

TRINITY CHURCH, NORTH FINCHLEY : ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Worship and Spiritual

Weekly services were open to anyone at Church and relayed via Zoom to members and friends unable to be present. During the pastoral vacancy services have been led by visiting preachers and our Elders. The variety of style and approach has enhanced our worship, and we are grateful for their ongoing support.

An Elder led two short sessions of Bible study which were conducted via Zoom and were also translated for our Farsi speakers.

We were delighted to have a new Elder elected at the AGM, and our Interim Moderator, Rev Josh Kane, led the Induction service.

Pastoral

The Elders oversee the pastoral care for members and friends, ensuring that those who would normally be visited by the minister are not overlooked. We have opportunity for meeting together after the service for tea and coffee. We had a 'bring and share lunch' following our annual Dedication Service. Two members gave an open invitation to Afternoon Tea in their homes. We run a 'Games Afternoon' twice a month with the Chinese Church that worships in our building, and they invite us to their monthly shared lunch. Our Safeguarding policy was reviewed.

Ecumenical

We maintain links with London Baptists and Thames North Province of the United Reformed Church (URC). Representatives attend North London Local Area Group (NLLAG), URC Synod and London Baptists AGM.

We maintain our strong links with Churches Together in Finchley (CTIF). We hosted their Lenten study, and took part in the services on Good Friday, Pentecost and Advent.

We support the 'Warm Space' initiative run by CTIF at another Church by providing volunteers over the six months it operates. We are pleased to report that this weekly meeting has more regular attendees than last year. 'Warm Space' is also linked to Barnet Age UK.

In the autumn Trinity hosted a Prayer Labyrinth, which CTIF agreed to include in their programme. This was supported enthusiastically by St Mary at Finchley CE in its conception and, along with Trinity and the North London Alliance Church (Chinese), provided volunteers to staff it. Over three days there were forty visitors who walked the labyrinth and participated in other quiet activities. People from seven local churches and non church people attended; this was a new experience for many and the response was favourable.

Over Christmas Trinity and St Margaret's URC, Finchley shared worship for the Carol Service, Christmas eve Midnight Communion and Christmas Day - when Catholics from a local church found theirs locked came and joined us.

For the final service in 2024 Trinity joined the Chinese Church to thank God for his blessing and was led in English, Cantonese and Farsi.

Mission and Evangelism

Our worship is available to anyone and all are welcome, We encourage members to attend services, Bible study and to serve within the church and in the wider community.

We support a local food bank through the year but particularly with gifts at Harvest.

The congregation bring gifts at Christmas for New Citizens Gateway (formerly Barnet Refugee Service).

Financial Review

The church continues to raise the funds it needs to carry on the church activities from within its own membership and congregation and income from hiring out the church premises. The church has received rent throughout the year 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 to 31st December 2024 are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The accounts show that there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £47,413.04 arising from the manse letting rent and not having to pay a ministerial stipend.

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 minimize these risks.

Lynn Harvey Church Secretary

Ian Anderson Church Treasurer

30th September 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Trinity Church North Finchley

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1164151

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

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:

04/08/25

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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 2024

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES						£	£
Envelope Gift Aid Offerings	1	4,907.15				4,907.15	5,875.94
Gift Aid Offerings	1	11,834.08				11,834.08	11,072.38
Gift Aid Tax Repayments		3,900.12				3,900.12	4,489.44
Funds Raised for Specific Causes	2	226.60				226.60	403.93
Church Premises & Lettings Income		101,387.77				101,387.77	119,475.22
Property Renting Income	3	35,420.45				35,420.45	22,604.06
Investment Income	10	903.14	1,536.56		3,257.08	5,696.78	2,778.15
Special Items	13	-				-	-
		158,579.31	1,536.56	-	3,257.08	163,372.95	146,699.14
OTHER RECEIPTS							
Drawdown of Funds	14	-				-	-
HMRC JRS Grants	13	-				-	-
Other Income	15	10,420.00				10,420.00	1,551.00
Total Incoming Resources		168,999.31	1,536.56	-	3,257.08	173,792.95	148,250.14
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Church Personnel Costs	4	10.00				10.00	14,570.50
Ministry Works	5	4,792.45				4,792.45	7,247.99
Support of Specific Causes	2	10,344.95				10,344.95	11,628.00
Maintenance of Church Buildings	7	14,207.30				14,207.30	16,915.42
Church Utilities Expenditure	6	28,873.65				28,873.65	27,304.57
Administrative Costs	8	57,887.65				57,887.65	49,385.81
Addington Manse Maintenance	9	5,477.31				5,477.31	13,989.60
Property Renting Expenditure	3	-				0.00	0.00
Major Church Items	7	4,586.60				4,586.60	8,186.88
Other Expenditure	11	200.00				200.00	1,432.26
Total Resources Expended		126,379.91	-	-	-	126,379.91	150,661.03
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		42,619.40	1,536.56	0.00	3,257.08	47,413.04	(2,410.89)
TRANSFERS Between Funds							
Funds B/Fwd at 1 January 2024		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds C/Fwd at 31 December 2024		11,072.24	34,453.64	94.83	119,823.88	145,837.51	148,248.40
Funds C/Fwd at 31 December 2024		53,691.64	35,990.20	94.83	123,080.96	193,250.55	145,837.51
REPRESENTED BY:						£	£
Petty Cash		24.72				24.72	24.72
Bank Current Account		45,463.85	6,000.00	94.83		51,558.68	59,822.22
Long Term Maintenance Fund			31,526.98			31,526.98	29,990.42
Baptist Union Corp Endowment Fund					87,549.73	87,549.73	80,851.98
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London Baptist Property Board Endowment Fund					22,590.44	22,590.44	21,687.30
TOTAL FUNDS		45,488.67	37,526.98	94.83	110,140.17	193,250.55	145,837.51

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