

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, SOUTH KENSINGTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1162519

## Details

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**Other names** HTSK

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2015-07-03

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

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## Activities

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

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## Classification

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

## Geography

- City Of Westminster
- Kensington And Chelsea

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£147,720	£120,538	-	-
2024-12-31	£163,108	£157,178	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,018	£137,221	-	-
2022-12-31	£125,181	£110,864	-	-
2021-12-31	£136,036	£123,577	-	-
2020-12-31	£160,541	£177,352	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL SEYMOUR-NEWTON		2015-04-26
CAROLINE BURKE		2009-04-27
CHRISTOPHER CANN		2002-04-15
Naomi Anderson-Eyles		2023-04-23
PAUL MEITNER		2006-04-24

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# Accounts

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**2025 Report and Accounts for  
The Parochial Church Council of  
Holy Trinity with All Saints,  
South Kensington**

## **Aim and purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington, has the responsibility of co-operating with the Interim Priest in Charge, the Reverend Jennie Adams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and fabric of Holy Trinity Church.

## **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can involve the population that lives within our parish as well as the numerous visitors from outside it. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specifically the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Scripture and prayer; learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Music, which plays a very significant part in the worship in Holy Trinity and is what draws many people to the services here. We have a small choir of professional singers that provide a very high standard of choral singing
- Our Grade 1 listed building that combines great beauty with an atmosphere of prayer and stillness. It is open to the public at regular times during the week and is available for use by musicians and artists
- Community Connections; we have close working relationships with Imperial College, the Royal College of Music and other local institutions

## **Achievements and Performance**

### Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer services on Sundays and during the week that our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The Sunday morning service and all festivals are directed primarily to those who particularly appreciate the language and theology enshrined in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. In 2025 we returned to a service of Choral Matins on the second Sunday of the month with Choral Eucharist on the other Sundays. We have continued the weekly online Sunday service of Evening Prayer at 6pm, presided over by our good friend the Reverend Trevor Jordan.

On Wednesday there is a short, reflective service of said Holy Communion using liturgy of Common

Worship that provides a quiet 'stop-gap' in the middle of the week. At 5.30pm there is a fortnightly (term-time only) service of Choral Evensong sung by the Imperial College Chamber Choir. This service is designed to be easily accessible to people with little or no church background.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and to commend the person into God's keeping.

We continue to be a member of Inclusive Church and seek to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neuro-diversity, or sexuality. All are welcome to attend our regular services and, at present, there are 24 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

### Deanery Synod

Formerly one member of the PCC sits on the Deanery Synod. This provided the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Currently this position is vacant.

### Community Links

We have strong links with the Imperial College Chaplaincy; the IC Chaplain and Priest-in-Charge meet weekly as mutual support.

Holy Trinity continues to have a good relationship with Willcocks Nursery School and other local independent schools. The Priest-in-Charge is invited regularly to talk to school children and attend school events.

A new website along with updated social media accounts ensure that the local community can find details of events, church services and church opening times with ease. Noticeboards outside the church are utilised to display what's happening within the church building. The online booking system has streamlined bookings for both church and hall enabling students, musicians and other groups to use the church building.

### Use of the Church and Hall

We want our church to be open for use by our local community, where these uses are compatible with the objectives of the church. Accordingly, the church is used by a variety of musical and educational organisations based in and around South Kensington. During the week the hall is used by a nursery school that pays a commercial rent. There is also a Saturday children's language school that rent the hall. The church is used by a 'movement & mindfulness' group during the week as well as by amateur musicians and RCM students for concerts and to showcase their work. In 2025 the church was used to host IC Blyth Centre Lunchtime Recitals as the Great Hall was unavailable due to building work. During Advent the church is used by local schools to host their carol services and Christmas concerts.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is a priority at Holy Trinity and we continually review our policies and practices. The PSO and the Priest-in-Charge are the first points of contact for all safeguarding concerns and they also ensure that all volunteers have the relevant checks and training in place.

‘Safeguarding’ is a fixed agenda item at our PCC meetings and we use the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to keep track of learning and processes.

The Church Wardens and PCC have completed all necessary and relevant checks and training.

## **Activities of the Parish**

Holy Trinity has continued a regular pattern of worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, with the main Sunday morning service complemented by weekly evening prayer on Zoom. Thanks go to the Reverend Trevor Jordan for continuing to lead the evening service. We are also grateful to the Reverends Andy Roland and Peter Babington, who have joined us to cover holidays and as guest preachers. On Wednesdays, we have had a lunchtime Common Worship Said Eucharist, followed by Choral Evensong, sung fortnightly during term time by the Imperial College Chamber Choir, who also sang a morning service in May. After-service refreshments have also been re-vamped and are now co-ordinated by a rota of volunteers.

During the Winter months, the Sunday service was moved into the chancel, to bring the congregation closer together and to allow for the minimal heating to have some effect.

In addition to our regular programme of worship we had a special programme during Passiontide, and Easter, including additional services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This culminated in a joyful Choral Eucharist on Easter Sunday, followed by a reception. Easter Saturday also saw a well-attended church cleaning day.

Other special occasions and feast days were marked by services and drinks receptions, including our Patronal feast of Trinity, which was also celebrated with a Parish lunch in the hall.

This year the Parish bade farewell to our most longstanding parishioner, Sally Grootenhuis, whose funeral was held in church.

Holy Trinity has continued to minister to the institutions within the parish, marking Remembrance Day with Queensgate School. The institutions were well represented at our Christmas services, with a number of institutional carol services, the climax being the Parish Carol Service, once again sung by our friends the Imperial College Chamber Choir, followed by a Christmas party. Christmas itself is always a quiet time at Holy Trinity, with so many parishioners away from London, but it was marked with a service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning.

As well as our services there was a regular programme of performances and concerts throughout the year, many of which were organised and supported by Imperial College. Other regular users of the church include Sanctum, Willcocks Nursery School, the Russian Language School, The Blyth Centre and the New London Opera Group.

## **Financial review for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Total receipts into unrestricted funds for the year were £147,720 (2024: £163,108), of which £42,214 comprised incoming resources from donors and £35,727 was represented by other voluntary income. Restricted grants of £13,648 funded the building insurance premium and various minor works. Income from investments was £6,087, rent from the Nursery school came to £50,224. Total receipts decreased by £15,388, mainly owing to a decrease in grants received.

£119,349 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry. This represented a decrease of £37,829 on the previous year. Total spending for the year included the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which increased by £2,000 to £67,000, helping to provide stipends, pensions and housing for the clergy.

Unrestricted funds increased by £28,371 before taking account of an unrealised gain of £14,497 in the value of investments and a net transfer of £9,648 to the Music & Organ Fund. During the year, total fund balances increased by £42,869 from £141,058 to £183,927, of which £166,278 was unrestricted and £17,649 restricted.

£3,072 (2024: £32,653) was spent on repairs to equipment.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least twelve months' unrestricted expenditure. This was equivalent to £119,349 in 2025 and is to cover unforeseen events, such as short-term fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies, such as urgent repairs to the building and fabric of the church, which are to be expected when dealing with the obligation to maintain a listed historic building. The balance of free reserves at 31 December 2025 was £166,278, which represents approximately 17 months' unrestricted payments (2024: 11 months).

The balance of £166,278 in the restricted fund represents funds set aside to maintain and repair the organ. It is intended that this balance will be spent at some point in the next year.

It is our policy to hold most of our cash at bank in a Nat West current account, with the remainder held on a deposit account to meet short and medium-term requirements. The rest of our capital is invested in the M&G Charifund account, which provides opportunities for capital growth as well as a modest but regular income.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-in-Charge, two Churchwardens and ordinary members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The number of members or be elected to the PCC is dictated by the size of the Electoral Roll. Holy Trinity can have 6 members, in 2025 there were 5 members. The PCC members are Trustees of the church and as such, have responsibility to examine the finances of the church, appropriate uses and maintenance of it's Grade 1 Listed building, and how we engage with the wider church and our local community.

The PCC voted to increase the annual Common Fund contribution to £67,000. It decided when to hold a Gift Day Appeal and how to use the funds raised. In 2025, the focus of the appeal was the provision of music at special events, such as Carol Services, Christmas and Holy Week, with any surplus funds to be used to pay choristers and organists at our usual Sunday services.

The PCC works with the Priest-in-Charge to ensure a secure future for Holy Trinity.

## **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll Officer is Caroline Burke.

We are a small but loyal band of parishioners. The number on the electoral roll currently stands at 24. Unfortunately one parishioner has died and one moved abroad however we were delighted to hear from one former long-standing parishioner who has rejoined.

