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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme

known as
Holy Trinity Platt PCC

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024



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The Parochial Church Council membership during the year 2024 was:

Ex-Officio Members

Clergy

Paul Mathole, Rector
Sarah Bradley, Associate Minister
Sam Foulds, Associate Minister (TCC)
Pete Gaskell, NSM
Jack Marsh, Curate
Tim Wickham, Student Minister

Licensed Lay Worker

Debbie Jones

Churchwardens

Tim Horton
Deborah Primrose

Diocesan Synod

Philip Billson

Deanery Synod

Philip Billson
Lorraine Charles (PCC Secretary)
Denis Colligan
Tim Horton
Jez Robinson

Elected Members

Abigail Collins
Liz Delves (from May 2024)
Sophie Donnan
Priscilla Francis (from May 2024)
Will Haynes (from May 2024)
Helen McGavin (until April 2024)
Chris Naylor (until April 2024)
Zachary Rees (until April 2024)
Michelle Simms
David Sinclair (from May 2024)
Gindo Tampubolon (from May 2024)
Stuart Turley (until April 2024)
Joy Walker (until April 2024)

Co-opted Members

Nicci Duff
Andrew Tan

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The trustees present the annual report together with financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Parish Details

This is the 2024 Annual Report and financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme.

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in the Deanery of Manchester South and Stretford; Diocese of Manchester. The church is colloquially known as '**Holy Trinity Platt**' or '**Platt**'.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. In 2009, the PCC was registered with the Charity Commission (Registration No: 1132532).

Accounts in the name of Holy Trinity Platt PCC are held with National Westminster Bank and CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, managed by CCLA Investment Management, 1 Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB.

Average attendance at Sunday Services as measured by the October count for the 2024 census was Platt: 427 adults and 104 children and across the TCC churches: 89 adults and 32 children. This records the average number of people physically present at church services - others joined these services remotely via livestream but are not included in the average attendance data.

Structure, Governance and Management

The membership of the Parochial Church Council during the year 2024 is shown on page 2. These members are the trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Following the Registration of the PCC as a Charity, all PCC members receive a copy of the Guidance Document "*Trusteeship: An Introduction for PCC Members*".

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Ministry Teams report into an Executive Leadership Team comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Deputy Wardens.

The Standing Committee appointed by the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary.

During its regular discussions, the PCC evaluates the major risks to which it is exposed e.g. financial, property-related, pastoral, etc. and ensures that the policies, procedures and systems are put in place to adequately manage those risks.

The day-to-day management of the church activities is the responsibility of the Rector.

Aims and Purposes

Holy Trinity Platt PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical and social. The PCC also has specific responsibility for the maintenance of the church buildings.

Our aims are set out in four prayers. We pray that if we are faithful in discipling and sending our congregation, and true to our stated values, God will build his kingdom in these ways:

1. *A growing number of thriving, evangelical churches across our city with*

- trained and equipped members of Platt sent to serve in those churches
- identified and developed leaders from Platt and beyond to resource them
- Platt itself as a robust healthy church in the Diocese, able to sustain and support this vision

2. *Platt itself as a hub for imaginative Christian outreach with*

- evidence of growth in workplace, university, school, etc. ministries
- direct engagement with the parish in word and deed
- growing numbers of visitors each week, especially as members bring others
- increasing numbers of new Christians in all age groups
- internationals impacting their home communities with the gospel

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3. *A congregation equipped and engaged for wholehearted service by*

- reading, knowing and teaching the Bible rightly so that we love Jesus more
- showing the fruit of the Spirit in Christ-like behaviour and practical love for others
- realising our gifts from God, and his purpose for our daily lives
- identifying and training future gospel workers
- depending on God in prayer

4. *Resources that fully support this ministry with*

- a congregation committed to this work, moving into the area
- generous financial giving that enables this ministry to be sustainable
- a staff team of sufficient number and quality to spearhead this work
- sufficient and effectively trained lay leaders
- effective organisation and structures that can support this programme
- welcoming and accessible buildings that are suitably equipped for this purpose

We wish to draw each of the groups in our church within our purpose, values and vision: children, teens, families, students and younger and older adults (single and married). We pray that everyone will feel known and valued within our church community and commit to Platt as their means of discipleship and their opportunity for service.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, the Rector, Churchwardens and PCC have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The following Key Objectives have been identified and agreed by the PCC:

- Regular public worship open to all
- Pastoral care, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity via sermons, courses and small groups
- Promoting Christianity through events, meetings and by the distribution of literature
- Promoting the Mission of the Church by providing various groups with a Christian ethos including youth and children's groups, a parents & toddler group and activities for senior citizens
- Supporting other national and international charities promoting the Christian faith

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Achievements & Performance

Rector's introduction

Paul Mathole

I often say of Platt that we seek to 'Love God, Love People, Offer Jesus'. If we do that, we'll find God will bring rich faith experiences and challenges.

In 2024, part of that meant facing griefs of many kinds together. Several lost loved ones, others faced the challenges of asylum, mental health, or financial struggles in what can feel like a beleaguered society. We took time to reflect on God's promises in Genesis, and his comfort in the Psalms.

Challenges also bring opportunities. People shared hospitality, we shared meals at church, we mourned and worshipped together. We worked through the book of James and his sense of what it means to 'ground' our love of God in practical care of others.

We continued to aim at being intentionally intercultural and intergenerational. Our two morning services, each with children's groups, draw new people from all sorts of different backgrounds. We are committed to our online YouTube worship, which has a regular viewership from across the country and the world. Our midweek Tuesday service is a much-valued quieter space, and our evening services are a place to worship and talk about different topics together. In 2024 we considered Christian perspectives on assisted dying, the UK and US elections, ADHD and autism in the church and poverty and asylum.

We had some major changes in the staff team, saying thank you and farewell to Maria Naylor and Pete Rogers and welcoming Yuko Lo and Chris Naylor (all mentioned in later reports).

The descriptions that follow together give a picture of the encouraging developments in our church's life.

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Rector and Wardens Team Report

Deborah Primrose and Tim Horton

Deborah Primrose and Tim Horton are the official Church of England Wardens appointed at the APCM. Nicci Duff and Andrew Tan continue to serve as Deputy Wardens, whose appointment is approved by the new PCC after the APCM.

With Paul, we meet as the Rector and Wardens Team approximately every 3 to 4 weeks. Behind the scenes, there are 2 main elements to the role of church wardens:

- to help with the smooth running of services on Sundays and other major events; and
- to assist Paul and the staff team with oversight of the church and its functioning. This includes safeguarding, staffing, pastoral care, event planning amongst other topics.

