



Parish of Holy Trinity Jesmond
2025 Report and Accounts
for the Parochial Church Council of
Holy Trinity Church, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of collaborating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tim Sanderson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish and wider city the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As an Anglican church located in Jesmond, but gathered from across the city and beyond, we aspire to be a vibrant, multigenerational, disciple-making community that is Jesus-centred and shaped by the 5 marks of mission:

- Mark 1 'To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God'
- Mark 2 'To teach, baptise and nurture disciples'
- Mark 3 'To respond to human need by loving service'
- Mark 4 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation'
- Mark 5 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2025 was a year characterised by change and opportunity with significant transitions in our staffing arrangements. Our Operations Manager Alison Edwards moved away in the summer, having been part of our leadership over many years and a key member of the staff team. The Rev Colin Smith, our Supporting Minister, laid aside this role in November after many years of valued service and leadership. Change is always difficult but we are so grateful to God for all Alison and Colin have contributed to the life of Holy Trinity.

We were successful in appointing **new staff** with Phil Farrell joining the team as Caretaker in February, Rachael Farrimond as Operations Manager in September, Sharon Challand as Community Worker in November and Heather Bird as Youth Worker in December. This increased capacity in staff provides fresh energy and opportunities and we look forward to benefitting from this in 2026.

Tim Binmore joined Liz Cook in May as churchwarden. We are very grateful for their outstanding contribution throughout the year. Without all our volunteers and staff working so hard, we would be a much poorer place, and so our huge thanks to everyone at Holy Trinity for all you do.

The **Parochial Church Council** (PCC) met five times this year to oversee matters pertaining to safeguarding, finance, buildings, health and safety and ministry and mission. In particular, PCC reviewed and discussed safeguarding and staff recruitment (January 25), Church Hall redevelopment, staffing, and plans for Lent

(March 25), PCC appointments, safeguarding policies and finance (June 25), Staffing, communion practice, finance review and parish share (Sept 25), and strategy, buildings, Christmas plans (Nov 25).

Throughout the year, we have offered a range of services that we hope our community would find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have summarised our achievements and performance below and grouped these around the 5 marks of mission.

Mark 1 'To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God'

Proclamation takes place in both words and actions by being good news in the places where we live, work, socialise and worship. It looks different for each one of us and is the foundation of all effective mission. As a church we are involved in a range of activities that aim to reach out and engage with our community.

128 Events and services aiming to engage with our community
13 Events in the Jesmond Festival

We were delighted to see the return of **The Alpha Course** in 2025. There were eight participants who enjoyed getting to know one another and exploring faith together. As normal, there were lots of questions and the course seemed to help people develop their faith further. Moving forwards, it is really important that Alpha forms a central part of our ministry and mission. The hope is to do this by running Alpha more frequently in 2026 (twice a year) and trying out different ways to deliver the course.

We contributed significantly to the **Jesmond Community Festival** in May with a wide range of events on offer. The Vintage afternoon tea, Messy Church, Meet the Author event, ceilidh and Bach choir concert were well attended and new connections were made. It was also good to have the church open every Wednesday morning for people to have a look round and enjoy tea, coffee and of course cake! As a gathered church made up of people who mainly don't live in the geographical parish, this is a positive way of playing our part locally and growing our presence in the community.

Messy Church met throughout the year and continued to thrive and be fruitful with an average attendance of 100 people at each event. Many of the families who come are not regular Sunday church families but they would say that Holy Trinity is their church. Messy Church continues to be a safe place where families with young children (in particular) feel welcome. Mums and Dads feel happy to come. It continues to be a place where past and present Trinity Tots families can engage more deeply with HT church too.

The Messy Church services focused on the theme of 'Encounters with Jesus' throughout the year. We also ran our popular Messy Christmas event.

50 Families with pre-school aged children attended Trinity Tots
635 People have taken part in Messy Church events

During 2025, the **Open the Book** team continued to visit four local primary schools on a weekly basis, sharing Bible stories with the children and staff. It is ten years since this venture began and it still continues to be effective and very much appreciated by children and their teachers alike.

One exciting development has been to establish lunchtime clubs in two of the schools, called *Story Explorers*. Each week, around 15 Y5/6 children have joined us to re-visit the Bible story they have seen in assembly that morning and to consider more deeply what it means for them. We are grateful to the schools for allowing us to set up the club and it has been so encouraging to see how interested the children have been in faith conversations. Open the Book is such a simple but effective way of sharing God's love with children, many of whom never go near a church. It is our way of taking God to them.

76 Primary school assemblies in 4 different schools
172 Pupils at Life Path
22 Lunchtime 'Story Explorer' club meetings

Lifepath builds on the work of Open the Book as it allows us to engage more deeply with a particular year group of children in the schools we regularly visit. In this third year of running Lifepath, 172 children aged 8-9 yrs old filled the church over two days. They learnt about the life and faith of St Cuthbert, taking part in craft, prayer, Bible storytelling and sports workshops plus watching a drama and singing. The children heard how Cuthbert had connected with God by reading the Bible, praying and through his care for the natural world. They were encouraged to think about how they could do the same. The team of volunteers was drawn from local churches including Holy Trinity. Our prayer is that through the work of Lifepath, seeds of faith will be sown and the children will remember this day in our church as a wonderful and positive experience.