It has been a difficult year with all the reorganisation going on in the Church but hopefully we are now on firmer ground and can rebuild our community.

## **Administrative Information**

Holy Trinity is situated in Prince Consort Road, South Kensington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BA. It is a registered charity, number 1162519. PCC members who served in 2025 were:

### **Ex Officio members:**

Interim Priest-in-Charge: The Revd Jennie Adams

Churchwardens: Mr Paul Meitner (also Treasurer),  
Mrs Naomi Anderson-Eyles (also Parish Safeguarding Officer)

### **Elected members:**

Mrs Caroline Burke (Secretary)

Mr Chris Cann

Miss Eleanor Robbins

There is currently no Deanery Synod representative

## **Building report 2024**

Unlike previous years minimum expenditure was incurred during the year. This was not due to the lack of need but rather legislative hold-ups meaning much needed work cannot be started.

The beginning of the year saw the completion of the work on the organ. There is always more work to be done on an organ but this work has brought it back to good working order.

In February we had a heating audit on both the church and flat to gain advice on how to sufficiently heat the building in line with the Church of England Net Zero policy. The report for the church advised the best option would be to upgrade our system and stay connected to Imperial College's steam heating system. The alternative is to upgrade the system and use air-source heat pumps instead of steam. The report for the flat proved inconclusive due to how it is constructed.

Following the reports we enlisted the help of a Diocesan recommended company, RLS Plumbing, to get a quote for the work to upgrade the church heating system. Many leaks were detected and, in May, the steam system was completely turned off for safety reasons. The work to upgrade will cost a significant amount and discussions as to the best way forward are ongoing.

Renovating the church flat and renting it out for income is still the PCC plan. Attempting to get faculty approval (CofE planning approval) has been a huge frustration for the PCC this year, what had felt to be a simple project has proven to be anything but simple. This is still ongoing and we hope the advice of an architect will move this forward soon.

On a more positive note, Cleankil have got our pests under control. There have been no recent reports of sightings of our furry friends and there is little evidence of their presence. Cleankil visit to check and change the bait traps 3-4 times a year.

In November the coal hole cover failed creating a serious health & safety problem in the alleyway. With help from Imperial College Security Team we were able to fence off the area to make it safe. A new and improved cover has now been fitted.

In December the entry system to the alleyway door began to fail. Banham's Security have been appointed to replace it but, due to a supply issue, they needed to cancel the January appointment and will return in March.

## **Deanery Synod**

The Westminster (St Margaret) Deanery is the largest of the three deaneries in the archdeaconry of Charing Cross, which broadly covers the modern City of Westminster within the Two Cities Area of the diocese.

Our deanery encompasses the historic City of Westminster, including most of the 'West End,' as well as Whitehall, Belgravia, Pimlico, and Knightsbridge. It juxtaposes areas of significant social and economic deprivation with affluent neighbourhoods. Notably, it is home to Parliament, government departments, major businesses, and organizations. The deanery comprises nineteen parishes, eleven church schools, and several other congregations and institutional chaplaincies.

Due to its location and historical significance, the deanery accommodates a diverse range of churchmanship representing the comprehensiveness of the Church of England, and Bishop Sarah

serves as our Area Bishop.

The strength of our deanery life is evident in the deepening friendships and shared sense of mission cultivated over the years. The Deanery Synod serves as a valuable platform for strengthening our partnership in the gospel.

Deanery Synod meets three times a year, one of which is the annual garden party held in the Temple Master's garden at the Temple Church.

There is one place allocated for a lay representative of the parish to be on the Deanery Synod. This place is currently vacant.

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
			£		£
<b>Bank balances and investments:</b>					
Club/Societies Reserve		82,319		46,745	
Current		457		500	
M&G Charifund		<u>98,157</u>		<u>83,660</u>	
			180,933		130,905
<b>Debtors:</b>					
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		3,274		3,503	
Church hirers		2,295		2,650	
DCMS - Listed Place of Worship scheme		<u>0</u>		<u>8,552</u>	
			5,569		14,705
			<u>186,502</u>		<u>145,610</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Grant received re 2026 expenditure		2,397		0	
Chubb - door security		1,189		0	
Independent Examiner (provision)		150		150	
Bank interest		28		31	
Organ repairs		0		3,498	
Electricity		<u>0</u>		<u>873</u>	
			3,764		4,552
			<u>£182,738</u>		<u>£141,058</u>
 <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		165,089		133,057	
Music & Organ Fund	1	<u>17,649</u>		<u>8,001</u>	
			<u>£182,738</u>		<u>£141,058</u>

Notes to the accounts are on page 4

Date: 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

J Sharpe  
Reverend Jennie Sharpe  
Priest in Charge

P Meitner  
Paul Meitner  
Treasurer

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		18,221		19,645	
Donations		19,330		5,465	
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		<u>4,663</u>		<u>1,528</u>	
			42,214		26,638
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		35,174		31,664	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		<u>553</u>		<u>1,766</u>	
			35,727		33,430
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		12,815		43,147	
Diocese of London: clergy		0		267	
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>653</u>		<u>4,452</u>	
			13,468		47,866
<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		795		5,114	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>5,292</u>		<u>887</u>	
			6,087		6,001
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		50,224		47,653	
Rent from Vestry flat		<u>0</u>		<u>1,520</u>	
			<u>50,224</u>		<u>49,173</u>
<b>Total Income</b>			147,720		163,108

Notes to the accounts are on p. 4

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		2025		2024	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward from p. 2			147,720		163,108
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan Quota		67,000		65,000	
Insurance		12,815		12,441	
Singers		10,240		8,435	
Organists & Facilities Manager	2	8,610		9,513	
Heat, light, power		5,999		6,233	
Repairs to Equipment		4,261		32,653	
Cleaning		2,493		726	
Flat & Vestry repairs		2,458		769	
Clergy expenses		2,419		3,469	
Office & Sanctuary		1,103		999	
Repairs to Organ & Building		905		0	
Telephone & Broadband		735		660	
Website / sundry		557		576	
Water rates		429		218	
Bank charges		203		202	
Diocese of London: funeral & wedding fees		162		221	
Independent Examiner		150		150	
Redundancy & emoluments		0		14,692	
Printing, postage, stationery		0		221	
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<u>120,538</u>		<u>157,178</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>			27,182		5,930
<b>Transfers to Music &amp; Organ Fund:</b>					
Gift Day appeal		(11,020)			0
LPW Grant		(653)			0
Carol service music		1,120			
Organ Expenditure		905	(9,648)		0
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund			<u>14,497</u>		<u>2,125</u>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>			£32,032		£8,055
Balance at 1st January			<u>133,057</u>		<u>125,002</u>
Balance at 31st December			<u>£165,089</u>		<u>£133,057</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Notes	2025 £	2024 £
1) Music & Organ Fund		
Balance at 1st January	8,001	16,936
Gift Day Appeal proceeds	11,020	13,900
Tax recoverable on above	0	1,975
DCMS - VAT recoverable	653	4,100
	<u>19,674</u>	<u>36,911</u>
Less:		
Organ expenditure in period	905	24,852
Carol Services	1,120	560
Closing accrual for further work	0	3,498
Balance at 31st December	<u>£17,649</u>	<u>£8,001</u>
2) Organists	8,610	3,060
Deputy organists	0	6,613
	<u>8,610</u>	<u>9,673</u>
Less: charged to Music & Organ Fund	0	(160)
	<u>£8,610</u>	<u>£9,513</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity with All Saints Church**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

Signature

Date:

18/03/26

Tim Nutt

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current		500		871	
Club/Societies Reserve		46,745		47,315	
M&G Charifund		<u>83,660</u>		<u>81,535</u>	
			130,905		129,721
<b>Debtors:</b>					
DCMS: Grant scheme		8,552		0	
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		3,503		3,799	
Church hirers		2,650		1,925	
Bequest		0		10,000	
Singer overpayment		0		195	
Diocese of London: refund of clergy fees		<u>0</u>		<u>270</u>	
			14,705		16,189
			<u>145,610</u>		<u>145,910</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Organ repairs		3,498		0	
Electricity		873		0	
Independent Examiner		150		125	
Bank Charges		31		0	
Facilities Manager: Pension		0		3,318	
Diocese of London: funeral fees		0		453	
Other		<u>0</u>		<u>76</u>	
			4,552		3,972
			<u>£141,058</u>		<u>£141,938</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		133,057		125,002	
Organ & Music Fund	1	<u>8,001</u>		<u>16,936</u>	
			<u>£141,058</u>		<u>£141,938</u>

