



HOLY TRINITY TWICKENHAM



Annual Report
for the APCM
Sunday 17 May 2026
(11.30am)

ANNUAL MEETING

Combining the 2 Meetings below:

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

- 1) Election of Church Wardens 2026-27

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1) Elections 2026/27
 - a) Deanery Synod
 - b) Parochial Church Council
 - c) Appointment of the Independent Examiner
- 2) Minutes of last Annual Meeting: approval of minutes.
- 3) Reports
- 4) Approval of Annual Report and Accounts 2025.
- 5) Receive the Electoral Roll.
- 6) Chairman's Report

CLOSING PRAYERS

FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF MEETING OF THE NEW PCC

REPORTS

VICAR'S REPORT

*Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3

Opening Vote of Thanks

It has long been my custom to use the Vicar's report as an opportunity to say "thank you" to the many volunteers who work so hard to support our parish. As we consider the past year, there is indeed a great debt of gratitude that needs be expressed. Firstly, and sincerely, my thanks to you all, for the way you have pulled together in view of our challenges; from the formation of our very own SAS: *Service Assembly Squad*, to the joyful return to the church space for our Sunday services, and an extraordinarily moving Easter Sunday. Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and "can-do" attitude.

It would, however, be remiss of me not to offer the following specific votes of thanks. I would like to thank our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, who week by week, set out the chairs in the Green Room, dressed the Communion Table, and primed the candles. They were the real "SAS", and we owe them much for their support of our public acts of worship.

My thanks too, to the Tech-Desk team, who week in week out, sat in the cold space of the church to monitor our live stream and sound. A genuine sacrifice, and a genuine discomfort. Thank you for going above and beyond for us. Likewise, I would like to repeat my thanks to Giles, whom we celebrated at our final Green Room service. But nonetheless, his quick intervention made our services in the hall possible.

We further acknowledge the work of the Sunday school team, who were the most displaced by the heating crisis. They adapted without complaint, yielded up the green room, and without skipping a single Sunday through the winter, faithfully taught our children the gospel. May the Lord bless you for your service.

Away from our Sunday services, making progress on our heating has been a slow and painful battle. I have been grateful for the support of the project Steering Group and Standing Committee, but I trust they will not begrudge me if I mention by name Anna McPherson and Tim Little, and Lucy James, who have given so much to the thankless task of administration, correspondence, and applications, by which we have made slow but steady progress.

Introduction

There is no avoiding the fact that this has been a challenging year. Though it has been punctuated by genuine highs, and moments of deep joy, our heating situation has tested our resolve and patience these past 12 months. You will no doubt be anxious for an update, to learn what progress has been made.

Context

Not long after our last APCM, our gas boiler was condemned. Unfortunately, we are prevented by a measure of the General Synod (the senior most governing body of the Church of England) from simply replacing it. Five years ago, the General Synod set an ambitious target to make the Church of England a Net Zero Carbon institution by 2030. Though it was criticised at the time as an overly ambitious target, the motion was nonetheless passed, and parishes such as ours have fallen victim to the synod's good intentions.

What does this mean at the regional level?

To soften the severity of General Synod's decision, each diocese is able to grant parishes dispensation to install a new gas boiler as a temporary measure. This gives parishes the necessary lead-in time to fundraise and prepare for the move to a more sustainable long-term solution. The diocese of London, however, requires a substantial amount of evidence before any such permission is granted by the chancellor.

For the past year, we have been working on gathering this evidence. And later this month, we will be writing to the chancellor of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to submit our application. Please pray that this is favourably received!

What does this mean for Holy Trinity?

From the evidence we have gathered, we are now able to demonstrate that we cannot make the jump to Net Zero Carbon at this time for the following three reasons:

- **Electrical Load:** at present our electrical supply into the church is incapable of supporting any such alternative heating scheme. As a result, we are having to work with *UK Power Networks* to explore the costs and complexities of connecting to three phase power.
- **Insulation:** The main body of the church has no roofing insulation. The exterior roofing slates are nailed directly into the timber panels above. We have been advised not to install a new heating scheme until we have insulated the roof.
- **Finance:** The cost of alternative heating schemes and insulating the church throughout, far exceeds our present means, including our 2022 legacy.

We are grateful for the support of Kevin Rogers, from the diocese, who has advised us that we should take a phased approach, over a minimum period of 4-5 years, in which we seek to address these challenges, funding the associated work through grants and funding bids.

Two Projects

You will recall, when we moved our services into the Green Room, we launched a project to make Holy Trinity "Lighter, Brighter, and Warmer." We spoke of renovating our beloved church building to make it better suited to our vision, to be a place of *Welcome, Witness, and Worship*. This involved a new lighting scheme, redecoration, making the office space more fit for purpose, and re-fitting the kitchen. Now that we better understand the costs and timescales involved with a sustainable heating scheme, it is clear we are dealing with two projects rather than one. There is the "Legacy Project," which refers to the

improvements and renovations we wish to fund, primarily, with the legacy. The “Sustainability Project,” is the longer-term enterprise to move toward a sustainable heating scheme. We hope to finance this second project through grants, and the support of the diocese through funds released from the sale of a diocesan owned asset.

