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

England & Wales · Charity number 1154171

Details

Other names	HOLY TRINITY PCC, HURSTPIERPOINT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2013-10-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Parish Church

Classification

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

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Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£274,504	£241,625	-	-
2023-12-31	£232,612	£170,604	-	-
2022-12-31	£191,141	£147,056	-	-
2021-12-31	£236,338	£261,548	-	-
2020-12-31	£153,945	£152,858	-	-

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Trustees

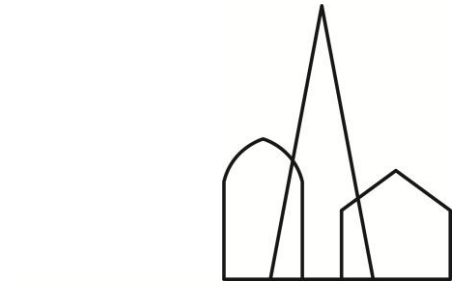
Name	Role	Appointed
Ally Dobson		2026-04-27
CLAIRE LEVIN		2013-10-08
Chris Tipping		2026-04-27
Dr Mary Virginia Gibbens		2022-04-25
Fred Cutler		2026-04-27
GAIL MILLAR		2026-04-27
Helen Gill Brewer		2024-05-13
Henry Marsden		2026-04-27
JOHN KEITH BIRTLES BA CPFA		2017-04-02
Jake Stimson		2025-04-28
Jenny Brown		2015-04-19
Josh Braid		2026-04-27
Lesley Margaret Webster		2013-10-08
Margaret Hall		2024-04-29
Matt Taplin		2026-04-27
Patricia Johns		2020-10-26
Paul Emerson		2026-04-27
Rev Debbie Beer		2017-04-02
Rev Richard Coldicott		2024-02-01
Robert Verheul		2021-04-25
TIMOTHY JOHN LEECH		2017-04-02
Tom Raiss		2026-04-27
VICTORIA EMMA MACKEN		2017-04-02
VICTORIA MARY HALL-SMITH		2013-10-08

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for the year ended 31st December 2024

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Dr Richard Coldicott (from 1st February 2024)
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer
Churchwardens	Pat Johns
	Tim Leech
Treasurer	Keith Birtles
PCC Secretary	Lucy Winter (from 1st February 2024)
Safeguarding officer	Victoria Hall-Smith
Ex-officio	Jenny Brown *(Reader)*
	Claire Levin *(Reader)*
	Kevin Carey *(Reader)*
	Tom Dare *(Licensed lay minister)* (to 13th May 2024)
Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2023-2026:	
	Claire Levin
	Victoria Hall-Smith
	Margaret Carey
	Carolyn Bentley
	Lesley Webster
Elected Members:	
To serve until 2024	Robert Verheul
	Keith Birtles
	Victoria Macken
To serve until 2025	Mary Gibbens
	Susanna Mayor-Smith (to 29th April 2024)
	Malcolm McKerney
	Gail Millar (from 16th September)

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To serve until 2026	Alison Dewdney
	Andrew McDougall
	Rod Price
	Susan Emerson (from 16th September)
To serve until 2027	Keith Birtles
	Margaret Hall
	Victoria Macken
	Robert Verheul
Co-Opted Members:	
	Susan Emerson (29th April-16th September)
	Gail Millar (29th April-16th September)
	Helen Brewer (from 15th July)
	Alison Dobson (from 16th September)

Committees

The Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the Churchwardens and the Treasurer appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals, Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission, and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities
2024 has been a year of new beginnings, which has seen some exciting appointments, encouraging growth across our congregations and the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity connect into fresh areas of life in the Parish.

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After an interregnum lasting just over a year, Revd Dr Richard Coldicott was licensed as the new Rector of Hurstpierpoint on 1st February 2024 by the Bishop of Horsham, having previously served as the Vicar of Holbrook in Horsham. Richard arrived to find Holy Trinity in good heart following a positive interregnum where the church had been superbly led by the ministry team and churchwardens, and unusually for an interregnum experienced numerical growth. It is exciting to report that this growth through 2024 has continued across all areas of church life as Richard settled quickly into ministry in the village.

A string of new staff appointments were made in the early part of 2024, with a new Administrator (Claire Levin) and Site Coordinator/PCC Secretary (Lucy Winter) appointed in February, and a Worship Pastor (Jake Stimson) appointed in March to serve the rapidly growing 11am service. All three settled quickly in their roles and have made an immediate positive impact on church life.

Through the Spring of 2024 the continued growth of the 11am contemporary worship service, and increasing numbers attending the 9.30am eucharist, led to the decision to alter the Sunday service times to 9.15am and 11.15am from June 2024 to facilitate a smoother transition between the services. This has proved successful and the increasing trend in attendance has continued. A third home group has now been established to serve the 11am congregation, and the ongoing development of our ministry with children and young people led by our Children and Family Worker Sarah Steel means we have had to be imaginative in our use of the available space, and are now needing to consider how the church might be reordered to create new purpose-built rooms for this work. Another exciting sign of the growth in spiritual discipleship has been that three people came forward to undertake the Authorised Lay Ministry training programme run by Chichester Diocese: Steve Law (specialising in pastoral care), Gail Millar (mission) and Naomi McBain (chaplaincy). When they are commissioned in April 2025 they will be exercising their ministries predominantly in the community outside of church, and we look forward to seeing how this work will bless the lives of many who currently are unconnected to Holy Trinity.

Our Children and Family Worker Sarah Steel has continued to spearhead with a team of volunteers a number of mission activities outside of services. She leads the team at The Sanctuary which is a weekly community group for 0-4s and their parents/carers, run jointly with the Good News Church, which meets in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre. The Sanctuary which weekly serves on average 60 children plus adults, was originally established by The Point Church (Burgess Hill), but in May it was formally adopted as part of Holy Trinity's mission to our village. Sarah has also run for the children an Easter Monday fun day (attended by over 200 children and their adults), 2 summer holiday fun days with provision for children with Special Educational Needs (each attended by over 150 children), and a Light Party on 31st October to encourage children to experience the light of the Good News of Jesus (attended by 141 children). This engagement with the families of the village alongside other regular work, such as the long-standing and well-loved weekly Fairfield Toddler group run by the Mothers Union in the village cricket pavilion, is making a huge difference to the lives of so many.

Our links with St. Lawrence CofE Primary School have deepened during 2024, with both Revd Richard and Sarah leading regular acts of worship for both KS1 and KS2 at school, and leading Easter and Harvest services in church. Holy Trinity has also hosted the KS2 Nativity services and been involved in supporting families in need in the run up to Christmas. In addition, Revd Richard has been into classes on several occasions in support of the curriculum.

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Light Party in Holy Trinity Church – 31st October 2024

Holy Trinity has regularly had 15 secondary age young people attending worship, so in July the PCC decided to seek to appoint a Youth Worker who would not only lead the work in church but also seek to initiate community youth work. Following a gift campaign in September, the role of Youth Worker was advertised and interviews conducted in December. Our new Youth Worker Lydia Mead will start work at Holy Trinity in January and we are excited at the potential for deeper engagement with the young people of Hurstpierpoint.

2024 saw Holy Trinity adopt two new Christian charity mission partners, Befriended which offers a range of services to older people living in Mid Sussex, and Hope which seeks to support people through the challenges of family life. In partnership with Befriended, a new monthly tea party was started in September in the Court Bushes Community Hub which is already growing and providing company and entertainment with a Christian underpinning. Holy Trinity has also adopted the Melting Pot initiative of Hope, which has a café style set up and caters for all ages, once again in Court Bushes. These partnerships are opening up new opportunities for Holy Trinity to serve our community in love.

Concern about how an earlier service time for the Sunday eucharist might impact some of our most elderly parishioners, led to the formerly monthly Wednesday 11am service becoming weekly in July. A new pattern of services was established, and it is encouraging to see that these new services which are being led by our full ministry team of Readers and Clergy have been well received, and being attended by people not previously connected to the worshipping life of Holy Trinity.

With the Bishop's permission, services for local Ukrainian families continue to be held monthly in Holy Trinity on Saturdays with a Ukrainian Orthodox priest. Holy Trinity is one of only 5 churches nationally offering this opportunity for Ukrainian families displaced by the war to worship, and it is a privilege to host those who attend these services from the local and surrounding area.

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Hurstpierpoint Tea Party at Court Bushes – 20th October 2024

Holy Trinity has played an active part throughout the year in the communal life of the village. The Church hosted events during the Hurst Festival and had stalls including activities to engage with children at the St. Lawrence Fair and on Santa Sunday. A walk of witness on Good Friday and a service on the village green at the end of the St. Lawrence Fair were held jointly with the Good News Church (the only other church in the village), and Holy Trinity hosted the Civic Remembrance Day service. Music and wine events were also staged throughout the year in the church which drew many from the village, as did the 5 Saturday café events. Additionally, the church remains at the heart of the work of the Hurst Community Charity Shop which serves the village on 6 days of the week and provides grants to support the work of groups and individuals in the village.

Following the Quinquennial inspection of the church conducted by our architect Andy Burrell in 2023, work has started on repairs commencing with the roof. Consideration is also being given to improving our lighting and heating, and how we might reorder our building to provide additional spaces where church and community groups could meet. We hope improvements that we may be able to make will also help us as we seek to move towards being a net zero carbon church. In November 2024, our external and internal notice boards were replaced to reflect changes during the year and provide clearer signage.

2024 culminated in a truly special Advent and Christmas. We were delighted that the number of people at the seasonal services reached levels not seen since before the pandemic, and indeed the carol service and Christmas Day service attendances surpassed those seen in 2019. We sense this reflects our greater and deeper involvement in ministry within our parish throughout 2024.

Church attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024 there are 232 people on our Electoral Roll, an encouraging increase of 23 since 2023 reflecting the ongoing increase in attendance.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. In October 2024 we averaged 154 adults and 44 children each week at our Sunday services. A Time to Remember Service was held on 27th October with an attendance of 50 (including 1 child). Our monthly Wednesday morning services had an attendance of 9 and we averaged 7 for the Tuesday Morning Prayer service.

Church Administration

We are incredibly thankful for those who do the largely unseen but vital ministry which sustains and enables church life – for our Administrator Claire (previously Site Coordinator) and our Site Coordinator Lucy (both appointed to these positions on 1st February) who do such sterling work, for Keith Birtles our Treasurer, Victoria Hall-Smith our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Gibbens our Pastoral Team coordinator, and for all who oversee the many practical matters of running a church.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months through 2024, with a high level of commitment from its members. We discuss future plans for services and events, our procedures, how we might enhance our building to make it more welcoming, and our ministry in the community. We also work to support our 7 charity partners:
Befriended, Christian Aid, Family Support Work, Friends International, Hope, Off the Fence and Sussex Pathways.

We would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the PCC for their support, valuable contributions, and commitment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND FUTURE PLANS

Income 2024

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £202,673 in 2024 compared to £184,505 in 2023. The receipts are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

We are pleased that planned giving increased by 9.1% to £110,581. There was an increase of 21% in the amount on the collection plate to £4,693.

The bank card reader was a new addition to the giving methods part way through 2022. In 2024 there were 378 transactions totalling £8,249, an average of £21.82. This compares favourably with 2023 when there were 336 transactions at an average of £15.48.

In 2024 there were also 14 gifts made on the website totalling £4,013. These methods of giving are subject to transaction fees, and this amounted to £184 (1.5% of the amount collected).

The most efficient method of giving remains the Parish Giving scheme (PGS). There are no costs to Holy Trinity and Gift Aid where applicable is collected by the administrator and paid over to us monthly. The giver can also arrange for the gift to be index linked to the consumer price index (CPI). The CPI fell to 2.5% in December 2024 after reaching a high of 10.4% in February 2023.

