

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WASHINGTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1168608

## Details

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**Other names** HOLY TRINITY PCC WASHINGTON

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2016-08-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

**Activities:** The purpose of the Parochial Church Council is to promote in the parish of Washington the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Sunderland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£117,149	£121,284	-	-
2024-12-31	£97,996	£111,315	-	-
2023-12-31	£103,742	£109,278	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,774	£98,274	-	-
2021-12-31	£92,697	£93,527	-	-
2020-12-31	£94,367	£111,550	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Audrey Scarr		2024-04-14
BARBARA FIDDY		2016-08-04
Christine Scorer		2023-04-30
DAVID WOOD		2012-04-22
Dinah Gollan		2021-04-25
JANE MCINTYRE		2016-08-04
JOHN ANDREW CRESSWELL		2026-04-12
Janice Rutter		2020-10-18
Joan Ball		2026-04-12
Joshua Wesley Alan Hindmarch		2022-05-01
Judith Petherick		2020-10-18
OLIVE SANGHA		2016-08-04
PHYLLIS MARY WOOD		2017-04-30
Rebecca Charlotte Rutter		2025-04-13
Rev Teresa Margaret Walton		2024-09-09
Sarah Ellen Petherick		2025-04-13
Thomas George Hindmarch		2025-04-13

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# Accounts

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**Holy Trinity  
Washington**

**The Parish of Holy Trinity, Washington  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
Of the Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Rector:

The Reverend Teresa Walton

Bankers:

Santander and Hampshire Trust Bank

Independent Examiner:

Mrs. Gillian Tyreman ACA, CTA

Chartered Accountant

The Parochial Church Council is an Excepted Charity

## **The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Holy Trinity Washington**

### **Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

#### **Aim and Purpose**

Holy Trinity's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with The Reverend Teresa Walton in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our Church Vision statement that was developed at our vision day states that Holy Trinity Church is open and welcoming to all. United in God's love and committed to serving the community.

#### **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. 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 Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary 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.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

##### **Worship**

We are keen to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. The Eucharist on a Sunday include a quiet Said Eucharist at the 8am service that is held every two weeks and a Sung Eucharist at the 10am service. Morning Prayer is said before the Eucharist on Tuesdays, and offers a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship.

Our Choir serves as a vital ministry, leading the congregation in worship, enhancing liturgy through music, and fostering community. It aids in creating a participatory worship experience, often singing complex music to glorify God and supporting

congregational singing. Following the retirement of George Roberts, our Organist and Choir Master at the end of 2024, we recruited Thomas Hindmarch (previously our Assistant Organist) as Musical Director in April 2025. He has reordered the seating arrangements of the choir and introduced a change to the sung responses for our main Eucharist service on a Sunday. Our choir has a consistent membership of between 20 and 25 with plans to increase the number in 2026. We sing an eclectic range of church music with regular use of Taizé and similar chants. We have been singing some new material composed by our very own Richard Judson. I would like to express my gratitude to Thomas and the Choir for their dedication, musical talent, and role in enhancing worship and commitment to rehearsals and choir practise.

Several of our members play musical instruments to a high standard and they are included in accompanying worship to great effect. As well as the main weekly sung eucharist service, the choir takes part in special services throughout the year which enhance our worship.

We have a strong tradition of lay participation in worship, with a rota of readers, intercessors, chalice assistants and servers. There is also an enthusiastic team of volunteers who act as welcomers, greeters and supporters at regular and special services and a dedicated team of volunteers that verger at funerals. We have a dedicated technical team who enable us to Zoom our 10am Sunday Eucharist and special services during the year. This is vitally important in allowing us to stay in touch with those who cannot attend in person.

We have a monthly service on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Celtic Iona tradition with Clergy and laity taking their turns leading the service, music and reflective talk. We offer the laying on of hands and anointing at special times.

We continued to hold our informal "On the Hill" service to young children and their families. It is a seasonal, themed service. We held our first 'Easteringle' that was well attended.

Alongside regular worship patterns there were several special services during the year. These have included special services at Candlemas, Pentecost, Ascension, Harvest and Remembrance. At Easter we decided to have a dawn service at 5:30am on Easter Day, followed by Breakfast. It was such a joyous occasion and well attended. Advent included a Service of Hope & Light, Carols & Candlelight, two Christingle services and a Christmas Day Eucharist. The Christmas services were particularly well attended, especially the Carols & Candlelight Service and the Christingle services on Christmas Eve. We held a Christmas Memorial Service for Embleton's Funeral Directors.