We would also especially like to thank Bill Ibram for his work helping to keep our buildings in good order. In 2024, the church was redecorated and looks much better for it. Bill has also been

plugging away with the administrative effort to get the lychgate repaired. This work traditionally falls to church wardens and we are very grateful to have Bill's expertise and energy available to help.

We said "goodbye" to some members of the staff team. Maria Naylor resigned from her role as church administrator and Pete Rogers, after a period of waiting, was able to go to south Asia with SIM. In their place, we welcomed Yuko Lo as church administrator & site coordinator, and Chris Naylor as youth and children's worker.

Jack Marsh completed his curacy training, and we are prayerful that he will soon find a new parish. To help, Manchester Diocese has agreed to fund Jack to end 2025, if necessary.

Sarah Bradley was confirmed as a priest and, with her new permissions to officiate, we've enjoyed her leading additional services.

Some of our ministries continue to need more volunteers. Please do reflect on how you could serve the church with your unique gifts. Do talk with a member of staff to find out more about where you might be able to serve.

Planting and revitalisation

Paul Mathole

Platt has two different 'models' of planting and revitalisation that bring different opportunities.

(i) Planting in our own parish. In January 2024, Trinity Church Moss Side (TCMS) was launched in our parish. It is the third church plant of the Trinity Community Church network. A group of 25 adults and children, drawn from Platt, TCC Rusholme and TCC Fallowfield were commissioned by Bishop Matthew. In its first year, TCMS focused on 'building the home', forming themselves as a church and preparing for future outreach.

(ii) Revitalising churches in the region. We have been praying through 2024 that God would bring an opportunity for Jack to lead a team to revitalise a church in south Manchester. We have worked with various Diocesan partners to consider what options might be possible. Helping those discussions, Bishop Matthew approached us about being designated a 'resource church'. The PCC worked through and accepted that, and it should aid discussions and planning for future revitalisations.

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Pastoral Care

Debbie Jones

Pastoral Care continues to span many ministries at Platt, offering presence, prayer, and practical help.

We have been rebuilding the Prayer Team with new interest from different cultural backgrounds, and it has been great to be offering in-person prayer after all services again.

The Tuesday service remains a regular encouragement, with a warm time of fellowship and worship. Holiday at Home ran in July combining creative fun, shared meals, and short gospel reflections for our seniors here at church and in our community.

Exercise Class continues to support senior wellbeing. The Visiting Team remains vital in caring for our senior members. More people are always needed to help drive people to church.

The office has coordinated meals for new parents and those facing challenges. Stocking the freezer

with meals that are available has worked well. Food@5 is a great point of welcome, offering a warm meal and community.

This past year our church family has experienced loss; sudden, unexpected and heart-breaking. To walk with people in the midst of pain has been a privilege; knowing Jesus as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, keeping close to Him is often all we can do as we walk with people who are grieving.

I taught the Encouragement Course in 2024. It has again helped people think deeply about relationships and how to serve others with gospel-shaped love and intentionality.

This is my final report after 6 years in post. I am thankful to God for this opportunity to serve him in his church here in Rusholme. I am so thankful to all of you who I have been privileged to serve alongside for the sake of making Jesus known in this place and at this time in history. May I encourage you all to continue to experience the love of Jesus and to move towards each other in forgiveness and love.

House Groups and Women's Bible Study

Paul Mathole

Our House Groups and Women's Bible Study groups are at the heart of encouraging fellowship and loving one another.

Women's Bible Study continues to meet on Thursday mornings for fellowship, refreshment and community. They draw from a wide cross section of women in different life situations. In 2024, they studied 1 Kings, the grace of gratitude, and Philippians.

House Groups meet for fellowship, prayer, Bible study and food together. They study the passage from Sunday mornings and think through how we apply it. In 2024, they looked at James, Genesis, Psalms and Mark. It has been another encouraging year of people joining House Groups.

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Student Ministry

Tim Wickham

The student ministry remains committed to:

1. Our vision: to make disciples who love Jesus, his church and his world.
2. Our values: God, Bible, prayer, church and our student communities.

In January, we had our weekend away at Quinta. We thought about 'Life in the Gap' between this world and the New Creation, looking at Ecclesiastes. Phil Hammersley (from Harpenden) came to speak to us and helped shape our perspective on living 'under the sun'.

Between January and June, we continued teaching through 1 Peter, tackling some tricky application of the gospel to various situations. Many students reflected how the Bible's views present a compelling vision for living as strangers in this world. In the new academic year (24/25), we are studying the book of Isaiah. Our first term to Christmas has been an encouraging time helping the students to grow in confidence in reading different genres of scripture.

Ruth's departure has left a gap. However, God has also raised up new leaders from a wider range of ages, which has been a real blessing to the whole team. One key focus going forward is equipping leaders to drive the ministry forward. One example is the monthly 'table talk' sessions. These are an opportunity to grapple with deeper theological issues in small group seminar-style discussions.

Students increasingly feel a deep sense of belonging and community within the wider church family. Some are serving in other areas of church life - with youth and children, on the tea and coffee team and music.

God's goodness remains evident in the student ministry. We are enormously thankful to the leaders who continue to serve sacrificially and invest time and energy into the students. They make SBS what it is and under God continue to be used to fulfil our vision of growing disciples.

Welcome

Sarah Bradley

Objective: To enable all visitors and newcomers to share in the worship of Christ and become part of the family of Holy Trinity Platt.

The Welcome Team aims to be a friendly face to newcomers and visitors, to inform and point people in the right direction.

The Hospitality Team continues to serve in three ways: welcome before the service, refreshments and post-service hospitality after both the 9:15 and 11am service. Each team has a distinctive role but they seek to work together to provide warm welcome and hospitality throughout the church space and across Sunday mornings.

A friendly face as you walk in, is crucial for a first impression and we know how much the refreshments are appreciated, especially by the children! The objective of the post-service

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Hospitality Team is to host all visitors, newcomers and church family after services. The aim is to welcome newcomers into the church family and deepen relationships within the church family. This is something we need to be continually thinking about.

January to December 2024

The following new people were added to the church database:

- 39 students
- 72 children
- 67 adults (not including students)

We are indebted to those who coordinate these

rotas and for all who serve on these teams.

We continued to run our newcomers welcome lunches and hosted 3 through 2024. Around 40 people came to them over the course of the year. It has been a helpful time to get to know people better, and help them find ways into church life, including through small groups and serving. The meals have been hosted by staff and church family, giving newcomers a variety of people to connect with.

