

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1154068

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-10-02

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH INCLUDING:1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM BY THE CONTINUED FAITHFUL TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURES AT TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND AND BY THE RECRUITMENT, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SENDING OF GOSPEL MINISTERS AND OTHERS AROUND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD TO ESTABLISH AND RENEW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES RELATED THERETO2. THE RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS AMONG ANY PERSONS WITHOUT LIMITATION3. SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE PERSECUTED BY REASON OF THEIR FAITH PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT SUCH SUPPORT SHALL BE NON-POLITICAL IN NATURE4. THE SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE ENGAGED FULL-TIME IN THE MISSIONARY WORK OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND IN BRINGING OTHERS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS TEACHING

Activities: The Church seeks to be a gospel community in the heart of Sunderland, reaching those in the Sunderland area with the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. There are regular meetings on Sunday and mid-week, where God's word is opened and taught clearly.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£75,878	£83,398	-	-
2024-08-31	£81,597	£75,885	-	-
2023-08-31	£82,993	£74,813	-	-
2022-08-31	£82,684	£134,470	-	-
2021-08-31	£133,963	£69,751	-	-
2020-08-31	£83,465	£89,285	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Jeremy Richard Goldenberg		2022-03-29
DUNCAN HELLIER WOODS		2013-08-02
RICHARD GEORGE MORLEY		2013-08-02
Revd Dr Ian Mark Somasundram		2024-04-21
Thomas John Ream Welch		2021-12-07

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Stewardship 
Active generosity

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NAMES OF ADVISERS	Treasurer: Donald Kernohan Solicitors: Monro Fisher Wasbrough LLP Edward Connor Solicitors
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Annual Report of the Charity Trustees

September 1st 2024 - August 31st 2025

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Developments Sept 2024 - August 2025

This last year has seen continued growth in number within the church family particularly at Sunday morning gatherings. The continued focus has been on structural changes as well as pathways into discipleship for a church that is no longer small but is not large.

This report reflects our continuing desire to be a gospel church, in community, prayerfully seeking to reach our locality. Our aims remain to faithfully proclaim God's word prayerfully aiming to **engage** people with the gospel and **evangelise** while seeking to **equip** and **establish** believers. All so that everyone takes the next step with Jesus.

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The heartbeat of engagement is in organic relationships with friends, family, colleagues, neighbours. However, there are a number of church organised activities which aim to commend the gospel of Christ and meet the needs of local people. The church has continued to use the building to support the work of *FODI* (friends of the drop in – women's refugee support), *Sunderland music for all*, our regular toddler group – *Trinity Tots* and to partner with *Friends International* for *Globe café* among international students at Sunderland University. The community hub café on Thursday afternoons, partnered with Durham Christian Partnership as a foodbank, is now well established.

EVANGELISE

Engaging the community gives opportunity to evangelise and while this often happens on a personal level there have been several church events throughout the year including some specific evangelistic courses as well as some street evangelism in the city centre. Christmas

and Easter remain prime opportunities including through Carol Services, Trinity Tots and an Easter Family afternoon tea. This last year saw a joint Good Friday Easter celebration with like-minded churches in Mowbray Park. Church members were given the opportunity to give away free evangelistic books to someone over both the Easter and Christmas period.

EQUIP

Sunday meetings, small groups and Prayer meetings remain the hub of equipping the congregation for works of ministry. The 4 pastoral groups across the church family are significant in this. *Sundaypm* continued to give an opportunity for church regulars to dig deeper into various aspects of discipleship a youth group for children in year 6 and up. There are periodic and regular training slots for specific ministry such as those leading services. There was book group between May-July considering how to develop a culture of evangelism. The north-east gospel partnership also provides equipping opportunities with the ministry training course on Tuesdays at Holy Trinity Gateshead, both men's and women's conferences as well as specific counselling questions through BCUK training at Christ Church Newcastle.

ESTABLISH

3 adults have been through a church membership course this year. Children's work on Sundays continued with TK Midis (school years 2 to 4) and TK Minis (school years 1, reception and nursery) upstairs and the crèche (under 3-year-olds) downstairs. The Tuesday woman's pastoral group continues for those who cannot get out in the evenings. *Sundaypm* plays an important role in both equipping and establishing the saints beginning the new city catechism this year.

Further details:

- The number of *registered members* of Trinity Church Sunderland has increased from 46 to 49 adults over the period. There are around 80 adults under the pastoral care of 4 groups. A regular Sunday gathering is around 90 adults. There are over 30 children and young adults who regularly attend on Sundays. Church attendance on Sundays has continued to be multi-cultural.
- The church Safeguarding Officer, Sarah Kernohan resigned from January 2025. Tom Widdowson was appointed. Mark Graham continued as deputy safeguarding officer as. Rev Dr Ian Somasundram continued as Trustee responsible for Safeguarding.
- Duncan Woods remained seconded as a Crosslands Seminary Tutor. Trinity Church is remunerated for the seminar days and tutorial duties for which Duncan Woods is responsible.
- Duncan Woods is a member of the steering committee for the North East Gospel Partnership meeting approximately once a quarter. Dan Martin (pastor, Grace Church Gateshead) and Matt Oliver (pastor, Hardwick Baptist church) together make up the committee during this period.
- Tom Widdowson was appointed as a part-time church operational manager to start in September 2024. The specific brief for the operational manager is to help the church with appropriate structures and support as we grow together for a church of 100 rather than 40.

Conclusion

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trinity Church Sunderland is financed through charitable giving raised through the membership as well as external supporters of the ministry. The trustees are very grateful to everyone who has supported the church so generously.

The charity's income for the year to 31 August 2025 was £75,878 (2024: £81,597) and its expenditure for the year was £83,398 (2024: £75,885). The charity has therefore reported a deficit of £7,520 (2024: surplus £5,712).

The charity's bank and cash balances decreased by this year's deficit of £7,520 to £39,226, nearly all of which is unrestricted.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have determined that the church should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the church could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. At the year-end the charity held unrestricted cash of £39,021 (2024: £46,541) and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

RISK STATEMENT

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods
Duncan Woods (May 12, 2026 16:53:21 GMT+1)
Duncan Woods - Trustee

May 12, 2026
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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church Sunderland ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 on pages 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (May 19, 2026 13:42:12 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: May 19, 2026

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts					
Donations		54,133	-	54,133	59,568
Gift aid receipts		12,353	-	12,353	12,300
Grants		4,000	500	4,500	4,900
Letting facilities for community use		2,850	-	2,850	3,150
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales		792	-	792	999
Provision of services to Crosslands		1,250	-	1,250	680
Total receipts		75,378	500	75,878	81,597
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	77,107	500	77,607	68,931
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,791	-	5,791	6,954
		82,898	500	83,398	75,885
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Total payments		82,898	500	83,398	75,885
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(7,520)	-	(7,520)	5,712
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(7,520)	-	(7,520)	5,712
Cash funds as at last year end		46,541	205	46,746	41,034
Cash funds at this year end	A	39,021	205	39,226	46,746

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	38,901	205	39,106	46,626
Petty cash	120	-	120	120
	<u>39,021</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>39,226</u>	<u>46,746</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	12,273	-	12,273	12,353
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
	<u>12,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,273</u>	<u>12,353</u>
C Liabilities				
Independent examiner's fees for preparing and examining the:				
2025 accounts	1,164	-	1,164	1,500
2024 accounts	1,140	-	1,140	1,140
Other creditors	4,032	-	4,032	1,172
	<u>6,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,336</u>	<u>3,812</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs
Church building	Restricted
Fittings and equipment	Unrestricted

The church building is a long leasehold property and it was transferred from Sunderland Free Church to Trinity Church Sunderland in July 2013. The lease for the property expires in December 2078.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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May 12, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Staff costs, including training	61,494	500	61,994	44,428
Premises costs	7,238	-	7,238	15,085
Other costs	6,875	-	6,875	9,418
Independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts	1,500	-	1,500	-
	<u>77,107</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>77,607</u>	<u>68,931</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to support other charities:				
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	1,608	-	1,608	1,476
NEGP	125	-	125	-
Grants for overseas mission work				
Crosslinks	1,353	-	1,353	1,353
Frontiers	1,353	-	1,353	1,353
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,353	-	1,353	1,353
Grants for relief of poverty				
Individuals	-	-	-	1,420
	<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,791</u>	<u>6,954</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Duncan Woods served as church leader and was paid £45,239 (2024: £43,419) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement on restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
FODI fund	205	-	-	-	205
Staff fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>205</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205</u>

FODI fund: this was created from donations received to help support the work of a drop in centre for asylum seekers and refugees, which makes use of the church building.