There was a very welcome increase in the numbers of PGS givers in 2024. In December 2024 there were 86 PGS givers compared to 71 in December 2023 and the total PGS giving

including gift aid amounted to £121,188 in 2024 compared to £107,959 in 2023 (an increase of 12.3%). This was 60% of all unrestricted income for the year. It is expected that the full year accounts for 2025 will show a much increased level of giving through PGS as a result of the stewardship appeal in Autumn 2024.

Grants were received as follows:

Chichester Diocese Mission Fund (for the Children's worker)	£10,000
Hurst Community shop (for works to the church roof)	£7,426
Hurst Community shop (for the monitor on the pillar)	£2,000
Hurst Community shop (for the running costs of Youth work)	£10,000
Listed places of worship scheme (VAT on repairs)	£1,602

There was an increase in income from wedding and funeral fees of £1,352.

The Bank base rate remained at 5.25% from January 2024 until August 2024 when it reduced to 5%. There was a further reduction to 4.75% in November 2024. These relatively high interest rates have enabled the PCC to earn £10,452 in investment income which is an increase of 39% on 2023.

There was an increase in fund raising event income of £496 but lettings were down by £767.

There were restricted gifts totalling £32,189. The main purposes were for the new post of Youth worker, for church facilities including microphones and for Christian Aid projects and the Rector's discretionary fund.

Expenditure 2024

The biggest item of expenditure was the sum of £82,000 paid to Chichester diocese for our share of Parish Ministry Costs. This year the contribution from Holy Trinity increased by 4.0%.

The figure covers our share of the housing, salary and pension costs of clergy, training of new ordinands, Parish support services (including the Board of Education) and a contribution to national church funds.

Staff costs
The PCC employed a Church administrator, a site coordinator, a Children and families leader and the new post of worship pastor. The total salary costs increased by 37% to £45,822.

Trustee payments and expenses
Claire Levin, a trustee, was employed as administrator and occasional verger for weddings and funerals. Her pay including employer pension contributions in 2024 was £11,738.

Cost of Gas and Electricity and Water
The bills for these utilities showed an increase of 10% to a figure of £13,291.

Improvements and repairs to the fabric of the church building
The total expenditure came to £25,825 compared to just £3,801 in 2023.
The main items were works to the roof £8,911; £10,248 on new signage and noticeboards; electrical repairs £1,054; repairs to the screen and sound desk £1,294; cleaning paths and gutters £920.

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Net Surplus 2024

The welcome increase of £10,000 in regular giving, together with unrestricted gifts of £6,777, legacies of £9,750, increased income from fund raising and investments of £3,500, set against increased expenditure of £20,000, has led to a position where the PCC had an unrestricted surplus for the year of £10,060. After crediting the gain on investments of £320 the net surplus is £10,380.

Why we hold some money in reserve.
It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted fund which equates to at least three months' worth of unrestricted payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. This is equivalent to approximately £50,000. The general fund was comfortably more than that figure throughout 2024.

Surplus general funds are invested temporarily with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills.

To spread the risk on our investments, PCC agreed to invest £80,000 for one year with the Cambridge Building Society.

£50,869 of the general unrestricted fund was invested temporarily with the Church of England deposit Fund on 31st December 2024.

Management of risks and their mitigation
The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on its mission in the parish. The PCC considers that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund costs arising from the Quinquennial survey of the church's state of repair.
- The need to review accommodation arising from the growth in numbers.
- The need to continue the reviews of regular giving.

The PCC will manage these risks by repairing the church fabric in a timely manner, by regularly reviewing its mission plan and its sources of income.

Future Uncertainties
Following a forecast small surplus of £4000 in 2025 there is an expected deficit of £40,000 in 2026 due to the run-down of grants and gifts for the Children's and Families leader and the Youth Worker. In the short term there is an adequate general reserve. However, it is hoped that increases in regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme will ensure we are in a strong position to meet these future commitments. It is important that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges. This will enable the mission to Hurstpierpoint to be continued and for repairs and improvements to be made to the fabric of our church building.

The Church of England's General Synod has recognized the climate emergency and called on all parts of the Church to become net zero by 2030. An energy survey was conducted here in 2022 and the consultant's report has advised on the path to be followed to achieve net zero.

Conclusion

At the end of a busy 2024, we are so grateful to the Lord for his faithfulness and the many ways in which we see Holy Trinity growing through the leading of the Holy Spirit. It has been a joy to witness the start of new community initiatives and how these have grown, and also to adopt some existing ministries which provide support to many in our village, so deepening our engagement with our parish. It has been exciting to connect with so many new people through the year and to see our congregation embrace change under our new Rector. Considering 2025 and the appointment of our new youth worker, we look forward with anticipation to all that the Lord will be doing in and through the work of Holy Trinity in our Parish.

Approval of the Annual Report by the Trustees

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC at its meeting on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by The Rev'd Richard Coldicott, PCC Chair.

R.S. Coldicott

_____ Date 10th March 2025

Rector

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income	2a	183,214	59,489			**242,703**	211,316
Activities for generating funds	2b	4,522				**4,522**	4,026
Income from investments	2c	6,496	2,817	894	245	**10,452**	7,545
Church activities	2d	8,441	6,186			**14,627**	6,625
Other incoming resources	2e		2,200			**2,200**	3,100
Total incoming resources		202,673	70,692	894	245	**274,504**	232,612
Resources expended							
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a						
Fund-raising trading costs	3b						
Church activities	3c	192,514	48,767		245	**241,526**	170,511
Governance Costs	3d	99				**99**	93
Total resources expended		192,613	48,767		245	**241,625**	170,604
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		10,060	21,925	894		**32,879**	62,008
Gross transfers between funds							
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		10,060	21,925	894		**32,879**	62,008
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	6b	320			202	**522**	1,961
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	6b						
Net movement in funds		10,380	21,925	894	202	**33,401**	63,969
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		142,766	61,295	20,000	8,838	**232,899**	168,930
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		153,146	83,220	20,894	9,040	**266,300**	232,899

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	6a				
Investments	6		**23,330**		22,808
Total fixed assets			**23,330**		22,808
Current assets					
Debtors	8		**19,521**		16,347
CBF Deposits			**140,693**		168,927
Cambridge Building Society I year deposit			**80,000**		
Cash at bank			**8,817**		31,415
			249,031		216,689
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9		**-6,061**		-6,598
Net current assets			**242,970**		210,091
Total assets less current liabilities			**266,300**		232,899
NET ASSETS			**266,300**		232,899
Funds	7				
Endowment funds	10		**9,040**		8,838
Restricted funds	10		**83,220**		61,295
Unrestricted funds	10		**153,146**		142,766
Designated funds	10		**20,894**		20,000
			266,300		232,899

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 was **approved** by the Parochial Church Council on 10th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Richard Coldicott PCC Chair, and Mr Keith Birtles, Hon. Treasurer:

R.S. Coldicott J.K. Birtles Date 10 March 2025

Rector. Treasurer

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

a Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts 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 (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Designated funds - these are unrestricted funds, which the PCC has allocated for a designated purpose. Such funds can be undesignated at any time and the funds returned to the unrestricted fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

Tax recoverable on gift aid

This is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that donation and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Settlement of insurance claims

These are included when the general income recognition criteria are met for the claim.

d ***Offsetting***

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by FRS102,

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a	*Voluntary income*						
	Planned giving	120,639				**120,639**	110,581
	Collections	4,693				**4,693**	3,879
	Gifts	6,777	32,189			**38,966**	42,930
	Tax recoverable on gift aid	28,650	7,300			**35,950**	34,267
	Grants	11,028	20,000			**31,028**	15,110
	Legacies	9,750				**9,750**	3,733
	Other	1,677				**1,677**	676
		183,214	59,489			**242,703**	211,176
b	*Activities for generating funds*						
	Fund-raising events	4,522				**4,522**	4,026
		4,522				**4,522**	4,026
c	*Investment income*						
	Dividends and interest	6,496	2,817	894	245	**10,452**	7,545
		6,496	2,817	894	245	**10,452**	7,545
d	*Income from Church Activities*						
	Fees from weddings etc	5,674				**5,674**	4,322
	Church lettings	1,676				**1,676**	2,443
	Sanctuary toddlers group	1,091	770			**1,861**	
	Melting Pot café		5,416			**5,416**	
		8,441	6,186			**14,627**	6,765
e	*Other incoming resources*						
	Ukraine refugee gifts						900
	Henry Smith charity		2,200			**2,200**	2,200
			2,200			**2,200**	3,100
	Total incoming resources	202,673	70,692	894	245	**274,504**	232,612

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a	*Costs of generating voluntary income*					
	Envelope Costs					
	Stewardship costs					
b	*Fund-raising trading costs*					
	Fundraising Costs					
c	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Friends International	2,640			**2,640**	2,400
	Bible Society	1,320			**1,320**	1,200
	Off the Fence	1,320	1,639		**2,959**	1,900
	Christian Aid	1,320	4,195		**5,515**	6,114
	Sussex Pathways	1,320			**1,320**	1,200
	Family Support Work	1,320	1,077		**2,397**	1,463
	Befriended	660			**660**	
	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)		343		**343**	274
	Ukraine refugees		574		**574**	1,195
	Other Charities		609		**609**	453
	Grants from Henry Smith charity		2,300		**2,300**	2,100
	Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		4,317		**4,317**	66
	Christmas presents		882		**882**	
		9,900	15,936		**25,836**	18,365
	Diocesan parish contribution	82,000		245	**82,245**	79,037
	Ministry Team costs and expenses	8,753			**8,753**	4,946
	Insurance	7,427			**7,427**	7,225
	Choir,music,copyright fees and licences	694			**694**	985
	Children's work	3,511	3,510		**7,021**	4,530
	Church services supplies	4,811			**4,811**	2,513
	Church building maintenance	25,825			**25,825**	3,801
	Church building improvements		10,693		**10,693**	
	Church running expenses	3,071			**3,071**	1,467
	Utilities for church	13,291			**13,291**	12,083
	Staff salaries	27,822	18,000		**45,822**	33,535

	Office running costs and supplies	3,638			**3,638**	2,024
	Sanctuary toddlers group	1,771			**1,771**	
	Melting Pot café		628		**628**	
		192,514	48,767	245	**241,526**	**170,511**
d	*Governance costs*					
	Independent examination fee	99			**99**	93
		99			**99**	93
	Total resources expended	**192,613**	**48,767**	**245**	**241,625**	**170,604**

Payments to Trustees
Claire Levin, a trustee,was employed as administrator and with payments for verger duties and employer's pension contributions. She received a total of £11,738 in the year.

