

Charity number
1132916

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Thomas The Apostle
Trowbridge

Report and Accounts

For the Year ended

31 December 2023

Oakensen Limited
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The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Thomas The Apostle Trowbridge Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 December 2023 and consider that the charity is in a good position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Thomas' is a Parish community meeting in two congregations (St Thomas and Kingfisher Church) at three locations (St Thomas', Holy Trinity and the Mead School). We describe ourselves as a '*Christ focused, community facing, church family*'. This sums up our 'DNA'.

Surely church is by definition **Christ-focused**? Sadly, not always. We can start out with the best of intentions but, in the relentless demands of keeping the show on the road, drift. Before you know it, church can end up being more about church, than about Jesus. What is supposed to be the fragrance of life to society around can come to have a slightly musty smell. And if that process goes unchecked (God forbid) the aroma of Christ is replaced by the stench of rottenness and decay. Therefore, above all else, we strive to make Jesus Christ the centre of all we are and do.

The *Community Facing* dynamic of the parish can be seen in many of St Thomas' activities, while the whole raison d'être of Kingfisher Church is to bring 'friendship, hope and healing' to Paxcroft and Castle Meads. Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple famously said, 'The church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.' More recently Bill Hybels has said, 'The local church is the hope of the world'. This missional emphasis is integral to who we are and is one of the driving principles of our Church Buildings Development projects at both St Thomas' and Holy Trinity.

Church Family. Of all the New Testament images for the Church (Body, Bride, Temple etc.) the one which resonates most deeply and fits us best is the Family of God. We are a congregation of all ages and backgrounds who know we belong together and care for one another because we have the same Father in heaven. Whilst we prioritise work with children and families, we also seek to be a community where single, widowed and divorced people are valued every bit as much as those who currently live in family units. We also have a significant number of folk who have raised their families, and many are now retired and play an important part in the life of our churches.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Community of Trowbridge

Trowbridge, the county town of Wiltshire, lies about ten miles to the south-east of Bath. With a population of over 37,000, it is the third largest town in Wiltshire after Salisbury and Chippenham. Surrounding Trowbridge are a number of villages and three towns, Melksham, Bradford on Avon and Westbury. There is a good rail and road links, with access to London and the Midlands via the M4/M5.

Trowbridge is less affluent than some Wiltshire towns, with the advantage that property is more affordable. A great deal of energy has been applied to attracting investment for the town's redevelopment, so that things are improving with a large development of new homes proceeding on the east side of town and many new affordable homes springing up elsewhere. A major hotel, cinema and restaurant development opened in 2013 close to the renovated Civic centre (housing the Town Council Offices and Tourist Information Centre), and further shops and food outlets have now been added just across the River Biss. It is hoped that a long-awaited redevelopment of the former Bowyers factory site will begin soon.

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The refurbished headquarters of Wiltshire Council in Trowbridge is a flagship civic building, although increased home-working (partly resulting from the COVID pandemic) is changing the face of local government. Over the years the town's population has increased and now includes settled communities from Eastern Europe, the West Indies, Morocco and other African countries, and most recently, a small but significant number of Ukrainian Refugees.

Social problems are chiefly associated with drugs and alcohol and homelessness. In addition to local authority programmes, Trowbridge benefits greatly from a wide range of national and local volunteer organisations providing social assistance. Statistics indicate that the incidence of crime is significantly lower than for the country as a whole in all major categories. Trowbridge has a Minor Injuries Unit, a new Health Centre and a number residential and nursing homes. The nearest general hospital is in Bath, and there is an excellent hospice, Dorothy House, nearby in Winsley.

