

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1148634

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-08-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Trinity Church
Conduit Road
Abingdon
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Phone 01235520282

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: Celebration of public worship, teaching of the Christian Faith, mission and evangelism, pastoral work visiting the elderly, sick and bereaved. Providing facilities to the local community: elderly, young people (toddlers and uniformed organisations), people with special needs. Support of other charities in the UK and overseas. Work in supporting children & teachers in local schools.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £153,560 | £169,207 | - | - |
| 2024-08-31 | £148,125 | £158,272 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £146,672 | £145,716 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £127,201 | £145,030 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £146,088 | £143,246 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--|-------|------------|
| Rev Georgina Felicia Bondzi-Simpson MBE | Chair | 2024-09-01 |
| Alastair Charles Fear | | 2019-11-17 |
| CYNTHIA DOROTHY BARTLETT | | 2015-11-19 |
| Carolyn Beynon Hawkes | | 2021-11-21 |
| DEACON SELINA JANE NISBETT | | 2016-11-17 |
| David Edward Perrow | | 2025-07-01 |
| Dr THOMAS WILLIAM KYFFIN | | 2015-11-19 |
| Heather Katherine Townsend | | 2021-01-19 |
| Ian Paul Brawn | | 2021-11-21 |
| Kenneth Michael Stuart Townsend | | 2021-01-19 |
| Lynnette Beatrice Seymour-Jackson | | 2023-11-09 |
| NEIL DENNIS OASTLER | | 2021-01-19 |

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

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Accounts

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2025
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections | £47,777.83 | £49,229.70 | £47,657.50 | Circuit Assessment | £44,093.00 | £44,741.00 | £49,944.00 |
| Fundraising | £1,171.07 | £783.90 | £465.00 | Insurance | £9,208.76 | £9,650.01 | £9,969.73 |
| Gift Aid | £11,297.17 | £11,803.51 | £11,323.06 | Cleaning | £6,839.88 | £6,160.00 | £6,126.00 |
| Lettings | £10,328.20 | £10,329.50 | £13,882.00 | Utilities | £14,042.81 | £13,658.54 | £14,276.12 |
| Weddings and Funerals | £1,795.00 | £3,855.00 | £235.00 | Repairs & Maintenance | £6,629.96 | £13,418.31 | £17,201.28 |
| Interest | £10,679.93 | £6,559.42 | £4,934.52 | Conduit Centre | £8,264.12 | £10,837.82 | £11,496.50 |
| Other Income | £9,301.36 | £18,594.10 | £21,130.66 | Administration & Miscellaneous | £11,553.29 | £9,954.08 | £8,692.75 |
| Legacies | £12,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £1,500.00 | Gifts and Charities | £723.20 | £667.58 | £628.40 |
| | £104,350.56 | £102,155.13 | £101,127.74 | | £101,355.02 | £109,087.34 | £118,334.78 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | £2,995.54 | -£6,932.21 | -£17,207.04 |

RESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections for Charities and Gifts | £14,385.89 | £14,362.93 | £16,735.34 | Charities and Gifts | £14,038.91 | £15,287.92 | £16,130.59 |
| Benevolent Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 | Benevolent Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 | £200.00 |
| External Salaries | £27,935.29 | £31,606.47 | £32,267.78 | External Salaries | £27,935.29 | £31,606.47 | £32,267.78 |
| 150th Anniversary | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,256.50 | 150th Anniversary | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,256.50 |
| Toddler Group | £0.00 | £0.00 | £1,172.47 | Toddler Group | £1,442.68 | £1,552.62 | £700.00 |
| Evergreen Club | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Evergreen Club | £944.48 | £737.76 | £317.28 |
| | £42,321.18 | £45,969.40 | £52,432.09 | | £44,361.36 | £49,184.77 | £50,872.15 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | -£2,040.18 | -£3,215.37 | £1,559.94 |

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| Evergreen Club Fund: | Brought forward | £1,787.98 |
| | Income | £0.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£317.28 |
| | Carried forward | £1,470.70 |

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| Toddler Group Fund: | Brought forward | £604.70 |
| | Income | £1,172.47 |
| | Expenditure | -£700.00 |
| | Carried forward | £1,077.17 |

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| Benevolent Fund: | Brought forward | £0.00 |
| | Income | £1,000.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£200.00 |
| | Carried forward | £800.00 |

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| Charity Funds Carried forward: | Reducing the Risk | £1,045.75 |
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TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2025
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

CASH ASSETS

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|---|--------------------|
| Methodist Central Finance Board Accounts: | |
| Deposit Account | £42,712.43 |
| Legacy Fund | £23,493.50 |
| URC Manse Fund | <u>£36,299.02</u> |
| | £102,504.95 |
| HSBC Current Account: | £3,933.12 |
| | £106,438.07 |

Of which:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | £102,044.45 |
| Restricted Funds | |
| Evergreen Club Fund | £1,470.70 |
| Toddler Group Fund | £1,077.17 |
| Benevolent Fund | £800.00 |
| Charity Funds | £1,045.75 |
| | £4,393.62 |
| | £106,438.07 |

Represented by:

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| Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account: | |
| Brought forward | £60,140.26 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £2,331.67 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £30,000.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> Assessment | <u>-£49,944.00</u> |
| | £42,527.93 |

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| Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund | |
| Brought forward | £22,650.47 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £1,027.53 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £0.00 |
| | £23,678.00 |

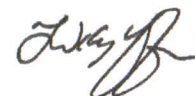
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| Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund | |
| Brought forward | £34,723.70 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | <u>£1,575.32</u> |
| | £36,299.02 |

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| HSBC Current Account: | |
| Brought forward | £4,570.74 |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | <u>-£637.62</u> |
| | £3,933.12 |
| | £106,438.07 |

INVESTMENT ASSETS

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| Unrestricted Funds | |
| Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | £1,796.72 |
| Restricted Funds | |
| Spring Road Trust Funds (URC) invested in: | |
| a) COIF (Trinity Church/URC Fund) Income Units | £22,287.88 |
| b) Black Rock Income Units | £8,751.01 |
| c) Spring Road Charities Trust Fund (sale of 2 Withington Court) held in COIF Deposit Fund | £173,774.69 |
| Other URC Investments held as COIF Income units | <u>£5,190.90</u> |
| | £211,801.20 |

SIGNED:



DATE: 01 October 2025

Thomas W KYFFIN (Treasurer)

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts and records for Trinity Church, Abingdon for 2024/25 and am satisfied that there are no issues that need addressing.

