

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ECCLESHALL (HOLY TRINITY & ST CHADS)

England & Wales · Charity number 1153305

Details

Other names ECCLESHALL PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-08-08

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and special need groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£229,863	£481,133	-	-
2024-12-31	£215,050	£301,314	-	-
2023-12-31	£154,049	£238,271	-	-
2022-12-31	£165,332	£138,037	-	-
2021-12-31	£145,277	£133,419	-	-
2020-12-31	£133,182	£167,691	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY GLYNNE JONES		2023-05-11
Anita Guest		2026-03-28
CHRISTOPHER GORDON REYNOLDS		2013-04-14
Claire Lockett		2026-03-28
Don Smythe		2025-05-19
Erin Sohnrey		2025-05-19
HAZEL CLARE BRADSHAW		2013-08-05
JOHN MICHAEL TREANOR		2013-08-05
JOHN RICHARD BRADSHAW		2013-08-05
JONATHAN JONES		2016-04-17
John Beswick		2026-03-28
KATHLEEN MARGARET GRIFFITHS		2013-08-05
Linda Veck-Jones		2026-03-28
Lisa Simcock		2025-05-19
Lorna Sant		2026-03-28
Mary Scott		2025-05-19
Nancy Reynolds		2026-03-28
Rev PHILLIP THOMAS JOHNSON		2023-11-13
VIVIEN ROSEMARY ROWLEY		2023-05-11
Winston Platt		2025-05-19

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ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1153305

HOLY TRINITY ECCLESHALL & ST. CHAD'S SLINDON

Trustees' Annual Report

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Financial Statements

for

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall



Holy Trinity & St. Chad's

for the

Year ended 31st December 2025

February 2026

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Church Street, Eccleshall, whilst St Chad's Church is located on the Newcastle Road in the settlement of Slindon. Eccleshall Ecclesiastical Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BY. The Registered Charity Number is 1153305.

PCC members who served during 2025 were:

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy	Reverend Phillip Johnson
Churchwardens	Jonathan Jones (<i>Lay Co-chair of PCC</i>) John Treanor (<i>Lay Co-Chair of PCC</i>) Kate Griffiths Anthony Jones
Diocesan Synod Member	Jonathan Jones
Deanery Synod Members	Jonathan Jones (<i>Deanery Lay Chair</i>) Hazel Bradshaw Kate Griffiths

PCC Members:

John Bradshaw	John Leather (resigned May 2025)
Hazel Bradshaw	Isy Edge (resigned May 2025)
Sue Bramall	Judith Norton (resigned May 2025)
Sue Marsh	Chris Reynolds
David Milner (resigned May 2025)	Nancy Reynolds (resigned May 2025)
Jenny Turnock	Vivian Rowley
Erin Sohnrey (appointed May 2025)	Linda Veck-Jones (resigned May 2025)
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PCC Secretary (*Not elected to the PCC*)

Emily Howard

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2025 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2025

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Phillip Johnson in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community and the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2025 has been consistent with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

a. Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (Eccleshall PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission No.1153305.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Vicar is Chairman of the PCC. The four Churchwardens, those ordained ministers who hold the Bishop's License, and Deanery Synod representatives are ex-officio members. The other members of the PCC are elected by the congregation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and the members of the PCC then annually elect a Secretary and Treasurer (Chair of Finance Committee). All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. There may also be co-options to the PCC where particular needs are identified. All members of the PCC are Trustees and training in the duties of Trustees is provided as part of the process of induction of new PCC members.

The PCC meets on a regular basis to transact business and receive reports from its committees.

Representatives who serve on the Deanery Synod report on its activities.

The PCC derives its income from direct giving by congregation and visitors, fund raising and Gift Aided profits from Eccleshall Parish activities, and from legacies.

b. Management and Employment

The PCC employs a number of full-time and part-time staff and benefits from the support of numerous volunteers who offer their services at no cost to the PCC. The PCC considers that the Vicar, Churchwardens and other PCC members and certain senior employed staff comprise the key management of Eccleshall Parish in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Parish on a day-to-day basis. The pay of staff is reviewed annually. The PCC recognises the contribution of all employed staff and volunteers to the Parish's mission and witness and takes this opportunity to thank them for their service.

Details of our Activities, Mission and Impact in 2025 are contained in the separate *Impact Report 2025* published alongside this TAR.

4. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation. Health and Safety, and Safeguarding are reviewed as an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

5. Risk Management

The Church Wardens conduct regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

6. Financial Review

The PCC set ambitious targets for growth in 2024 and 2025, and this report and the subsequent accounts show the development of that policy. The trustees have decided to pursue a programme of investment in both direct ministry and the fabric of both buildings, along with improvements to governance processes. This has led to increased congregational and event attendance. Further details can be found in our *Impact Report 2025*.

7. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish.

The regular expenditure of the churches is planned to be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. The short-term funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee.

8. Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made and the charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese: "We aim to invest in companies that will develop their business in the interests of shareholders, demonstrate responsible employment practices, are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment, and human rights, and are sensitive to the community in which they operate."

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9. Disclosures

The following payments were made to related parties:

Incumbent Expenses £5,811.00

Independent Examiner £300.00

Anthony Jones (trustee) £688.00 (for churchyard path grounds work).

The average number of employees was 4 and total payment in gross salaries in 2025 was £77, 024 with employer contributions to pension scheme of £1,738.00

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad's Slindon in any way.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 2nd March 2026 and signed on their behalf by The Rev Phillip Johnson:



The Rev Phillip Johnson

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's)

**SOFA - Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	52,780	13,464	2,530		68,774	83,943
Income from charitable activities	13,115				13,115	15,429
Other trading activities	35,116				35,116	28,107
Investments	5,708	770	564	62,869	69,913	73,087
Other income	41,495	1,450			42,945	14,485
Total Income	148,214	15,684	3,094	62,869	229,861	215,050
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	26,605	600			27,205	20,220
Expenditure on charitable activities	196,101	3,504			199,605	117,035
Other expenditure	246,462	3,000	4,860		254,322	164,060
Total Expenditure	469,170	7,104	4,860		481,133	301,314
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(320,956)	8,580	(1,766)	62,869	(251,272)	(86,264)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	308,791	30,844			339,635	177,440
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,844)	(28,791)		(280,000)	(339,635)	(177,440)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		15,268	376	6,649	22,294	86,986
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
Net movement in funds	(43,009)	25,902	(1,390)	(210,482)	(228,979)	722
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	76,059	163,575	50,064	2,278,872	2,568,570	2,567,848
Total funds carried forward	33,050	189,477	48,674	2,068,390	2,339,592	2,568,570
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Holy Trinity General Fund	(12,546)				(12,546)	523
St Chad's General Fund	45,597	30,844			76,441	75,536
Designated						
St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account		6,340			6,340	6,066
St Chad's - EdenTree Slindon Fund		141,610			141,610	126,341
Holy Trinity Designated Fund		664			664	31,168
Restricted						
Holy Trinity Conservation Fund		10,019	45,193		55,212	46,958
St Chad's - EdenTree School Fund			3,481		3,481	3,106
Endowment						
Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust - Capital				73,010	73,010	76,051
Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust - Income				135,027	135,027	134,636
Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - Deposit Account				11,563	11,563	28,542
Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - Investment accounts				1,368,837	1,368,837	2,039,643
Parish Trust Fund 710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - Trinity Cottage				479,952	479,952	
	33,050	189,477	48,674	2,068,390	2,339,592	2,568,570

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's)

**Analysis of Income and Expenditure
1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	20,200		1,920		22,120	20,096
110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	575				575	930
201 - Other Planned Giving	2,700				2,700	2,300
301 - Cash Collections - Services	8,098				8,098	7,950
501 - Sundry Gifts - Gift Aid	54		150		204	1,080
502 - Sundry Gifts - non Gift Aid						484
503 - Donations - General	10,298				10,298	6,209
505 - Donations - Wall Safe	147				147	710
507 - Donations - Funerals	586				586	1,624
550 - Donations - Specific		3,445			3,445	1,759
601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	9,923		460		10,383	7,913
701 - Legacies	200	10,019			10,219	32,890
Total Donations and legacies	52,780	13,464	2,530		68,774	83,943
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees - Weddings	2,761				2,761	3,182
1102 - Fees - Funerals	10,354				10,354	12,247
Total Income from charitable activities	13,115				13,115	15,429
Other trading activities						
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	21,660				21,660	14,887
1230 - Parish Room - Rental Income	6,588				6,588	6,198
1240 - Parish Room - Other Income	1,232				1,232	902
1250 - Trinity Magazine - Advertising	3,330				3,330	3,790
1260 - Trinity Magazine - Sales	2,306				2,306	2,328
Total Other trading activities	35,116				35,116	28,106
Investments						
1020 - Bank Interest		770	564	1,673	3,007	3,091
1021 - Investment Income	5,708			61,196	66,904	69,996
Total Investments	5,708	770	564	62,869	69,912	73,087
Other income						
801 - Grants - Recurring	495				495	495
802 - Grants - Non-Recurring	41,000	1,450			42,450	5,643
901 - Other Income						8,347
Total Other income	41,495	1,450			42,945	14,485
Income and endowments grand totals	148,214	15,684	3,094	62,869	229,861	215,050
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of Special Events	3,515				3,515	3,959
1733 - Costs of stewardship campaign	1,007	600			1,607	
1734 - Costs of fetes & other events	40				40	40
2350 - Trinity Magazine - Printing	2,422				2,422	2,690
2385 - Marketing - digital	18,796				18,796	10,995
2386 - Marketing - print	824				824	2,535
Total Raising funds	26,605	600			27,205	20,220
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	433				433	1,229
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	67,585				67,585	64,831
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	5,811				5,811	8,680
2102 - Salaries	78,762				78,762	24,738
2155 - Staff expenses	1,880				1,880	443
2160 - Altar Requisites	2,836				2,836	446
2161 - Organist / Choir	3,184				3,184	3,862
2162 - Church Services - Sundry	4,416	3,504			7,920	2,516
2180 - Flourish	1,558				1,558	
2181 - Organisational Development	23,613				23,613	4,945
2182 - Courses we run	455				455	

2183 - Next Generation	4,959			4,959	5,345
2184 - Mission/Outreach	609			609	
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	196,101	3,504		199,605	117,035
Other expenditure					
2201 - Office costs	2,414			2,414	3,539
2202 - Subscriptions	863			863	
2204 - Computing / IT	14,574			14,574	8,146
2205 - Photocopier	2,867			2,867	1,803
2250 - Telephone	3,483			3,483	1,139
2320 - Organ Servicing	1,033			1,033	1,064
2360 - Bank Charges	146			146	104
500 - Stripe Fees	321			321	39
2380 - Professional Charges	7,504			7,504	17,145
2401 - Church - Electricity	9,794			9,794	6,844
2430 - Church - Heating Oil	4,318			4,318	4,546
2435 - Church Water	648			648	351
2440 - Church - Maintenance	1,720			1,720	2,706
2450 - Church - Cleaning	3,770			3,770	2,264
2455 - Church - Security	917			917	1,141
2460 - Church - Insurance	5,524			5,524	5,372
2465 - Church - Equipment / Fittings	2,055			2,055	873
2514 - Church - AV System	1,466			1,466	6,746
2670 - Churchyard Maintenance	5,074			5,074	983
2701 - Major project - IT network	3,482	500		3,982	4,633
2703 - Major project - Parish Room refurbishment	1,406			1,406	619
2704 - Major project - Altar Frontal	250	2,500		2,750	15,000
2705 - Major project - Finance systems	16,928			16,928	6,011
2706 - Major project - Website	3,540			3,540	17,851
2709 - Major Project - Armorial Hatchment	27,720		4,860	32,580	4,000
2707 - Major project - Survey Project	3,050			3,050	7,633
2710 - Major Project - AV Desk Replacement	6,060			6,060	10,944
2711 - Major Project - History Research	5,178			5,178	16,548
2712 - Major Project - Extra Camera	1,099			1,099	
2713 - Major Project - Solar & Battery Installation at Vicarage	18,182			18,182	
2714 - Major Project - Arts Ministry Project	15,617			15,617	
2715 - Major Project - Children's Choir	60			60	
2716 - Major Project - Beech Road Play Area	1,313			1,313	
2717 - Major Project - Avelec Loop Repair HT	2,402			2,402	
2718 - Major Project - PhD Contribution	2,503			2,503	
2719 - Major Project - Trinity Cottage	6,630			6,630	
2720 - Major Project - IT Infrastructure	32,930			32,930	
2721 - Major Project - Conservation Management Plan	9,600			9,600	
2781 - Major project - St Chad's water	195			195	
2783 - Major Project - St Chad's Feasibility Studies	3,600			3,600	
2813 - Parish Room - Electricity	3,344			3,344	2,711
2815 - Parish Room - Insurance	691			691	674
2816 - Parish Room - Maintenance	502			502	718
2818 - Parish Room - Cleaning	2,568			2,568	976
2819 - Parish Room - Equipment / Fittings	51			51	2,190
2850 - St Chad's - Electricity	1,781			1,781	1,493
2853 - St Chad's - Maintenance	41			41	1,621
2854 - St Chad's - Cleaning	203			203	
2855 - St Chad's - Insurance	1,818			1,818	1,783
2856 - St Chad's - Equipment / Fittings	432			432	
2859 - St Chad's - Churchyard Maintenance	427			427	
2870 - Trinity Cottage - Electricity	149			149	
2871 - Trinity Cottage - Gas	297			297	
2872 - Trinity Cottage - Water	589			589	
2873 - Trinity Cottage - Maintenance	384			384	
2874 - Trinity Cottage - Cleaning	502			502	
2875 - Trinity Cottage - Insurance	152			152	
2911 - Vicarage - Maintenance	2,295			2,295	3,849
Total Other expenditure	246,462	3,000	4,860	254,322	164,060
Expenditure grand totals	469,169	7,104	4,860	481,133	301,314

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's)

Balance Sheet detailed

As at
31 Dec 2025

As at
31 Dec 2024

Current Assets

6501 - Holy Trinity General Fund	30,986	16,865
6503 - Holy Trinity Designated Fund	664	31,168
6504 - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	37,426	29,545
6515 - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund - CBF Account	17,666	17,101
6517 - Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust - Capital	73,010	76,051
6518 - Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust - Income	135,027	134,636
6519 - Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - Deposit Account	11,563	28,542
6520 - Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - CCLA Investment I	514,354	1,044,815
6521 - Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - CCLA Investment II	73,462	289,708
6522 - Parish Trust Fund TN710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - CG Investment	781,021	705,121
6523 - Parish Trust Fund 710 - The Shaw's Lane Trust - Trinity Cottage	479,952	
6701 - St Chad's Current Account	76,559	75,536
6711 - St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account	6,340	6,066
6712 - St Chad's - EdenTree Slindon Fund	141,610	126,341
6713 - St Chad's - EdenTree School Fund	3,481	3,106
Z05 - Accounts Receivable (prepayments and accrued income)	6,415	2,994
610 - Accounts Receivable (invoices)	827	257
Total Current Assets	2,390,364	2,587,851

Liabilities

6699 - Agency collections	10,302	10,328
Z04 - Accounts payable (accruals)	28,790	5,165
800 - Accounts Payable (bills)	11,680	3,787
Total Liabilities	50,772	19,280
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,339,592	2,568,570

Reserves

Current Year Earnings	(251,272)	(88,322)
Z01 - Retained Earnings	2,276,635	2,153,908
Z02 - Gains/(losses) on investment assets (Z02)	314,228	291,936
Total Reserves	2,339,592	2,357,522

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	33,051	76,059
Designated	189,476	163,575
Restricted	48,674	50,064
Endowment	2,068,390	2,278,872
Total	2,339,592	2,568,570

Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members/Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chad's)

Independent examinations of the accounts of the Parish of Eccleshall have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of the independent examiner.

In connection with my examination, no matters have to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner

Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These financial statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.

The financial statements were approved by the Members/Trustees of the Eccleshall Parochial Council on 2nd March 2026 and signed on their behalf by The Revd Phillip Johnson, Vicar of Eccleshall.

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PCC Secretary <i>(Not elected to the PCC)</i>	Emily Howard
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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2024 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Phillip Johnson in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community and the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2024 has been consistent with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules (CRR). It is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the CRR. Membership of the PCC and the PCC members in 2024 are detailed on Page 1 of the report. The membership includes seventeen members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Church Electoral Roll of the Eccleshall Parish. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the ecclesiastical parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life: St Chad's congregation; Parish Room; Fabric; Finance; Development & Trinity Magazine. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with notes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed, as necessary.

4. Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall 2024

2024 was another very busy and eventful year. We were pleased to celebrate a wide variety of services and church and community events. 97 attended Holy Communion on Easter Day and a total of 338 joined us for services on Christmas Eve and 70 on Christmas morning. We celebrated 9 baptisms and 8 weddings. There were 18 funerals in Church and 2 at the Crematorium. In addition, there were 12 burials of ashes conducted by members of the ministry team.

We continued our weekly Sunday 10.00am Communion and monthly Wednesday BCP Service, led by the Vicar, Revd Phillip, supported by our Assistant Priest Stephen Habgood. Morning Prayer was said in now the Lady Chapel on three mornings every week. All the major liturgical seasons were celebrated during the year with special services for Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, Harvest Thanksgiving, All Souls and Advent Sunday. School Nativity and Christmas celebrations were held in church. The Churches Together Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, the Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Eucharist completed the calendar year.

New services were introduced which were welcomed and well supported. In Holy Week Revd Phillip led Stations of the Cross and there was a dramatic reading of St Mark's Gospel. On Holy Saturday we met in the churchyard for the Easter Vigil, marking the first official celebration

of the resurrection. The Holy fire was lit, and the new Pascal Candle. An Advent Carol Service was organised, focusing on hymns and readings that anticipated the coming of Christ. The church was beautifully lit with candles. Revd. Phillip led several well-attended Bible Study courses throughout the year.

In October we welcomed The Right Revd Matthew Parker, Bishop of Stafford, to lead our Confirmation Service when 5 candidates were presented. The annual All Souls' Service took place at the end of the month, remembering especially all those who had died over the past year. Community services included a gathering at the War Memorial in June to mark 80th Anniversary of D-Day with representatives of Stafford British Legion and Bishop Lonsdale Academy and the Services. The customary Act of Remembrance and laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial took place in November.

A variety of events provided opportunities to open our doors to welcome members of the community and visitors from further afield. The Pocket Film Festival came on two occasions. Martin Jones organised a Charity Concert involving Eccleshall Community Band and Broughton Choir as well as Children from Bishop Lonsdale Academy and Muckleston. We also hosted the Schools' Music Festival. The Eccleshall Festival, now an annual event, took place in June. Holy Trinity offered Tours of the Church and the Bell Tower; there were Craft and Information stalls, a talent show, and the always popular afternoon entertainment featuring local music groups and soloists. Refreshments were served in the Parish Room. Stafford Sinfonia returned to give a concert, the programme including Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

To celebrate the completion of the restoration and upgrade of the organ, a recital was given by Michael Dutton, former assistant organist at Newcastle Cathedral. Ecologist and wildlife expert Alan Preece led a Wildlife survey and exploration of the churchyard. In September we joined in the National Heritage Open Days Celebration, England's largest Festival of history and culture. We offered two tours for visitors: *The Bishops at Eccleshall* and *The Parish Church through the centuries*. This was a wonderful opportunity for Revd Phillip to highlight the unique history of our superb church. We were also open to welcome those taking part in Ride and Stride raising money to support Stafford Historic Churches Trust.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival and the Grand Raffle took place at the end of the November, a record-breaking event both in numbers attending and the sixty-seven beautifully decorated trees entered. We are most grateful for the contributions of individuals, community groups and organisations, including Trinity Men's Fellowship and the Catering Team, which made the whole event a magnificent success. Revd Phillip led a group of carol singers regaling drinkers at the Little George and the annual Parish Carol Singing along the High Street ended with refreshments and more carols in Holy Trinity.

In September two appointments were made to the Staff Team. Michelle Johnstone (now Hardy) became our Parish Office Manager, working every morning weekdays in the newly established Parish Office. Emily Howard continued in her role as Administration Manager. Cassandra Jennings (Cassie) joined us as our Children and Families Minister. Since her appointment Cassie has been working hard, organising *Trinity Tots*, a term-time weekly activity for toddlers and pre-school children, offering a mix of play, story, craft and music. Together with Revd Phillip, she has also been establishing *Flourish*, a new worshipping community that meets at Bishop Lonsdale Academy on a Wednesday after school. Flourish is designed to bring adults and children together in school to help shape their faith as a family and as a community. Sessions include singing, dance, crafts, games open discussion and prayer. Strong links continued with Bishop Lonsdale. Revd Phillip led Worship in school on Wednesday mornings and we were pleased to welcome Staff and pupils to celebrate their Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services in church and to present The Scripture Union Booklet *Let's Move* to all the Year Six Leavers at the end of term service in July.

As well as a venue for church activities and meetings, the Parish Room has become increasingly popular for clubs and society meetings and one-off celebrations. Trinity Coffee and Cake, a social activity using the Parish Room run by church volunteers fortnightly on Wednesdays, has gone from strength to strength, giving those attending chance to meet and greet friends new and old and enjoy a slice of delicious cake and a cuppa. During the year, the Parish Room underwent extensive refurbishment which included insulating the end (gable) wall, and the construction of cupboards to house tables and chairs and other resources. All internal walls were painted and the ceiling spray painted. The new hard flooring laid in the main room has proved popular as has the addition of the electric hatch making it so much easier to open. The fridge freezer and dishwasher were replaced, and a new wash basin and water heater were provided in the accessible toilet.

Work in the church included a new fuse board in the Vestry, an overhaul of the fuse board under the tower and the provision of new sensor lights outside at the rear of church.

Ten editions of Trinity Magazine were produced giving information on forthcoming services and events in the Parish and very interesting articles written by a variety of contributors. Thanks go to the Editor for the huge amount of work that goes into its publication. Thanks also to the Magazine Team and to the volunteers who deliver copies of Trinity around Eccleshall and beyond.

Technology is always advancing and allowing us to do more and more sophisticated things. This year we have replaced our original laptop which was struggling to run the camera and sound system with a new machine which has (hopefully) sufficient memory and processing power to last us for many years. We have also had to look at better options for the WIFI, so many modern devices now talk to each other and the outside world using WIFI. We trialled a

whole new network system which will support more devices, the phone system, a door counter, door access system and some CCTV. This has worked well, and now we aim to install our own equipment and return the borrowed tech. This will run from the Parish room and include the vicarage. This will also allow us to expand our CCTV, making the church safer and affording the bell ringers a view both of what's happening in church (especially for weddings) and the congregation to see both the bells and the ringers.

Using the AV we have been able to support Sunday services, weddings and funerals allowing us to share content on Zoom to all round the world, particularly useful in funerals where family members are unable to attend. We currently share the Sunday services on Facebook and YouTube after the event, we would like to live stream but currently don't have stable enough bandwidth. When we install our own new system, we should be able to achieve this. The AV has been very useful to enhance events and concerts, particularly when there are large numbers of performers, providing a much better view for the audience.

We aim to add a 3rd camera in the coming year to allow us to have a chancel view which will be very useful for weddings and services using the choir stalls / organ / chancel / high altar. We also want to add an extra monitor so that whoever is leading the service / event can see what is on the main screen. To house the new computer and additional kit we are going to have to replace the AV console with a new bespoke one, we have found a company in York which will make it to match the pews and although it will be larger it should fit in better. We are currently waiting on a faculty to allow us to proceed.

We are very thankful for our AV team of 3 volunteers and our knowledgeable vicar but are always looking for more help and expertise.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Revd Phillip for his inspiration, energy and enthusiasm, and to Revd Stephen for his support over the year. We would also thank our Organist and Choirmaster Steve Enock and all the choir for leading the music in our services and celebrations. Thanks also to the bell ringers who call us to worship and to the sides people, readers, AV technicians, flower arrangers, providers of refreshments and all volunteers who support the smooth-running of the church.

5. Activities and Achievements - St Chad's Church, Slindon

It has been another busy and fruitful year at St Chad's, the first full year with Revd Phillip Johnson in charge, very ably assisted by Revd Stephen Habgood. We had regular Eucharist services every Sunday throughout the year, with the exception of St Chad's "specials".

The first of these was Candlemas, which is always an occasion for us with over 120 candles lit and a celebration of the Presentation of Christ at the Temple. This evening service was attended by Peter Harris, the St Chad's Network Co-Ordinator, which made it even more

special. This Network is of some 80 churches and schools from all over the country which are dedicated to St Chad. We celebrated St Chad's Day one month later, on March 3rd.

On Palm Sunday we continued the tradition of supplying the donkey for the Palm Sunday procession down the High Street to Holy Trinity Church. Transporting her from her home proved to be a slight challenge, but once there, Tulip behaved perfectly.

For our Easter services (Maundy Thursday Evening Service and Easter) we had an attendance of 51, enhanced by the St Chad's Ensemble accompanying our hymns.

Our Rogation Service was held outside as in previous years, this time in the garden of Lower House in perfect spring weather on May 5th, singing hymns to the music of Leonie Smith's guitar. As also in previous years a special collection was made in support of Medic Malawi, a well-run organisation doing great work in one of the poorest areas in Malawi.

Other special services were Harvest Festival on September 29th when the whole church was adorned with wonderful flowers and produce, the Carol Service on December 15th attended by 44 folks, Carols Round the Village (in pouring rain!) and Christmas Day itself, when 27 attended.

One special service was not in St Chad's but Holy Trinity for confirmation by Bishop Michael Bishop of Stafford: during the year a family of four have become a regular part of our worshipping community and three of them were confirmed on this day.

Our average Sunday attendance has increased to 18 plus two under sixteen and our worshipping community gained 7 adults and 6 children. There was one wedding and three baptisms during the year and sadly we lost two of our regular attendees: both are greatly missed, but especially Mary Leather, who had done so much for St Chad's over many years, in particular the very detailed record of St Chad's interior furnishings as part of the Arts Society of Stafford.

Another outside event was not so lucky with the weather: our Strawberries and Fizz Fund-raiser beside the lake at Brockton Farm on June 16th was still successful despite rain, strong winds and no sunshine! St Chad's Ensemble still managed to play and almost 50 folks braved the elements to make it a success.

A more welcoming ambience inside the Parish Room made a highly successful Fish and Chip Harvest Quiz on September 27th, which went so well we will probably repeat next year.

St Chad's had a tree at Holy Trinity's Christmas Tree Festival at the end of November. This event goes from strength to strength and is much looked forward to event on the calendar.