Mark 2 'To teach, baptise and nurture disciples'

Christian discipleship is about keeping going as a lifelong follower of Jesus, whatever stage of life we find ourselves in. We are called to be a discipling community that nurtures and supports each other and where people can feel they belong. 2025 was both a time of fresh growth and consolidation as the church family. We welcomed several new people into our church family. At present there are 152 people on the **Church Electoral Roll**.

We offered a range of **church services** on a number of themes including the book of James, Romans 9-12, 'Everyday God', Sustainability and eco-themes and 'Refreshed' with Bible study materials provided for small groups and individuals. Thank you to all who volunteer to help make our church services run smoothly - those involved with leading and preaching, children's work, flowers, welcoming, prayer, wardening, refreshments, service live-streaming and music provision.

134 Church services (including weddings, funerals and mid-week communions)
16 Church service leaders and preachers

Music plays an important role in supporting, enhancing and inspiring our Sunday worship. A very special thanks to our Christmas Choir, conducted by Martin

Duddy, which lead our carol singing and performed so brilliantly at our Carols by Candlelight Services. We aim to appoint a part-time Worship Leader in 2026.

Prayer ministry, Prayer Ministry continues to be offered at our morning Communion services and gives members of the congregation a regular opportunity to respond to something from the service, to ask for prayer for themselves or someone else, or to ask for a blessing for the coming week. It has been encouraging to see the numbers of people who come to ask for prayer increasing. In November 2025 we held an evening for those interested in learning the “how and why” of prayer ministry which was well attended, and new members have joined the team. We have increased the number of team serving each time to 4 to meet the needs of the congregation seeking prayer.

The average **weekly in-person attendance** at Sunday services was approximately 163 people, however, these figures do not take into account those joining on-line. Christmas service attendance was very good with just under 1500 people coming along. We estimate the total number of people identified as part of our worshipping community (excluding Messy Church) to be 285 people, with 27% of those being under 18 and 15% aged 70 plus (these percentages have remained similar to previous years). We have celebrated 2 baptisms and 1 wedding and held 5 funerals in our church or at crematoriums during this year.



1499 People attended services and events over Christmas
6 Staff team members including four new appointments

During 2025, work among the **Children and Young People** continued to flourish. We saw around 55 children aged 14 and under (including babies) attending our church. Many attended weekly. As well as Sunday teaching provision, there were opportunities for social events. Pathfinders enjoyed a Popcorn and film night, Bowling, a Beach trip with fish and chips and a Pizza and Games night while Explorers enjoyed a trip to Monsieur Crepes café. During the year, two ‘outreach’ events were held. Easter Fun and the Light Party gave opportunities for our church children and their friends to find out more about Jesus. And then in December, the children and young people did an excellent job as they took a lead in our All-Age Carol Service. It was a joy to see them all enthusiastically take such an active part in the life of our church.

In September we waved off two young people from **CYFA** who went to study at university. We welcomed a new group of young people who had moved up from Pathfinders. The group remains on the smaller size although the addition of the boys makes the group dynamics energetic and full of life. It was great to welcome Heather Bird, joining staff team with responsibility for youth. We have a small, skilled, excellent team of leaders but to offer greater opportunities for the young people will require a bigger team so recruitment remains an issue.



285 People who are part of our multi-generational church community
80 Members in our eight homegroups

Small Groups continue to form a valuable place for discipleship and nurture with approximately 80 people meeting across eight groups regularly throughout the year across the city. Bible study materials and resources provided have been positively received and welcomed. People who are in a small group value the connection, support, and fellowship. Some groups have helped in the preparation and delivery of meals for Simple Sunday Lunch and Lent. Challenges remain with finding new leaders to develop new groups and maintaining connections in groups where people are very busy and where attendance is sometimes erratic.

Mark 3 'To respond to human need by loving service'

Just as God reached out to us as his valued children in love and compassion, so that same love spills out through us as we see the needs around us and respond. We continue to encourage people to serve where they see the need in the places God has put them: home, school, workplace, networks and leisure activities.

In 2025 our activities continued regularly in the hall, despite the need for the building to be redeveloped. The PCC continued the process of exploring the redevelopment of our **church hall**. This has taken a lot longer than any of us imagined due to unaffordable costings. This is a source of frustration but we aim to make some decisions in 2026.

The Parish **Safeguarding** Group (PSG) continued to oversee (on behalf of the PCC) Safer Recruiting and create, manage and maintain environments that are safe for all. We remain at level 3 certification (the top level) in the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard system and use the on-line Safeguarding Hub tool from the Diocese, which enables us to keep track of Safer Recruitment and up-to-date training needed for roles across church activities. The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Vintage, our senior's lunch club on Thursdays, offers a place of welcome, warmth and good food for older members of our community. We have improved awareness of Vintage, especially online and it has been a joy to welcome groups from both Abbeyfield homes and continue to build our relationship with residents and staff from Leonard Cheshire homes. We pray that God will continue to grow Vintage and give us more opportunities to share our faith, alongside the sensitivity and courage to take them. We have a great team but new members would be very welcome, especially as we look to develop Vintage by establishing an Alpha course and seated exercise class.



