

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HILDERSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1153435

Details

Other names HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2013-08-16

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: To promote with the Priest in Charge the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical. To maintain the church building and surrounding areas.

Classification

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

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£51,903	£52,372	-	-
2024-12-31	£38,008	£55,421	-	-
2023-12-31	£41,273	£45,857	-	-
2022-12-31	£50,361	£53,791	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,610	£51,881	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,483	£51,219	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Iain Gordon McColl	Chair	2018-04-12
AMANDA MARY JANE PALMER		2013-08-14
Anne-Marie Melloy		2019-08-10
John Mervyn Wingfield		2019-08-10
Keith Daniel Day		2023-04-16
Rebecca Fell		2025-05-01
Rosalinde Mary Gray		2020-09-23

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Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2025

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The Trustees consider that, in the conduct of their business, they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

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PCC Members during 2025 were:

Rector:	Revd. Iain McColl
Assistant Curate	Revd. Hannah Threlfall
Churchwarden:	Mr Keith Day (from 1 st May 2025)
PCC Secretary	Mr Keith Day
Treasurer:	Mr Mervyn Wingfield
Elected representatives of the laity:	Mr Keith Day (to 1 st May 2025)
	Ms Rebecca Fell (from 1 st May 2025)
	Mrs Rosalinde Gray
	Ms Anne-Marie Melloy
	Mrs Amanda Palmer
	Mr Mervyn Wingfield

Independent Examiner of the Financial Statement: Mr David Newble

Review of 2025

The Ministry Team

Revd. Iain McColl is the Rector of the Granta Vale Benefice. He was supported during the year by the Ministry Team, which included: Revd. Kathy Bishop (Honorary Associate Priest) Revd. Hannah Threlfall (Assistant Curate), Mr Alistair Collen and Mr Stephen Wheeler (Licensed Lay Ministers) and Authorised Lay Ministers Mr Keith Day (Music Minister and Worship Leader) and Mrs Rosemary Mead (Pastoral Care).

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

A new Church Electoral Roll was compiled in 2025. At the time of preparation the Roll contained 34 parishioners, of whom 14 did not reside within the parish. Attendance at both morning and evening services during the year remained broadly stable.

Service Pattern

The number of Sunday services in Hildersham was usually three each month. Following a trial period, the PCC agreed a pattern comprising:

- Café Church on the second Sunday
- Taizé Evening Worship on the third Sunday

- Sung Book of Common Prayer Communion on the fourth Sunday

The United Benefice Eucharist continued to be held in Balsham on the first Sunday of the month, and members of the Hildersham congregation regularly participated.

Silent Space followed by Compline continued to be held in church on Tuesday evenings, offering a weekly opportunity for quiet reflection.

The PCC hopes that providing a range of worship styles throughout the month will meet the needs of worshippers both within the parish and from the wider benefice.

Serving the Community

During the year, the PCC recognised the importance of placing the church at the heart of the community and devoted time and effort to demonstrating the love and work of God beyond the church building. The PCC intends to build further on this work during 2026. Examples from 2025 include:

The Children's Church Council (CCC) provided Mothering Sunday posies and, in the interests of equality, cookies on Father's Day.

The first Teatime event proved very successful, attracting a good number of villagers and a local rambling group. The local Age Concern warden also attended and expressed interest in bringing some of her clients to future events. The PCC suggested that a sandwich board advertising each teatime gathering could encourage more people to join.

Given the continuing cost-of-living pressures, the Harvest Festival again focused on supporting REACH in Haverhill, following previous successful donations of slow cookers and stick blenders. REACH continued to provide services across the benefice during the year. Non-perishable food items were also donated throughout the year via collection bags at the back of the church.

The Gifts for Refugees appeal was again generously supported, with two carloads of gifts delivered to Cambridgeshire Social Services.

The Rolling Supper held during the summer was a great success, helping new Hildersham residents meet others in the village and providing an opportunity for the community to socialise together.

In November a capacity crowd filled the Village Hall for the “Pie and Fizz” Quiz Night, for which there was also a waiting list for tickets.

The Life of the Church

In addition to the regular worship mentioned earlier in this report, the following activities illustrate the wider spiritual life of Holy Trinity.

The House Group continued to meet throughout the year for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. This ecumenical group engages with Christians from across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere.

For many years the Children’s Church Council (CCC) has been a lively and vibrant group, enabling younger members of the community to participate in and influence the life and work of the Church in Hildersham. The CCC met monthly; however, a changing age profile among young people in the community has led to reduced membership and meetings have therefore been suspended for the time being. The PCC remains firmly committed to working with children and young people in the community, and this remains a standing item on PCC agendas.

The Granta Vale Churches Choir continued to rehearse on Monday evenings at Holy Trinity and includes members from every parish within the benefice. The choir contributes to the United Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month, Taizé Evening Worship, and carol services held around the benefice.

The church library has benefited from a number of new additions and continues to offer books that may be freely borrowed or browsed. The PCC has agreed to make additional spiritual resources available in this area, and the contribution of Mark Huntsman in this respect is much appreciated.

The children’s area also welcomes young visitors during the church’s daily opening hours. In addition, a monthly article in the Abington and Hildersham News keeps residents informed about church activities.

Safeguarding

The PCC recognises its duty of care to create and maintain a safe environment for all. Safeguarding is treated as a priority in both policy and practice. The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops’ safeguarding policies and procedures, and all required safeguarding training and DBS checks are up to date.

Safeguarding is a standing item on PCC agendas, ensuring continued vigilance and regular review. The PCC is committed to ensuring that Holy Trinity remains a place where all people feel safe, respected and valued.

Re-imagining the Church Building

Holy Trinity Church is open daily to visitors and hosts events for the whole community throughout the year, alongside its regular pattern of worship. Those with an interest in historic buildings often visit to view the wall paintings, while walkers and hikers frequently stop to rest on the benches in the churchyard and enjoy the surroundings.

The formation of the Friends of Holy Trinity during the year marks a significant development in the long-term stewardship of the church building. Operating under the guidance of a nominated committee of the PCC and within the umbrella of the PCC as a registered charity, the Friends group has been established to support the practical care and maintenance of Holy Trinity Church and its surroundings, including the churchyard and Old School Wood.