SIGNED:



DATE: 13 November 2025

Celia O'HARA (Independent Examiner)

Trustees Annual Report - Trinity Church, Abingdon

Year ended 31st August 2025

Administrative Information

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The Minister of the Church and Chair of Trustees is Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson MBE. At the end of the reporting year there were 11 Trustees. We have Stewards who ensure that services run smoothly and Elders who provide pastoral support for the Church members and those with a connection to the Church. There are 80 Church members, although many more people from the local community attend our services and use our facilities.

The Constitution of Trinity Church was signed on 1st March 2012 and Trinity Church, Abingdon achieved charitable status and was entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1148634 on 17th August 2012.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Trinity Church states that we aim 'to serve God, serve the community and serve each other'.

Meetings

Over the last year there were 6 Trustees Meetings and 4 Church Meetings including the Annual General Meeting.

At the end of July, Deacon Selina Nisbett stood down as a Trustee as she left the Circuit to take up a position in the Salisbury Circuit. Selina had been with the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit for 10 years and for most of that time she supported the two churches in Abingdon, Trinity Church and All Saints Church. Within Trinity, she led thoughtful and inspiring worship. She was involved with a number of the Church organisations including the Junior Church and the Toddlers Group where she provided a Christian presence and led special services for them. She took many all-age services and baptisms, as well as several weddings and funerals. Within the local community, she worked in schools and with the army base. When Revd. Ian Griffiths was ill, she covered for him, led extra services and helped to provide ministry within Trinity. She offered encouragement and support to the congregation in practical ways and gave spiritual comfort and pastoral care to many. When leaving, Selina commented that her time at Trinity had been a joy.

During the year the Trustees reviewed and approved the following policies and procedures:

- GDPR documents
- Equality Policy
- Grievance Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Capability Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy

Worship

Church services are held each Sunday morning, commencing at 10:30am.

Attendance at weekly Church services is usually around 50. A number of members are unable to attend on a regular basis due to health and mobility issues.

A Working Together Group with members from Trinity Church and All Saints Church has been established to foster closer collaboration between the two churches in Abingdon as we share a minister. There were several joint services with All Saints Church during the year, at Trinity and at All Saints.

Over the weekend of 30th May and 1st June the Church celebrated 150 years of worship at the Church, as the first service was held on 28th May 1875. A Service of Remembrance was held on the Saturday evening and a Service of Celebration took place in the afternoon of Sunday 1st June followed by a reception in the Conduit Centre. A history of the Church was collated including the production of photographs and text for display. Over 200 people attended the Services over the weekend. The Master of Christ's Hospital, the Abingdon School Chaplain, the Leader of the Town Council, Abingdon's Madam Mayor and clergy from the Church in Abingdon and from the URC attended the Sunday service. Three of Trinity's most recent clergy, Revs Ian Griffiths, Malcolm Atherton and Richard Bittleston participated in the service alongside Deacon Selina Nisbett and Revs Georgina Bondzi-Simpson and Pauline Main. Rev Richard Bittleston played the organ for the service and opened with Fanfare for the Spirit of Life, which he had composed especially for the service. Messages of goodwill were read from former ministers who were unable to attend. The Circuit Superintendent, Rev Keith Underhill led the service which interwove the history of the time the church was built and the story of its greatest benefactor, John Creemer Clarke.

The annual Harvest Service was held in October with food donations going to Abingdon Foodbank and cash donations to Asylum Welcome.

The usual services were held around Christmas. Donations at the afternoon Carol Service and the Christmas day service went to Crisis and donations at the Christmas Eve Christingle Service went to Action for Children.

Public Benefit

The church and Conduit Centre premises are regularly used by local organisations and individuals for a wide range of events and activities. The Church supports a number of local, national and international charities by donating to their causes and appeals.

Trinity Learning

The Church continues to support schools' outreach through Trinity Learning. Trinity Learning was originally set up as a Church project but was so successful that in 2019 it was established as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No 1182742) with a separate Board of Trustees. The Church provides office and meeting space for the charity and many Church members volunteer their time to support the various projects.

The Thinking Books project had another successful year with over 30 children from five different schools each receiving 10 sessions and a free book.

The Toolkit for Happiness project returned to one of the local secondary schools. Two of the Trinity Learning team spent five days training and supporting sixth form volunteers to deliver a series of well-being workshops to approximately 180 Year 7 students.

'Experience Easter' was hosted in the Church once again. 360 children from local primary schools and beaver colonies took part online or in the Church.

Trinity Learning continued to give out Bereavement Packs for adults supporting recently bereaved children as well as Family Change Packs for adults supporting children impacted by divorce or separation in their families. Each Bereavement Pack contains a hand knitted or crocheted teddy, many produced by members of the Church community.

Financial Information

About 60% of the Church income comes from freewill giving (and associated Gift Aid) from Church members and supporters and a further 10% from letting of the premises. Well over 90% of freewill income comes from donations via standing order with only about 6% being cash donations at services.

General inflation and increasing utility costs have significantly impacted expenditure. With ageing buildings, it is anticipated that major repairs will become more frequent and more expensive.