600 2-course hot meals served at the Vintage seniors' lunch club
50 Christmas lunches
600 Scones for coffee mornings

Trinity Tots, our parent, carer and toddler group has a strong sense of community and is greatly appreciated by all who come along. On average, 25 families attend each week. Throughout the year, our programme has included the Teddy Bear's picnic, summer party with Bouncy castle, Macmillan coffee morning and the

Christmas party. We have also held some excellent social events for the parents and team too including a meal out at a local restaurant and an American themed puddings evening. Trinity Tots continues to be a place where unchurched families can connect with God and us as a church. We aspire to be a 'distinctly Christian' toddler group. Throughout 2025, many current and past families came along to Messy Church, Easter Fun, the Light Party and the various Christmas services (especially the nativity Service and Carols by Candlelight).

HT Walks, our walking group, has many highlights this year, including good support for all walks with 15-20 people attending each time. The August Lakes weekend was repeated successfully at Keswick with 40 people enjoying great walking, fun and fellowship. New people continue to join the group, many introduced by friends. Thanks to all the pubs, cafés and teashops who have welcomed us. And again, huge thanks to all our walks leaders. Whilst they all love walking, it takes time to check walks, discern risks and cope with up to 25-30 walkers! We are always looking for new leaders too. It remains a privilege to enjoy our lovely, and varied, part of the UK and, also, the friendship and fellowship of our group.



20 regulars on the HT walks with new people joining the group
40 at the popular weekend away

The **HT Cycling Group** has had another good year for our small but committed cycling group. We continued to meet most Tuesdays at 9:30am at church, heading out for our now familiar 15–20 mile rides along the river, the wagonways, and out towards the coast. As ever, the rhythm of riding together and then gathering for coffee and conversation has remained at the heart of what we do. Those conversations—often shaped by the current sermon series, around the ministry of the community—have continued to sustain us, within the life of the church and wider diocese. This year we also explored a few new routes, welcomed some new riders into the group, and, it must be said, built our confidence as riders and enjoyed ourselves a little more along the way. We agreed, too, to introduce a winter pause, closing our regular Tuesday rides when the clocks go back, and looking forward to starting up again as the days lengthen. As ever, all are welcome, whatever your level of ability or ambition. Thank you to all who have been part of the group this year.

Making our **buildings** fit for purpose to serve the mission of the church and serve the community has continued to be a priority. Our Church Wardens oversee this area of ministry. In the last year, we have recarpeted the front of the church, installed a new sound system and renovated the sound desk. Pointing of the church building continues. A new boiler was installed in the church hall in the depth of winter. We are dealing with a number of issues relating to the church building. Hopefully will be able to fix the roof before winter.

The church hall redevelopment becomes an increasingly pressing matter to resolve as we are keeping the building patched up, but there are major problems

which will need money spent in the near future and we would rather this was spent on the new building.

We are grateful to Phil Farrell for his cheerful competence and hard work as our Caretaker and Rachael Farrimond and her predecessor Alison in the office for their efficiency and enthusiasm. We are indebted to our assistant wardens who help open the church on Sundays and keep our services running and are always available for advice, support and the loan of power tools. A shoutout to the many people who are on rotas in the church -without your commitment, things would grind to a sticky halt. It is exciting to see what is happening in the church regarding our community, youth work and what is happening with the Sustainability Group, and look forward to supporting them in the next year.

The **Holy Trinity Trust** has responsibility for managing the funds received from the sale of St Barnabas and St Jude's church buildings when this was sold in 2019. The diocese stipulated that this money was to be used to build a new church hall. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission and the Trustees are required to ensure that the money is used in accordance with the Diocese's instruction and is invested responsibly and securely. The trustees are Rev Tim Sanderson (chair), Liz Cook (ex-officio as church warden), Paul Wright, Douglas Lovelock and John Matthews (secretary). The treasurer is Lilian Lovelock. No expenditure has been made in 2025. The funds held on the 31st December currently stand at £571,590.

We continue to play our part in the wider Church of England structures, offering training placements to Lindisfarne and Cranmer Hall students. **Deanery Synod** met four times over the course of 2025. We are also represented at Diocesan Synod and various other diocesan groups and initiatives.

Mark 4 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation'

We are called to reflect God's radical agenda of justice and reconciliation in our priorities as a church through challenging oppression, campaigning for transformation, living ethically and supporting individuals and organisations. In 2025 we continued to support our mission partners, raise money for various campaigning organisations through on-line events and reflect the values of the 4th mark in our services and intercessions.

We continue to commit to buying fairtrade and other ethically sourced goods for church activities. During the year we have prayed for and supported organisations and charities such as Christian Aid, Tear Fund, Junction 42, the People's Kitchen and, where appropriate, promoted various campaigns.