The aims of the Friends are to help raise funds for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric and contents of the church building, to encourage wider appreciation and enjoyment of the church, and to support the development of the building as a venue for appropriate community and cultural events alongside its regular pattern of worship.

Since its launch the Friends have already organised two highly successful concerts and have raised in excess of £7,500, for which the PCC is most grateful. A full programme of further events is planned for the coming year.

Through these initiatives the PCC aims not only to preserve the historic fabric of the church but also to ensure that the building continues to serve as a welcoming and well-used space for the wider community.

Caring for the Church Building and Churchyard

The PCC is most grateful to all who contribute to the care of the church building and churchyard, particularly David Palmer within the church, and Liz Brooker and Kirsten Newble in the churchyard.

The usual annual checks were carried out during the year, including inspection of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm servicing, and boiler maintenance. The church insurance policy and risk assessments were also reviewed.

The stability of the historic chancel wall paintings caused considerable concern during the year. Damp within the walls has reacted with salts in the masonry, leading to deterioration of the plaster and paint layers. Emergency conservation work was carried out in the autumn and further work will be required in the coming years.

Extensive technical investigation has confirmed that a significant factor in this deterioration is the unstable environment and high humidity within the building. It is hoped that this can be mitigated through the installation of an updated heating system, planning for which is now underway. The proposed hybrid heating system should help create a more stable environment for the conservation of the paintings while also improving comfort for users of the church during colder months.

These developments will require significant capital investment, and the PCC has begun preparing a major fundraising campaign to support this work.

Conservation in the Churchyard

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham, is committed to Caring for God's Acre and has therefore registered with the Cambridgeshire Conservation Awards Scheme.

With dedication and a shared desire to care for the churchyard for the benefit of both people and wildlife, Rosalinde Gray, supported by other PCC members and with advice from the Wildlife Trust, has led work to manage the churchyard in a way that supports biodiversity.

Areas of grassland are mown at different times of year to create varied habitats and seasonal interest for pollinators. Trees and hedges are carefully managed for the benefit of the wildlife they support and to ensure their continued healthy growth. Habitats are also maintained and created for insects, birds and small mammals.

In 2021 we were pleased to secure the Cambridgeshire Conservation Bronze Award, with points to spare. Three years later, following a sustained investment of time and energy by a committed team, and with assistance from the Children's Church Council, we achieved the Silver Award, having gained the 25 points required under the scheme's scoring system.

The PCC would like to thank all those whose efforts made these awards possible, as well as the Wildlife Trust coordinator, who assessed the churchyard and confirmed the award.

Both awards are displayed on the church noticeboard, demonstrating our commitment to caring for God's creation by providing valuable sanctuary for wildlife and promoting

biodiversity within the churchyard, which, following a recent initiative by the Parish Council, has been designated as part of a biodiversity corridor extending from Alder Carr to Little Linton.

Financial review

This year has been broadly typical in financial terms, apart from items relating to additional fund raising for the Friends of Hildersham Church fund - income £7494, expenditure £5936, balance £5278. The expenditure in this fund relates to the preparations for the church heating project and some minor fund raising costs.

The accounts show that income and expenditure are roughly balanced, with a small deficit of £469 this year. The PCC continues to maintain prudent reserves and has met its adopted Reserves Policy throughout the year.

The church currently holds around £48,000 in reserves and designated funds. Within this, approximately £13,000 remains in repair funds, and around £27,000 in unrestricted funds, providing a reasonable level of financial resilience should significant expenditure arise.

Total reserves (restricted, designated and unrestricted) at the end of the year are very close to what they were at the start of the year.

The PCC has adopted a Reserves Policy of holding sufficient funds to cover running costs and parish share for three months. This requirement has been met throughout the year. This prudent approach provides a stable foundation as the church begins planning for future capital investment, particularly in relation to building conservation and environmental improvements.

The PCC recognises the importance of establishing a sustainable and secure revenue base for the Church in the future. To support this objective and raise awareness, an informal survey of parishioners is planned to gather views on church events and activities. The aim is both to involve the community in identifying initiatives that are most valued and to help support future fundraising and the long-term financial sustainability and vitality of the church.

The PCC is grateful to all who contributed to supporting the church's finances during the year, helping to ensure that the parish remains on a stable financial footing.

Looking Forward

The PCC remains committed to ensuring that Holy Trinity continues to serve as both a place of worship and a focal point for the community in Hildersham. Alongside maintaining the historic church building to the glory of God and ensuring that it remains welcoming and

comfortable for all who visit, the PCC will continue to explore ways of engaging with the wider community and sharing the love of God beyond the church walls.

Thank you

The PCC would like to express its sincere thanks to all those who have given their time and energy to the life of the church during the year. Many people contribute in practical ways to ensure that the building remains open, welcoming and well cared for — through cleaning, tending the churchyard, arranging flowers, and maintaining both the organ and the fabric of the building.

Particular thanks are due to Tom and Dana, whose dedication in opening and closing the church each day, whatever the weather, ensures that it remains accessible to all.

The PCC is deeply grateful to all parishioners and friends who have supported the church throughout the year, whether through volunteering, attendance at events, or financial contributions.

In conclusion, the PCC views 2025 as a year of steady growth, renewed confidence and purposeful planning at Holy Trinity. While remaining faithful to our core pattern of worship, we have continued to strengthen our role at the heart of the community, expand our environmental stewardship, and lay foundations for the long-term sustainability of both our ministry and our historic building. This report reflects not only what has been achieved, but also the clear forward direction in which we are now moving.