St Thomas' Parish and Buildings

In 1870 the new church of St Thomas opened to serve the growing numbers of mill workers living on the north side of the town, built by Major Thomas Clark (Mill owner and Deputy Lieutenant) at his own expense! The parish was relatively small consisting of the area between St Thomas' Road and the Down. The church was twice threatened with closure, but from the 1960s onwards the congregation grew steadily and



developed a lively evangelical/charismatic ministry with a strong emphasis on children and families. In 2000 the nearby housing development of Paxcroft Mead was added to the parish and in 2009 Kingfisher Church ('St Thomas' on the Mead') was planted in the Mead School. In 2010 a section of the former Trinity parish (the Broadmead area) was also added to the parish, including Holy Trinity Church ('The Church on the Roundabout') reclassified as a Chapel of Ease.

In addition to the church itself, St Thomas' campus comprises a cottage (currently let), an ageing Hall (1960s era), a good suite of Rooms (1990) and the Vicarage (1970). As well as being used extensively by our own congregation and groups, we also welcome many outside community organisations into our buildings (here and at Holy Trinity). These regularly include Guides/Brownies/Rainbows, U3A, AA, Camera Club, WAVES, Footlights, Stagecoach, Trowbridge Philharmonic, family conferences, choirs and dramatic groups, and many one-off events such as Christmas Services for local Schools. In this way, both sites provide a valuable resource for the local community and help to pay for their own upkeep.

Projects are underway for the development of all our buildings with a view to better facilitating what already happens and extending our mission and ministry throughout the 21st Century. An impressive reordering of St Thomas', along with significant improvements to Holy Trinity were undertaken in 2018-9. Phase 1 of the Development Project for both buildings is now complete and the major challenge is when to begin fundraising and planning for St Thomas' Phase 2 (replacing the Church Hall and remodelling the Rooms and entrance area). Thought will also need to be given to possible partnerships within Diocese, Deanery and local community to secure the long-term future of Holy Trinity.

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Ministry at St Thomas', Kingfisher Church and Holy Trinity

2023 saw church life as busy as ever with Sunday worship numbers up to pre-Pandemic levels, while the livestreamed services continued to prove invaluable for those unable to attend and others wishing to 'catch up' later. It was good to see a number of new people joining the regular congregations and several quickly becoming very actively involved. For the first 2-3 months, the Vicar was on a phased return to work following heart surgery, but our capable lay leaders had things well in hand.

Several ministries within the church gained new leadership and fresh impetus during the year. Andrew Sharland became leader of both the Prayer Ministry Team and Mission Awareness Group, while Liz Atkins took on the Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding role and leadership of the Pastoral Team. The work of previous leaders, particularly Angela Grist and Marjory Wade was celebrated with presentations in church.

Children's and Youth Work continues to be central to our mission. Hannah our Youth Worker continued to gain confidence with good numbers attending our church youth groups and her presence in Trowbridge secondary schools increasing. The Impax Group at Paxcroft Mead also continues to thrive and 'The Island' after school drop in at Holy Trinity on Tuesdays became well established with regular numbers over 20, rising to 40 towards the end of the year.

Community facing outreach remains central to our DNA. Women's Shed continued to thrive at Holy Trinity and celebrated its second Birthday in November, while Tom's Shed, an offshoot of Trowbridge Men's Shed, started at St Thomas' Church Hall. Morning Break in the Church Rooms every Friday developed out of the Warm Spaces initiative, serving soup and bread in the winter and coffee and cake in the summer. A good core of non-churchgoers from the local neighbourhood attend regularly, joined by church members who value the company. Kingfisher Church continues to meet weekly at the Mead School and is well embedded in the community, regularly involved in both Primary Schools, the Parent and Toddler group and one off events like carol singing and the Easter Egg Trail at the Red Admiral pub.

A major piece of work was undertaken by the PCC's Working Group set up after the Church Weekend at Home in 2022, consisting of Alison Bennett, Allan Coutts, Paul Edwards, Hannah Macnab, Martyn Whittock and Judy Wright. The group met a number of times to discuss the feedback from the Weekend and bore fruit in the decision to reinstate a Staff Team (with the same members plus Angela Grist, John Chettleburgh and Jean Robertson), steps to revitalise Small Groups, monthly Church Prayer Evenings, and a more intentional approach to planning social events through the year. The most difficult issues continue to be the relationship between St Thomas' and Kingfisher Church and the future of Holy Trinity, both requiring ongoing work and prayer.