First Step

Critical to the progress of both projects, is gaining the approval of a temporary gas boiler in the next few months, so that we do not have to endure another chilly winter.

2026: Legacy Project – Progress Continues!

I am pleased to report that progress with the Legacy Project continues. And, hopefully, you will start to notice some gentle changes here and there:

- **May: New Tech Desk** – a new, bespoke desk has been made to house our audio, visual, and streaming equipment. Securing these assets is an important step toward making the building accessible during the week to members of the public for private prayer and reflection.
- **August: A New Kitchen** – Over the summer holidays, when use of the Green Room is at its least busy, we intend to fit a new kitchen, including new appliances. For many third-party users, the kitchen is the first point of entry into the building. At present, it doesn’t communicate a particularly warm or pleasant welcome. This will also help us comply with new hygiene, and health and safety standards which have come into effect.
- **(Subject to Grant success): Tower Clock** - We have started the application process to a national fund for church towers and spires, with a view to fixing the tower clock. The tower is symbolic of our presence in the community, and the message communicated by a stopped clock and silent bell is not good. While we cannot promise grant success, we are hopeful to make progress this year.

2027: Legacy Project – More Good Things to Come

- **Lighting** - As we consider the larger aspects of the Legacy Scheme, we are pleased to announce that we have awarded the contract to design and fit a new lighting scheme to *Church Electrical Solutions (CES)*. We are hopeful that the work to install the necessary circuitry and zoned lighting scheme will take place next year.
- **Redecoration** - Subject to the successful installation of the new lighting scheme, we will then be in a position to redecorate the main body of the church. The intention is to brighten the space up by replacing the faded mushroom-purple walls with a fresh white/off-white colour scheme.

Stewardship Campaign

We are incredibly grateful for all you give of your time, talents, and finances to support the life of our church. In the coming months, we will be launching a stewardship campaign to raise funds in support this exciting work. Though we are confident the legacy will cover most of the planned improvements, we will need the support and generosity of God's people to help deliver on this vision. As we rally behind the "3 W's": *Welcome, Witness, and Worship*: we strive to be a distinctively Christian community, to which everyone is invited to find their place. No doubt there will be a suitably gruelling sponsorship challenge for the vicar by way of a fundraiser. But before that, we will seek to arrange a meeting, with an open invitation to the wider community, where we will share the full details of the project, the costs involved, and critically, the sum we need to raise.

Our Priority for the Year: People, People, People!

With all this talk of projects, we must be careful not to lose sight of what has been Holy Trinity's motto for the last 20 years, "loving God, loving people." *Welcome, Witness, Worship* is a people-oriented vision. Our investment in the fabric of our building serves this purpose; it is done so that we can better invest in the people whom we seek to serve. In view of this, our focus for ministry in the coming year will centre upon the following three priorities:

- **Resourcing Prayer and Pastoral Care**

Thinking strategically about how we equip those who care, and pray for, our community.

- **Supporting our Midweek Groups**

Supporting existing mid-week groups, and creating new opportunities for fellowship and Bible-study.

- **Growing our Teams**

Making the pathways into service and leadership in the church clearer, enabling people to deploy their gifts and graces.

Concluding Remarks

There is much to celebrate in the life of our church, and there is a lot going on. I hope in the coming weeks, as you see the modest changes begin to materialise, you will feel excited and energised by the prospect of the future. Over all these things, of course, we seek the Lord's blessing. So, we finish where we started:

*Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3

Rev. Simon Couper

GOVERNANCE

ELECTORAL ROLL

It is your parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

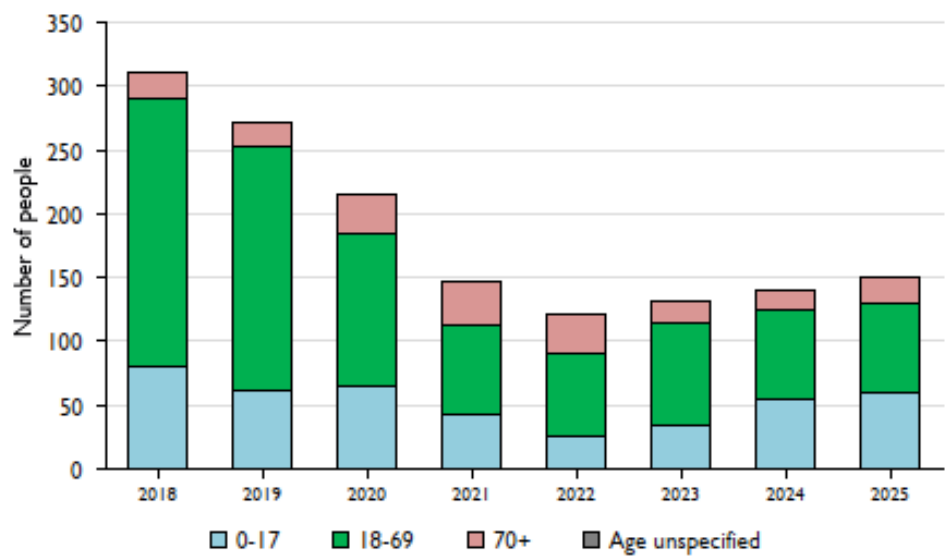
The Roll is fully renewed every six years and this last happened in 2025. The current Roll has risen from 103 in 2025 to 105 members at the finish of the 2026 revision. This includes 3 additional people joining the Electoral Roll since the last APCM, and the sad loss of one of our long-standing congregation members in April 2026.