Provision of music at our services had become a slight challenge at the beginning of the year. Our main organist for 50 years had died and we were struggling to get regular cover, although we have stalwarts who helped us out when they could. A chance small notice in

the Stafford Newsletter produced a wonderful result in the person of Simon Fitzgerald. Simon is in fulltime work with a high-intensity job but he loves to play the organ as a relaxation. He was an organ scholar at Durham University where he played on the cathedral organ! Since February 2024 Simon has been playing 75% of our services but he loves to play on Saturday mornings and what he plays then is highly complex and beautiful to hear. As a result of this Simon gave a concert in St Chad's on September 7th to a capacity audience and it was a real treat!

For our Sunday services, we continue to be grateful to those who play the other 25%, including St Chad's Ensemble three times this year.

We do plan another active year with some projects in mind: we still have to complete some quinquennial work, we wish to have Wi-Fi, provide water to the church, fix handrails to the porch, repair old gateposts and maybe one day have a toilet and minor kitchen facilities.

At our AGM in March, the posts remained the same, except that John Leather has stepped down as Treasurer as from the end of 2024. He has held this post for some 15 years and before that he was Secretary: we are extremely grateful for all that he and his late wife Mary have done for St Chad's. Sue Bramall has taken up this post and has done much to get herself up to speed.

6. Ecumenical Activities

Holy Trinity and St Chad's are part of Eccleshall Churches Together along with the Methodist and Catholic Churches. A committee meets at least twice a year to organise ecumenical business.

Activities in the year include a Service of Christian Unity in January, a World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) in March, a short Service of Witness on Good Friday at Eccleshall crossroads and manning a Christian Aid Stall in Stafford Street in May during Christian Aid Week. There was representation at the Service of Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Eccleshall Churches Together (ECT) also provides a large display of Nativity figures in the library window in the weeks leading up to Christmas and a United Carol Service is held in Holy Trinity, with the alms collection going to the House of Bread.

Cards advertising Easter and Christmas Services at all the churches have been distributed in the past, but this is more effectively done by social media.

In 2025 ECT celebrates 21 years since founding: this will be celebrated with a stall at Eccleshall Festival in June.

7. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation. Health and Safety, and Safeguarding are reviewed as an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

8. Risk Management

The Church Wardens conduct regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

9. Financial Review

The PCC set ambitious targets for growth in 2024 and this report and the subsequent accounts show the development of that policy. The trustees have decided to pursue a programme of investment in both direct ministry and the fabric of both buildings, along with improvements to governance processes. We expect this to bear fruit throughout 2025. Details of the Accounts are included in Section II of the Trustees' Report.

10. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish. The application of the policy will be reflected in the responsible stewardship of the original capital within the funds and the application of the income to specific projects consistent with the terms of the relevant Trust deeds.

The short-term funding of the regular expenditure of the churches will be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. The short-term

funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee.

11. Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income,” where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital. In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made and the charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese: *“We aim to invest in companies that will develop their business in the interests of shareholders, demonstrate responsible employment practices, are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment, and human rights, and are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”*

12. Fundraising and Volunteers

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors, whether regular or occasional, for their support of the Church and Church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals, or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful. The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Church Wardens who have worked so tirelessly during a difficult year to maintain the continuity of church activities within the Eccleshall Parish community.

13. Disclosures

The following payments were made to related parties:

Incumbent Expenses £8,178

Independent Examiner £300

Tony Jones (trustee) £5,536 (for building work in the Parish Room)

The average number of employees was 3 and total payment in gross salaries in 2024 was £24,309 with employer contributions to pension scheme of £429.

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad's Slindon in any way.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 4th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by The Rev Phillip Johnson:



The Rev Phillip Johnson

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's) Consolidation

**SOFA - Statement of Financial Activities
For the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	79,456	1,724	2,763	0	83,943	46,521
Income from charitable activities	15,429	0	0	0	15,429	12,284
Other trading activities	28,107	0	0	0	28,107	19,825
Investments	5,027	763	837	66,460	73,087	75,075
Other income	14,485	0	0	0	14,485	345
Total Income	142,503	2,487	3,600	66,460	215,050	154,049
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	20,220	0	0	0	20,220	5,621
Expenditure on charitable activities	114,905	2,130	0	0	117,035	75,912
Other expenditure	160,060	4,000	0	0	164,060	156,738
Total Expenditure	295,184	6,130	0	0	301,314	238,271
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(152,681)	(3,643)	3,600	66,460	(86,264)	(84,222)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	157,531	19,909	0	0	177,440	131,599
Gross transfers between funds - out	(19,909)	0	0	(157,531)	(177,440)	(131,599)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0	0	0	86,986	86,986	205,816
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(15,059)	16,266	3,600	(4,085)	722	121,593
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	91,118	147,309	46,464	2,282,957	2,567,848	2,446,255
Total funds carried forward	76,059	163,575	50,064	2,278,872	2,568,570	2,567,848
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	523	0	0	0	523	17,334
General Fund	75,536	0	0	0	75,536	73,784
Designated						
Parish Room Fund	0	0	0	0	0	5,771
Projects Fund	0	132,407	0	0	132,407	132,101
Special Projects Fund	0	31,168	0	0	31,168	9,437
Restricted						
Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	0	0	46,958	0	46,958	43,358
School Fund	0	0	3,106	0	3,106	3,106
Endowment						
Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	0	0	0	76,051	76,051	74,349
Trust Fund TN520 - Income	0	0	0	134,636	134,636	126,143
Trust Fund TN710	0	0	0	2,068,185	2,068,185	2,082,466

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SOFA - Statement of Financial Activities For the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	68,142	1,724	2,763	0	72,628	32,528
Income from charitable activities	13,858	0	0	0	13,858	10,993
Other trading activities	26,489	0	0	0	26,489	19,712
Investments	2	458	837	66,460	67,757	67,548
Other income	14,350	0	0	0	14,350	345
Total Income	122,841	2,182	3,600	66,460	195,083	131,125
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	20,220	0	0	0	20,220	5,621
Expenditure on charitable activities	101,892	2,130	0	0	104,022	63,368
Other expenditure	155,162	4,000	0	0	159,162	153,555
Total Expenditure	277,274	6,130	0	0	283,404	222,544
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(154,433)	(3,949)	3,600	66,460	(88,322)	(91,419)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	157,531	19,909	0	0	177,440	131,599
Gross transfers between funds - out	(19,909)	0	0	(157,531)	(177,440)	(131,599)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0	0	0	86,986	86,986	204,950
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		0	0		0	0
Net movement in funds	(16,811)	15,960	3,600	(4,085)	(1,335)	113,531
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	17,334	15,208	43,358	2,282,957	2,358,857	2,245,326
Total funds carried forward	523	31,168	46,958	2,278,872	2,357,522	2,358,857
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	523	0	0	0	523	17,334
Designated						
Parish Room Fund	0	0	0	0	0	5,771
Special Projects Fund	0	31,168	0	0	31,168	9,437
Restricted						
Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	0	0	46,958	0	46,958	43,358
Endowment						
Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	0	0	0	76,051	76,051	74,349
Trust Fund TN520 - Income	0	0	0	134,636	134,636	126,143
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**Analysis of Income and Expenditure
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Year to date	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	11,559	0	1,970	0	13,529	13,466
110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	895	0	0	0	895	1,717
201 - Other Planned Giving	2,300	0	0	0	2,300	2,329
301 - Cash Collections - Services	5,830	0	0	0	5,830	4,167
501 - Sundry Gifts - Gift Aid	0	1,080	0	0	1,080	0
502 - Sundry Gifts - non Gift Aid	0	484	0	0	484	0
503 - Donations - General	6,209	0	0	0	6,209	4,140
505 - Donations - Wall Safe	710	0	0	0	710	320
507 - Donations - Funerals	1,624	0	0	0	1,624	2,032
550 - Donations - Specific	1,164	160	50	0	1,374	528
601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	4,962	0	743	0	5,705	2,595
701 - Legacies	32,890	0	0	0	32,890	1,234
Total Donations and legacies	68,142	1,724	2,763	0	72,628	32,528
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees - Weddings	3,182	0	0	0	3,182	3,071
1102 - Fees - Funerals	10,676	0	0	0	10,676	7,922
Total Income from charitable activities	13,858	0	0	0	13,858	10,993
Other trading activities						
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	13,270	0	0	0	13,270	8,313
1230 - Parish Room - Rental Income	6,198	0	0	0	6,198	4,545
1240 - Parish Room - Other Income	902	0	0	0	902	824
1250 - Trinity Magazine - Advertising	3,790	0	0	0	3,790	3,291
1260 - Trinity Magazine - Sales	2,328	0	0	0	2,328	2,739
Total Other trading activities	26,489	0	0	0	26,489	19,712
Investments						
1020 - Bank Interest	2	458	837	1,488	2,785	3,543
1021 - Investment Income	0	0	0	64,972	64,972	64,005
Total Investments	2	458	837	66,460	67,757	67,548
Other income						
801 - Grants - Recurring	360	0	0	0	360	345
802 - Grants - Non-Recurring	5,643	0	0	0	5,643	0
901 - Other Income	8,347	0	0	0	8,347	0
Total Other income	14,350	0	0	0	14,350	345
Income and endowments grand totals	122,841	2,182	3,600	66,460	195,083	131,125
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of Special Events	3,959	0	0	0	3,959	2,941
1734 - Costs of fetes & other events	40	0	0	0	40	0
2350 - Trinity Magazine - Printing	2,690	0	0	0	2,690	2,680
2385 - Marketing - digital	10,995	0	0	0	10,995	0
2386 - Marketing - print	2,535	0	0	0	2,535	0
Total Raising funds	20,220	0	0	0	20,220	5,621
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	535	0	0	0	535	728
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	53,014	0	0	0	53,014	51,972
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	8,178	0	0	0	8,178	665
2102 - Salaries	24,738	0	0	0	24,738	10,018
2155 - Staff expenses	443	0	0	0	443	3,193
2160 - Altar Requisites	446	0	0	0	446	271
2161 - Organist / Choir	3,862	0	0	0	3,862	2,862
2162 - Church Services - Sundry	2,105	411	0	0	2,516	1,558
2180 - Training / Education / Mission	0	0	0	0	0	2,119
2181 - Staff training	4,945	0	0	0	4,945	0
2183 - Next Generation	3,625	1,719	0	0	5,345	0
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	101,892	2,130	0	0	104,022	73,386

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance Sheet detailed

As at
31 Dec 2024 As at
31 Dec 2023

Current Assets

6501 - General Fund	16,865	30,954
6502 - Parish Room Fund	0	5,771
6503 - Designated Fund	31,168	5,768
6504 - HT Conservation Fund	29,545	27,000
6511 - General Fund - CBF Account	0	162
6512 - Designated Fund - CBF Account	0	3,689
6514 - Organ Fund - CBF Account	0	1,304
6515 - Conservation Fund - CBF Account	17,101	16,264
6516 - Restricted IDS Fund - LDBF Account	0	1,975
6517 - Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	76,051	74,349
6518 - Trust Fund TN520 - Income	134,636	126,143
6519 - Trust Fund TN710 - Deposit Account	28,542	14,209
6520 - Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment I	1,044,815	1,087,716
6521 - Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment II	289,708	337,734
6522 - Trust Fund TN710 - CG Investment	705,121	645,275
Z05 - Accounts Receivable (prepayments and accrued income)	2,994	1,918
610 - Accounts Receivable (invoices)	257	0
Total Current Assets	2,376,803	2,380,231

Liabilities

6699 - Agency collections	10,328	1,699
Z04 - Accounts payable (accruals)	5,165	19,674
800 - Accounts Payable (bills)	3,787	0
Total Liabilities	19,280	21,373
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,357,522	2,358,857

Reserves

Current Year Earnings	(88,322)	(91,419)
Z01 - Retained Earnings	2,153,908	2,245,326
Z02 - Gains/(losses) on investment assets (Z02)	291,936	204,950
Total Reserves	2,357,522	2,358,857

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	523	17,334
Designated	31,168	15,208
Restricted	46,958	43,358
Endowment	2,278,872	2,282,957
Total	2,357,522	2,358,857

St Chad's Church Slindon

SOFA - Statement of Financial Activities For the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	11,315	0	0	0	11,315	13,993
Income from charitable activities	1,571	0	0	0	1,571	1,291
Other trading activities	1,617	0	0	0	1,617	113
Investments	5,024	306	0	0	5,330	7,527
Other income	135	0	0	0	135	0
Total Income	19,662	306	0	0	19,968	22,924
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure on charitable activities	13,013	0	0	0	13,013	12,544
Other expenditure	4,898	0	0	0	4,898	3,183
Total Expenditure	17,910	0	0	0	17,910	15,727
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,752	306	0	0	2,058	7,197
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross transfers between funds - out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0	866
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	1,752	306	0	0	2,058	8,062
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	73,784	132,101	3,106	0	208,991	200,929
Total funds carried forward	75,536	132,407	3,106	0	211,049	208,991
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	75,536	0	0	0	75,536	73,784
Designated						
Projects Fund	0	132,407	0	0	132,407	132,101
Restricted						
School Fund	0	0	3,106	0	3,106	3,106

St Chad's Church Slindon

Analysis of Income and Expenditure
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Year to date	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	6,567				6,567	6,872
110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	35				35	240
301 - Cash Collections - Services	2,120				2,120	2,124
550 - Donations - Specific	385				385	330
601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	2,208				2,208	2,291
701 - Legacies					0	2,000
802 - Grants- Non-recurring (2023)						135
Total Donations and legacies	11,315	0	0	0	11,315	13,993
Income from charitable activities						
1102 - Fees - Funerals	1,571				1,571	1,291
Total Income from charitable activities	1,571	0	0	0	1,571	1,291
Other trading activities						
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	1,617				1,617	113
Total Other trading activities	1,617	0	0	0	1,617	113
Investments						
1020 - Bank Interest		306			306	179
1021 - Investment Income	5,024				5,024	7,348
Total Investments	5,024	306	0	0	5,330	7,527
Other income						
801 - Grants - Recurring	135				135	0
Total Other income	135	0	0	0	135	0
Income and endowments grand totals	19,662	306	0	0	19,968	22,924
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	694		0	0	694	876
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	11,817		0	0	11,817	11,254
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	502		0	0	502	415
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	13,013	0	0	0	13,013	12,544
Other expenditure						
2401 - Church - Electricity	1,493		0	0	1,493	529
2440 - Church - Maintenance	1,621		0	0	1,621	926
2460 - Church - Insurance	1,783		0	0	1,783	1,728
Total Other expenditure	4,898	0	0	0	4,898	3,183
Expenditure grand totals	17,910	0	0	0	17,910	15,727

St Chad's Church Slindon

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 31 Dec 2023
Current Assets		
6701 - St Chad's Current Account	75,536	73,784
6711 - St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account	6,066	5,760
6712 - St Chad's Eden Tree Investment Account	126,341	126,341
6713 - St Chad's School Investment Account	3,106	3,106
Total Current Assets	211,049	208,991
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	211,049	208,991
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit to date)	2,058	7,197
Z01 - Starting balances	208,991	220,954
Z02 - Gains/(losses) on investment assets		(19,159)
Total Reserves	211,049	208,991

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	75,536	73,784
Designated	132,407	132,101
Restricted	3,106	3,106
Total	211,049	208,991

Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members/Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chad's)

Independent examinations of the accounts of the Parish of Eccleshall have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of the independent examiner.

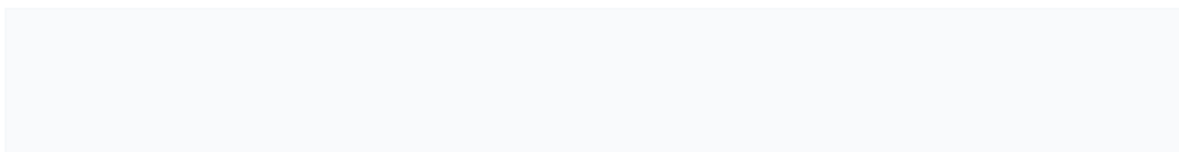
In connection with my examination, no matters have to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Debbie Wellecomme
Support Staffordshire
Independent Examiner

Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These financial statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.



Accounts

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1153305

HOLY TRINITY ECCLESHALL & ST. CHAD'S SLINDON

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall



Holy Trinity & St. Chad's
for the
Year ended 31st December 2023

March 2024

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Church Street, Eccleshall, whilst St Chad's Church is located on the Newcastle Road in the settlement of Slindon. Eccleshall Ecclesiastical Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BY. The Registered Charity Number is 1153305.

PCC members who served during 2023 were:

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy	Reverend Phillip Johnson <i>(Appointed 13th November 2023)</i> Reverend Alison Thomas <i>(Part-time Interim Vicar, Resigned 31st May 2023)</i> Reverend Stephen Habgood <i>(PTO Licensed to Lichfield Diocese)</i>
Churchwardens	Jonathan Jones <i>(Lay Co-chair of PCC)</i> John Treanor <i>(Lay Co-Chair of PCC)</i> Kate Griffiths Allan Dale <i>(Resigned 11th May 2023)</i> Anthony Jones <i>(Appointed 11th May 2023)</i>
Diocesan Synod Member	Jonathan Jones
Deanery Synod Members	Jonathan Jones <i>(Deanery Lay Chair)</i> Lorna Sant / Clare Lockett <i>(Resigned 16th Sept 2023)</i> Hazel Bradshaw Kate Griffiths

PCC Members:

John Bradshaw	John Leather <i>(St Chad's Treasurer)</i>
Hazel Bradshaw	Isy Edge
Judith Norton	Sue Marsh
Chris Reynolds	David Milner
Nancy Reynolds	Jenny Turnock
Clive Jones <i>(Resigned 16th Sept 2023)</i>	Sue Bramall <i>(Appointed 15th March 2023)</i>
Tim Griffin <i>(Resigned 7th April 2023)</i>	Vivian Rowley <i>(Appointed 11th May 2023)</i>
	Linda Veck-Jones <i>(Appointed 11th May 2023)</i>

PCC Secretary *(Not elected to the PCC)*

Emily Howard

Licensed Lay Reader *(Not elected to the PCC)*

Geoff Dingle

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2023 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2023

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbents, the Reverend Alison Thomas (Interim until July) and Reverend Phillip Johnson (Appointed 13th November) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community and the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2023 has been consistent with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules (CRR). It is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the CRR. Membership of the PCC and the PCC members in 2023 are detailed on Page 1 of the report. The membership includes nineteen members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Church Electoral Roll of the Eccleshall Parish (three of whom being members of the St Chad's congregation). All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the ecclesiastical parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life: St Chad's congregation; Mission and Pastoral Care; Parish Room; Fabric; Finance; Trinity magazine. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed, as necessary.

4. Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

2023 proved to be another busy and eventful year. We remained in Interregnum with the support of Revd Alison Thomas who was with us in a part-time capacity until July. Late in November, following his appointment in July, we were delighted to welcome the Revd Phillip Thomas Johnson as Vicar of the Parish of Eccleshall, together with his wife, Barbara.

A wide variety of services and church and community events were organised during the year. 71 attended Holy Communion on Easter Day and a total of 409 joined us for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. We celebrated 5 baptisms and 8 weddings. There were 13 funerals in Church and 1 at the Crematorium. In addition, there were 9 burials of ashes conducted by members of the ministry team.

The fortnightly Coffee and Fellowship mornings in the Parish Room have grown in popularity, affording fellowship and a link, once a month, with the Wednesday Holy Communion service in church. Home Communion continued for those who are housebound. The Prayer List is regularly updated and circulated within our Prayer Group. Weekly information sheets are sent via email to the regular congregation and others requesting them. Content includes the

Collect, Readings, and Intercessions for the Sunday service as well as dates of events and items of news. The church is normally open to visitors daily throughout the year and comments in the Visitors' Book show that this is much appreciated.

Events, other than the regular weekly services, began with the Bishop Lonsdale Academy Ash Wednesday Service. This is very moving as the children and staff come forward to receive their cross of ash. In March, Holy Trinity hosted the Churches Together World Day of Prayer service, prepared this year by women of Taiwan. A beautifully reflective service was followed by refreshments. Later in the month Rev Alison led a similarly moving Celtic Evening Prayer. Martin Jones organised a Grand Charity Concert in aid of the UNICEF earthquake appeal and the Beam Music charity, involving local choirs and musicians, including Bishop Lonsdale Academy Choir. The Palm Sunday procession from the Crossroads took place at the beginning of April, heralding Holy Week and a special Stations of the Cross service. The Good Friday Passion readings and prayers were followed by the joint act of witness at the Crossroads.

The Coronation of their Majesties took place in May and the bells were rung immediately before the National Service. Holy Trinity's Service on the Sunday celebrated not only the Coronation but also commemorated Queen Elizabeth with the blessing of the Platinum Jubilee bench, followed by the planting of a tree to remember those who had died or suffered loss during the Covid19 Pandemic. The bench and the tree were jointly funded with Eccleshall Parish Council. A very well-attended concert given by the Newport & District Male Choir was held in memory of David Beswick, who did so much for this Church and for the Diocese. A significant sum was donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee in his memory. Christian Aid Week was marked with a joint service at the Methodist Church and funds raised were boosted by a street collection.

Martin Jones led the Schools' Music Festival in June, a fun day of music making in Holy Trinity involving local schools culminating in a performance for parents. Our own Trinity team ran a successful family event. Entitled 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' with craft activities, songs, and stories for children.

July brought members of Stafford Symphonia to give a concert with the theme 'Music She Wrote,' celebrating the wealth of female classical composers who have struggled to be recognised over the years. The Rt. Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield attended a Choral Evensong during which he led the congregation outside to consecrate the Bishop's Path, the newly paved Area for the Burial of Cremated Remains. The Bishop Lonsdale Academy End of Year Service took place as usual in Holy Trinity with presentations to Y6 leavers and, this year, to the Revd Alison Thomas too. At her last service Alison was also presented with a chasuble by the congregation to thank her for her excellent contribution to the life of the Parish.

The Bishop Lonsdale Academy Harvest Service was held in Holy Trinity during October. A collection and other goods from the Holy Trinity Harvest Service were presented to the House of Bread. Revd Alison was invited back to lead the All Souls' Service.

Holy Trinity representatives attended a Service of Remembrance at Bishop Lonsdale Academy. The Remembrance Sunday Act of Worship and laying of wreaths was led by the Revd Stephen Habgood and donations were shared between the Royal British Legion and SSAFA. The Rt Revd Matthew Parker, Bishop of Stafford and The Venerable Dr Megan Smith, Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent, led a Service of Welcome for The Revd Phillip Thomas Johnson MA FRSA, as Vicar of the Parish of Eccleshall. Collation and Installation followed later in the month and Holy Trinity Bell Ringers completed a celebratory Quarter Peal. The annual Christmas Tree Festival and the Grand Raffle took place at the end of the month. A record 61 trees were entered and the wonderful contributions of individuals, community groups and organisations, TMF and the Catering Team made the whole event a magnificent success.

In December Holy Trinity hosted Dignity Funerals' Christmas Memorial Service. The core team and extra volunteers ran a well-attended Christmas Family Fun Event. The Churches Together Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was well attended, and the collection given to the Christian Aid Disasters Appeal. Bishop Lonsdale Academy held both its KS1 and KS2 Christmas Services in Holy Trinity and contributed their usual artistic posters for the pillars. Community carol singing along the High Street, organised by the Parish Council, and ending in Holy Trinity took place with refreshments provided by the Ecclesian Society. Walton Hall Academy used the church over two days for afternoon and evening performances of their Christmas Production. The 'Crib Service,' led by Revd Phillip, was very well attended. We celebrated Midnight Mass and Christmas Communion in a beautifully decorated church, thanks to members of Holy Trinity Flower Guild who support us with arrangements during the year.

We are most grateful for the support we have received from our clergy during the interregnum, Revd. Alison Thomas, and Revd. Stephen Habgood. We also thank our 'retired' readers Geoff Dingle and Barbara Dodd.

We have again updated our AV system to improve our usage. Following the positive feedback on the large screen in the south aisle we have added another screen in the north aisle. This new TV is on an adjustable stand so can be more easily moved and could be used in the Old Baptistry and the Parish room. Ideally, we would like monitors for exclusive use in these rooms. They would facilitate training, meetings, and interactive presentations. We have also added 3 monitors in the chancel allowing the choir, anyone sitting in the choir stalls and the organist to see what is being displayed on the main screen.

The most significant acquisition this year has been two fully adjustable cameras. Located on the pillars at the west end of the nave they allow us to view service or other church activity

covering the main door and the font up to the High Altar. We can project the image on the screens and broadcast through Zoom. This is particularly useful for bigger services and came into its own for the children's concerts at Christmas. It is often difficult to see the smaller children perform. The staff and students from Walton Hall used the new set up to good effect at their Christmas celebration.

We are still having some Internet connectivity issues and data download speeds. Currently we pick up the WIFI through an aerial over the north door pointing at Raleigh Hall industrial estate aerial. In the longer term we need a hard-wired connection. Our Spring 24 solution is to have WIFI in the parish room from the BT post in the road and then project it into church, this should be a significant improvement on our current status. We also aim to broadcast through a more stable platform than Zoom. We would like to achieve broadcasting the services and events to a higher resolution with stable content. This is going to require an upgrade of the laptop that currently runs the system, the incumbent is researching viable options.

5. Activities and Achievements - St Chad's Church, Slindon

We started the year still in interregnum: it was to last almost 30 months in total. Fortunately, Revd Alison Thomas was still in post as Interim Vicar, originally for 6 months then extended for 3 months until May 2023. Then we were back in interregnum, but the end was in sight: the warden was part of the team which produced a new Parish Profile. An advertisement went out in May, with interview in July, then appointment and a further three months wait whilst notice was served out.

Meanwhile, with huge thanks to Revd Alison, assisted by Revd Stephen Habgood and Geoff Dingle, "normal" services were continued as much as possible with services every Sunday, along with St Chad's "specials" (Candlemas, Maundy, Palm Evening Services; Rogation, Harvest Festival, Lessons, and Carols).

The Rogation Service was particularly memorable, with just under 30 folks of all ages attending the Lockett's' lakeside paddock for an outdoor service at the end of May for the second year in succession. Another highlight was hosting the Civic Service in late October attended by just under 40 folks, including our MP Sir Bill Cash, 2 County Councillors and a number of Parish Councillors, all of whom do so much for our community.