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EQUIP

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Further details:

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- At the church members' meeting of 21st April 2024 Rev Peter Gaskell resigned as a Trustee and Rev Dr Ian Somasundram of St. John's Hebburn was appointed. Osa Oviawe and Ebieri Ndiomu were appointed to the church council.
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RISK STATEMENT

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods
Duncan Woods (Jun 17, 2025 15:53 GMT+1)

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Duncan Woods - Trustee

Jun 17, 2025

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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church Sunderland ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani (Jun 18, 2025 06:34 GMT+1)

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: Jun 18, 2025

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		54,568	5,000	59,568	56,720
Gift aid receipts		12,300	-	12,300	12,709
Grants		4,900	-	4,900	8,400
Letting facilities for community use		3,150	-	3,150	2,608
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales		999	-	999	606
Provision of services to Crosslands		680	-	680	1,950
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>76,597</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>81,597</u>	<u>82,993</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	63,352	5,579	68,931	67,691
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	6,954	-	6,954	7,122
		<u>70,306</u>	<u>5,579</u>	<u>75,885</u>	<u>74,813</u>
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>70,306</u>	<u>5,579</u>	<u>75,885</u>	<u>74,813</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		6,291	(579)	5,712	8,180
Transfers between funds	5	(202)	202	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,089</u>	<u>(377)</u>	<u>5,712</u>	<u>8,180</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		40,452	582	41,034	32,854
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>46,541</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>46,746</u>	<u>41,034</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	46,421	205	46,626	40,914
Petty cash	120	-	120	120
	<u>46,541</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>46,746</u>	<u>41,034</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	12,353	-	12,353	12,300
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
	<u>12,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,353</u>	<u>12,300</u>
C Liabilities				
Independent examiner's fees for preparing and examining the:				
2023 accounts	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
2024 accounts	1,140	-	1,140	-
Other creditors	1,172	-	1,172	680
	<u>3,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,812</u>	<u>2,180</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs
Church building	Restricted
Fittings and equipment	Unrestricted

The church building is a long leasehold property and it was transferred from Sunderland Free Church to Trinity Church Sunderland in July 2013. The lease for the property expires in December 2078.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods
Duncan Woods (Jun 17, 2025 15:53 GMT+1)

 Duncan Woods - trustee

Jun 17, 2025

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Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Staff costs, including training	39,428	5,000	44,428	45,672
Premises costs	15,085	-	15,085	11,191
Other costs	8,839	579	9,418	9,220
Independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts	-	-	-	1,608
	<u>63,352</u>	<u>5,579</u>	<u>68,931</u>	<u>67,691</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to support other charities				
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	1,476	-	1,476	1,344
Grants for overseas mission work				
Crosslinks	1,353	-	1,353	1,343
Frontiers	1,353	-	1,353	1,343
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,353	-	1,353	1,343
Grants for relief of poverty				
Individuals	1,420	-	1,420	1,750
	<u>6,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,954</u>	<u>7,122</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Duncan Woods served as church leader and was paid £43,419 (2023: £42,642) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement on restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Bible fund	377	-	(579)	202	-
FODI fund	205	-	-	-	205
Staff fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	<u>582</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,579)</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>205</u>

Bible fund: this fund was created from donations received to help purchase Bibles.

FODI fund: this was created from donations received to help support the work of a drop in centre for asylum seekers and refugees, which makes use of the church building.

Building Repair fund: this fund was created from donations received to help repair the roof on the charity's church building and on repairing damaged caused by the leaking roof. With the permission of donors, the money left over after completing this work is being used for other building work.

Staff fund: this fund was created from donations received to help employ church staff.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1154068

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Year ended 31 August 2023

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TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Trinity Church Sunderland Stockton Road Sunderland SR2 7AQ
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association for a charitable company until 11 April 2023 Constitution for a CIO Association from 11 April 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1154068
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Duncan Hellier Woods (Senior Minister) The Reverend Peter John Gaskell (resigned 22 April 2024) Benjamin Jeremy Richard Goldenberg Richard George Morley The Reverend Dr Ian Mark Somasundram (appointed 21 April 2024) Thomas John Ream Welch
NAMES OF ADVISERS	Treasurer: Donald Kernohan Solicitors: Monro Fisher Wasbrough LLP Edward Connor Solicitors
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Trinity Church Sunderland
Stockton Road, SUNDERLAND SR2 7AQ

Annual Report Of The Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Trinity Church Sunderland operates as an independent evangelical church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches within the North-East Gospel Partnership. Duncan Woods was appointed as minister commencing ministry at the inauguration of Trinity Church Sunderland in September 2013.

The Charity is constituted to advance the Christian Faith including:

- The advancement of Christ's Kingdom by the continued faithful teaching of the Scriptures at Trinity Church Sunderland and by the recruitment, education training and sending of gospel ministers and others around the United Kingdom and abroad to establish and renew Christian churches and ministries related thereto.
- The relief of need, hardship, physical or mental distress among any persons without limitation.
- Support of Christians who are persecuted by reason of their faith provided always that such support shall be non-political in nature.
- The support of Christians who are engaged full-time in the missionary work of proclaiming the Gospel and in bringing others to believe in Jesus Christ and to live in accordance with his teaching.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Trustees

The five Trustees include the Senior Minister, two members of the Church and two who are not members of the Church. The Trustees have control of the property and funds of the Church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees after being approved by the Leadership Team and by the Church's AGM.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team are members of the Church and discuss with the Senior Minister all major decisions of policy and hold the Senior Minister to account for his ministry.

Church Council

The role of the Church Council is to provide wise advice to the Leadership Team and the Trustees whether as provided in the Church Constitution or when requested by either body.

The Church Council consists of between six and twelve members of the Church approved by the general membership of the Church at the Annual General Meeting following proposal by the Leadership Team with a view to appointing only those who are godly examples in their lifestyles and who have proved themselves to be in full agreement with the aims and vision of the Church, the Basis of Faith and Doctrinal Distinctives as outlined in the church handbook.

Members

Membership of the Church is open to any individual interested in promoting the Objects who

- signs a declaration of personal trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour in such form as the Leadership Team shall determine
- signs a declaration of willingness to support and further the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland through
- praying (including whenever possible attending the main Church prayer meeting)
- giving financially to the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland
- serving practically in whatever way appropriate and working in partnership with the wider church in the task of serving the church family and reaching out to the lost
- signs the Register of Members so consenting in writing to becoming a member

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our activities.

The church meets to worship God, read the bible, pray, hear the scriptures taught and encourage each other. Sunday meetings currently take place at 10:30am. During this time there is also opportunity for younger children to participate in various groups.

Various activities occur during the week, including growth groups for mutual encouragement and prayer, a monthly prayer meeting, a toddler group as well as various opportunities for people to find out more about the Christian Faith.

The church supports missionary work by contributing to the financial needs of R&L B (Crosslinks) in Belgium, E&S A (Wycliffe Bible Translators) as well as another married couple in North Africa.

This last year has seen significant change in the church family with regard to number and ethnic diversity particularly at Sunday gatherings.

This report reflects our continuing desire to be a gospel church, in community, prayerfully seeking to reach our locality. Our aims remain to faithfully proclaim God's word prayerfully aiming to **engage** people with the gospel and **evangelise** while seeking to **equip** and **establish** believers. All so that everyone takes the next step with Jesus.

ENGAGE

The heartbeat of engagement is in organic relationships with friends, family, colleagues, neighbours. However, there are a number of church organised activities which aim to commend the gospel of Christ and meet the needs of local people. The church has continued to use the building to support the work of *FODI* (friends of the drop in – women's refugee support) as well as *Sunderland music for all*. During the winter months the church operated a *warm space* café to meet needs during the cost of living crisis. This has led to partnership with *Durham Christian Partnership Foodbank* with the idea to open a community hub café for one afternoon a week at the beginning of 2024.

EVANGELISE

Engaging the community gives opportunity to evangelise and while this often happens on a personal level there have been several church events throughout the year including Christianity and Hope Explored courses. One individual who came to church through the warm space completed Christianity Explored. Christmas and Easter remain prime opportunities for evangelism including through Carol Services, Trinity Tots and an Easter Family Fun day. Church members were given the opportunity to give away free evangelistic books to someone over both the Easter and Christmas period.

EQUIP

Sunday meetings, Growth Groups and Prayer meetings remain the hub of equipping the congregation for works of ministry. This year saw the launch of *Sundaypm* giving an opportunity for church regulars to dig deeper into various aspects of discipleship including streams in bible overview, doctrine and pastoral care. *Sundaypm* also has a youth group for children in year 6 and up. *Sundaypm* is significant in terms of the number of members and regulars who work Sunday mornings. There are periodic and regular training slots for specific ministry such as those leading services.

Some regional developments have supported equipping throughout the year including both a NEGP women's conference and a men's day at Jesmond Parish Church.

ESTABLISH

10 adults have been through a church membership course in the last year. Children's work on Sundays has developed with Trinity kids upstairs (4-10) and TK minis (3s and under) downstairs with creche. Increased numbers means that these groups will soon need to change. A new day time woman's pastoral group continues. A Men's Fellowship Group has been established. *Sundaypm* plays a crucial role in both equipping and establishing the saints.

Further details:

- The membership of the church voted unanimously on Feb 5th 2023 to convert from a Company Limited by Guarantee without share of capital to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- The number of *registered members* of Trinity Church Sunderland has decreased from 51 to 42 adults over the period primarily due to becoming a CIO and the lapsed membership of 8 adults. The church has welcomed into membership four people. There are around 60 adults under the pastoral care of 3 growth groups. A regular Sunday gathering is around 60 -80 adults. There are over 30 children and young adults who regularly attend on Sundays. Church attendance on Sundays has continued to be increasingly multi-cultural.
- Rev Peter Gaskell remains as Chair of Trustees.
- The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually by Trustees in cooperation with SK as Safeguarding Officer. Rev Peter Gaskell has responsibility as a trustee overseeing safeguarding.
- Duncan Woods remains seconded as a Crosslands Seminary Tutor for the north-east region overseeing up to 7 students from different churches. Trinity Church is remunerated for the seminar days and tutorial duties for which Duncan Woods is responsible.
- Duncan Woods is a member of the steering committee for the North East Gospel Partnership meeting approximately once a quarter. HC (pastor, Christchurch Newcastle), DM (pastor, Grace Church Gateshead) and MO (pastor, Hardwick Baptist church) together make up the committee.