Related party transactions.
There were no other related party transactions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2024	22,808
Net gain on revaluation	522
Market value 31 December 2024	**23,330**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	£		£	**£**
Investment fixed assets	14,290			9,040	**23,330**
Current assets	144,917	83,220	20,894		**249,031**
Current liabilities	-6,061				**-6,061**
	153,146	**83,220**	**20,894**	**9,040**	**266,300**

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	**12,000**	12,850
CCLA Deposit Fund interest	**1,515**	2,265
Cambridge Building Society interest	**3,803**	
Grant claims	**1,602**	110
Other debtors	**601**	1,122
	19,521	16,347

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Utilities	**1,945**	2,117
Other	**4,116**	4,481
	6,061	6,598

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	Fund transfer	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024**
	£	£	£	£		**£**
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	142,766	202,673	-192,613	320		**153,146**
	142,766	202,673	-192,613	320		**153,146**
Restricted Funds						
Discretionary Fund	14,108	4,295	-4,317			**14,086**
Passion Trust	648	29				**677**
Hymn book fund	1,181	53				**1,234**
Churchyard creation care	3,887	174				**4,061**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,428	2,200	-2,300			**2,328**
Childrens worker	36,626	11,489	-21,510			**26,605**
Youth worker		21,264				**21,264**
Ukraine refugees	2,417	101	-574			**1,944**
Church facilities		16,055	-10,693			**5,362**
Sanctuary toddlers group		787				**787**
Melting Pot café		5,452	-628			**4,824**
Christmas presents		930	-882			**48**
Gifts to charities		7,863	-7,863			**0**
	61,295	70,692	-48,767			**83,220**
Designated Fund						
Repairs Fund	20,000	894				**20,894**
	20,000	894				**20,894**
Endowment Fund						
Hannington Legacy	8,838			202		**9,040**
	8,838			202		**9,040**
Total funds	232,899	274,259	-241,380	522		**266,300**

Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.
The designated fund for repairs has been set up to meet part of the cost of urgent repair works identified in the 2023 Quinquennial survey.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOIINT

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Simon James ACA

28/29 Carlton Terrace
Portslade
East Sussex
11th March 2025

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

England & Wales - Charity number 1154171

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2023

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Jane Willis MA (to 13th February) – Vacant thereafter
Interim Priest in Charge	Reverend Thea Edwards – 1st July to 17th September 2023
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer
Churchwardens	Pat Johns
	Tim Leech
Treasurer	Keith Birtles
PCC Secretary	Lizzie Lamont
Safeguarding officer	Victoria Hall-Smith
Ex-officio	Gerry Willis (to 13th February) Jenny Brown *(Reader)* Claire Levin *(Reader)* Kevin Carey *(Reader)* (from 1st March) Tom Dare *(Licensed lay minister) (from 18th July)*

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2020-2023

Claire Levin	Victoria Hall-Smith
Carolyn Bentley	Lesley Webster

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2023-2026

Claire Levin	Victoria Hall-Smith	Margaret Carey
Carolyn Bentley	Lesley Webster	

Elected Members
To serve until 2023

Margaret Carey

To serve until 2024

Robert Verheul	Keith Birtles	Victoria Macken

To serve until 2025

Mary Gibbens	Susanna Mayor-Smith	Malcolm McKemey

Co-opted – Andrew McDougal (until 15th May)

To serve until 2026

Alison Dewdney	Andrew McDougall (from 15th May)	Rod Price

Committees

The Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the Churchwardens and a number of other members appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities
2023 has been a time of change, transition and growth at Holy Trinity.

The Holy Trinity church community said a sad, but fond farewell to Revd Jane Willis and Gerry Willis at their final service on 15th January. We give thanks to God for 8 years of wonderful service to Holy Trinity and the Hurstpierpoint community, and wish them well as they begin a new life and ministry in Dorchester-on-Thames.

The final accomplishment of Revd Jane Willis before she left was the appointment of Sarah Steel as Children and Family Worker. Sarah began her employment on 1st February 2023. Sarah has been a huge blessing to the parish by not only providing activities for children at the 9.30am and 11.00am services and leading assemblies at St Lawrence school, but also organising two fun days for children in the summer holidays – over 300 children in total attending these – and a Light Party which saw 150 children attending. Volunteer helpers for these events included members of the whole church community. This is in addition to Sarah's other outreach work at The Sanctury group in the village centre on Monday mornings which welcomes pre-school children and their carers.

The 11.00am family service has gone from strength to strength and is largely responsible for the continued growth of the church. A core team of contributors to the 11.00am service wonderfully led by Tom Dare and Sarah Steel has enabled volunteers to work with the various children's groups and the youth group during the services. Two house groups for adults have grown from this congregation.

Strong links with St Lawrence School have been maintained during the vacancy and the school have held Harvest Festival and Nativity services in the church. The school also made a meaningful contribution to the Parish Profile, especially the qualities the children would like to see in the new Rector.

The Churchwardens organised a church forum morning early in February to help discern the essential and desirable qualities in a new Rector. This was well supported by the church community with nearly 50 people attending. Grateful thanks are given to Reverend Paul Doick (Acting Archdeacon) and Rob Verheul for their guidance and leadership on the morning. Through this morning our hopes and desires we wished for in our new Rector became clear. We are extremely grateful for the guidance, advice and support the parish has received from the Diocese during this process especially from the Bishop of Horsham, Archdeacon of Horsham, Reverend Paul Doick, and from our Patron's representative Tim Manly. The Parish Profile was formally accepted at a Section 11 meeting of the PCC in April.

On 1st July Reverend Thea Edwards was placed at Holy Trinity on a short-term placement over the summer months as an interim priest-in-charge. We are truly grateful for Revd Thea's leadership during this time which was very well received by both 9.30 and 11.00am congregations. When Revd Thea left us mid-September our Ministry team continued to preside and preach at the monthly 8.00am and the 11.00am midweek services as well as the 9.30am service under the guidance and organisation of our Associate Vicar Revd Debbie Beer. Our church community has continued to flourish under their ministry.

In May a service was held to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, and in November the annual Remembrance Day service was very well supported by the village uniform groups.

Permission was sought and received from Bishop Martin for local Ukrainian families to hold monthly services in Holy Trinity on Saturdays. Approximately 20-30 attend these services from the local and surrounding area, which are conducted by an Orthodox priest.

A Quinquennial inspection of the church was carried out by our architect Andy Burrell who produced a very full and helpful report. The priority work advised will be planned and scheduled in the forthcoming year.

In September the church's Patron Tim Manly and Churchwardens Tim Leech and Pat Johns were

invited by Bishop Ruth to interview two candidates for the vacant position of Rector for Hurstpierpoint. Everyone was delighted to appoint Reverend Dr Richard Coldicott who will be licensed in February 2024.

During this year of vacancy our church has unusually continued to grow and flourish. The Church's ministry has further extended into the Hurstpierpoint community and as we look forward with anticipation and excitement to our new Rector taking up his position, the church community have confidence in future development and growth. There is much evidence of God's work in our community and the Holy Spirit guiding our Mission.

Church attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 there are 209 people on our Electoral Roll.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. In October 2023 we averaged 104 adults and 37 children each week at our Sunday services. A Time to Remember Service was held on 29th October with an attendance of 59. Our monthly Wednesday lunchtime communion had an attendance of 11 and we averaged 4 for the Tuesday Morning Prayer service.

Church Administration

We are thankful for those who do largely unseen but valuable 'ad-ministry' – for our Administrator Lizzie and Site Coordinator Claire who do such sterling work, and for all who look after our finances, administration and safeguarding and the many practical matters of running a church.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months, with a high level of commitment from its members. We discuss future plans for services and events, and review past ones. During the year of vacancy, we have discussed the compilation of our Parish Profile, the findings of the Forum Day and the discernment process of appointing a new Rector. We were very grateful to Archdeacon Angela attending our July meeting to advise on the advertising and interviewing process for the new Rector. The Church Wardens would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the PCC for their support, valuable contributions and commitment during the time of vacancy. There is real evidence of the Holy Spirit working in our Church community as it continues to grow and flourish.

Financial Review and Future plans

Income 2023

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £184,505 and these are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

We are pleased that planned giving increased by 11% to £110,581. There was a small increase in the use of the collection plate to £3,879.

The bank card reader was a new addition to the giving methods part way through 2022. In 2023 there were 336 transactions totalling £5,200. There were also 23 gifts made on the website totalling £7,319. These methods of giving are subject to transaction fees and this amounted to £203 (1.62% of the amount collected).

The most efficient method of giving remains the Parish Giving scheme (PGS). There are no costs to Holy Trinity and Gift Aid where applicable is collected by the administrator and paid over to us monthly. The giver can also arrange for the gift to be index linked which was very helpful when consumer price inflation rose to a high of 10.4% in February 2023.

There were 71 PGS givers on average in 2023 and their giving together with gift aid amounted to £107,959 which was 59% of all unrestricted income for the year.

Grants were received as follows:

Chichester Diocese Mission Fund (for the Children's worker)	£15,000
Listed places of worship scheme (VAT on repairs)	£110

There was a fall in income from wedding and funeral fees of £760.
The regular increases in Bank base rate from 3.5% in January 2023 to 5.25% by August 2023 have resulted in investment income rising by £5,970 (an increase of 380%).
There was a small improvement in fund raising event income of £378 but lettings were down by £692

There were restricted gifts totalling £33,984. The main purposes were for the new post of children and families leader which was filled by Sarah Steel on 20th February 2023 and for Christian Aid projects and for the Ukrainian refugees in Hurstpierpoint.

Expenditure 2023

The biggest item of expenditure was the sum of £78,795 paid to Chichester diocese for our share of Parish Ministry Costs. This year the contribution from Holy Trinity increased by 2.4%.

The figure covers our share of the housing, salary and pension costs of clergy, training of new ordinands, Parish support services (including the Board of Education) and a contribution to national church funds.

Staff costs

The PCC employed a Church administrator, a site coordinator and the new post of Children and families leader. The total salary costs increased by 195% to £33,535.

Trustee payments and expenses

Claire Levin, a trustee, was employed as site co-ordinator and occasional verger for weddings and funerals. Her pay in 2023 was £6,396.

Cost of Gas and Electricity

In 2023 we were faced with the full year costs of the fixed contracts for gas and electricity negotiated in 2022. The bills for these utilities showed an increase of 17% to a figure of £12,083.

Improvements and repairs to the fabric of the church building

There was very little work carried out in 2023. We paid a fee of £1,517 to the church architect for the Quinquennial survey on the condition of the church fabric.

Net Surplus 2023

The welcome increase in regular giving by £11,000, together with unrestricted gifts of £9,000, legacies of £3,733 (from the estates of Ann Mason and John Creaton), increased income from fund raising and investments of £4,000, and a reduced level of expenditure by £6,000, have led to a position where the PCC had an unrestricted surplus for the year of £29,837. After crediting the gain on investments of £1,703 the net surplus is £31,038.

PCC resolved to set up a designated repairs fund of £20,000 which meant that the unrestricted fund increased by £11,038 to £142,766.

Why we hold some money in reserve

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted fund which equates to at least three months' worth of unrestricted payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. This is equivalent to approximately £50,000. The general fund was comfortably in excess of that figure throughout 2023.

Surplus general funds are invested temporarily with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills. £104,192 of the general unrestricted fund was invested temporarily at 31st December 2023.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on its mission in the parish. The PCC considers that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund costs arising from the Quinquennial survey of the church's state of repair
- The need to review accommodation arising from the growth in numbers
- The need to promote increases in regular giving

The PCC will manage these risks by maintaining the church fabric to in a timely manner, by regularly reviewing its mission plan and its sources of income.

Future Uncertainties

Budget deficits are forecast for 2024, 2025 and 2026. In the short term there is an adequate general reserve. However, it is hoped that increases in regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme will ensure we are in a strong position to meet future commitments. It is important that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges. This will enable the mission to Hurstpierpoint to be continued and for repairs and improvements to be made to the fabric of our church building.

The Church of England's General Synod has recognized the climate emergency and called on all parts

of the Church to become net zero by 2030. An energy survey was carried out here in 2022 and the consultant's report has advised on the path to be followed to achieve net zero. It recommends the installation of full LED lighting, solar panels and a heat pump.