Sadly, we lost two of our worshipping community during the year and hosted one wedding. St Chad's took part in the very successful Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity November 30th-December 3rd., which was a great introduction for our new vicar Revd Phillip Johnson.

Finally, Singing Carols Round the Village took place on December 17th. This is one of the very few whole village events: 15 hardy folks visited 8 houses, with carol singing involving over 40 people. Funds were raised for St Chad's Church and the United Hospitals of North Staffordshire Trust. Other charities to benefit during the year included Medic Malawi at Rogation, the smartie tube collection at Easter and Harvest went to North Staffordshire Riding for the Disabled and Midland Air Ambulance and to SSAFFA at Remembrance.

6. Ecumenical Activities

Holy Trinity and St Chad's are members of Eccleshall Churches Together, which also includes the Eccleshall Methodist and Catholic churches.

Inter-Church activities have continued in 2023 and included a World Day of Prayer, and a short service of Witness at the cross-roads on Good Friday with representatives of all three denominations. Joint activities during the year have also included charity fundraising during Christian Aid Week, a Nativity display in the window of the Community Library during Advent and a joint service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at Holy Trinity with proceeds going to the Christian Aid Disaster Appeal, and with readers representing all four churches.

Other activities included cards of services for Easter and Christmas, and decoration of the library window at these times. There was no stand at Eccleshall Show this year.

7. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation. Health and Safety, and Safeguarding are reviewed as an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

8. Risk Management

The Church Wardens conduct regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

9. Financial Review

The PCC continued to manage the church finances against a background of falling church income and rising costs following the pandemic restrictions and compounded during 2023 by further economic uncertainty and rising inflation. The continuing shortfall on the General Fund of Holy Trinity has been offset primarily by transfers of Investment Income from the Parish Trust Funds. A full Financial Review and details of the Accounts are included in Section II of the Trustees' Report.

10. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish. The application of the policy will be reflected in the responsible stewardship of the original capital within the funds and the application of the income to specific projects consistent with the terms of the relevant Trust deeds.

The short-term funding of the regular expenditure of the churches will be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. A deficit in short term funding may require an annual exceptional drawdown from the Parish Trust Funds to maintain financial stability within the unrestricted Church General Fund. The short-term funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee. The Reserves Policy applied to the Parish Endowment Trust Funds provides indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year with the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis.

11. Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.

- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income,” where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital. In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made and the charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese: *“We aim to invest in companies that will develop their business in the interests of shareholders, demonstrate responsible employment practices, are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment, and human rights, and are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”*

12. Fundraising and Volunteers

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors, whether regular or occasional, for their support of the Church and Church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals, or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful. The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Church Wardens who have worked so tirelessly during a difficult year to maintain the continuity of church activities within the Eccleshall Parish community.

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad’s Slindon in any way.

The Trustees’ Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 8th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by Rev Phillip Johnson:

Rev Phillip Johnson

SECTION II – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31st December 2023

The Financial review of the year to 31st December provides a summary of the movement on the individual PCC Funds and the Trust Funds of Eccleshall Parish with details provided in the financial schedules. The following schedules are included:

- Statement of Financial Activities
- Balance Sheet
- Analysis of Income & Expenditure
- Funds of Eccleshall PCC – Holy Trinity and St Chad's
- Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds
- Independent Examiner's Report (Extract)
- Approval of Financial Statements
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2nd May 2024

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jo Clarkson FCA Davenport Accountants
St Chad's Church Slindon	Treasurer	John Leather
	Independent Examiner	Tony Cahalin
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jo Clarkson FCA Davenport Accountants

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NOTE: The attached Financial Statements contain the Statements of Financial Affairs and supplementary financial schedules for Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall, St Chads Church Slindon, and the Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals which have been rounded to the nearest pound and the pence are not being shown in the financial schedules.

Financial Review for the Year to 31st December 2023

The accounts have been prepared under the financial reporting and governance requirements for parishes and registered charities SORP (FRS102). Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds are held by **Eccleshall PCC on behalf of Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall, and St Chad's Church, Slindon**. The PCC also acts as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) as Custodian Trustee in the administration of **The Parish Endowment Trust Funds** which are held independently from the PCC Funds and are managed within the specific terms of the respective Trust Deeds.

The allocation of Eccleshall Parish funds at 31st December 2023 is summarised as follows:

<u>Holy Trinity Eccleshall Allocation of Funds – December 2023</u>	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Church General Fund (Unrestricted)	17334	42754
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	15207	24826
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	43358	65904
Total Funds of Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	75899	133484
 <u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds – December 2023</u>		
Church General Fund (Unrestricted)	73784	66766
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	132101	131077
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	3106	3085
Total Funds of St Chad's Church Slindon	208991	200928
 <u>Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds – December 2023</u>		
Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	200492	177975
Trust Fund TN 710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	2082465	1933866
Total Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	2282957	2111841
 TOTAL FUNDS OF ECCLESHALL PARISH	2567849	2446255

Holy Trinity Eccleshall continues to operate with a significant shortfall of expenses compared to regular income and is dependent on the investment income and the direct contribution to church activities from the Parish Trust Funds to maintain a balanced budget. St Chad's Slindon continues to operate with a small surplus. The total funds of Eccleshall Parish increased by £121594 during the year primarily reflecting gains on investment valuations of £175507 offset by a consolidated shortfall on church operations of £53913. The movement on individual funds is detailed in the attached financial schedules and summarised in the following paragraphs:

1. Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall - General Fund (Unrestricted)

The Unrestricted Church General Fund includes the regular costs and expenses of Holy Trinity Church in Eccleshall. The PCC continued to manage the church finances during the year against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded by the impact of inflationary pressures on the general cost of living.

The Fund reflected a **Shortfall of £157,019** of income over expenditure for the year and included expenditure on specific major projects in respect of the renovation and upgrade of **The Bishops Path** (£35774); Phase II of the **Organ Restoration Project** (£33858); and further enhancements to the **Church Audio Visual System** (£16708).

The closing balance on the General Fund at the end of the year was £17334 after net transfers of £131,599 from Parish Reserves (£41599) and Trust Fund TN710 (£90,000). In the absence of any increase in planned giving and voluntary contributions it is projected that further support from other funds will be required in future years.

<u>Holy Trinity Church General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Income	51960	66580
Total Expenditure	(208979)	(110811)
Net Shortfall for the Year	(157019)	(44230)
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2023	42754	32235
Net Transfers from other Funds	131599	54750
Closing Balance at 31st December 2023	17334	42754

- **Regular Church Income and Expenditure:** The level of regular Church Income after adjusting for exceptional one-off receipts and non-recurring items continues to fall short of the regular church expenditure. Total income for the year of £51960 represented a shortfall of over £60000 (*£5000 per month*) compared to church expenditure excluding the expenditure on the major projects.
- **Giving / Donations / Gift Aid / Fees:** The Church continues to be most appreciative of all those who supported Holy Trinity during the year which represents the most significant source of income. Although general donations and collections were marginally higher than last year, there was a reduction in regular monthly giving. The reduction in the Gift Aid Tax Recovered in the year of £3458 reflected a lower level of Gift Aid donations and a prior year accrual adjustment following a change in the accounting systems. Total PCC Fees for Weddings and Funerals of £10993 compared with £13323 in 2022.
- **Fundraising:** Fundraising Events generated income of £8173 during the year with the Christmas Tree Festival representing a significant community event and raising over £5500 net of expenses.

- **Trinity Magazine:** Sales of Trinity Magazine of £2739 and advertising income of £3291 were £621 higher than 2022. We are grateful to all the distributors, subscribers, and advertisers and would welcome any opportunity to increase the circulation of Trinity which is an important communication channel within the Parish.
- **Common Fund (Parish Share) / Church Running Costs:** There was no increase in the Common Fund contribution (Parish Share) to the Lichfield Diocese of £51971 compared to last year. Church running costs during the year reflected general inflationary pressures with the primary regular running costs being Electricity (£4959), Heating Oil (£4947), Insurance (£5095), Photocopying (£1441), Cleaning (£694), Radiator Repairs (£3568) and Churchyard Expenses (£7224). Mission and Pastoral expenditure included School Christmas resources (£1361).
- **Independent Examiner:** Professional fees were payable to Davenport Accountants in respect of the independent examination of £600. Other assurance services fees were also provided in respect of audit and internal financial control of £5767.
- **Related Party Transactions:** Clergy fees and related expenses of £3858 were paid to the incumbent and members of the clergy during the interregnum in respect of their fulfilment of ministry within the Parish. There were no remuneration or other taxable benefits paid to other members of the PCC and any donations from Trustees were received without conditions.

2. Holy Trinity Church – Designated Funds

The Church Accounts follow a standard categorisation of Designated and Restricted Funds based on the principle that income received by the PCC will only be restricted if it has been given for a specific purpose. Where the PCC decides after receipt to designate funds for a specific purpose, those funds remain unrestricted for accounting purposes. The following funds are Designated Funds:

2.1 Parish Room Fund (Designated)

<u>Parish Room Fund (Designated)</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Income	5558	4542
Total Expenditure	(3243)	(2581)
Net Surplus / (Shortfall) for the Year	2315	1961
Opening Balance 1 st January 2023	3456	1495
Closing Balance 31st December 2023	5771	3456

- The PCC are grateful to the Parish Room Committee for their work during the year on a voluntary basis raising funds and cleaning and maintaining the room.

- Utilisation of the Parish Room recovered during the year after the lower levels following the pandemic restrictions with rental income of £4544 compared to £3730 last year.
- Other income during the year of £1014 included income generated from the regular coffee mornings and specific donations to the Parish Room.
- Painting, decoration, and replacement of some radiators were the primary maintenance costs during the year with further renovation of the room planned for 2024.

2.2. Special Projects Fund (Designated)

<u>Special Projects Fund (Designated)</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2023	21371	16953
Donations / Legacy / Interest	3501	3770
Holy Trinity Flower Guild Expenses	(435)	648
Transfer to General Fund (Bishops Path)	(15000)	0
Closing Balance 31st December 2023	9437	21371

- Holy Trinity Church was most grateful to receive a legacy from the estate of Mr David Beswick (£1234) and other donations were gratefully received from the funerals of the late Peter Titley, Audrey Sillito, and Chris Marshall.
- A provision has been made for a transfer of £15000 to the Church General Fund from a long-standing Fabric Reserve and other unallocated funeral donations as a contribution to the costs of the works on the Bishops Path.
- The balances on the Holy Trinity Flower Guild Fund and Eccleshall Wives Fund were consolidated and payments of £435 were made for church flowers during the year.
- The balances held in the Special Projects Fund in respect of Trinity Tots Group (£2000), Messy Church (£1500), Saints Alive (£350), were reviewed and redesignated with the closing balance on the Fund at the summarised as follows:

<u>Special Projects Funds Allocation</u>	£
Holy Trinity Flower Fund	1000
Next Generation Fund	4850
Altar Frontal	3000
Unallocated Reserve	587
Closing Balance 31st December 2023	9437

3. Holy Trinity Church – Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent funds which have been donated for a specific purpose including grants, public appeals, and donations. The PCC will be in breach of trust if restricted income is used other than for the specific purpose. The following funds are held as Restricted Funds:

3.1 Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)

Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2023	1247	1231
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	430	16
Transfer to General Fund (Organ Restoration)	(1677)	0
Closing Balance at 31st December 2023	0	1247

- The Organ Restoration Appeal Fund was originally launched in October 2015 with the previous major work on the historic organ at Holy Trinity Church undertaken in 1977.
- Phase I of a programme of renovation, restoration, and enhancement was completed in March 2017 and Phase II of the Organ renovation was completed in December and early January.
- The total cost of Phase II was funded primarily by the Conservation Fund and Trust Fund TN710. The balance held on the Organ Fund was applied to the completion of Phase II and any further donations to the Organ in the future will be held in the Special Projects Fund.

3.2 Holy Trinity Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund (Restricted)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance 1st January 2022	62620	59740
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	3623	2880
Transfers to Church General Fund	(22885)	0
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	43358	62620
 Holy Trinity Church Conservation Fund (Restricted)	 41138	 60435
War Memorial Fund (Restricted)	2220	2185
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	43358	62620

- **The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (£41138)** has the specific purpose of holding funds restricted to the long-term future of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard.
- The Reserves policy of the Fund is based on a medium-term time frame which is reflected in an indicative upper limit for allocation in any one year.
- The Fund continued to receive regular individual contributions and one-off donations during the year which amounted to £3623 including Gift Aid Tax recovered and Interest.

- The Fund made transfers of £22885 to the Church General Fund in respect of contributions towards special projects related to The Bishops Path (£10,000), The Organ Restoration (£10,000) and the restoration of the Turton Monument (£2885).
- Further works will be required to the church fabric and additional contributions for the specific purposes of the Fund would be much appreciated. Contributions to the Conservation Fund are held on a restricted basis separately from other general church funds.
- **War Memorial Fund (£2220)** Donations were received during 2018 from the project to add names to the War Memorial and to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The total War Memorial Fund of £2200 is held within the restricted Conservation Fund and is 'ring-fenced' for the specific purposes of work related to the War Memorial and the area of the churchyard immediately adjacent to the War Memorial. Works on the War Memorial steps during 2023 were funded as part of the Bishops Path Project. The balance on the fund is held pending release on completion of the further works on the War Memorial area.

3.3 IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)

<u>IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 st January 2022	2037	1725
PCC / DBF Contributions (2022)	0	312
Contribution to Vicarage decoration 2023	(2037)	0
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2023	0	2037

- The Lichfield Interior Decoration Scheme (IDS) is a fund established to support parishes to maintain property occupied by the clergy through their incumbency.
- A provision has been made for the balance of the fund to be transferred to the Church General Fund as a contribution to the vicarage decoration works undertaken during the year.

4. Funds of St Chad's Slindon

<u>St Chad's Income & Expenditure</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Income	22924	23113
Expenditure	(15727)	(14526)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	7197	8587

- The PCC is grateful to the St Chad's Slindon team for the continuation of the management of the finances on a balanced basis which compares favourably with many other relatively small churches within the Lichfield Diocese.
- The reduction in the surplus for the year reflects a marginally lower level of donations and an increase in the contribution to the Common Fund (Parish Share)

- The Net Surplus is before a gain on valuation of Investments of £866 which reflected some recovery in financial markets in the final Quarter of the year.
- The movement in the funds of St Chads are detailed in the attached financial schedules and are summarised as follows:

<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	73784	66766
Designated Funds	132101	131077
Restricted Funds	3106	3085
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon	208991	200928

- Total Funds held by St Chad's Slindon of £208991 are held in an Eden Tree Investment Fund (£126341), a CCLA Deposit Account (£5760), an Eden Tree School Investment Fund (£3106), and a Current Account (£73784).

5. Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds (Restricted)

The Parish Trust Funds are managed by the PCC acting as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance who act as Custodian Trustee and provide advice on investment strategy acting in accordance with the terms of the respective Trust Deeds. The Reserves Policy applied to the Trust Funds is based on the principle of holding adequate reserves to secure and maintain the long-term future of both churches within Eccleshall Parish with indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year and the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis. The Trustees are advised of the balances on the relevant investment and deposit accounts which are subject to the Lichfield DBF audit. Individual transactions within the fund balances are managed by Lichfield DBF.

5.1 Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust

<u>Parish Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust</u>	Capital Fund	Income Fund	Total Trust Fund
	£	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2023	67904	110071	177975
Investment Income	0	5384	5384
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	6445	10687	17132
Trust Fund TN520 Balance 31st December 2023	74349	126142	200491

- Parish Trust Fund TN520 ('The Eyeswell Trust') operates under a Deed of Trust dated December 1977 with earlier documentation dating back to a conveyance of 1930 and an earlier deed of 1894 with origins connected to St Chad's Slindon.
- The Fund is held under the restrictions of the Trust Deed for the benefit of Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chad's). Drawdowns have been limited in recent years. However, with the increasing financial shortfall on church funds, it is projected that a drawdown may be required on a more regular basis.

- The Funds are invested in The CBF Church of England Investment Funds managed by CCLA. Dividend Income of £5384 was re-invested in the Fund which also reflected a valuation gain of £17132 in the year reflecting some recovery in financial markets in the final quarter of the year.

5.2 Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	Deposit Accounts £	Investment Accounts £	Total TN710 Trust Fund £
Opening Balance 1st January 2023	71487	1862379	1933866
Transfer to Holy Trinity Church General Fund	(90000)	0	(90000)
Diocesan Payroll (Parish Administrator)	(9886)	0	(9886)
Investment Income	38092	20529	58621
Interest	2048	0	2048
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	0	187817	187817
Parish Trust Fund Balance 31st December 2023	11741	2070725	2082466

- Parish Trust Fund TN710 (‘The Shaw’s Lane Trust’) operates under a Deed of Trust dated 6th November 1930 and held land under a Joint Venture with Staffordshire County Council. In November 2015, a contract was completed for the sale of the land with the funds of £1.69 million received during 2016 and 2017. The current inflation adjusted value of the original funds is estimated at £2.1m.
- The Funds are managed in conjunction with Lichfield DBF and are held in CCLA Deposit and Investment Accounts and an investment portfolio managed by Cannacord Genuity. The Funds are summarised as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
CCLA Deposit Account	11741	71487
CCLA Investment Fund	1087716	993434
CCLA Global Equity Fund	337734	293927
Cannacord Genuity Investment Fund	645275	575018
Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	2082466	1933866

- The Trustees approved a drawdown of £90000 during the year to cover the shortfall on the Holy Trinity Church General Fund. A further direct withdrawal of £9886 was made in respect of the employment costs of the Parish Administrator.
- The total transfer of funds to support Holy Trinity church including the direct costs of parish administration of £9886 was £39217 more than the investment income and interest from investments during the year of £60669.
- The balance on the TN710 Investment Funds included again on valuation for the year of £187817 which reflected some recovery in financial markets particularly during the final quarter of the year. Trustee prudence and caution continues to be exercised in the commitment of Trust Fund resources with the uncertainty in financial markets projected to continue into 2024.

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's) Consolidation
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	40,402	2,976	3,143	-	46,521	55,202
Income from charitable activities	12,284	-	-	-	12,284	15,046
Other trading activities	14,316	5,369	140	-	19,825	19,763
Investments	7,358	893	771	66,052	75,074	71,128
Other income	345	-	-	-	345	4,192
Total income	74,705	9,238	4,053	66,052	154,049	165,332
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	78,245	435	-	-	78,680	73,860
Other expenditure	140,840	3,243	-	9,886	153,970	59,469
Raising funds	5,621	-	-	-	5,621	4,708
Total expenditure	224,707	3,678	-	9,886	238,271	138,037
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(150,002)	5,560	4,053	56,166	(84,222)	27,295
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	131,599	-	-	-	131,599	55,250
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(15,000)	(26,599)	(90,000)	(131,599)	(55,250)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	845	21	204,950	205,816	(343,998)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(18,403)	(8,595)	(22,525)	171,116	121,593	(316,703)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	109,521	155,904	68,989	2,111,841	2,446,255	2,762,958
Total funds carried forward	91,118	147,309	46,464	2,282,957	2,567,849	2,446,255
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	17,334	-	-	-	17,334	42,754
General Fund	73,784	-	-	-	73,784	66,766
Designated						
Parish Room Fund	-	5,771	-	-	5,771	3,456
Projects Fund	-	132,101	-	-	132,101	131,077
Special Projects Fund	-	9,437	-	-	9,437	21,371
Restricted						
Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	-	-	43,358	-	43,358	62,620
IDS Fund - Lichfield DBF	-	-	-	-	-	2,038
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,247
School Fund	-	-	3,106	-	3,106	3,085
Endowment						
Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	-	-	-	74,349	74,349	67,904
Trust Fund TN520 - Income	-	-	-	126,143	126,143	110,071
Trust Fund TN710	-	-	-	2,082,466	2,082,466	1,933,866

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	26,409	2,976	3,143	-	32,528	41,446
Income from charitable activities	10,993	-	-	-	10,993	13,323
Other trading activities	14,203	5,369	140	-	19,712	19,325
Investments	10	714	771	66,052	67,548	63,933
Other income	345	-	-	-	345	4,192
Total income	51,960	9,059	4,053	66,052	131,125	142,219
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	5,621	-	-	-	5,621	4,708
Expenditure on charitable activities	62,933	435	-	-	63,368	59,978
Other expenditure	140,425	3,243	-	9,886	153,555	58,825
Total expenditure	208,980	3,678	-	9,886	222,544	123,512
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(157,020)	5,381	4,053	56,166	(91,419)	18,708
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	131,599	-	-	-	131,599	55,250
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(15,000)	(26,599)	(90,000)	(131,599)	(55,250)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	204,950	204,950	(323,972)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(25,420)	(9,619)	(22,546)	171,116	113,531	(305,265)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	42,754	24,826	65,904	2,111,841	2,245,326	2,550,591
Total funds carried forward	17,334	15,208	43,358	2,282,957	2,358,857	2,245,326
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	17,334	-	-	-	17,334	42,754
Designated						
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Room Fund	-	5,771	-	-	5,771	3,456
Special Events Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Projects Fund	-	9,437	-	-	9,437	21,371
Restricted						
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	-	-	43,358	-	43,358	62,620
IDS Fund - Lichfield DBF	-	-	-	-	-	2,038
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,247
Special Projects Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment						
Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	-	-	-	74,349	74,349	67,904
Trust Fund TN520 - Income	-	-	-	126,143	126,143	110,071
Trust Fund TN710	-	-	-	2,082,466	2,082,466	1,933,866

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	11,546	-	1,920	-	13,466	16,867
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,717	-	-	-	1,717	2,018
0201 - Other Planned Giving	2,329	-	-	-	2,329	2,567
0301 - Cash Collections - Services	4,052	-	116	-	4,167	4,296
0503 - Donations - General	3,950	190	-	-	4,140	2,790
0505 - Donations - Wall Safe	320	-	-	-	320	226
0507 - Donations - Funerals	-	1,552	480	-	2,032	4,113
0550 - Donations - Specific	381	-	147	-	528	2,390
0601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	2,115	-	480	-	2,595	6,181
0701 - Legacies	-	1,234	-	-	1,234	-
Donations and legacies Totals	26,409	2,976	3,143	-	32,528	41,446
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees - Weddings	3,071	-	-	-	3,071	2,370
1102 - Fees - Funerals	7,922	-	-	-	7,922	10,953
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,993	-	-	-	10,993	13,323
Other trading activities						
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	8,173	-	140	-	8,313	9,571
1230 - Parish Room - Rental Income	-	4,545	-	-	4,545	3,731
1240 - Parish Room - Other Income	-	824	-	-	824	615
1250 - Trinity Magazine - Advertising	3,291	-	-	-	3,291	3,102
1260 - Trinity Magazine - Sales	2,739	-	-	-	2,739	2,307
Other trading activities Totals	14,203	5,369	140	-	19,712	19,325
Investments						
1020 - Bank Interest	10	714	771	2,048	3,543	1,521
1021 - Investment Income	-	-	-	64,005	64,005	62,412
Investments Totals	10	714	771	66,052	67,548	63,933
Other income						
0801 - Grants - Recurring	345	-	-	-	345	345
0901 - Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	3,847
Other income Totals	345	-	-	-	345	4,192
Income and endowments Grand totals	51,960	9,059	4,053	66,052	131,125	142,219

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

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1730 - Costs of Special Events	2,941	-	-	-	2,941	2,127
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	Total					
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2350 - Trinity Magazine - Printing	2,680	-	-	-	2,680	2,581
Raising funds Totals	5,621	-	-	-	5,621	4,708
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	728	-	-	-	728	486
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	51,972	-	-	-	51,972	51,971
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	665	-	-	-	665	-
2155 - Clergy Fees	3,193	-	-	-	3,193	3,676
2160 - Altar Requisites	271	-	-	-	271	336
2161 - Organist / Choir	2,862	-	-	-	2,862	2,190
2162 - Church Services - Sundry	1,124	435	-	-	1,558	1,319
2200 - Training / Education / Mission	2,119	-	-	-	2,119	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	62,933	435	-	-	63,368	59,978
Other expenditure						
2102 - Administrator Expenses	132	-	-	9,886	10,018	10,079
2150 - Telephone	1,204	-	-	-	1,204	633
2201 - Stationery / Printing / Books	743	-	-	-	743	413
2202 - Subscriptions / Gifts	405	-	-	-	405	560
2204 - Computing / IT	414	-	-	-	414	490
2205 - Photocopier	1,441	-	-	-	1,441	1,773
2320 - Organ Servicing	744	-	-	-	744	600
2360 - Bank Charges	100	-	-	-	100	100
2380 - Professional Charges	8,041	-	-	-	8,041	4,040
2401 - Church - Electricity	4,959	-	-	-	4,959	4,539
2430 - Church - Heating Oil	4,947	-	-	-	4,947	6,224
2435 - Church Water	321	-	-	-	321	66
2440 - Church - Maintenance	630	-	-	-	630	810
2450 - Church - Cleaning	694	-	-	-	694	1,275
2455 - Church - Security	1,049	-	-	-	1,049	726
2460 - Church - Insurance	5,095	-	-	-	5,095	4,767
2465 - Church - Equipment / Fittings	757	-	-	-	757	8,333
2501 - Church - Major Repairs	6,453	-	-	-	6,453	2,154
2514 - Church - AV System	18,207	-	-	-	18,207	1,203
2515 - Church Organ Restoration	33,858	-	-	-	33,858	-
2670 - Churchyard Maintenance	7,224	-	-	-	7,224	5,185
2671 - Churchyard - Major Repairs	35,774	-	-	-	35,774	-
2813 - Parish Room - Electricity	-	1,288	-	-	1,288	499
2815 - Parish Room - Insurance	-	748	-	-	748	757
2816 - Parish Room - Maintenance	-	780	-	-	780	441
2817 - Parish Room - Water	-	-	-	-	-	257
2818 - Parish Room - Cleaning	-	355	-	-	355	53
2819 - Room - Equipment / Fittings	-	72	-	-	72	559
2911 - Vicarage - Maintenance	7,232	-	-	-	7,232	2,287
Other expenditure Totals	140,425	3,243	-	9,886	153,555	58,825
Expenditure Grand totals	208,980	3,678	-	9,886	222,544	123,512