Overall, on unrestricted funds, there was a deficit of almost £17,200 in 2024/25. The Trustees and Church members continue explore the feasibility of making greater use of the premises and thus increasing the income we generate. This may require some modifications to the buildings.

The Church's restricted funds fall into 4 categories:

- The Church manages the payroll for 3 external charities – the salaries are reimbursed by the external charities so the receipts and salary payments are restricted.
- The Church manages grants received from The Charity of Richard Belcher for work associated with the Toddler Group (a parent & toddler group) and the Evergreen Club (a club for the elderly). The grants were given specifically to support these organisations so these funds are restricted.
- The Church handles donations to charities from members of the congregation and church groups. As these donations are made for the specific charities, they are restricted.
- There are funds held in investments relating to the Spring Road Trust and related funds. These are funds, previously held by the URC, where only the income from the funds can currently be used, so they are restricted.

Support for Charities

The Church continued to support local, national and international charities.

During 2024, the charity of the year was the Mines Advisory Group, an international charity which finds and destroys landmines, cluster munitions and unexploded bombs in places affected by conflict. It also works to limit the causes and address the consequences of armed violence in communities. During the year a total of £1,000 was raised and donated to the charity.

The charity chosen for 2025 was Reducing the Risk, an Oxfordshire based charity which aims to Increase the safety and wellbeing of adults and children at risk through domestic abuse and protects people who are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. By 31st August a total of £1,045 had been raised for the charity and was carried forward into the 2025/26 accounts

A total of £8,700 was donated to various charities during the year financial year, as follows:

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| • Trinity Learning | £4,434.50 |
| • Action for Children | £765.50 |
| • Methodist Mission in Britain Fund | £270.00 |
| • Methodist World Mission Fund | £270.00 |
| • Methodist Church Fund | £188.00 |
| • All We Can | £188.00 |
| • Council for World Mission | £135.00 |
| • Commitment for Life | £100.00 |
| • The Abingdon Bridge | £200.00 |
| • Asylum Welcome | £350.00 |
| • Crisis Oxford | £800.00 |
| • Mines Advisory Group | £1,000.00 |
| • URC Retreat Group | £20.00 |
| • Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust | £25.00 |
| | £8,746.00 |

Tom Kyffin
Church Treasurer
December 2025

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1148634

Accounts

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2024

Charity Reg. No. 1148634

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections | £44,741.35 | £47,777.83 | £49,229.70 | Circuit Assessment | £44,140.00 | £44,093.00 | £44,741.00 |
| Fundraising | £1,555.44 | £1,171.07 | £783.90 | Insurance | £9,501.51 | £9,208.76 | £9,650.01 |
| Gift Aid | £10,489.23 | £11,297.17 | £11,803.51 | Cleaning | £7,657.76 | £6,839.88 | £6,160.00 |
| Lettings | £10,535.00 | £10,328.20 | £10,329.50 | Utilities | £9,495.76 | £14,042.81 | £13,658.54 |
| Weddings and Funerals | £4,028.00 | £1,795.00 | £3,855.00 | Repairs & Maintenance | £14,971.10 | £6,629.96 | £13,418.31 |
| Interest | £1,891.03 | £10,679.93 | £6,559.42 | Conduit Centre | £8,037.79 | £8,264.12 | £10,837.82 |
| Other Income | £8,590.13 | £9,301.36 | £18,594.10 | Administration & Miscellaneous | £9,591.25 | £11,553.29 | £9,954.08 |
| Legacies | £0.00 | £12,000.00 | £1,000.00 | Gifts and Charities | £612.50 | £723.20 | £667.58 |
| | | | | Conduit Centre Project | £2,933.98 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | £81,830.18 | £104,350.56 | £102,155.13 | | £106,941.65 | £101,355.02 | £109,087.34 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | -£25,111.47 | £2,995.54 | -£6,932.21 |

RESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections for Charities and Gifts | £7,461.44 | £14,385.89 | £14,362.93 | Charities and Gifts | £7,224.66 | £14,038.91 | £15,287.92 |
| External Salaries | £29,271.03 | £27,935.29 | £31,606.47 | External Salaries | £29,271.03 | £27,935.29 | £31,606.47 |
| Toddler Group Grant | £4,500.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Toddler Group | £900.00 | £1,442.68 | £1,552.62 |
| Evergreen Club Grants & Donations | £4,137.91 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Evergreen Club | £692.69 | £944.48 | £737.76 |
| | £45,370.38 | £42,321.18 | £45,969.40 | | £38,088.38 | £44,361.36 | £49,184.77 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | £7,282.00 | -£2,040.18 | -£3,215.37 |

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| Evergreen Club Fund: | Brought forward | £2,525.74 |
| | Income | £0.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£737.76 |
| | Carried forward | £1,787.98 |

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| Toddler Group Fund: | Brought forward | £2,157.32 |
| | Income | £0.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£1,552.62 |
| | Carried forward | £604.70 |

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| Charity Funds Carried forward: | Mines Advisory Group | £441.00 |
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TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2024
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CASH ASSETS

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| Deposit Account | £60,140.26 |
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Of which:

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| Toddler Group Fund | £604.70 |
| Charity Funds | £441.00 |
| | £2,833.68 |
| | £122,085.17 |

Represented by:

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| Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account: | |
| Brought forward | £65,120.11 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £3,651.15 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £40,000.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | -£5,000.00 |
| <i>less</i> Assessment | <u>-£44,741.00</u> |
| | £59,030.26 |
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| Brought forward | £22,580.52 |
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| | £23,760.47 |
| Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund | |
| Brought forward | £32,995.38 |
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SIGNED: 

DATE: 01 October 2024

T W KYFFIN (Treasurer)

Independent Examiners Report

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SIGNED: 

DATE: 24 October 2024

C O'HARA (Independent Examiner)

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Year ended 31st August 2024

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During autumn 2023, the Trustees were kept informed about the stationing process. In November, Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson visited Trinity and All Saints churches in Abingdon and subsequently accepted the invitation to join the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference in July.