250 Large carrier bags of food and toiletries collected and taken to the Newcastle Food Bank

31 To the People's Kitchen

As a church we have continued to support the work of four main **mission partners** throughout the last year. Eric and Sandra Reed are with *CMS* based in the Philippines. They are working with local farmers seeking to introduce the 'Farming God's Way' techniques. Ian and Anne-Marie Prescott are with *OMF* based in Kent. They work with the Vietnamese Diaspora in the UK and world-wide having previously been OMF Country Director in Vietnam. Ben and Sandeep Wildman are with *Sports Friends* based in Kent. Ben is Sports Friends' International Director for Training and is helping to design and deliver training programmes for coaches working world-wide. *Youth for Christ North East* are based on Tyneside. YFCNE is working with youth groups and in schools across the whole of the North East.

4 Mission partners supported monthly and
8 Christian charities supported annually with 10% of our unrestricted budget

In addition to these we also provided one-off funds to Shirley Trust, Junction 42, and Oasis Community Housing. These gifts were given in December in order for the groups to benefit from the 'Big Give' which matches pound-for-pound donations given in that month.

Mark 5 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'

The *Missio Dei* starts with the cross and the resulting restoration of humanity and then spills out into the renewal of the world, offering wholeness and peace to a broken planet. We are called to promote the wellbeing of the human community and its environment, so that creation may live in harmony.

We continue to hold our **silver eco-church** award. This means we are improving and widening the ways in which we are energy efficient, thoughtful in our operations, and engaging with sustainability issues. We have also engaged with climate change issues locally and internationally but there is much more we can do. Through church services and the sharing of resources, we encouraged people to live in ways that are sustainable and intentionally pursue a green agenda. Towards the end of the year, we relaunched the **Sustainability Group** to look afresh at what we can be doing as a church to attain the gold eco-church award, and more generally address eco-issues more methodically and consistently.

SILVER
Arocha Eco-church Award
Sustainability Group Formed
NEW

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The past year has been one of both encouragement and reflection for us. We benefitted from a substantial one-off gift that has enabled us to proceed with new staff appointments and strengthen our outreach and youth ministry capacity. Our expenditure was also less than expected so we been able to increase our reserves to meet the expected maintenance costs and planned staff salaries.

We know that it is important to communicate the impact that members gifts have made which includes not only meeting our own ministry costs but also being able to support our mission partners and local churches which are not as financially well off as we are.

In the past year we have endeavoured to reduce the barriers to giving in an increasing cash-less society and we have invested in card readers and joined the Parish Giving Scheme. However, alongside this encouragement, we face a clear challenge for the future. There has been a fall in regular giving of about 4%. As staffing and maintenance commitments grow, nurturing a deeper culture of generosity will be essential.

5. RESERVES POLICY

The Reserves Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 10th November 2025. It was agreed that the Reserve Fund should continue to provide sufficient funds to ensure:

1. The continued functioning of Holy Trinity Church in the event of any unforeseen financial problems
2. That the excess of any insurance claim can be met
3. The total funds to be held for unforeseen circumstances should be no less than two months running costs (currently £52,400) and an additional month of salaries costs (currently £6,700). This makes a total of £59,100

Reserve funds are required not only for unforeseen problems but also to provide for future planned needs. It was therefore agreed a Fabric Fund should also be built up to meet the expected costs of repairs identified in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection (2024). This was estimated to be £65,000.

MONITORING PROCEDURE

The PCC must approve any use of the Reserve Fund and the Fabric Fund. This policy will be reviewed annually and may be amended by the Parochial Church Council at any time.

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the *Church Representation Rules*. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, Deanery Synod reps and members elected by those in the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who attend our services or consider themselves members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members, as our board of trustees have a particular interest in governance, safeguarding, building and finance but also make decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The full PCC met five times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%. The PCC has several committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include the Parish Safeguarding Group and Mission Partner sub group, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Churchill Gardens, Jesmond, Newcastle. It is part of the Diocese of Newcastle within the Church of England. The address is Holy Trinity Church office, Churchill Gardens, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 1HB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (number 1132722).

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date of this report are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: Tim Sanderson (Chair)

Wardens: Liz Cook and Tim Binmore (from May 2025)

Operations Manager: Alison Edwards (secretary – resigned August 2025)

Deanery Synod Representatives: Ros Johnson

Elected members:

From 2023 onwards: Margaret Lawson (Lay Chair), Mhairi Duigan, Alexi Thornhill

From 2024 onwards: Diane Bowe, Ian Farrimond (Reader), Claire Thomas (resigned March 25), Paul Wright

From 2025 onwards: Stephen Cartwright, Matthew Creedy, Malcolm Curtis, Christine Dunbar, Rachael Farrimond (PCC secretary from Nov 2025), John Matthews (Treasurer), James Smith

Parish Safeguarding Group

Vicar & Wardens, Christine Dunbar (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Kim Fewell, Margaret Nicholson, Steph Sanderson, Tim Sanderson,

Licensed Ministers

Tim Sanderson (vicar),

Colin Smith (retired supporting minister – resigned November 25)

David Tully (retired), Terry Harkin (retired)

Ian Farrimond (Licenced Lay Minister)