There were a few socials during the year, including a May Bank Holiday walk in Tatton park, and a variety of different events during the summer. These events help people of different ages, nationalities and situations to connect together.

Youth & Children

Sarah Bradley

2024 brought some big changes. Pete Rogers left his position at Easter to prepare to go overseas. This left a big hole and meant that for the summer term it was just me in post. We managed to keep things going pretty much as normal and were delighted to appoint Chris Naylor to the position of Youth and Children's Worker from July 2024. Chris has been a long-standing member of the church family, but more recently involved in student work. Since beginning in post, he has particularly been spending time getting to know the Pathfinders and the Plattformers and is settling in well.

We continue to study whole church curriculum on a Sunday morning and were pleased to be involved in some research for a Youth and Children's Minister writing a dissertation on the subject.

Finding the right number of leaders to lead in our groups, can still sometimes be a struggle. But we are very grateful for the wisdom, servant heartedness and energy of those who serve week-in week-out, preparing sessions and showing Jesus

to the children and young people. It has been encouraging to see more of our teenagers getting involved in this too.

Weekends away, summer camps and sound events continue to give good opportunities to deepen faith and friendship.

Our strong connection with Trinity High school continues, with the weekly CU, Year 7 retreat, Eucharist's and assemblies. We are also continuing our links with Manchester High School for Girls, Heald Place Primary School and Manchester Grammar School.

Splatt continues to be well attended, and we work hard to make sure that it feels like a welcoming community where people are known and looked after. It has been exciting to see friendships grow and hear of gospel conversations happening. A few of the families came to the afternoon carols and our advent event, followed by Food@Five was well attended too.

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International Mission *(reflection on the life of Margaret Hill)*

David Poole



In 1965, Margaret Hill joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and after training was sent with a co-worker, Mona Perrin from Platt church, to West Africa. There they lived in a village,

without electricity or water supply, for a decade whilst learning the Mambila language, committing it to paper and then translating the New Testament. But then the government expelled all foreign missionaries. So began Margaret's sixty years of translation work.

Next, she moved to Manchester for postgraduate linguistic study and became a Platt mission partner. In 1987 she returned to Africa – to Congo studying the Ngbaka language used by two million people. Joining with local translators helped to create the Ngbaka Bible published in 1995. Wanting everyone to read it, she then developed an adult literacy programme and a schools programme used in over a hundred schools. She also pioneered a Scripture Use course for Ngbaka church leaders published as "Translating the Bible into Action" and subsequently translated and used by other African people groups.

But when Congo was torn by civil war, Margaret saw the devastating effect on local people. So she worked with a small group to develop a church-based course for trauma healing. From this came a course with a manual now translated into over a hundred and seventy languages and used by fifteen thousand churches and organisations.

Based from 2000 in Nairobi, she began flying around Africa training Bible translators. Finally, she moved to Manchester in 2017, but retirement was not for Margaret! She continued to travel to Africa but adding also, for example, Bangladesh to her list of training destinations. Indeed, she was preparing to leave for Congo when she became ill. Dying in 2024, she leaves us a remarkable example of lifelong care and commitment.

Though the year began sadly, we later rejoiced when after thirteen years in Platt, first as a student and then on the church staff, Peter Rogers became a mission partner and left for south Asia. The announced move of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship's UK offices to Manchester is a reminder that vast numbers of the world's people still know nothing about Jesus.

Towards Intercultural Church

Grace Robinson

2024 has been a year of continued intercultural growth and consolidation. It has been a great encouragement to continue to welcome newcomers from around the world and to see many choose to make Platt their home church.

Coffee and Conversation has continued to be a comfortable place for those wanting to practise their English and study the Bible together. Numbers have been changeable throughout the year but it has been a great

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encouragement to see friendships grow and to be able to invite attendees to church events and Sunday services. It's also been encouraging to be able to connect people with other programmes happening such as Friends International's iCafe and classes at the Alexandria Library.

It has been special to enjoy songs from around the world at Easter and Christmas as well as hear Bible readings in other languages at other times in the year. The intercultural bring and share meals as a whole church and at the Inspire women's breakfasts now feel more embedded into church life. They are an opportunity for the lines between host and visitor to be blurred as well as a chance to eat many different delicious foods! The traditional British turkey Christmas dinner was another people and food-filled celebration.

A key Bible verse which prompted Platt's intercultural focus is, 'It is more blessed to give than receive.' May we continue to be a church that recognises the God-given gifts every person has and to ensure that we each have the opportunity to use our gifts for the blessing and building up of the whole church.

Trinity Community Church Rusholme, Trinity Community Church Fallowfield and Trinity Church Moss Side

Sam Foulds

Life With Jesus. Life As Church. These phrases encapsulate our mission across TCC Rusholme, TCC Fallowfield and Trinity Church. Sharing the good news of Jesus and living out His abundant life is our joy.

I want to recognise the amazing work of Jane and Paul Roper. After many years of faithful service, they finished their roles as congregational leaders but remain key members of TCC Fallowfield. TCC Fallowfield reaches out to our community in creative ways through Taste and See, Youth club, Talk Time, and Café on the Corner.

Last year, we launched our third church plant: Trinity Church. This has been a year of "building the home" by getting clear on our vision and structures and putting into practice our shared rhythm of life. We pray that as we continue to "open the doors" many others would join. Jesus has taken us through some difficult times of suffering as a body and we are learning that knowing Jesus transforms even the toughest times.

TCC Rusholme launched "clusters", small groups inspired by Exodus 18 and Numbers 11, to share the glorious burden of practical care for one another. Baptisms and the growth of our Farsi community has been deeply encouraging.

We are working out what it means to be best of big as well as the best of small. Susan Scott has developed our network-wide Trinity Life Counselling. We have continued to establish Ekklesia, our discipleship training programme inspired by the early Church. The arrival of Alexi Andriopoulos (and his family) as a third-year ordinand has been a wonderful gift from God. And one outreach highlight was our outdoor carol service in the parish with around 100 people in attendance.

It is a delight to see our churches love the Lord and one other across cultural boundaries, walk together through mourning and celebration and fulfil Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.

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Building Development and Fabric

Bill Ibram

Our buildings continue to be well used by church members, the local community and for conferences etc.

During the period of this report, the chancel, nave, aisles and lobby areas have been redecorated, and this necessitated several areas of repair works to the lime rendering.