Our offer of refreshments after worship on Sundays and Tuesdays provide a wonderful way for enabling fellowship, and growing our community, and we are grateful for the volunteers who help to facilitate this.

The Deanery Confirmation service was held at our church this year with Bishop Frank White. 28 candidates were confirmed at the service with 10 candidates from Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity Church continues to support the Remembrance service at the cenotaph and this year we were again pleased to welcome the MP, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Councillors and several representatives from the local community and the British Legion to a special Remembrance Service and Eucharist in church before gathering at the Cenotaph.

We held a special service to welcome our new curate who was ordained Deacon on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June at Durham Cathedral.

### **Prayer and Bible Study:**

All our church members are encouraged to pray and study the Bible regularly as part of their personal devotion.

Our weekly sheet, with Bible readings and Collect prayers, is available in church and is distributed by committed volunteers to some church members who are unable to attend church. This is also accessible via both the monthly update email and via the church website.

We held a Lent Course on unpacking The Lord's Prayer and what it means to us. The course was well attended, and fabulous discussions challenged our thinking and understanding.

We held Confirmation classes for our confirmation candidates and members of our congregation came to support them too.

### **Electoral Roll**

At present there are 149 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 88 but this number increased at festivals and two Christmas carol services had to be held to seat all those who wished to attend. 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. We have celebrated 53 baptisms and 8 weddings and held 23 funerals in our church this year and 8 funerals at a Crematorium.

### **Deanery Synod**

Four members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from General Synod. Among the items discussed was presentations from each church on their activities and new initiatives that have been introduced. 2026 is a year for triennial elections to the Deanery Synod i.e. a complete renewal of membership via elections at our APCM. The members elected at our APCM this year will hold office for the triennium 2026-2029.

### **Ministry Team and Pastoral Care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Care and love for one another and our neighbours is a fundamental way we live out our Christian faith. The ministry team consists of clergy, two Licensed Lay Ministers, and two Lay Pastoral Ministers. They meet every two months and discuss home and Care Home visits. They also provide updates and Information on members of the congregation who are ill or vulnerable. The discussions are always confidential. The ministry team, supplemented by a small team of volunteers, visit all church members who have requested it, and administer Holy Communion to them at their homes.

Anyone who is in need from our church family and community can ask for our prayers. Their names are included in our weekly newsletter, and they are prayed for at every service.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 we launched our Community Support Group that meets on the last Wednesday of every month. This offers a space for individuals to connect with others facing similar challenges or interests, providing emotional support, practical advice, and a sense of belonging. We have a large group of volunteers and staff from Walker Morrells Funeral Directors, who support the group and who provide refreshments for our evenings.

### **Safeguarding**

At Holy Trinity Church our PSO, Val Wilson and PCC regularly review our practise to develop our local Safeguarding culture, to respond well to the current challenges, and do

our utmost to make Holy Trinity as safe a place as possible for all worshippers, especially the vulnerable. There have been many challengers around some nationally publicised failings and fall-out in the past year.

The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard is regularly updated to ensure we continue to be compliant, and information is shared with the PCC at the beginning of each meeting. Due to changes in national legislation, we are now classed as a children's charity because we provide activities for children. As a result, all members of the PCC needed to be DBS checked and complete Raiding Awareness of Domestic Abuse training. All adults involved with Trinity Tots and On the Hill have completed all necessary checks and training. They will continue to be supported in their roles.

Our Rector, Church Wardens and Musical Director have all completed Leadership Training. We celebrated Safeguarding Sunday to help raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding. Our Safeguarding policy is renewed each year to include any updates needed to keep our church community and everyone who visits as safe as we can be. May we each resolve to play our part in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe as they engage in our church community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Val for the huge contribution she makes to this important role and the way she performs her role with professionalism and commitment.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

### **Vision Day**

In February we held a Vision Day where 41 members of the congregation came together to do a SWAT analysis of our church, and we created new priorities to inform our development plan and move our church forward. We also created our Vision Statement.

### **Our Priorities**

- Engaging more effectively with children, young people and families
- Identifying and developing Lay-led people for church activities and for future mission, outreach activities and providing sustainability for these activities to continue.
- Raising the profile of the church in the whole parish.
- Engaging more effectively with the bereaved / Occasional Offices
- Identify and improve the building to achieve our vision. (Create new Kitchen and toilet facilities to encourage further mission and outreach opportunities.)

During the year, at our PCC meetings, we have been assessing these priorities and formulated our strategic development plan for the next 5 years.

I am pleased to report that many of our priorities are being addressed which is a fantastic achievement in such a short time and is down to a wonderful and committed church family we have at Holy Trinity.

