pickles
Homemade curry
Bar

Free entry to Quiz
Tickets : £15.00

Teams of up to 6, individuals welcome

For tickets please contact –
Kate Davis 07833 714647 - k8.davis@hotmail.co.uk or
Emma Bickford 07791 024186 - emmapb60@gmail.com

Raising funds for Holy Trinity Welcome Project

Holy Trinity Horfield

STRICTLY MASTERCLASS

Led by Michele Webber,
experienced dancer and teacher from the
Bristol Dance Factory

and

AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, 15th June
3.00 pm
Church Hall, Wellington Hill

Don't want to dance? Just come and
watch and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea.

Tickets : £15 (glass of prosecco £2.50)

Available in church from Carolyn Lacey, or from
Emma Bickford, Tel. 07791024186 emmapb60@gmail.com
Kate Davis, tel. 07833714647 k8.davis@hotmail.co.uk

Proceeds in aid of the Holy Trinity Welcome Project

HORFIELD FAMILIES GROUP

We are a friendly group of 18 ladies with a range of interests and views, Our programme provides a mixture of speakers and activities both indoor and out. Families and friends are always welcome to join us at meetings.

Over the past year our meetings have included advice on how to research your family history and a talk on the films of David Lean. On a more serious note, we heard from the Dementia Awareness Action Alliance on how we can make life easier for dementia sufferers and a representative of the Avon and Somerset Police gave us advice on Fraud Protection. Very timely advice these days when internet and telephone scams are so common. We also listened to a speaker from Bristol Waste explaining what happened to our rubbish and recycling after it was collected.

In June there was a visit to Organic Blooms a farm where flowers are organically grown and sold; it is a social enterprise working with local adults in a supported work environment. As well as a tour of the fields we were given a demonstration of bouquet making followed by tea and cakes. On a more active front we enjoyed evenings of line dancing and curling. November found us using our craft skills in a card making evening. In December we went out for a Christmas lunch and at our meeting held a Beetle Drive which resulted in a very entertaining evening rounded off with mince pies and mulled wine.

Each year we select a charity to support and in 2024 we donated £200 to the Bristol Child contact centre which provides a safe neutral and comfortable space for children to see their non-resident parents or family.

At Christmas we also donated tea and coffee supplies to Friends for Parents at the Children's Hospital. In addition, we collected items for the North Bristol food bank. Another of our regular commitments is providing the Church Porch flowers.

One of the main strengths of the group over and above our speakers and activities is the friendship and support we give one another. The opportunity to keep in touch with old friends and to make new ones.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall, starting at 8pm if you are interested in knowing more about our events, they are also listed on the Church Pew sheet. Guests are always welcome at any of our meetings. We would also welcome new members.

Christine Payne



Our Christmas Meal at the Beehive

THE DECIBELLS HANDBELL TEAM

During 2024 the Decibells team continued to meet most Wednesday afternoons in church to practise playing the handbells which had been donated to Holy Trinity church in the 1980s in memory of Derek Topham, a churchwarden at that time.

There were some changes to the team during 2024 – Georgina and Liz left the team at the beginning of the year. Carole felt in December that after 33 years in the team it was time for her to retire! During those years, we in the team were very grateful to her for her organising skills as well as for her ringing in the team. Despite not having learned in the past how to read music, she was always willing to master the pieces we played. Sarah joined the team as a new member in Spring 2024 and, despite never having played the handbells before then, she will be attending a national residential course later this year!

As well as the enjoyment we gained from our weekly practices together, we also enjoyed going out into the community to share our music with others. An uplifting experience for us was to attend a Ring- around-the- Region event held in Iron Acton Village Hall where we joined other handbell teams from the South- West to play our bells together in massed ringing. In July we visited Westbury Gardens Residential Home where the residents enjoyed talking about the pieces we played; then In August we went to Trinity Lunch Club Day Centre in Hotwells to entertain the visitors there after their lunch. In November we were invited back to Westbury Women's Fellowship where we played some Christmas carols and talked about the history behind them. The Sunday evening before Christmas we enjoyed being back in Holy Trinity to play as the congregation arrived for the annual service of Christmas music and readings.

If anyone would like to experience having a go at playing the handbells or would like to know more, please let me know.

Gill Wilding



Horfield Theatre Company

www.horfieldtheatre.co.uk

2024 saw our production team put on a couple of really great shows, two very funny one-act plays, '**Background Artiste**' and '**On Location**' by Stephen Smith, this was ably directed by Richard Farrer. Following this, our October show was '**Hoovering on the Edge**', a wry look at a group of women on a writing holiday, directed by Judith Claypoole. Both shows had excellent audiences and continued the trend of bringing in new cast and crew.

It has been another demanding year for the company, with the new hall booking system getting off the ground with its initial teething troubles impacting payments etc. and, of course, the increase in rents having a real impact on our budgets. We

are a community organisation and depend on the community to support us by coming along and buying tickets, putting up prices is not an easy option given the strain on the community's purse.

We value our home here in the parish hall and dearly hope to remain as we continue to attract personnel both on and off stage and hope to go forward in the future, embedding further into the local community.

We gladly welcome anyone who may be interested in any aspect of theatre, we are a friendly bunch and are happy to share our knowledge, whether their interest lies in acting, directing, technical, costume or backstage activities, a place will be found for all.

Bob Derrick - Chair, HTC. 2024



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HORFIELD**

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	58,223.05	0.00	0.00	58,223.05	74,892.70
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	13,940.86
Income from investments	2(c)	6,491.18	0.00	0.00	6,491.18	6,198.83
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	56,817.35	0.00	0.00	56,817.35	62,398.46
Other incoming resources	2(e)	0.00	5,973.05	0.00	5,973.05	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		127,031.58	5,973.05	0.00	133,004.63	157,430.85
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3(a)	134,191.39	0.00	0.00	134,191.39	198,528.57
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		134,191.39	0.00	0.00	134,191.39	198,528.57
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
		-7,159.81	5,973.05	0.00	-1,186.76	-41,097.72
Gains (losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	6,053.08	6,053.08	18,839.11
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,159.81	5,973.05	6,053.08	4,866.32	-22,258.61
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY		-9,960.14	6,972.41	247,961.90	244,974.17	267,232.78
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		-17,119.95	12,945.46	254,014.98	249,840.49	244,974.17

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2 (a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	46,500.21	0.00	0.00	46,500.21	45,173.33
Tax recoverable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,293.35
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,896.24
Open plate	11,135.36	0.00	0.00	11,135.36	8,273.15
Sundry donations	587.48	0.00	0.00	587.48	3,811.38
Flood lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,445.25
	58,223.05	0.00	0.00	58,223.05	74,892.70
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,351.00
Special collections and appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	0.00
Grants received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,789.86
	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	13,940.86
2(c) Income from Investment					
Dividends and distributions	6,381.84	0.00	0.00	6,381.84	6,114.66
Deposit account interest	109.34	0.00	0.00	109.34	84.17
	6,491.18	0.00	0.00	6,491.18	6,198.83
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	2,102	0.00	0.00	2,102.00	4,100.00
Income from insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,597.12
Church hall income	41,965.35	0.00	0.00	41,965.35	46,631.34
Youth Club Income	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
Rent from Church House	12,050.00	0.00	0.00	12,050.00	5,070.00
	56,817.35	0.00	0.00	56,817.35	62,398.46
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Welcome Project	0.00	5,973.05	0.00	5,973.05	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	127,031.58	5,973.05	0.00	133,004.63	157,430.85

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restriicted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3 (a) Church Activities					
Other Charitable organisations					
British Heart Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	101.15
Save The Children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	314.24
Christian Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	342.68
Childrens Society	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00
Luzar K Taplin Bequest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.00
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	11,108.29	0.00	0.00	11,108.29	0.00
Major church repairs	3,972.00	0.00	0.00	3,972.00	29,351.00
Insurance	5,724.06	0.00	0.00	5,724.06	5,897.24
Heating, lighting and water	22,084.83	0.00	0.00	22,084.83	19,015.88
Sacristy	3,745.98	0.00	0.00	3,745.98	1,379.46
Occasional Organist	820.00	0.00	0.00	820.00	0.00
Organ and Pianos	1,106.40	0.00	0.00	1,106.40	0.00
Music and Choir	133.00	0.00	0.00	133.00	1,783.80
Flowers	240.15	0.00	0.00	240.15	303.65
Churchyard maintenance	1,004.41	0.00	0.00	1,004.41	398.32
Live Streaming Costs	778.80	0.00	0.00	778.80	0.00
Youth Club Expenses	538.94	0.00	0.00	538.94	0.00
Bells	669.98	0.00	0.00	669.98	0.00
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	8,927.36	0.00	0.00	8,927.36	21,212.16
Employer Pension Costs	164.61	0.00	0.00	164.61	0.00
Administration salaries	42,197.17	0.00	0.00	42,197.17	26,785.48
Legal and professional fees	328.80	0.00	0.00	328.80	9,033.00
Bank Charges	43.70	0.00	0.00	43.70	0.00
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	6,246.91	0.00	0.00	6,246.91	16,604.44
Church house upkeep	3,606.00	0.00	0.00	3,606.00	1,078.07
	134,191.39	0.00	0.00	134,191.39	198,528.57
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	134,191.39	0.00	0.00	134,191.39	198,528.57

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	25,661.27	0.00	0.00	25,661.27	26,785.48
Historical Wages Journal Correction	16,535.90	0.00	0.00	16,535.90	0.00
	42,197.17	0.00	0.00	42,197.17	26,785.48

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the revaluation in 2024	600,000.00	2,554.00
Total tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	2,554.00

The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance

Group for a value of £7,700,043

The property has been revalued in this year at £600,000

(b) Investments

			change	2024	2023
			£	£	£
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units	157.19	5,363.85	5,206.66
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units	2,788.15	124,603.14	121,814.99
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units	231.80	10,358.97	10,127.17
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units	0.00	0.00	83,730.03
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	-2,120.88 Units sold	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	1583.12 units	2,875.94	36,605.97	0.00
These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December			6,053.08	176,931.93	220,878.85

These investments are held in trust with only the interest payable to the church each year. The capital is not available to spend.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market Value 01 January	220,878.85	202,039.74
Transferred to Cash	-50,000.00	
Revaluation gain	6,053.08	18,839.11
Market Value 31 December	176,931.93	220,878.85

The market value at 31 December 2024 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax Recoverable	7,914.42	7,914.42
Total	7,914.42	7,914.42

7 LIABILITIES

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Auditor's Honorarium	750	750
Charities	2,127.46	0.00
Tax & NI	20,146.99	0.00
Net Pay Control	3.80	0.00
Pensions	-54.66	0.00
Total	22,973.59	750.00

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement	Fund at 31st Dec 2024	Fund at 31st Dec 2023
	£	£	£
Bell fund	0.00	1,482.55	1,482.55
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Welcome Project	55,973.05	55,973.05	0.00
Total	55,973.05	62,465.46	6,492.41
Endowment Fund	6,053.08	176,931.93	220,878.85

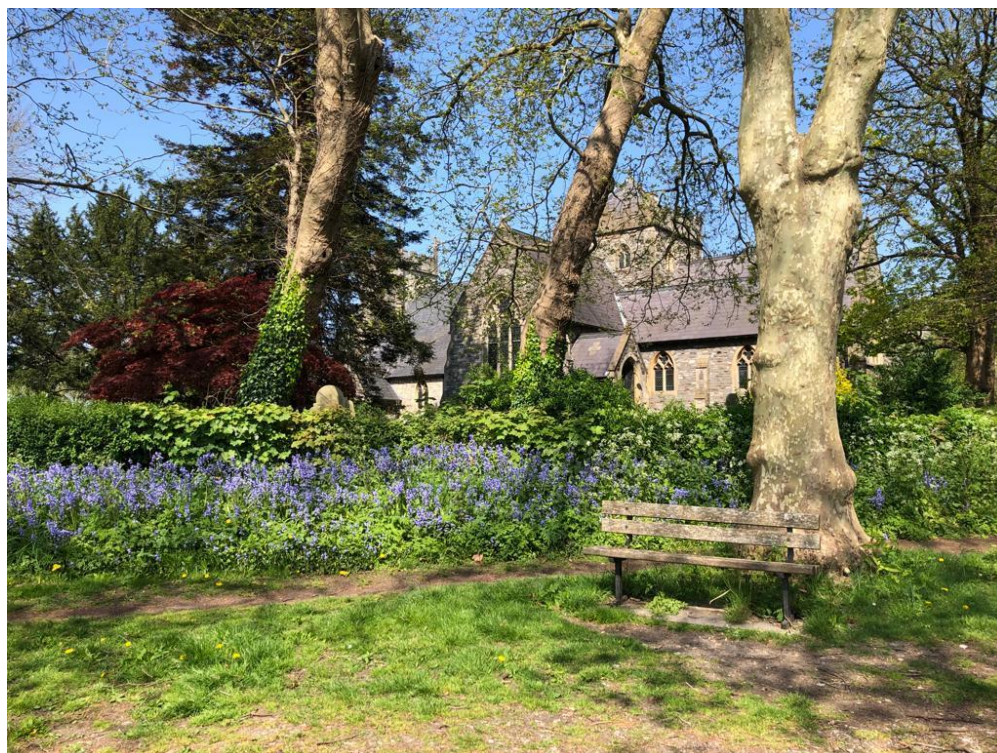
9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Fund	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment fixed assets	0.00	0.00	176,931.93	176,931.93	220,878.85
Current assets	30,383.69	62,945.46	0.00	93,329.15	22,291.32
Liabilities	22,973.59	0.00	0.00	22,973.59	750.00
Total	9,964.10	62,945.46	176,931.93	249,841.49	244,974.17

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HOLY TRINITY

WITH ST. ANDREW AND ST. EDMUND
HORFIELD PARISH CHURCH



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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 12th May 2024

A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer and Worship
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners**
 - 3.1 Minutes of the meeting to elect Churchwardens held on 30th April 2023
 - 3.2 Election of Churchwardens

4. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
 - 4.1 To approve the minutes of the APCM held on 30th April 2023
 - 4.2 Matters arising from the 2023 APCM
 - 4.3 To notify items of any other business
 - 4.4 To approve the report of the Electoral Roll Officer
 - 4.5 To elect up to 5 members of the PCC
 - 4.6 To confirm the list of PCC Members
 - 4.7 To confirm the Deanery Synod Representatives
 - 4.8 To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)
 - 4.9 To receive and approve the Accounts for 2023 (included within Snapshots)
 - 4.10 Appointment of the Independent Examiner : J F Balshaw & Company (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals)
5. Rector's Report
6. Questions
7. Any other business

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

HELD ON SUNDAY, 30TH APRIL 2023

The Rector, Rev'd Canon David McGladdery (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. **List of attendees and apologies – see Appendix 1**

MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th May 2022**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Election of Churchwardens**

The meeting were reminded that Churchwardens were elected every year and could stand for three years plus three. Carolyn Larcey had decided to step down as Churchwarden having done three years. Fr David thanked her for all that she had done as Churchwarden over the years.

Jen Douglas proposed that Caroline Plaice be elected Churchwarden for a further term of office, this was seconded by Helen Hinksman and unanimously agreed. Caroline Plaice was duly elected Churchwarden.

Jen Douglas proposed that Nick Stephenson be elected Churchwarden and this was seconded by Garth Baker and unanimously agreed. Nick Stephenson was duly elected Churchwarden.

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 30TH APRIL 2023

4. Minutes of the APCM held on 29th May 2022

The minutes of the APCM held on 29th May 2022, were agreed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

4.1 **Matters arising from the 2022 APCM** - there were no matters arising.

4.2 **Report of the Electoral Roll Officer**

Laura Bufton, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported on the 2023 revision of the Electoral Roll as follows :

Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM 2022	117
Number of names removed between then and April 2023	2
Number of names added between then and April 2023	6
Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM 2023	121

Fr David thanked Laura for her report.

4.3 **To confirm the list of PCC Members**

Fr David reported that owing to the Pandemic and disruption in routine when the APCM had been held in September 2020 and then we had to hold another APCM in April 2021, those PCC members who should be finishing this year had agreed to extend their membership for a further year.

Current membership of the PCC including their specific responsibilities are :

Chair : Rev'd Canon David McGladdery, SCP : Rector and Deanery Synod
Caroline Plaice : Churchwarden, Safeguarding Officer, Deanery Synod
Nick Stephenson : Churchwarden, Inclusivity, Diversity and Equality
Christine Bufton : Treasurer
Carolyn Larcey : PCC Secretary
Laura Bufton (Senior Healthcare Assistant) : Safeguarding Administrator,
Electoral Roll Administrator
Phil Lewis : Community Links, Welcome Project Steering Group
Helen Currie : Children and Families
Garth Baker : Stewardship Recorder, Deanery Synod
Catherine Murdock : Bell Tower Captain

Risk Assessment, Health and Safety Advisory Team :
Karen Dunmall (First Aid Lead)

In addition it was noted that Grace Douglas was the Children's Chapel Warden.

4.4 To confirm the list of Deanery Synod Representatives

It was reported that Garth Baker and Caroline Plaice had agreed to continue to be representatives on the Deanery Synod.

4.5 To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)

Copies of Snapshots had been made available to all members of the congregation. Fr David said that that one or two reports might have missed the deadline for publication, including the Church School, but he said that since Christmas he now had a good liaison with the school.

The report was received as a record of Church life during 2022.

4.6 To receive and approve the Accounts for 2022

Christine Bufton reported on the Accounts which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, as follows :

Total balance at December 2022, the end of the accounting year, stood at £267,233. This is £42,106 less than last year. She said that this reflects the fact that we have been busy and proactive on a number of fronts which should be seen as positive. She highlighted a few areas of expenditure :

- i) Church house upkeep, significant expenditure. Had not been maintained properly and this would have had to have been carried out anyway, whether or not we had prepared the house for our guests from Ukraine.
- ii) Other church maintenance – e.g. essential work to church porch which had become dangerous.
- iii) Significant increase in our Parish share last year though we still did not pay it all as agreed by the PCC in 2021.
- iv) Increased salary costs (pilot year for Estates Manager).

She added that there had been a considerable increase in both church hall rental and also rental on Rosling Road as the rent had been increased to a realistic market figure, and the Council have been continuing to pay rent for our Ukrainian guests.

She said that there was some work to do on the presentation of the accounts, and the categories activity is recorded under. An example of this is the reporting of salaries, which currently appears under two headings of Church Admin and Wages and Salaries.

Caroline Plaice answered a question that had been raised regarding unrestricted funds, restricted funds and endowment funds on the balance sheet. The total is shown as £267,232.79 on both page 34 (Activities) and 35 (Balance Sheet).

She said this was an anomaly of presentation because the charitable donations and dividend income were shown as restricted funds in the income statement (historical treatment). However, these items are sitting in the main bank account so get shown as unrestricted in the balance sheet. She said this had now been amended so the only thing that is showing as restricted this year is the Bell expenditure, which means the totals in the income statement now agree with the balance sheet notes as well. She

said it had not changed any of the overall totals – just whether things are showing as restricted or not.

The Chairman said that it had been the intention to simplify the narrative for the accounts last year but this had not happened. It was hoped that by next time the accounts would be presented with a clearer narrative.

Karen Dunmall asked whether there would be any grants available for heating. It was reported that we had received a grant of £4,700 towards the Warm Welcome Initiative and some of this money would be used for the heating. It was noted that once the lighting was changed in church to LED this should reduce the energy bill.

The Chairman thanked Nick Stephenson for getting the grant application for the Warm Welcome Initiative.

Tony Hopton raised the question of charitable donations, not just for the Children's Society which he collected for annually, but for other charities, where money was paid directly to a charity without going through the Church Charity Account.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Tony would present a separate report each year for the Children's Society to be included within Snapshots.

The resolution to receive the 2022 accounts as published was proposed by Tony Hopton and seconded by Dennis Hughes and carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Christine for her report and all that she does as the Treasurer.

4.7 **Appointment of the Independent Examiner : J F Balshaw & Company** (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals)

It was unanimously agreed to retain the services of J F Balshaw and Company as the Independent Examiner for a further year.

5. **Rector's Report**

The meeting stood in silence to remember those parishioners and others who had passed away over the past year, including Mike Rees, Rita Plaice, Hilary and Brian Blancharde, Keith Taplin, Royston Grosvenor, Priest, Stephen Purvis, Priest.

Rector's report, as included in Snapshots.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15: 5-7.)

The word "welcome" has become a familiar one at Holy Trinity over the last year – **The Welcome Project**; a **Warm Welcome**; **Whoever you are; where ever you are from – you are welcome here**. It has also featured in our prayers, in sermons and become a recognised part of the vocabulary of our gathered community here at Holy Trinity.

The word “welcome” has its origins in Old English “**wilcuma**” – means “**a person whose coming is pleasing**”. “Wilcumian” (verb), comes from “wil” (desire, pleasure) + “cumin” (come). All of us are pleasing to God, who shows us how to be human in a Jesus kind of way. Jesus shows us how to love unconditionally, as God loves – without judgment, only with compassion. That means to welcome all – both friend and stranger alike. I believe, that we – the gathered community of Holy Trinity, Horfield - have tried our best to be welcoming throughout this past year. We have welcomed many new people to regular worship and activity in our church and welcomed many neighbours from our local community to work in partnership with us.

Our biggest welcome was to offer safe accommodation to our three Ukrainian friends, Ana, Natalia and Yulia seeking refuge from their native country torn apart by a brutal war imposed upon them. We in turn have been blessed to be welcomed into their friendship and trust – it is a gift and a privilege to have them living among us. The process of refurbishing the parish property in readiness to welcome them was a wonderful team effort and helped us to welcome members of our neighbourhood community, who joined in to help with the repairs, painting and furnishing of the house, which we renamed “Raphael”, which means God heals.

The next “welcome” to feature in our parish life is the “Welcome Project” – our initiative to refurbish and redevelop our parish hall to enable us to welcome all from our local community to a space in which to celebrate; to learn; to support and to enjoy. This means a radical redevelopment to make the property a fitting community resource which we can use to provide a welcome and support, especially for those in need. I wish to thank on your behalf our Welcome Project Steering Group, who have worked steadily and hard, this past year, to conduct community surveys; commission an architect well-experienced in community resourcing; and to prepare a business plan in readiness for grant-funding application. Please hold them in your prayers as we aim to be in a position to begin the building work in January, 2024. We have also been able to welcome a partnership with the John Frost Society to raise the profile of the Chartist leader who is buried with his wife and son in our churchyard. John Frost and his campaign for social and political justice inspires our own generation to support the vulnerable and those who have no voice to speak for themselves.

And then there was the “Warm Welcome” – an initiative to welcome any who wished, into our church as a warm and welcoming space, for free hot drinks, cakes and ‘phone-charging during the colder winter months. Our welcoming profile was raised as we featured on the local BBC news. The initiative was hosted by regular volunteers from our parish congregation, to whom I am most grateful. We did not set out to provide a large café kind of experience – simply an assurance that if needed our doors were open to anyone in need of company in a warm and hospitable space. It was a good opportunity to meet new people from our neighbourhood; to engage in pastoral and theological conversations and provide much needed supplies from our food pantry – another initiative which has been as well supported in donations as in providing food to those in need.

The **Warm Welcome** initiative and the Ukrainian part of the **Welcome Project** has helped us to focus our minds, prayerfully, on how we may join in with the work of God in Horfield, by offering what gifts we have to give, including our own selves for the serving of others. We have come to be aware of what offering “welcome” really means.

The gift of generous, unlimited welcome was best modelled for us by our dear friend and Assistant Priest, Mother Hilary Blancharde, who – along with Brian, her husband – was welcomed into eternal glory in August, 2022 (Brian followed four months later). We shall forever be indebted to them both for teaching us how to welcome all God’s people into the fold of our church community, whoever they were and from wherever they came. We miss both Hilary and Brian so

very much, and yet we must be for ever grateful for the warmth, wisdom and love which they so willingly shared with all of us over the years.

As part of our ministry of welcome, we have held a Year of Outreach, where we have begun, or strengthened, our relationships with many local organisations, including our church school, nursing homes and hospitals, other churches and various charitable organisations and Bristol City Council (with our refugee project). Working together, by welcoming others on board, is a good way to achieve results. Jon Crow, our Director of Music continues to broaden our links musically with other choirs, musicians and singers, not only working with our small and very dedicated core choir for the Sunday Mass and holy days and festivals, but staging a variety of musical events during the year, which enables us to welcome our neighbours into our beautiful sacred space to enjoy wonderful live music of different kinds. Katy, our Tower Captain, has also been welcoming new bell-ringers this year. There is a waiting list to join her ringing tutorials on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is another way we have created relationships with the community through the gift of welcome. The quality of our ringing is excellent and our bells have featured on BBC Bristol.

Rob Brace has played a huge part in the welcoming ambience of Holy Trinity. He is on site for around twenty-five hours a week doing much needed maintenance and repairs work. Not only is the quality of his workmanship exceptionally high, so is the quality of his welcoming of all who pass by. We have made many new local friends because of Rob's warmth and generosity. Having our own site manager has, also, saved us many thousands of pounds in call out and labour costs. Thank you, Rob and your team of Andrew and Olivia.

I would like to thank, on your behalf, our hard-working and gifted church wardens, Caroline and Carolyn; our PCC members, who with great wisdom and cheerfulness initiate, oversee and evaluate the work in making the vision and mission of Holy Trinity take shape. We are one of a very few churches to have established a PCC lead for Inclusion, Diversity and Equality. Nick Stephenson has been most helpful in guiding us to take steps to ensure that as a church we really do welcome all, whoever they are and where ever they come from.

There were no items of any other business or questions.

Fr David welcomed and introduced Jenny Goss, the appointed Architect for the Welcome Project, and her husband, for their presentation for the Welcome Project.

Presentation by Jenny Goss

Jenny said that she had designed two local Church Halls in the area, Henleaze and Redland. Members of our Welcome Project had been to visit these halls. These developments were welcoming spaces, with reception areas, café areas, flexibility of meeting spaces being one of the key things using sliding partitions. She showed pictures of these developments.

In drawing up the initial plans for our new Hall she had taken the following requirements into account which had been key factors in the initial consultation with hall users :

Carbon neutral and ecologically and environmental friendly

Kitchen facilities for small and large scale catering
Welcoming and inviting, accessible to all
Flexible spaces, small and large
Landscaping and nature

She said that at the moment the hall was not a welcoming space, there were problems with heating, lighting and the roof leaks, the building needed a 21st century makeover. She said they had done a survey of the hall and surrounding garden and one of the key issues was all the different levels of the building.

She said that she had presented various proposals to the Steering Group. One option was looking at no extensions, another with some extensions and a third with bigger extensions. She said she had had a lot of feedback from the group and they were now taking forward a design concept which she explained as follows :

To build a new extension, round the back and sides of existing building, to include counselling rooms, new welcoming entrance, café type area, toilets including disabled, and disabled shower and a big new kitchen. She said she had a Kitchen design person already looking into this.