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Date: 8 MARCH 2025

  
Reverend Jennie Sharpe  
Priest in Charge

  
Paul Meitner  
Treasurer

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**GENERAL FUND**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		19,645		21,490	
Donations		5,465		1,634	
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		1,528		3,799	
Bequest		0		10,000	
Donation for specific objects		<u>0</u>		<u>60</u>	
			26,638		36,983
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		31,664		24,737	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		<u>1,766</u>		<u>217</u>	
			33,430		24,954
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		43,147		11,013	
Diocese of London: clergy		267		270	
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>4,452</u>		<u>0</u>	
			47,866		11,283
<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		5,114		4,858	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>888</u>		<u>796</u>	
			6,001		5,654
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		47,653		41,780	
Rent from Vestry flat		<u>1,520</u>		<u>3,040</u>	
			<u>49,173</u>		<u>44,820</u>
<b>Total Income</b>			163,108		123,694

Notes to the accounts are on p. 4

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023
		£	£	£
	Notes			
Brought forward from p. 2			163,108	123,694
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>				
Diocesan Quota		65,000		59,000
Repairs to Equipment	2	32,653		1,566
Insurance		12,441		11,013
Redundancy settlements		10,791		0
Organists & Facilities Manager	3	9,513		16,336
Choir	4	8,435		11,015
Heat, light, power	5	6,233		7,476
Church staff emoluments inc payroll fees		3,901		6,627
Clergy expenses		3,469		984
Office & Sanctuary		999		573
Flat & Vestry repairs		769		16,318
Cleaning		726		0
Telephone & Broadband		660		855
Website		576		614
Diocese of London: funeral & wedding fees		221		453
Printing, postage, stationery		221		221
Water rates		218		213
Bank charges		202		209
Independent Examiner		150		150
Repairs to Buildings		0		2,870
Facilities Manager: supplies		0		371
Licensing service		0		287
Westminster Deanery Synod		0		0
Subscriptions		0		70
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>157,178</u>	<u>137,221</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>			5,930	(13,527)
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund			2,125	(1,962)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>			8,055	(15,489)
Balances at 1st January			<u>125,002</u>	<u>140,491</u>
Balances at 31st December			<u>£133,057</u>	<u>£125,002</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	£	2024 £	2023 £
1) Organ & Music Fund - balance at 1 January		16,936	1,612
Incoming resources from donors			
Collections: Gift Day	13,900		15,324
Gift Aid tax	1,975		0
DCMS VAT claim	<u>4,100</u>		<u>0</u>
		19,975	15,324
Less: Expenditure			
Organ repairs	24,852		0
Closing accrual for further repairs	3,498		0
Christmas Carols (Organist and Choir)	<u>560</u>		<u>0</u>
		<u>28,910</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>£8,001</u>	<u>£16,936</u>
2) Repairs to Equipment		£	£
Electrical work		29,686	0
Other expenditure		<u>2,967</u>	<u>1,566</u>
		<u>£32,653</u>	<u>£1,566</u>
3) Organists		£	£
Organist/Facilities Manager		3,060	16,056
Deputy organists		<u>6,613</u>	<u>280</u>
		9,673	16,336
Less: charged to Music & Organ Fund		<u>(160)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>£9,513</u>	<u>£16,336</u>
4) Choir		£	£
Payments to Choristers		8,835	11,015
Less: charged to Music & Organ Fund		<u>(400)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>£8,435</u>	<u>£11,015</u>
5) Heat, Light and Power		£	£
Electricity		6,206	7,476
Gas		<u>27</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>£6,233</u>	<u>£7,476</u>

6) For the year ended 31 December 2023 Gift Day collections were included in the General Fund, with a subsequent transfer to the Organ & Music Fund. In these accounts the Gift Day collections have been credited directly to the Organ & Music Fund and the 2023 comparative adjusted accordingly.

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity with All Saints Church**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011("the 2011 Act").

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 of the 2011 Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

– to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

– to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature



Date:

08/03/25

Tim Nutt

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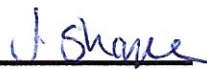
HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023


MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund:</b>					
B account					
Current		871		1,400	
Club/Societies Reserve		47,315		59,624	
M&G Charifund		<u>81,535</u>		<u>83,497</u>	
			129,720		144,521
<b>Debtors:</b>					
Bequest		10,000		-	
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		3,799		2,394	
Church hirers		1,925		3,448	
Diocese of London: clergy fees		270		540	
DCMS Grant Scheme		-		343	
Singer overpayment		195		195	
Utilities overcharge		<u>-</u>		<u>434</u>	
			16,189		7,354
			<u>145,910</u>		<u>151,874</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities Manager: pension		3,317		9,671	
Diocese of London: funeral fees		453		-	
Independent Examiner		125		100	
Coffee		<u>76</u>		<u>-</u>	
			3,971		9,771
			<u>141,938</u>		<u>142,103</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		125,002		140,491	
Organ Fund	1	<u>16,936</u>		<u>1,612</u>	
			<u>141,938</u>		<u>142,103</u>

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Date: 5/05/2024

  
Revd. Jennie Sharpe  
Priest in Charge

  
Paul Meitner  
Treasurer

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

RECEIPTS	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		21,490		13,606	
Collections: Gift Day		15,324		16,219	
Gift Aid Tax rebate		3,799		3,025	
Bequest		10,000		2,500	
Donations		1,634		1,500	
Donation for specific objects		<u>60</u>		<u>60</u>	
			52,307		36,910
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		24,737		27,832	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		217		350	
Guide, Newsletter (net), other sales		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
			24,954		28,182
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		11,013		10,012	
Diocese of London: clergy		270		1,175	
Diocese of London: energy		-		2,641	
Insurance claim		-		1,162	
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>-</u>		<u>343</u>	
			11,283		15,333
<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		4,858		4,716	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>796</u>		<u>122</u>	
			5,654		4,838
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		41,781		36,878	
Rent from Vestry flat		<u>3,040</u>		<u>3,040</u>	
			<u>44,821</u>		<u>39,918</u>
Total Receipts			139,018		125,181

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Brought forward from p. 2		139,018	125,181
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>			
Diocesan Quota		59,000	57,000
Organists & Facilities Manager	2	16,336	17,822
Flat & Vestry repairs		16,318	-
Choir		11,015	7,860
Insurance		11,013	10,012
Heat, light, power		7,476	1,175
Church staff emoluments		6,051	5,774
Repairs to Buildings		2,870	2,442
Repairs to Equipment		1,020	1,457
Clergy expenses		984	3,129
Telephone & Broadband		855	785
Website		614	444
Sanctuary expenses		573	200
Repairs to Organ		546	214
Payroll fees		576	-
Diocese of London: fees		453	29
Facilities Manager: supplies		371	281
Licensing service		287	-
Printing, postage, stationery		221	287
Water rates		213	152
Bank charges		209	212
Independent Examiner		150	100
Subscriptions		70	-
Sundry		-	313
Professional fees: Legal		-	1,006
Copyright Licence		-	169
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>137,221</u>	<u>110,864</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		1,797	14,317
Transfer of Gift Day Appeal to Organ Fund		(15,324)	-
Balances at 1st January		140,491	131,099
(Loss) in value of M&G Charifund		(1,962)	(4,925)
<b>Balances at 31st December</b>		<u>£125,002</u>	<u>£140,491</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Notes	2023 £	2022 £
1) <b>Organ Fund</b>		
Balance at 1st January	1,612	1,612
Transfer from General Fund after Gift Day appeal	15,324	–
Balance at 31st December	<u>16,936</u>	<u>1,612</u>
2) Organist/Facilities Manager	16,056	17,702
Deputy organists	130	120
	<u>16,186</u>	<u>17,822</u>

2022 figure includes the settlement of pension contributions from earlier periods, of which £3,372 were unpaid as at 31st December 2023.

## HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity with All Saints Church**

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Signature

Date: 25/04/2024



Julia Palmer  
7 Ernest Court  
122 Bowen Drive

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington for the year ended 31 December 2022

## Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington, has the responsibility of co-operating with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Reverend Adam Atkinson (in the absence of a Priest in charge) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and fabric of Holy Trinity Church.

### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can involve the population that lives within our parish as well as the numerous visitors from outside it. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specifically the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Music, which plays a very significant part in the worship in Holy Trinity and is what draws many people to the services here. Tim Roe maintains a very high standard of choral singing.
- Our grade 1 listed building that combines great beauty with an atmosphere of prayer and stillness. Its upkeep is a priority to the PCC and the subject of much labour and expenditure.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Worship and prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer services on Sundays and during the week that our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The Sunday morning services and all festivals are directed primarily to those who appreciate the language and theology enshrined in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). As well as choral Matins on the second and fourth Sundays, and choral Eucharist on the first and third (and fifth) Sundays, there is a midweek lunchtime Eucharist every week (Common Worship), and choral Evensong provided by the Chamber Choir of Imperial College during term time, fortnightly on Wednesdays. The Wednesday lunchtime service provides a time for reflection for those studying and working in the vicinity.

