

Annual Report for 2022

In January our minister, Rev Paul Martin, reduced his workload to 75% with unanimous backing from the Church and Elders meeting. The smooth running of the church was maintained with the extra support from the Elders while local preachers and church members helped lead worship on Sundays.

We continued to make masks and hand sanitiser available for those with ongoing concerns about the corona virus.

Worship and Spiritual

'Hybrid' services were led each Sunday with worshippers in church and on Zoom.

We resumed serving refreshments after the service.

Zoom was also used for our evening series of Bible studies and Trinity @prayer, our time for prayer and reflection.

We had a successful 'Church Family Day' when we had a time for discussion, worship and a shared lunch.

Junior Church and Creche.

A few children attended church occasionally at the beginning of the year, but this improved gradually especially with the teenage group and on a more regular basis which has been a great encouragement to our dedicated team of leaders.

We marked the retirement of Pamela Sharpe after over 40 years of running the creche. The church Safeguarding policy was reviewed.

Pastoral and Social

Through Church and Elders meetings we were appraised of those members and friends needing our prayers, visits and support. Our minister took the funeral services of two of our number and a memorial service for another whose friends were unable to attend the funeral due to covid restrictions. All were well attended and greatly appreciated.

There were several opportunities during the year for members to meet socially: Afternoon Tea was hosted in the homes of members, a picnic was held at the church and a shared lunch at Harvest time.

Other activities which were open to local people included our usual Games afternoons which were held once a week throughout August. In April we started a monthly games afternoon in association with Barnet Age UK, which operated April to July and September to December.

We held a one day 'Awayday at Home' at the church - a day of activities and entertainment with a free lunch and tea. These were open to anyone but mostly appealed to the over 60s age group.

For the more active we had a day working together on the church garden.

Ecumenical and Denominational
Trinity plays an active part in Churches Together in Finchley (CTiF). We hosted the Lent Studies and the Moderator of the Thames North province of the URC led the United Pentecost service.

Our services for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday were joint with St Margaret's URC in Finchley.

We maintained our denominational links through the North London Local Area Group (URC) and London Baptists (part of Baptists Together).

Further local links were formed through our response to the 'Cost of living crisis

Mission and Evangelism

In July the Elders discussed how to respond to the cost of living crisis. We could provide a warm space and a hot drink for people but knew that we did not have the personnel to run it. We took the idea to CTiF and with the support of several churches we opened a Warm Space. Another church hosted the event and 16 volunteers from six churches – including Trinity - , a synagogue and others of no religious affiliation welcomed guests one morning each week. Guest numbers were small but we will continue in January.

Trinity also invited members to support one of the local Food Banks and people using our premises were encouraged to donate by leaving their donations with us.

We supported Water Aid's Lent 'Jars of Change appeal. We also supported Pathway a local group providing Christian teaching in schools and churches.

Our harvest gifts were donated to Homeless action in Barnet and our Toy service at Christmas provided gifts of baby clothes for refugee mothers in Barnet.

Finchley N3, N12 Sustainability Forum , a local environmental group offered to plant bulbs, to encourage pollinators, in an unused area of the garden. The Junior church children were involved in the planting, joined after the service by adults and people from the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church continues to raise funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation and from income from hiring the church premises. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The accounts show that there was a deficit for the year of £ 17,196.19 caused principally by expenditure on the bathroom at the church manse.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the end of the financial year, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Lynn Harvey Church Secretary

Ian Anderson Church Treasurer

June 2023

TRINITY CHURCH NORTH FINCHLEY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2022	Total 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES						£	£
Envelope Gift Aid Offerings	1	3,910.08				3,910.08	5,979.00
Gift Aid Offerings	1	11,457.00				11,457.00	11,227.73
Gift Aid Tax Repayments		8,704.28				8,704.28	-
Funds Raised for Specific Causes	2	279.17				279.17	275.01
Church Premises & Lettings Income		82,788.18				82,788.18	51,831.82
Property Renting Income	3	2,794.59				2,794.59	2,964.46
Investment Income	10	273.04	277.62		1,121.91	1,672.57	1,354.82
Special Items	13	958.18				958.18	-
		111,164.52	277.62	-	1,121.91	112,564.05	73,632.84
OTHER RECEIPTS							
Drawdown of Funds	14	13,000.00				13,000.00	40,500.00
HMRC -JRS Grants	13	-				-	6,339.44
URC Thames -refund fees-Major item	15	-				-	11,849.20
Total Incoming Resources		124,164.52	277.62	-	1,121.91	125,564.05	132,321.48
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Church Personnel Costs	4	27,358.34				27,358.34	36,128.58
Ministry Works	5	5,566.83				5,566.83	4,606.69
Support of Specific Causes	2	9,057.07				9,057.07	12,446.68
Maintenance of Church Buildings	7	11,903.07				11,903.07	9,740.37
Church Utilities Expenditure	6	16,590.58				16,590.58	12,620.38
Administrative Costs	8	47,195.70				47,195.70	42,691.66
Addington Manse Maintenance	9	23,516.65				23,516.65	4,347.56
Property Renting Expenditure	3	-				0.00	0.00
Major Church Items	7	1,372.00				1,372.00	14,731.71
Other Expenditure	11	200.00				200.00	253.50
Total Resources Expended		142,760.24	-	-	-	142,760.24	137,567.13
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(18,595.72)	277.62	0.00	1,121.91	(17,196.19)	(5,245.65)
TRANSFERS Between Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds B/Fwd at 1 January 2021		11,072.24	34,453.64	94.83	119,823.88	165,444.59	170,690.24
Funds C/Fwd at 31 December 2022		(7,523.48)	34,731.26	94.83	120,945.79	148,248.40	165,444.59
REPRESENTED BY:						£	£
Petty Cash		24.72				24.72	24.72
Bank Current Account		8,936.63	6,000.00	94.83		15,031.46	17,112.22
Long Term Maintenance Fund			28,731.26			28,731.26	28,453.64
Baptist Union Corp Endowment Fund					80,250.09	80,250.09	99,257.51
Baptist Union Corp Endowment Fund					3,341.33	3,341.33	-
London Baptist Property Board Endowment Fund					20,869.54	20,869.54	20,596.50
TOTAL FUNDS		8,961.35	34,731.26	94.83	104,460.96	148,248.40	165,444.59

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Trinity Church North Finchley

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any) 1164151

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Signed: Behnaz Rayati

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