Charity Name		No (if any)	
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HILDERSHAM		1153435	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2024) to the nearest £
A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
Tax efficient planned giving	7,000	900	-	7,900	16,690
Other planned giving	-	1,045	-	1,045	600
Collections at services	1,624	-	-	1,624	2,330
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	819	1,901	-	2,720	821
Gift Aid recovered	2,161	2,075	-	4,236	1,369
Legacies received (capital value)	3,336	-	-	3,336	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	1,004	-	1,004	13,517
Gross income from fundraising activities	-	7,494	-	7,494	5,680
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	769	2,805	-	3,573	3,530
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	1,535	-	-	1,535	1,818
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	-	-	-	-	-
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	-	-	-	1,251
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	17,436	-	17,436	17,436
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,244	34,659	-	51,903	38,008
Total receipts	17,244	34,659	-	51,903	38,008

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2024) to the nearest £
A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	1,022	694	-	1,716	196
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	-	180
Diocesan parish share contribution	8,010	-	-	8,010	7,247
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	-	-	-	128
Clergy and staff expenses	10	17,446	-	17,456	20,223
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	303
Church running expenses	1,200	3,110	-	4,310	3,864
Church utility bills	1,824	-	-	1,824	3,333
Churtyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	720	-	720	1,404
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	12,185	-	12,185	12,367
Church Insurance and Security Systems	4,279	-	-	4,279	4,303
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,873	-	-	1,873	1,872
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,218	34,155	-	52,372	55,421
Total payments	18,218	34,155	-	52,372	55,421
Net of receipts/payments	- 974	505	-	- 469	- 17,413
A5 Transfers between funds	1,008	-	1,008	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end (2024)	27,053	20,027	1,824	48,905	-
Cash funds this year end (2025)	27,087	20,532	816	48,436	-

Categories	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2025 to the nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2024 to the nearest £
B1 CASH FUNDS					
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	27,088	6,395	816	21,508	33,910
Barclays Community ACC 2	-	489	-	489	489
Barclays Savings ACC 1	-	15,222	-	15,222	2,766
Country Fayre Account	-	-	-	-	1,008
CBF Deposit Account	-	3,990	-	3,990	3,818
CBF Repair Fund Account	-	7,227	-	7,227	6,914
Total Funds	27,088	20,532	816	48,436	48,905

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2025 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2025 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
		General Repair Reserve	9,463	7,737	6,942	10,258
		Sexton's Trust	448	325	-	773
		Rector's Trust	53	25	-	78
		Organ Service	1,310	-	180	1,130
		Sub Total:	11,273	8,087	7,122	12,238
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2025 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2025 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED						
			193	641	720	114
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED						
			1,268	1,501	188	2,581
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED						
			3,282	- 499	2,783	- 0
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED						
			36	17,436	17,406	67
COMMUNITY EVENTS RESTRICTED						
			255	-	-	255
FRIENDS EVENTS						
			3,720	7,494	5,936	5,278
		HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED	£1,873.00			
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			20,028	34,659	34,155	20,532
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			28,878	17,244	18,218	27,904
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						48,436

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2025	Current value 31.12.2025	Gain/Loss
HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST					
			47,795	45,884	- 1,911
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND					
			23,071	22,148	- 922
TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR					- 2,833

B5 Assets and Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Credit - Gift Aid not yet claimed				
			Various	+£3000
Debit - Staff and Organist Expenses				
			Various	-£900
Debit - Electricity Bill				
			Unrestricted	-£54

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signatures	Print Name	Date of approval

Notes:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity
Hildersham

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153435

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 16/04/2026

Name: David Newble

**Relevant professional
qualification:** ICAEW

Address: Little Chilfords, Back Road, Linton, CB21 4LF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Assistant Curate

Churchwarden:

PCC Secretary

Revd. Iain McColl

Revd. Hannah Threlfall (from 30th June 2024)

Mr Keith Day (to 31st August 24)

Mr Keith Day (from 1st September 2024)

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Church attendance

There continued to be 39 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll in 2024, 15 of whom did not reside within the parish. During 2024 the attendance at both morning and evening services remained broadly stable. The number of services in Hildersham was usually three each month. The united benefice service continued to be held in Balsham on the first Sunday of the month.

Silent Space followed by Compline continued to be held in church on Tuesday evenings offering a weekly quiet space to those wishing to pause and reflect. This service gained attendees this year and continued to include attendees from Hadstock, Sawston and Linton. Members of the Hildersham congregation also joined the house groups and travelled to united services in Balsham and services in other churches within the Benefice.

Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas continued to be very popular festivals with a large attendance. The candlelit Christmas service of Nine Lessons and Carols filled the church. Parishioners welcomed in the festive season with carols and readings, afterwards enjoying the chance to catch up over refreshments. Christmas Day offered the opportunity to join in Holy Communion.

Serving the community

Two popular teatimes were held in church serving delicious cakes to residents from Hildersham, Linton and the Abingtons. The first was in Spring and the second tea was held to start Advent where the Children's Church Council (CCC) sold their handmade Christmas decorations and collected gift donations for refugees. The CCC also provided Mothering Sunday Posies and, in the interests of equality, cookies on "Fathers Day"

Given the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and following on from the popular slow cooker and stick blender donations in past years, Harvest Festival focused again this year on support to REACH in Haverhill. REACH has continued to offer its services in our Benefice this year. Some non-perishable food items were also given though the year via collection bags at the back of church.

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Developing a healthy church and leaders

This year the range of Sunday services offered at Holy Trinity included Holy Communion, Café Church, and Evensong. The Tuesday evening Silent Space followed by Compline continued weekly, providing an opportunity to offer prayers for the church, local community, and other matters of concern. It was a delight to see the church so full for the traditional Christmas nine lessons and carols service as the whole community came together in celebration.

The House Group continued to meet for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship throughout the year. This is an ecumenical group engaging with Christians across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere.

The Children's Church Council (CCC) met monthly and is a thriving group of local children aged between 10 and 15. They produce wonderful updates on the noticeboard to keep the congregation abreast of their activities. Sustainability and nurturing nature continued to be an important part of CCC. The children were delighted that their wildlife homes had welcomed residents during the year, including the hedgehog house. They produced a wonderful map and signs for the churchyard showing how wildlife is supported by the way we care for the churchyard.

The Granta Vale Churches Choir continues to meet to practice on Monday evenings at Holy Trinity and has members representing every parish within our benefice. The choir contribute to the united service on the first Sunday of the month, evensong, and carol services around the benefice.

The library in the church has benefitted from new additions and continues to offer books to be borrowed or browsed freely. The children's play area welcomes young visitors during church daily opening hours. There is a monthly article in the Abingtons and Hildersham News to keep residents up to date with activities.