Keith Birtles PCC Treasurer 20th March 2024

Conclusion

At the end of a year which has continued to bring its own challenges, we remain thankful for the goodness of God, and for the privilege of sharing in life, worship and service together as Holy Trinity Church. We are deeply grateful for all who share in the life of the church, contributing in many and various ways. We have been blessed with the leadership of Revd Jane Willis over the past 8 years. She has brought growth to our church, given encouragement to us all and we are truly thankful for all she has contributed to our church and village communities. We wish her well in her new role as Rector of Dorchester Abbey. We trust all is done as worship to the Lord. We are thankful to be in good heart, and growing both spiritually and numerically. We give thanks also to our Ministry Team, to all who lead in the varying aspects of church life at Holy Trinity, and to all who give of the time and resources. We are thankful for all God has done in 2023 and look forward to all that is ahead.

PMJ Johns Mleed Date 14th April 2024.

Churchwardens

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
Incoming resources							
Voluntary income	2a	168,323	42,853			**211,176**	168,178
Activities for generating funds	2b	4,026				**4,026**	3,648
Income from investments	2c	5,391	1,912		242	**7,545**	1,573
Church activities	2d	6,765				**6,765**	8,076
Other incoming resources	2e		3,100			**3,100**	9,666
Total incoming resources		184,505	47,865		242	**232,612**	191,141
Resources expended							
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a						
Fund-raising trading costs	3b						
Church activities	3c	154,575	15,694		242	**170,511**	146,977
Governance Costs	3d	93				**93**	79
Total resources expended		154,668	15,694		242	**170,604**	147,056
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		29,837	32,171			**62,008**	44,085
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)		20,000			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		9,837	32,171	20,000		**62,008**	44,085
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	6b	1,201			760	**1,961**	(2,782)
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	6b						
Net movement in funds		11,038	32,171	20,000	760	**63,969**	41,303
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		131,728	29,124		8,078	**168,930**	127,627
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		142,766	61,295	20,000	8,838	**232,899**	168,930

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes		2023	2022
			£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	6a			
Investments	6		**22,808**	20,847
Total fixed assets			**22,808**	20,847
Current assets				
Debtors	8	**16,347**		6,417
CBF Deposits		**168,927**		94,272
Cash at bank		**31,415**		52,973
		216,689		153,662
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**-6,598**		-5,579
Net current assets			**210,091**	148,083
Total assets less current liabilities			**232,899**	168,930
NET ASSETS			**232,899**	168,930
Funds	7			
Endowment funds	10		**8,838**	8,078
Restricted funds	10		**61,295**	29,124
Unrestricted funds	10		**142,766**	131,728
Designated funds	10		**20,000**	
			232,899	168,930

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th March 2024 and signed on its behalf

R.S. Coldwell (REVD DR)

(NEW INCUMBENT)

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

a Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their acccounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restructed objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaing unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Designated funds - these are unrestricted funds, which the PCC has allocated for a designated purpose. Such funds can be undesignated at any time and the funds returned to the unrestricted fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

Tax recoverable on gift aid

This is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that donation and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Settlement of insurance claims

These are included when the general income recognition criteria are met for the claim.

d *Offsetting*

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by FRS102,

e **Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

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2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
a	*Voluntary income*					
	Planned giving	110,581			**110,581**	99,431
	Collections	3,879			**3,879**	3,713
	Gifts	8,946	33,984		**42,930**	16,188
	Tax recoverable on gift aid	25,398	8,869		**34,267**	24,188
	Grants	15,110			**15,110**	24,658
	Legacies	3,733			**3,733**	
	Other	676			**676**	
		168,323	42,853		**211,176**	168,178
b	*Activities for generating funds*					
	Fund-raising events	4,026			**4,026**	3,648
		4,026			**4,026**	3,648
c	*Investment income*					
	Dividends and interest	5,391	1,912	242	**7,545**	1,573
		5,391	1,912	242	**7,545**	1,573
d	*Income from Church Activities*					
	Fees from weddings etc	4,322			**4,322**	5,081
	Church lettings	2,443			**2,443**	2,995
		6,765			**6,765**	8,076
e	*Other incoming resources*					
	Insurance claims					7,466
	Ukraine refugee gifts		900		**900**	
	Henry Smith charity		2,200		**2,200**	2,200
			3,100		**3,100**	9,666
	Total incoming resources	184,505	47,865	242	**232,612**	191,141

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
a *Costs of generating voluntary income*					
Envelope Costs					
Stewardship costs					
b *Fund-raising trading costs*					
Fundraising Costs					
c *Church Activities*					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Friends International	2,400			**2,400**	2,000
Bible Society	1,200			**1,200**	1,000
Off the Fence	1,200	700		**1,900**	1,244
Christian Aid	1,200	4,914		**6,114**	2,598
Sussex Pathways	1,200			**1,200**	1,000
Family Support Work	1,200	263		**1,463**	1,080
Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)		274		**274**	82
Ukraine refugees		1,195		**1,195**	436
Other Charities		453		**453**	
Grants from Henry Smith charity		2,100		**2,100**	1,929
Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		66		**66**	350
	8,400	9,965		**18,365**	11,719
Diocesan parish contribution	78,795		242	**79,037**	77,207
Ministry Team costs and expenses	4,946			**4,946**	4,256
Insurance	7,225			**7,225**	6,568
Choir,music,copyright fees and licences	985			**985**	1,026
Children's work	2,265	2,265		**4,530**	
Church services supplies	2,513			**2,513**	4,220
Church building maintenance	3,801			**3,801**	8,820
Church building improvements					8,025
Church running expenses	1,467			**1,467**	1,534
Utilities for church	12,083			**12,083**	10,312
Staff salaries	30,071	3,464		**33,535**	11,362
Office running costs and supplies	2,024			**2,024**	1,928
	154,575	15,694	242	**170,511**	**146,977**
d *Governance costs*					
Independent examination fee	93			**93**	79
	93			**93**	79
Total resources expended	**154,668**	**15,694**	**242**	170,604	**147,056**

Payments to Trustees
Claire Levin, a trustee,was employed as site coordinator and together with payments for verger duties she received a total of £6,396.00 in the year.
Related party transactions.
There were no other related party transactions.

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6 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2023	20,847
Net gain on revaluation	1,961
Market value 31 December 2023	**22,808**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund(Income) Shares.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Investment fixed assets	13,970			8,838	**22,808**
Current assets	135,394	61,295	20,000		**216,689**
Current liabilities	-6,598				**-6,598**
	142,766	**61,295**	**20,000**	**8,838**	**232,899**

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	**12,850**	5,750
CCLA Deposit Fund interest	**2,265**	
Grant claims	**110**	
Other debtors	**1,122**	667
	16,347	6,417

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Utilities	**2,117**	2,436
Other	**4,481**	3,143
	6,598	5,579

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	Fund transfer	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2023**
	£	£	£	£		**£**
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	131,728	184,505	-154,668	1,201	-20,000	**142,766**
	131,728	184,505	-154,668	1,201	-20,000	**142,766**
Restricted Funds						
Discretionary Fund	13,676	498	-66			**14,108**
Passion Trust	625	23				**648**
Hymn book fund	1,140	41				**1,181**
Churchyard creation care	3,750	137				**3,887**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,328	2,200	-2,100			**2,428**
Childrens worker	5,000	37,355	-5,729			**36,626**
Ukraine refugees	2,605	1,007	-1,195			**2,417**
Gifts to charities		6,604	-6,604			**0**
	29,124	47,865	-15,694			**61,295**
Designated Fund						
Repairs Fund					20,000	**20,000**
					20,000	**20,000**
Endowment Fund						
Hannington Legacy	8,078			760		**8,838**
	8,078			760		**8,838**
Total funds	168,930	232,370	-170,362	1,961	0	**232,899**

Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.
The designated fund for repairs has been set up to meet part of the cost of urgent repair works identified in the 2023 Quinquennial survey.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurspierpoint

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are s out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 14 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 materia respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of th Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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Simon James ACA

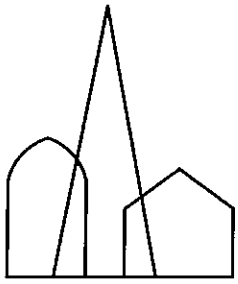
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HURSTPIE

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Accounts



Holy Trinity

HURSTPIERPOINT

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2022

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Jane Willis MA	
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer	
Churchwardens	Pat Johns	Vice Chair
	Timothy Leech	
Treasurer	Keith Birtles	
PCC Secretary	Claire Levin until 14/11/22	
	Lizzie Lamont from 14/11/22	
Safeguarding officer	Victoria Hall-Smith	
Ex-officio	Gerry Willis *(Reader)*	
	Jenny Brown *(Reader)*	
	Claire Levin *(Reader)*	

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2020-2023

Claire Levin	Victoria Hall-Smith
Carolyn Bentley	Lesley Webster

Elected Members
To serve until 2023
Margaret Carey

To serve until 2024

Robert Verheul	Keith Birtles
Victoria Macken	

To serve until 2025

Mary Gibbens	Susanna Mayor-Smith
Malcolm McKemey	

Co-opted
Andrew McDougall

Committees

The Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the Churchwardens and a number of other members appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

During 2022 we have continued to emerge from the impact of the Covid pandemic to something that really is feeling like normal. Our congregation have shown remarkable faithfulness in returning to gathered worship – truly valuing the blessing of meeting together in person. As the year has gone by we have steadily modified our worship, and reduced any precautions – whilst always seeking to cater for those who are needing to be more careful about infection. The return of coffee was also welcomed with delight! Of note are the reintroduction of our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion – now followed by coffee rather than lunch, but greatly valued by all who come; and also our 11am congregation made the vital shift from gathering fortnightly to weekly services. Adjustments were needed as this significantly increased the demands on the team – but this too now feels like normal, and is bearing fruit. Our 11am now seems more established, with relationships and a real sense of community growing. We also have a steady stream of people choosing our 11am as their place of worship. In theory our 9.30 and 11am congregations have coffee together between services – though often families arriving for the 11am come through the door rather at the last minute. Our monthly 8am BCP Communion has a faithful congregation – most of whom come to the 9.30 service on other weeks. Harvest Festival was our first attempt at gathering together as one congregation to worship, and was deemed a success (though something we will do occasionally, not every week) – and we made the most of our flexible space for the harvest lunch which followed.

As our children and families ministry at Holy Trinity has developed, along with increasing opportunities at St Lawrence CEP School and in our local community, we were delighted to be successful in our application to our Diocesan Mission Fund for funding towards employing a Children & Families Leader. In March 2022 we were awarded a grant of £45,000 to be paid in decreasing tranches over three years. With the promise of further funding from individual members of our congregation we have been advertising the vacancy. It could be said that finding the right person is harder than finding the money – but we've been delighted to receive an application from a strong candidate in December 2022.

We have also been offered funding from within our congregation for a part-time Worship Leader for our 11am service, and continue to advertise this role.

At our 2022 APCM churchwardens George Baxter and Rod Price stood down. They have both given hugely to the life of the church, most significantly in our recent reordering project, to which they brought their professional skills as an architect and chartered surveyor. We are truly thankful for them and for their contribution which will have lasting effect in the life of the church as we make the most of our newly flexible space and AV. We are also hugely thankful to Tim Leech and Pat Johns who were elected churchwardens in 2022. They bring different gifts and qualities for this new season in church life, and have stepped into their roles with seeming ease. Tim & Pat wouldn't though have anticipated their forthcoming increased responsibilities as Revd Jane Willis announced that she was to be appointed Team Rector for the Dorchester Team in Oxford Diocese from early 2023.

Beyond Sunday worship, the rest of church life continues to flourish. House groups, our Mothers Union, our PCC and other activities are now able to flex between online and in person meeting according to need and as has best suited group members. Areas of growth include two new house groups which have come out of our 11am congregation, and growing youth work.