Conclusion

Sept 2022- August 2023 has seen significant change at Trinity both legally and in people. The Lord has grown Trinity in number and in diversity. That growth presents both challenge and wonderful opportunity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trinity Church Sunderland is financed through charitable giving raised through the membership as well as external supporters of the ministry. The trustees are very grateful to everyone who has supported the church so generously.

In the previous year, because the charity was structured as a charitable company, it had to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis using the Charities SORP. However during the year the charity became a charitable incorporated organisation and this year it has been able to take advantage of the option to prepare and simpler receipts and payments accounts. The results reported previously have been restated so that they are presented on a receipts and payments basis; further information about the restatement is given in note 6 'Reconciliation with previously reported funds' in the accounts.

The charity's income for the year to 31 August 2023 was £82,993 (2022: £80,898) and its expenditure for the year was £74,813 (2022: £134,135). The charity has therefore reported a surplus of £8,180 (2022: a deficit of £53,237).

The previous year's expenditure included major repairs to the church roof, which cost £60,578 (2023: £nil). If this is excluded, the accounts show that the charity's underlying expenditure has increased by £1,256 to £74,813.

The charity's bank and cash balances increased by this year's surplus of £8,180 to £41,034, nearly all of which is unrestricted.

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Jun 20, 2024

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TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income receipts					
Donations		56,720	-	56,720	60,256
Gift aid receipts		12,709	-	12,709	11,193
Grants		8,400	-	8,400	5,000
Letting facilities for community use		2,608	-	2,608	2,090
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales		606	-	606	509
Provision of services to Crosslands		1,950	-	1,950	1,850
Total receipts		<u>82,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,993</u>	<u>80,898</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	66,096	1,595	67,691	121,907
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	7,122	-	7,122	5,504
		<u>73,218</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>74,813</u>	<u>127,411</u>
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	6,724
Total payments		<u>73,218</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>74,813</u>	<u>134,135</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		9,775	(1,595)	8,180	(53,237)
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>9,775</u>	<u>(1,595)</u>	<u>8,180</u>	<u>(53,237)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		30,677	2,177	32,854	86,091
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>40,452</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>41,034</u>	<u>32,854</u>

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TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	40,332	582	40,914	32,734
Petty cash	120	-	120	120
	<u>40,452</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>41,034</u>	<u>32,854</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	12,300	-	12,300	12,709
Other debtors	-	-	-	270
	<u>12,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,300</u>	<u>12,979</u>
C Liabilities				
Fee for Independent Examination	1,500		1,500	1,608
Other creditors	680		680	1,466
	<u>2,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,180</u>	<u>3,074</u>

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	Fund to which asset belongs
Church building	Restricted
Fittings and equipment	Unrestricted

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Duncan Woods - trustee

Date: Jun 20, 2024

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In the previous year the charity was a charitable company and was obliged to prepare accounts on an accruals basis using the Charities SORP. However during the year the charity became a charitable incorporated organisation and, because its income is below £250,000, it has been able to take advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 6 below.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Staff costs, including training	45,672	-	45,672	42,706
Premises costs	9,596	1,595	11,191	8,952
Other costs	9,220	-	9,220	8,141
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,608	-	1,608	1,530
Major building work: roofing repairs	-	-	-	60,578
	<u>66,096</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>67,691</u>	<u>121,907</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to support church planting:				
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	1,344	-	1,344	1,283
Grants for overseas mission work				
Crosslinks	1,343		1,343	1,307
Frontiers	1,343		1,343	1,292
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,343		1,343	1,292
Other small grants to organisations	-	-	-	330
Grants for relief of poverty				
Individuals	1,750		1,750	-
	<u>7,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,122</u>	<u>5,504</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Duncan Woods served as church leader and was paid £42,642 (2022: £41,500) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5 Movement on restricted funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Building Repair Fund	1,595	-	(1,595)	-	-
	<u>2,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,595)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>582</u>

Bible fund: this fund was created from donations received to help purchase Bibles.

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6 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies', in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2022 £	2021 £
Previously reported reserves, at 31 August	217,762	269,548
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(178,943)	(177,581)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(12,978)	(11,193)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	7,013	5,317
Re-stated reserves, at 31 August	<u>32,854</u>	<u>86,091</u>

Reconciliation of results

	2022 £
Previously reported results	(51,785)
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	(1,361)
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(1,785)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	1,694
Re-stated results	<u>(53,237)</u>

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TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Trustees (who are also the directors)	Duncan Hellier Woods (Senior Minister) The Reverend Peter John Gaskell Benjamin Jeremy Richard Goldenberg (appointed 29 March 2022) Christopher John Gray (resigned 13 October 2021) Richard George Morley Thomas John Ream Welch (appointed 7 December 2021)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated July 2013
Company Registration Number	08621286
Charity Registration Number	1154068
Registered office and principal address	Trinity Church Sunderland Stockton Road Sunderland SR2 7AQ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank
Advisors	Treasurer: Donald Kernohan Solicitors: Monro Fisher Wasbrough LLP Edward Connor Solicitors

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Trinity Church Sunderland
Stockton Road, SUNDERLAND SR2 7AQ

Annual Report Of The Directors And Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

INTRODUCTION AND CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Trinity Church Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee. it operates as an independent evangelical church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches within the North-East Gospel Partnership. Duncan Woods was appointed as minister commencing ministry at the inauguration of Trinity Church Sunderland in September 2013.

The Charity is constituted to advance the Christian Faith including:

- The advancement of Christ's Kingdom by the continued faithful teaching of the Scriptures at Trinity Church Sunderland and by the recruitment, education training and sending of gospel ministers and others around the United Kingdom and abroad to establish and renew Christian churches and ministries related thereto.
- The relief of need, hardship, physical or mental distress among any persons without limitation.
- Support of Christians who are persecuted by reason of their faith provided always that such support shall be non-political in nature.
- The support of Christians who are engaged full-time in the missionary work of proclaiming the Gospel and in bringing others to believe in Jesus Christ and to live in accordance with his teaching.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Trustees

The five Trustees (who are charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) include the Senior Minister, two members of the Church and two who are not members of the Church. The Trustees have control of the property and funds of the Church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees after being approved by the Leadership Team and by the Church's AGM.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team are members of the Church and discuss with the Senior Minister all major decisions of policy and hold the Senior Minister to account for his ministry.

Church Council

The role of the Church Council is to provide wise advice to the Leadership Team and the Trustees whether as provided in the Memorandum and Articles or when requested by either body.

The Church Council consists of between six and twelve members of the Church approved by the general membership of the Church at Annual General Meeting following proposal by the Leadership Team with a view to appointing only those who are godly examples in their lifestyles and who have proved themselves to be in full agreement with the aims and vision of the Church and of the "Christian Faith" in Article 2 of the Memorandum and Articles.

Members

Membership of the Church is open to any individual interested in promoting the Objects who

- signs a declaration of personal trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour in such form as the Leadership Team shall determine
- signs a declaration of willingness to support and further the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland through
- praying (including whenever possible attending the main Church prayer meeting)
- giving financially to the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland
- serving practically in whatever way appropriate and working in partnership with the wider church in the task of serving the church family and reaching out to the lost
- signs the Register of Members so consenting in writing to becoming a member

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The church meets to worship God, read the bible, pray, hear the scriptures taught and encourage each other. Sunday meetings currently take place at 10:30am. During this time there is also opportunity for younger children to participate in various groups.

Various activities occur during the week, including growth groups for mutual encouragement and prayer, a monthly prayer meeting, a toddler group as well as various opportunities for people to find out more about the Christian Faith.

The church supports missionary work by contributing to the financial needs of R&L B (Crosslinks) in Belgium, E&S A (Wycliffe Bible Translators) as well as another married couple in North Africa.

Developments

This last year was again significantly impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic although with more focus on recovery as the year went on. There have been significant developments to church infrastructure including a new roof as well as changes in governance, membership and a growing Sunday congregation. The church pastor was granted a sabbatical period of 12 weeks from June-August 2022.

This report reflects our continuing desire to be a gospel church, in community, prayerfully seeking to reach our locality. Our aims remain to faithfully proclaim God's word prayerfully aiming to **engage** people with the gospel and **evangelise** while seeking to **equip** and **establish** believers. All so that everyone takes the next step with Jesus.

Engage

The heartbeat of engagement is in organic relationships with friends, family, colleagues, neighbours. However, there are a number of church organised activities which aim to commend the gospel of Christ and meet the needs of local people. The church has continued to use the building to support the work of *FODI* (friends of the drop in – women's refugee support) as well as *Sunderland music for all*. The *Wearside Recovery* group for those recovering from addiction ceased this year due to changes within a partnership charity as well as staffing capacity at Trinity. The church continues to collect food for the Sunderland Foodbank. The *Passion4Life* outreach encouraged different activities particularly during the Christmas & Easter seasons including an evening of training in support for those suffering with dementia in May. As Covid restrictions changed there was less use of online forums. However, the pandemic has highlighted the need for an online social media presence and further social needs in the local community.