Re-imagining the church building

Holy Trinity church is open daily to visitors and hosts events during the year for the whole community, as well as the regular services. Those interested in historical buildings often visit to view the wall paintings and hikers drop in to enjoy the view while resting on the benches in the churchyard and to use the facilities.

During the year a new initiative has been introduced in the formation of “**The Friends of Holy Trinity**”. The Friends Group, which operates under the guidance of a nominated committee of the PCC and under its umbrella as a registered charity, has been launched with the following aims and purposes:

- a) To support in the practical care and maintenance of Holy Trinity Church Hildersham (hereinafter called ‘the Church’).
- b) To raise funds for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric and contents of the Church building along with the Churchyard and Old School Wood.
- c) To support the development of the Church building for secular events alongside regular worship.
- d) To encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the Church and its use by the whole community.

The Friends have already organised two highly successful concerts since their launch and have raised in excess of £2500 for which the PCC is most grateful. A full programme of events is planned for the forthcoming year.

Caring for the church building and churchyard

We are most grateful to all who have contributed to the care of the church building and churchyard especially David Palmer in the church and Liz Brooker in the churchyard. The usual annual checks have been made, these include the checking of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm service, boiler maintenance and so on.

The heating system has again required a considerable amount of attention this year with numerous visits by engineers Thank you to everyone for their hardiness and patience while this was going on. The PCC have recognised that radical revision of the heating system, consonant with the Church of England Net Zero strategy will be required in the foreseeable future. The church insurance has been reviewed, as have the risk assessments.

The stability of the historic and significant Chancel wall paintings has caused considerable concern during the year as a consequence of the effect of dampness within the walls and in the environment. Emergency conservation work was carried out in the autumn and this will need to be continued in coming years. A significant factor in the deterioration of the paintings is the unstable environment and high humidity within the building and it is hoped this can be mitigated in part by an updated heating system planning for which will take place in the coming year.

Conservation in the Churchyard

Holy Trinity Church Hildersham is committed to Caring for Gods Acre and has therefore registered with the Cambridgeshire Conservation Awards.

With concerted endeavour and a desire to maintain the churchyard for the people and creatures of the future, Kirsten Newble with the help of other PCC members embarked on working with nature using advice from The Wildlife Trust to achieve the Bronze Award.

Areas of grassland are mown at different times of year to create habitats and interest for the changing seasons and for pollinators.

Trees and hedges are pruned for the benefits of the wildlife that inhabit them and their continuing growth.

Habitats are maintained and created for insects, birds and small mammals.

Having secured the bronze award in 2021 with points to spare, three years later

We were obviously encouraged to achieve the Silver award.

Again with time and energy from a strong team and assistance from the Children's Church Council, the Wildlife Trust coordinator awarded us the 25 points from the various scoring requirements necessary for a Silver Award.

Both Awards are displayed on the Church notice board to encourage the community to see that we are helping the threatened natural world by creating valuable sanctuaries for wildlife and promoting biodiversity whilst caring for God's creation.

Financial review

This year has been normal apart from the fact that the Parish Nurse project was finally wound up and refunds and gift aid returned. In the year we had a deficit of £17,413, which was largely due to refunds on the Parish Nurse fund (-£20,458).

We still have nearly £49,000 in reserves, so it has not been too much of a struggle financially. We do still have about £10.7K in the repair funds, and about £28.7K in the unrestricted fund, if we are faced with a major expense in future.

Of note during the year are the following:

(1) The Parish Nurse fund was depleted when we refunded donations (about £13.5K) to people that requested them, and Gift Aid (about £1.0K). We also supported the Community Minister project in Abington with a donation of about £5.8K from the Parish Nurse fund. We are in the process of agreeing what happens to the remaining money (about £3.2K).

(2) Most other fund reserves (restricted, designated and unrestricted) had small deficits during the year, but about £3.7K was raised for the Friends of Hildersham Church fund.

The PCC has adopted a Reserves Policy of holding sufficient funds to cover running costs and parish share for three months – this requirement has been met during the year

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the church's finances during the year, thus ensuring that we remain on a stable financial footing.

Looking Forward

The PCC are committed to making and keeping Holy Trinity at the centre of the community in Hildersham. The PCC will aim not only to keep our wonderful building in good order to the glory of God and welcoming and comfortable to all who come to it but, will also look to work outside the walls to engage with, and bring the love of God to all within our community.

Thank you

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave so generously of their time to church in so many ways this year. Thanks to those who kept the church building both open daily and in a safe and welcoming state through cleaning, tending the churchyard, flower arranging, maintaining both the organ and building. Thank you all so much. The PCC also wishes to thank Tom and Daina the key-holders who open and close the church daily, whatever the weather, it is greatly appreciated. Finally, the PCC thanks all the parishioners for their continued support of the Church this year.



Charity Name			No (if any)	
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HILDERSHAM			1153435	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024	

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2023) to the nearest £
A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
Tax efficient planned giving	6,390	10,300	-	16,690	8,340
Other planned giving	-	600	-	600	600
Collections at services	2,330	-	-	2,330	2,342
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	813	-	8	821	2,688
Gift Aid recovered	2,330	961	-	1,369	4,528
Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	13,517	-	13,517	-
Gross income from fundraising activities	1,904	3,776	-	5,680	2,197
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	731	2,799	-	3,530	3,315
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	1,818	-	-	1,818	1,404
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	-	-	-	-	-
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	1,251	-	1,251	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	17,436	-	17,436	15,860
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,315	21,685	8	38,008	41,273
Total receipts	16,315	21,685	8	38,008	41,273
A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	140	56	-	196	89
Mission giving and donations	180	-	-	180	661
Diocesan parish share contribution	7,247	-	-	7,247	8,034
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	128	-	128	5,158
Clergy and staff expenses	-	20,223	-	20,223	16,396
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	303	-	303	-
Church running expenses	588	3,255	21	3,864	4,446
Church utility bills	3,333	-	-	3,333	1,386
Churtyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	1,404	-	1,404	2,874
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	12,367	-	12,367	1,743
Church Insurance and Security Systems	4,303	-	-	4,303	3,381
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,872	-	-	1,872	1,689
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,664	37,737	21	55,421	45,857
Total payments	17,664	37,737	21	55,421	45,857
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,349	- 16,052	- 13	- 17,413	- 4,584
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,008	-	1,008	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end (2023)	29,410	36,079	829	66,318	-
Cash funds this year end (2024)	27,053	20,027	1,824	48,905	-
Categories	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	FUNDS AT 31.12.2024	FUNDS AT 31.12.2023
B1 CASH FUNDS	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	27,053	6,041	817	33,910	49,588
Barclays Community ACC 2	-	489	-	489	517
Barclays Savings ACC 1	-	2,766	-	2,766	5,015
Country Fayre Account	-	-	1,008	1,008	1,008
CBF Deposit Account	-	3,818	-	3,818	3,625
CBF Repair Fund Account	-	6,914	-	6,914	6,566
Total Funds	27,053	20,028	1,825	48,905	66,319