As a local community we have welcomed a significant number of guests from Ukraine – and are thankful for Jenny Brown who has served as our local 'focal' person for Ukraine welcome. We now have good number of Ukrainian guests who are regular worshippers at Holy Trinity, we host a weekly café and clothes bank and we have loved how our Ukrainian guests are making our north chapel/transept their own with icons and prayer materials. We are blessed by their presence with us, and continue to pray for them in their heart-breaking circumstances.

In September 2022 we responded to the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – opening our church building for prayer and remembrance and hosting the Book of Condolence for our village community. This was quite a task and we are thankful for all who stewarded and welcomed during this time. On the eve of Her Majesty's funeral we offered a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance which was well attended and deeply appreciated.

Our relationship with St Lawrence CEP School has continued to develop – with new opportunities opening up under the headship of Marianne Brand and as we emerge from the pandemic. A number of church members serve as foundation governors, and during the year we agreed a new and distinctively Christian mission statement: 'Shine like stars in the universe' – drawing on Philippians 2:15, but to which we hope people of all faiths and none could subscribe. Towards the end of the year we established a team from across the Hurst Churches who will lead Tuesday Collective Worship Assemblies. It was especially wonderful to welcome St Lawrence back to Holy Trinity for their Harvest Festival Services and then for their nativities and carol services. Our church building was packed many times over.

It was a joy as well to have a packed church again for our Christmas services – with some services larger than pre-pandemic levels. Once again, we supported the FSW toy bank and reverse advent calendar – and this year we were delighted also to be able to offer a local Christmas present toy bank for local families in need. Working in cooperation with St Lawrence and other agencies, gifts were given for 53 children and received with deep gratitude.

Overall, as a church we in good heart and are delighted to be growing and growing younger. As we look towards a period of vacancy and seek to make a new appointment in 2023, we are thankful that we enter this time in a state of growth and relative strength, and trust God for all that is to come.

Church Attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 there are 209 people on our Electoral Roll. During the past year there have been 3 deaths and 8 additions to the roll.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. In October 2022 we averaged 119 adults and 30 children each week at our Sunday services. A Time to Remember Service was held on 30th October with an attendance of 60. Our monthly Wednesday lunchtime communion had an attendance of 13 and we averaged 4 for the Tuesday Morning Prayer service.

Church Administration

We are thankful for those who do largely unseen but valuable 'ad-ministry' – for our Administrator Lizzie and Site Coordinator Claire who do such sterling work, and for all who look after our finances and administration and safeguarding and the many practical matters of running a church.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months, with a high level of commitment from its members. We discuss future plans for services and events, and review past ones. Among the many items of business we have undertaken a communications review and made some small adjustments to our weekly newsletter in response, and have agreed the posts of Children & Families Leader and Worship Leader (11am). I am grateful to each and every member of the PCC who bring their diverse gifts and skills to each meeting, with a real concern for the glory of God and the flourishing of our church.

Financial Review and Future Plans

Income 2022

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £178,656 and these are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

We are pleased that planned giving increased by 13% to £99,430. There was a small decline in the use of the collection plate to £3,713.

The bank card reader was a new addition to the giving methods. There were 134 transactions totalling £1,507 in the six months it was in use. There were also 21 gifts made on the website totalling £5,800. These methods of giving are subject to transaction fees and these amounted to £131 (1.79% of the amount collected).

The most efficient method of giving remains the Parish Giving scheme. There are no costs to Holy Trinity and Gift Aid where applicable is collected by the administrator and paid over to us monthly. The giver can also arrange for the gift to be index linked which is very helpful when we are facing high price increases.

Grants were received from

Hurst Community shop	£16,710
Government Listed places of Worship scheme	£1,381
Chichester Diocese energy grant	£6,350
Sussex Churches Bike Ride	£217
Total	£24,658

There were welcome increases in fees from weddings and funerals, up by £1,800, investment income up by £700, fund raising events up by £3,000 and lettings up by £1,500.

There were restricted gifts totalling £8,337. The main purposes were for the new position of Children and Families leader and for support to the Ukrainian refugees in Hurstpierpoint.

Expenditure

The biggest item of expenditure was the sum of £76,967 paid to the diocese for our share of Parish Ministry Costs. This year the contribution from Holy Trinity increased by 3.6%.

The figure relates to the housing, support, salary and pension costs of the Rector, training of new ordinands, Parish support services (including the Board of Education) and a contribution to national church funds.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for a Church administrator and a site coordinator. The salary costs increased by £366 (3.3%) to £11,362.

Trustee payments and expenses

Claire Levin, a trustee, was employed as site co-ordinator and verger for weddings and funerals. Her total pay in 2022 was £5,078.

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying the Rector's council tax and water charges of £3,650 and her costs of travel, telephone, stationery, books and postage amounting to £2,106.

Cost of Gas and Electricity

Our fixed contracts for gas and electricity ran out part way through the year and we had to negotiate new deals at much increased prices. The cost of these utilities showed an increase of 152% to £10,312.

Improvements and repairs to the fabric of the church building

The main works were a new glass door £6,282, repair to the tower clock £2,052, repairs to the stained-glass window damaged in the February 2022 storm £3,966. The clock repair was covered by grants from the community shop and central government which paid the VAT element. The church's insurer met the cost of the repair to the damaged window.

Net Surplus 2022

The welcome increase in regular giving of £11,000, together with grant income of £24,550, increased fee and concert income of £8,700, and lower than expected repair costs by £2,700, all offset by increased energy costs of £6,000 have led to a position where the PCC had an unrestricted surplus for the year of £36,559. After charging the loss on investments of £1,703 the net surplus is £34,856.

Why we hold some money in reserve

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months' worth of unrestricted payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations.

Surplus general funds are invested temporarily with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, which will return these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills. This year £94,272 was invested temporarily at 31st December 2022.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on its mission in the parish.

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the church's state of repair and listed building status and the management of an unexpected fall in income.

- The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its mission plan and always aims to maintain the church fabric to a high standard and to carry out the priority items of the quinquennial review in a timely manner.

Future Uncertainties

The budget deficits forecast for 2023 and 2024 the year are a concern, but we hope to further increase regular giving to ensure we are in a strong position to meet regular commitments. It is important that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges. This will enable the mission to the people of Hurstpierpoint to be continued and for repairs and improvements to be made to the fabric of our building.

The General Synod has stated that the Church of England should be Net Zero Carbon by 2030. An energy survey was undertaken here in 2022 and the consultant's report has advised on the path to be followed to achieve that objective. It includes the installation of full LED lighting, solar panels and a heat pump.

If you have not yet joined the parish giving scheme please speak to Malcolm McKemey (01444 881398 or email him at malcolm@easltd.co.uk) for an application form.

Thank you if you are already a member. It is straightforward to review your giving by phoning the scheme administrator on 0333 002 1260.

Conclusion

At the end of a year which has continued to bring its own challenges, we remain thankful for the goodness of God, and for the privilege of sharing in life, worship and service together as Holy Trinity Church. We are deeply grateful for all who share in the life of the church, contributing in many and various ways. We have been blessed with the leadership of Rev'd Jane Willis over the past 8 years. She has brought growth to our church, given encouragement to us all and we are truly thankful for all she has contributed to our church and village communities. We wish her well in her new role as Rector of Dorchester Abbey. We trust all is done as worship to the Lord. We are thankful to be in good heart, and growing both spiritually and numerically. Our heartfelt thanks go to our outgoing Churchwardens as our reordering is completed with the installation of the AV system. We give thanks also to our Ministry Team, to all who lead in the varying aspects of church life at Holy Trinity, and to all who give of the time and resources. We are thankful for all God has done in 2022 and look forward to all that is ahead.

P M Jones

CHURCHWARDEN

Date 13-03-2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	2a	158,133	10,045		**168,178**	226,300
Activities for generating funds	2b	3,648			**3,648**	675
Income from investments	2c	1,333		240	**1,573**	639
Church activities	2d	8,076			**8,076**	6,273
Other incoming resources	2e	7,466	2,200		**9,666**	2,451
Total Incoming resources		178,656	12,245	240	**191,141**	236,338
Resources expended						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a					
Fund-raising trading costs	3b					
Church activities	3c	142,018	4,719	240	**146,977**	261,481
Governance Costs	3d	79			**79**	67
Total resources expended		142,097	4,719	240	**147,056**	261,548
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		36,559	7,526		**44,085**	(25,210)
Gross transfers between funds						
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		36,559	7,526		**44,085**	(25,210)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	6b	(1,703)		(1,079)	**(2,782)**	2,957
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	6b					
Net movement in funds		34,856	7,526	(1,079)	**41,303**	(22,253)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		96,872	21,598	9,157	**127,627**	149,880
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		131,728	29,124	8,078	**168,930**	127,627

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes		2022	2021
			£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	6a			
Investments	6		**20,847**	23,629
Total fixed assets			**20,847**	23,629
Current assets				
Debtors	8	**6,417**		16,707
CBF Deposits		**94,272**		58,318
Cash at bank		**52,973**		56,162
		153,662		131,187
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**-5,579**		-27,189
Net current assets			**148,083**	103,998
Total assets less current liabilities			**168,930**	127,627
NET ASSETS			**168,930**	127,627
Funds	7			
Endowment funds	10		**8,078**	9,157
Restricted funds	10		**29,124**	21,598
Unrestricted funds	10		**131,728**	96,872
			168,930	127,627

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th March 2023 and signed on its behalf

P. M. Johns
CHURCH WARDEN

CHURCH WARDEN

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

a Basis of accounting

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their acccounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restructed objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaing unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

Tax recoverable on gift aid

This is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that donation and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Settlement of insurance claims

These are included when the general income recognition criteria are met for the claim.

d *Offsetting*

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by FRS102,

e **Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.They are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
a *Voluntary income*					
Planned giving	99,431			**99,431**	88,006
Collections	3,713			**3,713**	3,889
Gifts	7,851	8,337		**16,188**	42,828
Tax recoverable on gift aid	22,480	1,708		**24,188**	31,908
Grants	24,658			**24,658**	54,107
Legacies					5,562
	158,133	10,045		**168,178**	226,300
b *Activities for generating funds*					
Fund-raising events	3,648			**3,648**	675
	3,648			**3,648**	675
c *Investment income*					
Dividends and interest	1,333		240	**1,573**	639
	1,333		240	**1,573**	639
d *Income from Church Activities*					
Fees from weddings etc	5,081			**5,081**	4,790
Church lettings	2,995			**2,995**	1,483
	8,076			**8,076**	6,273
e *Other incoming resources*					
Insurance claims	7,466			**7,466**	
Statutory maternity pay					451
Henry Smith charity		2,200		**2,200**	2,000
	7,466	2,200		**9,666**	2,451
Total incoming resources	178,656	12,245	240	**191,141**	236,338

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
a	*Costs of generating voluntary income*					
	Envelope Costs					
	Stewardship costs					
b	*Fund-raising trading costs*					
	Fundraising Costs					
c	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Friends International	2,000			**2,000**	2,000
	Bible Society	1,000			**1,000**	1,000
	Off the Fence	1,000	244		**1,244**	1,100
	Christian Aid	1,000	1,598		**2,598**	1,212
	Sussex Pathways	1,000			**1,000**	1,000
	Family Support Work	1,000	80		**1,080**	1,885
	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)		82		**82**	218
	Hurst Community Shop (Ian Nelson memorial service)					195
	Afghan Welcome					494
	Ukraine refugees		436		**436**	
	Grants from Henry Smith charity		1,929		**1,929**	2,030
	Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		350		**350**	651
		7,000	4,719		**11,719**	11,785
	Diocesan parish contribution	76,967		240	**77,207**	74,532
	Ministry Team costs and expenses	4,256			**4,256**	5,607
	Insurance	6,568			**6,568**	6,226
	Choir,music,copyright fees and licences	1,026			**1,026**	692
	Church services supplies	4,220			**4,220**	997
	Church building maintenance	8,820			**8,820**	34,590
	Church building improvements	8,025			**8,025**	104,955
	Church running expenses	1,534			**1,534**	3,049
	Utilities for church	10,312			**10,312**	4,096
	Staff salaries	11,362			**11,362**	10,996
	Office running costs and supplies	1,928			**1,928**	1,231
	Statutory maternity pay					2,725
		142,018	4,719	240	**146,977**	**261,481**
d	*Governance costs*					
	Independent examination fee	79			**79**	67
		79			**79**	67
	Total resources expended	**142,097**	**4,719**	**240**	**147,056**	**261,548**

Payments to Trustees
Claire Levin, a trustee, is employed as site coordinator and together with payments for verger duties she received a total of £5,078 in the year.