Evangelise

3 elements have stood out over this period. First, personal contacts remain most fruitful for long standing engagement with the gospel. Second, people continue to engage and check out the Christian faith online. Third, specific evangelistic courses are almost exclusively done on a very small group basis, primarily one-to-one. *Hope Explored* ran alongside an evangelistic Sunday sermon series in Jan-Feb 2022. However, there were no sign ups to the course. This last year saw the *APassion4Life* mission. There was training in growth groups from October-March in the lead up to April 2022. There were practical opportunities for individuals and small groups to create appropriate events for the community. This often focussed on Christmas and Easter for example with a chocolate making evening with a local chocolatier. Church members were given the opportunity to give away a free evangelistic book to someone over the Christmas period.

Equip

Sunday meetings, Growth Groups and Prayer meetings remain the hub of equipping the congregation for works of ministry. There was specific training for *APassion4Life* in growth groups from October-March in the lead up to April 2022.

The Adult Sunday School was unable to run varied streams this year. However, *Making Faith Magnetic* with Dr Daniel Strange ran alongside training for *APassion4Life* in Nov-Dec 2021. Some regional developments have supported equipping throughout the year including both a NEGP women's conference and a men's day at Jesmond Parish Church.

Establish

4 adults have been through a church membership course in the last year reading and discussing *What is a healthy church member?* by Thabiti Anyabwile. Children's work on Sundays has developed with Trinity kids upstairs (4-10) and TK minis (3s and under) downstairs with creche. A new day time woman's pastoral group began in September 2021 to serve women who could not get to Growth Groups in the evenings. A Men's group quickly morphed into 1-2-1 meet ups on-line. The Church Prayer Diary has been refreshed with thanks to TW for updating the diary every quarter. In April/May 2022 the congregation were encouraged to undertake a serving questionnaire to help establish our giftings, how members serve the church family and better communication.

Further details:

- The number of *registered members* of Trinity Church Sunderland has increased from 46 to 51 adults over the period. The church has welcomed into membership 5 adults in this past year. There are 8 members who have moved away but remain registered members. The church includes around 55 adults under the pastoral care of 3 growth groups. A regular Sunday gathering is around 50-60 adults. There are 30 children and young adults who regularly attend on Sundays. Church attendance on Sundays has become increasingly multi-cultural.
- Christopher Gray resigned as a church Trustee. CG and PG resigned as members of Trinity Church Sunderland. Thomas Welch and Benjamin Goldenberg were co-opted as Church Trustees.
- From Nov 2021-Jan 2022 the church roof was replaced. Between February - August 2022 the upstairs room was redecorated & re-carpeted. LED lighting is now throughout the church building. A new projector was purchased and fitted. New lapel microphones have also been purchased to help with all age services and better sound quality for the hard of hearing.
- Duncan Woods remains seconded as a Crosslands Seminary Tutor for the north-east region overseeing 5 students from different churches. Trinity Church is remunerated for the seminar days and tutorial duties for which Duncan Woods is responsible.
- Duncan Woods is a member of the steering committee for the North East Gospel Partnership meeting approximately once a quarter. HC (pastor, Christchurch Newcastle), DM (pastor, Grace Church Gateshead) and MO (pastor, Hardwick Baptist church) together make up the committee.
- JL was temporarily employed in March-April 2022 to carry out building maintenance.
- Duncan Woods was granted a 12 week sabbatical between June-August 2022 including a study project with London Theological Seminary. This involved two aspects: Doctrine of God – attributes of mystery and eternity and a study in 1 Corinthians. The sabbatical also afforded an opportunity to visit different ministries across the country. Partnership churches across the north east region and several members within Trinity kindly served the church with regular preaching.

Conclusion

Sept 2021- August 2022 has been a year to be sustained. The pandemic has impacted life and ministry significantly from which we are still learning. In brief, 2021-22 has not been a year to engage in many new initiatives and projects. This has been humbling and good for us. "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." Psalm 127:1

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trinity Church Sunderland is financed through charitable giving raised through the membership as well as external supporters of the ministry. The trustees are very grateful to everyone who has supported the church so generously.

The church's income for the year to 31 August 2022 was £82,684 (2021: £133,964) and its expenditure for that year was £134,470 (2021: £69,751). The church has therefore reported a deficit of £51,785 (2021: a surplus of £64,213).

The previous year's income included donations totalling £68,691 (2022: £778) given specifically to help pay for roof repairs. If this is excluded, in 2021/22 the charity underlying income (being its other income) increased by £16,634 to £81,906. The money raised from the roof appeal was largely spent in 2021/22 and this year's expenditure includes £60,578 (2021: £3,072) spent on roof repairs. In 2021/22 the charity's other expenditure increased by £7,213 to £73,892.

The church ended the year with net assets of £217,762 (2021: £269,548), which comprised fixed assets (principally the church building) of £178,943 and net current assets of £38,819, of which £36,642 (2021: £23,265) was unrestricted.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have determined that the church should aim to hold unrestricted net current assets of £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the church could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end the charity held unrestricted net current assets of £36,642 (2021: £23,265) and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

RISK STATEMENT

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS UNDER COMPANY LAW

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods
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Duncan Woods
Director and trustee

Date: 23 March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022 on pages 11 to 19 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 24 March 2023

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds For 2022 £	Total Funds For 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	77,186	778	77,965	131,982
Charitable activities	4	4,719	-	4,719	1,981
Total income and endowments		81,906	778	82,684	133,964
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	69,892	64,578	134,470	69,751
Total expenditure		69,892	64,578	134,470	69,751
Net income/(expenditure)		12,014	(63,800)	(51,785)	64,213
Transfers between funds	12	6,724	(6,724)	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,738	(70,524)	(51,785)	64,213
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		30,514	239,034	269,548	205,336
Total funds carried forward	12	49,252	168,510	217,762	269,548

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>12,610</u>	<u>166,333</u>	<u>178,943</u>	<u>177,581</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	12,978	-	12,978	11,193
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>30,677</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>32,854</u>	<u>86,091</u>
		43,655	2,177	45,832	97,284
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(7,013)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,013)</u>	<u>(5,317)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>36,642</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>38,819</u>	<u>91,967</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>49,252</u>	<u>168,510</u>	<u>217,762</u>	<u>269,548</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds		49,252	-	49,252	30,514
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>168,510</u>	<u>168,510</u>	<u>239,034</u>
		<u>49,252</u>	<u>168,510</u>	<u>217,762</u>	<u>269,548</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Woods

Duncan Woods - director and trustee

Date: 23 March 2023

Company number: 08621286

Charity number: 1154068

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received.

Income from donations and legacies includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church events and the letting of facilities for community use.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these accounts as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold property	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 15 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	60,256	100,215
Grants receivable	5,000	11,699
Income tax recoverable	12,709	20,068
	<u>77,965</u>	<u>131,982</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income from letting activities for community use	2,360	-
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales	509	-
Provision of services to Crosslands	1,850	1,981
	<u>4,719</u>	<u>1,981</u>

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
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5 Charitable expenditure

	2022	2020
	£	£
Staff costs, including training	42,706	42,553
Premises costs	10,418	5,718
Depreciation	5,363	4,690
Other costs	8,141	6,910
Grants payable (note 5a)	5,656	5,278
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,608	1,530
	<u>73,892</u>	<u>66,679</u>
Major building work: roofing repairs	60,578	3,072
	<u>134,470</u>	<u>69,751</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £1,608 (2021: £1,530); in addition the charity paid £480 (2021: £632) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

5a Grants payable

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants to support church planting		
FIEC	1,283	1,258
Grants for overseas mission work		
Crosslinks	1,333	1,395
Frontiers	1,355	1,250
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,355	1,250
Other small grants for less than £1,000	330	125
	<u>5,656</u>	<u>5,278</u>

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum (2021: none).

Total employment benefits payable to key management (who comprise the trustees) for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2022 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,981</u>	<u>3,519</u>	<u>41,500</u>

The following amounts were charged in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,237</u>	<u>3,351</u>	<u>40,588</u>

Duncan Woods served as church leader and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property £	Fittings and equipment £	Total 2022 £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2021	200,000	12,771	212,771
Additions in the year	-	6,724	6,724
At 31 August 2022	<u>200,000</u>	<u>19,495</u>	<u>219,495</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 September 2021	29,667	5,523	35,190
Charge for the year	4,000	1,363	5,363
At 31 August 2022	<u>33,667</u>	<u>6,885</u>	<u>40,552</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2022	<u>166,333</u>	<u>12,610</u>	<u>178,943</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>170,333</u>	<u>7,248</u>	<u>177,581</u>

The above long leasehold property, which is the church's building, was transferred from Sunderland Free Church to Trinity Church Sunderland in July 2013; this property has been included in these accounts at its estimated market value on the date of transfer. The lease for the property expires in December 2078.

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	12,708	11,193
Other debtors	270	-
	<u>12,978</u>	<u>11,193</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	32,734	85,971
Petty cash	120	120
	<u>32,854</u>	<u>86,091</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and other creditors	3,074	1,530
Grant obligations	3,939	3,787
	<u>7,013</u>	<u>5,317</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £3,519 (2021: £3,351) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2021: £nil).