At the same time, Ian and Tabitha Griffiths similarly accepted an invitation to be part of the Newport and Lower Wye Circuit in South Wales, subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference in July. Services were held to mark the end of Ian's ministry at Trinity and in the Circuit and to offer Ian and Tabitha best wishes for their new ministry in South Wales.

The Trustees shared information and had some discussion about practical arrangements for the arrival of Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson, both in terms of church improvements and in relation to updates on the work needed in the manse. A Welcome Service was held for Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson on 30th August.

During the year the Trustees reviewed and approved the following policies and procedures:

- Policy for Funerals
- Policy for the interment of ashes on the Church site
- GDPR Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Health and Safety Policy

Worship

Church services are held each Sunday morning, commencing at 10:30am.

Average attendance at weekly Church services was 51 with numbers ranging from 32 to 116. A number of members are unable to attend on a regular basis due to health and mobility issues.

A Working Together Group with members from Trinity Church and All Saints Church has been established to foster closer collaboration between the two churches as we share a minister and a deacon. There were several joint services with All Saints Church during the year, at Trinity and at All Saints.

The Harvest Festival was held on 24th September 2023 with food gifts going to Abingdon Foodbank and cash donations to Asylum Welcome.

The Church celebrated its anniversary on Sunday 26th November. A Civic Service was held on Sunday 10th December at which the Mayor was present; this was led by Deacon Selina Nisbett, the Mayor's chaplain. The annual Christmas Gift Service was held on 3rd December and an afternoon Carol Service on 17th December. There was an afternoon Christingle Service on 24th December led by Deacon Selina Nisbett with donations to Action for Children, and donations at the Christmas morning service led by Rev Ian Griffiths were for Crisis Skylight Oxford.

At Easter, the Maundy Thursday Evening service was shared at Abingdon Baptist Church. Deacon Selina Nisbett led the Good Friday morning service at Trinity, which was a joint service with All saints Church. Our Easter morning service at Trinity was led by Revd. John Anderson.

Public Benefit

The church and Conduit Centre premises are regularly used by local organisations and individuals for a wide range of events and activities. The Church supports a number of local, national and international charities by donating to their causes and appeals.

Trinity Learning

The Church continues to support schools' outreach through Trinity Learning. Trinity Learning was originally set up as a Church project but was so successful that in 2019 it was established as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No 1182742) with a separate Board of Trustees. The Church provides office and meeting space for the charity.

The Trustees were delighted that 'Experience Easter' was hosted in the Church once again. 500 children from nine different schools took part online or at Trinity Church.

Financial Information

About 60% of the Church income comes from freewill giving (and associated Gift Aid) from Church members and supporters and a further 10% from letting of the premises. Well over 90% of freewill income comes from donations via standing order with only 7% being cash donations at services. Members responded very generously to an appeal during 2023 to review their freewill contributions; on average people increased giving by 14%.

General inflation and increasing utility costs have significantly impacted expenditure. With ageing buildings, it is anticipated that major repairs will become more frequent and more expensive.

Overall, on unrestricted funds, there was a deficit of almost £7,000 in 2023/24. The Trustees and Church members continue explore the feasibility of making greater use of the premises and thus increasing the income we generate. This may require some modifications to the buildings.

The Church's restricted funds fall into 4 categories:

- The Church manages the payroll for 3 external charities – the salaries are reimbursed by the external charities so the receipts and salary payments are restricted.
- The Church manages grants received from The Charity of Richard Belcher for work associated with the Toddler Group (a parent & toddler group) and the Evergreen Club (a club for the elderly). The grants were given specifically to support these organisations so these funds are restricted.
- The Church handles donations to charities from members of the congregation and church groups. As these donations are made for the specific charities, they are restricted.
- There are funds held in investments relating to the Spring Road Trust and related funds. These are funds, previously held by the URC, where only the income from the funds can currently be used, so they are restricted.

The Church continued to support local, national and international charities, donating over £8,200 during the year, as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| • Trinity Learning | £2,365.00 |
| • Action for Children | £482.50 |
| • Methodist Mission in Britain Fund | £232.00 |
| • Methodist World Mission Fund | £357.00 |
| • Methodist Church Fund | £188.00 |
| • All We Can | £188.00 |
| • Council for World Mission | £158.00 |
| • Commitment for Life | £100.00 |
| • The Abingdon Bridge | £200.00 |
| • Asylum Welcome | £340.00 |
| • Crisis Skylight Oxford | £3,250.00 |
| • British Red Cross Libya/Morocco Appeal | £300.00 |
| • URC Retreat Group | £20.00 |
| • Historic Churches Trust | £25.00 |
| | £8,205.50 |