Related party transactions.
There were no other related party transactions.

6 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2022	23,629
Net loss on revaluation	-2,782
Market value 31 December 2022	**20,847**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund(Income) Shares.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Investment fixed assets	12,769		8,078	**20,847**
Current assets	124,538	29,124		**153,662**
Current liabilities	-5,579			**-5,579**
	131,728	**29,124**	**8,078**	**168,930**

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	**5,750**	13,500
Grant claims		1,784
Other debtors	**667**	1,423
	6,417	16,707

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Building maintenance		10,703
Audio visual equipment		11,874
Other	**5,579**	4,612
	5,579	27,189

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2022**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	96,872	178,656	-142,097	-1,703	**131,728**
					0
	96,872	178,656	-142,097	-1,703	**131,728**
Restricted Funds					
Discretionary Fund	14,026		-350		**13,676**
Passion Trust	625				**625**
Hymn book fund	1,140				**1,140**
Churchyard creation care	3,750				**3,750**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,057	2,200	-1,929		**2,328**
Childrens worker		5,000			**5,000**
Ukraine refugees		3,041	-436		**2,605**
	21,598	10,241	-2,715	0	**29,124**
Endowment Fund					
Hannington Legacy	9,157			-1,079	**8,078**
	9,157	0	0	-1,079	**8,078**
Total funds	127,627	188,897	-144,812	-2,782	**168,930**

Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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Simon James ACA

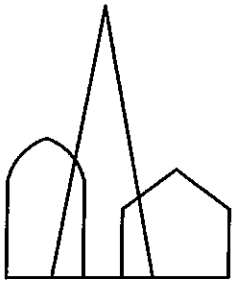
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HURSTPIE

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2021

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Jane Willis MA	
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer	
Churchwardens	George Baxter	Vice-Chair
	Rod Price	
Treasurer	Keith Birtles	
PCC Secretary	Claire Levin	
Safeguarding officer	Victoria Hall-Smith	
Ex-officio	Kevin Carey *(Reader) (To November 2021)*	
	Gerry Willis *(Reader)*	
	Jenny Brown *(Reader)*	
	Claire Levin *(Reader)*	

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2020-2023

Claire Levin	Victoria Hall-Smith
Carolyn Bentley	Lesley Webster

Elected Members
To serve until 2022

Sally Allison	Alison Dewdney

To serve until 2023

Pat Johns	Ian Mayor-Smith
Margaret Carey	

To serve until 2024

Robert Verheul	Carolyn Bentley
Victoria Macken	Timothy Leech

Committees

The Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the Churchwardens and a number of other members appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities

2021 has been a year of gradual re-emergence from our second lockdown into some kind of new normality. Our congregation's response to the Covid pandemic has been quite remarkable, having shown amazing agility in constant adaptations to our patterns of worship onsite and online, and in caring for and supporting one another. We began the year worshipping together online – via pre-recorded services and via Zoom, and were delighted to return to gathered worship from Easter Sunday. Mindful of the needs of those who were still unable to be with us in church, we continued to record and upload our main Sunday Eucharist each week, until the numbers of viewings were very minimal.

As the year progressed we have continued to develop our Sunday worship as Covid has allowed. Heartfelt thanks must be expressed to the many who have assisted with this in so many ways – from sanitising the church between services to offering a warm albeit-masked welcome at the door. All of this is surely worship as much as any hymns sung or prayers prayed! The return to sung worship has again been remarkably moving, and our adaptation to some of the precautions to the point they almost seem normal. As restrictions have eased, we have been able to reinstate our 8am BCP Holy Communion on a monthly basis, our Sung Eucharist has moved from 9 to 9.30am, and our 11am has continued to grow and develop, currently meeting almost fortnightly. We recognise that some of the developments in our gathered worship have been significantly contributing to elements of our 2020Vision –

notably the diversification of our worship and our ministry with children & youth – though in ways we could never have imagined.

Beyond Sunday worship, much of the rest of church life has now resumed – albeit in adapted ways. House groups, our Mothers Union, our PCC and other activities have flexed between online and in person meeting according to covid levels and as has best suited group members. Online communication has continued to be important – the mean medium for this being our weekly email newsletter.

A significant achievement in 2021 has been the further reordering of our building. Following a successful consistory court hearing in 2020 our faculty was granted, and most of the works completed in 2021. We have created a flexible space in the main part of the nave, with notable elements of our pews reconfigured and resisted in the transepts and the western corners of the nave. We have installed a new AV system including a smart glass screen and cameras. Our AV team have been trained up and we have been steadily exploring our new system's facilities. Heartfelt thanks must be expressed to our Churchwardens George Baxter and Rod Price whose buildings professional skills have been invaluable in this season of church life, and to our Inspecting Architect Peter Pritchett - his skill and professional standing carried significant weight in our court hearing, and we are thankful for his continued guidance through implementation.

We are thankful for all who contribute to our worship in music, teaching, prayer and welcome – for all who have continued to meet the challenges of the pandemic with dedication and creativity. We are thankful to those who nurture the spiritual life of others as they lead house groups and courses, lead our children's work and minister through visiting and pastoral support.

We were delighted to welcome Hurst Festival back in 2021 – enjoying our newly flexible building, and to welcome people for baptism and weddings – some of whom have shown great patience over multiple postponements.

Through the continuing challenges of the pandemic we are thankful that as a church we are in good heart, and above all hope that in all things we will glorify God, and as bearers of the good news of Christ, truly be good news to all we meet.

Church attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022 there are 204 people on our Electoral Roll. During the past year there have been 5 deaths and 20 additions to the roll.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. In October 2021 we averaged 92 adults and 16 children each week at our Sunday services when our 9.30am service was taking place weekly and our 11am service was held fortnightly. A Time to Remember Service was held on 31st October with an attendance of 59. Our monthly Wednesday lunchtime communion was suspended and we averaged 4 for the Tuesday Morning Prayer service.

Church Administration

We are thankful for those who do largely unseen but valuable 'ad-ministry' – looking after our finances and administration and safeguarding and the many practical matters of running a church. Sincere thanks are due to Sally Allison who covered our Administrator Lizzie Lamont's maternity leave, along with a welcome back to Lizzie in September 2021; also to Annemarie Pierce for all she has given for five years as our Site Coordinator – and are delighted at God's provision of Claire Levin as she took on the role from October 2021.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months, with a high level of commitment from its members. During the pandemic our meeting have been held via Zoom – and in 2021 we have been glad to be able to meet in person once again. The principal items of business during the year have included the implementation our faculty application – the further reordering, with the re-siting of some pews, the purchase of chairs and the installation of our new AV system. We discuss future plans for services and events, and review past ones. I am grateful to each and every member of the PCC who bring their diverse gifts and skills to each meeting, with a real concern for the glory of God and the flourishing of our church.

Financial Review and Future Plans

Incoming and outgoing resources 2021

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £187,550 and these are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

We are pleased that the planned giving through the Parish Giving scheme increased by 11% (largely as the result of the generosity of a few new givers). After the substantial reduction in plate collections in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, there was a further decline of 23% in 2021.

The PCC is very grateful to the charities and other bodies who supported the church with their grants in 2021.

Hurst Community shop	£32,337
The government listed places of worship scheme	£5,030
Chichester Diocese	£1,000
Sussex churches bike ride scheme	£240
Alfred Charitable Trust	£500
Allchurches Trust	£3,000
Beatrice Laing foundation	£2,000
Garfield Weston Trust	£10,000
Total	£54,107

The PCC also wishes to acknowledge the substantial sum of £36,505 given by the congregation and friends for the faculty works and church repairs. This has been augmented by a further £8,647 from the government's gift aid scheme. In addition, unrestricted gifts of £6,323 were given for the general work of the church.

This year the PCC was pleased to receive an unrestricted legacy of £5,562 from the estate of the late Jill Money.

Our total voluntary income, excluding grants and legacies increased by 11%.

Expenditure
The biggest area of expenditure was on the faculty works.
Removal of most pews and their replacement with chairs £54,737
Installation of audio-visual equipment including cameras £50,218

Ministry costs
The second largest item of expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £74,300 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' parish ministry costs. This year our contribution increased by just 0.4% on the previous year.
The figure covers the housing, support, salary and pension costs of the Rector, along with the training of new ordinands, parish support services (including the Board of Education) and a contribution to national church costs.

Staff costs
The PCC pays for a part time administrator and site coordinator/verger.
The salary costs increased by £685 (7%) to £10,996.

Trustee payments
Sally Allison, a trustee, was employed as administrator to cover maternity leave. Her gross pay in 2021 was £5,841.
The PCC also supported the rector by paying the council tax of £3,293 and water charges of £476 plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, phone, postage and broadband amounting to £1,838.

Office costs
These showed a substantial reduction of 49% mainly as a result of less use of the photocopier.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building
The main works were repairs to the Tower and spire (£14,112), the rebuild of a section of boundary wall, (£1,940), lighting repairs (£3,307) and replacement radiators (£10,702).

Why we hold some money in reserve
It is good practice to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds of at least three months' worth of unrestricted expenditure as contingency against unforeseen situations. Surplus general funds are invested temporarily with the Church of England deposit fund which paid just 0.20% on the sum of £58,318 invested at 31st December 2021.

Management of risks and their mitigation
The PCC has an ongoing responsibility to review the major risks which impact on its mission. The principal risks are the need to fund the costs associated with the church's state of repair and listed building status and the management of an unexpected fall in income particularly given the age profile of the regular donors.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its mission plan and always aims to maintain the church fabric to a high standard and carries out the priority items of the quinquennial review in a timely manner.

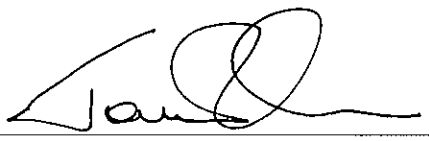
Looking forward, the 2022 forecast budget shows a deficit of £24,000. This is partly due to the increase in prices especially of gas and electricity and the fact that giving has not kept pace with rising costs.

The most efficient means of giving is still the parish giving scheme. If you have not joined please ask Malcolm McKemey (01444 881398 or email malcolm@easltd.co.uk) for an application form.

Thank you if you are already a member. It is straightforward to increase your giving by phoning the scheme administrator on 0333 002 1260.

Conclusion

At the end of a year with significant continuing challenges, we remain thankful for the goodness of God, and for the privilege of sharing in life and worship and service together as Holy Trinity Church. We are deeply grateful for all who share in the life of the church, contributing in many and various ways. We trust all is done as worship to the Lord. We are thankful to be in good heart, and growing both spiritually and numerically. My heartfelt thanks go to our Churchwardens, our Ministry Team, to all who lead in the varying aspects of church life at Holy Trinity, and to all who give of the time and resources. We are thankful for all God has done in 2021 and look forward to all that is ahead.