We have continued with our online service of Evensong at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings, which began during lockdown, enabling us to reach a wider audience, including some who worshipped at Holy Trinity in the past and now live overseas. We are grateful to the Reverend Trevor Jordan for taking these services.

The Interregnum that began on 28 February 2020 continued throughout 2022. We have recently been informed that the Reverend Jennie Sharpe will be appointed as our new Priest in Charge in early July 2023. We continue to be grateful to our 'rota' of clergy, some retired, who have taken our Sunday morning services (both in church and online) during the interregnum.

We continue to maintain our strong links with the Chaplaincy and music department and administration of Imperial College. We also have fruitful relations with a local non-church school which holds important acts of worship in the church. The Priest in Charge holds services in one of these schools four times a term.

We use printed Order of Service booklets containing those parts of the Book of Common Prayer that we use for Matins and Eucharist. These are designed to make it easier for those not familiar with the BCP to follow. We are an 'Inclusive Church' and all are welcome to attend our services. At present there are 46 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and commend the person into God's keeping.

Prior to lockdown on the second Sunday of the month, six times a year, the Parish organised a lunch in the Church Hall, immediately following the morning service. This

was usually attended by between 20 and 30 people, including members of the choir and visitors to the area. We hope to resume this event as it was an important part of our parish life and added a social dimension to the spiritual and theological ones.

The church is a member of Churches Together in Westminster.

## **Deanery Synod**

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

## **Use of the Church and Hall**

We want our church to be open to our local community for uses other than worship, where these uses are compatible with the objects of the church. Accordingly, outside lockdown, the church is used by a variety of musical, educational and artistic organisations based in and around South Kensington. We are particularly proud of our connections with Imperial College, the Royal College of Music, the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal College of Art, all of which make up the educational and arts environment in South Kensington referred to as 'Albertopolis'. We host the annual Proms service. During the week the hall is used by a nursery school that pays a commercial rent to use the hall four days a week. There is also a Saturday children's school that rents the hall. We are a member of the South Kensington Business Resilience Forum.

A summary of forthcoming events is set out in our Bulletin that is handed out to those attending our services and is available to visitors to the church.

## **Financial review for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Total receipts into unrestricted funds for the year were £125,181, of which £36,910 comprised incoming resources from donors and a further £28,182 was represented by other voluntary income. Restricted grants of £15,333 were also received, which funded the building insurance premium. Income from investments was £4,838, rent from the Nursery school and Vestry flat came to £39,918. Total receipts fell by £10,855 (8%) compared with 2021, mainly as a reduction in collections.

£110,864 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry. This represented a reduction of £12,713 on the previous year. Total spending for the year included the contribution to the diocesan parish share which increased by £2,000 to £57,000, helping to provide stipends, pensions and housing for the clergy.

Unrestricted funds increased by £14,317 before taking account of a loss in the value of investments of £4,925. During the year, total fund balances increased from £132,711 to

£142,103, of which £140,491 was unrestricted and £1,612 restricted. In contrast with recent years only £2,442 was spent on repairs to the building.

## **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least twelve months' unrestricted expenditure. This was equivalent to £110,864 in 2022 and is to cover unforeseen events, such as short-term fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies, such as urgent repairs to the building and fabric of the church, which are to be expected when dealing with the obligation to maintain a listed historic building. The balance of free reserves at 31 December 2022 was £140,491, which represents approximately 15.2 months' unrestricted payments (2021: 12.6 months).

The balance of £1,612 in the restricted fund represents funds set aside to maintain and repair the organ. It is intended that this balance will be spent at some point in the next two years.

It is our policy to hold most of our cash at bank in a Nat West current account, with the remainder held on a deposit account to meet short and medium-term requirements. The rest of our capital is invested in the M&G Charifund account, which provides opportunities for capital growth as well as a modest but regular income.

## **Volunteers**

We should like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, Chris Cann and Paul Meitner (who also serves as Treasurer), PCC Secretary Catriona Howatson, as well as the rest of our PCC.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, two churchwardens and ordinary members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC has 5 members elected annually. It has met 5 times since the last APCM. The PCC members are Trustees of the church and as such have great responsibility to examine the finances and expenditure of the church, the appropriate uses and maintenance of its Grade 1 listed building and how we engage with the outside world.

The PCC considers and approves matters relating to Health & Safety legislation. It has adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. It voted to increase the annual Common Fund contribution to £59,000 in 2023, from £57,000 in 2022. It considered when to hold a Gift Day and how to apportion the giving.

The PCC continues to support Inclusive Church and supports its statement of belief: 'Inclusive Church exists to support and challenge the church to be open and inclusive to all people.'

## **Administrative information**

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Prince Consort Road, South Kensington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BA. It is a registered charity, number 1162519. PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

### **Ex Officio members:**

Priest in Charge:	Vacant
Assistant Priest:	Vacant
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Cann and Mr Paul Meitner

Deanery Synod Representative and Secretary: Miss Catriona Howatson

### **Elected members:**

Mr Richard Buckingham  
Mrs Caroline Burke  
Ms Tara Dudley Smith  
Mr Alan Pardoe  
Mrs Carol Seymour-Newton  
Mr Chris Williams

Approved by the APCM on 23 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by Paul Meitner as PCC Chair

Paul Meitner



HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund:</b>					
B account					
Current		1,400		579	
Club/Societies Reserve		59,624		35,695	
M&G Charifund		<u>83,497</u>		<u>88,422</u>	
			144,521		124,696
<b>Debtors:</b>					
Church hirers		3,448		2,502	
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		2,394		6,767	
Diocese of London: clergy		540		1,195	
Utilities overcharge		434		-	
DCMS Grant Scheme		343		332	
Singer overpayment		195		-	
Bequest		<u>-</u>		<u>10,000</u>	
			7,354		20,796
			<u>151,874</u>		<u>145,492</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities Manager	1	9671		12,473	
Independent Examiner		100		200	
Diocese of London: funeral fee		<u>-</u>		<u>108</u>	
			9,771		12,781
			<u>142,103</u>		<u>132,711</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		140,491		131,099	
Organ Fund	2	<u>1,612</u>		<u>1,612</u>	
			<u>142,103</u>		<u>132,711</u>

Notes to the accounts are on page 4

Date: 23/04/2023

  
Paul Meitner  
 Treasurer

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

RECEIPTS	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		13,606		13,785	
Collections: Gift Day		16,219		24,904	
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		3,025		6,767	
Bequest		2,500		13,000	
Donations		1,500		2,320	
Donation for specific objects		<u>60</u>		<u>60</u>	
			36,910		60,836
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		27,832		19,115	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		350		228	
Guide, Newsletter (net), other sales		<u>0</u>		<u>171</u>	
			28,182		19,514
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		10,012		9,724	
Diocese of London: energy		2,641		-	
Insurance claim		1,162		1,195	
Diocese of London: clergy		1,175		1,195	
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>343</u>		<u>1,972</u>	
			15,333		12,891
<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		4,716		4,205	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>122</u>		<u>2</u>	
			4,838		4,207
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		36,878		35,550	
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			<u>39,918</u>		<u>38,590</u>
Total Receipts			125,181		136,036

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**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Brought forward from p. 2		125,181	136,036
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>			
Diocesan Quota		57,000	55,000
Organists & Facilities Manager		17,822	26,693
Insurance		10,012	9,724
Choir		7,860	5,830
Church staff emoluments		5,774	5,774
Clergy expenses		3,129	1,195
Repairs to Buildings		2,442	13,873
Repairs to Equipment		1,457	301
Heat, light, power		1,175	1,994
Westminster Deanery Synod		-	426
Flat & Vestry repairs		-	130
Professional fees: Legal		1,006	-
Telephone & Broadband		785	557
Website		444	-
Sundry		313	976
Printing, postage, stationery		287	193
Facilities Manager: supplies		281	-
Repairs to Organ		214	212
Bank charges		212	200
Sanctuary expenses		200	298
Copyright Licence		169	-
Water rates		152	94
Independent Examiner		100	-
Diocese of London: fees		29	108
		<u>110,864</u>	<u>123,577</u>
<b>Total payments</b>			
		<u>14,317</u>	<u>12,459</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>			
Balances at 1st January		131,099	108,206
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund		(4,925)	10,434
Balances at 31st December		<u>140,491</u>	<u>131,099</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