She said the proposals for the existing building would be to turn the office and store into one room bringing the floor level enabling walk through. The existing kitchen would be stripped out and turned into a store, remove stage and turn into a store – demountable staging could be stored there and brought out as required. All this she said would provide plenty of storage. The design proposed included demolishing the rooms at the back. The main hall would be sub-divided with sliding partitions to make two separate rooms. The new kitchen and toilets would be off the corridor and accessible to both halls.

The existing building would be refurbished to include new heating, lighting and

The existing building would be refurbished, with new heating, lighting and possibly a new insulated roof. The plan included turning external walls into internal walls, all exposed walls would be insulated and the whole building would be more sustainable.

Jenny concluded by saying that she felt the proposed design plan had ticked all our boxes, and would be very carbon neutral.

The question of planning consent was raised and Jenny said that it was early days and any application for planning could wait, adding that there was a current shortage of planning officers.

Fr David added that it is a Diocesan requirement to move towards carbon neutrality and we would be doing this with the redevelopment of the hall.

With regard to the telephone mast currently on the site, it was agreed that the appropriate firm would need to be consulted.

Father David thanked Jenny for her presentation. He said that the Steering Group were currently putting together the business plan which would be needed in order to apply for a grant. He said a lot of work was being undertaken by the Steering Group and they would be inviting more people with different areas of expertise as the project moved on. He thanked Jen Douglas for getting the grant application underway.

As a final thank-you, Geoff Stock on behalf of the whole congregation, expressed his gratitude to the “Team” at Holy Trinity for steering the Church through a difficult year.

Fr David thanked all for their prayers, wisdom and support.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Appendix 1

Attendance at the APCM – 30th April 2023

Fr David McGladdery, Chair

Caroline Plaice

Carolyn Larcey

Christine Bufton

Julienne Trotman

Nigel de Bray

Nigel Moore

Jen Douglas

Grace Douglas

Vera Seaman

Celia Wells

Karen Dunmall

Judy Lee

Bryan Plaister

Garth Baker

John Ware

Helen Hinksman

Eleanor Costeloe

Nicky Stanton

Jon Crow

James Brown

Nick Stephenson

Dennis Hughes

Christine Hopton

Tony Hopton

John White

Mary White

Robert O’Leary

Jenny Goss

Donald Wainwright

Laura Bufton

Alison Ellis

Timothy Ellis

Phil Lewis

Jane Lewis

Apologies for absence received from : Fergus and Helen Currie, Gill Wilding

Flourishing Like a Tree -

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.
(2 Jeremiah, 17:7-8)

Just like a tree by the water, thriving and green, this verse reminds us that putting our trust in the Lord leads to flourishing. When we anchor our lives in faith, we won't fear the heat of trials or the drought of difficult times. Our lives will bear fruit, reflecting the steadfastness of our trust in God. This image of a thriving tree teaches us the beauty of reliance on God, promising a life that overcomes challenges and blooms in every season.

That image of a flourishing tree is an appropriate one for us to describe the past year here at Holy Trinity, Horfield. Trees flourish when they can tap into life giving water. A church community flourishes when it taps into the life of the risen Christ through prayer, worship and engaging in God's work of reaching out to all.

What are the signs of flourishing at Holy Trinity? What living water has enabled such flourishing?

Worship & Liturgy

The pattern of worship at Holy Trinity has settled since the upheaval of the *Covid-19* virus. Sunday worship focuses on the **Parish Mass** at 10 am, which is celebrated with the richness of traditional dignity inherited from previous generations, giving glory to God and lifting hearts and minds in prayer and song to the Lord. I am grateful to Jon Crow, our **Director of Music**, for establishing three easy to sing Mass settings for our use during the liturgical year – the joyful *Mass of St. Thomas* by David Thorne throughout the year, apart from the *Missa de Angelis* (Mass of the Angels) in Advent and John Merbecke's *Missa per Arma Justitiae* (Mass Embracing Justice). I wish to thank the loyal members of our small and committed **choir** who lead the singing of the Mass each Sunday and on festive occasions.

A wonderful innovation this past year has been the inclusion of volunteers from the wider congregation to form a larger choir for Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services. Not only did we have a larger choir for these highlights of the liturgical year, but in keeping with our pledge to encourage and nurture one another's God-given gifts, we benefitted from the talent with we our church community is blessed. Similarly, our **serving team** has grown to embrace new volunteers, which help enhance and facilitate the beauty and flourishing of worship at Holy Trinity.

Another sign of flourishing is the growth of the weekday Masses. Numbers attending have gradually increased and we welcome between 25 to 30 regulars and visitors to these services. I am grateful to our loyal team of readers and intercessors who quietly and reliably lend their support. Growing out of the weekday Mass flourishing, we have for some months been praying the **Rosary for Peace** on the first Saturday morning of the month and offering a simple, reflective **Mass with Anointing for Healing** on the last Saturday of the month. We have just started a regular Holy Hour of silent prayer and contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament on the last Sunday of each month at 4 pm.

I am grateful to our Licensed Lay Minister Emeritus – Helen Hinksman, who has offered some profound spiritual reflections during Advent and Lent and during the Parish Masses at Christmas and Easter.

Children, Youth and Families

Over the past year, our outreach and faith nurturing of children and families has been restructured, re-energised and is beginning to flourish. To support Geoff and to honour the great gift of his initiative of almost 50 years ago, we have recruited new **Friday Young People's Club** helpers – young adults from our own congregation who give their time and experience to run the Friday club offering games, craft work and spiritual reflection. Numbers have peaked recently at 22 attending. Many thanks must go to Grace and her mum, Jen, who work hard to publicise Club and Messy Church in our Church of England primary school.

The **Children's Messy Church**, which takes place on the third Sunday of the month is doing well and new families – parents and children have been welcomed. Messy Church always ends with Holy Communion being taken from "Adult Church" to the "Children's Church" to witness to the bond we have as we offer worship across the generations. This year, for the first time in three years we blessed pets on a Sunday afternoon close to St Francis' Day; and once again, we welcomed large numbers attending the Christingle service on Christmas Eve in support of the work of the Children's Society.

I am immensely grateful to our **Children, Youth and Families Pastoral Team**, who lead, encourage and nurture our young people.

Welcome & Outreach

It is the charism (holy gift) of Holy Trinity to reach out and be there for our neighbourhood community in "holy welcome". We continue to support Ukrainian refugees by welcoming those in need to the peace and safety of St. Raphael in Rosling Road. We said goodbye to Ana and Natalia (who have returned to Ukraine) and Yulia (who is lodging nearer the city centre), and we welcomed Radmyla. We have been blessed with such wonderful, gentle and inspiring guests.

Holy Welcome has taken many forms. For a second year, we offered a **Warm Welcome** from October (2023) to March (2024). I want to thank those regular volunteers who served hot drinks and biscuits to over 500 individuals throughout the winter months.

The **Food Pantry** is always available, in church, for those who need such support. I thank all who regularly donate provisions for this source of caring outreach; it is used regularly. I have noticed that there are now more people who call into church regularly from our own congregation to join an increasing number of regular neighbours and visitors who call by for a moment of silent prayerful reflection. It is so important that a welcoming church has people present on hand for a friendly chat or simply to show that we are a living community.

I was pleased to be able to commission the **Social and Hospitality Team** - to act as core coordinators when we need refreshments, food and drink served at parish functions – do please offer your help to this team as they work hard to support and resource a variety of social and fund-raising events.

The Welcome Project is not just the name given to the parish hall re-development scheme, it relates to the whole way, we at Holy Trinity, link with our local community. As one wise member of the steering group said recently – "*the Welcome Project is not just about a nice new hall; it has become the way we have learnt to live here at Holy Trinity.*" Such an understanding has deepened the commitment to re-develop our hall as a place which will help to serve our local community in ways that will help us to live the Gospel in practical ways that will, hopefully, make a difference. I wish to thank the members of the Welcome Project steering group, who are working harder than ever behind the scenes to refine the details required for the project and to secure the funding.

Charity fundraising: Over the course of the year we have supported a number of charities, including: *St Mungo's, Christian Aid, The Children's Society* and *Emmaus, Bristol*, through appeals especially at Christmas and during Lent and Easter.

Building, fabric and maintenance

The appointment of an Estates Manager on a permanent, part-time basis has proved a valuable innovation. I want to thank Rob Brace, on behalf of all of us, for undertaking a programme of repairs and improvements to the church and hall buildings; some of which are planned, some which arise as emergencies. Rob completes work to a high standard and has come to know how our buildings work and what is needed to best maintain and improve them. The clearing of the church yard of large areas of bramble wilderness has been much appreciated. We can now see memorials we had long forgotten about.

Leadership and Governance

I would like to thank the members of Holy Trinity PCC for all the work they undertake during the year. For at least three years we have benefitted from a re-modelling of our PCC to be a body which is representative of specific areas of church life. Each member is responsible for coordinating and reporting back to the council on certain areas of responsibility together with providing oversight and delegation associated with those areas. The forming of policies and strategies to regulate the work of the church in terms of its mission and ministry form a key part of their work. We are the first PCC in the diocese to have appointed a Lead for Inclusivity, Diversity and Equality. Consequently, we were recognised as one of the first Dementia Friendly churches in the diocese.

I wish to thank both our Church Wardens, Caroline and Nick for all they do to enable, facilitate and encourage all of us in our collective work for God's Kingdom at Holy Trinity. Our weekly ***Trio Meetings*** (Rector and Wardens) are a valuable method of providing the level of oversight and decision making which is helping Holy Trinity to flourish in many ways.

I commend this report to the church community I have the privilege to serve.

The Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP
Rector of Holy Trinity Horfield

May, 2024

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

2023 was a year of transition in Holy Trinity. We began moving from a necessarily reactive and cautious approach through the pandemic and eighteen months of staged 'opening-up', to one of actively developing our strategic plans for the future. The context of this has, however, been against the backdrop of a very challenging financial position, in common with many churches.

Firstly, we reviewed the staffing needs of the church, using an evidence-based approach and carrying out desk-top research to inform our planning. Our recommendations to the PCC, which were adopted, was that a parish administrator post was no longer an essential role and would be made redundant. Secondly, that our pilot year of employing an estates manager be translated into a permanent post. Whilst challenging, these staffing decisions were essential to allow us to move forward. They have in turn led to a review of the buildings and our plans for maintenance and enhancement of the church estate. We were able to present these plans at the Triennial Review, carried out with the Co Area Dean for the City Deanery, Lizzie Kesteven, in the summer.

In other areas of strategic development, our Environmental Policy is in draft form and will include consideration of our heating system (our largest expenditure) and churchyard maintenance. Our lighting has been much enhanced, and is more environmentally friendly. A by-product is that our use of electricity in the church has reduced significantly. For example, in January 2023, we used 1352 kWh whilst in January 2024, this figure reduced to 337 kWh. In the first quarter of 2023, our bill was £1398 for electricity in the church. The first quarter of 2024 saw the figure reduced to £448.

We are working hard to implement a Digital Strategy whereby we have clearer communications and an enhanced website to respond to those making contact with us, and to promote our plans and activities to the wider community.

We actively welcome new people to help with this work – the bottom line is we can't make these plans a reality without more assistance. Please come and speak with one of us if you can offer your time and talents in any of the areas mentioned above, whether that be joining our Green Gym to tend the churchyard, looking after the grassed areas of the Hall and Helliwell Room, putting your ideas into marketing what we do and planning future events, offer technological expertise, or to help with back-room tasks like clearing up after events. Thank you in advance.

In other news, the parish conference, which took place in the autumn, was a key event in looking forward, and we intend that a conference will be an annual event, to build on progress and energise us, as the gathered community at Holy Trinity, for the next liturgical year.

Welcome and partnerships were two other key themes in 2023. We welcomed many people into our church through the Art of Welcome exhibition, through the Warm Welcome initiative and the HTH Pantry, and were delighted to have Radmyla a new friend from Kyiv, Ukraine, come to live in the church house. We said goodbye to Nataliia, Ana and Yuliia, all of whom remain dear friends. Our Festive Cheer event in December brought together folks from the local scouts to sell Christmas trees, and the wonderful Port of Bristol Shanty Crew, as well as hospitality and carols in the church. We are looking to build on this event in 2024.

As we look to the future, we thank Fr David for all he gives to Holy Trinity, and to you for your love, prayers and support. It is a privilege to serve.

Caroline Plaice and Nick Stephenson
Churchwardens

INCLUSION, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY 2024

“How will someone, whether churchd or un-churchd, unused to our tradition, feel included in worship and in wider church life and activities?”

This question is one I hold before every PCC meeting as we make decisions about the work and future of Holy Trinity Church. It's one I regularly ask of you all as a congregation. Over the past year I have noticed a change in the ensuing conversation; we have moved from 'are we allowed to...?', a position where we feel uncertain and that we may be doing something wrong, to 'how can we...?' a liberated and spirit led position of wanting to make a positive difference.

In this last year we were presented with the first Diocesan Dementia Friendly church award and are continuing to build on that work. We have been continually improving access to the Church, most notably in changes to the toilet (still a work in progress!). Our weekly communication in the pewsheet is now consistently using our agreed standards, including large print, and our website is gradually being updated to make its presentation consistent and easier to understand.

Once again, we ran Warm Welcome through the winter months – this has challenged us to think about how we can make the church less drafty and consistently warm – not an easy task given our ageing boilers and drafty windows. The Welcome Pantry continues to be regularly used and remains one of only a few places where anyone can come to get free food without being referred or limited in how many times they can use this ministry. Thank you to everyone who supported both these projects over the last year. Please keep donating to the Welcome Pantry – it is, sadly, needed throughout the year. Our work of inclusion will continue over the coming years as we continue to ask ‘how can we...?’; I look forward to our joyful response being demonstrated through the many aspects of the Welcome Project.

Finally, it is my aspiration that the paths through the churchyard will be re-laid this year, making them safe whilst also improving access to the church.

Nick Stephenson
Inclusion Lead, PCC.

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod acts as a conduit of information and counsel between the Bishop/Diocese and the ‘person in the pew’. Members have the opportunity to consider the wider aspects of Church life beyond the confines of individual Parishes, and from time to time wider attendance is encouraged from those with a particular interest in the matter being discussed.

Your representative attended two meetings in 2023. In February we explored the need in all activities for bravery, openness, generosity and creativity, exploring practical examples of each of these. We also discussed the need for hospitality, listening and the spreading of good practice to enhance the work of each Parish and the Church as a whole. In June, we heard about the Diocesan ‘Marketing Strategy’, and the need to adjust the presentation of our message to suit the various parts of our audience (whilst not diluting our basic message of Good News). Whilst this was recognised as right in principle, many of us felt that the intended practice involved an undue amount of stereotyping of people into categories, and fed these thoughts back to the Diocese.

That is the good part. Unfortunately, Synod seems to have locked itself into a pattern of poor communication and lack of inclusivity in its sharing of information, thus detracting from its potential for good. The normal pattern of meetings would suggest there might have been one in November, but if there was one then your reps were left in blissful ignorance thereof. Synod needs to improve on this, and probably needs new blood to achieve this.

When I wrote this piece last year, I said in good faith that it was Election Year in the three-year Synod cycle, but later the Diocese in its wisdom decided to postpone the elections for a year. So this year is Synod Election Year. We in this Parish have been running short of our allocation of lay seats for some time, so you may wish to consider becoming the new blood which Synod needs and get yourself nominated. Perhaps what Synod most needs is YOU!

Garth Baker
Deanery Synod Representative.

STEWARDSHIP

I am conscious that I have been writing this piece for quite a few years, and I have probably written much the same each time, but I am consoled by the thought that (a) few of you will remember what I wrote before and (b) the basic message of Stewardship does not change. Nonetheless, I thought I should try a slightly different approach.

So what is Stewardship? The dictionary would suggest that it is mainly about looking after something for somebody (the subsidiary meanings relating to taking part in organising ceremonies need not concern us here). I am reminded of the words (which we currently do not use here) from Common Worship, “all things come from you and of your own do we give you,” and that the “you” in this is indeed God. So whether we are looking after the environment or looking after the church, we are looking after something which belongs to God and on God’s behalf. The environment is a subject for another time (and author), but how do we ‘look after the church’?

‘Looking after the church’ can take many forms, and each of us has to consider in the light of our own circumstances what part we can play in the task. I can only offer a few thoughts. Is there a church task which you feel you could undertake, and do the people currently doing it seem a little tired? Offering help would be good Stewardship. Have you been doing your current church task for many years and sense that you cannot do it quite as well as you did? To indicate that you wished to step down in the near future and encourage others to think about replacing you would be good Stewardship. (It is called succession planning and as a church we are not very good at it.) Yes, I know there are many pressures on everyone’s time, children to be brought up and careers to build, but do we believe that our predecessors in the Middle Ages built the great cathedrals because they had nothing else to do?

Our predecessors also provided the money for those cathedrals (you all knew I would get on to money eventually). Our church may point towards a better world, but it needs to function in this one, and doing that needs money. Many of you have pledged to give a certain amount of money each week/month, and such knowledge of a reasonably steady income helps us plan. Some of you who are newer may not have done this yet; feel free to talk to me about it. Those of you who pay UK Income Tax have the opportunity to enable us to benefit from the Gift Aid scheme, and many of you have indeed done so. Now comes the hard bit. When did you last review the extent of your regular giving? Whilst inflation is thankfully lower than this time last year, that just means that prices are going up more slowly. Our last major Stewardship campaign was in Autumn 2019, and we may have some type of stewardship event this Autumn, but why wait for that? If you pledged £10 in Autumn 2019, the Consumer Price Index suggests that is now only worth a fraction over £8. (The faster-moving Retail Price Index would suggest nearer £7). Thank you to those who have revised your giving since 2019, others may wish to consider if they can do likewise. That would be good Stewardship. To look at this once a year, without my prompting, would be even better!

I must come back to Gift Aid. I have to write this piece before the Budget, but if the rumour of a cut in Income Tax rates is indeed true, it would be good Stewardship if all Gift Aiding givers considered the effect of such reduction on the amount we can recover, (I can explain the maths if needed), and adjust their giving (taking advantage of the Chancellor’s ‘generosity’). Finally on Gift Aid, as one of our numbers has discovered, if you pay insufficient tax to cover the amount we and perhaps other organisations claim in Gift Aid, then HMRC may notice and take the appropriate action. Be careful out there!

How you react to all the above is of course for each of you to judge in accordance with your own circumstances. It would be quite wrong for me to try to do that for you. Still, food for thought I hope.

Garth Baker
Stewardship Recorder

MUSIC AND CHOIR REPORT FOR SNAPSHOTS – 2024

Among highlights of the year 2023/24 were a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season, a brilliant Burns Concert and Supper and an uplifting Holy Week sequence. In addition I enjoyed visits to the holy island of Patmos (my late father's favourite island), to Bamberg in Bavaria and the BDOA organ event to Peterborough & Oundle district.

I was thrilled to have strong support for the choir at Christmas and Easter which allowed us to sing some beautiful music. Particular highlights were Felicity singing the solo in *Stille Nacht* in Deutsch, Jen singing the solo in Howard Goodall's setting of Psalm 23 (Vicar of Dibley), John singing the solo "The Road to Bethlehem" and David singing the Exultate. The rendition of "Blessed art thou Mary" was most moving and beautiful, and much commented on. There is a lot of potential and it is encouraging to see things developing and moving forward. I am already preparing music for this year's Advent and Christmas season.

I particularly wanted to put on a Burns Concert and Supper in what is my 60th year and this was achieved in January 2024. The concert was based on Hebridean songs, some of which were my own composed over many visits to the Hebrides. The principal soloists Sophie Kirk-Harris and Rachel Gray with flautist Sue Juggins were magnificent. The Burns Supper went far better than I expected with over 70 present.

2023 also saw my first visit to the Orkney islands for my nephew's wedding on Westray. Passing the Old Man of Hoy on the ferry on a magnificent day was a sight to behold, especially as it was something my father always wanted to see but the weather was never good enough. I stayed on Hoy which is something of a ghostly island given its importance as a principal naval base in both World Wars, all that infrastructure is now in a sad state of decay. Seeing the setting sun through one ruin was particularly haunting.



This year I will be joining the BDOA in an organ visit to organs in Exeter and Devon. I will also be returning to Islay and Jura for the first time in almost 10 years again to mark my 60th birthday.



Organ at Munich Dom

Whenever I have opportunity, I enjoy returning to Germany to visit the beautiful churches there. The organs in particular are among the best in the world (as my photos hopefully demonstrate!). I am still on a personal mission to visit the Bach towns in the north, last year I visited Mulhausen which means I only have one left to visit – Kothen (north of Halle-Leipzig).

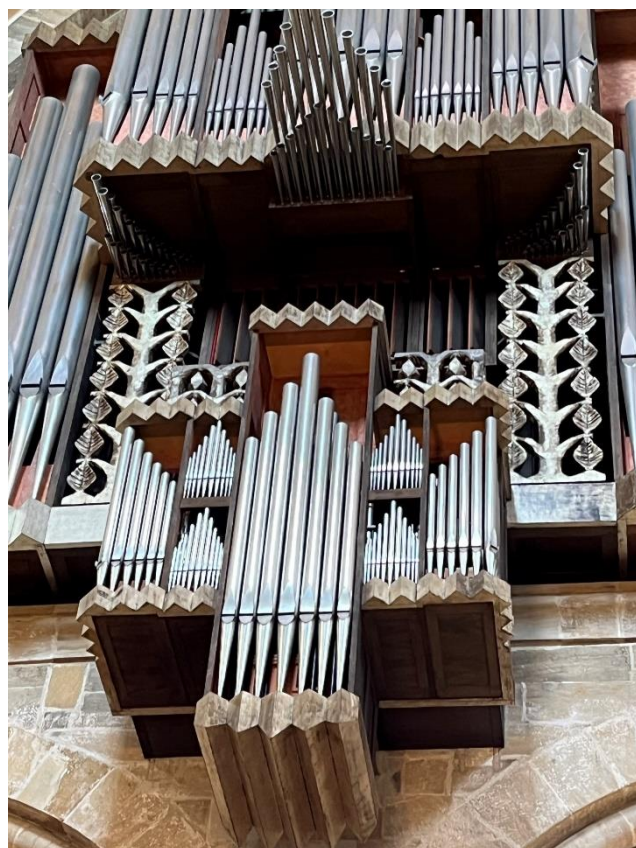
This year is actually the 300th anniversary of the first performance of Bach's St John Passion, written during his first year at Leipzig, which must rank as one of the finest pieces of choral music ever written. The opening chorus "Herr, unser Herrscher" (Lord, our Lord) is sublime while the penultimate chorus "Ruh! wohl!" (Rest well) is simply gorgeous. (Incredible to note the melody "Jesus Christ Superstar" uses the same notes).

My plans for this year, now that Holy Week is over, include an organ recital in the summer. I also plan a music festival in the autumn looking at the history of choral music which will include singing music across the centuries, from plainchant to polyphony, from Lutheran chorales to Wesleyan hymns, concluding with Taize and Iona. This will be open to everyone.

Now that the piano has been tuned, I would like to make greater use of it. In addition, it would be good to enrich worship with other instruments, and I have spoken to folk about this and hope to move forward on this.

As stated last year, my guiding belief is that music is divine and can inspire and comfort us along our journey of life. That is my experience which I seek to share. Thank you.

Jonathan Crow
Director of Music



Bamberg Dom

THE WELCOME PROJECT

Whoever you are; wherever you come from, everyone is welcome here

2023 was a busy year for The Welcome Project, which aims to inform all we do as a church community by making our facilities and resources welcome and accessible for all. As well as the Warm Welcome Initiative, Warm Pantry, Art of Welcome exhibition and ongoing welcoming of our Ukrainian friends, a major emphasis has been a bold and ambitious project to re-furbish and update our existing church hall into a flexible community space.

At the APCM, we welcomed Jenny Goss from architects O'Leary Goss (OLG), who enthused us all with indicative plans for the re-imagined hall. We are looking to employ OLG as we move forward, and funds for the build (approx. £1 000,000) are raised.

Our business case which will be submitted to major grant funders, was completed following a huge amount of research. Copies of the business case are available at the back of church, or a digital copy is available on the [website](#). The hub of the Welcome Project Steering Group now has a number of spokes: A stakeholder reference group includes a number of current hall hirers, and a finance group, with other workstreams in the planning phase. A significant contribution to the finances will be the selling of our local church property, and following a business case to the Diocese, the sale has been approved and the property went on the market in December.

As well as grants and the sale of the house, we also launched a pledge scheme at our autumn Parish Conference -inviting the church community, working in partnership with friends and neighbours, to pledge fund-raising ideas. We have set an ambitious target of £100,000 for this strand of funding.

The Welcome Project Steering Group ask for your prayers, and practical support, as we move forward.

Caroline Plaice

On behalf of the Welcome Project Steering Group

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Statement of commitment to Safeguarding

The parish of Holy Trinity is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Caroline Plaice

Administrative Officer: Laura Bufton

Policies

The Safeguarding policy was reviewed in November 2022.

Activities

The PCC oversees the following activities for Children and Young People : Messy Church and Horfield Young People's Club

Safer Recruitment & DBS

The PCC is responsible for the safe recruitment of people wanting to work with vulnerable groups through the activities mentioned above. During the year, the PCC has recruited the following numbers of people to support those groups.

Youth Group – 7 individuals work with this Group, of which three new people were recruited this year. In addition, two members of the PCC are 'on call' for any last minute need for the Youth Group. Messy Church – a new group, started in June 2023. The same people work with Messy Church as with the Youth Group.

DBS Checks

As part of the safer recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been DBS checked at the level appropriate to the role. Because the parish provides activities for vulnerable groups, the PCC members are also eligible for an enhanced DBS Check.

There are eighteen volunteers /PCC members who require a DBS check for their role and all of them have a current check (i.e. the check has been completed within the last 3 years).

Training

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles, the current situation in terms of meeting the requirements in the parish is as follows:

Basic Awareness

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
17	15	2 being undertaken. Due for completion 310524

Foundation Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
17	13	4 being undertaken. Due for completion 310524

Leadership Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
3	3	0

Domestic Abuse

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
10	9	1 being undertaken. Due for completion 310524

Reporting to the PCC

The PCC was updated about Safeguarding matters in the parish at each meeting. It is a standard item on the PCC agenda. During the year there was one safeguarding matter which were reported on to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Action Plan

The PCC has an action plan created by the Parish Dashboard. Progress is reported to the PCC meetings and current progress on our Parish Dashboard is 74% at Level 3.