Routine maintenance and minor improvement works have also been undertaken, including:

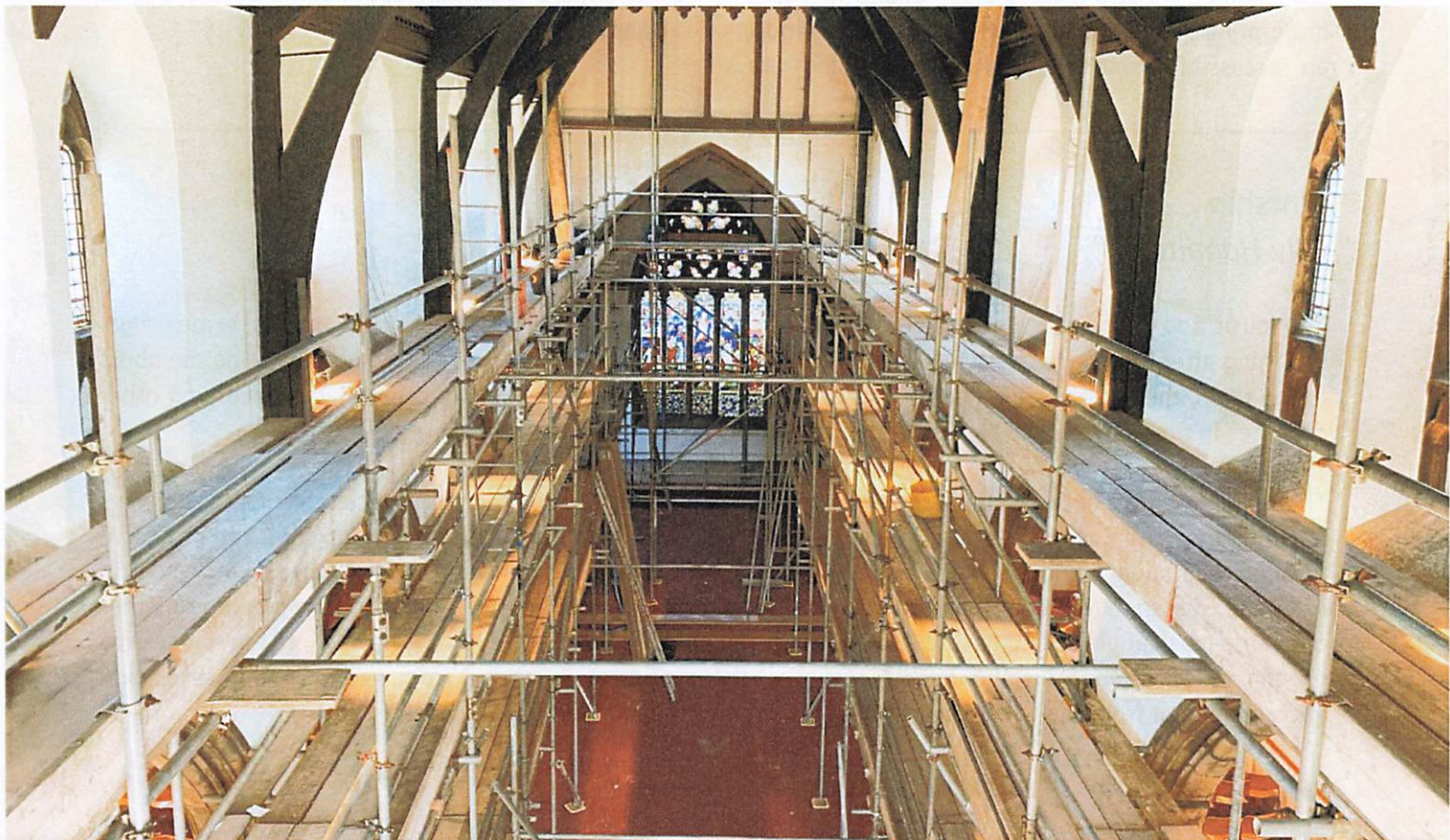
- Roof repairs and gutter cleaning
- Installation of new grab rails to the disabled toilet
- Boiler servicing
- Repairs to the tower stairs and windows
- Installation of an external power supply

- General grounds maintenance (gardening, grass cutting, hedge cutting)

Our Faculty application to re-roof the lychgate and carry out isolated repairs to the timber frame and gates is expected to be approved in early 2025 and it is anticipated the works will be carried out in 2025.

Proposals to improve the acoustic performance of the breakout space (to reduce reverberation, echo and high noise levels that are uncomfortable for many) has progressed. A quotation has been received and works will be undertaken in 2025.

No major building works or redevelopment works are anticipated in the foreseeable future.



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Disability Co-ordinator

Karen Horton

The disability group are people with an interest and concern for disabled people in Platt and meet monthly over zoom. The group aims to raise awareness of disability within Platt and to propose improvements to enable disabled people to feel more able to belong and contribute to church life.

We were pleased that the earth ramp created by the park became operational in the summer of 2024. Now people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters can go out of the door from the breakout space to the park. A threshold ramp was installed at the red doors at the back of church to help people with wheelchairs and mobility scooters go through those doors.

In September 2024, an 'accessibility' page, that we had created, went live on the church's website. In the summer, we also created a poster showing that large print Bibles and song sheets, a hearing loop, an accessible toilet and Makaton signing are

available in the church. This poster is in the church porch, so that people who are new to the church can ask the welcomers about any of the things that might be helpful to them.

In April 2024, we held the second disability morning service. Interviews with an autistic person and an account from someone who had experienced mental health difficulties, plus a signed song from the Prospects group were all well-received.

The Prospects group for adults with learning disabilities and their parents and carers continues to flourish. It meets one evening a month with an average attendance of 16 members, 11 parents / carers / helpers and 13 leaders. The monthly zoom house group for a few of the group members and the monthly parents' Zoom meetings for fellowship and support, are much appreciated by those who attend.

Worship

Olly Hamilton

The music and worship ministry has continued to evolve through 2024, with more new arrivals, some others returning after long gaps and a few departures. While it is always sad to lose valued and inspiring members of the team, the fact that it is nearly always so they can serve God's people in other places (including other churches in the TCC/Antioch Network environment) is always a source of great encouragement.

The regular rhythm of the worship life of the church continued, punctuated with special events: the services for Christmas and Easter were extremely well-attended with many musicians giving up their time to serve through the holiday periods. There was one worship evening with modern songs and another taking the form of Choral Evensong (a first at Platt for many decades). And the carol services again saw the coming together of a large musical group and having a wide reach. The choir has also served as a gateway into regular service on the music team for some people. As ever, the support we receive from the tech ministries and encouragement from the wider church family is hugely appreciated.