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	170,333	-	(4,000)	-	166,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Building Repair Fund	68,119	778	(60,578)	(6,724)	1,595
	<u>239,034</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>(64,578)</u>	<u>(6,724)</u>	<u>168,510</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>30,514</u>	<u>81,906</u>	<u>(69,892)</u>	<u>6,724</u>	<u>49,252</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>269,548</u>	<u>82,684</u>	<u>(134,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,762</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	12,610	166,333	178,943
Debtors	12,978	-	12,978
Cash at bank and in hand	30,677	2,177	32,854
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,013)	-	(7,013)
	<u>49,252</u>	<u>168,510</u>	<u>217,762</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	174,333	-	(4,000)	-	170,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Building Repair Fund	2,500	68,691	(3,072)	-	68,119
	<u>177,415</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>(7,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,034</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>65,272</u>	<u>(62,679)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,514</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>205,336</u>	<u>133,963</u>	<u>(69,751)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,548</u>

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12 Funds continued

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,248	170,333	177,581
Debtors	11,193	-	11,193
Cash at bank and in hand	17,390	68,701	86,091
Creditors falling due within one year	(5,317)	-	(5,317)
	<u>30,514</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>269,548</u>

Information about the charity's restricted funds

Building fund: this fund was created when a church building, with a religious covenant, was transferred to the charity by Sunderland Free Church in 2013; the carried forward balance on fund is represented by the property's net book value at the balance sheet date.

Bible fund: this fund was created from donations received to help purchase Bibles.

FODI fund: this was created from donations received to help support the work of a drop in centre for asylum seekers and refugees, which makes use of the church building.

Building Repair fund: this fund was created from donations received to help repair the roof on the charity's church building and on repairing damaged caused by the leaking roof. With the permission of donors, the money left over after completing this work is being used for other building work. This included improvements to lighting that cost £6,724 and this expenditure has been capitalised in these accounts. As the capitalised expenditure satisfies the restriction, £6,724 has been transferred from this restricted fund to general funds.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £16,148 (2021: £13,235) from related parties (which includes trustees and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expense incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

15 Events since the balance sheet date

Some years ago the government introduced a new type of legal structure designed specifically for charities called charitable incorporated organisations ('CIO'). This new structure has several advantages and during the year the charity commenced the process of converting the charity (which is currently a company limited by guarantee) to a CIO. It is expected that the charity will complete the conversion to a CIO before the new financial year ends.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	77,186	778	77,965	63,291	68,691	131,982
Charitable activities	4	4,719	-	4,719	1,981	-	1,981
Total income and endowments		81,906	778	82,684	65,272	68,691	133,963
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	5	69,892	64,578	134,470	62,679	7,072	69,751
Total Expenditure		69,892	64,578	134,470	62,679	7,072	69,751
Net income/(expenditure)		12,014	(63,800)	(51,785)	2,593	61,619	64,212
Transfers between funds	12	6,724	(6,724)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,738	(70,524)	(51,785)	2,593	61,619	64,212
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		30,514	239,034	269,548	27,921	177,415	205,336
Total funds carried forward	12	49,252	168,510	217,762	30,514	239,034	269,548

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COMPANY INFORMATION
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Trustees (who are also the directors)	Duncan Hellier Woods (Senior Minister) The Reverend Peter John Gaskell Ben Goldenberg (appointed 29 March 2022) Christopher John Gray (resigned 13 October 2021) Richard George Morley Tom Welch (appointed 7 December 2021)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated July 2013
Company Registration Number	08621286
Charity Registration Number	1154068
Registered office and principal address	Trinity Church Sunderland Stockton Road Sunderland SR2 7AQ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank
Solicitors	Edward Connor Solicitors
Advisors	Treasurer: Donald Kernohan Solicitors: Monro Fisher Wasbrough LLP

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Trinity Church Sunderland Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2021

INTRODUCTION AND CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Trinity Church Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It operates as an independent evangelical church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches within the North-East Gospel Partnership. Duncan Woods was appointed as minister commencing ministry at the inauguration of Trinity Church Sunderland in September 2013.

The Charity is constituted to advance the Christian Faith including

- The advancement of Christ's Kingdom by the continued faithful teaching of the Scriptures at Trinity Church Sunderland and by the recruitment, education training and sending of gospel ministers and others around the United Kingdom and abroad to establish and renew Christian churches and ministries related thereto
- The relief of need, hardship, physical or mental distress among any persons without limitation.
- Support of Christians who are persecuted by reason of their faith provided always that such support shall be non-political in nature
- The support of Christians who are engaged full-time in the missionary work of proclaiming the Gospel and in bringing others to believe in Jesus Christ and to live in accordance with his teaching

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Trustees

The charity ended the year with four Trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law). They comprise the Senior Minister, two members of the Church and one who is not a member of the Church. [Since the year-end another individual](#) who is not a member of the church has been co-opted to serve as a trustee and at the present time the charity has five trustees.

The Trustees have control of the property and funds of the Church. Usually new Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees after being approved by the Leadership Team and by the Church's AGM.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team are members of the Church and discuss with the Senior Minister all major decisions of policy and hold the Senior Minister to account for his ministry.

Church Council

The role of the Church Council is to provide wise advice to the Leadership Team and the Trustees whether as provided in the Memorandum and Articles or when requested by either body. The Church Council consists of between six and twelve members of the Church approved by the general membership of the Church at Annual General Meeting following proposal by the Leadership Team with a view to appointing only those who are godly examples in their lifestyles and who have proved themselves to be in full agreement with the aims and vision of the Church and of the "Christian Faith" in Article 2 of the Memorandum and Articles.

Members

Membership of the Church is open to any individual interested in promoting the Objects who:

- signs a declaration of personal trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour in such form as the Leadership Team shall determine
- signs a declaration of willingness to support and further the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland through
- praying (including, when possible, attending the main Church prayer meeting)
- giving financially to the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland
- serving practically in whatever way appropriate and working in partnership with the wider church in the task of serving the church family and reaching out to the lost
- signs the Register of Members so consenting in writing to becoming a member

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The church meets to worship God, read the bible, pray, hear the scriptures taught and encourage each other. Sunday meetings currently take place at 10:30am. During this time there is also opportunity for younger children to participate in various groups.

Various activities occur during the week, including growth groups for mutual encouragement and prayer, a monthly prayer meeting, a toddler group as well as various opportunities for people to find out more about the Christian Faith.

The church supports missionary work by contributing to the financial needs of R&L. B (Crosslinks) in Belgium, E&S. A (Wycliffe Bible Translators) as well as another married couple in North Africa.

The church building is used by several local charitable groups including *Sunderland Symphony (Music For All)* - comprising the *Sunderland Youth Orchestra & Academy* and the *Sunderland Music For All Chorus*, *Friends of the Drop in for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (FODI)* and *Wearside Recovery* supporting those in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Due to the pandemic, the use of the building by all groups, except for Wearside Recovery, was suspended throughout the financial year. The church also provides free parking for *Age UK* staff who work in the building next door.

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The report from 2019-2020 stated that "this period has been utterly dominated by COVID19." Little did we realise that we might say the same for a second year. So much has happened in the last twelve months it is hard to recall the various incarnations of church. Through all the zoom meetings, different lockdowns and various restrictions we can already begin to see as was said before, "how the Lord has worked in ways we could not have anticipated." Early on, we prayed specifically that we might endure during this particular season. The Lord has kindly caused us to do so and indeed has grown us in many ways.

The following report reflects our continuing desire in and through challenging circumstances to be a gospel church, in community, prayerfully seeking to reach our locality. Our aims remain to faithfully proclaim God's word prayerfully aiming to **engage** people with the gospel and **evangelise** while seeking to **equip** and **establish** believers. All so that everyone takes the next step with Jesus.

ENGAGE

Aside from the importance of individual engagement with friends, colleagues and neighbours inevitably much has been online over the year including Trinity Youth Club (TYC) on Friday evenings and through the church YouTube channel and Facebook page including links with *Hope for Sunderland* social media use. Trinity Tots was suspended from normal operations for much of the year. However, opportunities to remain in contact have continued through zoom catch ups on Thursday mornings, *Tots in the park* & *Tots on tour* and in one period of restrictions, *Tots on the spot* in the church building. Wearside Recovery, the support group for those struggling with addiction, has remained in operation where possible, continuing to meet on Wednesday mornings. A collection box for Sunderland Foodbank has been established in the church building.

EVANGELISE

Again, aside from personal opportunities much evangelism has taken place online. The *Hope for Sunderland* campaigns have run throughout the year. These campaigns have helped a number of people to engage with the on-line Life Explored Course in January-February 2021 and then for Christianity Explored online in April-May. Both LE and CE have been done on a one-to-one basis. Personal contacts remain most fruitful for long standing engagement with the gospel. A number of individuals have begun to come to church in person after initially engaging with the YouTube channel - the Sunday livestream or other items such as Advent videos.