Revd Jane Willis

Date 14th March 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

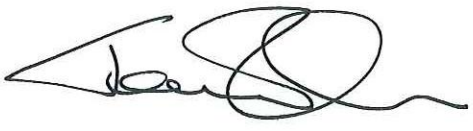
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	2a	180,195	46,105		**226,300**	141,046
Activities for generating funds	2b	675			**675**	1,736
Income from investments	2c	407		232	**639**	931
Church activities	2d	6,273			**6,273**	3,079
Other incoming resources	2e		2,451		**2,451**	7,153
Total incoming resources		187,550	48,556	232	**236,338**	153,945
Resources expended						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a					
Fund-raising trading costs	3b					34
Church activities	3c	200,498	60,751	232	**261,481**	152,764
Governance Costs	3d	67			**67**	60
Total resources expended		200,565	60,751	232	**261,548**	152,858
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(13,015)	(12,195)		**(25,210)**	1,087
Gross transfers between funds						
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		(13,015)	(12,195)		**(25,210)**	1,087
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	6b	1,811		1,146	**2,957**	1,330
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	6b					
Net movement in funds		(11,204)	(12,195)	1,146	**(22,253)**	2,417
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		108,076	33,793	8,011	**149,880**	147,463
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021		96,872	21,598	9,157	**127,627**	149,880

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes		2021	2020
			£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	6a			
Investments	6		**23,629**	20,672
Total fixed assets			**23,629**	20,672
Current assets				
Debtors	8	**16,707**		15,194
CBF Deposits		**58,318**		83,279
Cash at bank		**56,162**		37,242
		131,187		135,715
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**-27,189**		-6,507
Net current assets			**103,998**	129,208
Total assets less current liabilities			**127,627**	149,880
NET ASSETS			**127,627**	149,880
Funds	7			
Endowment funds	10		**9,157**	8,011
Restricted funds	10		**21,598**	33,793
Unrestricted funds	10		**96,872**	108,076
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14th March 2022 and signed on its behalf



Revd Jane Willis
Rector Chair of PCC

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

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Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restructed objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaing unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably

Tax recoverable on gift aid

This is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that donation and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Settlement of insurance claims

These are included when the general income recognition criteria are met for the claim.

d ***Offsetting***

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by FRS102,

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements under the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.They are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

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2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
a *Voluntary income*					
Planned giving	88,006			**88,006**	81,251
Collections	2,936	953		**3,889**	4,831
Gifts	6,323	36,505		**42,828**	6,435
Tax recoverable on gift aid	23,261	8,647		**31,908**	23,466
Grants	54,107			**54,107**	25,063
Legacies	5,562			**5,562**	
	180,195	46,105		**226,300**	141,046
b *Activities for generating funds*					
Fund-raising events	675			**675**	978
Parish magazine advertising					758
	675			**675**	1,736
c *Investment income*					
Dividends and interest	407		232	**639**	931
	407		232	**639**	931
d *Income from Church Activities*					
Fees from weddings etc	4,790			**4,790**	1,882
Parish magazine sales					1,083
Church lettings	1,483			**1,483**	114
	6,273			**6,273**	3,079
e *Other incoming resources*					
Statutory maternity pay		451		**451**	5,153
Henry Smith charity		2,000		**2,000**	2,000
		2,451		**2,451**	7,153
Total incoming resources	187,550	48,556	232	**236,338**	153,945

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3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
a	*Costs of generating voluntary income*					
	Envelope Costs					
	Stewardship costs					
b	*Fund-raising trading costs*					
	Fundraising Costs					34
						34
c	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Friends International	2,000			**2,000**	2,000
	Bible Society	1,000			**1,000**	1,000
	Off the Fence	1,000	100		**1,100**	1,010
	Christian Aid	1,000	212		**1,212**	1,000
	Sussex Pathways	1,000			**1,000**	1,000
	Family Support Work	1,000	885		**1,885**	2,103
	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)		218		**218**	
	Hurst Community Shop (Ian Nelson memorial service)		195		**195**	
	Afghan Welcome		494		**494**	
	Grants from Henry Smith charity		2,030		**2,030**	1,923
	Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		651		**651**	3,291
		7,000	4,785		**11,785**	13,327
	Diocesan parish contribution	74,300		232	**74,532**	74,259
	Ministry Team costs and expenses	5,607			**5,607**	6,938
	Insurance	6,226			**6,226**	6,219
	Choir,music,copyright fees and licences	692			**692**	453
	Church services supplies	997			**997**	142
	Church building maintenance	22,165	12,425		**34,590**	10,257
	Church building improvements	64,139	40,816		**104,955**	18,752
	Church running expenses	3,049			**3,049**	2,085
	Utilities for church	4,096			**4,096**	4,751
	Staff salaries	10,996			**10,996**	10,311
	Office running costs and supplies	1,231			**1,231**	2,391
	Statutory maternity pay		2,725		**2,725**	2,879
		200,498	60,751	232	**261,481**	**152,764**
d	*Governance costs*					
	Independent examination fee	67			**67**	60
	Cost of annual accounts					
		67			**67**	60
	Total resources expended	**200,565**	**60,751**	**232**	**261,548**	**152,858**

Payments to Trustees
Sally Allison, a trustee, was employed as administrator to cover maternity leave from 1st August 2020 to 12th September 2021. Her gross pay in 2021 was £5,841.

Related party transactions.
There were no other related party transactions.

6 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2021	20,672
Disposals at carrying value	
Purchases at cost	
Net gain on revaluation	2,957
Market value 31 December 2021	**23,629**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund(Income) Shares.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Investment fixed assets	14,472		9,157	**23,629**
Current assets	109,589	21,598		**131,187**
Current liabilities	-27,189			**-27,189**
	96,872	**21,598**	**9,157**	**127,627**

8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	**13,500**	6,800
Grant claims	**1,784**	8,303
Other debtors	**1,423**	91
	16,707	15,194

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Building maintenance	**10,703**	
Audio visual equipment	**11,874**	2,337
Other	**4,612**	4,170
	27,189	6,507

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2021**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	108,076	187,550	-200,565	1,811	**96,872**
					0
	108,076	187,550	-200,565	1,811	**96,872**
Restricted Fund					
Discretionary Fund	14,417	260	-651		**14,026**
Passion Trust	625				**625**
St Georges proceeds	3,250		-3,250		**0**
Hymn book fund	1,140				**1,140**
Churchyard creation care	3,750				**3,750**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,087	2,000	-2,030		**2,057**
Faculty works	0	45,845	-45,845		**0**
Projector and screen gift	6,250		-6,250		**0**
Statutory Maternity pay fund	2,274	451	-2,725		**0**
	33,793	48,556	-60,751	0	**21,598**
Endowment Fund					
Hannington Legacy	8,011			1,146	**9,157**
	8,011	0	0	1,146	**9,157**
Total funds	149,880	236,106	-261,316	2,957	**127,627**

The St George's proceeds has been spent on a projector and screen.
Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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Simon James ACA

28/29 Carlton Terrace
Portslade
East Sussex

4th March 2022

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

England & Wales - Charity number 1154171

Accounts

Holy Trinity

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2020

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The PCC was registered as a charity in October 2013 under the new rules for churches and allocated registration number 1154171 by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules. During the course of the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Reverend Jane Willis MA	
Associate Vicar	Reverend Debbie Beer	
Churchwardens	George Baxter	Vice-Chair
	Rod Price	
Treasurer	Keith Birtles	
PCC Secretary	Claire Levin	
Safeguarding officer	Sally Allison	
Ex-officio	Kevin Carey *(Reader)*	
	Gerry Willis *(Reader)*	
	Jenny Brown *(Reader)*	

Representatives elected to the Deanery Synod to serve from 2020-2023

Claire Levin	Victoria Hall-Smith
Carolyn Bentley	Lesley Webster

Elected Members

To serve until 2021

Carolyn Bentley	Jan Doxford
Tom Dare	Mary Gibbens

To serve until 2022

Sally Allison	Alison Dewdney

To serve until 2023

Olivia Nagle	Ian Mayor-Smith

Committees

The Standing Committee
This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It comprises the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the Churchwardens and a number of other members appointed annually. The Secretary may be in attendance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a church family and as individuals Holy Trinity Church seeks to offer worship which is glorifying to God, and attractive and accessible to those beyond the church community. Through worship and prayer, the breaking of bread and the study of God's word, we seek to know God better and to be shaped by God's purposes in our lives. In partnership with others, we seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus, in word and in deed, by making the love of God known to the people of our parish and beyond. The PCC is charged with responsibility for the parish's finances and has responsibility for the maintenance of our Church Building.

The PCC is a registered charity, and so when planning activities for the year, the council is mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit for charities involved in the advancement of religion in worship and prayer, mission and outreach and in the provision of pastoral care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities

2020 has been the most extraordinary year in that for almost the whole year church life has been significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic. Our congregation's response has been quite remarkable as we have sought to navigate these times. They have shown amazing agility in constant adaptations to our patterns of worship onsite and online, and in caring and supporting one another in as many ways as have been possible.

In ordinary times the heart of the life of Holy Trinity Church is our gathering for eucharistically-centred worship Sunday by Sunday, where we are nourished in our faith through word, sacrament and through one another as the body of Christ and sent out into the world to serve – however this year our capacity for gathered in-person worship has been severely restricted at times. For much of 2020 when we have been able to gather communion has been received in one kind only – and during lockdowns we have experienced a eucharistic fast, which has been hard. Nonetheless our congregation have continued to serve with energy and dedication in so many ways – seen and unseen.

It is impossible to overstate the willingness and flexibility our congregation have shown in these times. Many activities have had to shift online, some activities have been severely limited – and others have increased – for example with the need to offer Covid-compliant worship, working with ever-changing regulations, writing risk-assessments, cleaning between services, and introducing online bookings for Christmas services. Our Ministry Team have

between them offered many acts of prayer and worship via YouTube and Zoom, and a pastoral network was set up to which everyone in our congregation has been invited. House groups and courses have been offered online, and have proved popular – and our children's and families work moved to Zoom for a season with a high level of commitment. Our return to worship in our church building precipitated the launch of our 11am informal service, which in such challenging times has been most encouraging. Online communication has this year been increasingly important, for which we introduced a weekly newsletter.

We are thankful for those who contribute to our worship in music, teaching, prayer and welcome – our ministry team have met the challenges of the pandemic with creativity. We give thanks as well for those who do largely unseen but valuable 'ad-ministry' – looking after our finances and administration and safeguarding and the many practical matters of running a church. We are thankful to those who nurture the spiritual life of others as they lead house groups and courses, lead our children's work and minister through visiting and home communions – though once again these have for much of the year been restricted or had to move online.

Sadly for much of the year our usual opportunities for hospitality have been severely restricted – with concerts and coffee morning impractical or impossible, the St Lawrence Fair cancelled and Hurst Festival operating only online. We look forward to all that our reordered building will offer us when we are again able to gather. Occasional Offices have also been severely restricted – with no weddings or baptisms, though we have ministered well to many coming to us for funerals, again complying strictly to government restrictions.

As for so many, 2020 has been a challenging and demanding year for us as a church. Above all we hope that in all things we will glorify God, and as bearers of the good news of Christ, truly be good news to all we meet.

Church attendance

As at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021 there are 189 people on our Electoral Roll. During the past year there have been 5 deaths and 5 additions to the roll.