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Job Club

Denis Colligan

Job Club is a structured eight-week course to equip jobseekers to apply for and find work. The course materials and training are provided by Christians Against Poverty (CAP). CAP runs many Job Clubs through churches across the country as well as debt services and life skills courses.

At Platt, the course is run by Denis Colligan, Stuart Turley, Katie Reed and Rod Benson, with help from other volunteers who welcome, befriend clients and help run the course. We meet in the hall for two hours on Wednesday mornings and offer to help and meet clients at other times as needed.

Our first Job Club ran successfully in the autumn of 2022, followed by courses in the spring and autumn of 2023. We ran a further two courses in 2024. Approximately 30 clients have attended so far, with a number moving successfully into permanent work and others moving forward in being work ready.

During Job Club, our clients are made aware of the wider work of the church, Sunday services and our commitment to the welfare of others. Our focus remains on equipping our clients with the skills to find work. We start every meeting with a short prayer. Two or three times on each course we have lunch together at the end of the session.

We see the Job Club as part of our wider offer to our community, along with Community Meals and Hardship Fund.

Discussions about hosting a debt service at Platt are starting, but this is a considerable commitment and therefore needs careful consideration and prayer.

We are looking to run a Life Skills course in the Spring of 2025.

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Safeguarding

Denis Colligan

Safeguarding means protecting people's health and wellbeing, enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It is fundamental to flourishing Christian communities and is evidenced in good pastoral care.

The safeguarding team at HTP is Paul Mathole, Sarah Bradley and Denis Colligan, who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. The Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Abbey Clephane-Wilson.

Throughout 2024, the safeguarding team have continued to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults by:

- Ensuring all appropriate DBS checks are up to date, on a rolling basis, as new people take on new roles
- Maintaining relevant training-enhanced where appropriate.
- Working closely with the Diocese on safeguarding concerns
- Closely monitoring the safeguarding email and acting appropriately on concerns
- Having safeguarding as a standing item on PCC meetings
- Maintaining the safeguarding online dashboard, and keeping this up to date
- Having appropriate posters in church, with relevant safeguarding information
- Having safeguarding information clearly laid out on our website

Our Commitments

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
 - Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
 - Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
 - Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
 - Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse or other affected persons
 - Responding to those that may pose a present risk
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Deanery Synod

Tim Horton

Holy Trinity (Platt) is a member of the Manchester South & Stretford Deanery. This deanery is split into five Mission Communities. Platt is in MC2 with nine other parishes. The Deanery Synod discusses matters of concern across the deanery, including subjects which the Diocesan and/or General Synod have requested be considered.

Nick Watson, the Area Dean, will be leaving his post to return to the Diocese of Lichfield. A recruitment process for his successor is underway.

Brief notes of the meetings held since the last APCM are captured below.

Thursday 4 July 2024 at Christ Church, Moss Side

- Archdeacon Karen Best spoke about the ministry and mission among asylum seekers
- An update on the diocesan transformation program and how the deanery can support it
- A pilot for Dementia Friendly Church will start at six churches after Easter 2025.

Wednesday 4 December 2024 at Christ Church, Davyhulme

- The Bishop of Middleton (Mark Davies) and the diocesan secretary / COO (Helen Platts) spoke about the "Our Vision for 2030". You can watch a short video on the diocesan we
- The four diocese Mission priorities are:
 - Growing Younger – a focus on growing the links between our parishes and our church schools
 - Church Planting – establish churches carrying a DNA of mission across our diocese, particularly in communities where attendance is low.
 - Missional leaders – the diocese is investing in clergy and developing Lay Leaders to develop a new, diverse generation of church leaders
 - Parish Renewal – We are providing direct support to our parishes to ensure they are missionally focused and their financially sustainable. It was noted that the diocese faces serious financial challenges and has a deficit budget.
- The diocese intends to submit a bid to the Church Commissioners by December 2025.

At some point there will be a deanery special meeting on the topic of Prayers of Love and Faith. This will be arranged when the timetable for further national discussion is clear.

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Trustees' Report

Responsibilities of the PCC

The Charities Act requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair state of the affairs of the charity as at its balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these statements, the PCC should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make the judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it appears inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The PCC is responsible for the maintaining of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the church's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

Holy Trinity Platt is a public benefit entity. Holy Trinity Platt promotes public services, in dedicated buildings and elsewhere, in accordance with the practices and teachings of the Church, for hearing and appropriating the word of God and for the worship of God both generally and at significant points in people's lives. It provides religious and moral parameters by which individual members of the public may live fulfilled lives and act in a way which is socially beneficial and influence wider society for the better.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The church relies on volunteer help for nearly all its work. There are a wide variety of ministry teams (as detailed elsewhere in this Report); many of these are led by staff but have a considerable number of volunteers. For example, youth and children's work has two employed staff workers, but 70 volunteers. Such volunteers are trained and have the appropriate qualifications and permissions to work in the relevant area.

The role of volunteer management and training is taken very seriously. This enables volunteers to be effective, to have reasonable expectations of time and to be equipped for what is expected of them. Some volunteers themselves lead areas of ministry.

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The main areas of ministry that have volunteers would include youth and children's work, student work, small groups and house groups, outreach ministries such as mums and toddlers, worship ministries and pastoral visiting, amongst others.

Around 250 people volunteer at Platt, for which we are all thankful. A breakdown of these volunteers is available in the parish office.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The church's reserves policy sets out how much money it should generally hold in the bank as a proportion of annual expenditure, by way of working funds and as a safeguard against unexpected eventualities. The reserves policy sets a target of holding unrestricted monies in the bank equal to at least three months of expenditure. At 31 December, unrestricted reserves totalled £333,024, which is equivalent to 5.4 months of 2024 expenditure.

The total funds held at the 31st December 2024 is £383,356 (2023 - £417,718). The restricted funds total £50,332 (2023 - £55,541).

Designated funds total £187,138 (2023 - £257,860). These funds have been designated for future expenditure, including amounts for outreach work and for capital expenditure. There is no current commitment to spend these funds. The total amount of unrestricted reserves available to cover general expenditure is £145,886 (2023 - £104,317).

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source is from donations received.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future and the charity continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Mathole, Rector
Trustee



Jeremy Robinson, Treasurer
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

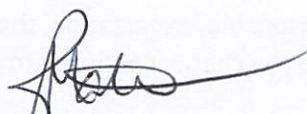
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Mathole, Rector
Trustee



Jeremy Robinson, Treasurer
Trustee

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme 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 Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme's 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.

