

Trinity Baptist/URC North Finchley Annual review for 2023

Worship and Spiritual

Our Sunday services are in Church and live on Zoom each week.

Services were conducted by our minister until May when he retired, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and a wonderful Easter day celebration.

Services from May onwards were led by a variety of preachers including members of our congregation, enhancing our worship with their different approaches.

Until May our Bible studies on Zoom were led by our minister. One of the Elders led a Study written in English and Farsi encouraging our Farsi speakers to take part with one to interpret.

We were thrilled to receive two new members into membership through baptism by total immersion. There was also an infant baptism.

At the AGM we were delighted that two new Elders were elected. They were ordained by Rev George Watt, Moderator of the Thames North Synod of the URC the following month.

Rev Joshua Kane, Baptist Regional minister and minister of a local church, agreed to be our Interim Moderrator. The Elders have had several helpful meetings with him as we work through the process to find a new minister.

After several months of consultation the North London Alliance Church (NLAC) started worship in the building and socialising with us after our services.

Pastoral and Social

The Elders keep in touch with members and friends, visiting where appropriate.

There was a special service attended by representatives of the wider church to thank Rev Paul Martin and his wife Sally for their friendship and contribution to our church and the wider community. He had been the convenor of Churches Together in Finchley (CTIF) as well as promoting a group for local ministers.

The following week a tea was served followed by entertainment performed by members and friends.

A leaflet "Welcome to Trinity" was produced in English and Farsi, reflecting the number of Farsi speakers attending church.

We continue the Games afternoons which now take place twice a month as the NLAC take responsibility for one. We enjoy socialising together. This is open to anyone and AgeUK Barnet recommend people to us. During August we operate once a week to provide somewhere to come for those whose regular place is closed over the summer.

Several members offered 'Afternoon tea' in their homes which was very successful and much appreciated

A defibrillator was purchased and three people have been trained in its operation – the machine guides people as to its use.

Two Elders attended Safeguarding training relating to Refugees and Asylum seekers

Our Safeguarding Policy was reviewed.

Ecumenical

We continue our strong links with Churches Together in Finchley(CTIF). We hosted the CTIF Lenten studies, and took part in united activities organised by it – Good Friday, Pentecost and Advent. Representatives attend CTIF, North London Local Area Group of URC churches and regional meetings of Baptists and United Reformed Church.

We continue our ties to St Margaret's URC Finchley sharing services over Christmas. Their minister is a regular preacher at Trinity.

Volunteers from Trinity help organise the CTIF 'Warm Space' initiative held at St Margaret's URC. This runs weekly from October to Easter. We are pleased that the number of regular attendees continued to increase from last year.

Mission and Evangelism.

Regular worship and Bible studies give opportunities to introduce people to Christianity and deepen knowledge of those already Christians. Junior church leaders teach children while adults meet in church. A local primary school requested use of the church for their Christmas event and for someone to tell a Christmas story. Usually the minister has done this – in 2023 the church secretary arranged this.

We support Pathway in their work of introducing children to the faith through taking assemblies and teaching in schools, by providing an office for free.

Our Harvest gifts went to Finchley Food Bank and we collect for them each week.

Reduced rents are offered to recognised charities. Gifts of socks and underwear for Refugee children and young people were gifted via New Citizens Gateway (formerly Barnet Refugee services)

We were disappointed to hear that TraidCraft had ceased trading after providing fairly traded goods for 30 years. Some signs of renewal allowed us to offer fairly traded goods at Christmas.

We put on record our thanks and gratitude to Rev Paul Martin for his friendship, guidance, pastoral care and his work in the local and wider church as well as in our local community.

The church manse has been let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy during the ministerial vacancy. The Elders have worked hard to support the congregation and members during this period without a minister – socially and spiritually. They have taken on extra duties including sharing leadership in worship, chairing meetings, managing the church site and the manse and caring for the congregation.

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 out the church premises. The church will receive rent from December onwards from letting the church manse until a new minister is called.

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 £2,410.89 caused principally by expenditure on the church manse in preparation for its letting.

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

July 21st 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Trinity Church North Finchley

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

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 31/12/2023.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15/07/24

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

TRINITY CHURCH NORTH FINCHLEY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						£	£
Envelope Gift Aid Offerings	1	5,875.94				5,875.94	3,910.08
Gift Aid Offerings	1	11,072.38				11,072.38	11,457.00
Gift Aid Tax Repayments		4,489.44				4,489.44	8,704.28
Funds Raised for Specific Causes	2	403.93				403.93	279.17
Church Premises & Lettings Income		119,475.22				119,475.22	82,788.18
Property Renting Income	3	2,604.08				2,604.08	2,794.59
Investment Income	10	817.76	1,259.16		701.23	2,778.15	1,672.57
Special Items	13	-				-	-
		144,738.75	1,259.16	-	701.23	146,699.14	111,605.87
<u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u>							
Drawdown of Funds	14	-				-	13,000.00
HMRC -JRS Grants	13	-				-	-
Other Income	15	1,551.00				1,551.00	958.18
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>		146,289.75	1,259.16	-	701.23	148,250.14	125,564.05
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>							
Church Personnel Costs	4	14,570.50				14,570.50	27,358.34
Ministry Works	5	7,247.99				7,247.99	5,566.83
Support of Specific Causes	2	11,628.00				11,628.00	9,057.07
Maintenance of Church Buildings	7	16,915.42				16,915.42	11,903.07
Church Utilities Expenditure	6	27,304.57				27,304.57	16,590.58
Administrative Costs	8	49,385.81				49,385.81	47,195.70
Addington Manse Maintenance	9	13,989.60				13,989.60	23,516.65
Property Renting Expenditure	3	-				0.00	0.00
Major Church Items	7	8,186.88				8,186.88	1,372.00
Other Expenditure	11	1,432.26				1,432.26	200.00
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>		150,661.03	-	-	-	150,661.03	142,760.24
<u>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</u>		(4,371.28)	1,259.16	0.00	701.23	(2,410.89)	(17,196.19)
<u>TRANSFERS Between Funds</u>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds B/Fwd at 1 January 2023		11,072.24	34,453.64	94.83	119,823.88	148,248.40	165,444.59
Funds C/Fwd at 31 December 2023		6,700.96	35,712.80	94.83	120,525.11	145,837.51	148,248.40
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>						£	£
Petty Cash		24.72				24.72	24.72
Bank Current Account		3,747.59	6,000.00	94.83		9,842.42	15,031.46
Long Term Maintenance Fund			29,990.42			29,990.42	28,731.26
Baptist Union Corp Endowment Fund					80,851.98	80,851.98	80,250.09
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London Baptist Property Board Endowment Fund					21,687.30	21,687.30	20,869.54
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>		3,772.31	35,990.42	94.83	105,979.95	145,837.51	148,248.40

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