<b>Notes</b>	2022 £	2021 £
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Deputy organists	120	–
	<u>17,822</u>	<u>26,693</u>

2021 figure includes the settlement of arrears of pay from earlier periods

2022 figure includes the settlement of pension contributions from earlier periods

Of the above amounts, £9,671 was unpaid as at 31st December 2022

2) <b>Organ Fund</b>		
Balance at 1st January	1,612	1,612
Transfer from General Fund	–	–
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,612</u>

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Signature



Date:

21/04/2023

Julia Palmer  
7 Ernest Court  
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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund:</b>					
B account					
Current		1,400		579	
Club/Societies Reserve		59,624		35,695	
M&G Charifund		<u>83,497</u>		<u>88,422</u>	
			144,521		124,696
<b>Debtors:</b>					
Church hirers		3,448		2,502	
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		2,394		6,767	
Diocese of London: clergy		540		1,195	
Utilities overcharge		434		-	
DCMS Grant Scheme		343		332	
Singer overpayment		195		-	
Bequest		<u>-</u>		<u>10,000</u>	
			7,354		20,796
			<u>151,874</u>		<u>145,492</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities Manager	1	9671		12,473	
Independent Examiner		100		200	
Diocese of London: funeral fee		<u>-</u>		<u>108</u>	
			9,771		12,781
			<u>142,103</u>		<u>132,711</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		140,491		131,099	
Organ Fund	2	<u>1,612</u>		<u>1,612</u>	
			<u>142,103</u>		<u>132,711</u>

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Date: 23/04/2023

  
Paul Meitner  
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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

RECEIPTS	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		13,606		13,785	
Collections: Gift Day		16,219		24,904	
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		3,025		6,767	
Bequest		2,500		13,000	
Donations		1,500		2,320	
Donation for specific objects		<u>60</u>		<u>60</u>	
			36,910		60,836
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		27,832		19,115	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		350		228	
Guide, Newsletter (net), other sales		<u>0</u>		<u>171</u>	
			28,182		19,514
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		10,012		9,724	
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# Accounts

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**Annual Report and Accounts for the  
Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity  
with All Saints, South Kensington for the year ended 31 December 2021**

## Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington, has the responsibility of co-operating with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Reverend Adam Atkinson (in the absence of a Priest in charge) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and fabric of Holy Trinity Church.

## Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can involve the population that lives within our parish as well as the numerous visitors from outside it. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specifically the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Music, which plays a very significant part in the worship in Holy Trinity and is what draws many people to the services here. Tim Roe maintains a very high standard of choral singing.
- Our grade 1 listed building that combines great beauty with an atmosphere of prayer and stillness. Its upkeep is a priority to the PCC and the subject of much labour and expenditure.

## Achievements and performance

### **Worship and prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer services on Sundays and during the week that our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Prior to the Lockdown restrictions that took effect in March 2020 the Sunday morning service and all festivals were directed primarily to those who particularly appreciated the

language and theology enshrined in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). As well as choral Matins on the second and fourth Sundays, and choral Eucharist on the first and third (and fifth) Sundays, there was a midweek lunchtime Eucharist every week (Common Worship), and choral Evensong was sung by the Chamber Choir of Imperial College during term time fortnightly on Wednesdays. The Wednesday lunchtime service provided a time for reflection for those studying and working in the vicinity.

These services were suspended during the various lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. During these lockdowns our Sunday morning BCP services went online, continuing the pattern of normal worship. We introduced an online service of Evensong at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings, enabling us to reach a wider audience, including some who worshipped at Holy Trinity in the past and now live overseas. We are grateful to the Reverend Trevor Jordan for taking these services. The online Evensongs have continued after the church reopened for Sunday morning services.

The Interregnum that commenced on 28 February 2020 continues and at the time of writing we do not know when a new appointment will be made. We are grateful to a 'rota' of clergy, some retired, who have taken our Sunday morning services (both in church and online) since then. The Church Wardens continue to be actively involved in a dialogue with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Reverend Adam Atkinson, concerning the steps required to bring the interregnum to an end.

We continue to maintain our strong links with the Chaplaincy and music department and administration of Imperial College. We also have fruitful relations with a local non-church school which holds important acts of worship in the church. The Priest in Charge holds services in the school four times a term.

We use printed Order of Service booklets containing those parts of the Book of Common Prayer that we use for Matins and Eucharist. These are designed to make it easier for those not familiar with the BCP to follow. We are an 'Inclusive Church and all are welcome to attend our services. At present there are 44 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Prior to Lockdown on the second Sunday of the month, six times a year, the Parish organised a lunch in the Church Hall, immediately following the morning service, that was usually attended by between 20 and 30 people, including members of the choir and visitors to the area. This lunch was and will continue to be an important part of our parish life and adds a social dimension to the spiritual and theological ones.

The church is a member of Churches Together in Westminster.

## **Deanery Synod**

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

## **Use of the Church and Hall**

We want our church to be open to our local community for uses other than worship, where these uses are compatible with the objects of the church. Accordingly, outside Lockdown, the church is used by a variety of musical, educational and artistic organisations based in and around South Kensington. We are particularly proud of our connections with Imperial College, the Royal College of Music, the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal College of Art, all of which make up the educational and arts environment in South Kensington referred to as 'Albertopolis'. We host the annual Proms service. During the week the hall is used by a nursery school that pays a commercial rent to use the hall four days a week. There is also a Saturday children's school that rents the hall. We are a member of the South Kensington Business Resilience Forum.

A summary of forthcoming events is set out in our Bulletin that is handed out to those attending our services and is available to visitors to the church.

## **Financial review for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Total receipts into unrestricted funds for the year were £136,036, of which £60,836 comprised incoming resources from donors and a further £19,514 was represented by other voluntary income. Restricted grants of £12,891 were also received, which funded the building insurance premium and included a refund of VAT of £1,972 on building works completed. Income from investments was £4,207, rent from the Nursery school and Vestry flat came to £38,590. Total receipts fell by £24,505 (15%) compared with 2020, mainly as a reduction of £37,911 in the one-off grant from the Holy Trinity Church House Trust, which was partially offset by Bequests of £13,000.

£123,577 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry. This represented a decrease of £53,775 on the previous year and was mainly the result of a reduction of £62,830 in building repairs. Total spending for the year included the contribution to the diocesan parish share which remained unchanged at £55,000, helping to provide stipends, pensions and housing for the clergy.

Unrestricted funds increased by £22,893 after taking account of a gain of £10,434 in the value of investments. During the year, the total fund balances increased from £109,818 to £132,711, of which £131,099 was unrestricted and £1,612 restricted.

In contrast to 2020 only £13,873 was spent on repairs to the building.

## **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least twelve months' unrestricted expenditure. This was equivalent to £123,577 in 2021 and is to cover unforeseen events, such as short-term fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies, such as urgent repairs to the building and fabric of the church, which are to be expected when dealing with the obligation to maintain a listed historic building. The balance of free reserves at 31 December 2021 was £131,099, which represents approximately 12.5 months' unrestricted payments (2020: 7 months).

The balance of £1,612 in the restricted fund represents funds set aside to maintain and repair the organ. It is intended that this balance will be spent at some point in the next two years.

It is our policy to hold most of our cash at bank in a Nat West current account, with the remainder held on a deposit account to meet short and medium-term requirements. The rest of our capital is invested in the M&G Charifund account, which provides opportunities for capital growth as well as a modest but regular income.

## **Fabric Report**

Under Section 50 of The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018

Expenditure in 2021:	£
Lavatory block	7998
Downpipe damage	1994
Architect	1840
Hand-rail to steps	1073
Surveyor	600
Supplementary heaters	298
Lightening Conductor	70
Total:	<u>£13,873</u>

Total expenditure in 2021 was £13,873, a substantial reduction on the 2020 figure of £69,736, which included expenditure of £52,250 on the lavatory block and £9,857 on architects' fees. The largest items in 2021 were the payments of £7,998 and £1,994 to Universal Stone relating to the completion of works on the lavatory block, which were only invoiced at the beginning of the year, and to repair of a storm-damaged downpipe.

The coming year (2022) is likely to include further expenditure on the alley wall and replacing the plaster on the geographical east wall, which has been damaged by damp emanating from the steam pipes. As reported last year, the alley wall will require partial reconstruction (the extent revealed upon inspection of the mortar), possibly including a complete rebuild of the gate pier and presumably replacement of the rotten oak gate. Some of the wall damage was attributed to vegetation growing against it on the Bulgarian side. The embassy has been asked to remove this.