Tom Kyffin
Church Treasurer
November 2024

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1148634

Accounts

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2023
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections | £47,117.38 | £44,741.35 | £47,777.83 | Circuit Assessment | £42,089.00 | £44,140.00 | £44,093.00 |
| Fairs | £790.00 | £1,555.44 | £1,171.07 | Insurance | £9,114.18 | £9,501.51 | £9,208.76 |
| Gift Aid | £10,849.34 | £10,489.23 | £11,297.17 | Caretaking | £4,384.96 | £7,657.76 | £6,839.88 |
| Lettings | £1,500.00 | £10,535.00 | £10,328.20 | Utilities | £6,845.23 | £9,495.76 | £14,042.81 |
| Weddings and Funerals | £1,386.00 | £4,028.00 | £1,795.00 | Repairs and Renewals | £8,411.02 | £14,971.10 | £6,629.96 |
| Interest | £960.46 | £1,891.03 | £10,679.93 | Conduit Centre | £7,701.53 | £8,037.79 | £8,264.12 |
| Other Income | £13,493.86 | £8,590.13 | £9,301.36 | Administration & Miscellaneous | £7,040.18 | £9,591.25 | £11,553.29 |
| Legacies | £10,000.00 | £0.00 | £12,000.00 | Gifts and Charities | £5,266.00 | £612.50 | £723.20 |
| Hall Redecoration | £1,265.25 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Hall Redecoration | £5,908.40 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Conduit Centre Grants & Donations | £22,885.10 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Conduit Centre Project | £10,644.77 | £2,933.98 | £0.00 |
| | £110,247.39 | £81,830.18 | £104,350.56 | | £107,405.27 | £106,941.65 | £101,355.02 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | £2,842.12 | -£25,111.47 | £2,995.54 |

RESTRICTED FUNDS

| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections for Charities and Gifts | £6,426.25 | £7,461.44 | £14,385.89 | Charities and Gifts | £5,644.02 | £7,224.66 | £14,038.91 |
| External Salaries | £29,414.30 | £29,271.03 | £27,935.29 | External Salaries | £29,414.30 | £29,271.03 | £27,935.29 |
| Toddler Group Grant | | £4,500.00 | £0.00 | Toddler Group | | £900.00 | £1,442.68 |
| Evergreen Club Grants & Donations | | £4,137.91 | £0.00 | Evergreen Club | | £692.69 | £944.48 |
| | £35,840.55 | £45,370.38 | £42,321.18 | | £35,058.32 | £38,088.38 | £44,361.36 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | £782.23 | £7,282.00 | -£2,040.18 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Evergreen Club Fund: | Brought forward | £3,470.22 |
| | Income | £0.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£944.48 |
| | Carried forward | £2,525.74 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Toddler Group Fund: | Brought forward | £3,600.00 |
| | Income | £0.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£1,442.68 |
| | Carried forward | £2,157.32 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Charity Funds Carried forward: | | | |
| | Crisis Skylight Oxford | £1,345.99 | |
| | Action for Children | £20.00 | |

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - CASH ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2023
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

CASH ASSETS

Methodist Central Finance Board Accounts:

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Deposit Account | £65,120.11 |
| Legacy Fund | £22,580.52 |
| URC Manse Fund | <u>£32,995.38</u> |

£120,696.01

HSBC Current Account:

£11,536.74

£132,232.75

Represented by:

Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £38,105.33 |
| <i>plus</i> Income from TMCP Trusts | £0.00 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £2,207.78 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Legacy Fund Account | £30,900.00 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £40,000.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> Assessment | <u>-£44,093.00</u> |

£67,120.11

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £50,520.68 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £959.84 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Deposit Account | <u>-£30,900.00</u> |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 |

£20,580.52

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Brought forward | £31,887.30 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | <u>£1,108.08</u> |

£32,995.38

HSBC Current Account:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Brought forward | £10,764.08 |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | <u>£772.66</u> |

£11,536.74

£132,232.75

Of the above:

Unrestricted Funds £126,183.70

Restricted Funds:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Evergreen Club Fund | £2,525.74 |
| Toddler Group Fund | £2,157.32 |
| Charity Funds | £1,365.99 |

£6,049.05

£132,232.75

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - INVESTMENT ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2023
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in the CFB Mixed Investment fund | £1,636.49 |
| | <u>£1,636.49</u> |

Restricted Funds

Spring Road Trust Funds (URC) invested in:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| a) COIF (Trinity Church/URC Fund) Income Units - current value | £21,239.99 |
| b) Black Rock Income Units - current value | £8,472.48 |
| c) Spring Road Charities Trust Fund (sale of 2 Withington Court) held in COIF Deposit Fund - current value | £173,774.69 |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Other URC Investments held as 1161 COIF Income shares - current value | £4,946.85 |
| | <u>£208,434.01</u> |

SIGNED

T W KYFFIN (Treasurer)

DATE 28 September 2023

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts and records for Trinity Church, Abingdon for 2022/23 and am satisfied that there are no issues that need addressing.

SIGNED

C O'HARA (Independent Examiner)

DATE 30 October 2023

Trustees Annual Report - Trinity Church, Abingdon

Year ended 31 August 2023

Administrative Information

Trinity Church, Abingdon, is a Local Ecumenical Project with the participating denominations being the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church. The appropriate authority for each participating Church is The Wantage and Abingdon Circuit of the Methodist Church (one of 23 Circuits comprising the Northampton District) and The Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church.

The Minister of the Church and Chair of Trustees is Rev. Ian Griffiths. At the end of August 2023 there were 10 Trustees. We have Stewards who ensure that services run smoothly and Elders who provide pastoral support for the Church members and those with a connection to the Church. There are 84 Church members, although many more people from the local community attend our services and use our facilities.

The Constitution of Trinity Church was signed on 1 March 2012 and Trinity Church, Abingdon achieved charitable status and was entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1148634 on 17 August 2012.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Trinity Church states that we aim 'to serve God, serve the community and serve each other'.

Meetings

Over the last year there have been 8 Trustees Meetings. The Trustees also met on 2 further occasions to discuss sustainability and future ministry. There have been 5 Church Meetings including the Annual General Meeting. After in-depth discussions at several Church Meetings, those present at the meeting in May agreed that Trinity should seek a shared Methodist minister to follow on from Rev. Ian Griffiths when he moves on in September 2024.

The major topics for discussion by the Trustees were future ordained ministry for Trinity and challenges relating to the Methodist Circuit Plan, property and sustainability issues, developing the relationship with All Saints Methodist Church and preparations required for the Church Meetings. A number of the Trustees were involved in work related to the buildings and acquiring more relevant information about sustainability. Some were also involved in a small subgroup meeting with stewards from All Saints exploring how the two churches could work more closely.

