

APCM Report 2024

In 2024 we reasserted our commitment to three key aspects of our vision: **personal renewal, renewal among the Emerging Generations, and the renewal of the Church** through planting, grafting and raising up leaders. Having introduced a third Sunday service in 2023, we were pleased to see the decision validated by the continued growth in Sunday attendance, particularly in the evenings (rising to an average of 120 from 100 the previous year) and at the youth service in St Andrew's. We also levelled up our strategic planning, putting together a 5-year Ministry Plan. In so doing we established our priority to have God's Presence at the centre of all we do, to explore the possibility of a new 'mercy ministry' in the coming 24 months, to work hard at stewarding our finances wisely, and to strengthen our TABLE E.Mids family of churches as well as our connections within TABLE as a national network.

Wardens' Report 2024 – Lyn Bignall

This last year has been one of positioning ourselves to enable us to move forward and outwork the vision that has been laid on our hearts.

Many (many) hours have been spent discussing with the legal team at the Diocese and the Charity Commission how to best align / amalgamate the two charities (Trinity and St Andrew's) as one. Because of the legal complexities the Diocese, PCC and Trustees have decided to maintain the status quo for the time being and to discuss again once building work has been initiated and finances have settled.

Jane and team have worked tirelessly to pull together a finance bid to the Church of England for the renovations/ alterations to St Andrew's church building and we were given the green light for a total bid of £1.2m which means all systems go! In Church of England terms that means having to apply to the DAC at the Diocese for 'Faculty' to ensure that what is done is in keeping with protecting the history of the building alongside facilitating a building that is usable, especially for young people, moving forward. A provisional date for work to start is in October. Prayers that this date doesn't get pushed back would be very much appreciated!

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to some loyal and precious members of the team: Nik Marlow has decided to 'retire' to take more time to spend with her family. She has served the Parish of St Andrew's faithfully for several decades, whether it be part of the Boys Brigade team or being the Church Secretary amongst many, many other roles. Nik has been invaluable supporting the Trinity / St Andrew's team as we have moved to join together. Her depth of knowledge and passion for the church has been remarkable and she will be sorely missed. Ben Waymark has decided to step down as Church Warden. Again, Ben has been invaluable during the process of the journey of the two churches coming together. He has a remarkable ability to speak into 'uncomfortable' discussions with grace, dignity and respect for others, alongside having a brilliant sense of humour. A very rare gift. We hope that Ben will continue to speak into the life of the church as we move forward. Lastly, Liz Pattison has stepped down from being our Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has brought a sense of knowledge, safety and strength to a

very demanding role. Safeguarding has now been restructured into more manageable, smaller segments. Again, we would like to thank her for all her commitment and hard work.

On happier notes: Bob Newsome has expressed an interest in taking on Ben's role as Church Warden and has been exploring this with the team. Bob and his wife Sally are highly engaged with the young people in our community and Bob has much expertise in the area of finance. There have been no other nominations at this point so Bob's name will be put forward at the APCM for approval.

The Parish Safeguarding Officers role will now be headed by Jane Overnell (who also oversees Health and Safety) supported by Estefano (Stef) Hammer, alongside the team leaders of each vulnerable group facilitating more personalised support and care.

Lastly, a little personal note from me. Although this year has been one predominantly of realignment in physical and organisational structures, the outworking of the vision is becoming more of an exciting reality: A church that is 'on fire', raising up the next generation of leaders and making a way for the youth and young people of Nottingham to find Jesus. What a privilege for us all to be part of this! Exciting times ahead.