EQUIP

Sunday meetings, Growth Groups and Prayer meetings remain the hub of equipping the congregation for works of ministry. The service leading team has developed over the year. Likewise, a number of younger men have begun preaching more regularly with training and feedback e.g. the summer series in Philippians. An Adult Sunday School was launched in April 2021 with the aim to equip and establish. Prior to the launch all leaders read and met to discuss *Being a small group leader* by Richard Sweatman. *6 steps to loving your church* by Matthias Media was the Adult Sunday school option which most focussed on equipping. As in person services have re-launched reading, praying and set up teams have been re-established. For experience JM sat in on several church leadership meetings in early 2021.

ESTABLISH

7 adults have been through a church membership course in the last year reading and discussing *What is a healthy church member?* by Thabiti Anyabwile. 1 adult was baptised in October 2020. *Adult Sunday School* began in April 2021 on Sunday evenings on zoom with 4 different group options: *Reading your bible for all its worth*, *Loving your church*, *The Real Change course* and a *Primer* magazine on the attributes of God and Trinity. Around half the church membership took part in the first round of options. A second round is planned for autumn 2021. Children's work on Sundays has returned to in person on Sunday mornings with *TK chaos*. During the pandemic there were Sunday options in the morning of *TK breakfast* for the youngest children as well as *TK Hot chocolate and chat* on Sunday evenings for older children. The Church Prayer Diary has been refreshed with the aim of being updated once a quarter.

Further details:

- The number of *registered members* of Trinity Church Sunderland has increased from 44 to 48 adults over the period. The church has welcomed into membership 6 adults in this past year. One couple ceased to be members upon moving to another part of the country in July 2021. The church includes around 50 adults under the pastoral care of 3 growth groups. A regular Sunday gathering is somewhere between 40-60 adults. There are 30 children and young adults who regularly attend on Sundays.
- In November 2020 the church membership voted to support the tender package to replace the existing church roof. Full funding was raised from both internal and external sources in Jan-March 2021. Since the year-end the charity has completed the repair of the church roof from the money raised.
- Duncan Woods remains seconded as a Crosslands Seminary Tutor for the north-east region overseeing 5 students from different churches. Trinity Church is remunerated for the seminar days and tutorial duties for which Duncan Woods is responsible.
- Duncan Woods is a member of the steering committee for the North East Gospel Partnership meeting approximately once a quarter. HC (pastor, Christchurch Newcastle), DM (pastor, Grace Church Gateshead) and MO (pastor, Hardwick Baptist church) together make up the committee.
- KP ended his time as ministry trainee in August 2021. We are extremely grateful to the Lord for his service.

Conclusion

2020-21 has been a year of significant change for many churches. Trinity Church Sunderland is no different. It is still a little unclear what church will look like as we emerge from the pandemic. We face changes in leadership, members, and in the different ministries of the church. Change brings a mixture of excitement and fear. In change we praise our Father. He is in the business of change as He conforms us more and more to the likeness of His Son. In that joy and excitement, we need not fear. He is God eternal who does not change, whose steadfast love endures forever.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trinity Church Sunderland is financed through charitable giving raised through the membership as well as external supporters of the ministry.

The church's income for the year to 31 August 2021 was £133,963 (2020: £83,465) and its expenditure for that year was £69,751 (2020: £89,285). The church has therefore reported a surplus of £64,212 (2020: a deficit of £5,820) comprising a surplus of £2,593 on unrestricted funds (2020: a deficit of £4,292) and a surplus of £61,619 on restricted funds (2020: a deficit of £1,528). Net assets increased by £64,212 to £269,548. This included net current assets of £91,967, of which £23,266 was in respect of unrestricted funds and £68,701 was in respect of restricted funds.

This year's income and restricted fund balances were boosted by fundraising for repairs to the church roof. In all £68,691 was raised for this project during the year and, at the year end, £68,119 was held in the restricted Roof Repair fund. Since the year-end most of this money has been spent on completing the roof repairs.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have determined that the church should aim to hold unrestricted net current assets of £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the church could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end the charity held unrestricted net current assets of £23,266 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

RISK STATEMENT

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS UNDER COMPANY LAW

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods
Director and trustee

Date: 6 May 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages 12 to 20 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 9 May 2022

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds For 2021 £	Total Funds For 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	63,291	68,691	131,982	76,259
Charitable activities	4	1,981	-	1,981	7,206
Total income and endowments		65,272	68,691	133,963	83,465
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	62,679	7,072	69,751	89,285
Total expenditure		62,679	7,072	69,751	89,285
Net income/(expenditure)		2,593	61,619	64,212	(5,820)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,593	61,619	64,212	(5,820)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		27,921	177,415	205,336	211,156
Total funds carried forward	12	30,514	239,034	269,548	205,336

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>7,248</u>	<u>170,333</u>	<u>177,581</u>	<u>182,272</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	11,193	-	11,193	6,734
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>17,390</u>	<u>68,701</u>	<u>86,091</u>	<u>21,617</u>
		28,583	68,701	97,284	28,351
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(5,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,317)</u>	<u>(5,287)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>23,266</u>	<u>68,701</u>	<u>91,967</u>	<u>23,064</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>30,514</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>269,548</u>	<u>205,336</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds		30,514	-	30,514	27,921
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>177,415</u>
		<u>30,514</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>269,548</u>	<u>205,336</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Woods - director and trustee

Date: 6 May 2022

Company number: 08621286

Charity number: 1154068

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might impact forecasts.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received.

Income from donations and legacies includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church events and the letting of facilities for community use.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these accounts as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
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f) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold property	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 15 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

j) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

k) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

l) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

n) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

o) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	100,215	55,032
Other grants receivable	11,699	8,500
Income tax recoverable	20,068	12,727
	<u>131,982</u>	<u>76,259</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from letting activities for community use	-	3,450
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales	1,981	3,756
	<u>1,981</u>	<u>7,206</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs, including training	42,553	62,197
Premises costs	8,790	7,108
Depreciation	4,690	5,496
Other costs	6,910	8,028
Grants payable (note 5a)	5,277	4,957
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,530	1,500
	<u>69,751</u>	<u>89,285</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £1,530 (2020: £1,500); in addition the charity paid £632 (2020: £539) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

5a Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Grants to support church planting			
FIEC	1,258	-	1,258
Grants for overseas mission work			
Crosslinks	1,395	-	1,395
Frontiers	1,250	-	1,250
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,250	-	1,250
Other small grants for less than £1,000	125	-	125
	<u>5,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,277</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £
Grants to support church planting			
FIEC	1,258	-	1,258
Grants for overseas mission work			
Crosslinks	1,199	-	1,199
Frontiers	1,250	-	1,250
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,250	-	1,250
	<u>4,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,957</u>

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 2). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum (2020: none).

Total employment benefits payable to key management (who comprise the trustees) for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,237</u>	<u>3,351</u>	<u>40,588</u>

The following amounts were charged in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2020 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,237</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>40,743</u>

Duncan Woods served as church leader and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	fittings and equipment £	Total 2021 £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2020	200,000	12,771	212,771
Additions in year	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>200,000</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>212,771</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 September 2020	25,667	4,832	30,499
Charge for the year	4,000	690	4,690
At 31 August 2021	<u>29,667</u>	<u>5,523</u>	<u>35,190</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2021	<u>170,333</u>	<u>7,248</u>	<u>177,581</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>174,333</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>182,272</u>

The above freehold property, which is the church's building, was transferred from Sunderland Free Church to Trinity Church Sunderland in July 2013; this property has been included in these accounts at its estimated market value on the date of transfer.

8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	11,193	4,358
Other debtors	-	2,376
	<u>11,193</u>	<u>6,734</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	85,971	20,721
Cash with PayPal	-	462
Petty cash	120	435
	<u>86,091</u>	<u>21,617</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,530	1,500
Grant obligations	3,787	3,787
	<u>5,317</u>	<u>5,287</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £3,351 (2020: £4,758) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2020: £nil).

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12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	174,333	-	(4,000)	-	170,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Roof Repair Fund	2,500	68,691	(3,072)	-	68,119
	<u>177,415</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>(7,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,034</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>65,272</u>	<u>(62,679)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,514</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>205,336</u>	<u>133,963</u>	<u>(69,751)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,548</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,248	170,333	177,581
Debtors	11,193	-	11,193
Cash at bank and in hand	17,390	68,701	86,091
Creditors falling due within one year	(5,317)	-	(5,317)
	<u>30,514</u>	<u>239,034</u>	<u>269,548</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	178,333	-	(4,000)	-	174,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
Ministry Training Scheme	28	8,500	(8,528)	-	-
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Roof Repair Fund	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
	<u>178,943</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>(12,528)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,415</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>32,213</u>	<u>72,465</u>	<u>(76,757)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,921</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>211,156</u>	<u>83,465</u>	<u>(89,285)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,336</u>

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12 Funds continued

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,939	174,333	182,272
Debtors	6,734	-	6,734
Cash at bank and in hand	18,535	3,082	21,617
Creditors falling due within one year	(5,287)	-	(5,287)
	<u>27,921</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>205,336</u>

Purpose of restricted funds:

Building fund: this fund was created when a church building, with a religious covenant, was transferred to the charity by Sunderland Free Church in 2013; the carried forward balance on fund is represented by the property's net book value at the balance sheet date.

Bible fund: this fund was created from donations received to help purchase Bibles.

FODI fund: this was created from donations received to help support the work of a drop in centre for asylum seekers and refugees, which makes use of the church building.

Ministry training fund: this fund was created from a grant received from the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches to help support a member of staff as they train for ministry.