We encourage everyone to join the Roll and express their membership of our church family. [You can do this easily by clicking this link.](#)

Tim Little, Electoral Roll Officer

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

The number of occasional offices has been impacted by our heating crisis. This is a source of great frustration given our desire to be a place of hospitality and pastoral care. Despite our chilly winter, I am thrilled that the statistics confirm a steady trend of gentle growth across all age categories.



Number of Worshippers at Holy Trinity Twickenham by age category

FINANCE

Please see full accounts and financial report on page 18.

CHARITABLE GIVING

During 2025 Holy Trinity continued to support charities working with those in need locally, nationally and internationally. Our charitable giving is an important expression of our life together as a church family, and we are grateful for the generosity shown throughout the year.

Our Harvest Festival in October supported Spear, Tearfund's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal, and the Richmond Foodbank based at the Vineyard Church and Community Centre. Donations of non-perishable food were collected from the church and from Archdeacon Cambridge's C of E Primary School, with coins taped to many of the items. The food donations were delivered to the Richmond Foodbank, while the cash raised was shared between Spear and Tearfund.

The PCC made charitable donations during the year totalling £665, comprising:

- Tearfund – £283
- Spear – £283
- Bishop's Fund – £100 (*money collected at the July confirmation service*)

We also held our annual Children's Society collection at the Noisy Christingle service.

The aim of charitable giving at Holy Trinity is to support charities at three levels: local, national, and international. For 2026 the PCC has agreed to continue supporting:

- Local – Spear
- National – A Rocha
- International – Tearfund

The church continues to be a collection point for donations for the Richmond Foodbank. The generous donations throughout the year have helped provide valuable support to those in need within our community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our charitable giving over the last year. Your generosity, both in time and in donations, is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for more people to get involved. If you have ideas for new events or charities to support, or would like to help in any way, please speak to a member of the PCC or email events@htchurch.org.

Jon Beeson

CHURCH WARDENS

We'd like to share some highlights of the challenges, achievements and progress made at Holy Trinity over the past year.

Despite the challenge presented by the boiler situation, we have put a lot of effort into ensuring the church remains a welcoming space. Over winter months, the Green Room became the heart of our services, fostering a friendly atmosphere and bringing people together. Although services are now back in the main church, Simon and the PCC continue to work hard to secure appropriate heating arrangements going forward, as well as other church building improvements. Our technology continues to advance, thanks to Giles, with the addition of new cameras and rapid modifications that enabled us to stream services from the Green Room without interruption.

We also introduced some new events, such as the autumn series of talks exploring the background to the Nicene Creed, expertly led by Piotr. Our social agenda thrived, with a number of meals and other opportunities for connection, strengthening relationships within our community. It was inspiring to see fresh ideas for special occasions embraced, such as the Maundy Thursday fish supper before the reflective service, adding new dimensions to our church calendar. Throughout the year, the supportive spirit of our church family shone brightly, helping each other through various health and personal challenges.

The church grounds are looking better than ever, thanks to Paul and the gardening team. Their dedication is evident as we work through positive planting sessions designed to enhance the grounds for everyone. A special mention goes to the team for securing the silver A Rocha award, marking another step forward in our environmental efforts.

We are deeply grateful for the tireless efforts of all our volunteers, and of course Simon, Lucy, Tim, Jon, Anna and Anna. Their contributions have been invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly.

Looking ahead, we continue to pray for growth as we reach out to the needs of those around us, hoping to build on these achievements in the coming year.

Thank you all for your commitment and dedication.

Robert French

Fleur Beeson

Churchwarden

Churchwarden

On a personal note, I will be stepping down this year after 10 years as church warden, and I'd like to thank Rob for being such a fantastic co-warden, as well as the PCC and wider family for all the support you've given me in this role. It has been an amazing experience and one that I would not have missed, even with three lockdowns and an interregnum! I would like to wish Simon, Rob, the PCC, and Sue as new church warden, all the very best for the coming year.

Fleur Beeson

PCC

The PCC or Parochial Church Council currently has 13 members made up as follows. Vicar, two Churchwardens, two Deanery Synod Reps, one Licenced Lay Minister all of whom are automatically members of the PCC. There are also up to 12 elected members from the laity. The two officers of Treasurer and Secretary are voted for by the PCC after the APCM. The PCC meets every two months in person with an MS Teams option if people can't travel. The agendas and minutes are available on our web site. The number of elected positions available depends on the size of our Electoral Roll. Four members left the PCC during 2025. Anyone who would like to be considered for membership of Holy Trinity's leadership team should approach Revd. Simon.