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6501: General Fund - Current Account	30,954	42,911
6502: Parish Room - Current Account	5,771	3,456
6503: Designated Fund - Current Account	5,768	7,232
6504: Conservation Fund - Current Account	27,000	46,582
6511: General Fund - CBF Account	162	152
6512: Designated Fund - CBF Account	3,689	13,088
6514: Organ Fund - CBF Account	1,304	1,247
6515: Conservation Fund - CBF Account	16,264	15,550
6516: Restricted IDS Fund - LDBF Account	1,975	1,975
6517: Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	74,349	67,904
6518: Trust Fund TN520 - Income	126,143	110,071
6519: Trust Fund TN710 - Deposit Account	14,209	71,487
6520: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment I	1,087,716	993,434
6521: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment II	337,734	293,927
6522: Trust Fund TN710 - CG Investment	645,275	575,018
Z05: Accounts Receivable	1,918	4,050
Total Current assets	2,380,231	2,248,084
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	1,699	1,678
Z04: Accounts Payable	19,674	1,080
Total Liabilities	21,373	2,758
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,358,857	2,245,326
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(91,419)	18,708
Z01: Starting balances	2,245,326	2,550,591
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	204,950	(323,972)
Total Reserves	2,358,857	2,245,326

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	17,334	42,754
Designated	15,208	24,826
Restricted	43,358	65,904
Endowment	2,282,957	2,111,841
Total	2,358,857	2,245,326

St Chad's Church Slindon
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	13,993	-	-	-	13,993	13,756
Income from charitable activities	1,291	-	-	-	1,291	1,723
Other trading activities	113	-	-	-	113	438
Investments	7,348	179	-	-	7,527	7,196
Total income	22,745	179	-	-	22,924	23,113
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	15,312	-	-	-	15,312	13,882
Other expenditure	415	-	-	-	415	644
Total expenditure	15,727	-	-	-	15,727	14,526
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	7,018	179	-	-	7,197	8,587
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	845	21	-	866	(20,025)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	7,018	1,024	21	-	8,062	(11,439)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	66,766	131,077	3,085	-	200,929	212,367
Total funds carried forward	73,784	132,101	3,106	-	208,991	200,929
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	73,784	-	-	-	73,784	66,766
Designated						
Projects Fund	-	132,101	-	-	132,101	131,077
Restricted						
School Fund	-	-	3,106	-	3,106	3,085

St Chad's Church Slindon

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	6,872	-	-	6,872	8,217
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	240	-	-	240	318
0301 - Cash Collections - Services	2,124	-	-	2,124	2,311
0550 - Donations - Specific	332	-	-	332	269
0601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	2,291	-	-	2,291	2,506
0701 - Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
0802 - Grants - Non-Recurring	135	-	-	135	135
Donations and legacies Totals	13,993	-	-	13,993	13,756
Income from charitable activities					
1102 - Fees - Funerals	1,291	-	-	1,291	1,723
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,291	-	-	1,291	1,723
Other trading activities					
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	113	-	-	113	438
Other trading activities Totals	113	-	-	113	438
Investments					
1021 - Investment Income	7,348	179	-	7,527	7,196
Investments Totals	7,348	179	-	7,527	7,196
Income and endowments Grand totals	22,745	179	-	22,924	23,113
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	876	-	-	876	568
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	11,254	-	-	11,254	10,231
2401 - Church - Electricity	529	-	-	529	914
2440 - Church - Maintenance	926	-	-	926	499
2460 - Church - Insurance	1,728	-	-	1,728	1,670
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	15,312	-	-	15,312	13,882
Other expenditure					
2155 - Clergy fees	415	-	-	415	644
Other expenditure Totals	415	-	-	415	644
Expenditure Grand totals	15,727	-	-	15,727	14,526

St Chad's Church Slindon

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6701: St Chad's Current Account	73,784	66,766
6711: St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account	5,760	5,581
6712: St Chad's Eden Tree Investment Account	126,341	125,496
6713: St Chad's School Investment Account	3,106	3,085
Total Current assets	208,991	200,929
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	208,991	200,929
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	7,197	18,631
Z01: Starting balances	220,954	202,323
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(19,159)	(20,025)
Total Reserves	208,991	200,929

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	73,784	66,766
Designated	132,101	131,077
Restricted	3,106	3,085
Total	208,991	200,929

Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members / Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chads)

Separate independent examinations of the accounts of Holy Trinity Eccleshall, St Chad's Slindon and the Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds for the year ended 31st December 2023 have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of each independent examiner:

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jo Clarkson FCA	Tony Cahalin
Davenport Accountants	Independent Examiner
Independent Examiner	St Chad's Church Slindon
Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	Slindon
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	

Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These Financial Statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and The Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Members / Trustees of the Eccleshall Parochial Council on **8th April 2024** and signed on their behalf by Rev Phillip Johnson.

Rev Phillip Johnson

Holy Trinity and St Chad's Churches in the Community

The PCC is extremely grateful for all donations and financial support which has been provided during 2023 particularly during a year of financial uncertainty rising costs of living. However, with the ongoing shortfall in the Church General Fund, the Church continues to need as much support as you feel able to give.

The Church continues to be dependent on a relatively small number of regular donors within the parish who provide over two-thirds of the regular church income. The PCC continues to take initiatives to raise the profile of the need for regular giving particularly under the HMRC Gift Aid arrangements and has recently installed a card reader for automated donations at church services. There are many ways in which you can help, in particular:

- Please increase your regular giving or donations at Church events to help support the increasing costs of running the church.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please provide any gifts or donations through the 'Gift Aid' scheme which allows the Church to claim an additional 25% from HMRC.
- If you wish only to support the Fabric (Building) of Holy Trinity Church as opposed to contributing to the general running expenses of the Church, please make a gift or donation to The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund.
- You are invited to purchase a regular monthly copy of Trinity magazine which provides details of all events and activities within Eccleshall Parish for both Holy Trinity and St Chads Slindon.
- Further details of church activities can be found on the church website at www.eccleshallparish.com or the Holy Trinity Facebook Page.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Thursday 2nd May 2024

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This takes place at 7.15 pm on Thursday 2nd May, in Holy Trinity Church

Accounts

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1153305

HOLY TRINITY ECCLESHALL & ST. CHAD'S SLINDON

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall



Holy Trinity & St. Chad's
for the
Year ended 31st December 2022

March 2023

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Church Street, Eccleshall, whilst St Chad's Church is located on the Newcastle Road in the settlement of Slindon. Eccleshall Ecclesiastical Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BY. The Registered Charity Number is 1153305.

PCC members who served during 2022 were:

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy	Reverend Alison Thomas (<i>Part-time Interim Vicar, Appointed 1st September 2022</i>) Reverend Stephen Habgood (<i>PTO Licensed to Lichfield Diocese</i>)
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Churchwardens	Kate Griffiths Allan Dale Jonathan Jones John Treanor (<i>Lay Co-Chair of PCC</i>)
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Diocesan Synod Member	Jonathan Jones
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Deanery Synod Members	Jonathan Jones (<i>Deanery Lay Chair</i>) David Beswick (<i>Lay Co-Chair of PCC, Died 22nd November 2022</i>) Lorna Sant / Clare Lockett Hazel Bradshaw Kate Griffiths
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PCC Members:

Olivia Baines (<i>Resigned 1st February 2022</i>)	Mary Leather (<i>Resigned 1st Nov 2022</i>)
Hazel Bradshaw	John Leather (<i>St Chad's Treasurer</i>)
John Bradshaw	Sue Marsh (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022</i>)
Izzy Edge (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022</i>)	David Milner
Tim Griffin (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022</i>)	Judith Norton
Anita Guest (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022, Resigned 16th Sept. 2022</i>)	Chris Reynolds
Clive Jones (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022</i>)	Nancy Reynolds
Lucinda Jones (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022 Resigned 11th October 2022</i>)	Jenny Turnock (<i>Appointed 7th April 2022</i>)
	Keith Winstanley

PCC Secretary	(<i>Not elected to the PCC</i>)
Licensed Lay Reader	(<i>Not elected to the PCC</i>)

Emily Howard
Geoff Dingle (<i>Retired 31st August 2022</i>)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2022 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the interim incumbent, the Reverend Alison Thomas, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community and the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2022 has been consistent with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules (CRR). It is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the CRR. Membership of the PCC and the PCC members in 2022 are detailed on Page 1 of the report. The membership includes nineteen members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Church Electoral Roll of the Eccleshall Parish (three of whom being members of the St Chad's congregation). All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the ecclesiastical parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life: St Chad's congregation; Mission and Pastoral Care; Parish Room; Finance and Fabric; Trinity magazine. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

4. Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

2022 proved to be a very busy and eventful year and we were pleased to celebrate a wide variety of services and church and community events despite being in Interregnum since July 2021. 84 attended Holy Communion on Easter Day and a total of 337 joined us for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. We celebrated 9 baptisms and 8 weddings. 25 funerals were held either in church or at the Crematorium. The church remained open to visitors daily, throughout the year.

Early in January we welcomed our Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Megan Smith, to lead a joint service of Holy Communion. We marked the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 on 6th February during the morning service, led by the Revd. Stephen Habgood. A Christingle Service was led by the Revd. James Graham and the collection taken in aid of the Children's Society. Pupils in Y3 at Bishop Lonsdale Academy finally managed their Christmas Service for parents. This had been postponed because of Covid 19 restrictions just before Christmas. All pupils and staff came again soon afterwards for their Ash Wednesday service, led by Revd Stephen Habgood.

March brought a 'Planning for the Future Vision Day'. The morning session was led by the Revd Charles Ruxton, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. The afternoon session was a 'Tea and Cake Drop-in' for families, led by Laura Edwards, the Parish Evangelistic Enabler. This was consolidated later in the month by Archdeacon Megan leading a special Holy Communion

Service. Following the invasion of Ukraine we highlighted the fact the church is open daily for private prayer from 10.00am-5.00pm every day. In addition, we opened from 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Sunday 6th March for private prayer and reflection in support of the people of Ukraine and all those suffering the effects of war. The Service for Mothering Sunday with Holy Baptism was preceded on the Saturday by a 'Family Fun' event with craft and musical activities.

In April, the Rt Revd. Matthew Parker, Bishop of Stafford, led the service on Passion Sunday. Bishop Lonsdale Academy came for their Easter Celebration with Parents. The usual Palm Sunday procession from the crossroads took place, followed by the Passion Narrative in church. The Good Friday devotional service in HT was followed by the usual Churches Together Act of Witness at the crossroads. We were pleased to welcome a good number for the Easter Day service. Two special Memorial Services were held in May. These were for loved ones who died during the pandemic when funeral services were very restricted.

Thanks to all involved in the Churches Together Community Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 5th June. Special thanks to Revd. Stephen for compiling the Service and delivering such an interesting and amusing Sermon. Thanks also to the Flower Guild for the beautiful floral displays and all who helped to decorate the church. It really did look splendid! As ever, our team of Bellringers supported the many events over the Jubilee Weekend, including special ringing for the lighting of the Jubilee beacon. We were pleased that the flagpole had been repaired just in time to allow us to fly the Union Flag. Later in June, Martin Jones organised a Music Festival in Holy Trinity involving pupils from Mucklestone, Woodseaves and Bishop Lonsdale. Eccleshall Festival soon followed with refreshments in the Parish Room and a Community Concert in church featuring The Community Band, the Broughton Choir, Bishop Lonsdale Academy Choir and Dance Group and many others. Holy Trinity next hosted Eccleshall Community Band's "Rusty Musicians" open afternoon and was pleased also to provide the venue for the Archdeacon's Visitation.

In July we welcomed Bishop Matthew again to lead a Communion Service. This month also marked the establishment of a promising relationship with 'Stafford Sinfonia', an orchestra of largely amateur musicians with some professional support. Their first concert here attracted a good audience and was deemed so successful that they promised to return. The Bishop Lonsdale Academy End of Year Service took place. As usual, Holy Trinity presented each Y6 leaver with a copy of the '**Lets Move**' booklet, a guide to moving to secondary education.

A special service for the licensing by the Bishop of Stafford of the Reverend Alison Thomas as Interim Minister took place at the beginning of September. This position was initially for a six-month period. We were delighted to welcome Alison to the Parish. Just a week later the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was announced. The church remained open until late that evening, allowing members of the community to visit for private prayer and reflection. A book of condolence was opened. At midday, the following day Holy Trinity bells

were rung fully muffled with just the 'tenor' bell open at backstroke to create a 'tolling' effect. The bells were rung open for the proclamation of King Charles but were rung 'half-muffled' thereafter, up to and including the day of the funeral. On the Sunday before the State Funeral a well-attended Service of Commemoration was held in Holy Trinity led by Revd. Alison.

At the beginning of October, we celebrated Harvest Festival. Bishop Lonsdale Academy pupils held their service in church soon afterwards. The Annual All Souls' Service took place at the end of the month, remembering especially all those who had died over the past year. We were delighted with the response to Community Service followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Donations at the service were to SAFFA and the Royal British Legion. Stafford Sinfonia returned, as promised, for a second concert with the theme "Czech Mates" and drew a good audience. November ended on a splendid note with the Christmas Tree Festival being a great success and well supported by the local community. There were 53 trees on display and huge numbers of locals and visitors came to enjoy the 'Magic of Christmas'. They were entertained by performances from local choirs, schools, and music groups. The catering team provided refreshments throughout, quite a marathon. We were supported by Trinity Men's Fellowship who provided Stewards and ran their successful Tombolo stall once more. The Grand Christmas Raffle, which runs alongside the Tree Festival, was also very well supported. The whole Tree Festival weekend was not only successful in community outreach but also raised substantial funds for the church. We also thank Vicar Alison, who manned her own wonderful home-made crafts and preserves stall, which was extremely popular. The Festival ended with Reverend Alison leading a special Christmas Song and Story Time, after which visitors went out to see the switching on of the lights on the main Christmas Tree by the Lych gate.

December began with beautiful, candle-lit Celtic Evening Prayer for Advent and another 'Family Fun' event, a "Christmas Cracker", sharing the anticipation of Christmas through craft, story, and music. The funeral of our Church Warden Emeritus, David Beswick, took place on the 12th. David was a man of strong faith and extraordinary dedication and commitment, not just to Holy Trinity but to the Diocese and wider community too. Earlier in the year we had been saddened by the death of David Brass, who had been a Churchwarden at Holy Trinity for many years. Key Stage Two pupils from Bishop Lonsdale presented their Christmas Service for parents, as did Walton Hall Academy the following day. The Churches Together Service of Nine Lessons and Carols proved as popular as ever, donations being sent to UNICEF. The Parish Council Event 'Carols Around the Tree' concluded in Holy Trinity with accompaniment by the Stafford Brass Band. The ever-popular 'Crib Service' was very well attended. We celebrated Midnight Mass and Christmas Communion in a beautifully decorated church, thanks to members of Holy Trinity Flower Guild, who has supported us with arrangements for many of the services and events.

During the year pupils from Bishop Lonsdale Academy also came for educational visits, such as a talk to Y2 about the life of Bishop Lonsdale and Y4 taking part in a Wednesday Holy Communion service. This proved so successful that it was decided to bring other year groups for the experience too. We maintained regular contact with school staff, planning dates for the year ahead. Classes continued to provide the lovely pillar posters for the Christmas and Easter seasons. Following the Revd. Alison's appointment, she began to lead school worship on a weekly basis and further develop the pastoral links. Revd. Alison also established strong links with Beavers and Cubs. The Beavers provided resources for Harvest, which were subsequently donated to the House of Bread in Stafford. The children also produced some delightful decorative plates for Remembrance Sunday, which looked splendid.

The fortnightly Coffee and Fellowship mornings in the Parish Room continued. Those attending enjoy a drink and a natter with friends and the opportunity, once a month, to join the Wednesday Holy Communion service in church. Home Communion continued for those who are housebound. The Prayer List is regularly updated and circulated within our Prayer Group. Weekly information sheets are sent via email to the regular congregation and others requesting them. Content includes the Collect, Readings, and Intercessions for the Sunday service as well as dates of events and items of news.

As part of our Mission and Outreach we continued to collect and deliver donations of food and toiletries to Sanctus St Marks, the Charity in Stoke-on-Trent assisting refugees and asylum seekers. The closure of St Mark's Church building for urgent repairs meant the transfer of the collection point to the food bank at the nearby YMCA. We are seeking further information regarding the project's future.

Regarding the building, the Finance and Fabric Committee has continued to work on the main West End Re-ordering Project which includes the addition of toilet and kitchen facilities and secured the go-ahead for the paving of the Bishop's Path, our main area for the burial of Cremated Remains.

One of the few positives from the Covid experience was the development of technology to extend our opportunities to engage with people in our local community and across the wider world, via the internet. We now have high quality Wi-Fi in Holy Trinity, giving us the ability to 'Zoom' services, meetings, and any other functions we are hosting. We have been able to share funerals with relatives in New Zealand, USA, Canada, and Scotland. Most of our Sunday services are available through Zoom and we have regulars who connect every week. Currently we rely on two keen parishioners who volunteer to make this possible and we aim to encourage more volunteers to help us grow this provision in the future. Currently we use individual devices to make the sharing work; ideally in the future we will have installed cameras to enhance our provision.

We also plan to add additional monitors to increase the visibility in church so that anyone sitting in the North Aisle or choir stalls will also be able to view what is happening in the service. The PCC has been very positive in supporting these developments.

We are most grateful for the support we have received from our clergy, both regular and visiting. We also thank our 'retired' readers Geoff Dingle and Barbara Dodd. We again look forward to the appointment of a new Vicar, with anticipation!

5. Activities and Achievements - St Chad's Church, Slindon

We started the year still being cautious with covid but being in interregnum continued the pattern of 3 services each month (two Holy Communion led by Revd Stephen Habgood and one matins or morning prayer led by Geoff Dingle).

We continued with our "special" services such as Candlemas at the end of January, Palm Evening Service and Maundy Evening Service. One special occasion was a visit by Bishop Matthew on Passion Sunday. And another "special" was our Rogation Service in May, this time outside beside a lake as guests of Claire and David Lockett at Brockton Farm, with numerous non-human spectators. The collection went to Medic Malawi.

The "normal" pattern of services was resumed in September with the very welcome appointment of Revd Alison Thomas as our Interim Vicar. Revd Stephen Habgood, who has done such a sterling job during the interregnum, continued to take alternate services, but at this point Geoff Dingle finally retired as lay reader. We all thanked him most sincerely for his efforts and friendship over recent years.

It has been very much a busy family year at St Chad's, with one baptism, two weddings of daughters raised near St Chad's and sadly two funerals. One of these was Dr Jane Benton who played the organ at St Chad's for some 50 years and served on the PCC.

In October, the popular St Chad's Cake and Produce Stall was held in the High Street outside the Crown Surgery and sold out in less than 3 hours, raising funds for St Chad's. At Easter and Harvest special collections were made, the proceeds going to Katherine House and 1st Responders. Carols Round the Village were resumed in full this year, visiting houses, which was just as well as the temperature was -6 degrees C. £225 was raised, to be shared equally between St Chad's and Sanctus.

In June we had St Chad's Quinquennial Inspection, and we were pleased to hear that whilst some work is required there are no major problems.

6. Ecumenical Activities

Holy Trinity and St Chad's are members of Eccleshall Churches Together, which also includes the Eccleshall Methodist and Catholic churches.

Inter-Church activities have resumed in 2022 and included a World Day of Prayer, and a short service of Witness at the cross-roads on Good Friday with representatives of all three denominations. Joint activities during the year have also included charity fundraising during Christian Aid Week, a Nativity display in the window of the Community Library during Advent and a joint service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at Holy Trinity with proceeds going to UNICEF, and with readers representing all four churches. We were pleased to welcome the new Methodist minister Revd David Bintliff at this well-attended service.

Holy Trinity also organised a Service of Commemoration for the local community following the death of Her Majesty the Queen. The service was attended by 162 people, including parish council members and representatives of community groups, plus members of all the local churches. The Gospel reading was read by the Catholic priest for Eccleshall and Stone, Father Gerry Doyle.

Other activities included cards of services for Easter and Christmas, and decoration of the library window at these times. There was no stand at Eccleshall Show this year.

7. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation. Health and Safety, and Safeguarding are reviewed as an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

8. Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

9. Financial Review

The PCC continued to manage the church finances against a background of falling church income and rising costs following the pandemic restrictions and compounded during 2022 by further economic uncertainty and rising inflation. The overall impact has been reflected in lower levels of attendance at routine services, weddings, and funerals as well as fundraising and other community events during the year. The continuing shortfall on the General Fund of Holy Trinity has been offset primarily by transfers of Investment Income from the Parish Trust Funds. A full Financial Review and details of the Accounts are included in Section II of the Trustees' Report.

10. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish. The application of the policy will be reflected in the responsible stewardship of the original capital within the funds and the application of the income to specific projects consistent with the terms of the relevant Trust deeds.

The short-term funding of the regular expenditure of the churches will be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. A deficit in short term funding may require an annual exceptional drawdown from the Parish Trust Funds to maintain financial stability within the unrestricted Church General Fund. The short-term funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee. The Reserves Policy applied to the Parish Endowment Trust Funds provides indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year with the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis.

11. Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital. In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made and the charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese: *“We aim to invest in companies that will develop their business in the interests of shareholders, demonstrate responsible employment practices, are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment, and human rights, and are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”*

12. Fundraising and Volunteers

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors, whether regular or occasional, for their support of the Church and Church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals, or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful. The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Church Wardens who have worked so tirelessly during a difficult year to maintain the continuity of church activities within the Eccleshall Parish community.

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad’s Slindon in any way.

The Trustees’ Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 30th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Rev Alison Thomas and John Treanor (Co-Chair of the PCC):

Rev Alison Thomas

John Treanor

SECTION II – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31st December 2022

The Financial review of the year to 31st December provides a summary of the movement on the individual PCC Funds and the Trust Funds of Eccleshall Parish with details provided in the financial schedules. Preparation of the accounts for 2022 has been undertaken using the Data Developments accounting software and it should be noted that certain of the brought forward balances reflect differences in the accounting for accruals compared to the prior year. The following schedules are included:

- Statement of Financial Activities
- Balance Sheet
- Analysis of Income & Expenditure
- Funds of Eccleshall PCC – Holy Trinity and St Chad's
- Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds
- Independent Examiner's Report (Extract)
- Approval of Financial Statements
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting 11th May 2023

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)
St Chad's Church Slindon	Treasurer	John Leather
	Independent Examiner	Tony Cahalin
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)

Professional Advisers

NatWest Bank (<i>Bankers</i>)	41 Greengate Street, STAFFORD, ST16 2JA
CCLA (<i>Investment Advisers</i>)	One Angel Lane, LONDON, EC4R 3AB
Cannacord Genuity (<i>Investment</i>)	88 Wood Street, LONDON, EC2V 7QR
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Wood Goldstraw Yorath (<i>Architects</i>)	Regent Road, STOKE-ON-TRENT ST1 3RH

NOTE: The attached Financial Statements contain the Statements of Financial Affairs and supplementary financial schedules for Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall, St Chads Church Slindon, and the Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals which have been rounded to the nearest pound and the pence are not being shown in the financial schedules.

Financial Review for the Year to 31st December 2022

The accounts have been prepared under the financial reporting and governance requirements for parishes and registered charities SORP (FRS102). Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds are held by **Eccleshall PCC on behalf of Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall, and St Chad's Church, Slindon**. The PCC also acts as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) as Custodian Trustee in the administration of **The Parish Endowment Trust Funds** which are held independently from the PCC Funds and are managed within the specific terms of the respective Trust Deeds.

The allocation of Eccleshall Parish funds at 31st December 2022 is summarised as follows:

<u>Holy Trinity Eccleshall Allocation of Funds – December 2022</u>	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Church General Fund (Unrestricted)	42754	32235
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	24826	18448
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	65904	62696
Total Funds of Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	133484	113379
<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds – December 2022</u>		
Church General Fund (Unrestricted)	66766	58252
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	131077	150549
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	3085	3566
Total Funds of St Chad's Church Slindon	200928	212367
<u>Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds – December 2022</u>		
Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	177975	195953
Trust Fund TN 710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	1933866	2241259
Total Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	2111841	2437212
TOTAL FUNDS OF ECCLESHALL PARISH	2446255	2762958

Holy Trinity Eccleshall continues to operate with a significant shortfall of expenses compared to regular income and is dependent on the investment income and the direct contribution to church activities from the Parish Trust Funds to maintain a balanced budget. St Chad's Slindon continues to operate with a small surplus before investment valuation losses. The total funds of Eccleshall Parish reduced by £316703 during the year primarily reflecting losses on investment valuations of £323972. The movement on individual funds is detailed in the attached financial schedules and summarised in the following paragraphs:

1. Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall - General Fund (Unrestricted)

The Unrestricted Church General Fund includes the regular costs and expenses of Holy Trinity Church in Eccleshall. The PCC continued to manage the church finances during the year against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded by the impact of the restrictions arising from the coronavirus pandemic. The fund showed a shortfall of income over expenditure of £44230 for the year. The closing balance on the General Fund at the end of the year was £42754 after net transfers of £54750 from the Parish Trust Fund TN710 and other funds. In the absence of any increase in planned giving and voluntary contributions it is projected that further support from other funds will be required in future years.

<u>Holy Trinity Church General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Income	66580	61230
Total Expenditure	(110811)	(99094)
Net Shortfall for the Year	(44230)	(37864)
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2022	32235	20849
Net Transfers from other Funds	54750	49250
Closing Balance at 31st December 2022	42754	32235

- **Regular Church Income and Expenditure:** The level of regular Church Income after adjusting for exceptional one-off receipts and non-recurring items continues to fall short of the regular church expenditure. The impact of the coronavirus restrictions and subsequent economic consequences are reflected in a continuing shortfall of income compared to expenditure to a level more than £44,000 per annum.
- **Giving / Donations / Gift Aid:** The Church continues to be most appreciative of all those who supported Holy Trinity during the year which represents the most significant source of income. Regular giving and collections at services recovered marginally during the year with total donations including Gift Aid tax recovered of £34146 compared to £38908 last year.
- **Funerals and Weddings:** Total fees increased from £10619 to £13323 reflecting the opening of the church for the full year compared to the second half of 2021.
- **Fundraising:** Fundraising Events raised over £9500 during the year with the Christmas Tree Festival representing a significant community event and raising over £6000 including donations. Other events included the Eccleshall Festival weekend (£1189) and two concerts in conjunction with Stafford Sinfonia (£685). We are grateful to all those who supported the Christmas Tree Festival and other fund-raising activities.
- **Trinity Magazine:** Sales of Trinity Magazine of £2307 improved during the year and advertising income of £3102 was similar to 2021. We are grateful to all the distributors, subscribers, and advertisers and would welcome any opportunity to increase the circulation of Trinity which is an important communication channel within the Parish.