## **Volunteers**

We should like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, Chris Cann and Paul Meitner (who also serves as Treasurer), PCC Secretary Catriona Howatson, as well as the rest of our PCC.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, two churchwardens and ordinary members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC has 6 members elected annually. It has met 6 times since the last APCM. The PCC members are Trustees of the church and as such have great responsibility to examine the finances and expenditure of the church, the appropriate uses and maintenance of its Grade 1-listed building and how we engage with the outside world.

The PCC considers and approves matters relating to Health & Safety legislation. It has adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. It voted to increase the annual Common Fund contribution to £56,000. It considered when to hold a Gift Day and how to apportion the giving.

The PCC continues to support Inclusive Church and supports its statement of belief: 'Inclusive Church exists to support and challenge the church to be open and inclusive to all people.'

## **Administrative information**

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Prince Consort Road, South Kensington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BA. It is a registered charity, number 1162519.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

### **Ex Officio members:**

Priest in Charge:	Vacant
Assistant Priest:	Vacant
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Cann and Mr Paul Meitner
Secretary and Deanery Synod Representative:	Miss Catriona Howatson

### **Elected members:**

Mr Richard Buckingham  
Mrs Caroline Burke  
Ms Tara Dudley Smith  
Mr Alan Pardoe  
Mrs Carol Seymour-Newton  
Mr Chris Williams

Approved by the APCM on 1 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by Paul Meitner as PCC Chair

Paul Meitner



HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

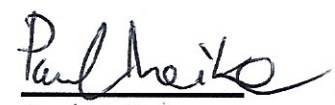
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HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		6,767		5,874	
DCMS Grant Scheme		332		-	
Church hirers		2,502		2,447	
Diocese of London		1,195		495	
Facilities Manager expenses		<u>-</u>		<u>40</u>	
			20,796		8,856
			<u>145,492</u>		<u>120,277</u>
Liabilities:					
Facilities Manager		12,473		80	
Church House Trust		-		9,724	
Priests in Interregnum		-		495	
Independent Examiner		200		160	
Diocese of London: funeral fee		<u>108</u>		-	
			12,781		10,459
			<u>132,711</u>		<u>109,818</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
General Fund		131,099		108,206	
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Date:

23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022



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Treasurer

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Collections: General Fund		13,785		12,458	
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Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		6,767		5,874	
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DCMS Grant Scheme		1,972		13,550	
Diocese of London: clergy fees		<u>1,195</u>			
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<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		4,205		3,807	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>2</u>		<u>26</u>	
			4,207		3,833
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		35,550		35,000	
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Diocesan Quota		55,000	55,000
Organists & Facilities Manager	2	26,693	11,530
Insurance		9,724	10,236
Repairs to Equipment		301	6,359
Church staff emoluments		5,774	5,774
Choir		5,830	3,535
Sundry		976	1,581
Clergy expenses, past estimate adjusted		1,195	1,370
Heat, light, power		1,994	1,069
Westminster Deanery Synod		426	925
Telephone & Broadband		557	921
Diocese of London: fees		108	633
Disbursements to Charities		—	495
Sanctuary expenses		298	434
Bank charges		200	246
Repairs to Organ		212	200
Printing, postage, stationery		193	159
Water rates		94	143
Flat & Vestry repairs		130	39
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>123,577</b>	<b>177,352</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>12,459</b>	<b>(16,812)</b>
Balances at 1st January		108,206	141,388
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund		10,434	(16,371)
Balances at 31st December		<u>131,099</u>	<u>108,206</u>

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Notes	2021 £	2020 £
1) <b>Organ Fund</b>		
Balance at 1st January	1,612	1,612
Transfer from General Fund	–	–
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,612</u>
2) Organist/Facilities Manager	26,693	14,425
Deputy organists	–	130
	<u>26,693</u>	<u>14,555</u>

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Signature



Date: 30th April 2022

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

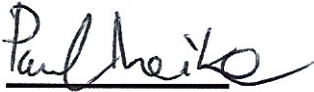
MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund:</b>					
B account					
Current		579		726	
Club/Societies Reserve		35,695		32,707	
M&G Charifund		<u>88,422</u>		<u>77,988</u>	
			124,696		111,421
<b>Debtors:</b>					
Bequest		10,000			
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		6,767		5,874	
DCMS Grant Scheme		332		-	
Church hirers		2,502		2,447	
Diocese of London		1,195		495	
Facilities Manager expenses		<u>-</u>		<u>40</u>	
			20,796		8,856
			<u>145,492</u>		<u>120,277</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities Manager		12,473		80	
Church House Trust		-		9,724	
Priests in Interregnum		-		495	
Independent Examiner		200		160	
Diocese of London: funeral fee		<u>108</u>		-	
			12,781		10,459
			<u>132,711</u>		<u>109,818</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		131,099		108,206	
Organ Fund	1	<u>1,612</u>		<u>1,612</u>	
			<u>132,711</u>		<u>109,818</u>

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Date:

*23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022*



Paul Meitner  
Treasurer

**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

RECEIPTS	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Collections: General Fund		13,785		12,458	
Collections: Gift Day		24,904		27,875	
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		6,767		5,874	
Donations		2,320		2,074	
Bequests		13,000		–	
Donation for specific objects		<u>60</u>		<u>60</u>	
			60,836		48,340
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>					
Use of Church		19,115		7,804	
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		228		1,121	
Guide, Newsletter (net), other sales		<u>171</u>		<u>217</u>	
			19,514		9,142
<b>Grants from</b>					
Church House Fund Trust		9,724		47,635	
DCMS Grant Scheme		1,972		13,550	
Diocese of London: clergy fees		<u>1,195</u>			
			12,891		61,185
<b>Income from investments</b>					
M&G Charifund		4,205		3,807	
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>2</u>		<u>26</u>	
			4,207		3,833
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Rent from Nursery School		35,550		35,000	
Rent from Vestry flat		<u>3,040</u>		<u>3,040</u>	
			<u>38,590</u>		<u>38,040</u>
Total Receipts			136,036		160,541

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**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Brought forward from p. 2		136,036	160,541
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>			
Repairs to Buildings		13,873	76,703
Diocesan Quota		55,000	55,000
Organists & Facilities Manager	2	26,693	11,530
Insurance		9,724	10,236
Repairs to Equipment		301	6,359
Church staff emoluments		5,774	5,774
Choir		5,830	3,535
Sundry		976	1,581
Clergy expenses, past estimate adjusted		1,195	1,370
Heat, light, power		1,994	1,069
Westminster Deanery Synod		426	925
Telephone & Broadband		557	921
Diocese of London: fees		108	633
Disbursements to Charities		—	495
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Bank charges		200	246
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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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2) Organist/Facilities Manager	26,693	14,425
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# Accounts

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HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund:</b>					
B account					
Current		726		2,799	
Club/Societies Reserve		32,707		35,987	
M&G Charifund		<u>77,988</u>		<u>94,360</u>	
			111,421		133,146
<b>Debtors:</b>					
HMRC: Gift Aid tax rebate		5,874		6,044	
DCMS Grant Scheme		-		1,262	
Church hirers		2,447		2,121	
Diocese of London		495		-	
Thames Water		-		578	
Facilities Manager expenses		<u>40</u>		<u>-</u>	
			8,856		10,005
			<u>120,277</u>		<u>143,150</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Advance income		9,724			
Priests in Interregnum		495			
Independent Examiner		160		150	
Director of Music		<u>80</u>		<u>-</u>	
			10,459		150
			<u>109,818</u>		<u>143,000</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General Fund		108,206		141,388	
Organ Fund	1	<u>1,612</u>		<u>1,612</u>	
			<u>109,818</u>		<u>143,000</u>

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Paul Meitner

Date: 4 OCTOBER 2021

Paul Meitner  
Treasurer

General Fund Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>			
Collections: General Fund		12,458	19,096
Collections: Gift Day		27,875	21,780
Gift Aid Tax rebate (estimated)		5,874	6,044
Donations		2,074	1,068
Donation for specific objects		<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>
		48,340	48,047
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>			
Use of Church		7,804	15,876
Baptism, Wedding, Memorial fees		1,121	2,256
Guide, Newsletter (net), other sales		<u>217</u>	<u>568</u>
		9,142	18,700
<b>Grants from</b>			
Church House Fund Trust		47,635	9,995
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>13,550</u>	<u>2,692</u>
		61,185	12,687
<b>Income from investments</b>			
M&G Charifund		3,807	4,716
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>26</u>	<u>63</u>
		3,833	4,779
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>			
Rent from Nursery School		35,000	32,764
Rent from Vestry flat		<u>3,040</u>	<u>3,040</u>
		<u>38,040</u>	<u>35,804</u>
Total Receipts		160,541	120,018

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General Fund Receipts & Payments Account