Caroline Plaice

19th April 2024

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PASTORAL MINISTRY

The last year has seen young people's ministry in the parish continue to develop and flourish. We now have monthly 'Messy Church' sessions which are providing fun and reflective times for children whilst also enhancing links between young people and the rest of the congregation. Friday Club, which has been running in the Church Hall for decades now under the inspired leadership of Geoff Stock, has been relaunched with a new team of leaders to support Geoff.

Our first Messy Church took place last June, run by Jen Douglas and Helen Currie. We wanted to create the relaxed, inclusive atmosphere of the Junior Church sessions that used to run every week during Mass and to enable our young people to feel part of the congregation whilst also having their own space. We also wanted to create opportunities for families with young children to come along and have a taste of who we are at Holy Trinity Horfield. The decision was therefore made to run the sessions during Mass in the Parish Hall once a month and for the congregation to join the young people in the hall for coffee after Mass. This would allow for a sharing of fellowship (and, since Messy Church goes love baking, often a sharing of biscuits) and would be an opportunity for new families to meet other members of the congregation.

Our first Messy Church session was a lot of fun although numbers were small. We decided, however, to keep going following our initial experiment. Messy Church was relaunched in October and has run every third Sunday of the month since with increasing numbers attending. These children have been at the heart of parish activities such as Stir-Up Sunday and Christingle making. We have children who are regular attenders at church coming along as well as children who have heard about the sessions through Friday Club or through Jen Douglas's excellent marketing at Horfield C of E School. The children seem to love the physical space of the hall, the opportunity to play, to bake, to make and to

pray. We all enjoy the moment at the end of each session when Fr David and the serving team join us in the Hall for communion and the Messy Church blessing.

In September Friday Club recommenced after a pause of a few months. Geoff Stock, the Club founder and inspiration to us all, is still very much involved in running the Club but a group of new helpers have also stepped up to give their time, energy and creativity to the group. Thanks to Jack and Chae, Brian Wilson, Alison Ellis and Jen Douglas for all their support and for giving us your precious Friday evenings! The Club runs from 6.15 - 8pm every Friday of term time and is open to young people age 7 – 11. We have been delighted to receive regular visits from our Police Community Support Officer Tristan and we have also been so pleased to receive a grant of £300 from the Quartet Community Foundation thanks to this connection .

As well as regular meetings where we tend to have between 12 – 20 young people, we have had a Christmas party complete with bouncy castle, an anniversary party and a craft evening.

The enormous success of Friday Club has left us in need of more helpers. If anyone feels they can volunteer as a helper on a regular or occasional basis at Friday Club or Messy Church, please contact Helen Currie or Jen Douglas who would be glad to give you more information.

Helen Currie

MOTHERS' UNION



We had a varied programme during 2023, starting with the Annual General Meeting when I agreed to take on the role of Branch Secretary. In February the Rev. Canon Paul Denyer came and talked about a pilgrimage he and his son had done from Chippenham to Santiago de Compostela in 1997. Some of you may remember Paul from his days at Holy Trinity. Val Ellis was enrolled as a member of MU at this meeting as well. Jacky Fredrickson, the Diocesan President visited us in March and St Peter's Filton had been invited as well. At that meeting Jacky formally enrolled me as the Branch Leader. Marianne organised our April meeting on the subject of caring and nurturing. Marianne supplied everyone with a pot, some soil and a couple of little plants to pot up so we could take them home and look after them. Everyone enjoyed that activity.

Helen Hinksman led one of her Café Style worships in May, we always love welcoming Helen; and in June the Reverend Judy Lee who is one of the Mother's Union regular speakers, came and gave a talk on the Holy Land with slides.

In June the Deanery Festival Service was held at St Peter's in Filton, sadly not as well attended as usual, but it was a well thought out service with lots of lovely hymn singing.

On 20th July Fr David came to talk about Images of Mary. He brought with him various statues of Mary which can be seen in Church. This was very enlightening.

We hosted the Deanery Lunch on the 10th August which was a lovely event and very well attended. We were very grateful for all the help we received from members of the Family Group at this event. They were absolutely brilliant, as were our own members as well. Sadly we were without Marianne at the helm of this event but thanks to her for her pre-organisation. We raised over £100 for funds at this event, so grateful thanks to all who attended.

The Wave of Prayer Service had to be rearranged in September as Fr David and myself were on pilgrimage to Walsingham on the scheduled date. We held a lovely service on the 14th September, thanks to Margaret Johnston, my friend for coming to play the piano so we were able to sing some hymns as well.

In October Marianne organised a crafty afternoon but I think most people just enjoyed to have a good chat. In November we watched Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in Marianne's house. Donald kindly made us all tea.

On the 13th December several of us went to St Peter's, Henleaze for the Deanery Advent Service. This was a lovely service with lots of lovely readings and Advent Carols

Our last event of 2023 was our Christmas lunch which Marianne organised. We were joined at this by Nikki and her support worker, so we were 9 in all. We had a lovely lunch and I had borrowed one of my grandchildren's games, called the Sock Game and I think this went down very well.

We currently have only 9 members, and three indoor members.

Mothers Union supports many projects in the Bristol Diocese and if you would like further details please do contact me. A reminder that donations of tea and coffee are always needed in the children's hospital for Friends for Parents, also toiletries, new underwear, knitted items, and of course money. We can always pass things on to the different projects. Thank you for your continued support.

Carolyn Larcey
Branch Leader, MU

THE DECIBELLS HANDBELL TEAM

During 2023 the Decibells handbell team continued to meet in the church most Wednesday afternoons to practise playing the handbells - which were donated to the church in the late 1980s by Betty Topham in memory of her husband Derek.

We had four varied opportunities to play for others in 2023. The first was in May at Westbury Methodist Church Women's Fellowship Group. As it was just after King Charles' Coronation, we included one of the Pomp and Circumstance pieces that was played at the Coronation and the audience enthusiastically waved flags as we played – as you can see from the photo.



In October we went to Downend to a Trefoil Guild annual meeting where we played some of our repertoire and small groups of the retired Guiders there were able to have a go at playing the bells themselves – for some it revived memories of playing handbells on previous occasions but for most it was a new experience.

In November we visited Granville Lodge in Shirehampton where it was lovely to have Phillada and Father John Ware as part of the audience listening to us. December gave us the chance to play our Christmas music as people were arriving at church for the evening service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

It has been a full and interesting year and If anyone would like to experience having a go at playing the handbells do let us know.

Gill Wilding

HORFIELD FAMILIES GROUP

Horfield Families Group have a membership of around twenty ladies. We are a very welcoming group with a range of interests and views. Our programme provides a mixture of speakers and activities, both indoor and out. Families and friends are always welcome to join us at meetings.

In 2023 we enjoyed indoor curling and line dancing. These two evenings are always good fun though I can't say that that we are making much improvement in the skills required!

Our speakers included a talk on the SS Great Britain, the work of the Life Skills Centre, where some of our members are volunteers, and a presentation by a family run business called "Goats of the Gorge" This is a business specialising in making goat's milk and skin lotions, which are helpful for skin conditions, apart from the lovely products it was the story of how the business was started and the family involvement which made this a very interesting evening. Recently they have appeared on the "Dragon's Den." They didn't receive any investment but were given business advice and have since seen an increase in interest in their products. We also heard from two ladies who spoke about the creation of the Bristol Tapestry.

The highlight of the year must be our 70th anniversary celebration in June. We hired a room at the Beehive. The weather was lovely and members old and new chatted and reminisced prompted by the photographs of past events on display. It was a lovely afternoon, rounded off with a cream tea and cake.

We returned to the Beehive in December for our Christmas lunch, our December meeting saw us making Christmas crackers along with our usual Christmas quiz with mulled wine and mince pies to refresh the brain cells!

Each year we select a charity to support and in 2023 it was research into Motor Neuron Disease, and we donated the sum of £300 to their representative in October. At Christmas we also donate tea and coffee supplies to Friends for Parents at the Children's hospital which is led by Gill Wilding, one of our long-standing members. At the December meeting we also collected donations for the North Bristol food bank. Another of our regular commitments is providing the Church Porch flowers.

One of the main strengths of the group over and above our speakers and activities is the friendship and support we give one another. The opportunity to keep in touch with old friends and to make new ones.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall, starting at 8pm if you are interested in knowing more about our events, they are also listed on the Church Pew sheet. Guests are always welcome at any of our meetings.

Christine Payne
HFG Secretary



Horfield Family Group
Christmas Cracker Making
70th Celebrations Cake
70th Celebration Photo Display



Horfield Theatre Company

www.horfieldtheatre.co.uk

Our 2023 programme kicked off in February with two one-act plays by David Tristram from the 'Little Grimley' collection, '*Last Tango in Little Grimley*' and '*The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley*' directed by Caroline Fielding, this was followed up in October by '*Curtain Up on Murder*', an end-of-the-pier mystery, again directed by Caroline. Both shows were very well received and have continued the trend of bringing in new cast and crew with an ever-changing and diverse audience.

With the prospect of major changes taking place in the hall we have had to be flexible in deciding future shows based upon availability but we look forward to continuing to put on great shows for all the community to enjoy.

We have continued to attract personnel both on and off stage and hope to go forward in the future, embedding further into the local community.

We continue to welcome anyone who may be interested in any aspect of theatre, we are a friendly bunch and are happy to share our knowledge, whether their interest lies in acting, directing, technical, costume or backstage activities, a place will be found for all.

I would like to thank the church and church hall committees for their continued kind support for our group.

Bob Derrick
Chair, Horfield Theatre Company



HORFIELD WELLY PRE-SCHOOL AND THEIR STAY AND PLAY 'TODDLERS' GROUP

Academic Year 2022-23

Horfield Welly Pre-school is a registered charity and not-for-profit making organisation. We are proud to have been serving the local community for over 20 years. Wellies has 7 dedicated staff members and a committee made up of volunteers from families who attend Wellies. During the academic year 2022-23, the Pre-school ran Tuesday-Friday mornings, caring for children aged 2-4 years old, and providing a nurturing and stimulating Early Years curriculum. It also provided a stay and play group for babies upwards and their carers on a Monday morning.

For every session, the hall is set up with different engaging activities and themes. The staff follow the children's interest in each key group, meaning each member of staff will plan different activities for their group depending on what the children have been interested in and enjoying, whilst also tailoring everything to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. A huge range of topics have been covered, with the children learning all about themselves and the world around them. We have shared our favourite books on World Book Day, made smoothies in healthy eating week, planted seeds in spring, learnt about historical figures during Black History month and enjoyed singing together in nursery rhyme week, to name a few! Use of the garden alongside the hall was a great way for children to extend their play and learning. They have used the garden to get stuck into sensory messy play, take part in lively games and observe nature. The garden was also used as a lovely setting for our Father's Day event in June 2023, where dads and grandads were invited into Wellies to take part in some forest school activities and have a picnic with their children. Family engagement events such as these are an important way to get our families involved and create the warm family environment Wellies is known for.



Our stay and play group, Welly Toddlers, re-opened in February 2022 and ran for the entirety of the 2022-23 academic year. It ran in the hall on a Monday morning, led by Jordanna and Laura, two members of our Pre-school staff. They set up a variety of toys and activities for children to take part in alongside their parents and carers and always ended with some songs. We were lucky to be supported by some fantastic volunteers, who helped with the craft activity, drinks and snacks. Welly Toddlers does not currently run, due to our move, but we have hopes to restart it again in the future as it was always well-received by local families.

With the progressing Welcome Project anticipating building work would commence during our next academic year, in 2023 we began looking for a temporary Wellies home. Happily, for our staff and families, we were able to remain local to our community, moving just across the road to Manor Farm Boys Club. They were very happy to accommodate the pre-school. Moving over the summer holidays has minimised disruption to our families and helped us to settle children into our new venue effectively.

In September 2023, we welcomed many new families to Wellies, as 24 children who had finished Wellies began their first school year in their respective reception classes. We are proud to be a part of their Early Years journey.

Since our move, we have been gradually enriching the space for our children; you may have noticed a new fenced outdoor area alongside the churchyard for children to enjoy during our sessions.

We were happy to be able to hold another wonderful nativity in December 2023 and invite our parents and extended families in to watch the show and take part in some festive activities with their children. This was also a great fundraising opportunity for Wellies, raising money to create our outdoor area for the children to play. We are thankful to the local businesses who donated prizes for our raffle. Plus, of course, we are thankful for our wonderful Wellies community; the families who support us throughout the year, the dedicated and talented staff team and our curious, fun-loving children!

Leah Browning

Pre-school Chair of Trustees

MANOR FARM CIC - HORFIELD STROLLERS REPORT FOR SNAPSHOTS 2023-24
– BY JULIENNE TROTMAN



Thornbury – Streamside Walk



Severn Estuary, Severn Beach



Stoke Park



Clevedon – Dial Hill

The accompanying photos taken during walks organised by members of the Horfield Strollers Walking Group give only a brief indication of the variety of walks that take place throughout the year at two weekly intervals on a Tuesday morning. I have to confess that due to overload I have not managed to organise a proper church walk for the last 12 months. Something will have to be done about this. I'm thinking of planning a walk in commemoration of John Wesley.

Julienne Trotman



Bluebell Walk in Priory Woods, Portbury



Bluebell Walk in Priory Woods, Portbury

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH
OF HOLY TRINITY, HORFIELD

I report on the accounts of the parish of Holy Trinity, Horfield for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.

I 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.

Name: Kathryn Hodgkiss FCA Date: 26th April, 2024

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: J F Balshaw & Co, 20 Old Kiln Lane, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 5PD



Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2023	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	74,892.70	0.00	0.00	74,892.70	66,649.05
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	13,940.86	0.00	0.00	13,940.86	16,067.10
Income from investments	2(c)	6,198.83	0.00	0.00	6,198.83	6,037.86
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	62,398.46	0.00	0.00	62,398.46	67,564.10
Other incoming resources	2(e)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		157,430.85	0.00	0.00	157,430.85	156,318.11
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Fund-raising costs	3(b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,782.97
Church activities	3(a)	<u>198,528.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>198,528.57</u>	<u>167,558.56</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		198,528.57	0.00	0.00	198,528.57	171,341.53
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-41,097.73	0.00	0.00	-41,097.73	-15,023.42
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	18,839.11	18,839.11	-27,083.05
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-41,097.73	0.00	18,839.11	-22,258.62	-42,106.47
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD JANUARY	01	<u>31,137.59</u>	<u>6,972.41</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>	<u>267,232.79</u>	<u>309,339.26</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD DECEMBER	31	-9,960.14	6,972.41	247,961.90	244,974.17	267,232.79

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013 **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5(a)	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment	5(b)	<u>220,878.85</u>	<u>202,039.74</u>
		223,432.85	204,593.74
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0.00	0.00
Debtors	6	7,914.42	27,231.68
Short term deposits		5,002.89	5,002.89
Cash in hand and at bank		<u>9,374.01</u>	<u>32,354.48</u>
		22,291.32	64,589.05
LIABILITIES			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	7	750.00	1,950.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		21,541.32	62,639.05
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>244,974.17</u>	<u>267,232.79</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		244,974.17	267,232.79
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9	17,602.91	58,700.64
Restricted	9	6,492.41	6,492.41
Endowment	9	<u>220,878.85</u>	<u>202,039.74</u>
		244,974.17	267,232.79

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by

 Rector

The Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023	Funds 2022 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	45,173.33	0.00	0.00	45,173.33	48,438.75
Tax recoverable	11,293.35	0.00	0.00	11,293.35	12,109.69
Other	2,896.24	0.00	0.00	2,896.24	4,562.23
Open plate	8,273.15	0.00	0.00	8,273.15	1,410.44
Sundry donations	3,811.38	0.00	0.00	3,811.38	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Votive candles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.94
Flood lighting	3,445.25	0.00	0.00	3,445.25	0.00
Publications	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	74,892.70	0.00	0.00	74,892.70	66,649.05
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	4,351.00	0.00	0.00	4,351.00	63.60
Special collections and appeals	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants received	<u>5,789.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,789.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	13,940.86	0.00	0.00	13,940.86	63.60
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	6,114.66	0.00	0.00	6,114.66	6,004.53
Deposit account interest	<u>84.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>84.17</u>	<u>33.33</u>
	6,198.83	0.00	0.00	6,198.83	6,037.86
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	4,100.00	0.00	0.00	4,100.00	4,097.50
Income from insurance	6,597.12	0.00	0.00	6,597.12	0.00
Church hall income	46,631.34	0.00	0.00	46,631.34	50,330.37
Rent from Curate's House	<u>5,070.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,070.00</u>	<u>13,136.23</u>
	62,398.46	0.00	0.00	62,398.46	67,564.10
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	157,430.85	0.00	0.00	157,430.85	140,314.61

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023	2022 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other charitable organisations					
British Heart Foundation	101.15	0.00	0.00	101.15	0.00
Save The Children	314.24	0.00	0.00	314.24	0.00
Christian Aid	342.68	0.00	0.00	342.68	0.00
Childrens Society	230.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	100.00
Luzar K Taplin Bequest	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00
North Bristol Advice Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Red Cross Ukraine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	607.00
Sisters of the Poor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
St Mungos	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Other	198.00	0.00	0.00	198.00	72.00
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	72,000.00
Incumbent expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.37
Non PCC funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major church repairs	29,351.00	0.00	0.00	29,351.00	13,967.23
Insurance	5,897.24	0.00	0.00	5,897.24	5,377.84
Heating, lighting and water	19,015.88	0.00	0.00	19,015.88	5,796.50
Sacristy	1,379.46	0.00	0.00	1,379.46	1,488.26
Occasional Organist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
Organ and Pianos	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.80
Music and Choir	1,783.80	0.00	0.00	1,783.80	161.05
Flowers	303.65	0.00	0.00	303.65	369.88
Churchyard maintenance	398.32	0.00	0.00	398.32	70.43
Bells	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	21,212.16	0.00	0.00	21,212.16	9,507.02
Administration salaries	26,785.48	0.00	0.00	26,785.48	20,568.25
Legal and professional fees	9,033.00	0.00	0.00	9,033.00	0.00
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	16,604.44	0.00	0.00	16,604.44	11,690.52
Curate's house upkeep	1,078.07	0.00	0.00	1,078.07	20,244.41
	198,528.57	0.00	0.00	198,528.57	167,558.56
3(b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,782.97
Traidcraft	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,782.97
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>198,528.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>198,528.57</u>	<u>171,341.53</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	26,785.48	0.00	0.00	26,785.48	20,568.25
NI	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	26,785.48	0.00	0.00	26,785.48	20,568.25

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2023 £	2022 £
Curate's House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the purchase cost	2,554.00	2,554.00

Total tangible fixed assets **2,554.00** **2,554.00**

The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance

Group for a value of £7,700,043

The property is due to be valued in the near future, and the valuation obtained will be reflected in next year's accounts

(b) Investments		change £	2023 £	2022 £
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units		
		292.80	5,206.66	4,913.86
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units		
		10,475.25	121,814.99	111,339.74
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units		
		870.86	10,127.17	9,256.31
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units		
		<u>7,200.20</u>	<u>83,730.03</u>	<u>76,529.83</u>

These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December **18,839.11** **220,878.85** **202,039.74**

These investments are held in trust with only the interest payable to the church each year. The capital is not available to spend.

	2023 £	2022 £
Market Value 01 January	202,039.74	229,122.79
Revaluation gain	<u>18,839.11</u>	<u>-27,083.05</u>
Market Value 31 December	220,878.85	202,039.74

The market value at 31 December 2023 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax Recoverable	<u>7,914.42</u>	<u>27,231.68</u>
Total	7,914.42	27,231.68

7 LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditor's Honorarium	750.00	750.00
Charities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	750.00	1,950.00

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement	Fund at 31st Dec 2023	Fund at 31st Dec 2022
	£	£	£
Bell fund	0.00	1,482.55	1,482.55
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total	0.00	6,492.41	6,492.41

Endowment Fund	18,839.11	220,878.85	202,039.74
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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment fixed assets	0.00	0.00	220,878.85	220,878.85	202,039.74
Current assets	15,798.91	6,492.41	0.00	22,291.32	64,589.05
Liabilities	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>1,950.00</u>
Total	17,602.91	6,492.41	220,878.85	244,974.17	267,232.79

Accounts



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Holy Trinity Church, Horfield

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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 30th April 2023
A G E N D A

- 1.** Opening Prayer and Worship
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- 4. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
 - 4.1 To approve the minutes of the APCM held on 29th May 2022
 - 4.2 Matters arising from the 2022 APCM
 - 4.3 To notify items of any other business
 - 4.4 To approve the report of the Electoral Roll Officer
 - 4.5 To confirm the list of PCC Members
 - 4.6 To confirm the Deanery Synod Representatives
 - 4.7 To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)
 - 4.8 To receive and approve the Accounts for 2022 (included within Snapshots)
 - 4.9 Appointment of the Independent Examiner : J F Balshaw & Company (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals)
- 5.** Rector's Report
- 6.** Questions
- 7.** Any other business
- 8. Presentation from Jenny Goss, Director, O'LearyGoss, Architects Limited**

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY, 29TH MAY 2022

List of attendees and apologies - see Appendix 1

The Rector, Rev'd Canon David McGladdery (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with a prayer.

MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on Zoom on Wednesday, 26th May 2021

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Teresa Peet proposed and Ian Dye seconded, the motion that Caroline Plaice be appointed as Churchwarden for a fourth year within this term of office. This was unanimously agreed and Caroline Plaice was duly elected Churchwarden for a further year.

Tony Hopton proposed and Judith Lee seconded the motion that Carolyn Larcey be appointed as Churchwarden for a third year within this term of office. This was unanimously agreed and Carolyn Larcey was duly elected Churchwarden for a further year.

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 29TH MAY 2022

3. Minutes of the APCM held on 25th May 2021 on Zoom

The minutes of the APCM held on 25th May 2021 were accepted and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Christine Hopton reported on the 2022 revision of the Electoral Roll as follows :

	Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM May 2021	
	120	
	Number of names removed between then and May 2022	
	6	
	Number of names added between then and May2022	
3		
	Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM 2022	117

Out of the total number on the roll, 70 live outside of the Parish and 47 are in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Chris for her report and he informed the meeting that Chris had now resigned from this role and Laura Bufton would be taking on the responsibility of Electoral Roll Officer.

6. To elect up to 3 members of the PCC

It was noted that three members were stepping down from the PCC : Donald Wainwright, Nigel de Bray and Anne Chapman. One nomination had been received - Jon Crow, the Director of Music. Jon Crow was proposed by Carolyn Larcey and seconded by Christine Bufton. Jon Crow was unanimously voted onto the PCC. The Chairman thanked Jon for all he has done since coming to Horfield.

7. To elect Deanery Synod Representatives

The Chairman reported than Donald Wainwright would be stepping down as a Deanery Synod representative. It was noted that during the Covid pandemic, the Deanery Synod had not been particularly active. Caroline Plaice had been nominated as a Deanery Synod representative, proposed by Carolyn Larcey and seconded by Marianne Wainwright. The proposal that Caroline Plaice be elected onto the Deanery Synod was carried unanimously. Noted that Garth Baker currently also sits on the Deanery Synod.

8. To receive the Reports of Individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)

The Chairman thanked everybody who had written an article/report for inclusion in this year's edition of Snapshots, which he felt significantly represented our active community.

Garth Baker proposed and Nick Stephenson seconded the resolution that the report be received as a record of Parish life over the last 12 months. This was unanimously agreed.

9. To receive and approve the Accounts for 2021

Christine Bufton reported on the accounts for 2021. It was noted that there was almost £53,000 in the final account more than last year :

Total for 2021	£309,339
Total for 2020	£256,432

There were several reasons for this :

- i) Investments have done much better + £11K (although we only have access to the interest not the capital, as we have discussed before).
- ii) Vodafone mast income increased.
- iii) The Hall and Helliwell Room are being very well used and regularly hired out since the worst of Covid has passed.
- iv) Less spent on Hall (Helliwell refurb) as these were a one-off last year.
- v) We have had a number of anonymous donations.

Christine added that there had been increased costs in some areas :

- i) Additional salary costs : Director of Music started in November 2020 as an additional employee, Andy's hours (Caretaker) were increased in 2020 as was the Administrator's salary. In 2021 the salaries have all been entered as one item for all the salaries, totalling £17,506.88.
- ii) PAYE as paid in one lump sum, as unable to do online BACS training.
- iii) Churchyard maintenance – funded a new shed and sturdy base to store the mowers and other maintenance items.
- iv) Accounts honorarium – there had been an increased charge because of increased complexity of the accounts due to Covid and lockdowns which made accounting more challenging.
- v) Administrative costs – office supplies, consumables, Covid supplies.

It was reported that we have been very generous as a congregation and contributed to a number of charitable campaigns, including :

Poppy Appeal	£200
Water Aid	£680
Convent in Zimbabwe	£1,500
USPG	£1,000

Tony Hopton made the comment that the Children's Society had not been mentioned which had raised £2,500.

Donald Wainwright drew attention to a recent report he had seen in the news about mast providers significantly dropping the rents they were required to pay for a mast, which would be coming into effect in 2023. Donald agreed to email a link to the report to the Churchwardens.

It was reported that the whole way the accounts were presented would be looked into as there were several statements which were outdated and perhaps did not make sense. It was hoped that next year they would be presented in a clearer way.

The question was raised as to why the Parish Share payment had dropped. Caroline Plaice explained that in view of Covid there had been significant reduction in income received for rental of the Hall and Helliwell Room, and had we paid our full share we could have bankrupted ourselves. The Diocese had been contacted to explain the position. She added that we were not the only church in the Diocese suffering the effects of the pandemic.

Teresa Peet put forward a vote of thanks to Caroline and Christine for their hard work.

The resolution to receive the accounts was proposed by Fergus Currie, seconded by Donald Wainwright and carried unanimously.

10. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

It was proposed that J F Balshaw & Company (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals) who have specialism in church finances be appointed to do the accounts again next year. The resolution was proposed by Garth Baker and seconded by Laura Bufton and it was unanimously agreed to appoint J F Balshaw & Company for a further year.

11. Rector's Report

The Rector asked all those present to stand for a minute in memory of those members of the congregation who had passed away over the last year : Robin Wootton, Pat Bridges, Mike Rees, Glyn Jenkins, Peter Seaman.

He then presented his report as given below.

As a church, we seem to have emerged from the Covid pandemic well. 16 new members have joined our congregation (all young adults). Since the lockdowns, we have increased the number of weekday Masses : Tuesday, 12 noon; with Thursday, 10 am and Friday 6 pm.

We have reinstated the celebration of major feast days of the church on their traditional days in the week. (Would like to see more people attend these services. We are a good Sunday church, but not as good at weekday attendance as we could be.)

We have initiated many opportunities for communal prayer – issuing seasonal cards for Morning and Evening prayer, and seasonal and occasional service booklets. We had a successful narrated, teaching Mass, produced

via our nine Confirmation candidates in September – and will develop such teaching Masses in the future.