- **Common Fund (Parish Share) / Church Running Costs:** The Common Fund contribution (Parish Share) paid to the Lichfield Diocese was reduced by £6962 to £51971 compared to last year. Church running costs increased during the year reflecting the more frequent use of the church with the primary regular running costs being electricity (£4540), Heating Oil (£6224), Insurance (£4767), Photocopier (£1773), Cleaning (£1275) and Churchyard Expenses (£5185). Improvements were undertaken in the church including Alliance (£2154), One Way (£4399), Floodlights (£696), Donation Station (£395) AV System (£1202). Professional charges included the Data Developments accounting and software support (£2600) and architect fees associated with a planned church reordering project. (£1440)
- **Related Party Transactions:** Clergy fees and related expenses of £3676 were paid to the incumbent and members of the clergy during the interregnum in respect of their fulfilment of ministry within the Parish. There were no remuneration or other taxable benefits paid to other members of the PCC and any donations from Trustees were received without conditions.

2. Holy Trinity Church – Designated Funds

The Church Accounts follow a standard categorisation of Designated and Restricted Funds based on the principle that income received by the PCC will only be restricted if it has been given for a specific purpose. Where the PCC decides after receipt to designate funds for a specific purpose, those funds remain unrestricted for accounting purposes. The following funds are Designated Funds:

2.1 Parish Room Fund (Designated)

<u>Parish Room Fund (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Income	4542	1920
Total Expenditure	(2581)	(1688)
Net Surplus / (Shortfall) for the Year	1961	232
Opening Balance 1 st January 2022	1495	763
Transfer (to) / from Church General Fund	0	500
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	3456	1495

- The PCC are grateful to the Parish Room Committee for their work during the year on a voluntary basis raising funds and cleaning and maintaining the room.
- Utilisation of the Parish Room resumed during the year although at lower levels than before the pandemic restrictions reflected in some recovery in rental income to £3730.
- Other income of £615 included income generated from the coffee mornings and donations.
- The primary items of expenditure during the year included Toilet & Roof Repairs (£424) and Heating Repairs (£403).

2.2. Special Projects Fund (Designated)

<u>Special Projects Fund (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2022	16953	15098
Donations / Interest	3770	1855
Holy Trinity Flower Guild (Net)	648	0
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	21371	16953

- Holy Trinity Church was most grateful to receive donations during the year from the funerals of the late Mr David Brass (£1536) and the late Mr David Beswick (£1050) which are held in the Fund for future church development purposes. A donation of £1000 was also received towards further modifications to the AV System.
- The balance on the Holy Trinity Flower Guild Fund of £840 was transferred to the Special Projects Fund during the year and payments of £192 for flowers were subsequently made leaving a balance of £648.
- The closing balance includes designated funds for the Trinity Tots Group (£2000), Messy Church (£1500), future Saints Alive productions (£350), Eccleshall Wives (£675), completion of the Bishop's Path area for the burial of cremated remains (£10507) and other unallocated legacies and donations (£4691).

3. Holy Trinity Church – Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent funds which have been donated for a specific purpose including grants, public appeals, and donations. The PCC will be in breach of trust if restricted income is used other than for the specific purpose. The following funds are held as Restricted Funds:

3.1 Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)

<u>Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2022	1231	1230
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	16	1
Closing Balance at 31st December 2022	1247	1231

- The Organ Restoration Appeal Fund was launched in October 2015 with the previous major work on the historic organ at Holy Trinity Church undertaken in 1977.
- An extensive programme of renovation, restoration, and enhancement was completed by Peter Spencer Limited in March 2017.
- A balance of £1247 is held on the Organ Fund as a reserve against future repairs and maintenance. No specific donations were received during the year.

3.2 Holy Trinity Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund (Restricted)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2022	59740	57001
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	2880	2739
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	62620	59740
Holy Trinity Church Conservation Fund (Restricted)	60435	57561
War Memorial Fund (Restricted)	2185	2179
Closing Balance 31st December 2022	62620	59740

- **The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (£60435)** has the specific purpose of holding funds restricted to the long-term future of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard.
- The Reserves policy of the Fund is based on a medium-term time frame which is reflected in an indicative upper limit for allocation in any one year.
- The Fund continued to receive regular individual contributions and one-off donations during the year which amounted to £2880 including Gift Aid Tax recovered and Interest.
- Further works will be required to the church fabric and additional contributions for the specific purposes of the Fund would be much appreciated. Contributions to the Conservation Fund are held on a restricted basis separately from other general church funds.
- **War Memorial Fund (£2185)** Donations were received during 2018 from the project to add names to the War Memorial and to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The total War Memorial Fund of £2185 is held within the restricted Conservation Fund and is 'ring-fenced' for the specific purposes of work related to the War Memorial and the area of the churchyard immediately adjacent to the War Memorial. No further donations were received during the year.

3.3 IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)

IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 st January 2022	1725	1413
PCC Contribution (2022)	250	250
DBF IDS Contribution Uplift for 2021 (25%)	62	62
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2022	2037	1725

- The Lichfield Interior Decoration Scheme (IDS) is a fund established to support parishes to maintain property occupied by the clergy through their incumbency.
- The fund is maintained by Lichfield DBF with a payment of £250 made by parishes each year with a further 25% added by the Diocese in arrears in the following year

4. Funds of St Chad's Slindon

St Chad's Income & Expenditure	2022	2021
	£	£
Income	23113	21432
Expenditure	(14526)	(11388)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	8587	10044

- The PCC is grateful to the St Chad's Slindon team for the continuation of the management of the finances on a balanced basis which compares favourably with many other relatively small churches within the Lichfield Diocese.
- The reduction in the surplus for the year reflects a marginally lower level of donations and an increase in the contribution to the Common Fund (Parish Share)
- The Net Surplus is before a loss on valuation on Investments of £20025 which reflected the downturn in financial markets during the year.
- The movement in the funds of St Chads are detailed in the attached financial schedules and are summarised as follows:

St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	66766	58252
Designated Funds	131077	150549
Restricted Funds	3085	3566
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon	200928	212367

- Total Funds held by St Chad's Slindon of £200928 are held in an Eden Tree Investment Fund (£125496), a CCLA Deposit Account (£5581), an Eden Tree School Investment Fund (£3085), and a Current Account (£66766).

5. Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds (Restricted)

The Parish Trust Funds are managed by the PCC acting as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance who act as Custodian Trustee and provide advice on investment strategy acting in accordance with the terms of the respective Trust Deeds. The Reserves Policy applied to the Trust Funds is based on the principle of holding adequate reserves to secure and maintain the long-term future of both churches within Eccleshall Parish with indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year and the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis. The Trustees are advised of the balances on the relevant investment and deposit accounts which are subject to the Lichfield DBF audit. Individual transactions within the fund balances are managed by Lichfield DBF.

5.1 Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	Capital Fund	Income Fund	Total Trust Fund
	£	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2022	76918	119032	195950
Investment Income	0	5204	5204
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	(9014)	(14166)	(23180)
Trust Fund TN520 Balance 31st December 2022	67904	110070	177974

- Parish Trust Fund TN520 ('The Eyeswell Trust') operates under a Deed of Trust dated December 1977 with earlier documentation dating back to a conveyance of 1930 and an earlier deed of 1894 with origins connected to St Chad's Slindon.
- The Fund is held under the restrictions of the Trust Deed for the benefit of Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chad's). Drawdowns have been limited in recent years. However, with the increasing financial shortfall on church funds, it is projected that a drawdown may be required on a more regular basis.
- The Funds are invested in The CBF Church of England Investment Funds managed by CCLA. Dividend Income of £5204 was re-invested in the Fund which also reflected a valuation loss of £23180 in the year reflecting economic instability and volatility in financial markets.

5.2 Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	Deposit Accounts £	Investment Accounts £	Total TN710 Trust Fund £
Opening Balance 1st January 2022	92932	2148327	2241259
Transfer to Holy Trinity Church General Fund	(55000)	0	(55000)
Diocesan Payroll Agency Transfer Current Year	(9927)	0	(9927)
Diocesan Payroll Agency Prior Year Accrual	4515	0	4515
Investment Income	37850	19358	57208
Interest	1118	0	1118
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	0	(305306)	(305306)
Parish Trust Fund Balance 31st December 2022	71487	1862379	1933866

- Parish Trust Fund TN710 (‘The Shaw’s Lane Trust’) operates under a Deed of Trust dated 6th November 1930 and held land under a Joint Venture with Staffordshire County Council. In November 2015, a contract was completed for the sale of the land with the funds of £1.69 million received during 2016 and 2017. The current inflation adjusted value of the funds is estimated at £2.0m.
- The Funds are managed in conjunction with Lichfield DBF and are held in CCLA Deposit and Investment Accounts and an investment portfolio managed by Cannacord Genuity. The Funds are summarised as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
CCLA Deposit Account	71487	92392
CCLA Investment Fund	993434	1125315
CCLA Global Equity Fund	293927	341651
Cannacord Genuity Investment Fund	575018	681361
Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	1933866	2241259

- The Trustees approved a drawdown of £55000 during the year to cover the shortfall on the Holy Trinity Church General Fund. A further direct withdrawal of £9927 was made in respect of the employment costs of the Parish Administrator and an adjustment of £4515 was made in the year in respect of a prior year accrual of parish administration expenses.
- The total transfer of funds to support Holy Trinity church including the direct costs of parish administration of £64927 was more than the investment income and interest from investments during the year of £58326.
- The Investment Funds incurred a loss on valuation for the year of £305306 which reflected the ongoing economic and financial market instability, inflationary pressures, and the impact of the war in Ukraine.
- Trustee prudence and caution continues to be exercised in the commitment of Trust Fund resources with financial market volatility projected to continue into 2023.

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's) Consolidation

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	47,902	4,623	2,678	-	55,202	58,416
Income from charitable activities	15,046	-	-	-	15,046	10,648
Other trading activities	15,418	4,345	-	-	19,763	13,122
Investments	7,125	256	218	63,529	71,128	65,934
Other income	4,130	-	63	-	4,192	408
Total income	89,620	9,225	2,958	63,529	165,332	148,527
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	73,860	-	-	-	73,860	88,406
Other expenditure	46,961	2,581	-	9,927	59,469	41,352
Raising funds	4,516	192	-	-	4,708	3,661
Total expenditure	125,336	2,774	-	9,927	138,037	133,418
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(35,716)	6,451	2,958	53,602	27,295	15,109
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	55,000	-	250	-	55,250	50,750
Gross transfers between funds - out	(250)	-	-	(55,000)	(55,250)	(50,750)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	(19,545)	(481)	(323,972)	(343,998)	291,571
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	19,034	(13,094)	2,728	(325,371)	(316,703)	306,680
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	90,487	168,998	66,262	2,437,212	2,762,958	2,456,278
Total funds carried forward	109,521	155,904	68,989	2,111,841	2,446,255	2,762,958

Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity & St Chad's) Consolidation

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
6701: St Chad's Current Account	66,766	58,252
6711: St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account	5,581	5,509
6712: St Chad's Eden Tree Investment Account	125,496	145,041
6713: St Chad's School Investment Account	3,085	3,566
6501: General Fund - Current Account	42,911	28,834
6504: Conservation Fund - Current Account	46,582	44,392
6502: Parish Room - Current Account	3,456	1,495
6511: General Fund - CBF Account	152	150
6515: Conservation Fund - CBF Account	15,550	15,349
6517: Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	67,904	76,919
6503: Designated Fund - Current Account	7,232	4,034
6512: Designated Fund - CBF Account	13,088	12,918
6514: Organ Fund - CBF Account	1,247	1,231
6519: Trust Fund TN710 - Deposit Account	71,487	92,932
6518: Trust Fund TN520 - Income	110,071	119,034
6520: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment I	993,434	1,125,315
6516: Restricted IDS Fund - LDBF Account	1,975	1,725
6522: Trust Fund TN710 - CG Investment	575,018	681,361
6521: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment II	293,927	341,651
Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,050	3,250
Total Current assets	2,449,013	2,762,958
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	1,678	-
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,080	-
Total Liabilities	2,758	-
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,446,255	2,762,958
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	27,295	15,109
Z01: Starting balances	2,762,958	2,456,278
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(343,998)	291,571
Total Reserves	2,446,255	2,762,958

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	109,521	90,487
Designated	155,904	168,998
Restricted	68,989	66,262
Endowment	2,111,841	2,437,212
Total	2,446,255	2,762,958

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	34,146	4,623	2,678	-	41,446	43,866
Income from charitable activities	13,323	-	-	-	13,323	10,619
Other trading activities	14,980	4,345	-	-	19,325	12,900
Investments	1	184	218	63,529	63,933	59,302
Other income	4,130	-	63	-	4,192	408
Total income	66,580	9,152	2,958	63,529	142,219	127,095
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4,516	192	-	-	4,708	3,661
Expenditure on charitable activities	59,978	-	-	-	59,978	77,090
Other expenditure	46,317	2,581	-	9,927	58,825	41,279
Total expenditure	110,811	2,774	-	9,927	123,512	122,030
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(44,230)	6,378	2,958	53,602	18,708	5,065
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	55,000	-	250	-	55,250	50,750
Gross transfers between funds - out	(250)	-	-	(55,000)	(55,250)	(50,750)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	(323,972)	(323,972)	282,400
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	10,520	6,378	3,208	(325,371)	(305,265)	287,465
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	32,235	18,448	62,696	2,437,212	2,550,591	2,263,126
Total funds carried forward	42,754	24,826	65,904	2,111,841	2,245,326	2,550,591

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
6501: General Fund - Current Account	42,911	28,834
6502: Parish Room - Current Account	3,456	1,495
6503: Designated Fund - Current Account	7,232	4,034
6504: Conservation Fund - Current Account	46,582	44,392
6511: General Fund - CBF Account	152	150
6512: Designated Fund - CBF Account	13,088	12,918
6514: Organ Fund - CBF Account	1,247	1,231
6515: Conservation Fund - CBF Account	15,550	15,349
6516: Restricted IDS Fund - LDBF Account	1,975	1,725
6517: Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	67,904	76,919
6518: Trust Fund TN520 - Income	110,071	119,034
6519: Trust Fund TN710 - Deposit Account	71,487	92,932
6520: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment I	993,434	1,125,315
6521: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment II	293,927	341,651
6522: Trust Fund TN710 - CG Investment	575,018	681,361
Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,050	3,250
Total Current assets	2,248,084	2,550,591
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	1,678	-
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,080	-
Total Liabilities	2,758	-
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,245,326	2,550,591
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	18,708	5,065
Z01: Starting balances	2,550,591	2,263,126
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(323,972)	282,400
Total Reserves	2,245,326	2,550,591

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	42,754	32,235
Designated	24,826	18,448
Restricted	65,904	62,696
Endowment	2,111,841	2,437,212
Total	2,245,326	2,550,591

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	15,393	-	1,870	17,263	20,920
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,058	-	-	2,058	2,182
0201 - Other Planned Giving	2,194	-	-	2,194	2,797
0301 - Cash Collections - Services	4,440	-	-	4,440	2,647
0503 - Donations - General	2,385	197	-	2,582	1,887
0505 - Donations - Wall Safe	226	-	-	226	375
0507 - Donations - Funerals	1,527	2,586	-	4,113	667
0550 - Donations - Specific	350	1,840	200	2,390	1,331
0601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	5,573	-	608	6,181	9,212
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,848
Donations and legacies Totals	34,146	4,623	2,678	41,446	43,866
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees - Weddings	2,370	-	-	2,370	1,884
1102 - Fees - Funerals	10,953	-	-	10,953	8,735
Income from charitable activities Totals	13,323	-	-	13,323	10,619
Other trading activities					
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	9,571	-	-	9,571	5,927
1230 - Parish Room - Rental Income	-	3,731	-	3,731	1,286
1240 - Parish Room - Other Income	-	615	-	615	256
1250 - Trinity Magazine - Advertising	3,102	-	-	3,102	3,162
1260 - Trinity Magazine - Sales	2,307	-	-	2,307	2,270
Other trading activities Totals	14,980	4,345	-	19,325	12,900
Investments					
1020 - Bank Interest	1	184	218	403	84
1021 - Investment Income	-	-	-	-	59,218
Investments Totals	1	184	218	403	59,302
Other income					
0801 - Grants - Recurring	345	-	-	345	345
0901 - Other Income	3,785	-	63	3,847	63
Other income Totals	4,130	-	63	4,192	408
Income and endowments Grand totals	66,580	9,152	2,958	78,690	127,095

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

1730 - Costs of Special Events	Page 24 of 35	192	-	2,127	1,401
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	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
2350 - Trinity Magazine - Printing	2,581	-	-	2,581	2,260
Raising funds Totals	4,516	192	-	4,708	3,661
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	486	-	-	486	325
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	51,971	-	-	51,971	58,933
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	-	-	-	-	124
2155 - Clergy Fees	3,676	-	-	3,676	2,204
2160 - Altar Requisites	336	-	-	336	196
2161 - Organist / Choir	2,190	-	-	2,190	1,950
2162 - Church Services - Sundry	1,319	-	-	1,319	1,036
2200 - Training / Education / Mission	-	-	-	-	12,322
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	59,978	-	-	59,978	77,090
Other expenditure					
2102 - Administrator Expenses	151	-	-	151	9,167
2150 - Telephone	633	-	-	633	936
2201 - Stationery / Printing / Books	399	14	-	413	636
2202 - Subscriptions / Gifts	560	-	-	560	293
2204 - Computing / IT	490	-	-	490	625
2205 - Photocopier	1,773	-	-	1,773	1,650
2320 - Organ Servicing	600	-	-	600	702
2360 - Bank Charges	100	-	-	100	100
2380 - Professional Charges	4,040	-	-	4,040	500
2401 - Church - Electricity	4,539	-	-	4,539	3,490
2430 - Church - Heating Oil	6,224	-	-	6,224	3,515
2435 - Church Water	66	-	-	66	-
2440 - Church - Maintenance	810	-	-	810	1,452
2450 - Church - Cleaning	1,275	-	-	1,275	1,306
2455 - Church - Security	726	-	-	726	886
2460 - Church - Insurance	4,767	-	-	4,767	4,228
2465 - Church - Equipment / Fittings	8,333	-	-	8,333	1,219
2501 - Church - Major Repairs	2,154	-	-	2,154	-
2514 - Church - AV System	1,203	-	-	1,203	3,431
2670 - Churchyard Maintenance	5,185	-	-	5,185	4,489
2813 - Parish Room - Electricity	-	499	-	499	328
2815 - Parish Room - Insurance	-	757	-	757	729
2816 - Parish Room - Maintenance	-	441	-	441	140
2817 - Parish Room - Water	-	257	-	257	64
2818 - Parish Room - Cleaning	-	53	-	53	60
2819 - Room - Equipment / Fittings	-	559	-	559	368
2911 - Vicarage - Maintenance	2,287	-	-	2,287	968
Other expenditure Totals	46,317	2,581	-	48,898	41,279
Expenditure Grand totals	110,811	2,774	-	113,584	122,030

St Chad's Church Slindon
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	13,755	-	-	13,755	14,549
Income from charitable activities	1,723	-	-	1,723	29
Other trading activities	437	-	-	437	221
Investments	7,123	72	-	7,195	6,631
Total income	23,040	72	-	23,112	21,432
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	13,881	-	-	13,881	11,315
Other expenditure	643	-	-	643	72
Total expenditure	14,525	-	-	14,525	11,388
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	8,514	72	-	8,586	10,043
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	(19,545)	(481)	(20,026)	9,171
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	8,514	(19,473)	(481)	(11,439)	19,215
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	58,251	150,549	3,565	212,367	193,151
Total funds carried forward	66,766	131,077	3,085	200,928	212,367

St Chad's Church Slindon

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
6701: St Chad's Current Account	66,766	58,251
6711: St Chad's CCLA Deposit Account	5,580	5,508
6712: St Chad's Eden Tree Investment Account	125,496	145,041
6713: St Chad's School Investment Account	3,085	3,565
Total Current assets	200,928	212,367
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	200,928	212,367
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	8,586	10,043
Z01: Starting balances	212,367	193,151
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(20,026)	9,171
Total Reserves	200,928	212,367

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	66,766	58,251
Designated	131,077	150,549
Restricted	3,085	3,565
Total	200,928	212,367

St Chad's Church Slindon

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	8,217	-	-	8,217	8,532
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	318	-	-	318	565
0301 - Cash Collections - Services	2,311	-	-	2,311	1,724
0550 - Donations - Specific	269	-	-	269	371
0601 - Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	2,506	-	-	2,506	2,222
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,000
0802 - Grants - Non-Recurring	135	-	-	135	135
Donations and legacies Totals	13,756	-	-	13,756	14,550
Income from charitable activities					
1102 - Fees - Funerals	1,723	-	-	1,723	29
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,723	-	-	1,723	29
Other trading activities					
1220 - Special Events - Fund Raising	438	-	-	438	222
Other trading activities Totals	438	-	-	438	222
Investments					
1021 - Investment Income	7,124	72	-	7,196	6,632
Investments Totals	7,124	72	-	7,196	6,632
Income and endowments Grand totals	23,040	72	-	23,113	21,432
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1801 - Giving - Charitable Donations	568	-	-	568	903
1910 - Ministry Parish Share	10,231	-	-	10,231	8,098
2401 - Church - Electricity	914	-	-	914	667
2440 - Church - Maintenance	499	-	-	499	34
2460 - Church - Insurance	1,670	-	-	1,670	1,614
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	13,882	-	-	13,882	11,316
Other expenditure					
2155 - Incumbent Expenses	644	-	-	644	72
Other expenditure Totals	644	-	-	644	72
Expenditure Grand totals	14,526	-	-	14,526	11,388

Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members / Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chads)

Separate independent examinations of the accounts of Holy Trinity Eccleshall, St Chad's Slindon and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds for the year ended 31st December 2022 have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of each independent examiner:

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jonathan Hill (*Lichfield DBF*)
Independent Examiner
Holy Trinity Church
Eccleshall

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Independent Examiner
St Chad's Church
Slindon

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Independent Examiner
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds

Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These Financial Statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and The Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Members / Trustees of the Eccleshall Parochial Council on **30th March 2023** and signed on their behalf by Rev Alison Thomas and John Treanor, Co-Chair of the PCC.

Rev Alison Thomas

John Treanor

Holy Trinity and St Chad's Churches in the Community

The PCC is extremely grateful for all donations and financial support which has been provided during 2022 particularly following the pandemic lockdown in 2021 and the subsequent economic and financial uncertainty. However, with the ongoing shortfall in the Church General Fund, the Church continues to need as much support as you feel able to give.

The Church continues to be dependent on a relatively small number of regular donors within the parish who provide over two-thirds of the regular church income. The PCC continues to take initiatives to raise the profile of the need for regular giving particularly under the HMRC Gift Aid arrangements and has recently installed a card reader for automated donations at church services. There are many ways in which you can help, in particular:

- Please increase your regular giving or donations at Church events to help support the increasing costs of running the church.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please provide any gifts or donations through the 'Gift Aid' scheme which allows the Church to claim an additional 25% from HMRC.
- If you wish only to support the Fabric (Building) of Holy Trinity Church as opposed to contributing to the general running expenses of the Church, please make a gift or donation to The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund.
- You are invited to purchase a regular monthly copy of Trinity magazine which provides details of all events and activities within Eccleshall Parish for both Holy Trinity and St Chads Slindon.
- Further details of church activities can be found on the church website at www.eccleshallparish.com or the Holy Trinity Facebook Page.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Thursday 11th May 2023

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This takes place at 7.15 pm on Thursday 11th May, in Holy Trinity Church

Accounts

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1153305

HOLY TRINITY ECCLESHALL & ST. CHAD'S SLINDON

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall



Holy Trinity & St. Chad's
for the
Year ended 31st December 2021

March 2022

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Church Street, Eccleshall, whilst St Chad's Church is located on the Newcastle Road in the settlement of Slindon. Eccleshall Ecclesiastical Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BY. The Registered Charity Number is 1153305.

PCC members who served during 2021 were:

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy	Reverend Jules Walker (<i>Vicar</i>) (<i>Resigned 30th June 2021</i>) Reverend Stephen Habgood (<i>PTO Licensed to Lichfield Diocese</i>)
Churchwardens	Kate Griffiths Allan Dale Jonathan Jones John Treanor (<i>Lay Co-Chair of the PCC</i>)
Diocesan Synod Member	Jonathan Jones
Deanery Synod Members	Jonathan Jones (<i>Deanery Lay Chair</i>) David Beswick (<i>Lay Co-Chair of the PCC</i>) Lorna Sant / Clare Lockett Hazel Bradshaw Kate Griffiths

PCC Members:

Olivia Baines (<i>Resigned 1st February 2022</i>)	John Leather (<i>St Chad's Treasurer</i>)
Hazel Bradshaw	David Milner
John Bradshaw	Judith Norton
Joseph Cheetham-Wilkinson	Chris Reynolds
(<i>Resigned 19th March 2021</i>)	Nancy Reynolds
Mary Leather	Keith Winstanley

PCC Secretary (<i>Not elected to the PCC</i>)	Emily Howard
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Licensed Lay Reader (<i>Not elected to the PCC</i>)	Geoff Dingle
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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2021 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2021

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jules Walker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community at either, and to the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2021 has been consistent with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules (CRR). It is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the CRR. Membership of the PCC and the PCC members in 2021 are detailed on Page 1 of the report. The membership includes fifteen members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Church Electoral Roll of the Eccleshall Parish (three of whom being members of the St Chad's congregation). All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the ecclesiastical parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life: St Chad's congregation; Mission and Pastoral Care; Worship and Social; Parish Room; Fabric; Magazine; and Finance. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. Prior to Rev'd Jules taking up a new position, a change in the governance and structure of the PCC sub-committees was proposed but is currently 'on hold'.

4. Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

The COVID19 pandemic continued to cause considerable disruption as it had in 2020. Despite the year beginning with churches closed for worship, we offered weekly on-line services streamed from the Vicar's home until the beginning of February when an officiant and small group (organist, technician and singer) was allowed to live stream from inside the building. These hybrid services continued until April when we were able to invite our congregation back in person to celebrate Easter. Thirty-one attended Holy Communion on Easter Day and a number joined on-line. After this, services continued in various forms throughout the year and the church remained open daily to visitors and for private prayer.

We remained cautious regarding the pandemic, following all Government and Church guidelines and were happy that we could celebrate Christmas in church with 102 attending either on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Personal and family services had been on hold since early in the pandemic, so the first Wedding and Baptism held, both of which took place in July, were very joyous occasions. In total we celebrated six weddings and welcomed seven babies to be christened. There were twenty-two funerals held either in church or at a crematorium.