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Brought forward from p. 2		160,541	120,018
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>			
Repairs to Buildings		76,703	8,705
Diocesan Quota		55,000	53,000
Organists & Facilities Manager	2	11,530	11,525
Insurance		10,236	9,995
Repairs to Equipment		6,359	1,571
Church staff emoluments		5,774	6,229
Choir		3,535	10,914
Clergy expenses, past estimate adjusted		1,581	1,077
Sundry		1,370	-116
Heat, light, power		1,069	1,269
Westminster Deanery Synod		925	403
Telephone & Broadband		921	699
Diocese of London: fees		633	609
Disbursements to Charities		495	1,945
Sanctuary expenses		434	298
Bank charges		246	331
Repairs to Organ		200	210
Printing, postage, stationery		159	510
Water rates		143	644
Flat & Vestry repairs		39	523
Wedding choir fees		-	880
Professional fees: Legal		-	1,433
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>177,352</u>	<u>112,653</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u>(16,812)</u>	<u>7,365</u>
Balances at 1st January		141,388	120,273
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund		(16,371)	13,750
<b>Balances at 31st December</b>		<u>108,206</u>	<u>141,388</u>

Notes	2020 £	2019 £
1) Organ Fund		
Balance at 1st January	1,612	1,612
Transfer from General Fund	—	—
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,612</u>
2) Organist/Facilities Manager Deputy organists	11,400 130	11,405 120
	<u>11,530</u>	<u>11,525</u>
3) Disbursements to PCC's selected Charities		
Leprosy Mission	—	913
Church Urban Fund	—	913
Diocesan Lent Appeal	—	120
West London Mission for Children	495	—
	<u>495</u>	<u>1,945</u>

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Signature:



Date: 24/04/2021

I would recommend that going forward any fees owed are not claimed via expenses but invoiced accordingly for Tax & NI purposes.

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**HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
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**REPORTS TO PARISHIONERS FOR THE  
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1. Annual Report and Accounts
2. Fabric Report
3. Changes to the Electoral Roll
4. Activities of the Parish
5. Proceedings of the PCC

# **Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington for the year ended 31 December 2020**

## **Aim and purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington, has the responsibility of co-operating with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Reverend Adam Atkinson (in the absence of a Priest in charge) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and fabric of Holy Trinity Church.

## **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can involve the population that lives within our parish as well as the numerous visitors from outside it. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specifically the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Music, which plays a very significant part in the worship in Holy Trinity and is what draws many people to the services here. Tim Roe maintains a very high standard of choral singing.
- Our grade 1 listed building that combines great beauty with an atmosphere of prayer and stillness. Its upkeep is a priority to the PCC and the subject of much labour and expenditure.

## Achievements and performance

### **Worship and prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer services on Sundays and during the week that our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Prior to the Lockdown restrictions that took effect in March 2020 the Sunday morning service and all festivals were directed primarily to those who particularly appreciated the language and theology enshrined in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). As well as choral Matins on the second and fourth Sundays, and choral Eucharist on the first and third (and fifth) Sundays, there was a midweek lunchtime Eucharist every week (Common Worship), and choral Evensong was sung by the Chamber Choir of Imperial College during term time fortnightly on Wednesdays. The Wednesday lunchtime service provided a time for reflection for those studying and working in the vicinity.

These services were suspended during the various lockdowns in 2020. During these lockdowns our Sunday morning BCP services went online, continuing the pattern of normal worship. We introduced an online service of Evensong at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings, enabling us to reach a wider audience, including some who worshipped at Holy Trinity in the past and now live overseas. We are grateful to the Reverend Trevor Jordan for taking these services. The online Evensongs have continued after the church reopened for Sunday morning services and will continue to do so. In 2020 the high standards of music, for which we are well known, continued albeit in a pared down way, insofar as was possible, most recently with a soloist to accompany the organ. We have maintained contact with our small group of faithful singers, who bring inspiration and tongue to our liturgy, and are deeply appreciated for it.

The Interregnum that commenced on 28 February 2020 continues and at the time of writing we do not know when a new appointment will be made. We are grateful to a 'rota' of clergy, some retired, who have taken our Sunday morning services (both in church and online) since then. The Church Wardens continue to be actively involved in a dialogue with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Reverend Adam Atkinson, concerning the steps required to bring the interregnum to an end.

We continue to maintain our strong links with the Chaplaincy and music department and administration of Imperial College. We also have fruitful relations with a local non-church school which holds important acts of worship in the church. The Priest in Charge holds services in the school four times a term.

We use printed Order of Service booklets containing those parts of the Book of Common Prayer that we use for Matins and Eucharist. These are designed to make it easier for those not familiar with the BCP to follow. We are an 'Inclusive Church and all are welcome to attend our services. At present there are 47 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world, and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Prior to Lockdown on the second Sunday of the month, six times a year, the Parish organised a lunch in the Church Hall, immediately following the morning service, that was usually attended by between 20 and 30 people, including members of the choir and visitors to the area. This lunch was and will continue to be an important part of our parish life and adds a social dimension to the spiritual and theological ones.

The church is a member of Churches Together in Westminster.

### **Deanery Synod**

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

### **Use of the Church and Hall**

We want our church to be open to our local community for uses other than worship, where these uses are compatible with the objects of the church. Accordingly, outside Lockdown, the church is used by a variety of musical, educational and artistic organisations based in and around South Kensington. We are particularly proud of our connections with Imperial College, the Royal College of Music, the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal College of Art, all of which make up the educational and arts environment in South Kensington referred to as 'Albertopolis'. We host the annual Proms service. During the week the hall is used by a nursery school that pays a commercial rent to use the hall four days a week. There is also a Saturday children's school that rents the hall. We are a member of the South Kensington Business Resilience Forum.

A summary of forthcoming events is set out in our Bulletin that is handed out to those attending our services and is available to visitors to the church.

### **Financial review**

Total receipts into unrestricted funds for the year to 31 December 2020 were £160,541, of which £48,340 comprised incoming resources from donors and a further £9,142 was represented by other voluntary income. Restricted grants of £61,185 were also received, which funded the building insurance premium (as well as much of the expenditure on the lavatory block) and included a refund of VAT on building works completed. Income from investments was £d an3,833 rent from the Nursery school and Vestry flat came to £38,040 Total receipts increased by £40,523 (33%) compared with 2019 – owing to a higher, one off grant from the Holy Trinity Church House Trust

£177,392 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry. This represented an increase of £64,789 on the previous year and was the result of a significant increase in building repair expenditure. Total spending for the year included the contribution to the diocesan parish share that increased from £55,000 to £55,000, helping to provide stipends, pensions and housing for the clergy.

The net reduction in unrestricted funds was £33,222 after including a reduction of £16,371 in the value of investments. During the year, the total fund balances decreased from £143,000 to £109,778, of which £108,166 was unrestricted and £1,612 restricted.

We have completed the renovation of the lavatory block and made temporary repairs to the alley wall to the west of the church.

## Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least twelve months' unrestricted payments. This was equivalent to £177,392 in 2020 and is to cover unforeseen events, such as short-term fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies, such as urgent repairs to the building and fabric of the church, which are to be expected when dealing with the obligation to maintain a listed historic building. The balance of free reserves as at 31 December 2020 was £108,166, which represents approximately 7 months' unrestricted payments (2019: 15 months).

The balance of £1,612 in the restricted fund represents funds set aside to maintain and repair the organ. It is intended that this balance will be spent at some point in the next two years.

It is our policy to hold most of our cash at bank in a Nat West current account, with the remainder held on a deposit account to meet short and medium-term requirements. The rest of our capital is invested in the M&G Charifund account, which provides opportunities for capital growth as well as a modest but regular income.

## Volunteers

We should like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens, Chris Cann and Paul Meitner (who also serves as Treasurer), PCC Secretary Catriona Howatson, as well as the rest of our PCC.

## Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, two churchwardens

and ordinary members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC has 5 members elected annually. It has met online 8 times since the last APCM. The PCC members are Trustees of the church and as such have great responsibility to examine the finances and expenditure of the church, the appropriate uses and maintenance of its Grade 1-listed building and how we engage with the outside world.

The PCC considers and approves matters relating to Health & Safety legislation. It has adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. It voted to increase the annual Common Fund contribution to £56,000. It considered when to hold a Gift Day and how to apportion the giving.

The PCC continues to support Inclusive Church and supports its statement of belief: 'Inclusive Church exists to support and challenge the church to be open and inclusive to all people.'

#### Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Prince Consort Road, South Kensington. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BA. It is a registered charity, number 1162519.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

#### **Ex Officio members:**

Priest in Charge:	Vacant
Assistant Priest:	Vacant
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Cann and Mr Paul Meitner

Secretary and Deanery Synod Representative: Miss Catriona Howatson

#### **Elected members:**

Mr Richard Buckingham  
Mrs Caroline Burke  
Mrs Carol Seymour-Newton  
Ms Tara Dudley Smith

*Paul Meitner, Treasurer and Church Warden*

## **Fabric Report**

### **Under Section 50 of The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018**

Expenditure in 2020: £	
Lavatories	52,250
Architect	9,857
Electrics	4,693
Surveyor	950
Laptop	500
Chubb	338
Other	316
Qubic	300
Pf cover	252
Organ	200
Lightning	80
Total:	£69,736

In 2020 we commissioned a surveyor report on the condition of the alley wall, which looked menacing and was commented on in the Sept 2019 QI Report. This was performed in the Spring, and the summer works contractor executed all of the pointing repairs recommended, to buy us a little time. This wall will require partial reconstruction (the extent revealed upon inspection of the mortar) within the next two years, possibly including complete rebuild of the gate pier and presumably replacement of the rotten oak gate, though not necessarily. Some of the wall damage was attributed to vegetation growing against it on the Bulgarian side. The embassy has been asked to remove this. We will have to pressure them, as the Buddleia cannot be sawn to the stump without towing away an abandoned wreck of a Peugeot which has been parked almost against the wall for a decade. Our facilities manager offered the services of his chainsaw, but first the vehicle must be removed. It probably cannot be moved, but only lifted. We yielded to years of pressure from the nursery school and completed a major refurbishment of the lavatory block, with external masonry reconstruction to cure the rusting RSJs, stone cleaning, repair/staining/waxing of the oak door, painting of ironwork, and all-new internal fittings. This was an ideal project to undertake in this pandemic year, with no Prom season to service and all church lettings cancelled. It was a risky and ambitious programme to complete in the six weeks available, but Universal Stone delivered a useable facility for the beginning of autumn term. Plumbing, flooring, and electrical trades proved to be rather uncooperative around all of the 'bitty' snagging items, and there were many. The project was again under-supervised at crucial times. Total cost was £62,107 (with architect fees, and after refund of VAT from DCMS, less the £1,510 retention). Such enjoyable facilities are competitive and can only be good for the church's reputation. They will show their value over the next 15 years, and shouldn't be undersold. All Class 1 and Class 2 electrical failures in the 2019 Inspection were remedied, and the most needful Class 3 items (which are discretionary). A major concern in the Inspection was around the potential for overloading of the vestry socket ring/lavatory power circuit by all the added equipment in the nursery school. We have now entirely met the most worrying electrical recommendations of 2019, by powering the lavatory block from a new distribution board off its own fuseway at the main board.

*Tim Roe*

## **Changes to the Electoral Roll**

Unfortunately, as the Church has been closed for much of the year, there have been few chances to increase the membership of the Electoral Roll. Sadly we have lost three members and so the Roll now stands at 47. We have been fortunate in being able to hold services via Zoom during the year and there are several regular worshippers who are at present not on the Electoral Roll. We are looking at the possibility of being able to invite them to join.

*Caroline Burke, Electoral Roll Officer*

## Activities of the Parish, 2020-21

The period since April 2020 has been dominated by two factors: the Covid-19 Pandemic and our ongoing Interregnum, following the retirement of the Reverend Liz Russell at the end of February 2020.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has led to three separate national lockdowns, from March to September, November, and January to March. Holy Trinity was extremely quick in responding to the first lockdown, by instituting online services Dearvia Zoom video conferencing, from the very first weekend (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020). These services of Said Morning Prayer, according to the BCP, have proven extremely popular and a good level of attendance has been maintained throughout the three lockdowns, providing a means of worship for the housebound and those shielding during the pandemic. By keeping the conference open after the actual service for "virtual coffee", we have also given an opportunity to maintain fellowship among the congregation. Moreover, the services have enabled the parish to re-engage with former members, now located out of London and overseas, to the extent that there have been some congregations spread across four continents! During the periods between lockdowns (October, Advent and Christmas, Passiontide and Easter) we have returned to church, maintaining social distancing and following all appropriate regulations, whilst streaming the services to those unable to attend via Zoom. This has been somewhat problematic as the audio technology available is unable to cope with the generous acoustic of the church, so those following the stream are often unable to follow the service clearly, but we continue to experiment. In the Autumn, we also introduced a weekly service of Evening Prayer, according to the BCP via Zoom. This has proved to be extremely popular with the congregation and regularly draws a good congregation.

Holy Trinity was able to celebrate the major Feasts of Christmas and Easter in church, with the best-attended Christmas Day service for many years, possibly due to the large number of people stranded in London at Christmas 2020. The church also had a service of lessons and carols streamed online on 20<sup>th</sup> December, though it was sad to miss the traditional Christmas Party that usually follows the carol service. It was also a great pleasure to have a full programme of services and events for Holy Week and Easter, with services in church on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (all streamed), complemented by three thought-provoking meditations on Holy Week via Zoom on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Parish has enjoyed the services of a small group of clergy to take our services during the interregnum, scheduled by Paul Meitner. This small group of regulars has been a great success and it has been a pleasure to get to know them and for them to get to know the parish. The Reverends Andy Roland, Andrew Willson and Mark Dean have all been welcome regulars, both online and in church, and particular thanks to Andy Roland for presiding over Christmas and the whole of Holy Week and Easter. We have also received cover from the reverends Sam Follett, Colin Midlane and Trevor Jordan. Trevor Jordan has also masterminded the extremely popular Sunday Zoom Evensongs, which have been such a welcome addition to our services and everyone in the congregation is most grateful for his ministry. We have also received a number of visits from the Archdeacons of London and Charing Cross, particularly in the early months of the interregnum, when we were "feeling our way".

"Occasional Offices" have been drastically curtailed by Covid restrictions and the last year has seen one marriage in church in August. We have also said goodbye to two former Churchwardens, Peter Grootenhuis and Mary Sketch, who were both great servants of the Parish. Professor Grootenhuis had served as Churchwarden and on the PCC for a very long time and it was fitting that his funeral took place at Holy Trinity in January.

A number of our weekday activities have been curtailed by a combination of the interregnum and Covid restrictions, notably the Wednesday lunchtime Eucharist and the fortnightly sung evensong by the Imperial College chamber choir. However, the churchwardens have remained in close contact with the Reverend Andrew Willson, Chaplain of Imperial College, and it is hoped that these may resume in the early summer. It is anticipated that other events, such as the monthly parish lunch will resume in the Autumn.

With the return to Holy Trinity, and a full programme for Holy Week and Easter, we hope and pray that Parish life will soon return to some sort of normality and hope that there will soon be progress on the interregnum.

*Chris Cann, Church Warden*

## **Proceedings of the PCC**

The PCC has met six times by Zoom in the past twelve months. It has five elected members, which is one short of the allowance that is based on Electoral Roll numbers. One elected member stood down at the last meeting.

The PCC has been regularly updated on the year's most pressing issues. These are, first, maintaining church community and liturgy during the pandemic when we cannot meet in person, either as a congregation or as a PCC, and secondly, the progress of the interregnum. Thirdly, the church building also has to be maintained even while it is rarely or little used, and the finances kept healthy.

The PCC supported the churchwardens in organising online services or streaming. The PCC agreed to close the church in line with advice from the Bishop and Mayor. They noted that organising a rota of clergy to cover the interregnum and the setting up of Zoom services had been exemplary.

Negotiations with the Deanery regarding a new incumbent were delayed by the pandemic. The churchwardens advised the PCC that there was some interest from the deanery in our 'buddying up' with other parishes. The PCC resolved that it would view with extreme concern any attempt to link HT with parishes maintaining different traditions. The PCC is aware that there is little movement currently towards finding a new incumbent, and the lack of accommodation is a deterrent.

Refurbishment of lavatory block has been a major project on which Tim Roe kept the PCC updated. There were serious underlying problems to be addressed, and very many issues that needed remedying after it was finished in November 2020. The PCC noted that the architect was distracted and that Tim Roe had had to project-manage the refurbishment. This also involved ensuring the Nursery School was happy. The PCC agreed to consider appointing a new architect.

The PCC agreed to apply to the Diocese for a Licence under Faculty to let the church to the Russian School on Saturdays this year. In addition, the PCC sought planning permission and a Faculty for the repair of the Bremner Road steps.

The PCC was granted permission from Bishop Sarah to postpone the APCM until November.

The Treasurer advised the PCC that owing to reduced income and the great expense of the lavatory block works, finances were unusually tight, and that we needed to economise.

*Catriona Howatson, PCC Secretary*

