

**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
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
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
	<b>£110,247.39</b>	<b>£81,830.18</b>	<b>£104,350.56</b>		<b>£107,405.27</b>	<b>£106,941.65</b>	<b>£101,355.02</b>
				<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>£2,842.12</b>	<b>-£25,111.47</b>	<b>£2,995.54</b>

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
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
	<b>£35,840.55</b>	<b>£45,370.38</b>	<b>£42,321.18</b>		<b>£35,058.32</b>	<b>£38,088.38</b>	<b>£44,361.36</b>
				<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>£782.23</b>	<b>£7,282.00</b>	<b>-£2,040.18</b>

<b>Evergreen Club Fund:</b>	Brought forward	£3,470.22
	Income	£0.00
	Expenditure	-£944.48
	Carried forward	£2,525.74

<b>Toddler Group Fund:</b>	Brought forward	£3,600.00
	Income	£0.00
	Expenditure	-£1,442.68
	Carried forward	£2,157.32

<b>Charity Funds Carried forward:</b>	Crisis Skylight Oxford	£1,345.99	Action for Children	£20.00
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**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	£32,995.38

£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
plus Income from TMCP Trusts	£0.00
plus Interest	£2,207.78
plus transfer from Legacy Fund Account	£30,900.00
plus transfer from Current Account	£40,000.00
less transfer to Current Account	£0.00
less Assessment	-£44,093.00

£67,120.11

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

Brought forward	£50,520.68
plus Interest	£959.84
plus transfer from Current Account	£0.00
less transfer to Deposit Account	-£30,900.00
less transfer to Current Account	£0.00

£20,580.52

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

Brought forward	£31,887.30
plus Interest	£1,108.08

£32,995.38

HSBC Current Account:

Brought forward	£10,764.08
plus Surplus/less Deficit	£772.66

£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**  
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**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
	<b>£1,636.49</b>

**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
	<b>£208,434.01</b>

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 improvement 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 20221/23. 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
	<b>£7,232.11</b>

Tom Kyffin  
Church Treasurer  
December 2023