The weekly News and Service Information sheets continued to be sent via email and posted on our website and Facebook pages, with hard copies displayed on notice boards. These are appreciated by a growing number of recipients. Our aim throughout the year was to connect with our parishioners and welcome them to as many events and activities as possible, be it on-line or in person. In April volunteers were able to safely distribute Mothering Sunday plants and Palm Crosses to local households. Our Palm Sunday Service and Good Friday reflection were live streamed. We opened for private prayer following the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip. In May we joined with Churches Together for a Christian Aid Service. Earlier in the year we were informed that Rev'd Jules was moving to take up a new position with the Uttoxeter Area Team Ministry. We made presentations to thank Jules for her ministry with us at a special service at the end of June.

We then entered a period of Interregnum. At the beginning of August, the newly appointed Bishop of Stafford the Rt Rev'd Matthew Parker, previously Archdeacon of Stoke on Trent, presided at a service. It was the first time that the congregation had been able to sing the hymns since being allowed back into church, so the singing was particularly heartfelt, that Sunday. A Civic Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Parish took place early in October and we were pleased that it was possible to hold the Annual All Souls' Service again at the end of the month, remembering especially all those who had died over the past year.

November brought the community together for a Service of Remembrance followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. We then prepared for Christmas on the understanding that events organised might have to be cancelled at the last minute. A successful Christmas Tree Festival brought a number of visitors, the church looking splendid with over forty beautifully decorated trees. Refreshments were served throughout, and entertainment provided by Broughton Community Choir and Eccleshall Band.

In December we felt it was the right time to bring back our Wednesday 11.00am Communion Service initially on a monthly basis. The North Staffs Association of Change Ringers held a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise in Holy Trinity, as part of their Annual General Meeting and we held a Christmas social event to thank all who help with the production and distribution of our Parish Magazine. Pupils from Bishop Lonsdale Academy came on four separate occasions to present their Nativity Productions and Christmas Services, to parents. Our large church provided a much safer environment during the pandemic than their own school hall.

It was a real pleasure to have the church full of happy children again after so long. The Churches Together Service of traditional Lessons and Carols was appreciated by all attending. On Christmas Eve we held an Open Afternoon for all to come and look at our Nativity scenes and enjoy the decorated Christmas trees. The children were invited to bring a decoration for the special Children's Tree, as a gift for the baby Jesus. The church remained open and lit throughout the Festive period.

Social events had been on hold. However, in September, we started a fortnightly Coffee and Fellowship morning in the Parish Room, inviting all to enjoy a drink and a natter with friends. This proved popular both with helpers and those attending. Home Communion resumed in December under strict Covid Guidelines. As part of our Mission and Outreach we continued to collect and deliver donations of food and toiletries to Sanctus St. Marks, a Charity in Stoke-on-Trent working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees. There was little or no opportunity for fundraising events during the year. However, a Grand Raffle was organised with help from the Trinity Magazine Team, who delivered tickets with the magazine. Tickets were also sold at the Christmas Tree Festival. People were very generous, and a magnificent sum was raised.

The Audio-Visual system in church has proved an invaluable resource over the last year, being used for services most weeks. This enabled parishioners who were isolating to 'zoom' in on Sunday mornings. Just before Christmas we were able to share all Bishop Lonsdale Academy's Christmas Nativities and Carol Services with parents and grandparents at home. We broadcast four separate events to fit in with the children's bubbles. Most funerals now use some contemporary music and the undertakers have been delighted that we can offer such a high-quality sound system. We are helping to train them up to be able to use it independently of church staff. We have 'zoomed' several funerals with participants in the USA, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand and Australia. To enable a close family member to participate in the service from the other side of the world has been a great support in challenging times. We are still very reliant on a couple of regular church members to operate the system and need to attract more technically minded help.

We are most grateful for the support we have received from The Rev'd Stephen Habgood, who has led most of our services since July. He has also officiated at Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms, all with great skill and good humour. We also thank Geoff Dingle, Rev'd James Graham, Rev'd Prebendary Graham Fowell and others who have been willing to help us too. We look forward to 2022 and the appointment of a new Vicar, with excitement and optimism.

5. Activities and Achievements - St Chad's Church, Slindon

Unfortunately, the year started with the covid pandemic maintaining its grip, which meant there were no services in St Chad's from the start of the year until Easter. As the Warden was the designated person and therefore the only one allowed to enter Church, it sometimes felt that we had abandoned our beloved building.

Services were resumed at Easter and thereafter the pattern was continued with three services each month (2 Holy Communion and 1 Morning Prayer or Matins). Numbers were still restricted to allow social distancing: we had musical accompaniment but no singing until August. St Chad's was open for Private Prayer when there was no service.

One noticeable exception was a Rogation service held outside at Lower House, when a good congregation sang lustily to guitar accompaniment in excellent weather and beautiful surroundings. Sadly, this Rogation service was Jules' penultimate with us, taking her last service at St Chad's on June 20th. The congregation of St Chad's wish her well in her new post.

The same pattern of services was continued with grateful thanks to Rev'd Stephen Habgood and Lay Reader Geoff Dingle, who between them took the vast majority of our services and have been a huge asset to us as we went into interregnum. Two exceptions were a July service taken by Rev'd Graham Fowell and Bishop Matthew on August 1st: the latter was a double special as singing was permitted.

Other special services were Harvest Evensong and Harvest Festival at the end of September and the Baptism of the great granddaughter of a former Warden in November and then the usual Christmas services.

For the whole year Parish weekly information sheets, including the collect, readings and intercessions, continued to be circulated by email with news and updates added in the mail forwarded to 24 of St Chad's congregation. This has been an excellent way to keep in touch with our parishioners, especially when having to isolate for one reason or another.

Carols round the Village was resumed this year but staying outside due to the omicron strain of covid. Unfortunately, it was not felt to be the right time to have any sort of fund-raising event.

6. Ecumenical Activities

Holy Trinity and St Chad's are members of Eccleshall Churches Together and under normal circumstances would participate in several acts of Christian Unity within the Parish particularly in support of Christian Aid and other charities. Regrettably, the activities have been significantly restricted during the year but will recommence once the covid restrictions are lifted.

7. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation. Health and Safety, and Safeguarding are reviewed as an agenda item at each PCC meeting. The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

8. Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

9. Financial Review

The PCC continued to manage the church finances against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded during 2021 by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the consequent national lockdowns, restrictions on routine services, weddings, and funerals as well as fundraising and other community events planned during the year. The continuing shortfall on the General Fund of Holy Trinity compounded by the pandemic was offset by transfers from Designated Funds and the Investment Income from the Parish Trust Funds. A full Financial Review and details of the Accounts are included in Section II of the Trustees' Report.

10. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish. The application of the policy will be reflected in

the responsible stewardship of the original capital within the funds and the application of the income to specific projects consistent with the terms of the relevant Trust deeds.

The short-term funding of the regular expenditure of the churches will be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. A deficit in short term funding may require an annual exceptional drawdown from the Parish Trust Funds to maintain financial stability within the unrestricted Church General Fund. The short-term funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee. The Reserves Policy applied to the Parish Endowment Trust Funds provides indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year with the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis.

11. Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital. In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made and the charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese: *“We aim to invest in companies that will develop their business in the interests of shareholders, demonstrate responsible employment practices, are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment, and human rights, and are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”*

12. Fundraising and Volunteers

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors, whether regular or occasional, for their support of the Church and Church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals, or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful. The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Church Wardens who have worked so tirelessly during a difficult year to maintain the continuity of church activities within the Eccleshall Parish community.

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad's Slindon in any way.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2022 (*subject to confirmation of the Independent Examination*) and signed on their behalf by David Beswick and John Treanor (Co-Chair of the PCC):

David Beswick

John Treanor

SECTION II – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31st December 2021

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Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	Treasurer (<i>Vacant</i>)	
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)
St Chad's Church Slindon	Treasurer	John Leather
	Independent Examiner	Tony Cahalin
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	Treasurer (<i>Vacant</i>)	
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)
Bank	NatWest Bank Stafford Greengate (A) Branch 41 Greengate Street Stafford ST16 2JA	

NOTE: The attached Financial Statements contain the Statements of Financial Affairs and supplementary financial schedules for Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall, St Chads Church Slindon, and the Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals which have been rounded to the nearest pound and the pence are not being shown in the financial schedules.

Financial Review for the Year to 31st December 2021

The accounts have been prepared under the financial reporting and governance requirements for parishes and registered charities SORP (FRS102). Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds are held by **Eccleshall PCC on behalf of Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall, and St Chad's Church, Slindon**. The PCC also acts as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) as Custodian Trustee in the administration of the **Parish Endowment Trust Funds** which are held independently from the PCC Funds and are managed within the specific terms of the respective Trust Deeds.

The Total Funds of Eccleshall PCC (excluding the Parish Trust Funds) are held in individual funds which are categorised as Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds with the shortfall of receipts over payments in the Unrestricted Church General Fund offset during the year by specific donations and transfers from other Designated and Restricted Funds. The allocation of **Eccleshall PCC Funds (Holy Trinity & St Chad's)** and **Parish Trust Funds** as at the end of 2021 is summarised as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Holy Trinity Eccleshall Allocation of Funds – December 2021</u>		
Church General Account (Unrestricted)	28985	20849
Parish Room Fund	1495	763
Special Projects Fund	16953	15098
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	18448	15861
Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund	59740	57001
Organ Fund	1231	1230
IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF	1725	1412
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	62696	59643
Total Funds of Holy Trinity PCC	110129	96353
<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds – December 2021</u>	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	58252	48210
Designated Funds	150549	141596
Restricted Funds	3566	3346
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon PCC	212367	193152
<u>Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds – December 2021</u>	£	£
Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	195953	166758
Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	2241259	2000015
Total Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	2437212	2166773
TOTAL ECCLESHALL PCC & PARISH TRUST FUNDS	2759708	2456278

The consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chad's) reflects an Operational Net Income/(Shortfall) before book valuation gains on investments which is summarised as follows:

<u>Eccleshall Parish Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)</u>		
<u>Summary of Operational Income / (Shortfall)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	(36224)	(84131)
St Chad's Church Slindon	10044	3700
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	38038	46082
Net Operational Income / Shortfall	11858	(34349)

The Eccleshall Parish SOFA surplus for the year of £11858 is derived primarily from the surplus at St Chad's Slindon and the Investment Income from the Parish Trust Funds. Holy Trinity Eccleshall continues to operate with a significant shortfall of expenses compared to regular income and is completely dependent on the investment income and the direct contribution to church activities from the Parish Trust Funds as detailed in the following paragraphs.

1. Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall - General Fund (Unrestricted)

The Unrestricted Church General Fund includes the regular costs and expenses of Holy Trinity Church in Eccleshall. The PCC continued to manage the church finances during the year against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded by the impact of the restrictions arising from the coronavirus pandemic. The fund showed a shortfall of income over expenditure of £41114 for the year. The closing balance on the General Fund at the end of the year was £28985 after net transfers of £49250 from the Parish Trust Fund TN710. In the absence of any increase in planned giving and voluntary contributions it is projected that further support from other funds will be required in future years.

<u>Holy Trinity Church General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Total Income	57980	51445
Total Expenditure	(95664)	(87493)
AV & Reordering Project	(3430)	(52247)
Net Shortfall for the Year	(41114)	(88295)
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2021	20849	34263
Net Transfers from other Funds	49250	74881
Closing Balance at 31st December 2021	28985	20849

- **Regular Church Income and Expenditure:** The level of regular Church Income after adjusting for exceptional one-off receipts and non-recurring items continues to fall short of the regular church expenditure. The impact of the coronavirus restrictions has increased the underlying shortfall of income compared to expenditure to a level more than £40000 per annum.
- **Giving / Donations / Gift Aid:** The Church continues to be most appreciative of all those who supported Holy Trinity during the year which represents the most significant source of income. Regular giving and collections at services were severely reduced as a result of the ongoing lockdown restrictions. Total donations including Gift Aid tax recovered reduced from £40781 to £35658 compared to last year.
- **Funerals and Weddings:** Total fees increased from £5271 to £10619 reflecting the waiver of fees in March to October last year and the opening up of the church during the second half of 2021.
- **Fundraising:** Fundraising Events organised by the Worship and Social Committee were severely restricted. However, the Christmas Tree Festival was a significant community event and raised over £6000 including donations. We are grateful to all those who supported the Christmas Tree Festival and other fund raising activities.
- **Trinity Magazine:** Sales of Trinity Magazine of £2270 improved during the year and advertising was reinstated during the year following the impact of the restrictions in 2020 and raised £3162. We are grateful to all the distributors, subscribers, and advertisers and would welcome any opportunity to increase the circulation of Trinity which is an important communication channel within the Parish.
- **Parish Share / Church Running Costs:** The Parish Share paid to the Lichfield Diocese remained at £58933. Church running costs were reduced reflecting the less frequent use of the church with the primary fixed costs including electricity (£3490), Heating Oil (£3515), Insurance (£4228), Photocopier (£1650), Cleaning (£1306) and Churchyard Expenses (£4489). Following the installation of the Audio-Visual System last year further expenditure (£3431) during the year included a Monitor to improve visibility in the North Aisle.
- **Related Party Transactions:** Clergy fees and related expenses of £2204 were paid to the incumbent and members of the clergy during the interregnum related to their fulfilment of ministry within the Parish. There were no remuneration or other taxable benefits paid to other members of the PCC. Donations in total of £8270 were received from nine Trustees during the year, all of which were received without conditions.

2. Holy Trinity Church – Designated Funds

The Church Accounts follow a standard categorisation of Designated and Restricted Funds based on the principle that income received by the PCC will only be restricted if it has been given for a specific purpose. Where the PCC decides after receipt to designate funds for a specific purpose, those funds remain unrestricted for accounting purposes. The following funds are Designated Funds:

2.1 Parish Room Fund (Designated)

<u>Parish Room Fund (Designated)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Total Income	1920	2281
Total Expenditure	(1688)	(2716)
Net Surplus / (Shortfall) for the Year	232	(435)
Opening Balance 1 st January 2021	763	1198
Transfer (to) / from Church General Fund	500	0
Closing Balance 31st December 2021	1495	763

- The PCC are grateful to the Parish Room Committee for their work during the year on a voluntary basis raising funds and cleaning and maintaining the room.
- Utilisation of the Parish Room was severely restricted during the first half of the year with a significant loss of income. Following the reopening there has been some recovery in rental income which remains below the pre-pandemic levels.
- A transfer from the Church General Fund to the Parish Room Fund of £500 was made to cover the shortfall in the first half of the year and provide sufficient operational cash headroom.

2.2. Special Projects Fund (Designated)

<u>Special Projects Fund (Designated)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2021	15098	40163
Legacy Received / Interest	1855	66
Transfer to General Fund – AV Project	0	(25131)
Closing Balance 31st December 2021	16953	15098

- Holy Trinity Church was most grateful to receive two legacies during the year from the estates of the late Ms Annie Palmer (£1348) and the late Mr John Bowyer (£500) which are held in the Fund for future church development purposes.
- The closing balance includes designated funds for the Trinity Tots Group (£2000), Messy Church (£1500), future Saints Alive productions (£350), completion of the Bishops Path area for the burial of cremated remains (£10507) and other unallocated legacies and donations (£2596).

3. Holy Trinity Church – Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent funds which have been donated for a specific purpose including grants, public appeals, and donations. The PCC will be in breach of trust if restricted income is used other than for the specific purpose. The following funds are held as Restricted Funds:

3.1 Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)

<u>Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2021	1230	1225
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	1	5
Closing Balance at 31st December 2021	1231	1230

- The Organ Restoration Appeal Fund was launched in October 2015 with the previous major work on the historic organ at Holy Trinity Church undertaken in 1977.
- An extensive programme of renovation, restoration, and enhancement was completed by Peter Spencer Limited in March 2017.
- A balance of £1231 is held on the Organ Fund as a reserve against future repairs and maintenance. No specific donations were received during the year.

3.2 Holy Trinity Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund (Restricted)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance 1st January 2021	57001	52536
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	2739	2465
Legacy Received	0	2000
Closing Balance 31st December 2021	59740	57001
Holy Trinity Church Conservation Fund (Restricted)	57561	54823
War Memorial Fund (Restricted)	2179	2178
Closing Balance 31st December 2021	59740	57001

- **The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (£57561)** has the specific purpose of holding funds restricted to the long-term future of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard.
- The Reserves policy of the Fund is based on a medium-term time frame which is reflected in an indicative upper limit for allocation in any one year.
- The Fund continued to receive regular individual contributions and one-off donations during the year which amounted to £2739 including Gift Aid Tax recovered and Interest.
- Further works will be required to the church fabric and additional contributions for the specific purposes of the Fund would be much appreciated. Contributions to the Conservation Fund are held on a restricted basis separately from other general church funds.

- **War Memorial Fund (£2179)** Donations were received during 2018 from the project to add names to the War Memorial and to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The total War Memorial Fund of £2179 is held within the restricted Conservation Fund and is 'ring-fenced' for the specific purposes of work related to the War Memorial and the area of the churchyard immediately adjacent to the War Memorial. No further donations were received during the year.

3.3 IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)

<u>IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 st January 2021	1412	1100
PCC Contribution (2021)	250	250
DBF IDS Contribution Uplift 2020 (25%)	62	62
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2021	1724	1412

- The Lichfield Interior Decoration Scheme (IDS) is a fund established to support parishes to maintain property occupied by the clergy through their incumbency.
- The fund is maintained by Lichfield DBF with a payment of £250 made by parishes each year with a further 25% added by the Diocese in arrears in the following year.

4. Funds of St Chad's Slindon

<u>St Chad's Income & Expenditure</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Income	21432	18774
Expenditure	(11388)	(15074)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	10044	3700

- The PCC is grateful to the St Chad's Slindon team for the continuation of the management of the finances on a balanced basis which compares favourably with many other relatively small churches within the Lichfield Diocese.
- The increase in the surplus for the year reflects an increase in individual donations during the year and a reduction in the Parish Share contribution.
- The total funds held by St Chad's are summarised as follows:

<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds</u>	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	58252	48210
Designated Funds	150549	141596
Restricted Funds	3566	3346
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon	212367	193152

- Total Funds held by St Chad's Slindon of £212367 are held in an Eden Tree Amity Investment Fund (£148607), a CCLA Deposit Account (£5508) and a Current Account (£58252).

5. Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds (Restricted)

The Parish Trust Funds are managed by the PCC acting as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance who act as Custodian Trustee and provide advice on investment strategy acting in accordance with the terms of the respective Trust Deeds. The Reserves Policy applied to the Trust Funds is based on the principle of holding adequate reserves to secure and maintain the long-term future of both churches within Eccleshall Parish with indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year and the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis. The Trustees are advised of the balances on the relevant investment and deposit accounts which are subject to the Lichfield DBF audit. Individual transactions within the fund balances are managed by Lichfield DBF.

5.1 Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	Capital Fund	Income Fund	Total Trust Fund
	£	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2021	67249	99509	166758
Investment Income	0	4907	4907
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	9670	14617	24287
Trust Fund TN520 Balance 31st December 2021	76919	119033	195952

- Parish Trust Fund TN520 ('The Eyeswell Trust') operates under a Deed of Trust dated December 1977 with earlier documentation dating back to a conveyance of 1930 and an earlier deed of 1894. The Fund is held under the restrictions of the Trust Deed for the benefit of Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chad's).
- Drawdowns have been limited in recent years. However, with the ongoing financial shortfall in the church accounts, it is projected that a drawdown may be required on a more regular basis.
- The Funds are invested in The CBF Church of England Investment Funds managed by CCLA. Dividend Income of £4907 was re-invested in the Fund which also reflected a valuation gain of £24287 in the year.

5.2 Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	Deposit Accounts £	Investment Accounts £	Total TN710 Trust Fund £
Opening Balance 1st January 2021	127334	1872681	2000015
Transfer to Holy Trinity Church General Fund	-50000	0	-50000
Diocesan Payroll Agency Transfer Current Year	-9030	0	-9030
Diocesan Payroll Agency Transfer Prior Years	-12217	0	-12217
Investment Income	36777	17534	54311
Interest	68	0	68
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	0	258113	258113
Parish Trust Fund Balance 31st December 2021	92932	2148327	2241259

- Parish Trust Fund TN710 ('The Shaw's Lane Trust') operates under a Deed of Trust dated 6th November 1930 and held land under a Joint Venture with Staffordshire County Council. In November 2015, a contract was completed for the sale of the land with the funds of £1.69 million received during 2016 and 2017. The current inflation adjusted value of the funds is estimated at £1.9m.
- The Funds are managed in conjunction with Lichfield DBF and are held in CCLA Deposit and Investment Accounts and an investment portfolio managed by Cannacord Genuity. The Funds are summarised as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
CCLA Deposit Account	92392	127334
CCLA Investment Fund	1125315	983849
CCLA Global Equity Fund	341651	294106
Cannacord Genuity Investment Fund	681361	594816
Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	2241259	2000015

- The Trustees approved a drawdown of £50000 during the year to cover the shortfall on the Holy Trinity Church General Fund.
- Dividend Income of £54311 and Interest of £68 were received during the year.
- Direct withdrawals of £9030 were made in respect of the current year employment costs of a Parish Administrator. Further payroll agency withdrawals of £12217 were made relating to a prior year undercharge of employment costs relating to both the funding of mission and pastoral work with young people within Eccleshall Parish and the employment costs of the Parish Administrator.
- The Investment Fund included a gain on valuation at the end of the year of £258113 which reflected the strong performance in financial markets particularly in the first three quarters of the year. Economic uncertainty and inflationary pressures in the final quarter are projected to be reflected in market volatility into 2022.

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year to 31st December 2021

Receipts and Payments Year to 31st December 2021	Funds of Eccleshall PCC		Parish	Total	Total
	Holy Trinity	St Chads	Trust Funds	Funds 2021	Funds 2020
Income and Endowments from	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	40616	14043	0	54659	58178
Income from Charitable Activities	10619	506	0	11125	5590
Other Trading Activities	12900	222	0	13122	7039
Investment Income	16	6632	59286	65934	61528
Other Income	408	29	0	437	847
Total Income	64559	21432	59286	145277	133182
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	3661	0	0	3661	1374
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	64874	9001	12217	86092	84321
Other Expenditure	32248	2387	9031	43666	81836
Total Expenditure	100783	11388	21248	133419	167531
Net Income / (Expenditure)	-36224	10044	38038	11858	-34349
Transfers between Funds - In / (Out)	50000	0	-50000	0	0
Gains / Losses on Investment Assets	0	9171	282400	291571	112637
Net Movement in Funds	13776	19215	270438	303429	78288
Total Funds Brought Forward	96353	193152	2166774	2456279	2377991
Total Funds Carried Forward	110129	212367	2437212	2759708	2456279

Represented by Funds:	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	28985	58252	0	87237	69059
Designated Funds	18448	150549	0	168997	157457
Restricted Funds	62696	3566	0	66262	62989
Funds of Eccleshall PCC	110129	212367	0	322496	289505
Parish Trust Funds	0	0	2437212	2437212	2166774
Total Funds	110129	212367	2437212	2759708	2456279

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021
Balance Sheet

	As at 31 Dec 2021	As at 31 Dec 2020
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	0	0
Investment Assets	2,492,887	2,178,876
Total Fixed Assets	2,492,887	2,178,876
Current Assets		
Debtors and prepayments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	271,336	287,403
Total Current Assets	271,336	287,403
Current Liabilities - due within 1 year		
Creditors and accruals	4,515	10,000
Total Current Liabilities	4,515	10,000
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	266,821	277,403
Total Liabilities due after one year	0	0
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	2,759,708	2,456,279

Funds of Eccleshall PCC	As at 31 Dec 2021	As at 31 Dec 2020
Unrestricted Funds	87,237	69,058
Designated Funds	168,997	157,458
Restricted Funds	66,262	62,989
Endowment Trust Funds	2,437,212	2,166,774
Total Funds	2,759,708	2,456,279

Summary of Funds	As at 31 Dec 2021	As at 31 Dec 2020
Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	110,129	96,353
St Chad's Church Slindon	212,367	193,152
Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds	2,437,212	2,166,774
Total Funds	2,759,708	2,456,279

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon)

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Summary of Fund Movements

	Reserves at 1st January	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfers	Reserves at 31st December
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
Holy Trinity Eccleshall	20,849	57,980	-99,094	0	49,250	28,985
St Chad's Slindon	48,210	21,430	-11,388	0		58,252
	69,059	79,410	-110,482	0	49,250	87,237
Designated Funds						
HT Parish Room	763	1,921	-1,688	0	500	1,496
HT Special Projects	15,098	1,855	0	0	0	16,953
St Chad's Slindon	141,596	0	0	8,953	0	150,549
	157,457	3,776	-1,688	8,953	500	168,998
Restricted Funds						
HT Organ Fund	1,230	1	0	0	0	1,231
HT Conservation Fund	57,001	2,740	0	0	0	59,741
HT IDS Account	1,412	63	0	0	250	1,725
St Chad's Education Fund	3,346	0	0	220	0	3,566
	62,989	2,804	0	220	250	66,263
Parish Trust Funds						
TN 520 Eyeswell Trust	166,758	4,907	0	24,287	0	195,952
TN710 Shaws Lane Trust	2,000,016	54,379	-21,248	258,113	-50,000	2,241,260
	2,166,774	59,286	-21,248	282,400	-50,000	2,437,212
Total Funds	2,456,280	145,276	-133,418	291,573	0	2,759,708

Summary of Funds						
Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	96,353	64,560	-100,782	0	50,000	110,129
St Chad's Church Slindon	193,152	21,430	-11,388	9,173	0	212,367
Parish Trust Funds	2,166,774	59,286	-21,248	282,400	-50,000	2,437,212
Total Funds	2,456,279	145,276	-133,418	291,573	0	2,759,708

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	35,658	2,226	2,732	-	40,616	45,371
Income from charitable activities	10,619	-	-	-	10,619	5,271
Other trading activities	11,358	1,542	-	-	12,900	7,039
Investments	0	7	9	59,286	59,302	56,219
Other income	345	-	63	-	408	507
Total income	57,980	3,775	2,803	59,286	123,845	114,407
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3,661	-	-	-	3,661	1,374
Expenditure on charitable activities	64,874	-	-	12,217	77,090	73,690
Other expenditure	30,560	1,688	-	9,031	41,279	77,393
Total expenditure	99,094	1,688	-	21,248	122,030	152,457
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(41,114)	2,087	2,803	38,039	1,815	(38,049)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	50,000	500	250	-	50,750	75,381
Gross transfers between funds - out	(750)	-	-	(50,000)	(50,750)	(75,381)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	282,400	282,400	119,021
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	8,136	2,587	3,053	270,438	284,215	80,972
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	20,849	15,861	59,643	2,166,774	2,263,126	2,182,154
Total funds carried forward	28,985	18,448	62,696	2,437,212	2,547,341	2,263,126