We have nurtured all-generational worship – the Children’s Chapel of The Child Jesus is occupied every Sunday; there is fierce competition to help ring the bell during the consecration.

As a church community, we are very generous and have donated many thousands of pounds to charitable causes during the past year, both local and overseas.

It has been a challenge to minister in our church schools over the last year – Covid virus kept erupting leading to multiple lockdowns. On Fridays and Saturdays, it is good that lots of children, leaving the Manor Farm Club lean out of car windows and shout, “Hi, Fr, David!”

Thank Yous

Fr David then thanked and presented **Certificates of Gratitude** to members of the congregation as follows :

Chris Hopton (Electoral Roll Officer)
John White (Altar Server)
Phil Hall (Altar Server)
Anne Chapman (PCC Member)
Nigel de Bray (PCC Member)
Donald Wainwright (PCC & Deanery Synod Member)

He thanked the Church Wardens (Caroline and Carolyn) and Treasurer (Christine), who guided us through the pandemic, refurbishment of the Helliwell Room and many other projects to improve the fabric of our buildings and personnel to support the effective and efficient running of our church.

He thanked Jon Crow, who has re-energised the music of our worship and our small, but dedicated choir, who have enhanced the Parish Mass and festive occasions.

Outreach

On the preparation of 31 Rosling Road in readiness to receive two Ukrainian refugees; he thanked Caroline who had co-ordinated the project, Rob, our Estates Manager, and many others.

The Welcome Project

He said the Welcome Project Steering Group has worked hard, and as the Rosling Road project has demonstrated, we need to nurture the effective community collaboration to serve those in need by sharing our gifts and resources.

He said that currently, a business plan is being drawn up; grant applications are underway and meetings with two architects have been scheduled. He felt we will have a re-developed parish hall within two years and it will be a resource to serve the needy in our local community.

"I thank you all for your prayerful and loving service in the name of Christ in this place. The prayerful love and support shown by this gathered community to those in need, and those who come through our doors is a sure sign that God's love is alive in this place. It is a privilege to serve you as your Rector and Parish Priest and I look forward to us continuing our common life of prayer, fellowship and hospitality together as the people of God in the years ahead."

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Foundation Governor - Horfield C of E School

Karen Dunmall, Chair of the Governors, asked whether anyone knew someone who would be interested in taking on the role of a Foundation Governor at the School.

12.2 Grants for Churches and Parishes

Donald Wainwright said he had been reading a report whereby the Government would be making a £3 million grant to churches and parishes. He agreed to send the report to Churchwardens.

12.3 Pilgrimages

Keith Taplin raised the subject of pilgrimages to Walsingham and Glastonbury, asking anyone interested to contact him.

12.4 Help from Diocese

Tony Hopton asked the question whether the church would have any help from the Diocese bearing in mind it is their property. Fr David explained that churches are run on behalf of the Diocese and any upkeep is paid for by the church. Fr David said that discussions are being held with the John Frost Society to see whether they would be prepared to make a contribution towards refurbishing the hall and having some sort of memorial to John Frost who is buried in our churchyard.

12.5 Young Peoples' Club

Geoff Stock had asked under any other business to make a statement about the Young People's Club. He said that although the numbers were not great, they had kept in touch throughout the Covid pandemic, and he had felt a new and deeper kind of contact with some of the youngsters, being able to pray in two of their homes, and said how passionate they had been talking about the Easter narratives. He did say they would welcome some new leaders, thanking Alison and Garth for their contribution, and also Hilary who had had such an influence on the club. He thanked the Church Community and Fr David. He particularly thanked Caroline for her masterminding the risk assessment of getting the children back into the club safely.

Geoff concluded by saying that the club would be holding a big event on Friday, 3rd June to which all were invited.

Fr David thanked everyone for their presence at the Annual meeting and concluded with a prayer

Annual Parochial Church Meeting : Sunday, 29th May 2022

Attendees :

Fr David McGladdery
Caroline Plaice
Carolyn Larcey
Christine Bufton
Jon Crow
Teresa Peet
Ian Dye
Geoff Stock
Eleanor Costeloe
Elizabeth Moore
Helen Hinksman
Vera Seaman
Alison Ellis
Tim Ellis
Keith Taplin
Julienne Trotman
Tony Hopton
Chris Hopton

Mary White
John White
Garth Baker
Nigel de Bray
Gill Wilding
Margaret Smith
Rob Smith
Fergus Currie
Nick Stephenson
Dennis Hughes
Donald Wainwright
Marianne Wainwright
Laura Bufton
Jane Lewis
Phil Lewis
Karen Dunmall

Apologies for absence had been received from :

Celia Wells, Peter Day, Judy
Lee

SNAPSHOTS

Reports from Individuals, Church Groups and Hall Users

RECTOR'S REPORT

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (**Romans 15: 5-7.**)*

The word “welcome” has become a familiar one at Holy Trinity over the last year – **The Welcome Project; a Warm Welcome; Whoever you are; where ever you are from - you are welcome here.** It has also featured in our prayers, in sermons and become a recognised part of the vocabulary of our gathered community here at Holy Trinity.

The word “welcome” has its origins in Old English “**wilcuma**” – means “**a person whose coming is pleasing**”. “Wilcumian” (verb), comes from “wil” (desire, pleasure) + “cumin” (come). All of us are pleasing to God, who shows us how to be human in a Jesus kind of way. Jesus shows us how to love unconditionally, as God loves – without judgment, only with compassion. That means to welcome all – both friend and stranger alike. I believe, that we – the gathered community of Holy Trinity, Horfield - have tried our best to be welcoming throughout this past year. We have welcomed many new people to regular worship and activity in our church and welcomed many neighbours from our local community to work in partnership with us.

Our biggest welcome was to offer safe accommodation to our three Ukrainian friends, Ana, Natalia and Yulia seeking refuge from their native country torn apart by a brutal war imposed upon them. We in turn have been blessed to be welcomed into their friendship and trust – it is a gift and a privilege to have them living among us. The process of refurbishing the parish property in readiness to welcome them was a wonderful team effort and helped us to welcome members of our neighbourhood community, who joined in to help with the repairs, painting and furnishing of the house, which we renamed “Raphael”, which means God heals.

The next “welcome” to feature in our parish life is the “Welcome Project” – our initiative to refurbish and redevelop our parish hall to enable us to welcome all from our local community to a space in which to celebrate; to learn; to support and to enjoy. This means a radical redevelopment to make the property a fitting community resource which we can use to provide a welcome and support, especially for those in need. I wish to thank on your behalf our Welcome Project Steering Group, who have worked steadily and hard, this past year, to conduct community surveys; commission an architect well-experienced in community resourcing; and to prepare a business plan in readiness for grant-funding application. Please hold them in your prayers as we aim to be in a position to begin the building work in January, 2024. We have also been able to welcome a partnership with the John Frost Society to raise the profile of the Chartist leader who is buried with his wife and son in our churchyard. John Frost and his

campaign for social and political justice inspires our own generation to support the vulnerable and those who have no voice to speak for themselves.

And then there was the “Warm Welcome” – an initiative to welcome any who wished, into our church as a warm and welcoming space, for free hot drinks, cakes and ‘phone-charging during the colder winter months. Our welcoming profile was raised as we featured on the local BBC news. The initiative was hosted by regular volunteers from our parish congregation, to whom I am most grateful. We did not set out to provide a large café kind of experience – simply an assurance that if needed our doors were open to anyone in need of company in a warm and hospitable space. It was a good opportunity to meet new people from our neighbourhood; to engage in pastoral and theological conversations and provide much needed supplies from our food pantry – another initiative which has been as well supported in donations as in providing food to those in need.

The **Warm Welcome** initiative and the Ukrainian part of the **Welcome Project** has helped us to focus our minds, prayerfully, on how we may join in with the work of God in Horfield, by offering what gifts we have to give, including our own selves for the serving of others. We have come to be aware of what offering “welcome” really means.

The gift of generous, unlimited welcome was best modelled for us by our dear friend and Assistant Priest, Mother Hilary Blancharde, who – along with Brian, her husband – was welcomed into eternal glory in August, 2022 (Brian followed four months later). We shall forever be indebted to them both for teaching us how to welcome all God’s people into the fold of our church community, whoever they were and from wherever they came. We miss both Hilary and Brian so very much, and yet we must be for ever grateful for the warmth, wisdom and love which they so willingly shared with all of us over the years.

As part of our ministry of welcome, we have held a Year of Outreach, where we have begun, or strengthened, our relationships with many local organisations, including our church school, nursing homes and hospitals, other churches and various charitable organisations and Bristol City Council (with our refugee project). Working together, by welcoming others on board, is a good way to achieve results. Jon Crow, our Director of Music continues to broaden our links musically with other choirs, musicians and singers, not only working with our small and very dedicated core choir for the Sunday Mass and holy days and festivals, but staging a variety of musical events during the year, which enables us to welcome our neighbours into our beautiful sacred space to enjoy wonderful live music of different kinds. Katy, our Tower Captain, has also been welcoming new bell-ringers this year. There is a waiting list to join her ringing tutorials on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is another way we have created relationships with the community through the gift of welcome. The quality of our ringing is excellent and our bells have featured on BBC Bristol.

Rob Brace has played a huge part in the welcoming ambience of Holy Trinity. He is on site for around twenty-five hours a week doing much needed maintenance and repairs work. Not only is the quality of his workmanship exceptionally high, so is the quality of his welcoming of all who pass by. We have made many new local friends because of Rob’s warmth and generosity. Having our own site manager has, also, saved us many thousands of pounds in call out and labour costs. Thank you, Rob and your team of Andrew and Olivia.

I would like to thank, on your behalf, our hard-working and gifted church wardens, Caroline and Carolyn; our PCC members, who with great wisdom and cheerfulness initiate, oversee and evaluate the work in making the vision and mission of Holy Trinity take shape. We are one of a very few churches to have established a PCC lead for Inclusion, Diversity and Equality. Nick Stephenson has been most helpful in guiding us to take steps to ensure that as a church we really do welcome all, whoever they are and where ever they come from.

It is a privilege and a blessing to be your Rector and Parish Priest.

With every blessing –

Canon David McGladdery, SCP

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

The year under review has seen both huge sadness – in the loss of our beloved Mtr Hilary and Brian amongst others, and the terrible war in Ukraine – yet at the same time, great riches in the fond remembrance of those who have gone before us, and of the flourishing of new relationships, as we welcomed Natalia, Ana and Yuliia from war-torn Ukraine into our midst. In our last report, we wrote of replacing the bathroom in our church house, and that was a feat in itself, but the bigger challenge was to completely re-furbish the house ready to welcome our guests from Europe. And in the Spirit, and through enormous hard work, dedication and generosity from people at Holy Trinity, and the wider community, the house was once again a home, with just hours to spare until Natalia and Ana, initially, and later Yuliia, arrived in Bristol. Our guests have been a great blessing amongst us and at the time of writing we are looking forward to their interpretation of the Easter Garden with our friend and artist Claudia. This ‘welcoming’ has manifested itself in a number of other ways, and progress on our Welcome Project, Warm Welcome and Holy Trinity Pantry are reported elsewhere in *Snapshots*.

Other projects this year have included moving forward with live-streaming and this will go ‘live’ shortly. We look forward to sharing our services, and other events, including concerts, with a wider audience. We have also, through the support of the PCC, engaged Rob Brace as our new ‘Estates Manager’ for a pilot year; to co-ordinate all things ‘plant’ and to be on hand to (and that word again) *welcome* visitors and regulars alike.

Yet, the year has not only been about ‘projects’, but of completely re-opening of our spaces following the COVID-19 pandemic. The memory of all those risk-assessments and endless discussions amongst the leadership team belied a very significant challenge, and we are so grateful for the support of the congregation in navigating a careful approach, which at times may have appeared over-cautious, but was entirely necessary. The steps also enabled us to look with a fresh eye at all areas of the building and address some of the clutter which had accumulated.

There is much to look forward to, and we thank Fr David and all of you for your love and practical support during the last year. It is a privilege to serve God in this place.

Caroline Plaice and Carolyn Larcey.

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod acts as a conduit of information and counsel between the Bishop/Diocese and the 'person in the pew'. Members have the opportunity to consider the wider aspects of Church life beyond the confines of individual Parishes, and from time to time wider attendance is encouraged from those with a particular interest in the matter being discussed.

Having described Synod as a conduit of information, I have to say that 'the system' went somewhat awry in the first part of 2022, and your representatives missed the first meeting of the year as a result. However, 'words have been said' and communication has been resumed (though perhaps not quite as well as before: 'Continual Improvement' was a fashionable concept in the later years of my working life and should no doubt apply to us all, and Synod is only as good as the people who attend and take leadership roles).

Be that as it may, we attended the June meeting at All Saint's, Fishponds. The main discussion related to 'Mission Hospitality'. We shared examples from various Parishes of how mission could be expressed through hospitality, and your representatives shared our experience of offering hospitality to our three Ukrainian friends at Rosling Road, an experience which could also be considered 'Hospitality as Mission' given those who have become more aware of our existence as a result.

We then met in October at St Mary and St James, Lockleaze. Our first item was led by the charity 'Encountering Christianity'. The charity aims to support schools in Bristol in their delivery of the locally agreed syllabus for RE, and shared examples of their approach. We may encourage Horfield CEVC School to use their assistance. Secondly, the incumbents at Southmead and Lockleaze led a discussion on the 'Joys, challenges and opportunities of Estates Ministry'. This was a sharing of the Gospel in areas of deprivation, the essential message being one of hope, every encounter being an opportunity to build relationships and mutual enrichment.

We have for some time not been able to fill our three lay seats on Synod. Despite my mild criticism above, meetings are generally interesting and worthwhile. It is 'Synod Election Year' in the three-year cycle, maybe you might consider standing for election at our Parish Annual Meeting in April, maybe you are the person who can make it all work better?

Garth Baker
Deanery Synod Representative

THE GATEWAY GROUP

The Gateway Group was set up several years ago to support and engage young people of secondary age as they develop their ideas on faith and worship. As the original members have grown up and moved on we have tried to maintain their links with the church by running events to involve them throughout the year.

Following the success of last year's Stir Up Sunday event, some of our teenagers helped to organise a parish 'stir up'. This was held in the church hall as the congregation drank their post-Mass coffee. The young people added the Christmas cake ingredients to the bowl and other members of the congregation stirred the cake. Rather than making a wish, as is traditional, we encouraged parishioners to say a prayer, perhaps for the planet. The Oat Float - Bristol's only zero waste mobile shop - parked outside the hall for people to buy their cake ingredients and other dried goods. The cake was baked and served up after Mass on Epiphany Sunday.

It was great to see our young people helping out at the 'Warm Welcome' in church during the Christmas holidays. We managed to combine the joyous event of Christingle making with the Warm Welcome. It was a particularly happy event because COVID has prevented us from having a Christingle for a couple of years. The smell of oranges and our sticky fingers brought the memories flooding back!

Continuing with the cake theme, Paddy Currie of the Gateway group has been running cake sales after Mass to raise money for his forthcoming Explorers trip to the scouting headquarters in Switzerland.

Although it is great that we've managed to involve young people in these events, it has to be said that we have few regular members now. We need to revitalise the group and try to appeal to new young people. This is the challenge for the year ahead.

Helen Currie

INCLUSION, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The last year has been a busy one as we develop our consideration of what being an Inclusive Church really means for Holy Trinity Horfield.

We now have an up-to-date access audit of the church and will use this over the next few years to take steps to increase our welcome to the church. The new chairs in church that can be used by people who find the pews uncomfortable are one of the actions identified in the audit, and I'm really pleased we have been able to put them in place so quickly.

The PCC agreed an Accessible Communications Standard - this will be used to make sure that more people can easily understand our written communication and participate in church activities - the changes to the format of the pew sheet are an example of how this makes a positive difference.

We have started work to make the church more friendly and welcoming for people living with dementia - this is a work in progress, but we are being recognized by the Diocese as being a leader in making our church Dementia Friendly.

The Warm Welcome project has made sure the church has been open (and warm) throughout the winter, with hot drinks available between 9 and 10:30 every weekday. A steady flow of people have come to rely on this space, warmth and support and made use of the church pantry to support them

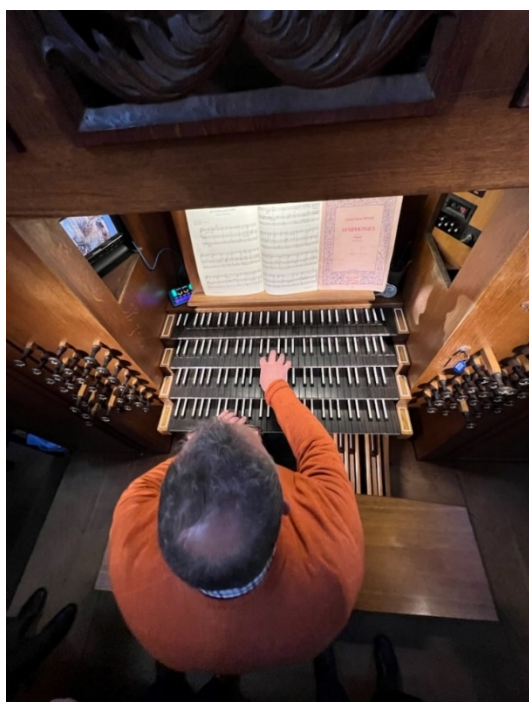
through this increasingly challenging time. Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported this – whilst numbers of visitors may have been small, your actions have made a real difference to people's lives.

We are in the process of developing information for the church website about what Holy Trinity is like for first-time visitors (what we do, and how people can become involved). If you can think of any questions that a first-time visitor might like to have answered before they join with us, please let me know.

Nick Stephenson
Inclusion Lead, PCC.

MUSIC AND CHOIR REPORT

Now well into my 3rd year at Horfield, I feel settled and have got to know people a lot better. I particularly appreciate the strong support from the church ministry team and leadership. Of course I enjoy playing the church organ as much as ever and was delighted to win the Bach trophy at this year's Bristol Eisteddfod Organist Section.



A highlight of 2022 was my visit to Oxford with the Bristol & District Organists' Association where I was able to play some superb organs at a number of top colleges and the cathedral. Whilst sitting in the awesome Keble College Chapel, a theme came into my head which went on to become the latest Opus of my organ oeuvre - Procession to Calvary. I was particularly moved by New College Chapel which made a very strong impression. To my mind the organ is truly the King of Instruments.

I am now looking forward to visiting Peterborough this year and playing the cathedral organ there as well as the organs at a number of fine churches in the area.

I have also enjoyed composing as much as ever and re-wrote my 1999 musical Exodus which was successfully performed in March at Horfield with some superb soloists. For next year 2024 I plan to perform the premiere of my musical Jonah and the Whale which is coming along very nicely with some rather light-hearted lyrics.

Losing my father in October was particularly difficult and I had to take time out to arrange his funeral and support my mother in Scotland. Thankfully I was able



to return to Bristol in time for Christmas but the experience has changed me quite profoundly.

I am most grateful for the choir for their hard work and putting up with my demands of them. We were all shocked at Gail's sudden illness (aneurism of the brain) and miss her wonderful singing. We are thankful that she continues to make a recovery and hope one day she will be able to sing again with us.

Though choir numbers are small, we were able to sing for the 2022 Christmas services. The local schools put on some stunning carol services which filled the church to overflowing and gave us much needed encouragement after the lockdowns and difficulties of the past 2 years. Hopefully we will build on these links for the future.

I am currently contemplating forming a Taize Choir and plan to organise a Taize workshop so that we can put on a Taize service later this year.

My Music Strategy for the church is for a 3 year plan and there is still much work to be done.

It will come as no surprise that the choir would welcome new singers, of whatever ability. Singing is wonderful and something to be enjoyed, I cannot commend it highly enough. With the efforts of Gareth Malone in The Choir, there does seem to be an opportunity to get people singing again.

I would also welcome instrumentalists to enrich worship. I suspect that you are out there really but I do not know you well enough yet.

My guiding belief is that music is divine and can inspire and comfort us along our journey of life. That is my experience which I seek to share. Thank you.

Jonathan Crow
April 2023

SAFEGUARDING

The Leadership Team have worked with the PCC during this period to review and agree an updated Safeguarding Policy. A copy of this is available on our website, at the back of church, in the Hall and additionally in the Helliwell Room. Further, new notices have been put up in the same locations, detailing our commitment as an organisation, and as individuals, to keeping everyone safe, and ways to get in contact if there are any concerns.

Laura Bufton, as administrative support, carries out DBS checks, maintains a record of training requirements, and works to ensure those who need to undertake training, or to update their training, fulfill this important element of Safeguarding. Caroline Plaice, as named Parish Safeguarding Officer, also completed her leadership training during this period.

We continue to work with the Diocese to ensure we are up-to-date with new guidance and benefit from being part of a Community of Practice in this area.

Caroline Plaice

STEWARDSHIP

Having written at some length in the December 'Reflections', there is a danger that anything I write less than three months later will be a repetition in (slightly) different words, so let's see.

Stewardship is essentially about sharing. We have been given resources of time, talents and money by a generous God, and we are asked to consider sharing some of these by offering them in service to our Church. How we do this will vary between individuals and over time: some may acquire new skills whilst others may find themselves less able to offer their skills or time (some may experience both at once). The same applies to our money; we have all been affected by inflation to some extent, but some will have been compensated by a rise in income but others not. We all need to recognise that if we are giving the same as we were three years ago we are actually giving less in real terms.

What should we do about all this? It seems to me the sensible way forward is that all of us should review what we give (in service or money) to our Church at least once a year. Some will be able to give more, there are always new ways to serve and more money can certainly be used, but others may need to reduce their service or money. Only each individual can decide in their particular circumstances. If we do this every year it need not take very long, and is probably good for us anyway.

As always, I have forms for pledging a regular sum of money (this helps us plan), instructing your Bank to set up a Standing Order, or join the Gift Aid Scheme; just ask.

Many of you do all this already; many thanks.

Garth Baker
Stewardship Secretary

WELCOME PROJECT

Since last years' issue of Snapshots, the main focus of the steering group has been the appointing of architects for the project. This process has taken us several months to complete as we wanted to be as thorough as possible.

We firstly identified three potential architects, and met with each one. We visited local projects that the candidates had been involved with to give us a sense of the range of vision each one had.

The architects provided quotations, CV's and costings for their services in line with the RIBA processes.

When considering the bids, we applied a criteria and score looking at cost, experience/recent projects, working practice, ethos/support, and clarity of bid.

We then applied a weighting score of 1= does not meet criteria; 2=meets criteria; 3=exceeds criteria

Following this process, in February we were very pleased to appoint O'leary Goss as architects to the project. We now move from the rather dry initial planning, consultation and research stage to the more exciting stage when things will start to happen and be seen to happen and for you, to be involved!

O'Leary Goss have submitted a project timeline outlining the various steps of the project towards completion in spring 2025. They have already produced some very early draft plans based on our requirements to help us in our thinking. It is planned that they will be attending the ACPM to introduce themselves, present a brief with sketch proposals and outline of next steps, with a full presentation in the summer, including overall costs for the project.

There is still a long way to go and two years seems a long way off. Over the coming months, as plans develop we will be keeping you informed, consulting with stakeholders, and to encourage more of you to be involved, so, together we can realise our vision for the parish hall which is to provide a welcoming and accessible space for the whole community, and in particular to help those in need. We want to achieve this in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner, in line with our respect for God's creation and demonstrate the love of Christ in our community.

The next step for the steering group is the writing of a business plan to support grant- funding applications. This is a fairly major piece of work, and we have already started it. As we prepare this, Jenny Douglas is researching various avenues for grant funding, the successful outcome of which will be fundamental in the financial funding of the project.

We are very mindful that meeting the cost of the project is a major consideration and will determine what we will eventually be able to achieve. It is hoped that the sale of Rosling Road, combined with grant funding, alongside contributions from the church and wider community, will help us realise our vision.

In October, we held a launch event where we invited member of the John Frost Society to give a presentation about the life of John Frost, the Chartist and social reformer who is buried in our churchyard. Given the link to John Frost, one of the 'rebels for social justice' and whose values chime very much with those of Holy Trinity Horfield, we are looking to rename the hall the John Frost Community Centre.

The Welcome Project is not just about the redevelopment of the church hall. It's what and who we are as a church and strive to be in and for the community, in the name of Christ. The welcoming of our Ukrainian guests over the past year and the Warm Welcome initiative are other examples of this.

So, after two years from inception, when folks have probably been aware (or not!) of a thing called the Welcome project, we are now ready for the 'off'. You will definitely be hearing, seeing a lot more, and hopefully become involved in the project from now on and be part of the vision for Holy Trinity Horfields' role

in our community. We value your prayers, support, involvement and encouragement over the next months.

Phil Lewis
On behalf of the Welcome Project

HORFIELD BELLRINGERS

You will always be greeted by a warm welcome at Horfield tower. We are a band of Bellringers who have a reputation within the Bristol Ringing Diocese, for being friendly and inclusive for all ringing abilities. We continue to thrive and our striking has improved under the expert guidance from Derek Carr, an experienced Bristol Cathedral ringer. We ring for many occasions, Sunday mornings, weddings, funerals and other national events. Last Summer, we rang to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but then only a few months later we heard the sad announcement that the Queen had died. As part of 'Operation London Bridge' we rang half muffled bells every evening during the national mourning period before the funeral in preparation to ring for the Queen's state funeral on 19th September 2022. The sound of half muffled bells is very poignant and powerful.

*Ringling for the Queen's funeral
(Julia Baker, James Wood, Annette Richer, Derek Carr, Katy Murdoch-Davis, Bernie Maddalena)*



We were involved in a bellringing feature on BBC radio Bristol, April 2023, as part of a National campaign to recruit lapse and new ringers to 'Ring for the King.'

We attracted some new recruits who are all making good and steady progress with their bell handling and are looking forward to start ringing with the band. We will be ringing for the King's Coronation on 6th May.

Our aim is to enjoy our ringing and to ensure good quality ringing every Sunday morning!

Katy Murdoch-Davis
Horfield ringing contact

THE DECIBELLS HANDBELL TEAM

In 2022 the Decibells welcomed a new member of the team, Fiona, a friend of Liz, who lives in Westbury. Fiona was new to handbell ringing but is proving to

be a valuable member of the team. We are now a team of 8 - Ann, Barbara, Carole, Fiona, Georgina, Gill, Liz and Rhoda. During the year we decided to change our weekly practice time to Wednesday afternoons instead of evenings each week. It has been good to have Nicky welcome us into the church on a Wednesday afternoon and be our audience at times!

In December we enjoyed playing handbell carols in the church as people arrived for the Evening Service of Lessons and Music the Sunday before Christmas. This was our only engagement last year, but we look forward to our first engagement of 2023 in May when we go to play some of our pieces to a morning group in Westbury Methodist church. If you would like to find out more about the Decibells, please get in touch.