Current membership of the PCC is:

- Simon Couper, Vicar
- Fleur Beeson, Churchwarden
- Jon Beeson, Treasurer
- Robert French, Churchwarden
- Marc Lee
- Tim Little, PCC Secretary
- Anna McPherson, Licenced Lay Minister, Deanery Synod Rep
- Sue Morris, Deanery Synod Rep

- Giles Norman
- Katy Patterson
- Louise Picakrd
- Liz Rogers
- Adam Smith, Deanery Synod Rep

Safeguarding is a standing item on every agenda, and all members of the PCC have undertaken safeguarding training to guide them in taking action to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults do not come to any harm in our church and the activities it delivers. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Lucy James is our Church Safeguarding Officer. Members of the PCC act as Safeguarding Leads for the 9.00am service on Sundays and Tom Taylor covers the 10:30am service.

Tim Little, PCC Secretary

DEANERY SYNOD

Holy Trinity Church is a member of the Hampton Deanery, a group of 15 local Anglican parishes from Hampton, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton. The Hampton Deanery is part of the wider Diocese of Kensington, within the overall Diocese of London. A deanery synod ('synod' means 'council') consists of all licensed clergy and a certain number of elected lay representatives from each parish in the deanery.

Holy Trinity's lay representatives are currently Anna McPherson, Sue Morris and Adam Smith. The regular Deanery Synod meetings provide Holy Trinity with an important link to neighbouring parishes and the wider structure of the Church of England. Deanery meetings are convened by the Area Dean.

The Hampton Deanery Synod held two meetings during 2025, as follows:

- * The February meeting was at St Mary the Virgin's Church, Twickenham. The main topic was school governance and Multi Academy Trusts across the deanery, and the speaker was Daniel Aldridge, CEO of the Instanter Learning Trust and Executive Head of Bishop Wand School.
- * The May meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church, Twickenham, and the main topic was 'Using our buildings for Mission'. The speaker was Kevin Rogers, Diocesan Director of Parish Property and Fundraising.

On 17 October 2025, the Reverend Derek Winterburn took over as acting Area Dean. As there was no immediate deanery business to discuss, it was decided to postpone further meetings until a new Area Dean was appointed.

(The next meeting was held on 05 February 2026 at St James' Church, Hampton Hill, when the Reverend Prebendary Debs Wignall, vicar of St Richard's Church, Hanwell, was announced as the new Area Dean.)

Anna McPherson

TEAM REPORTS

ECO CHURCH

We started our Eco Church journey in early 2022. After about 12 months the small Eco Church team felt we were ready for our first assessment. We were delighted to get the Bronze Award. But we did not sit on our laurels and had the ambition to get to the next level. After some pretty meaty initiatives, especially in the grounds, we were assessed last month. You can imagine how pleased we were to get to the Silver Award level.

We are currently discussing whether it is going to be practical to aim for gold. It is going to be a stretch but we can only do our best.

The Eco Team meet four times a year to plan activities. We are going to put items into the newsletter on a regular basis, so keep your eye out for them. We'll also try and write a summary of activity about three times a year.

The Eco Team is:

- Tim Little
- Anna McPherson
- Katie Cook
- Simon Couper
- Paul Butler

We're still looking for someone to join our merry band so if you think it might be you, do let us know.

Tim Little

FABRIC TEAM

As the title suggests, the Fabric Team look after the physical church in all its glory. As a Grade II* listed church and with a Grade II listed organ, we have our challenges.

During the year we have a programme of planned maintenance. Issues such as gas safe checks in the kitchen, fire fighting equipment, lightning conductor protection, or even changing high level light bulbs have all been accomplished.

The current challenge is what to do about our heating system. We have had a number of consultant meetings and we move forward. But this is the Church of England, so the pace is slow. Simon, our vicar, sends out updates on a regular basis and once we have a definitive solution you will be the first to know.

The Fabric Team members are:

- Fleur Beeson*
- Jon Beeson
- Simon Couper
- Robert French*
- Tim Little
- Lucy James
- Anna McPherson
- Gordon Nockles

- Giles Norman
- Adam Smith

*Fleur and Robert are the Churchwardens. They, technically, are responsible for the fabric of the church.

Tim Little

GARDENING TEAM

We have had another productive year working to keep the grounds in order and add biodiversity. By far the biggest project has been the creation of a raised bed with various plants to feed birds at the rear of church. We have also added a new dead hedge, a new Hawthorne tree with an underplanting of narcissus and worked to reshape the hedge at the front of church which needed an investment of time. Recently we have added water butts to help us harvest rainwater and help make the front borders flourish in the hotter months. New railway sleepers in the car park are also in. A huge thanks to all our gardeners who give their time and make our sessions an enjoyable team effort. Ed and Charlie have also been very supportive whilst participating in their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Paul Butler

THE GREEN POP-UP CAFÉ

The Green pop up Café, which is a community outreach project, aims to provide a warm, welcoming community space in the Green Room on a weekly basis for anyone to come along and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and chat. We have got both a core group of people attending and a core team of volunteers to run things, but more are always welcome in either team. Currently attendance is typically around 12 people.