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2024 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2024 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
	General Repair Reserve		9,255	12,575	12,367	9,463
	Sexton's Trust		138	310	-	448
	Rector's Trust		48	25	20	53
	Organ Service		1,500	-	190	1,310
	Sub Total:		10,941	12,910	12,577	11,273
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2024 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2024 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED						
			772	626	1,205	193
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED						
			280	1,489	502	1,268
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND RESTRICTED						
			255	-	-	255
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED						
			23,739	- 14,553	5,905	3,282
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED						
			92	17,436	17,492	36
FRIENDS EVENTS						
			-	3,776	56	3,720
HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED		£1,872.00				
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			36,079	21,685	37,737	20,028
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			30,239	16,323	17,685	28,878
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						48,905

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2024	Current value 31.12.2024	Gain/Loss
HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST					
			46,725	47,795	1,069
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND					
			22,554	23,071	516
TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR					1,586

B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Refund to HMRC for gift aid claimed on donation that was returned, so not applicable for gift aid				
			Parish Nurse	500
Following discussion with Country Fare Committee it has been decided that this will be used for activities outside the church				
			Designated	1,008

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signatures	Print Name	Date of approval

Notes:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity
Hildersham

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153435

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 22/04/2024

Name: David Newble

**Relevant professional
qualification:** ICAEW

Address: Little Chilfords, Back Road, Linton, CB21 4LF

Accounts

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022

Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church in Hildersham is part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Pear Tree Cottage, High Street, Hildersham, Cambs, CB21 6BU. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Hildersham, is a Registered Charity, number 1153435.

As a registered charity the PCC has a responsibility to provide a service for the public benefit.

Public benefit is about knowing:

- what the charity is set up to achieve – the ‘charity’s purpose’
- how the charity’s purpose is beneficial – the ‘benefit aspect’
- how the charity’s purpose benefits the public or a sufficient section of the public – the ‘public aspect’ of the public benefit
- how the trustees will carry out the charity’s purpose for the public benefit - ‘furthering’ the charity’s purpose for the public benefits

The Trustees consider that, in the conduct of their business, they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the charity are:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules 2020

These documents set out the arrangements for the appointment of PCC members (the Trustees) and for operation of the charity.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Holy Trinity, Hildersham PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, churchyard and surrounding areas bounded by Holy Trinity, Hildersham.

PCC Members who have served from the Annual Church Meeting on 19th April 2022 until the Annual Church Meeting in April 2023 were:

Rector: Revd. Iain McColl

Wardens: Vacant

Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Wingfield
Elected representatives of the laity: Mrs Rosalinde Gray
Ms Anne-Marie Melloy
Mrs Kirsten Newble
Mrs Amanda Palmer
Minutes Secretary Vacant, rotates around PCC
Independent Examiner of the Financial Statement: Mr David Newble

Church attendance

There continue to be 34 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 of whom are not resident within the parish. During 2022 the attendance at both Communion and Evensong services increased as the effects of the Covid pandemic faded away, however they did not quite reach the heights of pre-pandemic Carol services for instance, perhaps due to the unfortunate clash of the Carol service with the World Cup final. Silent Space followed by compline returned to church on Tuesday evenings offering a quiet space to those wishing to pause and reflect during a busy week. This service continued to have a broad reach attracting attendees from Hildersham, Abington and Linton. Members of the Hildersham congregation also joined the online services offered by the ministry team and travelled to combined services in other churches within the Benefice.

Review of the year

The Ministry Team

Revd. Iain McColl is the Rector of the Granta Vale Benefice. He was supported by the Ministry Team which included: Revd. Kathy Bishop (Associate Priest), Revd Ben Brady (Curate), Mr Alistair Collen, Mr Stephen Wheeler and Kristi Stewart Elliot (Licensed Lay Ministers) and Authorised Lay Ministers Mr Keith Day (Music & Worship Leading) and Mrs Rosemary Mead (Pastoral Care).

Additionally, we supported the parish nurse Kim Cox and ordinands on attachment Jeanine Kennedy (until June 2022) and Hannah Threlfall. Revd Ben Brady joined in November as assistant Curate based in Abington Rectory. Revd. Cathy Bishop retired and was warmly thanked for her many years of service to the parish. It is hoped that she will return in 2023 after a sabbatical.

Serve the community

Three popular teatimes were held in church serving delicious teas to residents from Hildersham, Linton and the Abingtons. The first was at Easter and the Children's Church Council (CCC) also raised money at it for REACH by selling Easter flower baskets that they had made. An Autumn tea was held for which the CCC organised a community scavenger hunt and the final tea was held to

start Advent where the CCC sold their handmade Christmas decorations. The children had prepared for this by enjoying making elf decorations at the Creative Church Day using pine cones from the churchyard.

In light of the cost of living crisis, where energy prices in particular have soared, the Harvest Festival focus this year was on donating slow cookers to REACH in Haverhill for distribution to those in need to ensure that donated food could also be cooked. REACH has expanded its services and foodbank to include our Benefice this year. A wide selection of non-perishable food items were also given during the year via collection bags at the back of church.