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ST CHADS SLINDON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year to 31st December 2021
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Receipts and Payments - Year to 31st December 2021	2021	2020
	£	£
Receipts		
Planned Giving	8532	8838
Collections and Other Giving	2289	1581
Other Voluntary Receipts	1000	0
Gift Aid Recovered	2222	2388
Other Receipts	506	319
Activities for Generating Funds	222	0
Investment Income	6632	5308
Receipts from Church Activities	29	340
Total Receipts	21432	18774
Payments		
Missionary and Charitable Giving	903	400
Parish Share	8098	10231
Clergy and Staffing Costs	72	0
Church Running Expenses	2281	2502
Church Repairs and Maintenance	34	1941
Total Payments	11388	15074
Net Surplus of Receipts over Payments	10044	3700
Gains / Losses on Investment Assets	9171	-6385
Net Movement in Funds	19215	-2685

Balance Sheet Summary as at 31st December 2021	£	£
Current Account	58252	48211
Deposit Account - CCLA	5508	5506
Investment Account - Eden Tree Amity	148607	139435
Net Assets	212367	193152
Represented by Funds:		
Unrestricted	58252	48210
Designated	150549	141596
Restricted	3566	3346
Total Funds	212367	193152

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Investments	2,437,212	2,166,774
Cash At Bank And In Hand	110,129	96,353
	2,547,341	2,263,126
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	2,547,341	2,263,126
Total assets less current liabilities	2,547,341	2,263,126
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	2,547,341	2,263,126
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	28,985	20,849
Designated		
Designated - Parish Room Fund	1,495	763
Designated - Special Projects Fund	16,953	15,098
Restricted		
Restricted - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	59,740	57,001
Restricted - IDS Fund - Lichfield DBF	1,725	1,413
Restricted - Organ Fund	1,231	1,230
Endowment		
Endowment - Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	76,919	67,249
Endowment - Trust Fund TN520 - Income	119,034	99,509
Endowment - Trust Fund TN710	2,241,260	2,000,015
Fund Totals	2,547,341	2,263,126

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bankers Orders		19,000	21,514
Gift Aid - Envelopes		2,182	2,897
Other Planned Giving		2,797	5,552
Cash Collections - Services		2,647	737
Envelopes - non Gift Aid		—	73
Sundry Gifts - Gift Aid		—	500
Donations - General		1,658	1,088
Donations - Wall Safe		375	9
Donations - Funerals		335	807
Donations - Specific		1,181	543
Gift Aid - Tax Recovered		5,482	7,063
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>35,658</u>	<u>40,781</u>
Income from charitable activities			
Fees - Weddings		1,884	233
Fees - Funerals		8,735	5,038
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>10,619</u>	<u>5,271</u>
Other trading activities			
Special Events - Fund Raising		5,927	2,756
Trinity Magazine - Advertising		3,162	195
Trinity Magazine - Sales		2,270	2,097
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>11,358</u>	<u>5,048</u>
Investments			
Bank Interest		0	1
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Other income			
Grants - Recurring		345	345
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>345</u>	<u>345</u>
Total income and endowments		57,980	51,445
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of Special Events		1,401	40
Trinity Magazine - Printing		2,260	1,334
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>3,661</u>	<u>1,374</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving - Charitable Donations		325	690
Ministry Parish Share		58,933	58,933
Incumbent Expenses		124	268
Clergy Fees		2,204	600
Altar Requisites		196	140
Organist / Choir		1,950	1,130
Church Services - Sundry		1,036	1,452
Training / Education / Mission		105	477
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>64,874</u>	<u>63,690</u>

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Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Other expenditure			
Administrator Expenses		137	126
Telephone		936	1,046
Stationery / Printing / Books		636	745
Subscriptions / Gifts		293	122
Computing / IT		625	397
Photocopier		1,650	1,644
Organ Servicing		702	757
Bank Charges		100	100
Professional Charges		500	10,815
Church - Electricity		3,490	3,462
Church - Heating Oil		3,515	2,028
Church - Maintenance		1,452	422
Church - Cleaning		1,306	1,543
Church - Security		886	1,048
Church - Insurance		4,228	4,563
Church - Equipment / Fittings		1,219	423
Church - AV System		3,431	41,432
Churchyard Maintenance		4,489	3,434
Vicarage - Maintenance		968	569
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>30,560</i>	<i>74,676</i>
Total expenditure		99,094	139,740
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(41,114)	(88,295)
Brought forward balance		20,849	34,263
Transfers to/(from)		49,250	74,881
Total carried forward balance		28,985	20,849

Room - Parish Room Fund (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies			
Donations - General		229	190
Donations - Specific		150	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>379</i>	<i>190</i>
Other trading activities			
Parish Room - Rental Income		1,286	1,991
Parish Room - Other Income		256	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>1,542</i>	<i>1,991</i>
Other income			
Other Income		—	100
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>100</i>
Total income and endowments		1,921	2,281

Expenditure

Other expenditure			
Stationery / Printing / Books		—	10
Parish Room - Electricity		328	773
Parish Room - Insurance		729	718
Parish Room - Maintenance		140	14
Parish Room - Water		64	183
Parish Room - Cleaning		60	1,005
Room - Equipment / Fittings		368	12
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>1,688</i>	<i>2,716</i>

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Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Total expenditure		1,688	2,716
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	232	(436)
	Brought forward balance	763	1,198
	Transfers to/(from)	500	—
Total carried forward balance		1,495	763
Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
	Investments		
	Bank Interest	1	5
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
Total income and endowments		1	5
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	1	5
	Brought forward balance	1,230	1,225
Total carried forward balance		1,231	1,230
Conserve - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies		
	Gift Aid - Bankers Orders	1,920	1,920
	Donations - Funerals	332	—
	Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	480	480
	Legacies	—	2,000
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>2,732</i>	<i>4,400</i>
	Investments		
	Bank Interest	8	65
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>65</i>
Total income and endowments		2,740	4,465
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	2,740	4,465
	Brought forward balance	57,001	52,536
Total carried forward balance		59,740	57,001
Projects - Special Projects Fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
	Donations and legacies		
	Legacies	1,848	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>1,848</i>	<i>—</i>
	Investments		
	Bank Interest	7	66
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>66</i>
Total income and endowments		1,855	66
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	1,855	66
	Brought forward balance	15,098	40,163

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Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
	Transfers to/(from)	—	(25,131)
	Total carried forward balance	16,953	15,098

IDS-DBF - IDS Fund - Lichfield DBF (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Other income			
Other Income	63	63	
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>63</i>	
Total income and endowments	63	63	
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	63	63	
Brought forward balance	1,413	1,100	
Transfers to/(from)	250	250	
Total carried forward balance	1,725	1,413	

TN520Cap - Trust Fund TN520 - Capital (Endowment) Fund

Brought forward balance	67,249	62,905	
Adjustments	9,670	4,344	
Total carried forward balance	76,919	67,249	

TN520Inc - Trust Fund TN520 - Income (Endowment) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments			
Investment Income	4,907	4,596	
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>4,907</i>	<i>4,596</i>	
Total income and endowments	4,907	4,596	
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	4,907	4,596	
Brought forward balance	99,509	88,547	
Adjustments	14,617	6,367	
Total carried forward balance	119,034	99,509	

TN710 - Trust Fund TN710 (Endowment) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments			
Bank Interest	68	624	
Investment Income	54,311	50,863	
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>54,379</i>	<i>51,487</i>	
Total income and endowments	54,379	51,487	

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities			
Training / Education / Mission	12,217	10,000	
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>12,217</i>	<i>10,000</i>	
Other expenditure			
Administrator Expenses	9,031	—	
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>9,031</i>	<i>—</i>	
Total expenditure	21,248	10,000	

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Note	From To	01 January 2021	01 January 2020
		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	33,132	41,487
	Brought forward balance	2,000,015	1,900,218
	Transfers to/(from)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Adjustments	258,113	108,311
	Total carried forward balance	2,241,260	2,000,015

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Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members / Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chads)

Separate independent examinations of the accounts of Holy Trinity Eccleshall, St Chad's Slindon and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds for the year ended 31st December 2021 have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of each independent examiner:

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jonathan Hill (*Lichfield DBF*)
Independent Examiner
Holy Trinity Church
Eccleshall

Tony Cahalin
Independent Examiner
St Chad's Church
Slindon

Jonathan Hill (*Lichfield DBF*)
Independent Examiner
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds

Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These Financial Statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and The Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Members / Trustees of the Eccleshall Parochial Council on **17th March 2022 (*Subject to completion of the Independent Examination*)** and signed on their behalf by David Beswick and John Treanor, Co-Chair of the PCC.

David Beswick

John Treanor

Holy Trinity and St Chad's Churches in the Community

The PCC is extremely grateful for all donations and financial support which has been provided during 2021 particularly during the significant impact of the pandemic. However, with the ongoing shortfall in the Church General Fund, the Church continues to need as much support as you feel able to give. Further information is also contained in The Parish Plan and other details which are available at the back of the Church.

The Church continues to be dependent on a relatively small number of regular donors within the parish with 20 donors providing over two-thirds of the regular church income. The PCC continues to take initiatives to raise the profile of the need for regular giving particularly under the HMRC Gift Aid arrangements and is currently trialling card reader for automated donations at church services. There are many ways in which you can help, in particular:

- Please increase your regular giving or donations at Church events to help support the increasing costs of running the church.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please provide any gifts or donations through the 'Gift Aid' scheme which allows the Church to claim an additional 25% from HMRC.
- If you wish only to support the Fabric (Building) of Holy Trinity Church as opposed to contributing to the general running expenses of the Church, please make a gift or donation to The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund.
- You are invited to purchase a regular monthly copy of Trinity magazine which provides details of all events and activities within Eccleshall Parish for both Holy Trinity and St Chads Slindon.
- Further details of church activities can be found on the church website at www.eccleshallparish.com or the Holy Trinity Facebook Page.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Thursday 7th April 2022

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This takes place at 7.15 pm on Thursday 7th April, in Holy Trinity.

Accounts

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1153305

HOLY TRINITY ECCLESHALL & ST. CHAD'S SLINDON

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall



Holy Trinity & St. Chad's
for the
Year ended 31st December 2020

March 2021

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Church Street, Eccleshall, whilst St Chad's Church is located on the Newcastle Road in the settlement of Slindon. Eccleshall Ecclesiastical Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BY. The Registered Charity Number is 1153305.

PCC members who served during 2020 were:

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy	Reverend Jules Walker (<i>Vicar</i>) Reverend Stephen Habgood (<i>PTO Licensed to Lichfield Diocese & PCC member</i>) Geoff Dingle and Barbara Dodd (<i>PTO Readers licensed to Eccleshall Parish, who are not PCC members</i>)
Churchwardens	Kate Griffiths Allan Dale Jonathan Jones John Treanor (<i>Co- Vice-Chair of PCC</i>)
Diocesan Synod Member	David Beswick
Deanery Synod Members	David Beswick (<i>Lay Chair Deanery Synod until 31st May and Co- Vice-Chair of PCC</i>) Lorna Sant / Clare Lockett Hazel Bradshaw Kate Griffiths

PCC Members:

Emily Howard (<i>PCC Secretary</i>)	David Milner
Olivia Baines (<i>Appointed 15th October</i>)	Judith Norton
Hazel Bradshaw	Chris Reynolds
John Bradshaw	Nancy Reynolds
Joseph Cheetham-Wilkinson	Keith Winstanley
Jonathan Jones	Thomas Knowles (<i>Resigned 15th October</i>)
Mary Leather	David Rimmer (<i>Resigned 15th October</i>)
John Leather (<i>St Chad's Treasurer</i>)	Joshua Walker (<i>Resigned 15th October</i>)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ECCLESHALL, DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
Registered Charity Number 1153305
Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall with St Chad's Church, Slindon
2020 Report and Accounts for the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council

SECTION I – TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2020

1. Aim and Purposes

Eccleshall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jules Walker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of two churches, the parish church, The Church of the Holy Trinity, The Church of St Chad, Slindon (a chapel of ease), and a Parish Room.

2. Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the two churches and to become part of the parish community at either, and to the pastoral care of the people of Eccleshall Parish. The churches' acts of worship reflect Christian faith through Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

All that has been done and planned during 2019 has been consonant with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In summary we strive to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in the Christian faith;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, with emphasis on the needs of the bereaved, the requirements of the occasional offices and the need to reach out to younger generations;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Supporting worship and Christian ethos and education in a church school and supporting worship in another (non-church) school.

To promote this work the maintenance of the fabric of the two churches is vital, as is the care and maintenance of the Parish Room (situated next to Holy Trinity Church), a facility to serve all members of the parish.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England, and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules (CRR). It is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the CRR. Membership of the PCC and the PCC members in 2020 are detailed on Page 1 of the report. The membership includes 19 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Church Electoral Roll of the Eccleshall Parish (three of whom being members of the St Chad's congregation). All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the ecclesiastical parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life: St Chad's congregation; mission and pastoral care; worship and social; parish room; fabric; magazine; and finance. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

4. Activities and Achievements - Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and following guidance from the Government and Church of England, our church was closed, intermittently, for a large part of 2020. This has complicated the usual gathering of Annual Statistics. 'Lockdown' meant there were no services on Easter Day. We were open and able to accommodate 39 for communion on Christmas Day. Personal and family services included 1 baptism. Sadly, those couples who were looking forward to celebrating marriage had the difficult decision of whether to cancel or postpone until 2021. A restricted wedding did take place in September. There were 14 parish funerals held either at the graveside, in church or at Stafford Crematorium.

2020 began well. Weddings and Baptisms were planned, and we were looking forward to a busy year. Our children and family focused activities continued: Kid's Church giving young people the opportunity to gather for specific, child centred activities during morning service and our Christian Playgroup, Trinity Tots, with growing numbers attending. We were also planning for 'Messy Church' events, bringing families together to celebrate and worship in a fun afternoon of activities centred around the major Christian Festivals.

Special services and events began in January with little thought of what the year was to bring. Work began on the installation of a new Audio-Visual System which was to prove invaluable, as the year progressed. We shared a Service for Christian Unity at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Our Vicar, Revd Jules, began a period of compassionate leave and we were grateful to the Revd Stephen Habgood for his assistance in covering services and

support received from Revd James Graham who led 8.00am Communion. Inclement weather meant that the children from Bishop Lonsdale Academy were unable to come to church for their Ash Wednesday Worship. However, Revd Stephen was able to get to the school to be with the children and lead a service including the Imposition of Ashes, as planned. In March, Archdeacon Matthew Parker led Holy Communion on the first Sunday of Lent and an afterschool Lent Course, 'Why does Easter Matter?', began, led by Ellie Cheetham-Wilkinson. Our lay Reader Barbara Dodd organised a moving Taize evening – a candlelit service of meditation and prayer. The choir enjoyed learning new Taize chants which were included in the programme. We were invited to join in the Women's World Day of prayer at Sacred Heart, this year praying for the people of Zimbabwe. Bishop Lonsdale Children from Year 3 came for a visit to learn about the Bishops who are buried at Eccleshall and about general records that are kept, such as registers of births, marriages, and deaths.

Nationally, the COVID 19 situation was worsening and on 10th March a letter from the Archbishops gave instruction to offer communion in one kind only and to refrain from any handshaking or direct physical contact as part of a blessing or laying on of hands. Our service on 15th March, a delightful and happy Holy Baptism, proved to be our final gathering for some time. On 24th March church buildings were closed not only for public worship but also private prayer. We also had to suspend all activities and close the Parish Room with immediate effect. Sadly, this meant Trinity Tots could no longer meet. Thankfully, volunteers were able to safely distribute Mothering Sunday plants and Palm Crosses and we began e-mailing weekly Information and Service sheets which continued and developed through the year. These were much appreciated by a growing number of recipients.

In April we held the first of our graveside funerals. This form of service was to last until June when we re-opened the church for funerals under strict health and safety guidelines and with close family members only attending. A movement known as 'Clap for Carers' began at 8pm on Thursday evenings during April and May. After a week or two people asked if church bells could be rung and one of our ringers was given permission to chime/ring a bell for five minutes each week until the end of May.

In late July we were delighted hold our first on-line service, using 'Zoom', with over 50 people attending. These on-line services continued over the summer. Also, in July we said goodbye to our Children and Families Worker Amy Walker, whose contract had come to an end. Her enthusiasm and quality of leadership meant she had encouraged a growing number of families to take part in Trinity Tots and Messy Church and developed an enthusiastic team of regular volunteer helpers. Amy will be greatly missed by adults and children alike.

In September church doors opened again for said services of Holy Communion. There were restrictions on numbers and strict health and safety guidelines, but it was good to be back worshipping in our historic building. Bell ringing for these services resumed, restricted by social distancing rules to just four experienced ringers for fifteen minutes. A Wi-Fi link was established in church in October. This offers a variety of opportunities for live-streaming worship and other events. We are developing a team of audio-visual 'technicians' to support and develop activities in this area. A partial 'lockdown' again in early November meant that instead of our annual All Souls' Service, we offered 'A Time to Remember', opening the church for private prayer and affording visitors the opportunity to reflect and pray for loved ones in a quiet space. Nationally, Remembrance Sunday services were severely restricted. A private service with prayers said by Revd. Jules was held at our War Memorial and the public encouraged to partake in a doorstep remembrance at 11.00am. A single, half-muffled bell was rung.

Church doors opened again early in December. As well as celebrating communion on Christmas Day, as part of the Church of England's 'Comfort and Joy' initiative, we were delighted to open Holy Trinity for private prayer on 20th and 27th December. The church looked beautiful. Although we had not been able to organise our Christmas Tree Festival, we were able to display four trees each with a different theme – Comfort, Joy, Christingle, and Nativity, with interactive activities. Christmas 2020 brought joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that, for those who had lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who were potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – the Church's role, both nationally and locally, was to provide comfort and consolation, rather than assume everyone would be ready to join in jubilation. We added some joy too, hopefully!

Although not able to fulfil their planned schedule of arrangements to decorate church, following lockdown, some members of the Flower Guild were able to provide displays to celebrate the festivals that took place later in the year- Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas.

As part of our Mission and Outreach we continued to collect and deliver donations of food and toiletries to Sanctus St. Marks, a Charity in Stoke -on -Trent working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees. There was little or no opportunity for fundraising events during the year. However, in December, a Grand Raffle was organised with help from the Trinity Magazine Team, who delivered tickets with the magazine. People were very generous with their support and a magnificent sum was raised.

5. Activities and Achievements - St Chad's Church, Slindon

During this extraordinary "Year of the Pandemic", we only managed to have 14 Sunday services at St Chad's (it would have been 15, but a February service was cancelled due to snow). Of our "specials", we held Candlemas Evensong on February 2nd, a St Chad's Day service on March 1st, this led by Archdeacon Matthew Parker in Rev Jules's absence and Harvest on October 18th (Covid compliant with restricted numbers).

So, there was no Mothering Sunday service in March, no Rogation service in May and, more importantly, no Easter services. We did, however, have a highlight on Friday August 28th when Bishop Michael of Lichfield called at St Chad's as part of his pilgrimage to the 27 churches in the Diocese who share our patron saint. A short service was held, our first for 23 weeks. Sunday services recommenced on September 20th and repeated monthly until the end of the year, although numbers attending were reduced in line with covid-compliant regulations.

During lockdown and tier 4 restrictions, regular telephone contact was made with church members. When zoom services were started in early August service sheets and notices were circulated weekly by email, regular news of Slindon parishioners were included with these.

No fund-raising events could be held during the year but in late autumn a wonderful, shared effort was held in the form of two leaf-clearing parties. A large farm trailer was filled with leaves and fallen branches and the churchyard looked very tidy which augmented the new oak fencing on each side of the churchyard gate, installed earlier in the year.

On December 15th we celebrated the life of much-loved parishioner Freda Glover, who died in her 102nd year. Freda had worshipped at St Chad's for over 70 years, latterly brought to Church by her daughters Marg and Sue.

Later in the month, 6 parishioners, suitably distanced and standing in line outside, brought Christmas cheer in the form of carols to 8 households who had hitherto been shielding, or at least, very restricted socially.

6. Ecumenical Activities

Holy Trinity and St Chad's are members of Eccleshall Churches Together and under normal circumstances would participate in several acts of Christian Unity within the Parish particularly in support of Christian Aid and other charities. Regrettably, the activities have been significantly restricted during the year but will recommence once the covid restrictions are lifted.

7. Safeguarding & Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees believe that they have fulfilled their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

A serious incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its works, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property, or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents in the last year.

8. Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. The Trustees have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Parish insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

9. Financial Review

The PCC continued to manage the church finances against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded during 2020 by the impact of the coronavirus restrictions. The shortfall on the General Fund of Holy Trinity was offset by transfers from Designated Funds and the Parish Trust Funds. A full Financial Review and details of the Accounts are included in Section II of the Trustees' Report.

10. Reserves Policy

The Reserves and Investment Policy has been established consistent with the charitable purposes of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Registered Charity Number 1153305) and the terms of the Trust Deeds of the Parish Endowment Trust Funds. The primary objective is to secure the long-term future of the Christian churches in Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chads) with particular emphasis on mission and educational development within the parish. The application of the policy will be reflected in the responsible stewardship of the original capital within the funds and the application of the income to specific projects consistent with the terms of the relevant Trust

deeds. The short-term funding of the regular expenditure of the churches will be met primarily from regular giving and other income sources with the objective of holding a working capital balance on the Church General Fund equivalent to three months expenditure. In the event of a deficit in short term funding, it may be necessary to apply for an annual exceptional drawdown from the investment funds in order to maintain financial stability within the unrestricted Church General Fund. The short-term funds will be held in approved UK bank accounts. The long-term funds will be held in CCLA and other approved investment funds on terms established by Eccleshall PCC acting as administrative trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee. The Reserves Policy applied to the Parish Endowment Trust Funds provides indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year with the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis.

Thank You

The Church Council would like warmly to thank everyone who has contributed to the thriving life of Holy Trinity Eccleshall and St Chad's Slindon in any way.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Eccleshall Parochial Church Council on 25th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by Rev Jules Walker and David Beswick (PCC Co-Vice Chair):

Rev Jules Walker

David Beswick

SECTION II – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31st December 2020

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Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall	Treasurer	<i>(To be Appointed)</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)
St Chad's Church Slindon	Treasurer	John Leather
	Independent Examiner	Tony Cahalin
Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	Treasurer	<i>(To be Appointed)</i>
	Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill (Lichfield DBF)

Bank	NatWest Bank
	Stafford Greengate (A) Branch
	41 Greengate Street
	Stafford
	ST16 2JA

NOTE: *The attached Financial Statements contain the Statements of Financial Affairs and supplementary financial schedules for Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall, St Chads Church Slindon, and the Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals which have been rounded to the nearest pound and the pence are not being shown in the financial details.*

Financial Review for the Year to 31st December 2020

The accounts have been prepared under the financial reporting and governance requirements for parishes and registered charities SORP (FRS102). Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds are held by **Eccleshall PCC on behalf of Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall, and St Chad's Church, Slindon**. The PCC also acts as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) as Custodian Trustee in the administration of the **Parish Endowment Trust Funds** which are held independently from the PCC Funds and are managed within the specific terms of the respective Trust Deeds.

The Total Funds of Holy Trinity Eccleshall PCC (excluding the Parish Trust Funds) are held in individual funds which are categorised as Unrestricted, Designated, and Restricted Funds with the shortfall of receipts over payments in the Unrestricted Church General Fund offset during the year by specific donations and transfers from other Designated and Restricted Funds. The allocation of **Eccleshall PCC Funds** and **Parish Trust Funds** as at the end of 2020 is summarised as follows:

<u>Holy Trinity Eccleshall Allocation of Funds – December 2020</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Church General Account (Unrestricted)	20849	34263
Parish Room Fund	763	1198
Special Projects Fund	15098	40163
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	15861	41361
Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund	57001	52536
Organ Fund	1230	1225
IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF	1412	1100
Reserved Funds (Restricted)	59643	54860
Total Funds of Holy Trinity PCC	96353	130484
<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds – December 2020</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	48210	69695
Designated Funds	141596	122548
Restricted Funds	3346	3594
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon	193152	195837
<u>Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds – December 2020</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	166758	151452
Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw's Lane Trust	2000015	1900218
Total Eccleshall Parish Trust Funds	2166773	2051670
TOTAL ECCLESHALL PCC & PARISH TRUST FUNDS	2456278	2377991

1. Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall - General Fund (Unrestricted)

The Unrestricted Church General Fund includes the regular costs and expenses of Holy Trinity Church in Eccleshall. The PCC continued to manage the church finances during the year against a background of falling church income and rising costs compounded by the impact of the restrictions arising from the coronavirus pandemic. The fund showed a shortfall of income over expenditure of £88295 for the year. The closing balance on the General Fund at the end of the year was £20849 after making net transfers of £74881 from Designated Funds and Parish Trust Fund TN710. In the absence of any increase in planned giving and voluntary contributions it is projected that further support from other funds will be required in future years.

<u>Holy Trinity Church General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Total Income	51445	86483
Total Expenditure	(87493)	(112671)
AV & Reordering Project	(52247)	0
Net Shortfall for the Year	(88295)	(26188)
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2020	34263	16006
Net Transfers from other Funds	74881	44444
Closing Balance at 31st December 2020	20849	34263

- **Regular Church Income and Expenditure:** The level of regular Church Income after adjusting for exceptional one-off receipts and non-recurring items continues to fall short of the regular church expenditure. The impact of the coronavirus restrictions has increased the underlying shortfall of income compared to expenditure to a level more than £40000 per annum.
- **Giving / Donations / Gift Aid:** The Church continues to be most appreciative of all those who supported Holy Trinity during the year which represents the most significant source of income. Regular giving and collections at services were severely reduced after the lockdown restrictions were introduced in March. Total donations including Gift Aid tax recovered reduced from £56484 to £40781 compared to last year.
- **Funerals and Weddings:** Total fees of £5271 were significantly lower than the £14580 in last year with Funeral Fees waived from March to October.
- **Fundraising:** Fundraising Events organised by the Worship and Social Committee were cancelled after March reflected in a reduction of £6772 in fund raising activity compared to last year. The only significant activity during the year was a Christmas raffle which raised £2331. We are grateful to all those who supported the Fund-Raising Events.