We publicise the café both within the church and externally in local shops and with various charities. Unfortunately, this has not substantially increased numbers coming along. In the last year we have had a number of excellent mornings provided by a jazz group, which have been very well received, and also some community craft mornings, again well received. We know that it will take time and patience to grow the café to be a well recognised community resource, but we are committed to the long term and hope that we can, and do, fulfil a local need for friendship and support.

Liz Rogers

SOCIALS AND EVENTS

Men's and Women's Socials

We've continued to enjoy some great evenings out at venues including Arthur's, Taste of Raj, Ristorante Sorrento, Little Mumbai and Greek Unique. The socials are held every two to three months and we've had up to ten attendees at men's events with up to 14 people at women's, and it has been an opportunity to enjoy a local meal out and the chance to get to know each other a little better. Our joint men's and women's social in November last year was very popular with 25 people attending so we will plan another joint event this year. The next dates are booked for Tuesday 16th June for women and Tuesday 23rd June for men. Please sign up to come along on the online form, or email us at socialsteam@htchurch.org. If you've never been and would like to find out more, please do feel free to ask us after a service or via email.

Fleur & Jon Beeson

VOLUNTEER TEAM LEADS

We, along with countless organisations across the land, are heavily reliant on the generous work of volunteers. Holy Trinity is no different and we have many teams who keep the church in good shape and flourishing. Each team has a lead and I want to thank each of them for the valuable work they do. We had several progress meetings in 2024 but 2025 was quieter. We will resume normal operations during 2026.

Tim Little

SOCIAL MEDIA

This year we have continued to use social media to publicise our events. I am grateful to the team who keep our media feeds looking fresh with up-to-date information. As we track our online engagement there were a couple of events which really seemed to grasp people's interest:

- Rev. Dr. Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski's autumn series marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea had massive engagement on our YouTube channel. This confirms our belief that there is an appetite for theology, and opportunities to go deeper in one's faith.
- Regular posts about our work in the gardens have proved popular on our Facebook page, and we should carry this lesson forward as our legacy project begins.
- The use of the Archdeacon parents' WhatsApp group has been a lifeline in advertising Noisy Church. We are grateful to Hettie Bishop, head of the PTA, who often asks us for the latest events and plugs them on our behalf through the school network.

Objectives for Next Year

The challenge with social media, is always creating content. We do need to be more strategic in using Facebook and Instagram to plug our regular Sunday services. In the coming year, we should look to upload more video content, rather than still images.

Governance and Scrutiny

Our use of social media follows the Church of England Social Media Community Guidelines, which can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/help/social-media-guidelines>

We are lucky to have a Social Media WhatsApp group, and if ever we feel a prospective post has the potential to be controversial, we discuss it and always err on the side of caution.

Help

If you enjoy social media and know the difference between a "post" and a "story," we would love to hear from you! We know socials have the potential to transform our engagement with the community, and this can be a great way to get more involved in the life of the church.

Rev. Simon Couper

WORSHIP

PRAYER

We are very grateful to the team of people who lead us all in our intercession prayers at both the 9 am and 10.30 services. Everyone brings their own style and it helps to involve more of us in our prayer mission. We have had a few changes recently, and grateful thanks to those who have helped over the years, but are taking a break and we welcome several newcomers to the team. There are a couple of intercession prayer books in the church as well as the Church of England templates and resources to assist those who help. New volunteers always welcome, even if you just fancy a guest slot one term.

We also have had a good number of requests into our prayer email which is listed on the Newsletter every week for everyone to use to share a prayer need for themselves or their family and friends. The email is always treated as confidential and is shared by email with a small team of faithful people who pray for these needs as part of their prayer life. Please make use of this great way of supporting each other either in a time of need, or to offer thanks to God.

Ruth Muraszko

MUSIC

Music at Holy Trinity has always played an important part in our worship. We are incredibly fortunate to house a rare and unique Henry Willis pipe organ and equally fortunate to hear it played regularly, both at weekly services and special occasions. Our congregation have always enjoyed sung worship at our 10.30am services and the music team select the hymns to match the theme of Simon's sermon series.

Our objective is to have live music at the 10.30am service every week and we are now happy to have live music on all except week 1. We have Pat playing the organ and piano on weeks 2 and 5, we welcome Hugh who has joined the music team to play piano on week 3 and the 'girl band', including Simon and Sam play on week 4. A choir, led by Lukas or a smaller gathering of singers are available to support more memorable events such as Christmas and Easter. We feel blessed to be able to offer such great music for our services and would love to offer live music in week 1 too, so anyone out there who would like to take this on please contact Vicki.