During the year all residents of Hildersham received Easter bunny bags and handmade Christmas cards thanks to the CCC. The Gifts for Refugees appeal was again generously supported with over 150 gifts given to Cambridgeshire Social Services by those from Hildersham and the Abingtons. Lamb Sunday returned with a chance for all to welcome the arrival of Spring, enjoy seeing the new lambs in the village and gather over tea and home-made cake.

On the sad occasion of the passing of HM the Queen, Hildersham church hosted a book of condolence and a special service of thanksgiving for her life devoted to the people of our country. The church bells were tolled for an hour on the day after she passed and again before the funeral service.

Parish Nurse

Kim Cox supported the community in the role of Parish Nurse in 2022 both in person and via the telephone. The Community Café in Balsham and other gatherings in the villages continued to give her an opportunity to meet many more people than can be managed by individual visits. This extended the reach of the project to make a difference to as many people as possible.

Sadly Kim needed to retire later in the year and a considerable effort was made in the last quarter to recruit a replacement Parish Nurse given the obvious need in our parishes, Unfortunately this was not possible and hence Kim began to ensure those using the service had a successful handover and continuity of care. The PNMG are sadly bringing this project to a close after seven very successful years serving the community, more detail on which may be found in the full Parish Nurse report.

The Parish Nurse is employed by Hildersham PCC with the service overseen by the Parish Nurse Management Group (PNMG) under the Chairmanship of Revd Iain McColl. We thank the PNMG members; Genevieve Dalton, Keith Day, James Morrow and Suan Rowland for their time and commitment to the project.

Develop a healthy church and leaders

This year the range of Sunday services offered at Holy Trinity included Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Evensong. The Tuesday evening Silent Space followed by Compline continued weekly, providing an opportunity to offer prayers for the church, local community and other matters of concern. It was a delight to hold the traditional Christmas nine lessons and carols service back in church for the first time since the pandemic bringing the whole community back together in celebration.

The House Group continued to meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship throughout the year. This is an ecumenical group engaging with Christians across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere.

The Children's Church Council (CCC) met monthly and is a thriving group of ten local children aged between 8 and 15. They produce wonderful updates on the noticeboard to keep the congregation abreast of their thoughts and activities. Sustainability continued to be an important part of CCC principles, this year visible when the children researched the needs of hedgehogs and then constructed a wonderful hedgehog house in the churchyard.

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Building team

The church has again been cared for by a committed group of parishioners lead by David and Amanda Palmer. The usual annual checks have been made, these include the checking of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm service, boiler maintenance and so on. The lighting and heating have both required attention this year. The church insurance has been reviewed, as have the risk assessments. Keith Day has continued to care for the organ to ensure that it remains in good order. The churchyard is managed with both human and wildlife interests at heart to the benefit of both. Tree surgeons removed a diseased tree and their advice on removing the ivy from trees to reduce the possibility of storm damage to further trees was implemented.

Financial review

This has again been a more normal year with recovery from the pandemic. Overall our funds were reduced by nearly £3,500, but we still have nearly £70,000 in reserves, so it has not been too much of a struggle financially.

The differences from last year are:

- (1) Collections totaling £2273 were taken in the church, which is an improvement.
- (2) The Parish Nurse funds were reduced by about £7,000, and the future of this service is now under review, as a replacement nurse has not been found. There is still about £27,000 in this fund, which is administered by Hildersham PCC.
- (3) Other restricted funds reserves had a small surplus in total. The Shared Ministry Costs fund stayed positive, with other PCCs making their revised contributions.

Unrestricted and designated funds had a surplus of over £3,000.

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the church's finances during the year, thus ensuring that we remain on a stable financial footing.

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PCC March 2023



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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/2022		31/12/2022	

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A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
Tax efficient planned giving	9,082	3,846	-	12,928	13,021
Other planned giving	-	600	-	600	600
Collections at services	2,273	-	-	2,273	489
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	727	3,750	12	4,489	3,863
Gift Aid recovered	2,658	1,594	-	4,252	3,878
Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	3,931	-	3,931	6,633
Gross income from fundraising activities	676	-	-	676	80
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	720	2,621	-	3,341	3,339
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	2,034	-	-	2,034	1,023
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	600	-	-	600	400
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	15,238	-	15,238	13,285
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,770	31,580	12	50,361	46,611

Total receipts	18,770	31,580	12	50,361	46,611
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A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	54	478	-	532	284
Mission giving and donations	546	-	-	546	50
Diocesan parish share contribution	7,274	-	-	7,274	10,643
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	15,613	-	15,613	12,491
Clergy and staff expenses	-	15,152	-	15,152	14,843
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	796	-	796	439
Church running expenses	1,377	5,961	75	7,413	5,160
Church utility bills	1,485	-	-	1,485	1,326
Churtyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	120	-	120	628
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	-	-	-	679
Church Insurance and Security Systems	3,231	-	-	3,231	3,887
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,628	-	-	1,628	1,451
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,596	38,120	75	53,791	51,881

Total payments	15,596	38,120	75	53,791	51,881
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Net of receipts/(payments)	3,174	- 6,540	- 63	- 3,429	- 5,279
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end (2021)

26,838	46,646	848	74,332		
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Cash funds this year end (2022)

30,012	40,106	785	70,902		
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Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2022 to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2021 to nearest £
B1 CASH FUNDS					
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	29,003	20,776	785	50,564	45,695
Barclays Community ACC 2		1,191		1,191	2,765
Barclays Savings ACC 1		8,265		8,265	15,117
Country Fayre Account	1,008			1,008	1,008
CBF Deposit Account		3,513		3,513	3,467
CBF Repair Fund Account		6,362		6,362	6,279
Total Funds	30,012	40,106	785	70,902	74,332

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2022 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2022 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
		General Repair Reserve	8,762	1,058	-	9,820
		Sexton's Trust	1,550	280	1,802	28
		Rector's Trust	404	320	601	123
		Sub Total:	10,716	1,658	2,404	9,970
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2022 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2022 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED						
			447	613	120	940
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED						
			622	1,316	796	1,142
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND RESTRICTED						
			255	-	-	255
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED						
			34,311	12,055	19,073	27,293
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED						
			294	15,938	15,727	505
		HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED	£1,628.40			
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			46,646	31,580	38,120	40,106
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			27,686	18,782	15,671	30,796
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						70,902

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2022	Current value 31.12.2022	Gain/Loss
		HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST	48,405	42,707	- 5,698
		CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND	23,365	20,615	- 2,751
		TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR			- 8,449

B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
		DECEMBER SALARIES FEES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID IN JANUARY	PARISH NURSE	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signatures	Print Name	Date of approval

Notes:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity,
Hildersham

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153435

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

D.A. Newble

Date:

11 April 2023

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Accounts

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021

Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church in Hildersham is part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Pear Tree Cottage, High Street, Hildersham, Cambs, CB21 6BU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Hildersham, is a Registered Charity, number 1153435.