Gill Wilding.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE

The pandemic has prompted us to reconsider surely all of us, what we do and how we do it. Certainly it seems, Churches Together in Horfield and Lockleaze is no exception.

In Lockdown and beyond, it was less straightforward to meet together in large numbers. But plenty has happened, and in much of this, 'togetherness' has been a significant factor.

In July 2022, after ninety years' dedicated service to the Upper Horfield community, the beautifully kept church that was Eden Grove Methodist closed. A packed church including CTHL churches joined in a service of thanksgiving and well wishing to the faithful members.

St Gregory's made the significant announcement that, following twenty years' tireless ministry to church and community, Canon James Wilson would be leaving in January 2023.

Muller Road United Reformed Church, small in numbers very nearly closed in 2022. But with God's guidance they found a way to keep open. Small congregation, but so enthusiastic.

St Mary's, Lockleaze. Again, they have seen significant change, with the absorbing of the St James' congregation on to their site. Different styles, side by side !

'Ebe' on Filton Avenue have continued to serve the community with Community Café, Foodbank and 'The Noise'.

Horfield Methodist, in 2023, to say goodbye to Patrick Stonehewer, have continued – at other premises – to support the Winter Night shelter, and in this they have been well supported by provision of toiletries from the children of Horfield C of E School. They and 'Ebe' have also provided the popular 'Messy Church' for the community.

Holy Trinity have seen a year of welcome. The beautifully prepared house provided the welcome to our three Ukrainian friends. The opening and faithful manning of the wonderful 'Warm Welcome' together with the availability of the pantry at the back of the church. The ongoing Welcome Project, highlighted by the meeting with the John Frost Society, for our Parish Church Hall.

Yes Plenty has been going on with 'Churches Together in Horfield and Lockleaze'.

Geoff Stock

HORFIELD FAMILIES GROUP

Horfield Families Group have a membership of around 20, we are all ladies at present although men are welcome to join and often attend as guests. We are a very welcoming group with a range of interests and views. Our programme provides a mixture of speakers and activities, both indoor and out.

Over the last year we enjoyed a New Year's meal at the White Lion in Westbury, played indoor curling and tried our skill at line dancing.

In April several of us took a guided walk around the Downs. This proved popular, and so an Autumn walk was organized in early October.

We also enjoyed talks on canoe touring, a second home the Gambia and a very lively account of being a Police Dog Handler.

One of our most popular speakers gave an illustrated talk on the History of Bristol Zoo. This brought many happy memories of family days out and elephant rides on Rosie. It was especially poignant as the zoo moves from its traditional home on the Downs to the Wild Place.

In June we took a boat trip around the city docks on the Flower of Bristol. It was a rather chilly summer's evening but nevertheless enjoyed by members and guests.

Our charity for 2022 was SARAID (search and rescue assistance in disasters) They travelled to Turkey to assist with the rescue work after the recent earthquake and members were interested to see them featured on the local news.

In addition to supporting a different charity each year we also provide a hamper for Ronald MacDonald house at Christmas, we also give donations of tea and coffee to support Friends for Parents at the children's hospital.

Other regular group commitments are to arrange flowers for the Church Porch and provide refreshments for the Toddlers' group on a Monday morning.

For all the various activities that we enjoy, one of the main strengths of the group is the friendship and support we give one another.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall, starting at 8pm if you are interested in knowing more, a copy of our programme can be found on the notice board in the Parish Hall, and our events are also advertised in the Church Newsletter. Friends and families are always welcome to any of our meetings.

Christine Payne
HFG Secretary

(Photos Celia Wells and Chris Shires at Ronald MacDonald house after taking our Christmas hamper there, and one of a curling evening)



REPORT FROM MOTHERS' UNION

We had a varied programme in 2022, starting off with our AGM on the 13th January. During 2022 we had some very enjoyable meetings.

In February we had a Quiz afternoon, getting the old grey cells working. In March Fr David told us about an old processional banner he had found in a church cupboard and how he had restored and repaired it, we were all very impressed by his needlework skills. It was very interesting to hear how he had sourced some of the embroidered ribbon from the Ukraine before the War had started, and was now in touch with the family business there.

We had a joint meeting with St Peter's, Filton in April and joined in with their Taize service. In May we all gathered in Marianne's garden and enjoyed the sunshine and delicious home baked cakes, while we planned the Deanery Festival which we held in June at Holy Trinity. It was a lovely Deanery Festival and we were very privileged that the new Bristol Diocesan President of MU, Jacky Fredrickson, was able to join us.



[Photo, Deanery Festival at Holy Trinity and the Deanery Banners]

The Deanery Leader, Louise Lyddon visited our branch in July, and shared memories of her early MU days with us. Also in July most of us attended the Deanery Lunch at St Mary's, Henbury. Another opportunity to meet with other MU members in the Deanery, always enjoyable events. Sadly we had to cancel a proposed visit to Kings Weston House in August due to the ongoing heatwave. We are hoping to rearrange this some time in 2023.

In September we held our Wave of Prayer Service, followed by refreshments. The Wave of Prayer Service is when as a branch we pray for our link dioceses across the world, our links in the Diocese of Bristol are Pacong in South Sudan; Southern Nyanzi in Kenya; Kutigi and Ijesha North in Nigeria; and Karnataka Central in India.

We had another joint meeting with St Peter's in October, sadly the planned speaker was unwell, but we had a nice afternoon chatting over a cup of tea and looking at the projects we support in the Bristol Diocese. We had a craft afternoon in November, with Jane Trist coming and showing us how to make

little gift boxes which we all enjoyed, especially when she gave us some chocolates to put in our finished boxes. In December we had the Deanery Advent Service at St Mary's, Shirehampton; this was very different from the usual Advent Service, but was a most enjoyable service, recalling all the Saints celebrated during Advent. To finish the year we had our Christmas meeting with a lunch in the Helliwell Room, thanks to Marianne for organising this most enjoyable afternoon, with some games and quizzes thrown in. A fitting end to a busy year.

We continue to operate as a branch though our numbers are getting less. It would be lovely to recruit some more members. It is not always easy to find speakers to visit, but it is important that we keep going and support all that MU does in the Diocese and overseas. If you would like information on how you can support us please have a word with me.

If anyone would like any further information or interested in becoming a member of Mothers' Union, please do contact me. I am now the Branch Leader for Horfield MU, having been commissioned by Jacky Fredrickson, the Diocesan President on the 9th March.

Carolyn Larcey
Branch Leader

HORFIELD WALKING GROUP

Woodspring Priory

Friday, 10th June, proved to be a fine day. Half a dozen people travelled down by car to Sand Bay, Weston- Super-Mare. The walk's focus was Woodspring Priory, an Augustinian monastery dating back to the early 13th century.

Unusually, all Augustinians were in fact clerics who had taken full Holy Orders. The founder of the Priory was one William de Courtenay and a major impulse behind de Courtenay's generosity must have been penitence – his grandfather was Reginal Fitz-Urse, one of the assassins of Thomas Becket. A bit isolated, the Priory is in a quiet and tranquil setting. The museum, unstaffed, is normally open to the public between 10 am and 4 pm on Mondays and Fridays – "change over days". Built into the Priory's original structure is modern accommodation for up to 8 people.

The Priory is run by the Landmark Trust which rescues historic buildings and lets them out for self-catering holidays – hence the "change-over" days. The local contact Marilyn Donohue: Tel. 07876 445886.



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Commencing from the car park halfway along Sand Bay, the walk to the Priory is some two miles. The path took us through fields and lanes before reaching the narrow road leading to the still distant Priory. As we walked, overhead was heard the intense, continuous song of the skylark. The skylark is often so high that it becomes difficult to locate with the

naked eye. Before the arrival of the drier days of summer much of our route would have been impassable, with pools of water under gateways and lots of mud. This is due to a combination of clay and the flat, low-lying nature of the land.

After checking out the museum, and a rest, the walk recontinued alongside a very deep rhyne which led into Woodspring Bay. We turned and made our way up the grassy slopes of a long headland, Middle Hope, trig point 156 feet. This was a vast expanse with huge views down the Bristol Channel to the horizon and of course across the water to Wales. Descending to the shore line of Sand Bay the last mile took us between marshy ground and sand dunes before ending the walk at a café serving light meals. We had walked about five miles.

William Tyndale

There were two other walks, both pilgrimages in acknowledgment of William Tyndale and his work translating the Bible into English. On Saturday, 10th September, a walk was organised between Old Sodbury and St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury, where it all began (October's "Reflections").



And the second walk took place in the autumn to Tyndale Monument (plus the nearby Beech Woods) at North Nibley, also in the Cotswolds (December "Reflections").



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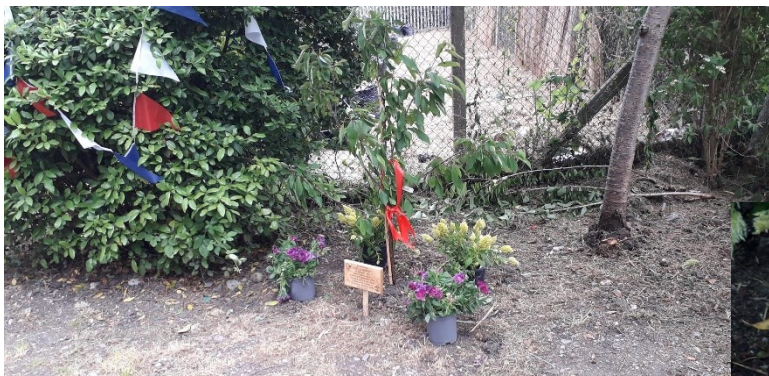
HORFIELD YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

Remember the joy on returning to Club after Lockdown in September 2021, when eight "fun" sessions were climaxed by a thrilling Christmas Party?

Sadly, Covid prevented us returning in the New Year – except that we did meet on the Friday before Easter on the Field, where an outdoor Club was rounded off with the Easter message, together with Easter cards and booklets, and Crème eggs.

We returned for the summer term in April, though numbers, clearly affected by long lay-offs, fluctuated somewhat. But then we introduced a Certificate Scheme for initiative, kindness and interests which, together with the enthusiastic outreach of the likes of young Seth, attracted new members into the field.

In June we held a major event, both to commemorate a wonderful leader Kathie Wright, and to honour Her Majesty's seventy years of selfless service. Kathie's near-forty year ministry to Club – her love, commitment, tireless support and infectious laughter – were honoured by the planting of a cherry tree outside the Parish Church Hall, where Father David, Kathie's family and many of her adoring supporters unveiled and blessed the tree in her memory.



Club families and friends, eighty in all, then enjoyed a sumptuous buffet tea, superbly co-ordinated by Marianne, Don and helpers, together with a Jubilee Singalong, expertly presented by Jon Crow and Martin Cox. The adults received commemorative bookmarks and the children medallions, souvenirs of a special occasion.



Our wonderful Chaplain, Hilary, together with husband Brian, a great friend of Club, gave superb support to the event, though very sadly they were both to depart from us before the end of the year. We shall not forget the love, the joy, the care, the wisdom and the love of God that Hilary and Brian brought to us all – children, families and leaders – over many years. Thank you, Hilary. Thank you, Brian. From us all. God bless.

Our autumn term saw a constant influx of new members enjoying the wide variety of activities available to them. We were delighted to welcome Ana, Julia and friend Natalya, giving a wonderful Ukrainian take on our Art sessions. They got on so well with the children, with delightful results. Art, craft and origami are always popular, and we are so grateful to those who provide these joys. Snooker, table tennis and badminton, often kindly supported by leaders' patient coaching, are also well loved, following on from the "steam-releasing" Jolly Gym, "Hit the Decks" and Big Dice Game.

A happy and busy term ended with a superb Christmas Party attended by twenty children, with great food, music, games and oh yes, of course SANTA! But that was not all. Someone who I know will wish to remain anonymous, hand-knitted more than twenty woollen hats, one for each Club child, which were presented to them before they left. A massive "thank you" to her – and also to the other generous and enthusiastic supporters of the Club.

Special thanks to all our leaders, who give of their time, skills and expertise for the benefit of the children. Those also who have helped set up tables while we have lacked the manpower for that - this includes the parents, so supportive of what we do.

May we present the year as a tribute to all those, and particularly also to those above whom we have commemorated ... RIP. We shall remember them.

Geoff Stock



BRISTOL DOG TRAINING EVENTS THROUGHOUT 2022 - A selection of photos

APRIL - Our AGM and Awards Presentation Evening



JUNE - Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme



OCTOBER - Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme





DECEMBER - Christmas Party





Horfield Theatre Company

www.horfieldtheatre.co.uk

Once again, I have to report a good year for Horfield Theatre Company which, despite an early setback for our usual February offering, recovered with two cracking shows which generated much interest and lovely audiences.

We were mid-way through rehearsals for our usual February show when one of the players, unfortunately, had to leave the production. It was far too late to recruit with any expectation to deliver the usual quality we are known for so reluctantly we had to shelve that play. The good news is that we hope to produce this piece in February 2024.

Luckily, in the pipeline we had a wonderful piece due to be performed in late March/early April, 'Bombshells' by Joanna Murray-Smith. A set of six monologues from five very different women but all being intertwined. We performed this piece at the very intimate Alma Tavern Theatre to very good audiences and received excellent feedback.

For our October offering we looked to our own Donald Wainwright to direct the very funny 'A Tomb with a View' by Norman Robbins. It was set in a sinister old library peopled by a weird collection of characters presided over by the portrait of a sinister old man. Much mayhem ensued to the delight of our audiences.

We continue to welcome anyone who may be interested in any aspect of theatre, we are a friendly bunch and are happy to share our knowledge, whether their interest lies in acting, directing, technical, costume or backstage activities, a place will be found for all.

I would like to thank the church and church hall committees for their continued kind support for our group.

Bob Derrick
Chair, Horfield Theatre Company

HORFIELD WELLY PRE-SCHOOL AND WELLY TODDLERS

As well as being an Ofsted rated Outstanding Pre-school, Horfield Welly Pre-school is a registered charity and not-for-profit making organisation. We are proud to have been serving the local community for over 20 years. It has 8 dedicated staff members and a committee made up of volunteers from families who attend Wellies. The Pre-school cares for children aged 2-5 years olds, as well as providing a stay and play group for babies upwards and their carers on a Monday morning.

For every session, the hall is set up with different engaging activities and themes. The staff follow the children's interest in each key group, meaning each member of staff will plan different activities for their group depending in what the children have been interested in and enjoying, whilst also tailoring everything to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The use of the garden provides the children with great outdoor space to extend their play and learning, and they are out there in almost any weather!



A key highlight for many of the children last academic year was the welcome return of Forest School days. Our Forest School Leader, Ellie, worked tirelessly alongside Horfield C of E Primary to create a safe and exciting place for the children to develop personal, social and technical skills within the Forest School framework. Each Big Welly key group had four days at the site to learn many different skills. The toasted marshmallows and cooked bananas were definitely a treat of the week! Little Wellies were given the opportunity to explore their local environment through trips to the Ardagh.

The Welly staff continued to ensure that the children were provided with stimulating experiences on site too. Diddi Dance visited the pre-school, giving the children a chance to sample a range of dance styles in their, fun inclusive sessions. Sarah from Pop Up Play Village also visited Welly to provide the children with a range of role play experiences. At the end of the summer term all the children were very excited to attend Bouncy Castle Day at Welly which was a lot of fun! Most recently, Zoolabs have brought a range of unusual animals into Wellies for the students to learn about and even handle!

Another highlight past has been to invite



of the year ability



parents into Wellies again, something which Covid had put a stop to. We have really enjoyed having parents and carers engage with the Pre-school, from supporting at events, to arranging socials and, of course, fundraising. Our fundraising events are always enjoyable for families,



but also provide vital funds which all go towards children's enrichment. An excellent example of this was our 2022 nativity. Staff and students worked hard to put on a wonderful performance for our families and local businesses donated prizes for our very well-supported raffle. It was a joy to see all the students taking part.

Aside from the Pre-school, our stay and play group, Welly Toddlers, provides an excellent space for local families with young children and/or babies, to meet play in a safe and stimulating environment. After having to close for some lengths of time, due to rising Covid numbers, we were able to re-open again in February 2022, and have been very well-attended since. It runs on a Monday morning and is led by Jordanna and Laura, two members of our Pre-school staff. They set up a variety of toys and activities for children to take part in alongside their parents and carers and always end with some songs. We are also lucky to be supported by some fantastic volunteers, who help with the craft activity, drinks and snacks and make a big difference to the experience of the families who attend.

Finally, and most importantly, in September 2022, 21 children from Wellies began their first school year in their respective reception classes across 11 different schools. Wellies has been vital in equipping these children and their families for this key transition.

Leah Browning
Preschool Chair of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees, Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity with St Edmunds, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8ST

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Date: 18th April 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December
2022

	Not e	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowme nt Fund £	Total 2022	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	66,649.05	0.00	0.00	66,649.05	77,840.03
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	63.60	16,003.50	0.00	16,067.10	26,596.49
Income from investments	2(c)	33.33	6,004.53	0.00	6,037.86	5,834.99

Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	67,564.10	0.00	0.00	67,564.10	48,533.29
Other incoming resources	2(e)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		134,310.08	22,008.03	0.00	156,318.11	158,804.80
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Fund-raising costs	3(b)	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
Church activities	3(a)	167,078.56	480.00	0.00	167,558.56	<u>132,671.09</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		170,861.53	480.00	0.00	171,341.53	133,454.91
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	21,528.03	0.00	-	25,349.89
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	-	-	27,556.74
				27,083.05	27,083.05	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	21,528.03	-	-	52,906.63
		36,551.45		27,083.05	42,106.47	
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 01 JANUARY		35,581.97	44,634.07	229,123.22	309,339.26	<u>256,432.63</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		-969.48	66,162.10	202,040.17	267,232.79	309,339.26

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Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5(a)	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment	5(b)	<u>202,039.74</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>
		204,593.74	231,676.79
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0.00	0.00
Debtors	6	27,231.68	30,477.45
Short term deposits		5,002.89	5,002.89
Cash in hand and at bank		<u>32,354.48</u>	<u>42,962.13</u>
		64,589.05	78,442.47
LIABILITIES			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	7	1,950.00	750.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		62,639.05	77,692.47
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>267,232.79</u>	<u>309,369.26</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		267,232.79	309,369.26
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9	57,740.64	73,243.96
Restricted	9	7,452.41	6,972.51
Endowment	9	<u>202,039.74</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>
		267,232.79	309,339.26

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by

20th April, 2023

The Revd. Canon David McGladdery, SCP. (PCC Chair)

Rev Canon David McGladdery, SCP

Heavily checked by: C. T. P. Lang

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Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31st 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 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 rector and churchwarden's fund or accounts that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gathering of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained, only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used for general parochial and charitable purposes.

Restricted Funds represent income from donations or grants received 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 the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate have been received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. 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.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the rector 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).

The church house 31 Rosling Road (Raphael): to be valued.

The church hall was a gift from Yda Richardson and her sister Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills, provided at no cost to the church. Legally, the church hall is the property of the Diocese of Bristol, who are the custodial trustees; the PCC are the managing trustees. It

is unclear whether the PCC would, practically, ever be able to realise any or all of the value of the asset. Therefore no value has been included in the Balance Sheet.

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowme nt Funds £	Total 2022	Funds 2021 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	48,438.75	0.00	0.00	48,438.75	51,232.00
Tax recoverable	12,109.69	0.00	0.00	12,109.69	12,808.00
Other	4,562.23	0.00	0.00	4,562.23	2,217.59
Open plate	1,410.44	0.00	0.00	1,410.44	1,621.71
Sundry donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,925.03
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Votive candles	127.94	0.00	0.00	127.94	35.70
Flood lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	66,649.05	0.00	0.00	66,649.05	77,840.03
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	63.60	0.00	0.00	63.60	44.93
Special collections and appeals	0.00	14,003.50	0.00	14,003.50	14,064.24
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00
Grants received	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,487.32
	63.60	16,003.50	0.00	16,067.10	26,596.49
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	0.00	6,004.53	0.00	6,004.53	5,830.18
Deposit account interest	33.33	0.00	0.00	33.33	4.81
	33.33	6,004.53	0.00	6,037.86	5,834.99
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	4,097.50	0.00	0.00	4,097.50	1,966.83
Income from insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church hall income	50,330.37	0.00	0.00	50,330.37	39,366.46
Rent from Church House	13,136.23	0.00	0.00	13,136.23	7,200.00
	67,564.10	0.00	0.00	67,564.10	48,533.29
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	134,310.08	22,008.03	0.00	156,318.11	158,804.80

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022	2021 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other charitable organisations					
WaterAid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	679.46
Eurochange PLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
USPG Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Childrens Society	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
North Bristol Advice Centre	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Red Cross Ukraine	607.00	0.00	0.00	607.00	0.00
Sisters of the Poor	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
St Mungos	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Other	72.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	159.10
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	72,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,000.00	52,660.00
Incumbent expenses	57.37	0.00	0.00	57.37	0.00
Non PCC funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major church repairs	13,967.23	0.00	0.00	13,967.23	9,450.08
Insurance	5,377.84	0.00	0.00	5,377.84	5,323.69
Heating, lighting and water	5,796.50	0.00	0.00	5,796.50	6,474.06
Sacristy	1,488.26	0.00	0.00	1,488.26	3,230.09
Occasional Organist	270.00	0.00	0.00	270.00	381.00
Organ and Pianos	780.80	0.00	0.00	780.80	1,514.80
Music and Choir	161.05	0.00	0.00	161.05	384.40
Flowers	369.88	0.00	0.00	369.88	195.70
Churchyard maintenance	70.43	0.00	0.00	70.43	3,295.48
Bells	0.00	480.00	0.00	480.00	211.45
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	9,507.02	0.00	0.00	9,507.02	6,721.07
Administration salaries	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	17,414.72
HMRC PAYE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,807.54
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	11,690.52	0.00	0.00	11,690.52	16,238.45
Curate's house upkeep	20,244.41	0.00	0.00	20,244.41	280.00
	167,078.56	480.00	0.00	167,558.56	132,671.09
3(b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
Traidcraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>170,861.53</u>	<u>480.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>171,341.53</u>	<u>133,454.91</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	17,784.72
NI	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,807.54</u>
	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	22,592.26

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2022 £	2021 £
Curate's House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the purchase cost	2,554.00	2,554.00

Total tangible fixed assets **2,554.00** **2,554.00**

The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for a value of £7,700,043

The property is due to be valued in the near future, and the valuation obtained will be reflected in next year's accounts

(b) Investments

			change £	2022 £	2021 £
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units	-781.99	4,913.86	5,695.85
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units	-14,855.25	111,339.74	126,194.99
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units	-1,235.00	9,256.31	10,491.31
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units	-10,210.81	76,529.83	86,740.64

These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December **-27,083.05** **202,039.74** **229,122.79**

	2022 £	2021 £
Market Value 01 January	229,122.79	201,566.05
Revaluation gain	-27,083.05	<u>27,556.74</u>
Market Value 31 December	202,039.74	229,122.79

The market value at 31 December 2022 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

		2022 £	2021 £
Tax Recoverable		27,231.68	<u>30,447.45</u>
	Total	27,231.68	30,447.45

7 LIABILITIES

		2022 £	2021 £
Auditor's Honorarium		750.00	750.00
Charities		1,200.00	<u>0.00</u>
	Total	1,950.00	750.00

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement £	Fund at 31st Dec 2022 £	Fund at 31st Dec 2021 £
Bell fund	480.00	2,442.55	1,962.55
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	0.00	1,800.00	<u>1,800.00</u>
	Total	7,452.41	6,972.41
		202,039.74	
		27,083.05	
Endowment Fund			229,122.79

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowme nt Fund £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
	0.00	0.00	202,039.74	202,039.74	
Investment fixed assets	57,136.64	7,452.41	0.00	64,589.05	229,122.79
Current assets	4	1	5	10	78,412.47
Liabilities	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	<u>750.00</u>
	57,740.64	7,452.41	202,039.74	267,232.79	309,339.26
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total

AMENDED VERSION (see APCM minutes)

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Name: Kathryn Hodgkiss FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: J F Balshaw & Co, 20 Old Kiln Lane, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 5PD

Date: 18th April 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Note	£	£	£		£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	66,649.05	0.00	0.00	66,649.05	77,840.03
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	16,067.10	0.00	0.00	16,067.10	26,596.49
Income from investments	2(c)	6,037.86	0.00	0.00	6,037.86	5,834.99
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	67,564.10	0.00	0.00	67,564.10	48,533.29
Other incoming resources	2(e)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		156,318.11	0.00	0.00	156,318.11	158,804.80
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Fund-raising costs	3(b)	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
Church activities	3(a)	<u>167,078.56</u>	<u>480.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>167,558.56</u>	<u>132,671.09</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		170,861.53	480.00	0.00	171,341.53	133,454.91
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-14,543.42	-480.00	0.00	-15,023.42	25,349.89
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	-27,083.05	-27,083.05	27,556.74
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-14,543.42	-480.00	-27,083.05	-42,106.47	52,906.63
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD JANUARY	01	<u>73,244.06</u>	<u>6,972.41</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>	<u>309,339.26</u>	<u>256,432.63</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD DECEMBER	31	58,700.64	6,492.41	202,039.74	267,232.79	309,339.26

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5(a)	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment	5(b)	<u>202,039.74</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>
		204,593.74	231,676.79
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0.00	0.00
Debtors	6	27,231.68	30,477.45
Short term deposits		5,002.89	5,002.89
Cash in hand and at bank		<u>32,354.48</u>	<u>42,962.13</u>
		64,589.05	78,442.47
LIABILITIES			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	7	1,950.00	750.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		62,639.05	77,692.47
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>267,232.79</u>	<u>309,369.26</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		267,232.79	309,369.26
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9	57,740.64	73,243.96
Restricted	9	7,452.41	6,972.51
Endowment	9	<u>202,039.74</u>	<u>229,122.79</u>
		267,232.79	309,339.26

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by

20th April, 2023

The Revd. Canon David McGladdery, SCP. (PCC Chair)

Revd Canon David McGladdery, SCP.
 Heedily checked by: C.T. Barry

The notes on pages 3 to 7 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31st 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 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 rector and churchwarden's fund or accounts that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gathering of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained, only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used for general parochial and charitable purposes.

Restricted Funds represent income from donations or grants received 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 the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate have been received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. 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.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the rector 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).

The church house 31 Rosling Road (Raphael): to be valued.