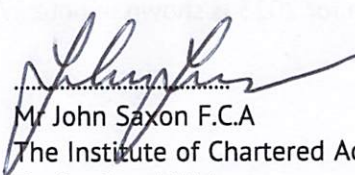
Independent examiner's statement

Since The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme 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 accounting 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.



Mr John Saxon F.C.A
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13 May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	620,471	40,682	661,153	641,246
Charitable activities	3	32,287	-	32,287	30,994
Investment income	4	15,898	-	15,898	13,590
Total Income		668,656	40,682	709,338	685,830
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	725,960	17,740	743,700	687,015
Total Expenditure		725,960	17,740	743,700	687,015
Net (expenditure)/income		(57,304)	22,942	(34,362)	(1,185)
Gross transfers between funds		28,243	(28,243)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(26,061)	(5,301)	(34,362)	(1,185)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		362,177	55,541	417,718	418,903
Total funds carried forward	18	333,116	50,240	383,356	417,718

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods. The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 25 to 46 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	14,734	20,299
Current assets			
Debtors	14	31,787	32,661
Cash at bank and in hand	15	349,012	381,119
		<u>380,799</u>	<u>413,780</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(12,177)</u>	<u>(16,361)</u>
Net current assets		<u>368,622</u>	<u>397,419</u>
Net assets including pension liability		<u>383,356</u>	<u>417,718</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	18	50,332	55,541
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>333,024</u>	<u>362,177</u>
Total funds	18	<u>383,356</u>	<u>417,718</u>

The financial statements on pages 22 to 46 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Mathole, Rector
Trustee



Jeremy Robinson, Treasurer
Trustee

The notes on pages 25 to 46 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(34,362)	(1,185)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		7,009	7,838
Investment income		(15,898)	(13,590)
		(43,251)	(6,937)
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	874	(10,716)
Increase in creditors	16	(4,184)	2,178
Increase in retirement benefit obligation net of actuarial changes		-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		(46,561)	(15,475)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		15,898	13,590
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(1,444)	(4,344)
Net cash flows from investing activities		14,454	9,246
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(32,107)	(6,229)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		381,119	387,348
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		349,012	381,119

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Rusholme meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Judgements

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Gift aid income is recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant expenditure

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives.

Grants payable without performance conditions are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include costs not directly linked to delivering a church activity/service but are to support the work of the church as a whole.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Heritage assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the financial statements, in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation charged in the year of acquisition is time apportioned from the date of acquisition. No depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	10% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

These are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

The charity also operates a defined benefit pension scheme. Typically defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the Balance Sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date minus the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is measured using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future payments by reference to market yields at the reporting date on high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses are charged or credited to other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Gift aided donations	50,196	362,560	20,390	433,146	391,560
Gift aid reclaimed	12,684	78,022	4,524	95,230	92,822
Non-gift-aided donations	11,434	84,870	1,670	97,974	130,042
Legacies	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
HTP Hardship Fund	-	-	13,210	13,210	15,981
Sundry donations	-	2,529	888	3,417	4,984
Grants					
Small Employer's NI Grant	-	5,000	-	5,000	4,607
Grants	-	8,176	-	8,176	1,250
	<u>74,314</u>	<u>546,157</u>	<u>40,682</u>	<u>661,153</u>	<u>641,246</u>

In 2023 £70,709 of the above income related to designated funds, £524,937 to unrestricted funds and £45,600 to restricted funds.

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated	General			
	£	£	£	£	£
Weekends Away	7,630	7,425	-	15,055	16,650
Bookstall	-	1,333	-	1,333	285
Church Hall Lettings	-	400	-	400	730
Fees	-	8,604	-	8,604	6,411
Refreshments	-	1,320	-	1,320	1,175
Events	-	5,395	-	5,395	5,298
Other Income	-	60	-	60	395
Training courses	-	120	-	120	50
	7,630	24,657	-	32,287	30,994

In 2023 £8,856 of the above income related to designated funds and £22,138 to general funds.

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated	General			
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;					
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	15,898	-	15,898	13,590

All of the income in 2023 related to unrestricted funds.

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,105	106,145	-	134,250	144,153
Social security costs	2,623	10,157	-	12,780	12,611
Staff pensions (Defined contributions)	-	7,882	-	7,882	5,458
Staff pensions (Defined benefit)	6,731	6,731	-	13,462	14,102
Training and courses	810	4,077	-	4,887	4,543
Youth Work and SBS	297	9,975	-	10,272	8,567
Parish Share	-	175,100	-	175,100	166,600
Clergy expenses	-	1,787	-	1,787	2,672
Clergy housing costs	18,903	23,698	-	42,601	44,004
Church and Hall running costs	-	40,284	-	40,284	40,151
Church and Hall maintenance	27,600	12,574	-	40,174	8,640
Upkeep of services	61	11,402	-	11,463	5,327
Bookstall	-	808	-	808	108
Equipment and materials	432	2,665	-	3,097	2,607
Refreshments and hospitality	1,552	6,715	-	8,267	8,623
Churchyard	-	1,571	-	1,571	2,130
Splatt	-	601	-	601	873
Prospects	-	270	-	270	303
Weekends away	8,238	11,661	-	19,899	25,296
Events	-	575	-	575	842
	95,352	434,678	-	530,030	497,610

In 2023 £67,270 of the above expenditure was attributable to designated funds, £430,199 to unrestricted funds and £141 to restricted funds.

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6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated	General			
	£	£	£	£	£
Publicity costs	130	1,878	-	2,007	1,645
Wages and salaries	-	22,627	-	23,708	20,464
Social security costs	-	1,855	-	1,855	1,641
Staff pensions (Defined Contribution)	-	2,234	-	2,234	1,890
Telephone, internet and postage	-	865	-	865	1,053
Computer software and maintenance costs	-	6,630	-	6,630	4,110
Printing and stationery	284	2,340	-	2,624	2,211
Sundries	1,218	5,389	-	6,607	5,623
Rent	23,638	-	-	23,638	14,365
Professional fees	-	1,115	-	1,115	995
Boiler and heating costs	-	809	-	809	233
Building costs	14,280	-	-	14,280	650
Bank charges	166	1,404	13	1,583	1,238
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	-	7,009	-	7,009	7,838
Office equipment and repairs	-	196	-	196	290
	39,716	54,351	13	94,080	64,246

In 2023 £14,512 expenditure was attributable to designated funds, £47,212 to unrestricted funds and £2,522 to restricted funds.