As a registered charity the PCC has a responsibility to provide a service for the public benefit. Public benefit is about knowing:

- what the charity is set up to achieve – the ‘charity’s purpose’
- how the charity’s purpose is beneficial – the ‘benefit aspect’
- how the charity’s purpose benefits the public or a sufficient section of the public – the ‘public aspect’ of the public benefit
- how the trustees will carry out the charity’s purpose for the public benefit – ‘furthering’ the charity’s purpose for the public benefits

The Trustees consider that, in the conduct of their business, they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the charity are:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules 2020

These documents set out the arrangements for the appointment of PCC members (the Trustees) and for operation of the charity.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Holy Trinity, Hildersham PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, churchyard and surrounding areas bounded by Holy Trinity, Hildersham.

PCC Members who have served from the Annual Church Meeting on 21st April 2021 until the Annual Church Meeting in April 2022 were:

Rector: Revd. Iain McColl
Wardens: Vacant
Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Wingfield

Elected representatives of the laity: Mrs Rosalinde Gray
Mrs Kate Huntsman
Ms Anne-Marie Melloy
Mrs Kirsten Newble
Mrs Amanda Palmer

Minutes Secretary Vacant

Independent Examiner of the Financial Statement: Mr David Newble

Church attendance

There are 34 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 of whom are not resident within the parish. This year has been unusual once again due to various Covid restrictions. During 2021 the attendance at services that could be in-person varied from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 107 at the outdoor Remembrance Sunday service. Members of the Hildersham congregation also joined the range of online services offered by the ministry team during the year and travelled to combined group services in other churches within the Benefice when these were possible.

Review of the year

The Ministry Team

Revd. Iain McColl is the Rector of the Granta Vale Benefice. He is supported by the Ministry Team which includes: Revd. Kathy Bishop (Associate Priest), Mr Alistair Collen and Mr Stephen Wheeler (Licensed Lay Ministers, LLM) Kristi Stewart Elliot (first as a LLM in training and then, following her licensing in October, as a LLM) and Authorised Lay Ministers Mr Keith Day (Music & Worship Leading) and Mrs Rosemary Mead (Pastoral Care). Additionally, we warmly supported the new parish nurse Kim Cox; Sam Graham as our youth worker (until August) and ordinands on attachment Jeanine Kennedy and Hannah Threlfall.

Serve the community

A wide selection of non-perishable food items given at the Harvest Festival service was donated to REACH foodbank in Haverhill. Two teatimes were held during the periods

where Covid restrictions were eased, serving teas to residents from Hildersham, Linton and the Abingtons in the church allowing plenty of room for spacing. The first was during lovely weather in the Summer and a second was held during Advent where the Children's Church Council sold their handmade recycled Christmas decorations in aid of Reach in Haverhill. The children had a wonderful time making their decorations at the Creative Church Day held earlier in December where they made good use of pine cones and branches from the churchyard and recycled materials.

Parish Nurse Plus

We welcomed Kim Cox to the role of Parish Nurse in March 2021. Initially Covid restrictions meant that many of Kim's contacts were made by telephone or "Zoom", this situation thankfully relaxed during the year enabling face to face meetings to resume. The pandemic has brought an increasing number of new patients with a new range of problems for the Parish Nurse to assist.

As restrictions eased the Community Café in Balsham and other gatherings in the villages slowly resumed. Kim found that these provided an ideal opportunity to meet many more people than can be managed by individual visits, thus extending the reach of the project to make a difference to as many people as possible.

The Parish Nurse is employed by Hildersham PCC with the service overseen by the Parish Nurse Management Group (PNMG) under the Chairmanship of Revd Iain McColl. We thank the PNMG members; Genevieve Dalton, Keith Day, James Morrow, Suan Rowland and Cazzy Walshe for their time and tireless commitment to the project.

Develop a healthy church and leaders

This year began with another lockdown with online services before the church was able to gradually emerge from the Covid restrictions to offer a range of in-person and online services to enable people to access services in the way they felt most comfortable. The range of Sunday services offered at Holy Trinity included Holy Communion, United Morning Prayer and Evensong. The Tuesday evening Silent Space followed by Compline continued weekly, either in Hildersham or online this year, providing an opportunity to offer prayers for the church, local community and other matters of concern. Additionally, a weekly 'Time of Prayer' online service was held at 10:30am across the Benefice. When the risk was considered too great for large numbers to meet indoors, the church moved worship to the churchyard. Hence the larger gatherings for the main events of the year such as Remembrance Day and the Christmas Carol Service were once again held outside.

The House Group continued to meet for Bible study throughout the year, mostly online. This is an ecumenical group engaging with Christians across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere. A Lent course also took place online.

The Children's Church Council (CCC) met monthly and is thriving despite the lock down that started the year. Despite this start it managed to mostly meet in person this year, helped by holding some meetings in the churchyard and Old School Wood. It has a membership of ten local children aged between 7 and 14. As church outreach at Easter, Easter biscuits and cards made by members of the CCC were delivered to Hildersham villagers. Sustainability is also a very important part of CCC principles, this year visible when the children used their gardening skills in the churchyard to help the church gain a bronze award for conservation from the Cambridge Wildlife Trust.