Alison Edwards (Licenced Lay Minister – resigned August 25)

Staff

Heather Bird (Youth Worker) – from December 25

Sharon Challand (Community Worker) – from November 25

Alison Edwards (Operations Manager) – resigned August 25

Phil Farrell (Caretaker/verger) – from February 25

Rachael Farrimond (Operations Manager) – from September 25

Dot Lee (Discipleship and Youth – voluntary)

Steph Sanderson (Children's and Family Outreach Worker)

Approved and signed by the Rev Tim Sanderson (PCC chair) on 30th April 2026



APPENDIX 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, JESMOND FOR 2025

Charity Number 1132722

Bankers

Co-operative Bank
SumUp Payments Limited
Skipton Building Society
Kingdom Bank

Approved and adopted by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting on 3rd May 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF HOLY TRINITY JESMOND

The statement of Financial Accounts for year ending Dec. 31st 2025 has been audited and presents a True and Fair view of the incomings and outgoings for the Calendar Year 2025, with no material misstatements noted.

Financial Summary 31st Dec 2025

Total Income 2025	£362,630
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Total Expenditure 2025	£254,963
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BANK ACCOUNTS

PCC Account 31.12.25	£ 19,699
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Salaries account 31.12.25	£ 2,091
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SumUp Business Account	£ 1,187
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Instant Access Account	£ 20,790
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Reserve Account 31.12.25	£ 224,397
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(assigned to Fabric Fund £42,391, Salaries Fund £122,904, reserves available £59,102)

APPENDIX 2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025

INCOME CATEGORIES

Code	Category	Income
	Voluntary Income	
R1a	Regular Giving	117,068
R1b	Collections	1,182
R1c	Sundry Donations	26,153
	Restricted Voluntary Income	
R2a	F2: Staff Salaries	117,234
	F4: Fabric Fund	7,512
	F5: Mission giving	3,314
	F6: Church new build	3,000
	F11: Flowers	512
	F13: Life Path	400
	F16: Defibrillator	0
	F17: AV upgrade	0
	F18: Other	600
	Income from Events and Activities	
R3a	Fees for Weddings and Funerals	2,458
R3c	Messy Church	630
R3e	Vintage	595
R3f	Young people events & activities	151
R3g	Special function catering	228
R3h	Trinity Tots	1,078
R3i	Other income (General)	1,755
R3j	Other income (restricted)	0
	Gift Aid	
R4a	Gift Aid on unrestricted giving	27,676
R4b	Gift Aid on restricted giving	32,163
	Lettings	
R5a	Church & Hall Lettings	11,974
	Other Income	
R6a	Bequests	0
R6b	Grants	825
R6c	Interest	5,825
R6h	Other income	300
TOTAL INCOME		362,630

APPENDIX 2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025 (continued)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

Code	Category	Expenditure
	Grants and Charitable	
P1a	Mission Partners	13,824
P1b	Short-term & Local mission	5,825
	Mission & Ministry Church	
P2a	Discipleship & Nurture	144
P2b	Community Engagement	1,793
P2c	Vintage	0
P2d	Service Costs	184
P2e	Music & Choir	1,568
P2f	Flowers	684
P2g	Special Function Catering	172
P2j	Wedding & Funeral expenses	330
	Youth Work	
P3a	Diddy Disciples, Climbers & Explorers	298
P3a1	Pathfinders & CYFA	886
P3c	Messy Church	647
P3d	Other outreach events	264
P3e	Lifepath	1,332
P3g	Trinity Tots	0
	Staff Expenses	
P4a	Vicar's Working Expenses	186
P4b	Curates Expenses	0
P4c	Staff Expenses	1,355
	Clergy Housing Costs	
P5a&b	Vicar's water rates & council tax	4,530
P6a&b	Curate's water rates & council tax	0
	Salaries	
P7a-d	Salaries	48,939
P7e	Employer NIC & Pension	1,013
P7g	Payroll services	106
	Diocesan payments	
P8a	Parish Share	105,840
P8b	Fee Payments	1,021

APPENDIX 2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025 (continued)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

Code	Category	Expenditure
	Church	
P9a	Heating & Lighting	9,846
P9b	Maintenance & Minor Repairs	7,936
P9c	Quinquennial Expenses/Major repairs	7,897
P9g	Church cleaning	5,585
P9h	Church insurance	8,004
	Hall	
P10a	Heating & Lighting	4,088
P10b	Maintenance & Minor Repairs	2,754
P10c	Hall cleaning	8,231
P10d	Hall insurance	1,347
	General Expenses	
P11a	Grounds upkeep	2,017
P11b	Water rates	144
P11c	Equipment	0
	Administration	
P12a	Supplies & Admin. Expenses	1,561
P12b	Comms (Web Site, broadband, email)	1,044
P12c	Administration Equipment	411
P12d	Governance costs	566
	Capital development/improvements	
P13a	Church (AV system upgrade)	450
P13b	Church Hall development	2,094
	Banking	
P14a	Bank Charges	48
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		254,963

APPENDIX 3

PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY JESMOND

Minutes of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING and VESTRY MEETING

Sunday, 4 May 2025 at 11.00 at Holy Trinity Church

Welcome and Notices

This meeting took place during the morning service. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 105 adults in attendance

Vicar's Comments

Tim addressed the meeting with an overview of the past year, highlighting times of challenge and celebrating our church community.

