

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

MONETARY ASSETS

	Notes	2020		2019
General Fund:		£	£	£
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
Debtors:				
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>
Liabilities:				
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>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

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>

Notes to the accounts are on page 4

Paul Meitner

Date: 4 OCTOBER 2021

Paul Meitner
Treasurer

General Fund Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources from donors			
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
Other voluntary incoming resources			
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
Grants from			
Church House Fund Trust		47,635	9,995
DCMS Grant Scheme		<u>13,550</u>	<u>2,692</u>
		61,185	12,687
Income from investments			
M&G Charifund		3,807	4,716
Deposit interest (Clubs/Socs. Reserve)		<u>26</u>	<u>63</u>
		3,833	4,779
Income from charitable and ancillary trading			
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
PAYMENTS			
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church			
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
Total payments		177,352	112,653
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(16,812)	7,365
Balances at 1st January		141,388	120,273
Gain / (Loss) in value of M&G Charifund		(16,371)	13,750
Balances at 31st December		108,206	141,388

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	11,400	11,405
Deputy organists	130	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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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 2020 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

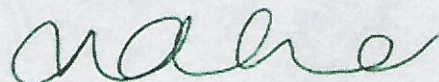
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records 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 Regulationshave 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: 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,
PRINCE CONSORT ROAD, LONDON SW7**

**REPORTS TO PARISHIONERS FOR THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING TO
BE HELD ON SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021**

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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 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 (22nd 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 20th 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