Vicki Rogers

TECH TEAM

As members of our congregation may know, the last 6 months have provided some "very interesting challenges" for the Tech Team, in particular the move of services into the Green Room over the cold winter months. This necessitated adapting the main church audio-visual facilities to support the Green Room and the broadcast from there, including radio mics, lectern mic and live musicians; TV screens for words & liturgy; and cameras for the broadcast video feed. We then had to run the service and broadcast each week from the main church where the temperature was between 5 and 10°C! Suffice it to say, I think we got there and the team did an amazing job. It was a blessed relief, however, to get back into the main church on Palm Sunday and we all breathed more easily! I would also like to give a quick shout-out to Kai and Ollie, part of our 9am DoFE team, who really stepped up to run the sound for the 9am Communion services during this period.

The return to the main church also meant that we could finally get to use the new pan-tilt and zoom cameras which were mentioned in last year's report and installed literally 2 weeks before we decamped to the Green Room! The team are now becoming very adept at channelling their inner Steven Spielberg resulting in a more engaging online broadcast and a lot more flexibility when using video within the church.

A key issue has always been the vulnerability of our audio-visual equipment - it is all perched on a couple of pieces of MDF balanced between two pews which has meant that on occasion we have had to rewire the desk after mischievous fingers have altered our equipment configuration! Last year, we outlined a plan to install a new, secure tech desk to house our equipment, and I am delighted to report that it is under production and scheduled to be installed in mid-May. We are all very excited to see the final result.

Once again a huge thanks to all our regular production team - Nathan, Brian, Rob, Miles recently joined by Alex - without whom, as they say at the BAFTAs, "None of this would be possible"!

Giles Norman

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NOISY CHURCH

Despite the challenges presented by the heating crisis, Noisy Church continues to be a stable and well-loved ministry. Indeed, some of our busiest sessions have been when the church was at its coldest! In the past year, we have continued to put the Bible at the centre of our sessions. We shared the story of Paul's missionary journeys, we have looked at the meals Jesus' shared with friends in Luke's gospel, as well as marked Christmas with our ever popular "Noisy Christingle" and Easter with our Easter Egg Hunt.

This year, we are especially grateful to Hettie Bishop, chair of the PTA at archdeacon school for advertising our Noisy Church sessions on the parent WhatsApp group. We are convinced that our high numbers are due to her hard work publicising our events. Our thanks too, to James and Ben who faithfully operate all the tech on the day.

In the coming year, we would love to expand the team to have a few more helpers. If you love children, and reaching out to new families, then this is the ministry to be involved with. Noisy Church feels like we have planted a new congregation, and those who come love it – but we need to think about how we can take that engagement further.

Rev. Simon Couper

TRINITY TODDLERS

Trinity Toddlers has continued to offer fellowship and play to toddlers and their parents/carers, with numbers at the Monday morning sessions regularly reaching more than 30 toddlers and babies with their parents/carers by the end of 2025.

The singing and dancing and Bible story continue to be a regular feature enjoyed by those attending. The 'Wiggle' dance is a particular favourite. The community outreach of this group extends to regular chats with wiggles and their parents/carers in and around the Twickenham Green area, when passing by.

My heartfelt thanks go again to Jo Butler and Christine Elderfield for their continued and unwavering support of Trinity Toddlers. They faithfully turn up every Monday to help with the set up, clearing, tea duties, holding of babies and most importantly in making everyone feel very welcome and cared for. As a church community we owe them a debt of gratitude for helping to keep this popular church and community activity running.

We are always happy to welcome extra helpers to this fun and vibrant group so please email me at admin@httchurh.org if you can help with craft or hospitality at any of our sessions.

Lucy James

CRECHE

Creche numbers have been down this year with between 0 and 3 children attending. But our trusty team of 5 volunteers are still providing a welcoming play environment and the little ones with a variation of toys and stories on offer three Sundays a month. We hope to see more babies and toddlers in the months to come!

Georgina Marchant

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school sessions are held on week 1, 2 and 4 of each month and do not operate during the school holidays. The leaders and helpers all work on a volunteer basis and at the present time there are 4 leaders and 5 helpers.

We currently cater for children aged from 4 years up to 11+ years that are organised into age related groups or combined to run mixed age sessions. To accommodate the change in volunteer number from September 2025, we combined Sunday school groups into 2, maintaining creche for children aged 0 to 4. From the Autumn term, the groups are separated into Key Stage 1 (Reception, 1, 2 & 3) and Key Stage 2 (Yrs 4, 5 & 6). There is a Sunday school session for children on weeks 1, 2 and 4 with Noisy Church taking place on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Each week there are approximately:

- Nursery: 2 – 3
- Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 children: 6 – 8
- Years 4, 5 and 6 children: 6 – 8

Sunday school sessions are always lots of fun and include games, puzzles and quizzes to really bring Bible study to life. During the Summer term 2025, we explored the events immediately following Easter, Pentecost and the first acts of the apostles which included the conversion of St. Paul. Following the summer break we began the Autumn term learning about Jacob, the impact of his choices and how God can help us to make good decisions as we follow him. We then returned to a Sunday school favourite and considered Joseph's life. Despite being rejected by his brothers, God had a plan and went on to place him in one of the most powerful positions in the kingdom. The Advent season was filled with our Christingle service, preparing for the Christmas celebrations with lots of games and crafts.