Trinity Youth Club fund: this fund was created from grants and donations received to help purchase equipment for a new youth club.

Roof Repair fund: this fund was created from donations received to help repair the roof on the charity's church building and on repairing damaged caused by the leaking roof.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £13,235 (2020: £10,443) from related parties (which includes trustees and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expense incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

15 Events since the balance sheet date

In the new financial year, the charity has spent about £62,000 on completing repairs to the roof on the church building.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	63,291	68,691	131,982	65,259	11,000	76,259
Charitable activities	4	1,981	-	1,981	7,206	-	7,206
Total income and endowments		65,272	68,691	133,963	72,465	11,000	83,465
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	5	62,679	7,072	69,751	76,757	12,528	89,285
Total Expenditure		62,679	7,072	69,751	76,757	12,528	89,285
Net income/(expenditure)		2,593	61,619	64,212	(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,593	61,619	64,212	(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		27,921	177,415	205,336	32,213	178,943	211,156
Total funds carried forward	12	30,514	239,034	269,548	27,921	177,415	205,336

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COMPANY INFORMATION
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Trustees (who are also the directors)	Duncan Hellier Woods (Senior Minister) The Reverend Peter John Gaskell Christopher John Gray The Reverend Dafydd Padrig ap Geraint Meirion-Jones (resigned January 2020) Richard George Morley
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated July 2013
Company Registration Number	08621286
Charity Registration Number	1154068
Registered office and principal address	Trinity Church Sunderland Stockton Road Sunderland SR2 7AQ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank
Advisors	Treasurer: Donald Kernohan Solicitors: Monro Fisher Wasbrough LLP

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Trinity Church Sunderland

Annual Report of the Trustees

Introduction and charitable objects

Trinity Church Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It operates as an independent evangelical church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches within the North-East Gospel Partnership. Duncan Woods was appointed as minister commencing ministry at the inauguration of Trinity Church Sunderland in September 2013.

The Charity is constituted to advance the Christian Faith including:

- The advancement of Christ's Kingdom by the continued faithful teaching of the Scriptures at Trinity Church Sunderland and by the recruitment, education training and sending of gospel ministers and others around the United Kingdom and abroad to establish and renew Christian churches and ministries related thereto
- The relief of need, hardship, physical or mental distress among any persons without limitation.
- Support of Christians who are persecuted by reason of their faith provided always that such support shall be non-political in nature
- The support of Christians who are engaged full-time in the missionary work of proclaiming the Gospel and in bringing others to believe in Jesus Christ and to live in accordance with his teaching

Church Structure

Trustees

The charity ended the year with four Trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law). They comprise the Senior Minister, two members of the Church and one who is not a member of the Church. The Trustees have control of the property and funds of the Church. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees after being approved by the Leadership Team and by the Church's AGM.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team are members of the Church and discuss with the Senior Minister all major decisions of policy and hold the Senior Minister to account for his ministry.

Church Council

The role of the Church Council is to provide wise advice to the Leadership Team and the Trustees whether as provided in the Memorandum and Articles or when requested by either body. The Church Council consists of between six and twelve members of the Church approved by the general membership of the Church at Annual General Meeting following proposal by the Leadership Team with a view to appointing only those who are godly examples in their lifestyles and who have proved themselves to be in full agreement with the aims and vision of the Church and of the “Christian Faith” in Article 2 of the Memorandum and Articles.

Members

Membership of the Church is open to any individual interested in promoting the Objects who

- signs a declaration of personal trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour in such form as the Leadership Team shall determine
- signs a declaration of willingness to support and further the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland through
- praying (including whenever possible attending the main Church prayer meeting)
- giving financially to the ministry of Trinity Church Sunderland
- serving practically in whatever way appropriate and working in partnership with the wider church in the task of serving the church family and reaching out to the lost
- signs the Register of Members so consenting in writing to becoming a member

Review of Activities and Achievements

The church meets to worship God, read the bible, pray, hear the scriptures taught and encourage each other. Sunday meetings normally take place at 10:30am. During this time there is also opportunity for younger children to participate in various groups.

Various activities occur during the week, including growth groups for mutual encouragement and prayer, a monthly prayer meeting, a toddler group as well as various opportunities for people to find out more about the Christian Faith.

The church supports missionary work by contributing to the financial needs of missionaries who work for Crosslinks in Belgium, Wycliffe Bible Translators and for Frontiers in North Africa.

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Inevitably this period has been utterly dominated by COVID19. Like everyone we have had to adapt quickly to the changing landscape applying the same biblical principles of ministry to very different circumstances. In many ways it feels as if we have been treading water. However, the gospel is not chained by COVID. In His sovereign goodness the Lord has been working through this and opened numerous doors for the gospel. We can pray with confidence that we will emerge from this seeing how the Lord has worked in ways we could not have anticipated. He has humbled us and caused us to lean into his promises perhaps like never before.

The following reflects on the last 12 months and particularly in light of the *Vine Project Manifesto* presented at the AGM in March 2019 and the inaugural church family meeting on Sept 29th 2019. As a gospel church in community we are prayerfully seeking to reach our locality. We proclaim God's word prayerfully aiming to **engage** people with the gospel and **evangelise** while seeking to **equip** and **establish** believers. All so that everyone takes the next step with Jesus.

ENGAGE

In terms of groups and events the church continues to seek to engage local people with the gospel at *Wearside Recovery* (for recovering alcoholics and addicts), *Trinity Youth Club*, *FODI (Friends of the Drop In)* and *Trinity Tots*. Some of these groups are more pre-evangelistic than others. The church has now taken on the leadership of content at *Wearside Recovery* with support from the charity volunteers. On an informal basis online church has enabled us to engage and share more than we have done so before. In October 2019 Duncan and 3 other church members attended training in London on the use of Social Media to engage in mission (M2DMM). This was providential

in light of COVID. Since COVID 19, in her role as mercy ministries coordinator, Hannah has investigated and developed action on how the church helps to meet emergency needs. For example, how we support the city-wide Foodbank.

EVANGELISE

Before lockdown the church again made use of the seasonal flow in evangelism. There were pre-Christmas events including the now annual church pub quiz which pointed to a post-Christmas guest month entitled *I'd like to believe but...* which in turn led to a *Christianity Explored* course in February and March. The course finished just prior to lockdown with one participant professing faith while the other wanted time to think things through. Lockdown has enabled a number of evangelistic opportunities with short videos reflecting on COVID and the gospel, interviews for *Big Questions* and guests visiting *YouTube services*. M2DMM training and development means that the church is set to launch short evangelistic videos through a new outreach project called *Hope4Sunderland*.

EQUIP

The idea this academic year was to introduce a training element to our monthly prayer meeting. Between October and March we thought about such topics such as *Praying intentionally* (prayer maps for our relationships), *practising our story with unbelievers*, *reading the bible with unbelievers*, *how to walk into church*, *listening to a sermon*. As a leadership we did not want, at this stage, to introduce another meeting such as an adult Sunday school although equipping at the monthly prayer meeting is a potential stepping-stone to that. The month of prayer in January was warmly received and a new monthly prayer diary was issued in the spring.

Other notable aspects of equipping in church life are the new members course, the leadership team reading *God's Leader* by Andy (a chapter a month for each meeting) and the FIEC *Primer* – a doctrinal magazine, as well as *making Sunday a flagship* training for service leaders on Sundays. Kieran continues his Ministry Training Scheme. In order to oversee our growing children's ministry

Joe has stepped aside from normal leadership responsibilities. Part of his role is to help develop and train leaders.

ESTABLISH

Much of the above is part of establishing believers in the gospel. However, Sundays, growth groups and monthly prayer meetings are the core of establishing. Since September we have been taught from God's word in the gospel of Luke (ch.13-17 the narrow door), a short Bible overview (Gardener's World), Matthew ch.1&2 as we prepared for Christmas. In January 2020 the aim was to equip us to answer objections to the Christian faith "I'd like to believe but..". Thereafter we have been in the Psalms as we have wrestled with how they are read, prayed and sung through Christ, the doctrine of family and recently the second letter of Peter.

We held our first church family meeting on September 29th 2019 with the aim of this being a key time to evaluate and revise progress each school term. The second meeting was scheduled for late February but was postponed while we waited for quotations for the church roof. COVID 19 and lockdown then intervened.

The men were due to go away for a weekend away in early July and the women later in the year. Both are pending due to COVID 19.

Further details:

- The number of *registered members* of Trinity Church Sunderland has increased from 41 to 44 adults over the period. The church continues with around 50 adults under the pastoral care of small groups and one to one ministry in the past year. A regular Sunday gathering is somewhere between 40-60 adults. There are 30 children and young adults who regularly attend on Sundays.
- Since September 2018 the church has received financial support from FIEC to help fund James in part time theological study through *Crosslands Seminary* along-side his role as a pastor-in-training. James' contract ended on August 31st 2020. The church leadership are encouraged that James and Sarah are staying locally and for work with *Friends International*.

We are extremely grateful to the Lord for James' service over these past 3 years and look forward to seeing how the Lord may use his gifts in the future.

- In discussion with leadership and church council a decision regarding the church roof was suspended until the outcome of Covid 19 was clearer.
- Duncan remains seconded as a Crosslands Seminary Tutor for the north east region overseeing 6 students from different churches. Trinity Church is remunerated for the seminar days and tutorial duties for which Duncan Woods is responsible.
- Kieran joined as a part-time ministry trainee from Sept 2019 and has secured external funding for a second year of Sept 2020-Aug 2021.