The church hall was a gift from Yda Richardson and her sister Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills, provided at no cost to the church. Legally, the church hall is the property of the Diocese of Bristol, who are the custodial trustees; the PCC are the managing trustees. It is unclear whether the PCC would, practically, ever be able to realise any or all of the value of the asset. Therefore no value has been included in the Balance Sheet.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022	Funds 2021 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	48,438.75	0.00	0.00	48,438.75	51,232.00
Tax recoverable	12,109.69	0.00	0.00	12,109.69	12,808.00
Other	4,562.23	0.00	0.00	4,562.23	2,217.59
Open plate	1,410.44	0.00	0.00	1,410.44	1,621.71
Sundry donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,925.03
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Votive candles	127.94	0.00	0.00	127.94	35.70
Flood lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publications	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	66,649.05	0.00	0.00	66,649.05	77,840.03
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	63.60	0.00	0.00	63.60	44.93
Special collections and appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,064.24
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00
Grants received	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,487.32</u>
	63.60	0.00	0.00	63.60	26,596.49
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	6,004.53	0.00	0.00	6,004.53	5,830.18
Deposit account interest	<u>33.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>33.33</u>	<u>4.81</u>
	6,037.86	0.00	0.00	6,037.86	5,834.99
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	4,097.50	0.00	0.00	4,097.50	1,966.83
Income from insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church hall income	50,330.37	0.00	0.00	50,330.37	39,366.46
Rent from Curate's House	<u>13,136.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,136.23</u>	<u>7,200.00</u>
	67,564.10	0.00	0.00	67,564.10	48,533.29
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	140,314.61	0.00	0.00	140,314.61	158,804.80

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022	2021 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other charitable organisations					
WaterAid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	679.46
Eurochange PLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
USPG Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Childrens Society	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
North Bristol Advice Centre	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Red Cross Ukraine	607.00	0.00	0.00	607.00	0.00
Sisters of the Poor	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
St Mungos	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Other	72.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	159.10
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	72,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,000.00	52,660.00
Incumbent expenses	57.37	0.00	0.00	57.37	0.00
Non PCC funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major church repairs	13,967.23	0.00	0.00	13,967.23	9,450.08
Insurance	5,377.84	0.00	0.00	5,377.84	5,323.69
Heating, lighting and water	5,796.50	0.00	0.00	5,796.50	6,474.06
Sacristy	1,488.26	0.00	0.00	1,488.26	3,230.09
Occasional Organist	270.00	0.00	0.00	270.00	381.00
Organ and Pianos	780.80	0.00	0.00	780.80	1,514.80
Music and Choir	161.05	0.00	0.00	161.05	384.40
Flowers	369.88	0.00	0.00	369.88	195.70
Churchyard maintenance	70.43	0.00	0.00	70.43	3,295.48
Bells	0.00	480.00	0.00	480.00	211.45
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	9,507.02	0.00	0.00	9,507.02	6,721.07
Administration salaries	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	17,414.72
HMRC PAYE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,807.54
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	11,690.52	0.00	0.00	11,690.52	16,238.45
Curate's house upkeep	20,244.41	0.00	0.00	20,244.41	280.00
	167,078.56	480.00	0.00	167,558.56	132,671.09
3(b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
Traidcraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3,782.97	0.00	0.00	3,782.97	783.82
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	170,861.53	480.00	0.00	171,341.53	133,454.91

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	17,784.72
NI	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,807.54</u>
	20,568.25	0.00	0.00	20,568.25	22,592.26

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2022 £	2021 £
Curate's House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the purchase cost	2,554.00	2,554.00

Total tangible fixed assets **2,554.00** **2,554.00**

The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for a value of £7,700,043

The property is due to be valued in the near future, and the valuation obtained will be reflected in next year's accounts

(b) Investments

			change £	2022 £	2021 £
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units	-781.99	4,913.86	5,695.85
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units	-14,855.25	111,339.74	126,194.99
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units	-1,235.00	9,256.31	10,491.31
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units	-10,210.81	76,529.83	86,740.64

These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December **-27,083.05** **202,039.74** **229,122.79**

	2022 £	2021 £
Market Value 01 January	229,122.79	201,566.05
Revaluation gain	-27,083.05	<u>27,556.74</u>
Market Value 31 December	202,039.74	229,122.79

The market value at 31 December 2022 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

Tax Recoverable

Total

7 LIABILITIES

Auditor's Honorarium
Charities

Total

8 FUNDS

	Fund Moveme nt £	Fund at 31st Dec 2022 £	Fund at 31st Dec 2021 £
Bell fund	-480.00	1,482.55	1,962.55
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	0.00	1,800.00	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total	-480.00	6,492.41	6,972.41
	-	202,039.	
	27,083.	74	
Endowment Fund	05		229,122.79

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowme nt Fund £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
	0.00	0.00	202,039.	202,039.	
Investment fixed assets	58,096.6	6,492.4	74	74	229,122.79
	4	1	0.00	64,589.0	
Current assets	4	1	5	5	78,412.47
Liabilities	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	<u>750.00</u>
	58,700.6	6,492.4	202,039.	267,232.	309,339.2
Total	4	1	74	79	6

Accounts



Holy trinity

With st. Andrew and st. Edmund

Horfield parish church



The Minutes of last year's meeting, the reports from the various church groups and the statement of financial activities

were received at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 29th May 2022. Signed Copies.

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2022



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield

Diocese of Bristol

*Creating connections through the inclusive Catholic tradition
in worship, welcome, and service.*

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PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 29th May 2022

A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer and Worship
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners**
 - 3.1 Minutes of the meeting to elect Churchwardens held on 26th May 2021
 - 3.2 Election of Churchwardens

4. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
 - 4.1 To approve the minutes of the APCM held on 26th May 2021
 - 4.2 Matters arising from the 2021 APCM
 - 4.3 To notify items of any other business
 - 4.4 To approve the report of the Electoral Roll Officer
 - 4.5 To elect up to 3 members of the PCC
 - 4.6 To elect Deanery Synod representatives
 - 4.7 To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)
 - 4.8 To receive and approve the Accounts for 2021
 - 4.9 Appointment of the Independent Examiner : J F Balshaw & Company (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals)
5. Rector's Report
6. Questions
7. Any other business

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021 ON ZOOM

The Rector, Rev'd Canon David McGladdery (Chair) welcomed everyone to the APCM being held on Zoom, and opened the meeting with a bible reading and prayers on the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury.

Attendees: Garth Baker, Rev Hilary Blancharde, Brian Blancharde, Christine Bufton, Laura Bufton, Anne Chapman, Jonathan Crow, Nigel de Bray, Alison Ellis, Anna George, Helen Hinksman, Chris Hopton, Tony Hopton, Denis Hughes, Carolyn Larcey, Judy Lee, Terry Lee, Annette Martin, Caroline Plaice, Nick Stephenson, Keith Taplin, Celia Wells, David Wells

Apologies for absence were received from : Helen and Fergus Currie, Phil and Jane Lewis, Geoff Stock, Gill Wilding, Katie Murdoch-Davis, Donald Wainwright.

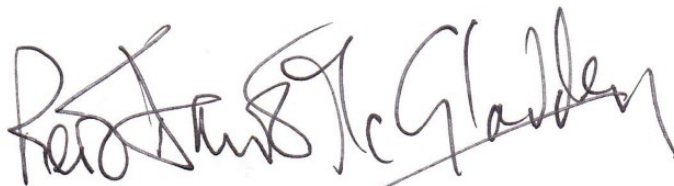
MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday, 27th September 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Garth Baker proposed and Tony Hopton seconded, the motion that Caroline Plaice be appointed as Churchwarden for a third year within this term of office. This was unanimously agreed and Caroline Plaice was duly elected Churchwarden for a further year.

Garth Baker proposed and David Trist seconded the motion that Carolyn Larcey be appointed as Churchwarden for a second year within this term of office. This was unanimously agreed and Carolyn Larcey was duly elected Churchwarden for a further year.



29.5.2022

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST EDMUND, HORFIELD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021 ON ZOOM

1. Minutes of the APCM held on 27th September 2020

The minutes of the APCM held on 27th September 2020 were accepted and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Christine Hopton reported on the 2021 revision of the Electoral Roll as follows :

Report of Electoral Roll Revision 2020 :

Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM September, 2020	127
Number of names removed between then and May, 2021	9
Number of names added between then and May, 2021	2
Number of people on Electoral Roll at the APCM 2021	120

Out of the total number on the roll, 74 live outside of the Parish and 46 are in the Parish.

Fr David thanked Chris Hopton for her very efficient administration as Electoral Roll Officer, always keeping it up to date, adding that it had been invaluable during the pandemic.

4. To receive the reports of individuals and Church Groups (Snapshots)

Fr David asked for a proposal that the APCM accept the report as representative of parish everyday life at Holy Trinity. Keith Taplin proposed and Nigel de Bray seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Snapshots report. Fr David thanked all those present who had made a contribution to the document.

5. To receive and approve the Accounts for 2020

Christine Bufton introduced the Accounts for 2020, saying that they have now all been verified by the new Independent Examiner and had been received and approved by the PCC the previous week.

Christine then presented a summary of the accounts, as follows.

It was noted that the overall balance was down – from nearly £278k in 2019, to just under £257k at the end of December 2020. This was to be expected given the last year.

She pointed out that if we take out our investments of £201,566.48 from our total for the year of £256,432.63, there is only £54, 866.15 left, and that figure would have been lower if we hadn't been

able to transfer money from the Josephine Norgate Fund to the tune of £25k, and also receive the tax back on Gift Aid which amounted to over £17.6k.

On same page Net income is income received during the year less amounts paid out – this is a loss this year as income is lower than expenses (due to the pandemic plus some one off costs like the stained glass window etc). Net movements is the final loss for the year after allowing for the increase in value of the investment as well.

In terms of the second section, current assets, £25k is from the Josephine Norgate short term deposit.

Details of incoming resources – voluntary income, were nearly all down on 2019 which was to be expected, for instance the open plate from £6.6k in 2019, to £1.5k last year.

Special collections represented money raised for additional work to the windows in the form of protection.

It was noted that less deposit account interest had been received as £25k had been taken from the account to bolster the main account (2c). Income from insurance was the money for the windows and the flood in the hall (2d).

It was noted that income from the Church Hall had averaged £3k a month as the Pre-School had continued to use the hall and several of the dancing classes had continued, all within restrictions. In addition some direct debits/standing orders had not been cancelled, although a couple of hirers have asked for a refund which have been actioned and there may be more. There would be more of a decrease in the January to May figures for this year in the accounts to be presented next year.

Noted that the sum of £1,800 represented the grant towards the clock work (2e).

Details of resources expended – noted that whilst we were unable to collect for the Poppy Appeal, we made a donation from our funds of £200 (3a). No expenditure on other local youth organisations which was as expected given the circumstances. Under Ministry, we have continued to pay, and increased our Parish Share last year. However, this has been reduced temporarily from March to September this year which will be reported in the accounts for 2021.

Under Church and services - major church repairs – this figure relates to the windows and several boiler related payments, including a new thermostat. Churchyard maintenance is for the new mowers, fuel and a shed for housing the mowers.

Under Music and Choir – need to pay for various licences for YouTube, music, etc. music etc.

For Administration costs, we have been producing more booklets and sending out to people.

Church Hall expenditure – this figure covers the water damage in the Hall and the Helliwell refurbishment, car park renovations and heating in the kitchen.

It was noted that investments were up but we do not have access to the £201,566.05. Noted that investments have increased by £12.7k but as reported we do not have access to the capital on these (5b)

Liabilities – it was noted that we had had to pay more to have the accounts verified this year as previous accountant had retired. It was reported that the new independent examiners had done an excellent job and we would be using them again.

There was a question from Tony Hopton who asked whether the rental income from the Vodafone mast had increased as he had noted they had put several new aerials up. It appeared that we were not receiving any increased income but it was agreed that this would be followed up with the company.

Hilary Blancharde thanked Christine for her efforts and for the clarity of the report.

Fr David said that the church now had internet banking on-line, in line with Diocesan expectations, which was a great advantage, enabling the church to pay bills on-line, and now receive payments on-line. It was proving particularly helpful when handling charity accounts.

Fr David asked for a proposer to the motion that the accounts for the 2020 period be received and accepted. Tony Hopton proposed the motion and Garth Baker seconded and all present agreed and the accounts for 2020 were duly received and accepted.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

It was agreed that J F Balshaw & Company (Accountancy Services for small businesses and individuals) who have specialism in church finances be appointed to do the accounts again next year. It was noted that they also work with All Saints, Clifton. All were in agreement with this decision.

7. Rector's Report

Fr David's detailed report had been contained within Snapshots, but he highlighted some of the points at the meeting as follows -

He said he felt that despite the actual church being shut down during the pandemic a living church had continued operating on-line or by phone calls. He made particular reference to the two youth groups - the Gateway Group and the Young Peoples Club both of which had been very active during the pandemic.

Following on from a question raised by Keith Taplin earlier about Manor Farm, Fr David said that a new Head Teacher had been appointed to Horfield C of E School and would be starting in September, Rachel Harris. He said that she was a practising Christian and it was hoped that this would mean better links with the church and school, and this also involve the Manor Farm Estate which Keith had raised concerns about.

Pastoral Team

Fr David thanked his Pastoral Support team, Helen Hinksman and Geoff Stock who had been regularly phoning and contacting individuals during lockdown, and reporting back. Fr David also thanked Hilary Blanchard who had been shielding during the lockdown but still doing her pastoral ministry by phone. Fr David thanked all his colleagues on the ministry team saying how well it had all worked.

Charitable Giving

Fr David drew attention to the very generous charitable giving of people at Holy Trinity, and the recent appeals - Christmas Appeal, Lent Appeal, Children's Society boxes, retiring collection for the pandemic in India. He said he felt this was a really good sign.

Helen Hinksman

Fr David reminded the meeting that Helen Hinksman has decided to retire from her formal role as Licensed Lay Minister from July. He said he wanted to formally thank Helen for all the support she had given him since his appointment, particularly mentioning the way she led Morning Prayer and for their

weekly visits to Horfield C of E School in her capacity as Chaplain. He said he felt this had been a real privilege to be with Helen at the school, and see how she gets so many children to listen prayerfully and contemplatively. He also mentioned Helen's Saturday Café Group which she had continued to run on Zoom during the pandemic and which connected not only with members of Holy Trinity but with people outside.

Fr David said that the Bishop was going to appoint Helen as Licensed Lay Minister Emeritus which would mean that Helen would still have a Bishop's licence and would be able to run reflective services from time to time. Fr David then presented Helen with one of his Certificates of Gratitude and thanked her on behalf of the whole congregation for all her years of loyal service to Holy Trinity.

In response Helen said she was overwhelmed by such kind words and said it had been a very blessed 12 years and a real privilege and joy to serve as a Licensed Lay Minister. She said she had received such friendship and encouragement from the people at Holy Trinity. In thanking everyone, she said that she was only stepping back and not leaving and would remain a church member and hoped to see everyone soon.

PCC Membership

Fr David said that there were no changes to the current PCC members this year and reminded those present who was currently on the PCC, saying there were three kinds of members :

Co-Opted Members : the Churchwardens who have just been elected,
Caroline Plaice, responsible for human resources and co-ordinator of Gateway Group
Carolyn Larcey, also PCC Secretary and MU Secretary
Christine Bufton, Treasurer

Elected Members :

Garth Baker, responsible for Gift Aid (with Geoff Stock), Stewardship and member of Deanery Synod
Laura Bufton, member of Serving Team
Anne Chapman, liaises with Welly Pre-School
Helen Currie, key member of Gateway Group
Phil Lewis, Welcome Project Steering Group
Katy Murdoch-Davis, Tower Captain
Donald Wainwright, Head of Serving Team and member of Deanery Synod
Julie Woods, Parish Safeguarding officer

Ex-Officio Members :

Father David McGladdery
Mthr Hilary Blancharde

Fr David asked that the PCC be prayed for regularly.

Finally, Fr David thanked Jon Crow, Director of Music, who had taken on a challenging job starting in the middle of lockdown, at Christmas. Fr David said all Jon was doing was really appreciated and the church would look forward to all he has planned for the future. It was noted that Jon has also been appointed the Bristol Diocese representative for the Royal School of Church Music.

8. Question received from Tony Hopton :

Tomorrow's Congregation

At my age I get a little concerned that the current congregation does not contain any younger people and I cannot see it changing to any degree very soon. So what I would like to raise is the total absence of a Junior Church, which is tomorrow's congregation, and would like to know if and when it might be reinstated. Young families bring not only children but their parents as well.

Covid restrictions cannot be blamed as it ceased to exist before any were imposed. So please, can a statement be made, and duly recorded in the minutes, so everyone knows if there is a future for young people at Horfield.

Father David had prepared a detailed response to this question which is reproduced below :

Thank you for asking this question, Tony. It is one of importance and I wish to answer your question with the detail which indicates its importance.

What was named “**Junior Church**” used to happen on Sundays during the Parish Mass, when children were taken out to the parish hall and given creative tasks and some reflective time. They would then return to the church for a “show and tell” session after they had, hopefully knelt at the altar rail for either a blessing, or received holy communion (as some were in the practice of receiving the Blessed Sacrament). It was supervised by parent volunteers and our own licensed lay minister.

As far as I understand, **Junior Church** was at its most active some years before I became rector. During 2019, **Junior Church** seemed to be less active and running out of steam; the **ministry team** (myself, Hilary and Helen Hinksman) investigated this and discovered that this was probably connected to former children, having grown up and left – not transferring to main church; and the adult volunteers, who tended to be the parents of the children involved, had done it for such a length of time, they were reluctant to keep running Junior Church indefinitely and wanted to be nourished by being able to attend the **Parish Mass**. There seemed to be very little connection, between **Junior Church** and the main **Parish Mass** on Sundays. One member of **Junior Church** told us that it “was for babies and I want to go to big church”. Another observation made was that certain children were being dropped off at **Junior Church** and their parents not coming over to the main service – using it as an informal creche. It was also, noted that there was a reluctance for some children and parents to come to a service in the main church.

This, in no way, is saying that **Junior Church** was not beneficial. In its day, it seems as though it was a really good concept – and I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that generations of adults gave to generations of children through Junior Church. But the reality is – it ran out of steam. When I appealed for a new generation of adults to help organise **Junior Church**, only two came forward, and were, understandably, not able to give support every week. With safe-guarding issues amongst other issues of practicality, **Junior Church** was not viable with no one able to take an active responsibility for leading a **Junior Church team**. It became clear that **Junior Church** were not making a contribution to the monthly **Family Mass**, as there was a shortage of volunteers to give the necessary attention and co-ordination to enable such participation.

Covid-19 may not have caused the decline of “**Junior Church**”, but it certainly thwarted the plans we were making to evolve and re-imagine **Junior Church**. But it has given valuable space for the ministry of young people to be re-considered.

It is not accurate to say that **Holy Trinity** “does not contain any younger people”. We have people represented in each decade of the population profile (0-10; 10-20 etc to 90-100). We have regular attenders to the **Sunday Parish Mass** who are teen-agers; and younger. This includes a child in Year 1 and another in Reception (both at our church school). The 4 year-old and her mother, who have attended Mass weekly (even when possible during the lockdowns) and make regular contributions to the newly established **Reflections Magazine** and the **WhatsApp group**. And **The Welcome Project**. We have a

very active **Gateway Group**, whose teenage members do attend church when they are able; indeed, we have seen more regular parental attendance – if anything can be termed regular in the past Covid-19 year. These teenagers have been significantly involved in our parish community life, supporting homeless projects; making Christmas cakes and contacting the housebound and the shielding; it was the young people who decorated the church for Christmas; decorated our Paschal Candle and designed our recent Easter card.

Current research on church growth places great importance on what is termed **co-generational worship**. Children are encouraged to be present in the Mass worshipping with adults. Children are not regarded as the “church of tomorrow”, they are the adults of tomorrow, but very much part of the church of today. Our young people should be in the parish Mass, witnessing the consecration and elevation of the host; where they can grow and mature into the church members we aspire them to be. This is especially true if they are receiving Holy Communion.

As we ease out of the **Covid-19** restrictions, we have an opportunity to re-imagine the way in which we involve our young people, in both **worship, community outreach and faith-formation**. The **Gateway Group** members have asked, collectively, for a programme to be organised leading to their **Confirmation** later this year. We have youngsters who want to be involved with **serving at Mass** – the resumed **open-air Masses** on the common in the warmer months will help with this offer.

Before **Covid-19**, we were about to re-design Junior Church as part of the proven national “**Messy Church**” programme – to be held in Holy Trinity church on a monthly basis – probably on a Saturday morning, which allows myself and Hilary to be directly involved. This format of faith-formation requires fewer volunteer helpers – and we have three people ready to be involved. Jane Tryst began resourcing the **Children’s Chapel** (not corner) providing interactive craft-based activities relevant to the Gospel theme each Sunday.

We, also, have 420 young people in our **church school**; and with the arrival of a new head-teacher in September of this year, I hope we will be able to make much greater connections between church and school. Our new **Director of Music** is planning to hold **musical events** in church which will involve children and parents. All... when the current pandemic restrictions ease.

Junior Church as we used to know it, will, most probably, not be re-instated in its old form, but our juniors will be encouraged, integrated and welcomed along with their parents and families to be active members of the body of Christ that is the church of Holy Trinity in Horfield. The seeds have been sown; we await the gift of the harvest. But we all bear responsibility for its cultivation.

11. Any Other Business

Note of thanks from Geoff Stock. In Geoff Stock’s absence, Carolyn Larcey read out a message from him :

Heartfelt thanks to Fr David, Hilary, Helen, three fine churchwardens and so many who have despite Covid by their energies, talents, extra kindness and inspiration done so much for God’s Kingdom and for all of us. Outstanding. Thank you all so much.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm with the **Horfield Parish Prayer**

Lord, help us to love one another as you love us: Send your blessing upon this parish and community of Horfield, that your wisdom and your love may flow into our hearts, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and that your will be done, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

For to Canon David McGeachy scd
29.1.2022 -

SNAPSHOTS

Reports from Individuals, Church Groups and Hall Users

Rector's Report

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth”;
“Love one another, as I have loved you”;
“I say, you will recognise them by their fruits”;
“By your words will you be justified”;
“...I, by my actions, will show to you my faith”;
“I came that they may have life and have it to the full”.

These quotations from the Bible are just a few of those that have been given to me over the last two years by members of our congregation, here at Holy Trinity, Horfield. They were given me as part of my research work on the nature of Christian ministry in a local Anglican parish in answer to the question: what Bible verse would you choose to sum up your understanding of Christian ministry here at Holy Trinity? They have in common an understanding that to show the love of God, we have to be like Jesus – humble, loving and faithful. Christian ministry is not just what the Rector does *for* you and *to* you – no! Christian ministry is the work of all the baptised. God's kingdom is not built in complicated ways; God's kingdom is not built by a few, who have authority and permission; God's kingdom is not built by other people; God's kingdom is not built by being passive and uninvolved. Every single one of us, who gather, here, as the congregation of this church dedicated to the Holy Trinity is entrusted with the task of building God's kingdom in many different ways. That is what the word “church” means: the gathered people of God in Christ working to heal, forgive, include and love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

So now I come to give my report on the year 2021 to now – how are we doing? We are still not free of the Corona virus, *Covid-19*. People are still falling ill; still suffering after-effects; still vulnerable with underlying health concerns, which make them ever vulnerable. Now, the virus seems not as dangerous and throughout the land many safety restrictions have eased, enabling us to engage in our common church life together with more freedom.

The key thing to come out of Covid, seems to have been a willingness greater than before for the people of Holy Trinity to work together and to get stuck into God's work in a variety of ways, caring for, praying for and helping one another.

WORSHIP – Public worship returned gradually during the last year; social distancing eased and Sunday numbers continue to rise from what they were two years ago. We have welcomed many new people to our congregation, people who need to be welcomed; people who are looking for spiritual nourishment; people who want to be involved. If you have been here for many years and not realised this; look around and see how many people on a Sunday and during the week whose names you do not know.

One of the positives arising out of Covid, was the increase in week-day Masses. These have become popular and needed. Some individuals only worship at these Masses. The Sunday congregation may be large, but is not the entire worshipping community. Much pastoral care and spiritual growth takes place during the week, here at Holy Trinity.

Singing at services returned last July on the feast of St James. I wish to thank our Director of Music, Jon Crow for reviving musical worship here at Holy Trinity. Our choir is small (and there is room for growth), but they are loyal and willing. I am pleased that the Sunday Parish Mass now has choir led settings of the Mass, which are appropriate to the season; that we hear some anthems and motets being sung – which other parish church with a small choir could manage to sing extracts from Stainer's *Crucifixion* during Holy Week? We always need to be much more than a Sunday church; I pray that attendance will grow at the special Lent and Holy Week and festival day services were higher. It is good that we are now able to be an open church each day from 8 am to 5 pm. I have met many visitors who call in. The church is doing its work as soon as those doors are unlocked in the morning. The return to public worship has been carefully regulated by our Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Team. They work together, with me and we work on achieving a consensus of decisions based on listening to the needs and anxieties of the congregation at large and families who attend baptisms, funerals and weddings. For the time-being, worship will be as it is. There is no realistic chance of restoring communion from the chalice in the near future, as far too many people, including myself, have serious concerns about the spread of infection. Remember, we have to be humble and meek and prefer the needs of others to our own. We are fortunate to have got this far, given the havoc Covid has caused over the last two and a half years.

It is good to see the number of Baptisms has increased significantly over the past year; Weddings were the biggest casualty of Covid, but we do have four this year, including the marriage of two of the new members I referred to earlier. Unfortunately, the number of Funerals has been high this year. It was sad that several parishioners passed away: Peter Seaman, Robin Wootton; Pat Bridges and Mike Rees.

OUTREACH – It has been beneficial that, we have been able to hold concerts and events to make contact with our neighbours in the community. The *Hymns and Pimms*; *Community Carols*, *Eden*, the *Covid-Requiem* and organ and choral events were very much welcomed by people from all over the city. The advertising banners do pull people in.

One small group of people I wish to thank on your behalf are the members of ***The Welcome Project Steering Group***. I have made very clear how important our parish hall is to the future life of building God's kingdom here in Horfield. Phil and Jane Lewis; Jen Douglas; Rob Brace; Garth Baker; Maggie and our church wardens have done much work behind the scenes undertaking community surveys; researching grant application possibilities; drawing up a plan of action from the consultations we held last summer; building links with wider community organisations – and currently, working on a business plan in readiness for grant applications and briefing an architect. We will have a new, re-developed community hall within two years. Not because we want a posh hall for our own use – but because we want a well-resourced facility to offer welcome, hospitality, support and practical help to people in our community, whom it is our moral imperative to serve in the name of Christ. Such kingdom values are being drawn upon now, as we prepare the house in Rosling Road to welcome two refugees from the horror that is unfolding in Ukraine.

Our PCC decided during the year that it was important for us to join the ***Inclusive Church Network***. This is important, not because we have not tried to be inclusive up to now, but by joining such a network, we are able to proclaim on an officially validated basis what our charism is: that we welcome all, whatever their gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or culture to our worshipping community and we pledge to make that a safe space for all to find peace.

