

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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:

Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account:

Brought forward	£60,140.26
plus Interest	£2,331.67
plus transfer from Current Account	£30,000.00
less transfer to Current Account	£0.00
less Assessment	<u>-£49,944.00</u>
	£42,527.93

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

Brought forward	£22,650.47
plus Interest	£1,027.53
plus transfer from Current Account	£0.00
	£23,678.00

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

Brought forward	£34,723.70
plus Interest	<u>£1,575.32</u>
	£36,299.02

HSBC Current Account:

Brought forward	£4,570.74
plus Surplus/less Deficit	<u>-£637.62</u>
	£3,933.12

£106,438.07

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds

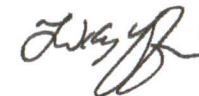
Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for
Methodist Church Purposes £1,796.72

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

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 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:

• 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