Using John 21: 1 – 14 as his text, Tim outlined the challenges that faced Holy Trinity throughout the year. Firstly, the personal challenges many church members have faced with illness, bereavement, and difficult circumstances. Then the challenges associated with our historic buildings such as repointing, roof repairs, upgrading the sound & streaming system and the church hall re-development. Tim particularly highlighted the frustrations of the slow progress with the hall.

Tim felt the third major challenge we have faced is one of capacity. The need for more people to do more things. He announced that the PCC have plans in place to explore extra staffing in due course and will also continue to work out how to do what we do with less people. Tim expressed his thanks to all the volunteers serving in so many contexts in the church.

Tim moved on to talk about the opportunities ahead. He felt the climate in the wider diocese was undergoing change including a fresh aspiration for churches to be experiencing renewal and growth and for new worshipping communities to be planted.

He also highlighted God's provision for Holy Trinity with good financial resources, a busy programme of activities to serve the church and the wider community, and fresh initiatives like the 24.7 prayer event in November, and bringing the 'Love Our Community' event into the Jesmond Community Festival in May.

Tim reminded us that at the heart of a church is not our activities, or even our worship services, but a community of people who live for God and together are happy to muddle through and serve him as best they can. A people who form community where grace is shown in abundance as we live life together.

VESTRY MEETING

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 28 April 2024

Decision: The Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously received as an accurate record with no corrections.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Finance and Statement of Accounts and Independent Examiners Report

The accounts have been checked by the independent examiner and a summary of the accounts published in the APCM Report sent with the weekly email. A copy of the full accounts is available from John Matthews.

Decision: The Holy Trinity Accounts were approved by a majority of the meeting.

Tim thanked John for being a prudent and careful treasurer and for keeping us well informed about our finances.

4. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Tim also thanked Anita Morris who acts as the external examiner for our accounts.

Decision: Anita Morris was reappointed by a majority as the Accounts Examiner for another year.

5. APCM Report

The APCM report has been sent out as part of the weekly email. The report highlights some of our priorities as we move forward. Tim invited anyone who has any queries to let him or Alison Edwards know by email so that questions and issues raised could then be taken to the next PCC meeting.

6. Election of Church Wardens

Liz Cook was willing to stand for re-election as Church Warden. Tim Binmore was also willing to stand as a second Church Warden.

Decision: Liz Cook and Tim Binmore were unanimously elected as church wardens for the coming year.

7. Election to Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod members are elected every three years. There are three places, one of which is filled by Ros Johnson. Tim and Ros will continue to represent Holy Trinity in the coming year.

8. Election of PCC Members

We have 15 elected members who serve a three-year term. We currently have 9 vacancies. There would have been 7 vacancies but Claire Thomas has stepped down and, sadly, John Smith has died. Their valuable contributions were recognized with gratitude to God.

Five people have stood for re-election, namely John Matthews (Treasurer), James Smith, Rachael Farrimond, Christine Dunbar (Parish Safeguarding Officer) and Malcolm Curtis.

There are also two new nominations, namely Matthew Creedy and Stephen Cartwright.

As there are more vacancies than nominations, no election is necessary and all those standing were voted onto PCC. Tim congratulated and thanked those joining or rejoining the PCC this year.

The other continuing members of the PCC, alongside the elected wardens and Deanery Synod reps, are Margaret Lawson (Lay Chair), Mhairi Duigan, Alexi Thornhill, Ian Farrimond, Paul Wright, Diane Bowe, and Alison Edwards (PCC Secretary ex officio).

9. Prayer of Commissioning

David Tully invited all those on the PCC to stand while he prayed for them and then asked all to stand while he offered a prayer for us all.

10. Closing Worship and Prayer

Before the meeting closed Margaret Lawson as PCC Lay Chair thanked Tim for his leadership, whether visible on Sundays or behind the scenes, his openness to listen and his sense of humour when under pressure. She invited all to continue to pray for, encourage and support him.

The meeting closed with a final hymn and a blessing.



**Financial Statements of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Jesmond
for 2025**

Charity Number 1132722

**Bankers:
Co-operative Bank
SumUp Payments Limited
Skipton Building Society
Kingdom Bank**

Approved and adopted by the Parochial Church Council
on 3rd May 2026

Signed

PCC Member

Signed

PCC Member



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY JESMOND

For the year ended 31st December 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I confirm that I have reviewed the Holy Trinity Church Income and Expense Statements for 2025. From the information that was provided to me, I believe that these Statements present a True and Fair view of the incomings and outgoings for the Calendar Year 2025, with no material misstatements noted.