For the Spring term 2026, the team made the decision to move to an online curriculum developed by Mustard Seed. This is an online platform which provides activities, games, bible teaching/reflection and crafts. Over the last 3 months, the children have been exploring the ministry of Jesus, from his baptism to the calling of his disciples. We have enjoyed water-based activities as we learnt about the calming of the storm in Mark's gospel and prepared for the Easter holidays by thinking about what it means to be a servant leader and how we can tell others all about who Jesus is.

Many thanks to all the wonderful leaders and helpers for their amazing energy, creativity and commitment. We are so grateful for their enthusiasm and support over the last year. We would love for others to join us in this wonderful ministry, so please do get in touch if this is something you might be interested in.

Katy Patterson & Anna Couper

YOUTH GROUP

This has been a year of growth – praise God! Our youth group meets from 4:30 – 6:00pm every other week during the term time. The group is stable, and numbers range from 10 – 20. Each session includes a holding activity, pizza, an organised activity, and a short talk. This past year, we have used the gospel readings from the Sunday morning service to spark discussion. It has been wonderful to see the group grow in confidence and discuss matters of faith confidently, and without embarrassment among their peers.

This year we said goodbye to one of our key helpers, Lucy Butler, who moved to Sheffield to pursue her studies. Lucy was an amazing leader, and we value her support on those rare occasions when she is back from university whilst the school term is still in full swing.

My thanks to Nathan Grusin, Samuel Stocks (both alumni of the previous youth group at Holy Trinity!) and Suzan Yavus. Without their support, we simply could not operate the youth group.

I would like to offer a further word of thanks to Lucy James, who helped shift our youth records over to *ChurchSuite*. This means, for safeguarding purposes, all the information is kept in a single, safe, location.

Rev. Simon Couper

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Incumbent	The Revd Simon Couper Holy Trinity Vicarage 1 Vicarage Road Twickenham TW2 5TS
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Independent Examiner	Mr D Loftus 11 Kew Gardens Farington Leyland PR25 4QN
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated on The Green, in the Strawberry Hill area of Twickenham. It is part of the Diocese of London and the Kensington Episcopal Area within the Church of England. The correspondence address is c/o the Vicarage, 1 Vicarage Rd, Twickenham TW2 5TS.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, or co-opted. At present the APCM has chosen to elect the PCC annually, rather than a 3 year rolling membership.

Churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, which is held immediately before the APCM. During 2025, the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Rev. Simon Couper	(Chair)
Churchwardens:	Robert French Fleur Beeson	(Vice-Chair)
Licensed Reader & Deanery Synod:	Anna McPherson	
Deanery Synod:	Adam Smith Sue Morris	
Elected Members:	Jon Beeson Tim Little Giles Norman Katy Patterson Liz Rogers Marc Lee Louise Pickard	(Treasurer) (PCC Secretary)
Regularly in Attendance:	Lucy James	(Safeguarding Officer)

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 exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC of Holy Trinity Church works with the incumbent to promote the mission of the Church within the parish of Holy Trinity, Twickenham (traditionally known as the parish of Twickenham Common). This Mission is outlined in the church's Mission Action Plan. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric. Close links are maintained with Archdeacon Cambridge's Primary School, situated within the parish. Cooperation with other local churches is actively encouraged.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Twickenham Green

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Review

The church reports its financial results on the same basis as most company accounts - the "accruals" basis. This attempts to reflect the activity that happened in the year, rather than simply what flowed through the bank account between 1st January and 31st December.

In 2025, our total income was £153,624, which is £4,568 lower than £158,192 in 2024. This was mainly due to lower receipts from regular giving and associated tax recovery, partly offset by increased room hire and other donations.

Total expenditure in 2025 was £160,024, which is £15,935 higher than £144,088 in 2024. This was primarily due to expenditure (£10,620) incurred as part of the Improvement Project and increased building maintenance costs.

The church paid just under its full parish share to the Diocese of London, and this remains the biggest item of expenditure at £97,500. This is the amount we pay to the Diocese of London to cover the cost of a vicar, accommodation, training and support, plus continued investment and training in the wider Anglican church. In 2025 the church will be paying more than its full parish share at £102,000 for the year.

As a result of the reduced income and increased expenditure, the church made a deficit of £6,400 for the year.

In July 2025 the PCC approved the establishment of a designated fund to improve the church building. This designated fund comprises a legacy from 2021 and the corresponding interest received, which amounted to £242k at the point the fund was established.

At the end of December 2025, we had £285,746 in our bank and investment accounts. This is slightly lower than the £287,525 held at the end of December 2024 (a decrease of £1,780).