Attendance figures are recorded weekly and October figures reported nationally. This year's October figures have been severely impacted by the pandemic. In October 2020 we averaged 65 adults and 1child each week at Sunday services onsite, a weekday service online averaged 21 views, our monthly Wednesday lunchtime communion was suspended, and an average of 6 were present online for Tuesday Morning Prayer.

2020Vision

Facilitated by the Leading Your Church into Growth resources, coordinated by Jenny Brown, our congregation identified four key short-term priorities:

1. Worship for all – the diversification of our worship
2. Children and youth
3. Welcome and belonging
4. Connections beyond Holy Trinity

Our PCC agreed these priorities at our meeting in March 2020, with the understanding that we would begin with the first two, and then move to the second two.

Though 2020 turned out in a way that none of us could have predicted, these remain fully our priorities, and we have seen elements of them beginning to be fulfilled in unexpected ways.

Church Administration

We continue to be so thankful for the gifts and dedication of our Administrator Lizzie Lamont – and during Lizzie's maternity leave Sally Allison – and Site Coordinator, Annemarie Finch. Lizzie, Sally and Annemarie have served with remarkable adaptability and willingness as we have navigated the Covid pandemic.

Ministry Team Developments

Our Ministry Team continues to grow and develop: we are delighted that Claire Levin has been licensed as Reader and Tom Dare has been recommended for training for ordination and begun his studies at St Mellitus.

PCC Meetings and Attendance

Our PCC has met every two months, with a high level of commitment from its members. During the pandemic our meeting have been held via Zoom. The principal items of business during the year have included the successful conclusion our faculty application for the continuation of the reordering, including the replacement of our remaining pews with chairs, the installation of a screen and projector, together with elements of necessary electrical work. We are hugely grateful for the professional skills of churchwardens George and Rod in this matter, and for all that they have brought to our reordering project. We are also thankful for the skills and dedication of Keith Birtles as Treasurer, and especially his faithful reporting and forecasting as giving has fallen when we have been unable to gather for worship or pass round the offertory. We continue to encourage participation in the Parish Giving Scheme. We discuss future plans for services and events, and review past ones. I am grateful to each and every member of the PCC who bring their diverse gifts and skills to each meeting, with a real concern for the glory of God and the flourishing of our church.

Financial Review and Future Plans

The Coronavirus pandemic had a serious impact on the Church's finances in 2020. The Church was closed for Sunday services from 15th March 2020 to 12th July 2020 when it reopened until 25th October 2020. There was then a further period of closure until 6th December 2020. The final service in the church building was on Christmas Day.

When the church reopened, we were not allowed to pass the collection plate and consequently there was a 61% reduction in cash collections.

There were no weddings in 2020 and with fewer funerals, fee income was reduced by 71%. Fund raising activities such as the West Gallery concerts and Saturday café were cancelled, and the absence of the Hurst Festival led to a big reduction in lettings income.

The Parish Giving Scheme is still the main source of income and it showed a modest increase of 4%.
The government compensated local businesses and charities for the loss of income during lockdown and it gave Holy Trinity a discretionary grant of £5,000.

There were savings in expenditure of £2,600 due to the church building closure.
The net effect of these disruptions was a deficit on the unrestricted fund of £4,573 before transfers and revaluation of investment assets.

In November 2020, the PCC received a report on the restricted fund for legacies. When the fund was created in 2005 there was no information on the purposes for these legacies which amount to £17,185. No further information has been found and it was agreed by the PCC that the balance should be moved to the unrestricted fund.

Together with a small gain on investments this means that the unrestricted fund stands at £108,077 (a net increase of £13,427) at 31st December 2020.

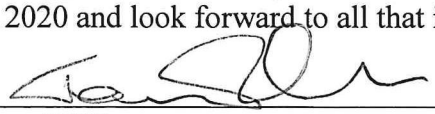
The church benefited considerably from grants of £19,710 received from the charity shop towards improvements and to support the project to replace most of the pews with chairs.
A gift of £5,000 has been received towards the projector and screen. It has been gift-aided, so currently £6,250 is in a restricted fund.

Looking forward, the 2021 forecast budget shows a deficit of £23,000. This is due to the continued lockdown with a loss of services and events and the restriction on passing the collection plate.

During the year we introduced a giving page on the church website. This also enables givers to gift aid their donations. The most efficient means of giving is still the Parish Giving Scheme and we hope that more members of the congregation will join. If you are not yet on the PGS please ask Malcolm McKemey (01444 881398 or email him malcolm@easltd.co.uk) for an application form.

Conclusion

At the end of a difficult year, we remain thankful for the goodness of God, and for the privilege of sharing in life and worship and service together as Holy Trinity Church. We are deeply grateful for all who share in the life of the church, contributing in many and various ways. We trust all is done as worship to the Lord. My heartfelt thanks go to our Churchwardens, our Ministry Team, to all who lead in the varying aspects of church life at Holy Trinity, and to all who give of the time and resources. We are thankful for all God has done in 2020 and look forward to all that is ahead.



Date 10.4.2021

Revd Jane Willis

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	2a	133,333	7,713		**141,046**	142,486
Activities for generating funds	2b	1,736			**1,736**	5,390
Income from investments	2c	707		224	**931**	1,080
Church activities	2d	3,079			**3,079**	9,103
Other incoming resources	2e		7,153		**7,153**	5,248
Total incoming resources		138,855	14,866	224	**153,945**	163,307
Resources expended						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3a					13
Fund-raising trading costs	3b	34			**34**	35
Church activities	3c	143,334	9,206	224	**152,764**	143,582
Governance Costs	3d	60			**60**	57
Total resources expended		143,428	9,206	224	**152,858**	143,687
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(4,573)	5,660		**1,087**	19,620
Gross transfers between funds		17,185	(17,185)			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		12,612	(11,525)		**1,087**	19,620
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets and investments	6b	814		516	**1,330**	3,047
Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets	6b					
Net movement in funds		13,426	(11,525)	516	**2,417**	22,667
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		94,650	45,318	7,495	**147,463**	124,796
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		108,076	33,793	8,011	**149,880**	147,463

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes		2020	2019
			£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	6a			
Investments	6		**20,672**	19,341
Total fixed assets			**20,672**	19,341
Current assets				
Debtors	8	**15,194**		17,598
CBF Deposits		**83,279**		82,926
Cash at bank		**37,242**		34,821
		135,715		135,345
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**-6,507**		-7,223
Net current assets			**129,208**	128,122
Total assets less current liabilities			**149,880**	147,463
NET ASSETS			**149,880**	147,463
Funds	7			
Endowment funds	10		**8,011**	7,495
Restricted funds	10		**33,793**	45,318
Unrestricted funds	10		**108,076**	94,650
			149,880	147,463

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th March 2021 and signed on its behalf



Revd Jane Willis
Rector Chair of PCC

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting policies

a Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their acccounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Incoming resources

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a *Voluntary income*					
Planned giving	81,251			**81,251**	78,383
Collections	3,834	997		**4,831**	12,531
Gifts	1,085	5,350		**6,435**	10,424
Tax recoverable on gift aid	22,100	1,366		**23,466**	23,654
Grants	25,063			**25,063**	13,794
Legacies					3,700
	133,333	7,713		**141,046**	142,486
b *Activities for generating funds*					
Fund-raising events	978			**978**	4,345
Parish magazine advertising	758			**758**	1,045
	1,736			**1,736**	5,390
c *Investment income*					
Dividends and interest	707		224	**931**	1,080
	707		224	**931**	1,080
d *Income from Church Activities*					
Fees from weddings etc	1,882			**1,882**	6,403
Parish magazine sales	1,083			**1,083**	1,167
Church lettings	114			**114**	1,533
	3,079			**3,079**	9,103
e *Other incoming resources*					
Insurance claims					5,248
Statutory maternity pay		5,153		**5,153**	
Henry Smith charity		2,000		**2,000**	
		7,153		**7,153**	5,248
Total incoming resources	138,855	14,866	224	**153,945**	163,307

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3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
a	*Costs of generating voluntary income*					
	Envelope Costs					13
	Stewardship costs					
						13
b	*Fund-raising trading costs*					
	Fundraising Costs	34			**34**	35
		34			**34**	35
c	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Chichester Diocese Mission Fund					190
	Friends International	2,000			**2,000**	2,000
	Bible Society	1,000			**1,000**	1,100
	Off the Fence	1,000	10		**1,010**	1,622
	Christian Aid	1,000			**1,000**	2,880
	Sussex Pathways	1,000			**1,000**	1,000
	Family Support Work	1,000	1,103		**2,103**	1,000
	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)					504
	Individual gifts					3,212
	Water Aid					220
	Grants from Henry Smith charity		1,923		**1,923**	
	Use of Rector's Discretionary Fund		3,291		**3,291**	550
		7,000	6,327		**13,327**	14,278
	Diocesan parish contribution	74,035		224	**74,259**	70,663
	Ministry Team costs and expenses	6,938			**6,938**	6,577
	Insurance	6,219			**6,219**	6,071
	Choir,music,copyright fees and licences	453			**453**	458
	Church services supplies	142			**142**	300
	Church building maintenance	10,257			**10,257**	10,467
	Church building improvements	18,752			**18,752**	12,196
	Church running expenses	2,085			**2,085**	2,542
	Utilities for church	4,751			**4,751**	6,837
	Staff salaries	10,311			**10,311**	10,206
	Office running costs and supplies	2,391			**2,391**	2,987
	Statutory maternity pay		2,879		**2,879**	
		143,334	9,206	224	**152,764**	**143,582**
d	*Governance costs*					
	Independent examination fee	60			**60**	57
	Cost of annual accounts					
		60			**60**	57
	Total resources expended	**143,428**	**9,206**	**224**	**152,858**	**143,687**

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6 Investments

	£
Market value 1 January 2020	19,342
Disposals at carrying value	
Purchases at cost	
Net gain on revaluation	1,330
Market value 31 December 2020	**20,672**

The holdings remained as 1009 CBF Investment Fund(Income) Shares.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Investment fixed assets	12,661		8,011	**20,672**
Current assets	101,922	33,793		**135,715**
Current liabilities	-6,507			**-6,507**
	108,076	**33,793**	**8,011**	**149,880**

8 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Income tax recoverable	**6,800**	7,750
Grant claims	**8,303**	8,277
Other debtors	**91**	1,571
	15,194	17,598

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Donations		1,730
Re-ordering	**2,337**	960
Other	**4,170**	4,533
	6,507	7,223

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Investments revaluation	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2020**
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	94,650	138,855	-143,428	814	**90,891**
Transfer between funds		17,185			**17,185**
	94,650	156,040	-143,428	814	**108,076**
Restricted Fund					
Discretionary Fund	17,358	350	-3,291		**14,417**
Legacies	17,185		-17,185		**0**
Passion Trust	625				**625**
St Georges proceeds	3,250				**3,250**
Hymn book fund	1,140				**1,140**
Churchyard creation care	3,750				**3,750**
Henry Smith charity gifts	2,010	2,000	-1,923		**2,087**
Projector and screen gift		6,250			**6,250**
Statutory Maternity pay fund		5,153	-2,879		**2,274**
	45,318	13,753	-25,278	0	**33,793**
Endowment Fund					
Hannington Legacy	7,495			516	**8,011**
	7,495	0	0	516	**8,011**
Total funds	147,463	169,793	-168,706	1,330	**149,880**

The St George's proceeds are to be spent on a projector and screen.
Use of the Discretionary fund is at the discretion of the Rector.
The endowment comprises the Hannington Legacy. Income is retained by the Diocese as an additional contribution towards parish stipend costs.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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