During the year the Trustees reviewed and approved the following policies and procedures:

- Capability policy
- Policy for Funerals and the interment of ashes on the Church site
- Health and Safety policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Lettings policy
- Equality policy
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Grievance Procedure

Worship

Church services are held each Sunday morning, commencing at 1030am.

Average attendance at weekly Church services was 52 with numbers ranging from 27 to 90. A number of members are unable to attend on a regular basis due to health and mobility issues.

There were 6 joint services with All Saints Church, three at Trinity and 3 at All Saints.

The Harvest Festival was held on 9 October 2022 with food gifts going to Abingdon Foodbank and cash donations to Asylum Welcome.

The Christmas Gift Service was held on 4 December 2022 and the Carol Service on 18 December 2022. There was a Christingle Service on 24 December 2022 with donations to Action for Children and the Christmas morning service was held at 10am on 25 December 2022.

At Easter, the Maundy Thursday Evening service was shared at Abingdon Baptist Church and our own minister led the services at Trinity on Good Friday at 10am and Easter Sunday at 10.30am.

Conduit Centre Improvement

The project to improve the entrance area and toilets in the Conduit Centre was completed in 2020. The building is now in full use on an almost daily basis.

Public Benefit

The church and Conduit Centre premises are regularly used by local organisations and individuals for a wide range of events and activities. The Church supports a number of local, national and international charities by donating to their causes and appeals.

Trinity Learning

The Church continues to support schools' outreach through Trinity Learning. Trinity Learning was originally set up as a Church project but was so successful that in 2019 it was established as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No 1182742) with a new board of Trustees. The Church provides office and meeting space for the charity.

The Trustees were delighted that 'Experience Easter' was hosted in the Church once again. Between 21 & 23 March 2023 when 200 children from 3 local primary schools were welcomed at Trinity and further 200 children were involved in activities online.

Financial Information

About three quarters of the Church income comes from freewill giving from Church members and supporters and a further 10-15% from letting of the premises. Well over 90% of freewill income comes from donations via standing order from members with only 8% being cash donations at services. Members responded very generously to an appeal during the year to review their freewill contributions; on average people increased giving by 14%.

General inflation and increasing utility costs have significantly impacted expenditure. With ageing buildings, it is anticipated that major repairs will become more frequent and more expensive.

Overall, on unrestricted funds, there was a surplus of just under £3,000 in 2022/23. However, the church received £12,000 in bequests during the year, without which there would have been a deficit of about £9,000. The Trustees and Church members continue

explore the feasibility of making greater use of the premises and thus increasing the income they generate. This will probably involve some alterations to the buildings.

The Church continued to support local, national and international charities, donating over £7,200 during the year, as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| • Trinity Learning | £1,977.11 |
| • Water Aid | £1,700.00 |
| • Action for Children | £895.00 |
| • Asylum Welcome | £420.00 |
| • DEC Turkey/Syria Appeal | £400.00 |
| • Methodist World Mission Fund | £320.00 |
| • Mercy Ships | £300.00 |
| • Methodist Mission in Britain Fund | £200.00 |
| • The Abingdon Bridge | £200.00 |
| • Methodist Church Fund | £190.00 |
| • All We Can | £190.00 |
| • Council for World Mission | £125.00 |
| • Commitment for Life | £100.00 |
| • FSCI (UK) | £170.00 |
| • Historic Churches Trust | £25.00 |
| • URC Retreat Group | £20.00 |
| | £7,232.11 |

Tom Kyffin
Church Treasurer
December 2023

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1148634

Accounts

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2022
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections | £49,981.35 | £47,117.38 | £44,741.35 | Circuit Assessment | £42,402.00 | £42,089.00 | £44,140.00 |
| Fairs | £1,368.35 | £790.00 | £1,555.44 | Insurance | £9,036.28 | £9,114.18 | £9,501.51 |
| Gift Aid | £14,907.85 | £10,849.34 | £10,489.23 | Caretaking | £6,363.15 | £4,384.96 | £7,657.76 |
| Lettings | £5,104.00 | £1,500.00 | £10,535.00 | Utilities | £8,046.19 | £6,845.23 | £9,495.76 |
| Weddings and Funerals | £1,704.00 | £1,386.00 | £4,028.00 | Repairs and Renewals | £4,707.97 | £8,411.02 | £14,971.10 |
| Interest | £2,443.22 | £960.46 | £1,891.03 | Conduit Centre | £7,022.92 | £7,701.53 | £8,037.79 |
| Other Income | £15,404.21 | £13,493.86 | £8,590.13 | Administration & Miscellaneous | £10,587.79 | £7,040.18 | £9,591.25 |
| Legacies | £0.00 | £10,000.00 | £0.00 | Gifts and Charities | £6,596.21 | £5,266.00 | £612.50 |
| Hall Redecoration | £0.00 | £1,265.25 | £0.00 | Hall redecoration | £0.00 | £5,908.40 | £0.00 |
| Conduit Centre Grants & Donations | £0.00 | £22,885.10 | £0.00 | Conduit Centre Project | £20,303.45 | £10,644.77 | £2,933.98 |
| | £90,912.98 | £110,247.39 | £81,830.18 | | £115,065.96 | £107,405.27 | £106,941.65 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | -£24,152.98 | £2,842.12 | -£25,111.47 |

| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
| INCOME | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Collections for Charities and Gifts | £4,700.81 | £6,426.25 | £7,461.44 | Charities and Gifts | £4,700.81 | £5,644.02 | £7,224.66 |
| External Salaries | £24,971.54 | £29,414.30 | £29,271.03 | External Salaries | £24,971.54 | £29,414.30 | £29,271.03 |
| Toddler Group Grant | | | £4,500.00 | Toddler Group | | | £900.00 |
| Evergreen Club Grants & Donations | | | £4,137.91 | Evergreen Club | | | £692.69 |
| Conduit Centre Grants & Donations | £82,424.60 | | | Conduit Centre Project | £82,424.60 | | |
| | £112,096.95 | £35,840.55 | £45,370.38 | | £112,096.95 | £35,058.32 | £38,088.38 |
| | | | | Surplus/Deficit | £0.00 | £782.23 | £7,282.00 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Evergreen Club Fund: | Brought forward | £25.00 |
| | Income | £4,137.91 |
| | Expenditure | -£692.69 |
| | Carried forward | £3,470.22 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Toddler Group Fund: | Brought forward | £0.00 |
| | Income | £4,500.00 |
| | Expenditure | -£900.00 |
| | Carried forward | £3,600.00 |

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - CASH ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2022
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

CASH ASSETS

Methodist Central Finance Board Accounts:

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Deposit Account | £38,105.33 |
| Legacy Fund | £50,520.68 |
| URC Manse Fund | £31,887.30 |

£120,513.31

HSBC Current Account:

£10,764.08

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Account

£0.00

£131,277.39

Represented by:

Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £31,920.32 |
| <i>plus</i> Income from TMCP Trusts | £0.00 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £181.79 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Legacy Fund Account | £0.00 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £50,000.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> Assessment | -£43,996.78 |

£38,105.33

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

| | |
|---|------------|
| Brought forward | £50,310.29 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £210.39 |
| <i>plus</i> transfer from Current Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Deposit Account | £0.00 |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 |

£50,520.68

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Brought forward | £31,754.52 |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £132.78 |

£31,887.30

HSBC Current Account:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Brought forward | £34,978.51 |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | -£24,214.43 |

£10,764.08

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Account:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Brought forward | £143.22 |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | -£143.22 |

£0.00

£131,277.39

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - INVESTMENT ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2022
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds

Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in the CFB Mixed Investment fund £1,589.99

Restricted Funds

Spring Road Trust Funds (URC) invested in:


a) COIF (Trinity Church/URC Fund) Income Units - current value £21,839.00
b) Black Rock Income Units - current value £9,757.11
c) Spring Road Charities Trust Fund (sale of 2 Withington Court) held in COIF Deposit Fund - current value £173,774.69

Other URC Investments held as COIF Income shares - current value £5,086.36

SIGNED  DATE 27th September 2022
T W KYFFIN (Treasurer)

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts and records for Trinity Church, Abingdon for 2021/22 and am satisfied that there are no issues that need addressing.

SIGNED  DATE 27th September 2022
CELIA O'HARA (Independent Examiner)

Trustees Annual Report - Trinity Church, Abingdon

Year ended 31st August 2022

Administrative Information

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The Minister of the Church and Chair of Trustees is Rev. Ian Griffiths. At the end of August 2022 there were 12 Trustees. We have Stewards who ensure that services run smoothly and Elders who provide pastoral support for the Church members and those with a connection to the Church. There are 88 Church members, although many more people from the local community attend our services and use our facilities.

The Constitution of Trinity Church was signed on 1st March 2012 and Trinity Church, Abingdon achieved charitable status and was entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1148634 on 17th August 2012.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Trinity Church states that we aim 'to serve God, serve the community and serve each other'.

Meetings

Over the last year there have been 6 Trustees Meetings and 4 Church Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting.

Worship

Following restrictions due to Covid-19, services in the Church resumed in July 2021 and have been held each Sunday morning since.

Conduit Centre Improvement

The project to improve the entrance area and toilets in the Conduit Centre was completed in 2020 but payment of the final 'retentions' were made in October and November 2021. The building is now in full use on an almost daily basis.

Trinity Learning

The Church continues to support schools' outreach through Trinity Learning. Trinity Learning was originally set up as a Church project but was so successful that in 2019 it was established as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No 1182742) with a new board of Trustees. The Church provides office and meeting space for the charity.

Financial Information

Although restrictions associated with Covid-19 have been lifted, attendance at Church services has been lower than prior to the pandemic. This is due to a combination of factors – several members have died or have become less mobile and some others continue to be reluctant to participate in communal gatherings. This has impacted 'occasional' giving but,

fortunately, the majority of freewill donations are now paid by standing order into the Church bank account, so the overall effect is limited.

Normally, about three quarters of the Church income comes from freewill giving from Church members and supporters and a further 10-15% from letting of the premises. Income from lettings has almost returned to pre-pandemic levels but, although many members have increased their freewill contributions, we have fewer people in the congregation, so the total income from freewill giving has decreased.

There were a few significant repairs required on the Church building in 2021/22 which meant that expenditure on repairs was greater than would normally be expected. Increased utility costs and general inflation have also impacted expenditure. With aging buildings it is anticipated that significant repairs will become more frequent and more expensive.

Overall, there was a deficit of just over £25,000 in 2021/22. It is estimated that of this deficit, about £15,000 is underlying. The Trustees and Church members are working on a 'sustainability' project to explore the feasibility of making greater use of the premises and thus increasing the income they generate. This will probably involve some alterations to the buildings.