The Granta Vale Churches Choir has members representing every parish within our benefice. Members were delighted when restrictions eased in September enabling the choir to sing again in church. Practices resumed in Hildersham church in October under the skilled direction of Keith Day enabling the choir to make a contribution at services around the benefice on a regular basis again. Sadly, in December, the choir suffered a devastating loss in the death of Cathy Myer. The choir members considered it a privilege to sing at her funeral. Sadly, it was not possible to hold our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service in Hildersham church this year, however the choir supported the congregational singing around the juniper at the Carol service in the churchyard, raising the spirits of all present.

Keith also continued to keep music alive in our churches throughout lockdowns via his wonderful 'Musical Reflection' section in the newsletter. Amanda Palmer contributed to the monthly village magazine with church news and updates.

After Covid guidance meant taking the church library books out of circulation for so long, it was a delight when the library could return to open access in the church. This enabled these books to be borrowed or browsed freely again.

Re-imagining the church building

Church events during the year were again hit hard by the pandemic and were missed by all. It was possible to hold Summer and Advent teas in church and these were well attended. We look forward to resuming more events for the whole community as the Covid situation becomes safer.

This year the churchyard started a makeover aided by the Children's Church Council and a team of green fingered parishioners to ensure that it was also welcoming for wildlife to the benefit of us all. Mown footpaths through wild flower meadows added to the traditional pebble path routes around the churchyard to provide an alternative perspective to visitors.

Building team

Despite the covid situation the church has again been cared for by a committed group of parishioners. The usual annual checks have been made, these include the checking of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm service, boiler maintenance and so on. The Smart Water has been re-applied to the church as it was due for renewal. Additionally, the lighting and wiring in the pulpit has been replaced and a few detached flints have also been replaced. Keith Day has continued to care for the organ to ensure that it remains in good order.

Financial review

This has again been a different year because of the pandemic, although slightly more normal. Overall our funds were reduced by nearly £5,300, but we still have nearly £75,000 in reserves, so it has not been too much of a struggle financially.

The differences from last year are:

- (1) A few collections totaling £469 were taken in the church, but this is far from normal.
- (2) The Parish Nurse funds were reduced by about £1,800, leaving about £34,000 to fund the continuation of the service now that a new nurse is in post.
- (3) Other restricted funds reserves were reduced by about £1,000. There are some problems with getting other parishes to contribute to the shared Ministry Costs fund. Unrestricted and designated funds had a deficit of £2,500.

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the church's finances during the year, thus ensuring that we remain on a stable financial footing.

Thank you

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave so generously of their time to make the church welcoming and hospitable during another strange year. Thanks to those who kept the church building in a safe and welcoming state through cleaning, tending the churchyard, flower arranging, maintaining both the organ and

building and making sure in so many ways that life in church could remain safe and return to something closer to normal as soon as possible, Thanks to these friends the church was a pleasure to visit, whatever the state of the pandemic.

The PCC also wishes to thank the team of key-holders who open and close the church daily, whatever the weather, it is greatly appreciated. Their contribution is invisible to most, but it is noted and highly valued. Finally the PCC thanks all the parishioners for their continued support of the Church this year, we look forward to a more normal year to come.

PCC March 2022



Charity Name			No (if any)	
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HILDERSHAM			1153435	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/21		31/12/21	

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2020) to the nearest £
A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
Tax efficient planned giving	8,972	4,049	-	13,021	13,701
Other planned giving	-	600	-	600	600
Collections at services	489	-	-	489	678
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	1,036	2,827	-	3,863	3,735
Gift Aid recovered	2,607	1,271	-	3,878	4,681
Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	6,633	-	6,633	5,200
Gross income from fundraising activities	80	-	-	80	306
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	720	2,619	-	3,339	3,144
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	1,023	-	-	1,023	258
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	400	-	-	400	-
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	13,285	-	13,285	13,180
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	15,326	31,285	-	46,610	45,483

Total receipts	15,326	31,285	-	46,610	45,483
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2020) to the nearest £
A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	-	284	-	284	233
Mission giving and donations	50	-	-	50	556
Diocesan parish share contribution	10,643	-	-	10,643	10,376
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	12,491	-	12,491	13,301
Clergy and staff expenses	-	14,843	-	14,843	14,454
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	439	-	439	3,183
Church running expenses	281	4,659	220	5,160	3,549
Church utility bills	1,326	-	-	1,326	511
Churchyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	628	-	628	1,880
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	679	-	679	-
Church Insurance and Security Systems	3,871	16	-	3,887	1,760
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,451	-	-	1,451	1,416
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,622	34,040	220	51,881	51,219

Total payments	17,622	34,040	220	51,881	51,219
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,296	- 2,755	- 220	- 5,270	- 5,737
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end (2020)	29,134	49,401	1,067	79,602	
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Cash funds this year end (2021)	26,838	46,646	848	74,332	
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Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2021 to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2020 to nearest £
B1 CASH FUNDS					
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	25,830	19,018	848	45,695	48,366
Barclays Community ACC 2		2,765		2,765	1,992
Barclays Savings ACC 1		15,117		15,117	18,494
Country Fayre Account	1,008			1,008	1,008
CBF Deposit Account		3,467		3,467	3,465
CBF Repair Fund Account		6,279		6,279	6,276
Total Funds	26,838	46,646	848	74,332	79,602

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2021 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2021 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
	General Repair Reserve		8,463	978	679	8,762
	Sexton's Trust		1,290	260	-	1,550
	Rector's Trust		1,290	315	1,201	404
	Sub Total:		11,043	1,553	1,880	10,716
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2021 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2021 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED						
			194	593	340	447
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED						
			18	1,446	842	622
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND RESTRICTED						
			205	50	-	255
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED						
			36,080	13,957	15,725	34,311
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED						
			1,861	13,685	15,252	294
	HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED	£0.00				
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			49,401	31,285	34,040	46,646
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			30,201	15,326	17,841	27,686
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						74,332

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2021	Current value 31.12.2021	Gain/Loss
HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST					
			42,347	48,405	6,058
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND					
			20,441	23,365	2,924
TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR					8,982

B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
DECEMBER SALARIES FEES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID IN JANUARY				
			PARISH NURSE	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signatures	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HILDERSHAM
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1153435
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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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Signed: 

Date: 11 April 2022

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