Sincerely,

Anita Morris. ACMA CGMA. BEng (Hons), BA (Hons)



Statement of Financial Activities

For the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals 2025	2024
	Notes (see pages 7&8, 10&11)	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	R1 & R2	144,403	132,571	276,974	221,268
Income from events and activities	R3 & R5a	16,769	2,099	18,868	18,147
Other incoming resources	R4a&b, R6b,c&e	33,801	32,988	66,789	52,320
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		194,972	167,658	362,630	291,734
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Mission Giving	P1	17,171	2,478	19,649	21,308
Mission & Running Cost	P2-P11 & P14	187,369	44,316	231,685	249,925
Administration	P12	3,582	0	3,582	3,431
Banking	P13	47	1	48	10
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		208,168	46,795	254,963	274,674
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-13,196	120,863	107,667	17,060
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1/1/25		32,812	130,538	163,350	71,802
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31/12/25		19,616	251,401	271,017	88,863

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets		0	0
Investment Assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	page 9	9,286	7,548
Short term deposits (Reserves & Fabric Fund)	page 12	224,397	124,224
Cash at bank and in hand	page 9	43,766	43,653
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	page 9	6,432	12,075
NET ASSETS		271,017	163,350
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		19,616	32,812
Restricted		251,401	130,538
Total		271,017	163,350

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these accounts.



Financial Statements

For year ended 31 December 2025

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

RESERVES POLICY

The Reserves Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 10th November 2025. It was agreed that the Reserve Fund should continue to provide sufficient funds to ensure:

- 1) The continued functioning of Holy Trinity Church in the event of any unforeseen financial problems
- 2) That the excess of any insurance claim can be met
- 3) The total funds to be held for unforeseen circumstances should be no less than two months running costs (currently £52,400) and an additional month of salaries costs (currently £6,700). This makes a total of £59,100

Reserve funds are required not only for unforeseen problems but also to provide for future planned needs. It was therefore agreed:

- 4) A Fabric Fund should also be built up to meet the expected costs of repairs identified in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection (2024). This was estimated to be £65,000.

MONITORING PROCEDURE

1. The Parochial Church Council must approve any use of the Reserve Fund and the Fabric Fund .
2. This policy will be reviewed annually and may be amended by the Parochial Church Council at any time.

INCOMING RESOURCES 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals	
	Note (p10)	£	£	2025	2024
					£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	R1a & R2a	117,068	117,234	234,302	136,770
Collections	R1b & R2a	1,182	0	1,182	1,244
Sundry Donations	R1c & R2a	26,153	15,337	41,490	83,254
Sub-total		144,403	132,571	276,974	221,268
Gift Aid					
Prior year donations		0	0	0	0
Current year donations	R4a&b	27,676	32,163	59,839	41,317
Income from events and activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	R3a	1,437	1,021	2,458	1,942
Messy Church	R3c	630		630	637
Vintage	R3d	595		595	600
Trinity Tots	R3i	0	1,078	1,078	
Other	R3f,g,h,j	2133	0	2,133	868
Church & Hall Lettings	R5a	11,974		11,974	14,099
Income from investment					
Bank interest	R6c	5,825		5,825	4,350
Other income					
Other income	R6a,b, h	300	825	1,125	6,653
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		194,972	167,658	362,630	291,734

RESOURCES EXPENDED 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals	
	Notes (p11)			2025 £	2024 £
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants and charitable giving:					
Mission Partners	P1a	12,075	1,749	13,824	16,363
Short-term & Local mission	P1b	5,096	729	5,825	4,945
Ministry Costs					
Mission & Ministry	P2a-g	4,875	0	4,875	6,069
Youth Work	P3a-e	2,095	1,332	3,428	2,536
Staffing	P7a-g+P4a-c	27,300	24,298	51,598	40,945
Clergy Housing Cost	P5a-b+P6a-b	4,530	0	4,530	5,078
Parish Share	P8a	105,840	0	105,840	98,800
Diocesan Fees	P8b	0	1,021	1,021	722
Running expenses					
Church	P9a-g	24,283	14,986	39,268	35,075
Hall	P10a-d	16,285	135	16,420	14,610
General Expenses	P11a-c	2,161	0	2,161	5,383
Administration					
Administrative Expenses	P12a-e	3,582	0	3,582	3,431
Capital expenditure					
Capital development/improvements	P13a&b	0	2,544	2,544	40,707
Banking					
Bank charges	P14a	47	1	48	10
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		208,168	46,795	254,963	274,674

	2025	2024
	£	£
DEBTORS		
HMRC	7,460	7,438
Chimney Sweep Theatre Company	1,520	110
Zoot & Toot	40	
Newcastle High School for Girls	210	
Talktalk	56	
Total	9,286	7,438
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
PCC Account (Co-operative Bank)	19,699	16,883
Salaries Account (Co-operative Bank)	2,091	6,103
Savings Account (Co-operative Bank)	20,790	20,138
Business Card Account (Sum-up)	1,187	529
Total	43,766	43,653
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
PAYE & NI Contributions	1,671	951
Pension	717	0
Maintenance	135	0
Expenses	85	251
Electricity	3,824	3,673
Architect fees	0	7,200
Total	6,432	12,075