Conclusion

It is difficult to know what the impact of COVID 19 will have on church. Many of us have been placed under great strain. There are numerous worries – our health, our families our jobs and apart from Amazon and Netflix the routes to our favoured means of escapism have been blocked. We have had to juggle many responsibilities often without respite. And just remember there was a point where we liked Zoom!

COVID of course has just brought out what was already there in our hearts. If we are prone to be anxious about health, security or money it has now just bubbled out. If we are an extrovert, we are going mad cut off from others. If an introvert, we've may be not really minded lockdown that much! More than ever we simply need Jesus. We need his sustaining grace as another day dawns and we face a groaning world and we groan with it. We need to see Jesus as he refines us in this season. Indeed, all so the Father might see more clearly the reflection of His Son in His church.

In all this, as 2 Peter reminded us, we need to see Him waiting as the Day of the Lord is graciously held back so that many might come to repentance. COVID 19 will harden some to the gospel but will soften many. Let us pray fervently for each other, those around us and our world as we pray his kingdom might come and come soon.

Financial Review

Trinity Church Sunderland is financed through charitable giving raised through the membership as well as external supporters of the ministry.

The church's income for the year to 31 August 2020 was £83,465 (2019: £79,907) and its expenditure for that year was £89,285 (2019: £97,151). The church has therefore reported a deficit of £5,820 (2019: a deficit of £17,244) and its net assets decreased by that amount, to £205,336. This included net current assets of £23,064 (2019: £23,388), of which £21,617 (2019: £11,325) is cash.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the church should aim to hold unrestricted cash of £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the church could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end the charity held unrestricted cash of £18,535, which is just slightly short of the target set by the trustees.

Risk Statement

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of directors under company law

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

Responsibilities of directors under company law continued

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Duncan Woods

Director and trustee

Date: 17 May 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2020 on pages 11 to 19 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
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18 May 2021

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds For 2020 £	Total Funds For 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	65,259	11,000	76,259	72,508
Charitable activities	4	7,206	-	7,206	7,399
Total income and endowments		72,465	11,000	83,465	79,907
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	76,757	12,528	89,285	97,151
Total expenditure		76,757	12,528	89,285	97,151
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)	(17,244)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)	(17,244)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		32,213	178,943	211,156	228,400
Total funds carried forward	12	27,921	177,415	205,336	211,156

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>7,939</u>	<u>174,333</u>	<u>182,272</u>	<u>187,768</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	6,734	-	6,734	17,032
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>18,535</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>21,617</u>	<u>11,325</u>
		25,269	3,082	28,351	28,357
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(5,287)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,287)</u>	<u>(4,968)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>19,982</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>23,064</u>	<u>23,388</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>27,921</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>205,336</u>	<u>211,156</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds		27,921	-	27,921	32,213
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>178,943</u>
		<u>27,921</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>205,336</u>	<u>211,156</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Duncan Woods

Date: 17 May 2021

Company number: 08621286

Charity number: 1154068

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDERLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might impact forecasts.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received.

Income from donations and legacies includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church events and the letting of facilities for community use.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these accounts as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

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f) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold property	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 15 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

j) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

k) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

l) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

n) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

o) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	55,032	52,613
Other grants receivable	8,500	8,100
Income tax recoverable	12,727	11,795
	<u>76,259</u>	<u>99,383</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from letting activities for community use	3,450	3,635
Conferences, courses, events and resource sales	3,756	3,764
	<u>7,206</u>	<u>7,399</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs, including training	62,197	64,241
Premises costs	7,108	8,431
Depreciation	5,496	5,496
Other costs	8,028	9,733
Grants payable (note 5a)	4,957	8,050
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	1,500	1,200
	<u>89,285</u>	<u>97,151</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £1,500 (2019: £1,200); in addition the charity paid £539 (2019: £539) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

5a Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £
Grants to support church planting			
FIEC	1,258	-	1,258
Grants for overseas mission work			
Crosslinks	1,199	-	1,199
Frontiers	1,250	-	1,250
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,250	-	1,250
	<u>4,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,957</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2019 £
Grants to support church planting			
FIEC	1,225	-	1,225
Grants for overseas mission work			
Crosslinks	1,705	-	1,705
Frontiers	2,500	-	2,500
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,500	-	2,500
Other small grants	70	50	120
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>8,050</u>

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2019: 2). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum (2019: none).

Total employment benefits payable to key management (who comprise the trustees) for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2020 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,237</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>40,743</u>

The following amounts were charged in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2019 £
Duncan Woods	<u>37,237</u>	<u>3,190</u>	<u>40,427</u>

Duncan Woods served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	fittings and equipment £	Total 2019 £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2019	200,000	12,771	212,771
Additions in year	-	-	-
At 31 August 2020	<u>200,000</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>212,771</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 September 2019	21,667	3,336	25,003
Charge for the year	4,000	1,496	5,496
At 31 August 2020	<u>25,667</u>	<u>4,832</u>	<u>30,499</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2020	<u>174,333</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>182,272</u>
At 31 August 2019	<u>174,333</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>187,768</u>

The above freehold property, which is the church's building, was transferred from Sunderland Free Church to Trinity Church Sunderland in July 2014; this property has been included in these accounts at its estimated market value on the date of transfer.

8 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Tax recoverable	4,358	16,482
Other debtors	<u>2,376</u>	<u>550</u>
	<u>6,734</u>	<u>17,032</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	20,721	10,863
Cash with PayPal	462	462
Petty cash	<u>435</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>21,617</u>	<u>11,325</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	1,500	1,200
Grant obligations	<u>3,787</u>	<u>3,768</u>
	<u>5,287</u>	<u>4,968</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £4,758 (2019: £4,555) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2019: £nil).

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12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	178,333	-	(4,000)	-	174,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
Ministry Training Fund	28	8,500	(8,528)	-	-
FODI Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Roof Repair Fund	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
	<u>178,943</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>(12,528)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,415</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>32,213</u>	<u>72,465</u>	<u>(76,757)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,921</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>211,156</u>	<u>83,465</u>	<u>(89,285)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,336</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,939	174,333	182,272
Debtors	6,734	-	6,734
Cash at bank and in hand	18,535	3,082	21,617
Creditors falling due within one year	(5,287)	-	(5,287)
	<u>27,921</u>	<u>177,415</u>	<u>205,336</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2019 £	Incoming resources 2019 £	Outgoing resources 2019 £	Transfers in the year 2019 £	Closing balance 2019 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Building Fund	182,333	-	(4,000)	-	178,333
Bible Fund	377	-	-	-	377
Ministry Training Scheme	28	7,500	(7,500)	-	28
FODI Fund	-	423	(218)	-	205
Trinity Youth Club Fund	-	660	(834)	174	-
	<u>182,738</u>	<u>8,583</u>	<u>(12,552)</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>178,943</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>45,662</u>	<u>71,324</u>	<u>(84,599)</u>	<u>(174)</u>	<u>32,213</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>228,400</u>	<u>79,907</u>	<u>(97,151)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,156</u>

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12 Funds continued

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	9,435	178,333	187,768
Debtors	17,032	-	17,032
Cash at bank and in hand	10,715	610	11,325
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,968)	-	(4,968)
	<u>32,213</u>	<u>178,943</u>	<u>211,156</u>

Purpose of restricted funds:

Building fund: this fund was created when a church building, with a religious covenant, was transferred to the charity by Sunderland Free Church in 2014; the carried forward balance on fund is represented by the property's net book value at the balance sheet date.

Bible fund: this fund was created from donations received to help purchase Bibles.

FODI fund: this was created from donations received to help support the work of a drop in centre for assylum seekers and refugees, which makes use of the church building.

Ministry training fund: this fund was created from a grant received from the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches to help support a member of staff as they train for ministry.

Trinity Youth Club fund: this fund was created from grants and donations received to help purchase equipment for a new youth club.

Roof Repair fund: this fund was created from donations received to help repair the roof on the charity's church building.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £10,443 (2019: £8,615) from related parties (which includes trustees and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expense incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

15 Events since the balance sheet date

As mentioned in the trustees' report, in March 2020 the charity took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of COVID-19. This included the temporary suspension of all physical gatherings and the charity has had to curtail, or change, how it operates. The trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's unrestricted cash. The trustees are unable to reliably estimate the financial impact of COVID-19 at the present time.

Over £60,000 has now been raised to help repair the roof on the church building and these repairs should commence within the next few months.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	65,259	11,000	76,259	63,926	8,583	72,508
Charitable activities	4	7,206	-	7,206	7,399	-	7,399
Total income and endowments		72,465	11,000	83,465	71,324	8,583	79,907
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	5	76,757	12,528	89,285	84,599	12,552	97,151
Total Expenditure		76,757	12,528	89,285	84,599	12,552	97,151
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)	(13,275)	(3,969)	(17,244)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	(174)	174	-
Net movement in funds		(4,292)	(1,528)	(5,820)	(13,449)	(3,795)	(17,244)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		32,213	178,943	211,156	45,662	182,738	228,400
Total funds carried forward	12	27,921	177,415	205,336	32,213	178,943	211,156