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Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated	General			
	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examiner fees					
Examination of the financial statements	-	4,680	-	4,680	4,440
	-	4,680	-	4,680	4,440

All of the 2023 expenditure related to unrestricted funds.

7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
Church overseas	10,000	9,500	78,624	78,471
Grants Home	10,983	10,600	15,303	22,148
	20,983	20,100	93,927	100,619

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 December 2023 - £Nil).

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Unrestricted funds					
Grants	Designated funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Church overseas				2024	2023
Friends International	-	10,000	-	10,000	9,500
Steven & Jo Wheatley	-	10,000	-	10,000	9,500
Margaret Hill	-	2,050	-	2,050	7,700
OMF	-	-	-	-	5,000
Pete Rogers	-	6,150	-	6,150	-
Other Individuals	1,350	3,750	3,824	8,924	10,771
Tim & Annie Forester	-	10,250	-	10,250	10,000
Paul & Grace Robinson	-	10,250	-	10,250	5,000
Anna Simms	-	10,000	-	10,000	9,500
Vicki and Dan Byrne	-	10,500	-	10,500	10,000
Simon and Pippa Wilson	5,250	5,250	-	10,500	11,000
	6,600	78,200	3,824	88,624	87,971
Grants	Designated funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Grants Home				2024	2023
CPAS	-	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
UCCF	-	-	-	-	-
Alexandria Lighthouse Project	-	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Tearfund	-	-	-	-	890
Hardship Fund Grants	183	-	13,903	14,086	16,338
Other societies	-	800	-	800	600
Other individuals	-	1,400	-	1,400	4,920
	183	12,200	13,903	26,286	32,748
	6,783	90,400	17,727	114,910	120,719

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8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Other non-audit services	4,680	4,440
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,009	7,838

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Sarah Bradley

Sarah Bradley received remuneration of £39,349 (2023: £37,000) during the year. The payments were received in her capacity as a n employee and not as a trustee of the charity. Pension contributions totalling £3,813 (2023: £3,547) were paid during the year.

Sarah Bradley became a Trustee after her employment began. In July 2022 Sarah Bradley was ordained as a Church of England minister working in the parish, and from this point her trusteeship is ex officio and automatic.

Sam Foulds

Sam Foulds received remuneration of £28,105 (2023: £26,513) during the year. The payments were received in his capacity as an employee and not as a trustee of the charity. Accommodation is provided as part of his employment. Pension contributions totalling £6,732 (2023: £7,051) were paid during the year.

Sam Foulds is an ordained Church of England minister working in the parish and his trusteeship is ex officio and automatic.

Tim Wickham

Tim Wickham received remuneration of £23,712 (2023: £21,956) during the year. The payments were received in his capacity as an employee and not as a trustee of the charity. Accommodation is provided as part of his employment. Pension contributions totalling £6,731 (2023: £7,051) were paid during the year.

Tim Wickham is an ordained Church of England minister working in the parish and his trusteeship is ex officio and automatic.

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Trustees generally receive reimbursement for expenses incurred by them for the purposes of the charity. During the year six (2023 - 20) trustees had expenses reimbursed. The total of these expenses for the year was £5,815 (2023 - £6,544).

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

Donations made by the trustees without any conditions attached totalled £38,576 for the year (2023 - £35,006).

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	156,876	164,616
Social security costs	14,635	14,252
Pension costs	23,578	21,451
	<u>195,089</u>	<u>200,319</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2023 No
Full time equivalent	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

Six (2023 - 6) of the above employees participated in the Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £18,727 (2023 - £21,451).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	4,680	4,440

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	50,015	17,638	67,653
Additions	-	1,444	1,444
At 31 December 2024	50,015	19,082	69,097
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	31,540	15,814	47,354
Charge for the year	4,415	2,595	7,010
At 31 December 2024	35,955	18,409	54,364
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	14,060	673	14,733
At 31 December 2023	18,475	1,824	20,299

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14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	2,024	1,928
Accrued income	27,675	29,057
Other debtors	2,088	1,676
	<u>31,787</u>	<u>32,661</u>

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	143	143
Cash at bank	348,869	380,976
	<u>349,012</u>	<u>381,119</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	4,061	1,326
Other creditors	3,646	3,602
Pension scheme creditor	-	2,018
Accruals	4,470	9,415
	<u>12,177</u>	<u>16,361</u>

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17 Pension and other schemes

Defined benefit pension schemes

Church of England Funded Pension Scheme (CEFPS)

Holy Trinity Platt PCC participates in the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for stipendiary clergy, a defined benefit pension scheme. This scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the scheme separately from those of the Responsible Bodies.

The total cost relating to defined benefit schemes for the year recognised in profit or loss as an expense was £13,461 (2023 - £14,102).

The total cost relating to defined benefit schemes for the year included in the cost of an asset was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

Multi-employer plans

This is a defined benefit plan.

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

A valuation of the Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent Scheme valuation completed was carried out at as 31 December 2021. The 2021 valuation revealed a surplus of £560m, based on assets of £2,720m and a funding target of £2,160m, assessed using the following assumptions:

- An average discount rate of 2.7% pa;
- RPI inflation of 3.6% pa (and pension increases consistent with this);
- CPIH inflation in line with RPI less 0.8% pa pre 2030 moving to RPI with no adjustment from 2030 onwards;
- Increases in pensionable stipends in line with CPIH;
- Mortality in accordance with 90% of the S3NA tables, with allowance for improvements in mortality rates from 2013 in line with the CMI2020 extended model with a long term annual rate of improvement of 1.5%, a smoothing parameter of 7, an initial addition to mortality improvements of 0.5% pa and an allowance for 2020 data of 0% (i.e. w2020 = 0%).

Following finalisation of the 31 December 2021 valuation, deficit contributions ceased with effect from 1 January 2023, since the Scheme was fully funded.

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The deficit recovery contributions under the recovery plan in force at each 31 December were as follows:

	% of pensionable stipends
31 December 2021	7.1% payable from January 2021 to December 2022
31 December 2022	Nil
31 December 2023	Nil
31 December 2024	Nil

An interim reduction to deficit contributions to 3.2% of pensionable stipends was made with effect from April 2022, and remained in place until December 2022.

For senior office holders, pensionable stipends are adjusted in the calculations by a multiple, as set out in the Scheme's rules.