INCOME CATEGORIES

Code	Category	Income	Code	Category	Income
Voluntary Income			Other Income		
R1a	Regular Giving	117,068	R6a	Bequests	0
R1b	Collections	1,182	R6b	Grants	825
R1c	Sundry Donations	26,153	R6c	Interest	5,825
			R6h	Other income	300
Restricted Voluntary Income					
R2a	F2: Staff Salaries	117,234			
	F4: Fabric Fund	7,512			
	F5: Mission giving	3,314			
	F6: Church new build	3,000			
	F11: Flowers	512			
	f13. Life Path	400			
	F16: Debrillator	0			
	F17: AV upgrade	0			
	Fx: Other	600			
Income from Events and Activities					
R3a	Fees for Weddings and Funerals	2,458			
R3c	Messy Church	630			
R3e	Vintage	595			
R3f	Young people events & activities	151			
R3g	Special function catering	228			
R3i	Trinity Tots	1,078			
R3h	Other income (General)	1,755			
R3j	Other income (restricted)	0			
Gift Aid					
R4a	Gift Aid on unrestricted giving	27,676			
R4b	Gift Aid on restricted giving	32,163			
Lettings					
R5a	R5a Church & Hall Lettings	11,974			

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TOTAL INCOME

362,630

EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

Code	Category	Expenditure	Code	Category	Expenditure
Grants and Charitable Giving			Diocesan payments		
P1a	Mission Partners	13,824	P8a	Parish Share	105,840
P1b	Short-term & Local mission	5,825	P8b	Fee Payments	1,021
Mission & Ministry			Church		
P2a	Discipleship & Nurture	144	P9a	Heating & Lighting	9,846
P2b	Community Engagement	1,793	P9b	Maintenance & Minor Repairs	7,936
P2c	Vintage	0	P9c	Quinquennial Expenses/Major repairs	7,897
P2d	Service Costs	184	P9g	Church cleaning	5,585
P2e	Music & Choir	1,568	P9h	Church insurance	8,004
P2f	Flowers	684	Hall		
P2g	Special Function Catering	172	P10a	Heating & Lighting	4,088
P2j	Wedding & Funeral expenses	330	P10b	Maintenance & Minor Repairs	2,754
Youth Work			P10c	Hall cleaning	8,231
P3a	Diddy Disciples, Climbers & Explorers	298	P10d	Hall insurance	1,347
P3a1	Pathfinders & CYFA	886	General Expenses		
P3c	Messy Church	647	P11a	Grounds upkeep	2,017
P3d	Other outreach events	264	P11b	Water rates	144
P3e	Lifepath	1,332	P11c	Equipment	0
P3g	Trinity Tots	0	Administration Total		
Staff Expenses			P12a	Supplies & Admin. Expenses	1,561
P4a	Vicar's Working Expenses	186	P12b	Comms (Web Site, broadband, email)	1,044
P4b	Curates Expenses	0	P12c	Administration Equipment	411
P4c	Staff Expenses	1,355	P12d	Governance costs	566
Clergy Housing Costs			Capital development/improvements		
P5a&b	Vicar's water rates & council tax	4,530	p13a	Church (AV system upgrade)	450
P6a&b	Curate's water rates & council tax	0	p13b	Church Hall development	2,094
Salaries			Banking		
P7a-d	Salaries	48,939	P14a	Bank Charges	48
P7e	Employer NIC & Pension	1,013			
P7g	Payroll services	106			

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE 254,963

Reserve/Savings Account

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period 1 January - 31 December 2025

INCOMING RESOURCES

Category	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 TOTAL
Transfer from PCC Account		75,000	20,000	95,000
Skipton Building Society Interest		5,163		5,163
Kingdom Bank Interest			10	10
Total incoming resources				100,173

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Category	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 TOTAL
None				0
Total resources expended				0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				100,173

	Skipton BS	Kingdom Bank	
Opening Bank Balance	124,224	0	124,224
Total Closing Bank Balance	204,387	20,010	224,397

Salaries Account - (Previously known as the Associate Minister's/Social Acc)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period 1 January - 31 December 2025

INCOMING RESOURCES

Category	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 TOTAL
Opening Balance				£6,103
Salaries Fund Donations			£13,653	£13,653
Other			0	£0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				£13,653

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Category	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 TOTAL
Salaries + pension			£17,665	£17,665
Total resources expended				£17,665

Net movement in Funds **-£4,012**

Opening Bank Balance	£6,103
Closing Bank Balance	£2,091

Balance Sheet - All Funds

Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2025

Fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	2024
F1 General	12883	0	12,883	24156
F2 Salaries	0	124,995	124,995	3031
F3 Reserve	59102	0	59,102	44402
F4 Fabric Fund	49409	17,204	66,613	81509
F5 Mission Giving	0	0	0	91
F6 Church Hall New Build	0	3,899	3,899	2243
F7 Centenary	0	1,800	1,800	1800
F13 Lifepath	0	783	783	240
F15 Flowers	0	15	15	0
F14 Trinity Tots	0	928	928	0
F16 Defibrillator	0	0	0	78
F17 AV system upgrade	0	0	0	5801
Total Resources	121,394	149,623	271,017	163,350



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