Many thanks for your continued support to the church.

Jon Beeson, Honorary Treasurer.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general fund (if possible) which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £285,746 exceeds this level.

It is our policy to invest our funds mainly with the Church of England Deposit Fund, with a working level maintained in our current account.

Approved by the PCC on 11th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Simon Couper (PCC Chairman) and Mr Jon Beeson (PCC Treasurer).



Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity Church, Twickenham

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Twickenham, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 and the two pages of Notes to the statements.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Signed: *David E Loftus*

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23rd April 2026

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CHAIR QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL TRUSTEES INVESTMENT SUB
COMMITTEE

Holy Trinity Twickenham Green
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	General Fund	Improve't Fund	Piano Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
Accruals Accounting Basis						
Receipts						
Regular Giving						
Planned Giving		56,497	-	-	56,497	56,117
Loose collections		4,313	-	-	4,313	6,102
Income tax recovered		13,977	-	-	13,977	15,244
		<u>74,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,787</u>	<u>77,463</u>
Other donations received		14,963	-	-	14,963	13,440
Grants					-	
Activities for generating funds	5a	48,229	-	-	48,229	47,752
Income from church activities	5b	4,203	-	-	4,203	3,481
Investment income	5c	-	11,443	-	11,443	13,307
Other income					-	2,748
		<u>142,181</u>	<u>11,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,624</u>	<u>158,192</u>
Payments						
Diocesan parish share		97,500	-	-	97,500	95,000
Other payments	5d	51,904	10,620	-	62,524	49,088
Total Payments		<u>149,404</u>	<u>10,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,024</u>	<u>144,088</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		- 7,223	823	- -	6,400	14,103
Bank and deposit accounts 1 January		287,119	-	406	287,525	280,920
Bank and deposit accounts 31 December		45,197	240,143	406	285,746	287,525
Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
Cash Funds						
Bank Current Accounts		20,775	-	406	21,181	24,843
CBF Deposit Account		24,422	240,143	-	264,565	262,682
		<u>45,197</u>	<u>240,143</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>285,746</u>	<u>287,525</u>
Deferred Income		-	-	-	-	-
Tax reclaim outstanding		614	-	-	614	2,333
Green Room lettings accruals		4,031	-	-	4,031	1,198
Listed Place of Worship VAT reclaim		-	-	-	-	-
Other accrued income		-	2,680	-	2,680	8,270
Total Accrued Income		<u>4,645</u>	<u>2,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,324</u>	<u>11,801</u>
Accrued Expenditure		1,806	-	-	1,806	1,662
Accrued Capital Expenditure		-	-	-	-	-
Loan from Diocese (balance outstanding)		-	-	-	-	-
Total Accrued Expenditure		<u>1,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,806</u>	<u>1,662</u>

Approved by the PCC on 11th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by Revd Simon Couper and Mr Jon Beeson (PCC Treasurer).

Notes to the statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Accruals basis.
2. In July 2025 the PCC approved the establishment of a designated fund to improve the church building. This comprises of a legacy from 2021 and the corresponding interest received, which amounted to £242k at the point the fund was established.
3. In section 5d (payments) additional lines have been introduced for technology, IT/comms and youth costs. These were previously included within the "other running costs" line.
4. "Other running costs" includes the costs for the Parish Manager, general supplies and small equipment purchases.

Holy Trinity Twickenham Green

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipt and Payments Analysis	R&P General Fund	R&P Improve't Fund	R&P Piano Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
5a. Activities for generating funds - receipts					
Green room lettings	47,469	-	-	47,469	47,286
Events	760	-	-	760	466
Fairtrade stall sales	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Tax on campaigns	-	-	-	-	-
	48,229	-	-	48,229	47,752
5b. Receipts from church activities					
Fees	2,996	-	-	2,996	1,708
Trinity Toddlers	1,207	-	-	1,207	1,773
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	4,203	-	-	4,203	3,481
5c. Receipts from investments					
CCLA deposit interest	-	11,443	-	11,443	13,307
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	11,443	13,307

Receipt and Payments Analysis (cont.)	R&P General Fund	R&P Improve't Fund	R&P Piano Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
5d. Church activities - payments					
Donations to supported charities					
A Rocha	283	-	-	283	268
Spear	283	-	-	283	268
Other	100	-	-	100	
Total				665	535
Utilities and Insurance	13,252	-	-	13,252	16,936
Clergy expenses	604	-	-	604	454
Cost of Services	691	-	-	691	312
Buildings maintenance	8,899	-	-	8,899	3,587
Cleaning of Parish Room	5,795	-	-	5,795	5,499
Technology costs	3,029	-	-	3,029	-
IT subscriptions and telecomms	2,040	-	-	2,040	-
Youth	564	-	-	564	-
Organ/Piano	-	-	-	-	60
Other running costs	16,364	-	-	16,364	21,706
Improvement project	-	10,620	-	10,620	-
Total Church Activities	51,904	10,620	-	62,524	49,088