CHARITABLE GIVING -I am pleased to be able to report that you, the congregation of Holy Trinity have been so very generous in responding to our regular charitable appeals throughout the year. 2020-2021, we have supported *The Sisters of the Church and the Bristol homeless* (£1,500); *The Convent of the Child Jesus*, in Zimbabwe (£2000); *USPG* (£1500); *Water Aid* (£800); *North Bristol Support Charity* (£800); and more recently the *Ukraine Red Cross Appeal* (£4000) and our ongoing *Children's Society* support. On behalf of all those suffering and dependable people helped by your generosity, thank you. Thank you too, for the planned weekly giving, which helps us do the work of God in the diocese as a whole on a daily basis.

INITIATIVES – During the last year, we continued a programme of maintenance to our buildings. The re-furbished Helliwell Room, Parish Office have been a valuable development (see Wardens' Report). The PCC decided to employ Rob Brace as a part-time estates manager; this is a pilot project, initially for a year. There are so many basic repair jobs on the church to do, that it will prove more economical to employ a builder and craftsman (the quality of whose work we know) to do the repairs rather than contract out each job. Jen has been successfully working on grants to cover the cost of this work. The external woodwork and metal work of the church has been neglected for years and needs serious attention. The main entrance porch was in such a poor condition, that heavy stones were loose above the doors; the whole structure was eating itself away owing to unsuitable plaster and paint on the inner walls, which was trapping damp and eroding the stonework. All the paint and plaster has been stripped away; the structure has been allowed to dry out and the stonework, inside and out will be re-pointed with heritage grade lime mortar. The work on the whole church is on-going and will continue. In the next few years, the building will need re-wiring; the nave walls re-plastering; general repairs and the church re-decorating and making fit for purpose for the next 100 years, as we respond to the needs of the local community and maintain the church building as a resource for the whole community, not just those of us who worship here on a regular basis.

SO HOW ARE WE DOING? Those Bible verses I quoted at the beginning of this report were chosen by the disciples of Christ here at Holy Trinity, Horfield. It is clear from the messages visitors who have joined us for the Parish Mass on Sundays and stayed with us, that you *are* warmly welcoming; you *are* generously helping and supporting; you *are* compassionately healing and loving; you are praying and living as disciples of Christ. For that witness I thank you. The prayerful love and support shown by this gathered community to those in need, and those who come through our doors is a sure sign that God's love is alive in this place. It is a privilege to serve you as your Rector and Parish Priest and I look forward to us continuing our common life of prayer, fellowship and hospitality and together and the people of God in the years ahead.

***The Revd. Canon David McGladdery, SCP.
Rector of Horfield, Diocese of Bristol.***

ASSISTANT PRIEST

I find this very difficult to write in some ways because illness has meant that I have had to isolate and not be with you for several weeks at a time.

But as Associate Priest it is appropriate that I write something. If I look back over the last year, or even that last half year, the abiding word that comes to me for the congregation of Horfield Parish Church is love. It is love, concern and understanding that mean so much.

The cards and messages and flowers show such love, and I have received so many. Thank you all. I am not sure that I need to write how the congregation has responded to financial appeals such as the current one for Ukraine, or to write about the efforts being put in to make the Church Hall more suitable for the needs of the parish, both worshipers and non-worshippers.

The wonderful music we are experiencing is also enhancing the worship as it always has. But (never start a sentence with a but!) all that is nothing without love and you have shown your love in so many ways time and time again. Thank you all.

God is love and if we express that love in our lives, as from my perspective we/you are, then that has to be best 'Snapshot' of Horfield Parish Church there can be.

Reverend Hilary Blancharde

CHURCHWARDENS

The hope of there being 'A spot of fizz' was the note on which we ended our churchwardens' report last year, and thanks to so many people, we did indeed raise a glass or two. Amongst the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, we celebrated in customary style a wonderful *Hymns and Pimms*, and hosted members of the Bristol and District Organists' Society for a concert in August. Whilst we have been cautious in our re-opening, and there have been some last-minute changes necessitated, including coffee after Sunday Mass being 'in' and then 'out' as COVID numbers rose sharply, we have collectively worked our way through these challenges. It has been a great privilege to work with you all to enable these and other events to happen in the church, Hall and Helliwell Room. Thank you for your co-operation and willingness to get involved.

Since our last report, we have seen a number of 'plant' related projects come to fruition, including the refurbished clock being returned to us (and a thank you to Bernie and Katy for all their hard work, and to Lyn Jenkins for her diligence in applying for a grant to enable this to happen). Secondly, after much deliberation with regard to how to 'do' an internet connection inside church, we finally saw the installation of a Wi-Fi system linked to the tower adjacent to the hall. This is working very well, and has in turn enabled us to install a cashless payment machine, and to start to explore a live streaming system for church. We hope very much to be able to report that services and concerts can be made available in real time to those unable to come into church when we write again next year.

Other works have included a new bathroom being installed in our house in Rosling Road, and ongoing maintenance of the church, and in particular of the small tower door and porch by Rob Brace. We are

very grateful for all Rob does for us, not only in estates work, but through being a welcoming presence for all those who pass by.

Our bookings for the Hall and Helliwell have continued to grow, and we are now welcoming an increasing number of varied groups to our buildings. The Diocese of Bristol are using the Helliwell Room on a weekly basis. These bookings are essential to enable us grow our finances, which like all churches, took a severe hit during the pandemic. Thank you to Maggie for managing our bookings and encouraging new groups.

At the time of writing, we are delighted to say that we have been able to re-open church outside of scheduled services, just like we did in the past. This re-emerging coincided with the beginning of Lent, and also the intensification of the war in Ukraine, and we know of many, many people who have valued our sacred space to enable a moment of quiet prayer and reflection. As well as these times for individuals to use our lovely church, we are very grateful to Fr David and Mthr Hilary for all they have done to enable the richness of our corporate worship, including the introduction of additional weekday masses, which have been well supported and brought new people to our congregation.

We look forward to continuing to work as a community to proclaim God's love in Horfield.

Caroline Plaice and Carolyn Larcey.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ANNUAL REPORT *(for inclusion in PCC Annual Reports)*

The Diocesan Synod, which is the primary, elected representative body drawn from across the Diocese of Bristol, met four times in 2021: in March, June and then following the elections for a new Synod in September and November. As well as hearing about and discussing a wide range of areas of the Church's work, it helps formulate and approve policy and the diocesan budget and debates important local and national issues affecting the Church.

Transforming Church Together

A large part of the Synods work during 2021 was focussed on Transforming Church Together. In March the Synod took part in the consultation and engagement process that took place right across the Diocese. At its June meeting the early findings of that consultation process were shared with the Synod and members had the opportunity to reflect on these, feeding back their ideas which led into the development of the Vision, Purpose and Values. In November the Archdeacons led an activity introducing the Synod to the emerging strategic priorities.

Diocesan finances

The Synod's role approving the financial plans of the Diocesan Board of Finance was part of both the June and November meetings.

In June Andrew Lucas, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, presented the 2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements and updated the Synod about the performance of the organisation in strategic as well as financial terms. In November, he presented the 2022 Budget for approval and Synod members participated in round table discussions to follow up any clarifying points and share views on the proposed budget.

Andrew reflected on the impact of the pandemic on the DBF's finances, long-term issues of affordability for the Diocese, the future impact of the new strategy and the strength of the DBF's balance sheet.

He also highlighted the tension between the desire to balance the budget and the need to invest in future ministry, with a large part of the projected deficit of £681k in 2022 being due our continuing commitment to investing in future ministry. With prayerful consideration, the Synod approved budgeted expenditure of £9.712m in 2022.

Other reports and discussions included:

The **Annual Safeguarding Report** in June, presented by Andy Wills, Independent Chair who spoke to synod about the considerable developments by the National Safeguarding Team following the publication of the report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), and media attention on a number of issues.

As the **Creating Connections** strategy came to the end of its active period during the year and the Synod heard reports from some of the initiatives and projects which had been started to support it. Bishop Lee recapped that **investing in curacies** was one of the main strategic choices under Creating Connections, which committed the Diocese to growing vocations to ordained ministry by 50%. This was in line with a national Church of England initiative in the light of the gap between ordinations and retirements. A 50% increase would largely meet overall stipendiary clergy deployment plans nationwide.

The Synod heard from Liz Townend (Diocesan Director of Education), who gave a presentation on education work in the Diocese and specifically the growth of new church schools.

Two years after Diocesan Synod declared a climate emergency in November 2019, Clare Fussell (Diocesan Environmental Officer) gave an update report to Diocesan Synod members on progress

MUSIC AND CHOIR REPORT FOR SNAPSHOTS – 2022

For me the highlight of 2021 has to be the production of my own music-drama Eden. Performed with our own drama group under the directorship of Fr David, with narration, poetry and prayers interspersed with music, this was a tremendous success and very well received. Flossie's gorgeous artwork added another dimension and this was used to great effect during the production. I was thrilled to have the songs performed by such talented soloists. It was good to



raise funds for Water Aid and meaningful that the performance was given at a time when national focus was on Climate Change and COP. Some photos from the performance are included in this feature.

I plan a follow-up in March 2023, watch this space ...



Other notable highlights from 2021 include my own inaugural organ recital, the first to be arranged as a Bristol & District Organists' Association (BDOA) event. This was actually the first time many Bristol organists had actually visited HTH so was a chance to showcase the organ.



In November, I arranged a special one-off concert of my own Covid Requiem (Requiem of Psalms) which was performed by another soloist ensemble. This was very different from Eden but was very moving. Both performances were recorded and can be heard on Youtube ("Songs of Eden" and "Covid Requiem" – Jonathan Crow).

During my first year as DoM at HTH, I started composing for the organ for the first time in my life and ended up completing 22 works no less. Many of these I have premiered at HTH and even included during an organ recital I gave. I intend to get these published under the title "Exultate"

The organ at HTH plays very well and after playing some of the finest organs at Oxford recently I am more appreciative of its quality. Indeed I consider my own playing has improved hugely since the start of my appointment and am pleased to have been able to learn pieces that I have long wanted to learn and then to play them reasonably well. In addition to Bach, I have discovered a real passion for the organ music of Buxtehude and Bohm.

I was pleased that my Covid Requiem was able to raise funds for the Southmead Hospital charities and am looking forward to a second performance of it as part of the Chipping Sodbury Festival on June 18th 2022.

The Confirmation Service led by our Bishop was also highly memorable and an encouragement to all. This year 2022 I have collaborated with the Bristol Chamber Choir who gave a wonderful and most moving Passiontide concert at HTH, which included Tallis' Lamentations of Jeremiah and Allegri's Miserere. Although the performance of Mausberger's Wie liegt die Stadt so wust was particularly poignant given the terrible events in Ukraine. It was good that we were able to raise funds for Ukraine Relief.

It was good to re-start our choir in July 2021 after the various lockdowns and for all of us to be able to sing again without masks during Mass. As you know we have introduced new Mass settings including the St Thomas Mass by David Thorne which is now being sung very well. I enjoyed teaching my own Mass setting composed specially for HTH and plan to re-introduce it this year so that there is variation during the year. For this Lent we reverted to the Merbecke setting which is well known.

We re-started Choral Evensong in September 2021 and ran it until November 2021, however choir numbers were not really strong enough to maintain this service and so the difficult decision was taken to pause Choral Evensong until the choir is much more numerous. To this end I wrote a 3 year Music Strategy which I presented to the PCC this March. We aim to re-build the choir but note this will take time. Whilst we do have a loyal core who support us during Mass, our numbers are just too small to perform complex choral pieces of polyphony or harmony.

Having said that, it was a joy to have the choir sing almost all Stainer's Crucifixion across the different services across this year's Passiontide. This was an innovative and creative way of performing one of the best loved works of the Holy Passion and many of you I know found this very moving. It is affirming that our choir were able to sing this piece with such confidence and in a heartfelt, meaningful way.

I was also pleased with the choir's performance of my own setting of the Lord's Prayer – Pater Noster, earlier this year which can be used again.

The choir will now start work on learning music for Ascensiontide, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.

So overall 2021 has been a good year and very productive, especially Eden. I really feel we have put HTH on the map musically-speaking and look forward to moving forward now we have a Music Strategy in place.



Jonathan Crow
22 April 2022

WELCOME PROJECT

For those who may not be aware of what the Welcome Project is, it is project to re-develop our community hall which is located on Wellington Hill. The mission statement is to make the enhanced space open and inclusive: *Whoever you are, wherever you come from, everyone is welcome here*

Since the last edition of Snapshots, we have started work on the business case we will need to submit, based on the layout used by Fr David which resulted in a successful project in Monmouth – Tŷ Price.

Although some of what follows has been outlined in editions of Reflections, it is important to record our activity in this annual report.

We concluded our consultation process with the wider community, including local GP's and the local development trust and by holding three 'show and tell' events.

We undertook an analysis of need of the BS7 area. This information helps to inform our planning and thinking about the needs of our community and how we might help meet these needs.

The data collated included population, ethnicity, homeownership, jobs and economy, child poverty, quality of life, healthy lifestyles, student population, loneliness and homelessness.

From the statistical figures, we discerned a particular need in the area for the promotion of mental health, obesity, loneliness and financial support.

Looking at the current usage of the church hall, many of the activities contribute in some way towards addressing some of the prevailing issues. For example, the ballroom dancing group supports physical and mental wellbeing, whilst the pre-school groups could help also counter isolation of carers.

From the consultation process and individual comments, along with the findings above, recurrent themes have emerged enabling us to focus our thinking not only what the local need is but also the potential for us to help support these needs by providing a welcoming, fit for purpose environment.

The key themes were:

- A. Serving the community – initiatives and space in which to offer them. Christians against Poverty (CAP), crisis café, foraging, healthy cookery classes (linked with obesity findings), counselling.
- B. Green Welcome - Climate change awareness. Environmental concerns. Aesthetics. Materials used to construct the building/upgrade it. Solar panels, recycling, water and heating. All abled access. Use of the grounds – vegetable patch, growing flowers (which could be sold)
- C. Flexibility - Working space for all, room dividers, small rooms, extra access, appropriate storage. There was also emphasis placed on the need for adequate toilet facilities, kitchen facilities that were fit for purpose and disability access.
- D. Improvements to outside area – meditation area, plant trees (NB Jubilee year in 2022), climbing frame, general improvement to outside area.

Funding

Jen our Grants Secretary writes: "We plan to fund the vast majority of the Welcome project through a series of grants. These will come from a wide variety of sources and crucially the funding will be made up of lots of smaller amounts as well as, we hope, some large ones.

We will need everyone's help in achieving the money for the inspiring project. We are going to reset the [JustGiving page](#) to promote in the community for our Welcome project. We also ask each and every one

of you to think whether you know of anyone who might be able to apply for a grant through their place of work. Many local employers run grant schemes for community projects. If you think this applies to you or someone you know who would be happy to apply with us, I will help with the application process.

We will need every little bit to help fund God's work to make this project a successful, welcoming place to serve the needs of our community”.

The next big step, once we have completed the business plan and have some initial funding, is to meet with a number of architects, with a view to employing one who we feel will be able to transform our vision into reality.

At times, the road ahead seems daunting and as we have said before, we cannot achieve our vision of advancing God's kingdom in our community without your prayerful support, involvement and interest. We are entering a very challenging, vital phase of the project. Please do talk to any of the Steering Group if you have comments, questions, or indeed can offer specific skills or information as well move forward.

Phil Lewis
On behalf, the of Welcome Project

To remind you, Project Steering Group: Jane and Phil Lewis, Rob Brace, Garth Baker, Jen Douglas, Maggie Pleass, Fr David McGladdery, Carolyn Larcey, Caroline Plaice.

SAFEGUARDING

The Leadership Team have now taken over the important role of safeguarding, following Julie stepping aside. Caroline Plaice is the named Lead, and we are grateful to Laura Bufton for providing administrative support. Working with the Diocese, we are currently updating records, and promoting online training. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Caroline Plaice

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is essentially about the Godly use of our resources, whether these be money or the talents each one of us have. It has been impressive in these “Covid” times to see the emergence in so many of new gifts in terms of “keeping things going”, maintaining our Church, organising new tasks and in many other ways. Let us all keep up the good work as (hopefully) we begin to return to normal (whatever that might be).

Inevitably the main part of this with which I am involved as Recorder is money, and again it is encouraging that most in the Planned Giving Scheme have kept up their contributions, thus enabling

our Church to function financially. Thank you, and if any of you are having difficulty in getting your money to us in current circumstances then please have a word with me.

We are not due a “campaign” in the immediate future, but if any of you want to change your level of giving, or join the Gift Aid Scheme, please let me know.

Garth Baker
Stewardship Recorder

GATEWAY GROUP

The Gateway Group is open to young people of secondary school age (and above) who are interested in being part of the Horfield Church community and in exploring issues relating to faith and society. All are welcome and there are currently about seven regular attendees.

The group managed to meet on zoom on several occasions throughout the lockdowns of the last two years but it is delightful to be able to meet in person again now. In September Nelly Currie, Flossie Victory and Bea Terry, all Gateway regulars, were amongst those who were confirmed by the Bishop of Bristol at our church. It was a joyful evening and a wonderful chance for these young people to take the next step in their journey of faith.

The main focus for Gateway in the autumn was to support the aims of the COP Conference which was to take place in Glasgow in November and to encourage us as a congregation to make changes to reduce the damage caused by climate change. Flossie Victory’s remarkable murals depicting aspects of creation were displayed around the church as a focus for our ‘Pledges to the Planet’. This all came together on our ‘Stir-Up Sunday’ event where the congregation all helped to mix together the fair trade, zero waste ingredients for a parish Christmas cake. The Oat Float, the local zero-waste mobile shop, parked up outside the hall for people to stock up on dry ingredients. The great success of this event lay not just in the pledges to take action made by us all but in the way in which we were all brought together through the stirring of the cake. Although tighter COVID guidelines meant we were unable to get together to enjoy the cake at Epiphany as planned, the Gateway group took responsibility for delivering the cake to parishioners. It was very gratefully received.

The group marked the beginning of Lent with an early Shrove Tuesday pancake party and quiz at the Currie house. Eight young people attended this and between them they managed to make and eat a prodigious amount of pancakes.

Jackie Victory is stepping back from her role as Gateway leader after several years. Caroline and I would like to thank her for all her creativity and commitment. The young people of Horfield Church have certainly benefited from her great work.

Several Gateway events are planned for the coming months. We would very much like to encourage new members to join so that we can continue to give young people a voice and a place in our church community.

Helen Currie

HORFIELD BELLRINGERS

During the pandemic we tried to keep our bells ringing but due to the covid guidance we were only allowed to ring 2 bells. However, on the 4th July, we rang all 5 bells for the first time in 18 months since the start of the pandemic. This celebrational event was broadcast on BBC Radio Bristol when the bells could be heard and Katy, the Tower Captain was interviewed by the presenter.

Like many organisations emerging back to 'normal' into the post-Covid world has been difficult and many towers still do not have sufficient ringers. The Bristol bellringing branch have worked to support other towers as part of operation TOOL (transition out of lockdown).

Katy has supported the Bristol branch with Operation TOOL and represented the Gloucester and Bristol Ringing diocese as a national recovery champion. This involved, attending national meetings and she gave a presentation at the virtual bellringing Summer Conference. At this month's AGM the branch ringing master nominated Katy as the 'Highest achiever bellringer of the year' this was approved by the ringing diocese.

The Horfield ringers are slowly getting back to normal and we are working towards personal and tower goals. We hope to ring a quarter peal later in 2022; this would be an amazing achievement.

The band collectively designed the new 'logo', this photograph shows some of our ringers wearing their new polo and fleece tops. If you are interested, the colours purple and yellow, represent our bell ropes and if you look closer you may see the church logo on the blue bell.

The new tops have lifted our spirits and have united us as a group.

Our new logo and this photograph have been uploaded onto our website.

Katy Murdoch-Davis
Tower Captain



THE DECIBELLS HANDBELL TEAM

It felt so good at the end of 2021 to be able, with gradual lifting of Covid restrictions, to begin meeting in the choir vestry to practise ringing the handbells again. Luckily the trunk in which the bells are stored had protected them well during the time of the pandemic lockdowns.

As it was Autumn when we could start meeting, we spent rehearsal times mostly practising Christmas music - which stood us in good stead for Christmas time at Holy Trinity as we were delighted to be asked to share our music with others again by playing Christmas music in church both in the

Community Carol Service and the evening Service of Words and Music the Sunday before Christmas Day - both very special experiences for us.

The Decibells team was formed initially by members of the Families' Group and so it was also special to be asked to play for them at their Christmas meeting in the Church Hall in 2021 – nearly 30 years later!

Georgina Paul and Liz Beer, who have both played the handbells previously, joined the team in 2021. However, during the year, 2 members, Dot and Linda, could not rejoin the team as playing members when lockdown ended because of health problems although Linda is still a part of the team helping with administration and giving us guidance in the principles of how to play 2 bells at a time with one hand!

Gill Wilding

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT 2021

At the start of 2021 we were again in lockdown and unable to meet in person. A couple of Zoom meetings were held with St Peter's, Filton and a few of us participated in these.

As lockdown began to lift we were able to meet again with restrictions, the first one being 23rd June, when several of us attended the Deanery Festival at Shirehampton and it was so nice to be able to meet in person again, though sadly restrictions did not allow us to have fellowship over a cup of tea after. On 22nd July we held our first meeting in person in the Hall, plenty of room to socially distance. Our new Deanery Leader Louise Lyddon joined us for this meeting. It was lovely to see everyone after so long. At this meeting we discussed a possible merger of our branch with St Peter's, Filton. After discussion we all felt we would prefer to stay as Horfield Mothers Union even though there are only 9 or 10 members likely to attend meetings.

It was agreed at that meeting that I would carry on as Secretary but Pat formally resigned as Branch Leader, though would continue to be a member. We did think, however, that it would be nice to visit other branches for their meetings, especially if they had speakers or special events. We also agreed that members should take it in turns to run a meeting contributing their own skills. After the business discussion we all tucked into a very nice tea prepared by Marianne.

There was a Deanery bring your own picnic event for members at the Tithe Barn in Shirehampton on 11th August.

The Wave of Prayer service was held on 9th September, sadly I was isolating before my knee replacement, but had prepared the order of service with help from the MU website which I shared with members who would not be able to attend.

We had a lovely meeting on 14th October when Marianne got us all crafting, showing us how to make a Cross in my Pocket.

On 11th November we had a special service of Remembrance followed by members sharing stories, or special memories.

There was the Deanery Advent Service on 2nd December at St Peter's, Filton, which was very well attended, and this time we were actually able to share a cup of tea and cake after the service

We ended the year with a bring and share lunch on 9th December. Although we were very few in numbers, it was a lovely way to end the year.

If anyone would like further information on becoming a Mothers Union member please do get in touch with me.

Carolyn Larcey
Branch Secretary

HORFIELD PARISH WALKING GROUP

History bit: First group walk was on 23 July 2011, but this had been preceded by a walk to Portbury woods at bluebell time. From this time walkers from outside HPC, e.g. Horfield Methodists, joined in. From 20 October 2012 Bob Walters from HMC led alternate walks until the middle of 2015.

During the various lock-downs resulting from the COVID pandemic the limitations on groups meeting even in the open air has resulted in periods during which any group walking has been illegal, so even local group walking could take place only during periods during which meeting outdoors was permitted. While we took advantage of gaps in prohibition to have occasional local walks, only very few were possible, and we missed our 10th anniversary walk.

We have had a change of walk leaders during lock-down with Nigel standing down from leading longer walks; Julianne, who already led shorter walks independently and has continued that role, has also taken over longer walks associated with the parish group.



Julianne and Brian admire Publow church

Since restrictions were eased in May we have had nine shorter walks (less than 2.5 miles) and 3 longer ones: from Newbridge along the Avon through to central Bath with refreshments at the Manvers Street Baptist Church, in southern outskirts of Clevedon (including Clevedon Pill and the Poet's Walk), and from North Nibley through autumnal beech woods and up to the Tyndale Monument.



Thanks are also due to the late Mike Rees, Anna George and Julie Boston for their support.



FOODBANK CONTRIBUTIONS

When the church became closed in 2020 in response to the Covid advice, it was no longer possible for people to leave contributions in the church, or for contributions to be delivered to the Foodbank from the church, so there is nothing to report. Although it would now be permitted to leave contributions in church and deliver them to the foodbank, in practice this has not been restarted and, as far as I know, there is no intention to do so. It has been possible throughout, to leave contributions at local collection points (the nearest one is at Tesco, Golden Hill), and I'm confident our congregation has been leaving contributions there and, probably elsewhere, but there is no record of amounts.

Nigel de Bray

HORFIELD FAMILIES GROUP

2021 was another year when our normal activities were curtailed by Covid. Our programme usually consists of a mixture of visiting speakers and activities.

During the lockdown period we continued to keep in touch with our members by sending out monthly e-mails written by different Committee members to provide a variety of styles and views.

At last, in July, as restrictions eased, we were able to organise an event. We invited members to a picnic on Horfield Common. It was a very hot day and we gathered under a shady tree. As we caught up with each other we were approached by a reporter and camera man from Channel 5 news. Several of us were interviewed about how we had been coping during lockdown. Unfortunately, most of us were edited out of the final item!

In September we were finally able to resume meetings at the Parish Hall. Our first meeting was a social event – a chance to chat and catch up with friends over coffee and cakes.

In October Mike James came to speak to us about Rupert Bear and members were encouraged to wear yellow and red items to add to the atmosphere. Many brought annuals they had kept since childhood. November saw us trying our hand at willow weaving with varying degrees of success.

Our Christmas meeting was a traditional evening with mince pies, mulled wine, quizzes, and a performance from the Decibels hand bell ringers. We also donated items to give to Ronald Macdonald house and brought tea and coffee for the Friends for Parents at the Children's hospital.

We normally go out together for a Christmas meal but this year we celebrated in January making it a New Year's event.

Of course, by then the Omicron variant was spreading quickly and we were always aware that another lockdown could be imposed. However, with the added precaution of asking members to take lateral flow tests before attending events we were able to continue.

A group of our ladies regularly help with the Porch flower rota, and a few volunteers have continued with this, when possible.

For all the various activities that we enjoy, one of the main strengths of the group is the friendship and support we give one another.

Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall, starting at 7.45pm. A copy of our programme can be found on the notice board in the Parish Hall, and our events are also advertised in the Church Newsletter. Guests are always welcome.

Christine Payne
HFG Secretary.

HORFIELD THEATRE COMPANY

This year's Snapshot for the Theatre Company will be, by necessity, quite brief. Like most in the world of entertainment, both professional and amateur, we have all been very much affected by the ongoing threat of COVID.