Section 28.11A of FRS 102 requires agreed deficit recovery payments to be recognised as a liability. However, as there were no deficit recovery payments from 1 January 2023 onwards, the balance sheet liability as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024 is nil. The movement in the balance sheet liability over 2023 and over 2024 is set out in the table below.

	2024	2023
Balance sheet liability at 1 January	-	-
Deficit contribution paid	-	-
Interest cost (recognised in SoFA)	-	-
Remaining change to the balance sheet liability* (recognised in SoFA)	-	-
Balance sheet liability at 31 December	-	-

* Comprises change in agreed deficit recovery plan, and change in discount rate and inflation assumptions between year-ends.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another Responsible Body fails, Holy Trinity Platt PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that failed Responsible Body's pension liabilities.

Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF)

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

CWPF has two sections:

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

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Pension Builder Scheme

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

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

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

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

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2024: £5,757, 2023: £7,390).

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

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

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

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18 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
CURRENT YEAR					
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	104,317	586,651	(583,526)	38,444	145,886
<i>Designated</i>					
Capital Fund	100,634	-	(41,880)	(15,269)	43,485
Other Funds	4,785	-	-	-	4,785
TCC Hardship	1,000	511	(183)	(328)	1,000
TCC Fund	12,064	-	(61,612)	49,548	-
Building Maintenance	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
Reach the City	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
TCC Rusholme	21,696	21,505	(12,765)	(16,516)	13,920
TCC Fallowfield	21,181	42,423	(19,640)	(16,516)	27,448
Trinity Church Moss Side	-	17,566	(6,354)	(11,212)	-
	257,860	82,005	(142,434)	(10,293)	187,138
Total unrestricted funds	362,177	668,656	(725,960)	28,151	333,024
Restricted funds					
Miscellaneous Funds	1,330	1,312	-	(1,330)	1,312
Mission Fund	17,137	16,117	(3,824)	(20,944)	8,486
TCC Hardship	4,405	2,867	(5,218)	328	2,382
Graduate Partnership Giving	-	3,936	-	(3,936)	-
Sequestration Fund	152	-	-	-	152
HTP Hardship Fund	28,140	14,181	(8,698)	-	33,623
Short Term Mission Fund	4,377	2,269	-	(2,269)	4,377
Total restricted funds	55,541	40,682	(17,740)	(28,151)	50,332
Total funds	417,718	709,338	(743,700)	-	383,356

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18 Funds (Continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
PRIOR YEAR					
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	102,338	560,665	(567,328)	8,642	104,317
<i>Designated</i>					
Capital Fund	100,634	-	-	-	100,634
Other Funds	4,785	-	-	-	4,785
TCC Hardship	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
TCC Fund	66,756	-	(54,692)	-	12,064
Building Maintenance	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
Reach the City	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
TCC Rusholme	-	38,365	(16,669)	-	21,696
TCC Fallowfield	-	41,200	(20,019)	-	21,181
	269,675	79,565	(91,380)	-	257,860
Total unrestricted funds	372,013	640,230	(658,708)	8,642	362,177
Restricted funds					
Miscellaneous Funds	1,285	3,506	(4,003)	542	1,330
Mission Fund	17,648	2,060	(2,571)	-	17,137
TCC Hardship	4,471	540	(15)	(591)	4,405
Graduate Partnership Giving	(1,292)	5,914	(141)	(4,481)	-
Sequestration Fund	152	-	-	-	152
HTP Hardship Fund	24,496	19,376	(15,732)	-	28,140
Short Term Mission Fund	130	14,204	(5,845)	(4,112)	4,377
Total restricted funds	46,890	45,600	(28,307)	(8,642)	55,541
Total funds	418,903	685,830	(687,015)	-	417,718

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Funds

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Each designated fund is made up of resources set aside for a specific purpose at the discretion of the trustees. These funds are unrestricted.

Restricted funds have been donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Miscellaneous Fund - this is a fund where ad-hoc restricted gifts are held - eg, collections for clergy who have retired or moved, one-off gifts with specific restrictions.

Mission Fund - this fund is for donations for specific mission activities of the church.

TCC Hardship Fund - the purpose of this fund is to provide grants to TCC members or people with a connection to TCC who are in financial hardship.

Graduate Partnership Giving - the purpose of this fund is to support the student ministry at Holy Trinity Platt.

Sequestration Fund - this fund is for donations towards the 'sequestration' costs of the parish when the rectory is vacant.

HTP Hardship Fund - this fund was established in 2020 in response to the pandemic. The HTP Hardship Fund provides grants to members of the congregation, or those with an association to the church, or who live in the parish, who are in financial hardship (eg as a result of loss of employment during Covid restrictions). Members of the church give to this fund on a regular basis.

Short Term Mission Fund - this fund is for donations for short term mission activities of the church.

Transfers between funds relate to restricted expenditure recorded as general expenditure in prior periods.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	14,734	-	-	14,734
Current assets	140,929	188,657	51,213	380,799
Current liabilities	(9,777)	(1,519)	(881)	(12,177)
Total net assets	145,886	187,138	50,332	383,356

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	20,299	-	-	20,299
Current assets	94,867	263,015	55,898	413,780
Current liabilities	(10,849)	(5,155)	(357)	(16,361)
Total net assets	104,317	257,860	55,541	417,718

20 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2023	Financing cash flows	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	381,119	(32,107)	349,012
Net debt	381,119	(32,107)	349,012

	At 1 January 2023	Financing cash flows	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	387,348	(6,229)	381,119
Net debt	387,348	(6,229)	381,119

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21 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions.

Su Ann Foulds

(Su Ann Foulds is married to trustee Sam Foulds)

Payments totalling £Nil (2023 - £187) were made to Su Ann Foulds during 2023 for services provided for publicity and printing and stationery.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from Su Ann Foulds was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	620,471	595,646
Charitable activities	32,287	30,994
Investment income	15,898	13,590
Total income	668,658	640,230
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(725,960)	(658,708)
Total expenditure	(725,960)	(658,708)
Net expenditure	(57,304)	(18,478)
Gross transfers between funds	28,151	8,642
Net movement in funds	(29,153)	(9,836)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	362,177	372,013
Total funds carried forward	333,024	362,177

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	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	40,682	45,600
Total income	40,682	45,600
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(17,740)	(28,307)
Total expenditure	(17,740)	(28,307)
Net income	22,942	17,293
Gross transfers between funds	(28,151)	(8,642)
Net movement in funds	(5,209)	8,651
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	55,541	46,890
Total funds carried forward	50,332	55,541

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