Ministry at Trinity Church in 2024

In our **Emerging Generations** ministry, 2024 brought significant growth in both numbers and encounters with Jesus, resulting in 23 new Christians through commitments born out of the power of an invite. We saw Fuel youth worship nights grow (especially after being featured on BBC Songs Of Praise) and have now had 40 churches from multiple denominations attending. We saw 13 youth baptised and 6 youth confirmed, sharing profound testimonies. God continues to do something remarkable among these young people. This has been supported by favour from funders, with Tanya Wilson (Em Gen Pastor) and her team securing £10,000 from Just Sow to help launch and cover the costs of more evangelistic mission with the Hope Bus. 80 kids and youth attended our holiday clubs and a number have gone on to become active members of the church family. We saw an influx of new youth with no connection to church start to come on a Sunday, quickly integrating into the church and joining a group of 40 youth that we took to Focus and 60 we took on our Youth Weekend Away. God has blessed our engagement with local schools – we are now regular fixtures at both Trent Bluecoat and Hollygirt. Dan Grout (Youth Worker) launched a Monday night football club which has also been brilliant at integrating new youth.

Kate Fear (Kids' Pastor and Em Gen Coordinator) ran the Faith and Families course, engaging and encouraging 11 families. We regularly see between 90 and 100 children involved with Trinity Kids groups on Sundays, and Trinity Tots has continued to grow as a place for parents and carers to find community and hear about Jesus alongside their young children.

The **Student** team found themselves hosting two regional prayer gatherings for awakening among students (the first by accident and the second more intentionally!), and we

have begun to see answers to these prayers: Over 60 students attended a Student Weekend Away (including a few of their non-Christian friends!) where God moved in amazing ways. We started an outreach ministry on Trent University's city campus which is seeing people try church and join the Trinity family. We've also begun to cultivate a new relationship with the chaplaincy at NTU and have spoken at one of their events. 7 Student Discipleship Groups have been meeting regularly across the city. We've seen at least 7 students decide to follow Jesus for the first time or make serious commitments to follow Him after time away from faith, with lots more people still on this journey. An increasing number of students & Gen Z-ers have been arriving at Trinity with little prior connection to church. We've been developing cross-city and cross-region relationships with other churches' student ministries, meeting to worship and pray. Something is stirring and we're excited about developing these friendships.

2024 brought significant growth and momentum within our **Worship** ministry. One of the key advancements was the introduction of new worship songs, which have greatly enriched our gatherings and strengthened the worship team's creativity and engagement. We actively supported emerging songwriters within Trinity to explore and develop what God was speaking to them—and out of this came our first original worship project. The resulting EP has been streamed nearly 60,000 times on Spotify alone, and we've been deeply encouraged by stories from beyond Trinity of how these songs are impacting churches and individuals around the country and beyond. Our School of Worship entered its second year, welcoming 16 new students who are being equipped and empowered to grow in their worship leadership. In addition, our core worship team at Trinity has continued to grow, as we invest in raising up a new generation who carry both skill and spiritual depth.

In the area of **Compassion**, we continued to host Home Space for the city on Wednesdays, along with the midweek service which has thrived under intentional leadership, seeking to facilitate greater engagement with the demographic of guests attending. At the end of 2024 the team also began planning towards the introduction of Home Space Alpha during these Wednesday afternoons.

In October 2024, we launched a reinvigorated **group life** structure, around the simple pattern of eating, sharing and praying together, which engaged more congregation members than ever before in small groups meeting in homes across the city. As of May 2025, 300+ people are now signed up to Discipleship Groups.

We also hosted several gatherings to **train and equip key leaders** and Discipleship Group leaders across 2024, which has had an impact on prayer ministry particularly, and has also led to the birth of new ministries, most notably the Young Adults' ministry (launched under empowered lay leadership in November).

In 2024, we ran **Alpha** twice, seeing around 30 adult guests come through (not including those who attended the separate Youth Alpha). As we look to the future, mission and evangelism will become one of our key emphases in the year ahead, and we will be seeking to increase the frequency of Alpha courses as one of our mechanisms for embedding that.

We had 11 **interns** join us at the start of the academic year, participating in the Diocesan Apprentice Track scheme, with Trinity as their placement church for either the first or second year programmes. The internship is not only fundamental to Trinity in that it is part of our vision to raise up new leaders, but the interns are also vital to the ministry of the church; their contributions to Trinity life – both practical and spiritual – are consistently extraordinary and increase the scope of what we're able to do. Feedback from the outgoing interns of summer '24 suggests that we are able to offer them a space to learn, grow, go deeper with God, and understand more about what it looks like to devote your life to serving God's Church.