The Church continued to support local, national and international charities, donating almost £7,900 during the year, as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| • Trinity Learning | £2,480 |
| • Action for Children | £1,270 |
| • Asylum Welcome | £520 |
| • DEC Ukraine Appeal | £500 |
| • Christian Aid | £450 |
| • Cancer research UK | £380 |
| • Trussell Trust | £375 |
| • Methodist World Mission Fund | £360 |
| • Methodist Mission in Britain Fund | £240 |
| • Yellow Submarine | £225 |
| • British Red Cross | £220 |
| • The Abingdon Bridge | £200 |
| • Methodist Church Fund | £188 |
| • All We Can | £188 |
| • Council for World Mission | £160 |
| • Host Abingdon | £60 |
| • Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust | £25 |
| • FSCI (UK) | £25 |
| • URC Retreat Group | £20 |
| | £7,886 |

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TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1148634

Accounts

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - CASH ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2021
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

CASH ASSETS

Methodist Central Finance Board Accounts:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Deposit Account | £31,920.32 | |
| Legacy Fund | £50,310.29 | |
| URC Manse Fund | £31,754.52 | |
| | | £113,985.13 |

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|------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Barclays Current Account | | £0.00 |
| HSBC Current Account: | | £34,978.51 |
| Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Account | | £143.22 |
| | | £149,106.86 |

£149,106.86

Represented by:

Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Brought forward | £31,876.49 | |
| Income from TMCP Trusts | £0.00 | |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £43.83 | |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 | |
| | | £31,920.32 |

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Brought forward | £50,241.18 | |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £69.11 | |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 | |
| | | £50,310.29 |

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Brought forward | £31,710.92 | |
| <i>plus</i> Interest | £43.60 | |
| <i>less</i> transfer to Current Account | £0.00 | |
| | | £31,754.52 |

Barclays Current Account:

| | | |
|--|------------|-------|
| Brought forward | £4,966.79 | |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | -£4,966.79 | |
| | | £0.00 |

HSBC Current Account:

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Brought forward | £19,882.11 | |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | £15,096.40 | |
| | | £34,978.51 |

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Account:

| | | |
|--|------------|---------|
| Brought forward | £7,587.25 | |
| <i>plus</i> Surplus/ <i>less</i> Deficit | -£7,444.03 | |
| | | £143.22 |

£149,106.86

TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - INVESTMENT ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2021
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds

Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in the CFB Mixed Investment fund £1,587.05

Restricted Funds

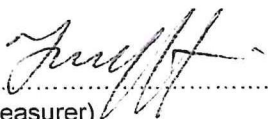
Spring Road Trust Funds (URC) invested in:

a) COIF (Trinity Church/URC Fund) Income Units - current value £23,046.72
b) Black Rock Income Units - current value £11,396.25
c) Spring Road Charities Trust Fund (sale of 2 Withington Court) held in COIF Deposit Fund - current value £173,774.69

Other URC Investments held as 1161 COIF Income shares - current value £5,367.64

SIGNED

T W KYFFIN (Treasurer)



DATE 25 October 2021

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts and records for Trinity Church, Abingdon for 2020/21 and am satisfied that there are no issues that need addressing.

SIGNED

C O'HARA (Independent Examiner)



DATE 25 October 2021

Trustees Annual Report - Trinity Church, Abingdon

Year ended 31st August 2021

Administrative Information

Trinity Church, Abingdon, is a Local Ecumenical Project with the participating denominations being the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church. The appropriate authority for each participating Church is The Wantage and Abingdon Circuit of the Methodist Church (one of 23 Circuits comprising the Northampton District) and The Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church.

The Minister of the Church and Chair of Trustees is Rev. Ian Griffiths. At the end of August 2021 there were 12 Trustees. We have Stewards who ensure that services run smoothly and Elders who provide pastoral support for the Church members and those with a connection to the Church. There are about 90 Church members, although many more people from the local community attend our services and use our facilities.

The Constitution of Trinity Church was signed on 1st March 2012 and Trinity Church, Abingdon achieved charitable status and was entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1148634 on 17th August 2012.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Trinity Church states that we aim 'to serve God, serve the community and serve each other'.

Meetings

Over the last year there have been 6 Trustees Meetings and 3 Church Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting. All meetings were held online because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Worship

The Church and Conduit Centre were closed for much of the year so weekly 'at home' worship material was distributed to the congregation by email and post and streamed service was provided by the Circuit. Services in Church were held during the autumn of 2020 and since July this year.

Conduit Centre Improvement

The project to improve the entrance area and toilets in the Conduit Centre is complete. The project was completed within budget; the total cost being just under £133,000 compared to the budget of £140,000. Because more grant funding was secured than initially planned, the draw on reserves was only £23,000 rather than the planned £40,000.

Once the above project was completed and the Conduit Centre was still closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, the main hall was redecorated and all the notice boards were replaced.

Trinity Learning

The Church continued to support schools' outreach through Trinity Learning. Trinity Learning was originally set up as a Church project but has been so successful that in 2019 it was established as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No 1182742) with a new board of Trustees.

Financial Information

Restrictions due to Covid-19 have had an impact on the Church finances. Normally, three quarters of the Church income comes from freewill giving from Church members and supporters and a further 10% from letting of the premises. For the 17 months between March 2020 and August 2021 the Church received negligible income from lettings. Members continued to support the Church financially during the period but overall, there was a worsened underlying deficit.

Costs and income associated with the Conduit Centre Improvement Project have complicated the interpretation of the annual accounts, but over the 3 financial years of the project there a total deficit of £51,000 which was covered by drawing from reserves. Of this figure, only £23,00 was funding from reserves for the Conduit Centre Improvement Project.

The Church continued to support local, national and international charities. Even though the Church was closed for most of the financial year, almost £11,700 was donated to charities as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Trinity Learning | £8,881 |
| • The Abingdon Bridge | £500 |
| • Asylum Welcome | £470 |
| • Methodist World Mission Fund | £340 |
| • Abingdon Food Bank | £300 |
| • Yellow Submarine | £300 |
| • Methodist Mission in Britain Fund | £215 |
| • Methodist Church Fund | £188 |
| • All We Can | £188 |
| • Council for World Mission | £140 |
| • Commitment for Life | £100 |
| • Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust | £25 |
| • FSCI (UK) | £25 |
| • URC Retreat Group | £20 |
| | £11,692 |

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