However, we were extremely lucky to be able to perform one show in February 2021 which was three one-act plays by Lynn Brittney, an author we have performed before. To comply as far as possible with COVID precautions we entertained smaller than usual audiences for their comfort. The plays were well attended given the conditions and the performances were of the usual high standard expected of Horfield Theatre Company. We were lucky to get a great new addition to our tech team who is a sound specialist and we hope he will be around to help us out in the future.

We have managed to get our theatre lighting kit cleaned, maintained and PAT tested and have an ongoing program to bring the rest of our equipment into compliance.

We continue to plan for future productions and hope our programs will bring audiences back to the theatre. We also continue to welcome new members especially from the church, whether it be on the stage, behind the scenes or in a technical capacity, encouragement and training is always freely given. I would like to thank the church and church hall committees for their continued support and look forward to getting back to some sense of normality.

Bob Derrick
Chair, Horfield Theatre Company

REVIEW OF HORFIELD WELLY PRE-SCHOOL AND TODDLER GROUP (SEPTEMBER 2020 TO AUGUST 2021)

Horfield Welly Pre-school is a registered charity and has 9 dedicated staff members and a volunteer-led management committee.

The Toddler Group ran on a Monday morning in the main Hall, under the watchful eye of Donna Godfrey, one of our Pre-school staff, supported by a couple of volunteers who assist with crafts and administration. It was a lovely way for local families with young children and/or babies, to meet and for their children to play in a safe yet stimulating environment. At Toddlers, children could play with a range of toys, join in with a craft activity, have a drink and biscuit and enjoy some singing. Regrettably, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not feasible to run the Toddler group during the last academic year, however, it did return in September 2021.





We had 32 children registered with the Pre-school and our superb staff team continues to do an outstanding job. They care for both Little Wellies (ages 2-3) and Big Wellies (ages 3-4). The hall and downstairs room are set up every day with different activities and themes. The children very much enjoy the fun of arriving each day to see what is out and the staff look forward to seeing where the children's imaginations take them. The use of the garden provides the children with great outdoor space in which to run around and learn, and they are out there in almost any weather, particularly enjoying climbing, playing with water and hunting for bugs all over the garden! The continued move towards age appropriate loose parts play and "in the moment planning" has seen children taking further responsibility for their own play and creative thinking, with staff supporting and capitalising on

activities, topics and themes that particularly grab the children's interest.

In September 2020 we said goodbye to our Manager of 1 year, Anna Fletcher. However, with Anna's departure came the appointment of Courtney Haley to take over the role and during the last year, all at the Pre-school have been delighted with how quickly she has settled in, made the role her own and proved a fantastic leader. She is a highly astute and motivated Manager with a passion for Early Years and she has been a superb addition to the team.

In previous years, several fundraising events have been held throughout the year, including a Nativity performance and Christmas raffle, Easter Bonnet Parade, picnic and cake sale and summer sports day. Monies raised from fundraising are all put towards enrichment activities for the children, so last year we had to get creative given all the social restrictions in place.

In December one of our Big Welly parents hosted a Christmas click and collect fair which was a great success, supported by a local woodcrafter, we also sold incredibly popular Christmas "hug" keyrings. At Easter we managed a raffle to win 2 huge hampers and finished off the summer term with a week of cupcake sales, ice pop sales and an end of term raffle. With all funds raised being matched by Lloyds Bank, for whom one of our Big Welly parents works, after they nominated us for their Charity of the Year, it was a great effort.

The Pre-school could not run without the input of parents and families, from the Committee to fundraising to on site



support. A number of parents helped us with gardening and planting during the year and we were delighted to be able to welcome smaller groups of families to the end of the year celebrations in July. Welly really does feel like a family, due to so many people being willing to help out and be involved.

Finally, and most importantly, in spite of different and difficult circumstances and an interrupted year, Welly Pre-school successfully prepared and equipped 24 children for entry into formal school education as they start their first school year in their respective reception classes in September 2020.

Sarah Neill
Preschool Chair of Trustees

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

By the beginning of the year, the Covid situation had prevented us holding any Club sessions since Lockdown in March 2020. We had, however, maintained regular contact with all our families with letters, phone calls and socially distanced visits with cards, gifts, etc.

This continued well into 2021, and included special Easter messaging with Bible-based booklets, greetings cards and small crème eggs.

As the situation improved in the summer we held several Club family activity picnics on the playing field, as a safe stage towards hopefully returning to the Hall in the autumn.

Consequently, we then enjoyed eight fun-packed, though cautious sessions in the Hall between September and December, during which time we were delighted to welcome five new members. Safety and hygiene rules were well in place, as we worked hard to ensure a safe environment for the children's activities.

The climax to the term was a fantastic Christmas party with sumptuous food, lively games, great music ... and visits by three very important visitors! No, it wasn't the Wise Men. Though if we say Three Wise People we are closer to the mark. It was in fact Father David, Caroline and Santa Claus his very self. What a night!

Throughout the year, our wonderful Chaplain, Hilary, has remained a supreme inspiration and a constant friend to us all. Universally admired and respected, Hilary – together with our one-and-only Brian – is showing us how to tackle life in a mature and godly way. Our ever-popular art table frequently produces creations and messages for our Abbey Road heroes!

Sadly, in April we lost one of our most devoted and long-serving leaders, Kathie Wright. Kathie gave nearly forty years' loving service to Club, and we wish to honour her in 2022 with a memorial tree.

We would greatly welcome new helpers as leaders in Club. You will need a DBS check and may need to bring ear plugs, but the rewards, including seeing children's faces light up when discussing Bible narratives, cannot be measured.

We meet (Covid permitting) on Fridays in term time between 6.15 and 8 pm, and warmly welcome children aged six to twelve, while teenagers can come and develop their caring and nurturing skills alongside younger children.

And anyone fancying a coffee or game of table tennis is most welcome to drop in too. Yes, go on – we'd love to see you!

Geoff Stock

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE

Throughout 2021, Covid, though diminishing, remained a significant factor in the planning and undertaking of worship and activities in and around our churches.

A priority was to secure one's own flock before re-connecting with other friends in other churches, although it was still felt important to try wherever possible to support established initiatives such as have been going on for some time. One of these is "the Noise", though this "showing God's love to the people" was again this year largely done on-line.

In addition, there were several outstanding examples of outreach, including gifts at harvest from Holy Trinity Gateway Group and a Christmas banquet for senior citizens at Ebenezer Church.

A special word of praise to our brothers and sisters in Muller Road United Reformed Church. Their small congregation was seriously threatened, partly by the Covid situation – and yet they won through and resumed worship, albeit in a smaller room, and keen to welcome visitors and new members. How good is that!

Sadly one of our member churches, Eden Grove Methodist, is to close in 2021. We have enjoyed great fellowship with them over the years, and wish them all God's blessing and direction in times to come.

As the situation hopefully improves, we look forward in prayer and confidence to ever-increasing times of worship and fellowship together.

Geoff Stock

REPORT FROM THE BRISTOL DOG TRAINING SOCIETY

We are the Bristol Dog Training Society; we have been established for 65 years. We help dog owners to have a well behaved & happy dog. We train all levels from puppy to Competitive Obedience, all breeds, and all ages we encourage family members to be involved with the training. We have a very successful competitive obedience team, which has won many awards. We are very active in supporting the Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme, which covers all levels from puppy foundation to Gold levels. We have had a great deal of success with rescue dogs that have been re-homed.

We are a very welcoming club - everyone is extremely friendly and helpful; we are known throughout the dog world as a very friendly club. We provide a service to anyone who would like to come along and train their dog, we put no pressure on what level they achieve, that is entirely up to the individual.

All of our instructors/committee & helpers give their time for free, for the benefit of dogs, they don't even take any expenses. We support several Dog-related charities, including Bristol Dogs Home/Justice for Dogs/Dogs for Good. We also help other clubs in the southwest raise money for their chosen dog-related charities by running a Rally once a year.

BALLROOM DANCERS

My partner and I are ballroom dancers. Ballroom dancing includes ten different dance styles and was formalised in the mid-20th century from dances that were socially popular at the time. After World War II most people would have known at least basic steps in several of these dances. Dancing used to be a common social activity for young and old and most towns would have a dance hall.

Things evolve (or devolve) and disco dancing removed the need for formal figures or lessons and dancing became something more associated with dating, and less of a general social activity. Dance halls have closed, become bingo halls or simply been torn down.

Today most people will only know ballroom dancing through Strictly Come Dancing. This is not necessarily the most representative example because it is a television competition and therefore ends up being more showy than social dancing.

Dance styles in ballroom are divided into two equal categories: Modern and Latin. Modern includes the five dances waltz, foxtrot, tango, quickstep and Viennese waltz. Latin includes the five dances cha cha, rumba, jive, samba and pasodoble. Each dance style has a particular type of music with a specific tempo and beat structure. Jive, for instance requires music with a tempo of around 40 bars per minute, in 4/4 time with emphasis on beats 2 and 4. Waltz has a tempo of 30 bars per minute and is in $\frac{3}{4}$ time with an emphasis on the first beat. This means you can dance your waltz steps to any piece of music that conforms to the waltz structure. Things are not choreographed in the same way a ballet will be to fit a particular piece of music.

There are several teachers here in Bristol who run regular classes to teach complete beginners ballroom dancing. The main ones include Bristol Dance Experience (based at other halls) and Michele Webber of Dance Factory who teaches in the Horfield Parish Hall on Sundays. In a normal three month beginners' course with weekly classes, students will typically learn five or six of the dance styles and have enough steps to attend a social dance and enjoy what they have learned.

Church and community halls have become a vital part of ballroom dancing since proper dance halls are a thing of the past. Dance teachers use church halls to run their classes. Social dances are generally run in church halls. And students also need halls to practice what they have learned.

Since ballroom dances are progressive (go around the room), dancers need a bit more space around

them and halls have to be long enough and wide enough to allow the figures to be danced in sequence. Another important consideration is the floor of the hall. A sprung wooden floor is far more pleasant to dance on than other surfaces as it lowers the impact of steps and provides a small amount of "slip" to allow feet turn or swivel while taking steps. The Horfield hall is an excellent hall for ballroom dancing because of its size and its high quality wood floor.

I live at the bottom of Wellington Hill and have been using the Horfield hall for many years. Sadly due to lockdowns and restrictions associated with COVID-19 many group activities have been forbidden or more difficult to organise over the last couple of years. During this time my partner and I started hiring the hall for private solo practice several times a week. There are eight or nine couples, including us who still hire the hall every week for these types of solo practices.

In the Autumn of 2020 I was able to organise a weekly group practice in the hall for up to six couples. Horfield was one of the few halls that was allowing events of any type. As practices are not organised activities, each couple does whatever steps they have learned want to practice, this was the same as indoor exercise like at gyms.

When dancers get more advanced, group lessons are not sufficient and they need private lessons. There is a dance teacher who comes down from Wolverhampton about once a month and teaches at the Horfield hall in the afternoon. Many of the students are also the couples who hire the hall for practice, but some students come up from as far as Exeter for an hour of tuition. I took over the organising of these private lessons a couple of years ago.

Horfield Parish hall is a real lifeline for ballroom dancers in the area. And we like to feel we help the church by providing income through the hall, the various couples filling about 14 hours a week that might otherwise go unused. Although it would be nice to organise more group dances and practices at the hall, the regular users of the hall are mostly back and there are no suitable slots available.

However, once you are into ballroom dancing you find there are lots of other events such as social dances, tea dances, balls and even competitions around that one can attend in the area. One of the things we enjoy about ballroom dancing is the social element and dancers seem to be very friendly people. It is also something you can do casually or you can get very serious and technical about. It really has something for everyone and it is a shame it has become slightly niche in modern times.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees,
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity with St Edmunds,
Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8ST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 7

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.

I 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.

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Date: 19th May, 2022

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2021	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	77,840.03	0.00	0.00	77,840.03	83,934.04
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	11,044.93	15,551.56	0.00	26,596.49	9,662.45
Income from investments	2(c)	5,577.88	257.11	0.00	5,834.99	5,836.58
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	48,533.29	0.00	0.00	48,533.29	62,917.04
Other incoming resources	2(e)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		142,996.13	15,808.67	0.00	158,804.80	162,350.11
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Fund-raising costs	3(b)	783.82	0.00	0.00	783.82	541.05
Church activities	3(a)	<u>132,459.64</u>	<u>211.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>132,671.09</u>	<u>196,055.79</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		133,243.46	211.45	0.00	133,454.91	196,596.84
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		9,752.67	15,597.22	0.00	25,349.89	-34,246.73
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	27,556.74	27,556.74	12,785.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,752.67	15,597.22	27,556.74	52,906.63	-21,461.73
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD JANUARY	01	<u>25,829.30</u>	<u>29,036.85</u>	<u>201,566.48</u>	<u>256,432.63</u>	<u>277,894.36</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD DECEMBER	31	35,581.97	44,634.07	229,123.22	309,339.26	256,432.63

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Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Registered Charity No. 1132013

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5(a)	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment	5(b)	<u>229,122.79</u>	<u>201,566.05</u>
		231,676.79	204,120.05
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0.00	0.00
Debtors	6	30,447.45	17,639.45
Short term deposits		5,002.89	5,002.89
Cash in hand and at bank		<u>42,962.13</u>	<u>30,164.00</u>
		78,412.47	52,806.34
LIABILITIES			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	7	750.00	493.76
NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		77,662.47	52,312.58
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>309,339.26</u>	<u>256,432.63</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		309,339.26	256,432.63
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9	73,243.96	48,105.52
Restricted	9	6,972.51	6,761.06
Endowment	9	<u>229,122.79</u>	<u>201,566.05</u>
		309,339.26	256,432.63

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

21st May. 2022

and signed on its behalf by

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Holy Trinity with St Edmund,
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for the year ended 31st December 2021

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Funds
	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2021	2020 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	51,232.00	0.00	0.00	51,232.00	56,369.15
Tax recoverable	12,808.00	0.00	0.00	12,808.00	19,683.87
Other	2,217.59	0.00	0.00	2,217.59	7,533.60
Open plate	1,621.71	0.00	0.00	1,621.71	1,534.97
Sundry donations	9,925.03	0.00	0.00	9,925.03	362.69
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Votive candles	35.70	0.00	0.00	35.70	253.73
Flood lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145.00
Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.50
	77,840.03	0.00	0.00	77,840.03	85,936.51
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	44.93	0.00	0.00	44.93	570.59
Special collections and appeals	0.00	14,064.24	0.00	14,064.24	3,591.86
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	5,500.00
Grants received	0.00	1,487.32	0.00	1,487.32	0.00
	11,044.93	15,551.56	0.00	26,596.49	9,662.45
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	5,573.07	257.11	0.00	5,830.18	5,749.94
Deposit account interest	4.81	0.00	0.00	4.81	86.64
	5,577.88	257.11	0.00	5,834.99	5,836.58
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Fees from weddings etc.	1,966.83	0.00	0.00	1,966.83	2,129.00
Income from insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,469.40
Church hall income	39,366.46	0.00	0.00	39,366.46	34,068.64
Rent from Curate's House	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	7,200.00	8,250.00
	48,533.29	0.00	0.00	48,533.29	62,917.04
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	142,996.13	15,808.67	0.00	158,804.80	164,352.58

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021	2020 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Other charitable organisations					
WaterAid	679.46	0.00	0.00	679.46	0.00
Eurochange PLC	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
USPG Donation	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Other	159.10	0.00	0.00	159.10	0.00
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	52,660.00	0.00	0.00	52,660.00	88,240.00
Incumbent expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.39
Non PCC funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major church repairs	9,450.08	0.00	0.00	9,450.08	30,651.85
Insurance	5,323.69	0.00	0.00	5,323.69	4,949.65
Heating, lighting and water	6,474.06	0.00	0.00	6,474.06	6,394.06
Sacristy	3,230.09	0.00	0.00	3,230.09	1,210.82
~~Director of Music~~	~~0.00~~	~~0.00~~	~~0.00~~	~~0.00~~	~~0.00~~
Occasional Organist	381.00	0.00	0.00	381.00	0.00
Organ and Pianos	1,514.80	0.00	0.00	1,514.80	2,987.29
Music and Choir	384.40	0.00	0.00	384.40	991.24
Flowers	195.70	0.00	0.00	195.70	218.00
Churchyard maintenance	3,295.48	0.00	0.00	3,295.48	2,805.46
Junior church & Youth Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bells	0.00	211.45	0.00	211.45	10.00
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	6,721.07	0.00	0.00	6,721.07	7,539.73
Administration salaries	17,414.72	0.00	0.00	17,414.72	7,687.56
HMRC PAYE	4,807.54	0.00	0.00	4,807.54	0.00
Accounts honorarium	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	400.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	16,238.45	0.00	0.00	16,238.45	41,583.74
Curate's house upkeep	280.00	0.00	0.00	280.00	0.00
	132,459.64	211.45	0.00	132,671.09	196,055.79
3(b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	783.82	0.00	0.00	783.82	541.05
Traidcraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	783.82	0.00	0.00	783.82	541.05
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	133,243.46	211.45	0.00	133,454.91	196,596.84

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	17,784.72	0.00	0.00	17,784.72	9,819.65
NI	<u>4,807.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,807.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	22,592.26	0.00	0.00	22,592.26	9,819.65

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
Curate's House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the purchase cost	2,554.00	2,554.00
The officers consider that is inappropriate to depreciate the asset		
Total tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	2,554.00
The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for a value of £7,700,043		

(b) Investments

		change	2021	2020
		£	£	£
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units		
			-405.38	5,695.85
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units		6,101.23
			15,793.44	126,194.99
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units		110,401.55
			1,313.00	10,491.31
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units		9,178.31
			<u>10,855.68</u>	<u>86,740.64</u>
			<u>86,740.64</u>	<u>75,884.96</u>
These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December			27,556.74	229,122.79
				201,566.05

	2021	2020
	£	£
Market Value 01 January	201,566.05	188,781.48
Revaluation gain	<u>27,556.74</u>	<u>12,784.57</u>
Market Value 31 December	229,122.79	201,566.05

The market value at 31 December 2021 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

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6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

		2021 £	2020 £
KN Office		0.00	0.00
Tax Recoverable		<u>30,447.45</u>	<u>17,639.45</u>
	Total	30,447.45	17,639.45

7 LIABILITIES

		2021 £	2020 £
Auditor's Honorarium		750.00	400.00
Church Tower Clock		0.00	0.00
Charities		0.00	0.00
BDBF Ltd		<u>0.00</u>	<u>93.76</u>
	Total	750.00	493.76

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement £	Fund at 31st Dec 2021 £	Fund at 31st Dec 2020 £
Bell fund	211.45	1,962.65	1,751.20
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
	Total	6,972.51	6,761.06
Endowment Fund	27,556.74	229,122.79	201,566.05

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment fixed assets	0.00	0.00	229,122.79	229,122.79	201,566.05
Current assets	71,439.96	6,972.51	0.00	78,412.47	52,806.34
Liabilities	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>493.76</u>
	Total	6,972.51	229,122.79	309,339.26	257,420.15

Accounts

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees,
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity with St Edmunds,
Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8ST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 7

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.

I 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.

Name: Kathryn Hodgkiss FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: J F Balshaw & Co, 20 Old Kiln Lane, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 5PD

Date: 18th May, 2021

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Horfield
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2020	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	83,735.54	198.50	0.00	83,934.04	92,045.70
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	6,070.59	3,591.86	0.00	9,662.45	7,377.18
Income from investments	2(c)	5,579.47	257.11	0.00	5,836.58	5,772.96
Church activities and ancillary trading	2(d)	44,447.64	18,469.40	0.00	62,917.04	49,829.29
Other incoming resources	2(e)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		139,833.24	22,516.87	0.00	162,350.11	156,825.13
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Fund-raising costs	3(b)	541.05	0.00	0.00	541.05	729.86
Church activities	3(a)	<u>195,555.09</u>	<u>500.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>196,055.79</u>	<u>149,159.69</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		196,096.14	500.70	0.00	196,596.84	149,889.55
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-56,262.90	22,016.17	0.00	-34,246.73	6,935.58
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets	5(b)	0.00	0.00	12,785.00	12,785.00	28,948.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-56,262.90	22,016.17	12,785.00	-21,461.73	35,883.58
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 01 JANUARY		<u>82,092.20</u>	<u>7,020.68</u>	<u>188,781.48</u>	<u>277,894.36</u>	<u>242,010.78</u>
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NET CURRENT ASSETS / LIABILITIES		52,312.58	86,558.88
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>256,432.63</u>	<u>277,894.36</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		256,432.63	277,894.36
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2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid Donations	56,369.15	0.00	0.00	56,369.15	61,206.00
Tax recoverable	17,683.87	0.00	0.00	17,683.87	17,595.03
Other	7,533.60	0.00	0.00	7,533.60	3,823.29
Open plate	1,534.97	0.00	0.00	1,534.97	6,637.33
Sundry donations	362.69	0.00	0.00	362.69	1,898.42
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Votive candles	253.73	0.00	0.00	253.73	762.33
Flood lighting	0.00	145.00	0.00	145.00	60.00
Publications	<u>0.00</u>	<u>53.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>53.50</u>	<u>63.30</u>
	83,738.01	198.50	0.00	83,936.51	92,045.70
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Events income	570.59	0.00	0.00	570.59	819.10
Special collections and appeals	0.00	3,591.86	0.00	3,591.86	1,058.08
Rental income from Vodafone Mast	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Traidcraft income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	6,070.59	3,591.86	0.00	9,662.45	7,377.18
2(c) Income from investment					
Dividends and distributions	5,492.83	257.11	0.00	5,749.94	5,553.51
Deposit account interest	<u>86.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>86.64</u>	<u>219.45</u>
	5,579.47	257.11	0.00	5,836.58	5,772.96
2(d) Income from church charitable activities and ancillary trading					
Occasional offices	2,129.00	0.00	0.00	2,129.00	3,282.50
Income from insurance	0.00	18,469.40	0.00	18,469.40	0.00
Church hall income	34,068.64	0.00	0.00	34,068.64	38,296.79
Rent from Curate's House	<u>8,250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,250.00</u>	8,250.00
	44,447.64	18,469.40	0.00	62,917.04	49,829.29
2(e) Other incoming resources					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u>1,800.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	139,835.71	22,516.87	0.00	162,352.58	156,825.13

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020	2019 £
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Church Activities					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Other Local Youth Organisations					
HYPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	872.04
105th Rainbows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.60
105th Brownies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	387.48
101st Guides	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	356.16
Ministry					
Diocesan Parish share	88,240.00	0.00	0.00	88,240.00	86,520.00
Incumbent expenses	186.39	0.00	0.00	186.39	546.57
Assistant staff expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church and services					
Routine church maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,891.15
Major church repairs	30,355.65	296.20	0.00	30,651.85	0.00
Insurance	4,949.65	0.00	0.00	4,949.65	3,177.74
Heating, lighting and water	6,249.06	145.00	0.00	6,394.06	5,465.39
Sacristy	1,210.82	0.00	0.00	1,210.82	2,668.56
Director of Music	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,999.92
Occasional Organist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
Organ and Pianos	2,987.29	0.00	0.00	2,987.29	1,382.40
Music and Choir	991.24	0.00	0.00	991.24	2,321.83
Flowers	218.00	0.00	0.00	218.00	128.35
Churchyard maintenance	2,805.46	0.00	0.00	2,805.46	0.00
Junior church & Youth Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.39
Bells	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
Church Administration					
Administration and office costs	7,490.23	49.50	0.00	7,539.73	6,500.17
Administration salaries	7,687.56	0.00	0.00	7,687.56	7,982.47
Accounts honorarium	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	250.00
Other ordinary expenses					
Church Hall expenditure	41,583.74	0.00	0.00	41,583.74	25,887.13
Curate's house upkeep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u>193.34</u>
	195,555.09	500.70	0.00	196,055.79	149,159.69
3(b) Fundraising costs					
event costs	541.05	0.00	0.00	541.05	729.86
Traidcraft	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	541.05	0.00	0.00	541.05	328.72
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>196,096.14</u>	<u>500.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>196,596.84</u>	<u>149,488.41</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
4 STAFF COSTS					
4(a) Wages and Salaries	9,819.65	0.00	0.00	9,819.65	9,982.39
NI	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
	9,819.65	0.00	0.00	9,819.65	9,982.39

In December 2020 a new Director of Music was appointed, and in April 2020 a caretaker

5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
Curate's House 31 Rosling Road		
The net book value of Rosling Road is based upon the purchase cost	2,554.00	2,554.00
The officers consider that is inappropriate to depreciate the asset		
Total tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	2,554.00
The PCC hold buildings and contents insurance with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for a value of £7,700,043		

(b) Investments

		change	2020	2019
		£	£	£
General Charitable purposes	CBF Fixed Interest Fund	3597 units		
		207.91	6,101.23	5,893.32
General Charitable purposes	CBF Investment Fund	5388.78 units		
		7,103.49	110,401.55	103,298.06
Chancel repairs	CBF Investment Fund	448 units		
		590.56	9,178.31	8,587.75
General Parochial purposes	CBF Investment Fund	3704 units		
		<u>4,882.61</u>	<u>75,884.96</u>	<u>71,002.35</u>
These investments are shown at the current market value as at 31 December		12,784.57	201,566.05	188,781.48

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market Value 01 January	188,781.48	159,833.48
Revaluation gain	<u>12,784.57</u>	<u>28,948.00</u>
Market Value 31 December	201,566.05	188,781.48

The market value at 31 December 2020 represents investments for the CBF endowment fund which is restricted in use.

6 DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2020	2019
	£	£
KN Office	0.00	0.00
Tax Recoverable	<u>17,639.45</u>	<u>17,595.03</u>
Total	17,639.45	17,595.03

7 LIABILITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Auditor's Honorary	400.00	250.00
Church Tower Clock	0.00	0.00
Charities	0.00	0.00
BDBF Ltd	<u>93.76</u>	<u>193.00</u>
Total	493.76	443.00

8 FUNDS

	Fund Movement £	Fund at 31st Dec 2020 £	Fund at 31st Dec 2019 £
Bell fund	-10.00	1,751.20	1,761.20
Choir Robe Fund	0.00	423.35	423.35
Needlework Fund	0.00	368.75	368.75
Specific donations	0.00	1,058.08	1,058.08
Chancel Repair fund	0.00	1,359.68	1,359.68
Clock fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total	-10.00	6,761.06	6,771.06

Endowment Fund	12,784.57	201,566.05	188,781.48
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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,554.00	0.00	0.00	2,554.00	2,554.00
Investment fixed assets	0.00	0.00	201,566.05	201,566.05	188,781.48
Current assets	46,045.28	6,761.06	0.00	52,806.34	87,001.88
Liabilities	<u>493.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>493.76</u>	<u>443.00</u>
Total	48,105.52	6,761.06	201,566.05	256,432.63	278,780.36