At the APCM in May, the Vicar announced his retirement a year ahead, and planning for the forthcoming interregnum and recruitment process picked up speed through the latter part of the year. After 25 years, this will be a big change both for him and the church, but a good lay team is in place to steer the church through the challenges ahead. The death of Rev Colin Turner in January was a sad loss to the church.

Notable one-off events included: the Lent Course (following the Church of England's 'Dust and Glory' material); public screening of King Charles III's Coronation followed by a buffet lunch; a Ukraine Independence Day event in Trowbridge Park organised by our sponsored refugee family and friends; and a well-attended Church Weekend Away at Hebron Hall in S. Wales, where Allan spoke on the 'Church of Tomorrow'.

So, there has been much to be thankful for in a full and busy year, but also much to pray about as we launch out from a good foundation into a new era for St Thomas', Kingfisher, Holy Trinity and St John's.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

St Thomas' Church provides weekly services open to all, activities for young people, and parent and toddler groups. Services are provided in schools and residential homes, with pastoral care for the elderly. It supports charities in the UK and abroad, and Chaplaincy in Wiltshire Council and Trowbridge Town Centre.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity made an operational deficit of £2,415 (2022 - surplus of £5,405).

RESERVES POLICY

The unrestricted fund represents the charity's free reserves, which are retained to provide initial funding for activities, and general running costs of the Church. The reserves should cover at least three months normal expenditure.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity number: 1132916

Registered Office: York Buildings, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8PT

Our Advisors

Examiners: Oakensen Limited, Bryer Ash Business Pk, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8HE

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Trustees

Madeleine Archer

Natasha Bristow

Esther Brown

Paul Edwards

Angela Grist

Robert Jones

Patricia Kerbey

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Judy Wright

Simon Wright

Christine Whittock

Christopher Farnell

Marjorie Wade

Hannah Cox

Ruth Chetteburgh

Harriet Heard

John Chettleburgh

James Coutts

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council is an unincorporated association governed by a written constitution updated and agreed in 2014.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are selected and appointed by those on the Church Electoral Roll, for an indefinite period of service.

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Organisational structure



Ministry. Allan Coutts has been Incumbent of St Thomas' for 25 years. He also has responsibility for the small village parish of West Ashton on the eastern edge of Trowbridge. In addition, he has Diocesan roles as Assistant Rural Dean and a Clergy Peer Reviewer. He is Governor at two Church of England Primary Schools (Bellefield and West Ashton). However, he will be retiring in June 2024. Allan is assisted by 3 Licensed Lay Ministers (Martyn Whittock, Angela Grist, and Judy Wright) as well as teams of Licensed Pastoral Assistants and Commissioned Lay Pioneers. Sadly, we now have no active retired clergy in the parish. As a result of discussions arising from the Church Weekend at Home in 2022, a Staff Team has been reinstated to guide the church through the

interregnum, (consisting of 3 Churchwardens, 3 LLMs, Kingfisher Team Leader and Youth Worker).

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) is the body responsible for the finance and fabric of the church. It has 18 members, part elected, part ex-officio, and meets bi-monthly. We have two **Churchwardens**, Paul Edwards and John Chettleburgh, and three Assistant Churchwardens, one having special responsibility for Holy Trinity. Pat Kerbey continues to serve as Treasurer ensuring the church's accounts and day-to-day finances are kept in good order. Any urgent business which occurs between PCC meetings is dealt with by the **Standing Committee** consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. The Vicar is supported by a **Service Leaders Team**.

Our **Safeguarding Team** consists of Martyn Whittock (children), Liz Atkins (vulnerable adults), Jean Foy (Kingfisher Church) and Pat Kerbey (admin).