From an **Operational** perspective, we were delighted to secure £1.2m of funding from the Diocesan Bid for the reordering of St Andrew's, working with architects to achieve DAC approval in principle for the concept. The full plans will be submitted for approval in June 2025 with a provisional start date of October for the works.

In the summer of 2024 we double glazed the Auction House sanctuary to respond to noise complaints from neighbours, and added a light-reflective film during the process to help reduce heat during the warmer months.

The Ops and Facilities team has been bolstered by the addition of a 'super volunteer'! Congregation member David Pick now gives 1.5 days per week to assist with the upkeep of our 2 buildings, for which we are supremely grateful.

Jane Overnell (Ops Director) oversaw the hosting of more than 180 Trinity campers on the Community Pitch at Focus in August. And upon our return, preparatory work immediately got underway over the Autumn for our first TABLE Weekend at Home for over 450 guests (March '25). This has proved to be an area in which we are forming strong working relationships with the Operations teams of the other TABLE E.Mids churches, and we look forward to seeing this collaboration go from strength to strength.

St Andrews Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1133724)
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

		<u>Noten</u>	<u>restricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	£	£
INCOME		Funds	Funds	Funds		Total	Total
						2024	2023
Charitable Activities	<i>Church Members Collections</i>	-	-	-	-	-	23,192
	<i>Youth Work</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Donations	<i>Grants</i>	15,810	-	-	-	15,810	14,299
	<i>Donations</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	<i>Sundry Income</i>	20,483	-	-	-	20,483	8,502
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	-	-	-	-	-	3,735
	<i>Investment Income</i>	44	-	-	-	44	38
TOTAL INCOME		36,337	-	-	-	36,337	49,766
EXPENSES						£	£
Repairs & Maintenance	<i>Church Refurbishment</i>	3,187	-	1,713	-	4,900	20,841
	<i>Church Running costs</i>	11,563	-	-	-	11,563	18,669
Youth Work	<i>Other</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mission Donations	<i>Other</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Work & Services	<i>St Andrews</i>	-	-	-	-	-	724
	<i>Other Activities</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin & Office Costs	<i>General</i>	978	-	-	-	978	7,999
	<i>Insurance</i>	10,060	-	-	-	10,060	9,428
	<i>Rates</i>	1,665	-	-	-	1,665	1,587
	<i>Training</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Bank Charges</i>	60	-	-	-	60	60
	<i>Publicity</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	<i>Diocese</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1,223
TOTAL Expenditure		27,514	-	1,713	-	29,227	60,531
Funds Transfer		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Income - Expenditure		8,823	-	(1,713)	-	7,110	(10,765)
Opening Reserves		11,706	-	1,713	-	13,419	33,812
Prior Year Adjustment		-	-	-	-	-	(9,628)
Closing Reserves		20,529	-	-	-	20,529	13,419

St Andrews Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1133724)
Account Balances as at 31 December 2024

Assets		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	£	£
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Bank Accounts & Deposits						
Cash & Current Accounts	<i>Current A/c</i>	20,529	-	-	20,529	13,419
	<i>Deposit A/cs</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets		20,529	-	-	20,529	13,419
Reserves						
Funds						
Restricted	<i>Toilet Fund</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Other</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Total Restricted</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Designated	<i>Church Refurbishment</i>	-	-	-	-	1,713
Unrestricted	<i>Other</i>	20,529	-	-	20,529	11,706
Total Reserves		20,529	-	-	20,529	13,419

Trustees Chairman

Treasurer

Date

**St Andrews Parish Church Nottingham (Reg No 1133724)
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Report to the Trustees/Members

I report to the charity trustees on my examination for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out below

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Independent Examiner

Date 11 March 2025

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