- **Trinity Magazine:** Sales of Trinity Magazine of £2097 were marginally down on last year with a reduction in the number of magazines published. However, advertising revenue has been deferred to next year because of the restrictions. We are grateful to all the distributors, subscribers, and advertisers and would welcome any opportunity to increase the circulation of Trinity which is an important communication channel within the Parish.
- **Parish Share / Church Running Costs:** The Parish Share paid to the Lichfield Diocese increased in the year by £1085 to £55933. Church running costs were reduced reflecting the less frequent use of the church with the primary fixed costs including electricity (£3462), Heating Oil (£2027), Insurance (£4563), Photocopier (£1644), Cleaning (£1542) and Churchyard Expenses (£3434).
- **Professional Charges:** Professional charges of £10725 include Architect Fees (£8249) and Heating Consultancy Fees (£2376) related to the planning for the re-ordering of the church.
- **AV Project:** The primary item of expenditure in the year related to the installation of an Audio-Visual System (£41432) which has enhanced church acts of worship particularly for younger generations and facilitated the online streaming of services during the periods of restricted church opening.
- **Related Party Transactions:** Clergy fees and related expenses of £867 were paid to the incumbent and members of the clergy team related to their functions of ministry within the Parish. Administrative expenses of £125 were paid to the PCC Secretary. Verger fees of £120 were paid to a PCC Churchwarden. There were no remuneration or other taxable benefits paid to other members of the PCC. Donations in total of £11844 were received from eight Trustees during the year, all of which were received without conditions.

2. Holy Trinity Church – Designated Funds

The Church Accounts follow a standard categorisation of Designated and Restricted Funds based on the principle that income received by the PCC will only be restricted if it has been given for a specific purpose. Where the PCC decides after receipt to designate funds for a specific purpose, those funds remain unrestricted for accounting purposes. The following funds are Designated Funds:

2.1 Parish Room Fund (Designated)

Parish Room Fund (Designated)	2020	2019
	£	£
Total Income	2281	6902
Total Expenditure	(2716)	(4925)
Parish Room Refurbishment Project	0	(5465)
Net Surplus / (Shortfall) for the Year	(435)	(3487)
Opening Balance 1 st January 2020	1198	4686
Transfer (to) / from Church General Fund	0	0
Closing Balance 31st December 2020	763	1198

- The PCC are grateful to the Parish Room Committee for their work during the year on a voluntary basis raising funds and cleaning and maintaining the room.
- The Parish Room was closed with effect from March reflected in a loss of income of £4621 compared to last year.
- Costs of operating the Parish Room were significantly lower than last year reducing the annual shortfall to £435.

2.2. Special Projects Fund (Designated)

Special Projects Fund (Designated)	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2020	40163	10767
Legacy Received / Interest	66	1090
Net Transfer (to)/from Church General Fund	0	1175
Transfer from HT Conservation Fund – Bishops Path	0	2000
Transfer from Trust Fund TN710 – AV Project	0	40000
Transfer to General Fund – AV Project	(25131)	(14869)
Closing Balance 31st December 2020	15098	40163

- The primary transfer from the Special Projects Fund was to the Church General Fund for the payment of the balance of the AV Project.
- The closing balance includes designated funds for the Trinity Tots Group (£2000), Messy Church (£1500), future Saints Alive productions (£350), completion of the Bishops Path area for the burial of cremated remains (£8500) and other unallocated legacies and donations (£1748).

3. Holy Trinity Church – Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent funds which have been donated for a specific purpose including grants, public appeals, and donations. The PCC will be in breach of trust if restricted income is used other than for the specific purpose. The following funds are held as Restricted Funds:

3.1 Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)

<u>Organ Restoration Fund (Restricted)</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance at 1 st January 2020	1224	1216
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	5	9
Closing Balance at 31st December 2020	1229	1225

- The Organ Restoration Appeal Fund was launched in October 2015 with the previous major work on the historic organ at Holy Trinity Church undertaken in 1977.
- An extensive programme of renovation, restoration, and enhancement was completed by Peter Spencer Limited in March 2017.
- A balance of £1229 is held on the Organ Fund as a reserve against future repairs and maintenance. No specific donations were received during the year.

3.2 Holy Trinity Conservation Fund / War Memorial Fund (Restricted)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance 1st January 2020	52536	17835
Donations / Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Interest	2465	3017
Legacy Received	2000	33684
Transfer to Church Special Projects / General Fund	0	(2000)
Closing Balance 31st December 2020	57001	52536
Holy Trinity Church Conservation Fund (Restricted)	54823	50361
War Memorial Fund (Restricted)	2178	2175
Closing Balance 31st December 2020	57001	52536

- **The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (£54823)** has the specific purpose of holding funds restricted to the long-term future of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and Churchyard.
- The Reserves policy of the Fund is based on a medium-term time frame which is reflected in an indicative upper limit for allocation in any one year.
- Holy Trinity Church was most grateful to receive two legacies of £1000 each from the estates of the late Mrs Gladys Gray and the late Mr Anthony Whittall.
- The Fund continued to receive regular individual contributions and one-off donations during the year which amounted to £2465 including Gift Aid Tax recovered and Interest.
- Further works will be required to the church fabric and additional contributions for the specific purposes of the Fund would be much appreciated. Contributions to the Conservation Fund are held on a restricted basis separately from other general church funds.

- **War Memorial Fund (£2178)** Donations were received during 2018 from the project to add names to the War Memorial and to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The total War Memorial Fund of £2178 is held within the restricted Conservation Fund and is 'ring-fenced' for the specific purposes of work related to the War Memorial and the area of the churchyard immediately adjacent to the War Memorial.

3.3 IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)

<u>IDS Fund – Lichfield DBF (Restricted)</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 st January 2020	1100	788
PCC Contribution (2020)	250	250
DBF IDS Contribution Uplift 2019 (25%)	62	62
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2020	1412	1100

- The Lichfield Interior Decoration Scheme (IDS) is a fund established to support parishes to maintain property occupied by the clergy through their incumbency.
- The fund is maintained by Lichfield DBF with a payment of £250 made by parishes each year with a further 25% added by the Diocese in arrears in the following year.

4. Funds of St Chad's Slindon

<u>St Chad's Income & Expenditure</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Income	18774	27876
Expenditure	(15074)	(14465)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	3700	13411

- The PCC is grateful to the St Chad's Slindon team for the continuation of the management of the finances on a balanced basis which compares favourably with many other relatively small churches within the Lichfield Diocese.
- The reduction in the surplus for the year to £3700 compared to the prior year reflected the impact of the restrictions arising from the coronavirus pandemic.
- The total funds held by St Chad's are summarised as follows:

<u>St Chad's Slindon Allocation of Funds</u>	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	48210	69695
Designated Funds	141596	122548
Restricted Funds	3346	3594
Total Funds of St Chad's Slindon	193152	195837

- Total Funds held by St Chad's Slindon of £ are held in an Eden Tree Amity Investment Fund (£139435), a CCLA Deposit Account (£5506) and a Current Account (£48211).

5. Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds (Restricted)

The Parish Trust Funds are managed by the PCC acting as Administrative Trustee in conjunction with the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance who act as Custodian Trustee and provide advice on investment strategy acting in accordance with the terms of the respective Trust Deeds. The Reserves Policy applied to the Trust Funds is based on the principle of holding adequate reserves to secure and maintain the long-term future of both churches within Eccleshall Parish with indicative limits to the amount of drawdown in any single financial year and the overall objective of the maintenance of the original capital balances on an inflation adjusted basis. The Trustees are advised of the balances on the relevant investment and deposit accounts which are subject to the Lichfield DBF audit. Individual transactions within the fund balances are managed by Lichfield DBF.

5.1 Parish Trust Fund TN520 - The Eyeswell Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN520 – The Eyeswell Trust	Capital Fund	Income Fund	Total Trust Fund
	£	£	£
Opening Balance 1 st January 2020	62905	88547	151452
Dividends Re-invested	0	4595	4595
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	4344	6367	10710
Trust Fund TN520 Balance 31st December 2020	67249	99509	166758

- Parish Trust Fund TN520 ('The Eyeswell Trust') operates under a Deed of Trust dated December 1977 with earlier documentation dating back to a conveyance of 1930 and an earlier deed of 1894. The Fund is held under the restrictions of the Trust Deed for the benefit of Eccleshall Parish (Holy Trinity and St Chad's).
- Drawdowns have been limited in recent years. However, with the ongoing financial shortfall in the church accounts, it is projected that a drawdown may be required on a more regular basis.
- The Funds are invested in The CBF Church of England Investment Funds managed by CCLA. Dividends of £4595 were re-invested in the Fund which also reflected a valuation gain of £10710 in the year.

5.2 Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust

Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	Deposit Accounts £	Investment Accounts £	Total TN710 Trust Fund £
Opening Balance 1st January 2020	151127	1749091	1900218
Transfer to Church General Fund	(50000)	0	(50000)
Investment Income	35583	15279	50862
Interest	624	0	624
Withdrawals	(10000)	0	(10000)
Gain / (Loss) on Valuation	0	108311	108311
Parish Trust Fund Balance 31st December 2020	127334	1872681	2000015

- Parish Trust Fund TN710 (‘The Shaw’s Lane Trust’) operates under a Deed of Trust dated 6th November 1930 and held land under a Joint Venture with Staffordshire County Council. In November 2015, a contract was completed for the sale of the land with the funds arising held within the Joint Venture and released on a phased basis during 2016 and 2017.
- The Funds are managed in conjunction with Lichfield DBF and are held in CCLA Deposit and Investment Accounts and an investment portfolio managed by Cannacord Genuity. The Funds are summarised as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
CCLA Deposit Account	127334	151127
CCLA Investment Fund	983849	920300
CCLA Global Equity Fund	294106	247028
Cannacord Genuity Investment Fund	594816	581763
Parish Trust Fund TN710 – The Shaw’s Lane Trust	2000015	1900218

- The Trustees approved a drawdown of £50000 during the year to cover the shortfall on the Holy Trinity Church General Fund.
- Dividend income of £50862 and Interest of £624 were received during the year and direct withdrawals of £10000 were made to fund mission and pastoral work with young people within Eccleshall Parish and to contribute towards the costs of a Parish Administrator.
- The Investment Fund included a gain on valuation at the end of the year of £108311 which reflected the strong recovery in financial markets in the final quarter of the year following the significant market downturn in the first quarter. It is projected that market volatility will continue during 2021.

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon)

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Trust Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and Legacies	52,105	2,555	4,182	-	58,842	115,237
Activities for Generating Funds	2,756	-	-	-	2,756	11,021
Income from Investments	4,779	66	600	56,083	61,528	67,098
Church Activities	9,894	-	-	-	9,894	26,234
Other	162	-	-	-	162	928
Total	69,696	2,621	4,782	56,083	133,182	220,517
Resources Expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	40	-	-	-	40	1,611
Church Activities	154,525	2,716	248	10,000	167,489	148,203
Other	161	-	-	-	161	-
Total	154,726	2,716	248	10,000	167,691	149,814
Net Income/(Expenditure) before Investment gains/(losses)	(85,031)	(95)	4,534	46,083	(34,509)	70,703
Net gain/(losses) on investments	-	(6,225)	-	119,021	112,797	313,421
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(85,031)	(6,320)	4,534	165,104	78,288	384,124
Transfer between Funds	50,131	(131)	-	(50,000)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	(34,900)	(6,451)	4,534	115,104	78,288	384,124
Total Funds brought forward	103,958	163,908	58,455	2,051,670	2,377,991	1,993,868
Total Funds carried forward	69,058	157,457	62,989	2,166,774	2,456,279	2,377,991

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020
Balance Sheet

	As at 31 Dec 2020	As at 31 Dec 2019
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	-	-
Investment Assets	2,178,875	2,021,203
Total Fixed Assets	2,178,875	2,021,203
Current Assets		
Current Investments	-	-
Debtors and prepayments	-	14,869
Cash at bank and in hand	287,403	341,919
Total Current Assets	287,403	356,788
Current Liabilities - due within 1 year		
Creditors and accruals		
Diocesan Payroll Agency	10,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	10,000	-
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	277,403	356,788
Liabilities due after one year		
Creditors	-	-
Deferred Parish Share	-	-
Total Liabilities due after one year	-	-
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	2,456,278	2,377,991
Funds of the PCC	As at 31 Dec 2020	As at 31 Dec 2019
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	69,058	103,958
Designated Funds	157,457	163,908
Restricted Funds	62,989	58,455
Endowment Funds	2,166,774	2,051,670
Total Funds	2,456,279	2,377,991

ECCLESHALL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Holy Trinity Eccleshall & St Chad's Slindon)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020
Summary of Fund Movements

	Reserves at 1st January	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfers	Reserves at 31st December
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Holy Trinity	34,263	69,696	(154,746)		75,131	24,343
St Chads Trust	69,695				(25,000)	44,695
						-
Unrestricted Funds	103,958	69,696	(154,726)	-	50,131	69,058
Designated Funds						
HT Parish Room	1,198	2,281	(2,716)	-	-	763
HT Special Projects	40,163	66	-	-	(25,131)	15,098
St Chad - Slindon Fund	122,547	274	-	(6,225)	25,000	141,596
	163,908	2,621	(2,716)	(6,225)	(131)	157,457
Restricted Funds						
HT Organ Fund	1,225	5	-	-	-	1,230
HT Conservation / WM Fund	52,536	4,465	-	-	-	57,001
HT IDS Account	1,100	312	-	-	-	1,412
St Chad School Fund	3,594	-	(248)	-	-	3,346
	58,455	4,782	(248)	-	-	62,989
Parish Trust Funds						
Eyeswell Trust (TN520)	151,452	4,596	-	10,710	-	166,758
Shaws Lane Trust (TN710)	1,900,218	51,487	(10,000)	108,311	(50,000)	2,000,016
	2,051,670	56,083	(10,000)	119,021	(50,000)	2,166,774
Total Funds	2,377,991	133,182	(167,691)	112,797	-	2,456,279

Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	40,781	190	4,400	—	45,371	96,410
Income from charitable activities	5,271	—	—	—	5,271	14,580
Other trading activities	5,047	1,991	—	—	7,038	20,448
Investments	0	66	70	56,082	56,219	60,606
Other income	345	99	62	—	507	594
Total income	51,445	2,346	4,532	56,082	114,407	192,640
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	1,373	—	—	—	1,373	4,232
Expenditure on charitable activities	63,690	—	—	10,000	73,690	80,141
Other expenditure	74,676	2,716	—	—	77,392	50,975
Total expenditure	139,740	2,716	—	10,000	152,456	135,348
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(88,294)	(369)	4,532	46,082	(38,049)	57,291
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	75,130	—	250	—	75,380	87,294
Gross transfers between funds - out	(250)	(25,130)	—	(50,000)	(75,380)	(87,294)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	119,021	119,021	301,825
Net movement in funds	(13,414)	(25,500)	4,782	115,104	80,972	359,117
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	34,262	41,361	54,860	2,051,669	2,182,154	1,823,036
Total funds carried forward	20,848	15,860	59,643	2,166,773	2,263,126	2,182,154

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

ST CHADS SLINDON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS - Year to 31st December 2020

Receipts and Payments - Year to 31st December 2020	2020	2019
	£	£
Receipts		
Planned Giving	8229	8832
Collections and Other Giving	1581	2117
Other Voluntary Receipts	0	1000
Gift Aid Recovered	2388	6532
Other Receipts	319	678
Activities for Generating Funds	0	1493
Investment Income	5308	6491
Receipts from Church Activities	340	733
Total Receipts	18165	27876
Payments		
Missionary and Charitable Giving	400	627
Parish Share	10231	9982
Clergy and Staffing Costs	0	990
Church Running Expenses	2502	2555
Church Repairs and Maintenance	1941	311
Total Payments	15074	14465
Net Surplus of Receipts over Payments	3091	13411
Gains / Losses on Investment Assets	-5776	11595
Net Movement in Funds	-2685	25006

Balance Sheet Summary as at 31st December 2020	£	£
Current Account	48211	69695
Deposit Account - CCLA	5506	5482
Investment Account - Eden Tree Amity	139435	120660
Net Assets	193152	195837
Represented by Funds:		
Unrestricted	48210	69695
Designated	141596	122548
Restricted	3346	3594
Total Funds	193152	195837

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Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	—	14,869
Investments	2,166,773	2,051,669
Cash at bank and in hand	96,352	115,615
	<u>2,263,126</u>	<u>2,182,154</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>2,263,126</u>	<u>2,182,154</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>2,263,126</u>	<u>2,182,154</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>2,263,126</u>	<u>2,182,154</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	20,848	34,262
Designated		
Designated - Parish Room Fund	762	1,198
Designated - Special Projects Fund	15,098	40,162
Restricted		
Restricted - Organ Fund	1,230	1,224
Restricted - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund	57,000	52,535
Restricted - IDS Fund - Lichfield DBF	1,412	1,100
Endowment		
Endowment - Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	67,249	62,905
Endowment - Trust Fund TN520 - Income	99,509	88,546
Endowment - Trust Fund TN710	2,000,015	1,900,217
Funds of the church	<u>2,263,126</u>	<u>2,182,154</u>

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Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Current assets		
6501: General Fund - Current Account	20,698	19,243
6502: Parish Room - Current Account	762	1,198
6503: Designated Fund - Current Account	2,186	27,305
6504: Conservation Fund - Current Account	41,660	37,260
6511: General Fund - CBF Account	150	149
6512: Designated Fund - CBF Account	12,911	12,857
6514: Organ Fund - CBF Account	1,230	1,224
6515: Conservation Fund - CBF Account	15,340	15,275
6516: Restricted IDS Fund - LDBF Account	1,412	1,100
6517: Trust Fund TN520 - Capital	67,249	62,905
6518: Trust Fund TN520 - Income	99,509	88,546
6519: Trust Fund TN710 - Deposit Account	127,334	151,126
6520: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment I	983,849	920,300
6521: Trust Fund TN710 - CCLA Investment II	294,015	247,027
6522: Trust Fund TN710 - CG Investment	594,816	581,763
Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	14,869
Total Current assets	2,263,126	2,182,154
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	2,263,126	2,182,154
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(38,049)	57,291
Z01: Starting balances	2,182,154	1,823,036
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	119,021	301,825
Total Reserves	2,263,126	2,182,154

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	20,848	34,262
Designated	15,860	41,361
Restricted	59,643	54,860
Endowment	2,166,773	2,051,669
Total	2,263,126	2,182,154

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Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bankers Orders		21,514	22,330
Gift Aid - Envelopes		2,896	6,753
Other Planned Giving		5,552	5,550
Cash Collections - Services		736	5,991
Envelopes - non Gift Aid		73	457
Sundry Gifts - Gift Aid		500	—
Donations - General		1,087	1,613
Donations - Wall Safe		9	231
Donations - Funerals		806	455
Donations - Specific		543	1,503
Gift Aid - Tax Recovered		7,062	11,597
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>40,781</u>	<u>56,483</u>
Income from charitable activities			
Fees - Weddings		233	3,858
Fees - Funerals		5,038	10,722
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>14,580</u>
Other trading activities			
Special Events - Fund Raising		2,756	9,528
Trinity Magazine - Advertising		195	3,095
Trinity Magazine - Sales		2,096	2,262
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>5,047</u>	<u>14,886</u>
Investments			
Bank Interest		0	1
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Other income			
Grants - Recurring		345	345
Other Income		—	187
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>345</u>	<u>532</u>
Total income and endowments		51,445	86,483
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of Special Events		40	1,611
Trinity Magazine - Printing		1,333	2,621
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>1,373</u>	<u>4,232</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving - Charitable Donations		690	1,261
Ministry Parish Share		58,933	57,848
Incumbent Expenses		268	947
Youth Worker Expenses		—	125
Clergy Fees		599	284
Altar Requisites		140	283
Organist / Choir		1,130	4,508
Church Services - Sundry		1,452	1,975
Training / Education / Mission		477	619
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>63,690</u>	<u>67,852</u>

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Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Other expenditure			
Administrator Expenses		125	1,476
Telephone		1,046	924
Stationery / Printing / Books		745	483
Subscriptions / Gifts		121	666
Computing / IT		397	177
Photocopier		1,643	1,731
Organ Servicing		757	684
Bank Charges		100	100
Professional Charges		10,815	4,904
Church - Electricity		3,462	3,639
Church - Heating Oil		2,027	4,086
Church - Maintenance		422	2,086
Church - Cleaning		1,542	586
Church - Security		1,047	760
Church - Insurance		4,562	4,439
Church - Equipment / Fittings		422	6,436
Church - AV Project		41,432	—
Churchyard Maintenance		3,434	3,438
Churchyard - Major Repairs		—	2,253
Vicarage - Maintenance		569	1,710
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>74,676</i>	<i>40,585</i>
Total expenditure		139,740	112,670
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(88,294)	(26,187)
Brought forward balance		34,262	16,006
Transfers to/(from)		74,880	44,444
Total carried forward balance		20,848	34,262
Room - Parish Room Fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations - General		190	640
Donations - Specific		—	700
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>190</i>	<i>1,340</i>
Other trading activities			
Parish Room - Rental Income		1,991	5,562
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>1,991</i>	<i>5,562</i>
Other income			
Other Income		99	—
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>99</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		2,280	6,902
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Stationery / Printing / Books		10	71
Parish Room - Electricity		773	1,160
Parish Room - Insurance		718	703
Parish Room - Maintenance		14	1,445
Parish Room - Water		183	429
Parish Room - Cleaning		1,005	923
Room - Equipment / Fittings		11	189
Room - Repairs / Refurbishment		—	5,465
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>2,716</i>	<i>10,389</i>

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Note	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Total expenditure		2,716	10,389
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(435)	(3,487)
Brought forward balance		1,198	4,685
Total carried forward balance		762	1,198

Organ - Organ Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments

Bank Interest

5

9

Total Investments

5

9

Total income and endowments

5

9

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

5

9

Brought forward balance

1,224

1,215

Total carried forward balance

1,230

1,224

Conserve - Holy Trinity Conservation Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bankers Orders

1,920

2,220

Donations - Specific

—

100

Gift Aid - Tax Recovered

480

582

Legacies

2,000

33,684

Total Donations and legacies

4,400

36,586

Investments

Bank Interest

64

113

Total Investments

64

113

Total income and endowments

4,464

36,700

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

4,464

36,700

Brought forward balance

52,535

17,834

Transfers to/(from)

—

(2,000)

Total carried forward balance

57,000

52,535

Projects - Special Projects Fund (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Donations - Specific

—

1,000

Legacies

—

1,000

Total Donations and legacies

—

2,000

Investments

Bank Interest

66

89

Total Investments

66

89

Total income and endowments

66

2,089

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

66

2,089

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
	Brought forward balance	40,162	10,767
	Transfers to/(from)	(25,130)	27,305
	Total carried forward balance	15,098	40,162

Income and endowments

Other Income	62	62
<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>62</u>	<u>62</u>
Total income and endowments	62	62

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	62	62
Brought forward balance	1,100	787
Transfers to/(from)	250	250
Total carried forward balance	1,412	1,100

TN520Cap - Trust Fund TN520 - Capital (Endowment) Fund

Brought forward balance	32,933	32,933
Adjustments	4,343	9,920
Total carried forward balance	67,249	62,905

TN520Inc - Trust Fund TN520 - Income (Endowment) Fund

Investment Income	4,595	4,330
<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>4,595</u>	<u>4,330</u>
Total income and endowments	4,595	4,330

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	4,595	4,330
Brought forward balance	88,546	70,744
Adjustments	6,366	13,471
Total carried forward balance	99,509	88,546

TN710 - Trust Fund TN710 (Endowment) Fund

Bank Interest	623	1,632
Investment Income	50,862	54,429
<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>51,486</u>	<u>56,062</u>
Total income and endowments	51,486	56,062

Expenditure

Training / Education / Mission	10,000	12,288
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>12,288</i>
Total expenditure	10,000	12,288

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Note	From To	01 January 2020	01 January 2019
		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	41,486	43,773
	Brought forward balance	1,900,217	1,648,009
	Transfers to/(from)	(50,000)	(70,000)
	Adjustments	108,311	278,433
	Total carried forward balance	2,000,015	1,900,217

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Independent Examiner's Statement to the Members / Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Eccleshall (Holy Trinity and St Chads)

Separate independent examinations of the accounts of Holy Trinity Eccleshall, St Chad's Slindon and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds for the year ended 31st December 2020 have been conducted and the following statement is an extract from the report of each independent examiner:

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Approval of Accounts by Eccleshall PCC

These Financial Statements of Eccleshall Parochial Church Council and the Eccleshall Parish Endowment Trust Funds have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and The Charities Act 2011 using the Accruals basis of accounting.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Members / Trustees of the Eccleshall Parochial Council on **25th March 2021** and signed on their behalf by Rev Jules Walker and David Beswick, Co-Vice Chair of the PCC

Rev Jules Walker

David Beswick

Holy Trinity and St Chad's Churches in the Community

The PCC is extremely grateful for all donations and financial support which has been provided during 2020. However, with the ongoing shortfall in the Church General Fund, the Church continues to need as much support as you feel able to give. Further information is also contained in The Parish Plan and other details which are available at the back of the Church.

The Church continues to be dependent on a relatively small number of regular donors within the parish with 20 donors providing over two-thirds of the regular church income. The PCC continues to take initiatives to raise the profile of the need for regular giving particularly under the HMRC Gift Aid arrangements and is currently trialling card reader for automated donations at church services. There are many ways in which you can help, in particular:

- Please increase your regular giving or donations at Church events to help support the increasing costs of running the church.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please provide any gifts or donations through the 'Gift Aid' scheme which allows the Church to claim an additional 25% from HMRC.
- If you wish only to support the Fabric (Building) of Holy Trinity Church as opposed to contributing to the general running expenses of the Church, please make a gift or donation to The Holy Trinity Conservation Fund.
- You are invited to purchase a regular monthly copy of Trinity magazine which provides details of all events and activities within Eccleshall Parish for both Holy Trinity and St Chads Slindon.
- Further details of church activities can be found on the church website at www.eccleshallparish.com or the Holy Trinity Facebook Page.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.15 pm Thursday 15th April 2021

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This takes place at 7.15 pm on Thursday 15th April, in Holy Trinity, when everyone will be welcome.