Paid staff and volunteers. Salaried staff (all part time) currently consists of Church Administrator (Frankie Smith), Admin Assistant (Andrew Palmer), Kingfisher Team Leader (Alison Bennett), Youth Worker (Hannah Macnab) and cleaner (Steve Martin).

We remain extremely grateful to members of the congregation who give their time and energy so willingly in the numerous other roles that are needed to ensure the smooth running of a church of this size. These include all those involved in Finance, Buildings Maintenance, Junior Church, Youth work, Worship Teams, Sound and AV desks, small group leaders, Toddlers and Messy Church, Prayer Ministry, Hospitality and Maintenance Teams, plus those who give lifts and undertake countless other jobs which enable us to function. The Pastoral Team, consisting of LPAs (Lay Pastoral Assistants) also fulfil an invaluable role caring for the sick and elderly.

Wider links. Beyond Trowbridge, St Thomas' and Kingfisher Church play a full part in the structures of the Church of England, including Deanery Synod. The church supports charities and missions both national and overseas, giving in excess of 10% of our income annually. We have a Mission Awareness programme and speakers from various missions come and speak at our morning services throughout the year. Members of our congregations frequently attend training events run by Salisbury Diocese, New Wine, LICC and other Christian networks. We have become a 'Fair Trade Church' and are working towards 'Eco Church' status.

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For some years, St Thomas' has been one of the driving forces behind CATA (Christian Action in the Trowbridge Area); MenUnited (which holds very successful Big Breakfasts and Curry Nights as well as regular men's prayer meetings and lunches); Ladies Breakfasts; Leaders Prayer Breakfasts; and many joint compassion ministries (such as Street Pastors, Nexus Homeless Drop In, Soup Run, Town Centre Chaplains, Storehouse foodbank and the Trowbridge Debt Advice Service). Holy Trinity acts as a venue for many united events (services, drama, concerts, exhibitions etc.) The highly successful Women's Shed continues at Holy Trinity, attracting up to 50 women a week with over 100 on the books. Tom's Shed, an offshoot of Trowbridge Men's Shed has started up at St Thomas'.

Risks

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

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

The trustees are 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, including the income and expenditure, 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr David Oakensen FCA of Oakensen Limited was appointed as independent examiner for the year.

This report was approved by the Trustees of the PCC on 19/3/24


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Paul Edwards
Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	131,281	-	131,281	130,071
Income from charitable activities	3	65,899	11,275	77,174	85,950
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		197,180	11,275	208,455	216,021
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	192,726	15,167	207,893	206,805
Other expenditure	5	2,977	-	2,977	3,811
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		195,703	15,167	210,870	210,616
Net (expenditure)/income before investment gains		1,477	(3,892)	(2,415)	5,405
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income		1,477	(3,892)	(2,415)	5,405
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		1,477	(3,892)	(2,415)	5,405
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at 1 January 2023		73,353	33,661	107,014	101,609
Total funds at 31 December 2023		74,830	29,769	104,599	107,014

There were no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		106,662		107,842	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,063)		(828)	
Net current assets			104,599		107,014
Net assets			104,599		107,014
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds	8		39,568		38,198
Designated funds	8		35,262		35,155
Restricted funds	9		29,769		33,661
			104,599		107,014

Approved by the Trustees of the PCC on.....19/3/24



 Paul Edwards
 Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised when it is received.

Gift aid tax claims are calculated on the accruals basis to ensure that the funds are recognised in the same accounting period as the gift.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period they are incurred and include any VAT.

Costs which are directly attributable to meeting charitable objects are classified as provision of charitable services. These costs are directly allocated to activities.

Costs associated with the general running of the charity which are not attributable to meeting charitable objects are classified as management and administration costs.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.

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2 Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	123,564		123,564	119,151
Donations	7,717		7,717	10,920
	<u>131,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,281</u>	<u>130,071</u>
 3 Income from charitable activities	 Unrestricted	 Restricted	 2023	 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants	5,000		5,000	2,500
Gift aid refunds	27,779		27,779	27,747
Church rent	585	-	585	200
Hall income	5,666	-	5,666	5,470
Room income	8,793	-	8,793	5,809
Cottage income	9,000	-	9,000	9,068
Holy Trinity income	3,782	-	3,782	5,469
Parent and Toddler income	555	-	555	731
Fees	498	-	498	2,051
VAT refunds	-	-	-	2,955
Sundry income	1,231		1,231	400
Interest	3,010		3,010	1,137
Ukraine family support	-	11,275	11,275	22,413
	<u>65,899</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>77,174</u>	<u>85,950</u>

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Deanery share	87,302	-	87,302	84,702
Vicars expenses	234	-	234	311
Church giving	20,075	-	20,075	22,725
Ukraine family support	-	15,167	15,167	12,578
Salaries	40,615	-	40,615	37,363
Pension	1,090	-	1,090	549
Training	268	-	268	472
Rent	1,539	-	1,539	1,395
Insurance	9,005	-	9,005	8,397
Heat and light	18,931	-	18,931	7,083
Cleaning	1,586	-	1,586	1,135
Water	1,228	-	1,228	752
Repairs and renewals	4,164	-	4,164	18,446
Development costs	-	-	-	3,727
Cottage expenditure	748	-	748	1,039
Grounds	1,212	-	1,212	1,362
Parent and Toddler expenditure	448	-	448	895
Youth work	1,911	-	1,911	2,100
Cell	45	-	45	-
Running costs	1,242	-	1,242	728
Music and licences	1,058	-	1,058	987
Audio visual system	25	-	25	59
	192,726	15,167	207,893	206,805

5 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Telephone and broadband	1,001	-	1,001	1,000
Stationery	379	-	379	466
Website costs	175	-	175	247
Subscription and fees	122	-	122	166
Accountancy	900	-	900	828
Bank charges	90	-	90	177
Equipment expensed	310	-	310	927
	2,977	-	2,977	3,811

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6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Salaries and employers NIC	40,615	37,363
Employer pension contributions	1,090	549
	<u>41,705</u>	<u>37,912</u>

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: none).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the Trust in the year (2022: £nil) nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

The full time equivalent number of staff for the charity is 2 (2022: 2)

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	900	828
Other creditors	1,163	-
	<u>2,063</u>	<u>828</u>

8 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources and transfers	Outgoing resources and transfers	Balance as at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Charitable funds	38,198	196,625	(195,255)	39,568
Designated Funds:				
St Thomas Repair fund	4,000	-	-	4,000
St Thomas Heating fund	7,000	-	-	7,000
Holy Trinity Heating fund	4,000	-	-	4,000
Holy Trinity Repair fund	1,500	-	-	1,500
St Thomas Hall Repair fund	2,200	-	-	2,200
St Thomas Hall Heating fund	1,500	-	-	1,500
Redundancy reserve	4,989	-	-	4,989
Development Fund reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Parent and Toddler group	(34)	555	(448)	73
	<u>73,353</u>	<u>197,180</u>	<u>(195,703)</u>	<u>74,830</u>

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9 Restricted reserves

	Balance as at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance as at 31 December 2023
Hardship fund	3,088			3,088
Musgrave Brown	632	-	-	632
Holy Trinity Fabric fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
St Thomas Development fund	1,263			1,263
Development fund	8,843	-	-	8,843
	<u>23,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,826</u>
 Ukraine Family fund	 9,835	 11,275	 (15,167)	 5,943
	<u>33,661</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>(15,167)</u>	<u>29,769</u>

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	29,769	29,769
Designated funds	35,262	35,262
Unrestricted funds	39,568	39,568
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>104,599</u>	<u>104,599</u>

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Independent examiner's report to the members of The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Thomas The Apostle Trowbridge.

I report on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 charity's gross income in the previous year exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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



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