### **Volunteers**

At the heart of much of the work of the Church there is a huge foundation of generous support and hard work which is supplied voluntarily by members of the congregation. This is often expressed in long hours of service and often unnoticed 'behind the scenes' work. I would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

**Groups:** Working groups, both existing and newly formed, are as follows:

- Baptism
- Communications
- Craft Group
- Flower group
- Fundraising
- Ministry Team
- Mothers Union
- Sidespeople, altar and chalice assistants, readers, intercessors.
- Refreshments team
- Trinity Trekkers
- Women's Fellowship

**Baptism Team** - we have a supportive team of volunteers who have delivered a two-part, lay led baptism preparation process, allowing parents, godparents and older candidates to explore what baptism means. They also support the baptism services as they occur. There continues to be a very healthy demand for baptism in our church, with increasing numbers of adult candidates coming forward. There has been a review of our offering towards the end of the year, and plans are in place to replace online baptism enquiries with attendance at a reinstated office hour, hopefully encouraging a more personal touch.

### **Young people and children**

We continued to welcome, or be involved with, some of the schools we are either associated with or are located within the parish. Many of these schools come to our churches for their Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services. This year we held a Christingle service in church for JFK that was wonderful. They also come for school visits, and we

have seen other schools engage this year. It is fabulous to see enthusiastic and inquisitive children asking deep questions about God, faith and sharing their own spirituality as well as the eagerness to know about the church building and all that is in it. I am welcomed into classrooms to speak with the children and lead assemblies. This simple ministry is incredibly beneficial even if we may not see the results immediately.

**On The Hill** - We continued to hold our 'On the Hill' seasonal events which are designed to engage the interests of children and their parents and seek to build on relationships within the extended families of existing church members, those families approaching the church for baptisms and the wider community. I would like to thank the team for all their commitment and help and support in running these events. We have plans for 2026 to offer 'On The Hill' every last Saturday of the month starting in January.

There is a dedicated team of volunteers, who provide craft activities, games, music and story activities for young families. As a team we have been planning for a regular monthly 'On The Hill' service for 2026. This has been advertised at the end of 2025 to commence in January 2026.

**Trinity Tots** – In January we started our Trinity Tots for babies and children of pre-school age accompanied by parents, grandparents, childminders and anyone who looks after a small child. Since our opening, we have 28 children registered and average about 18 children per session who come regularly each week. I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers who run and support this group. It is a real joy.

### **Community and social concern**

As a church body, we seek to share the love of God in practical ways with the local community of our parish and enhance the lives of those who live here. This includes inviting and welcoming members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives. Members of the local community walk with the Trinity Trekkers and volunteer in the churchyard. We further support and raise funds for local charities alleviating poverty and distress. We also participate in a range of community activities, including caring for the biodiversity and beauty of our churchyard as a valued public space within central Washington.

A small group of filmmakers received permission to use the church and grounds to produce a short 2 scene film. They are all volunteers assisting a local filmmaker produce his first film and are to finish filming in 2026.

Fundraising initiatives and our monthly Foodbank Sunday in aid of WCFP have continued. A collection for the Washington Foodbank was made at our Harvest festival

and over the Christmas period we raised funds for WaterAid, Sunderland homeless charities, The Children's Society, Washington Mind – the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

### **The Fundraising Group**

The Fundraising Group would like to thank everyone in the congregation and wider community for their support throughout 2025. In the Spring we held a successful Fair and Easter Chocolate Raffle after the disappointment of a cancelled Christmas Event and they had an ever-popular Beetle Drive. In June we welcomed Martin Stephenson and the Dainties to perform in Holy Trinity Church, a professional rock/folk band. Martin Stephenson grew up in Washington and enjoys bringing the band back to his hometown. In the Summer a Garden Party was held with entertainment from the Washington Village u3a ukulele group and our own Ceilidh Band which had the more active members of the congregation dancing in the Old Churchyard.

There have been several Beetle Drives when we have been joined by members of the wider community.

There was a concert in October by professional country singer Annie Duggan after she visited the Church while on holiday in the summer and was impressed by the building and acoustics and expressed a keen interest in performing here.

In December we held a very successful Christmas Fair and Raffle which once again enabled everyone to work together and enjoy a community event which also raised much needed funds to support the church.

The weekly Zoom Quiz Nights, which began during the Covid Pandemic, continue to be a popular, fun way of keeping in touch with each other from the comfort of our own homes.

### **Friends of the Old Churchyard**

The PCC once again wishes to thank the Friends of the Old Churchyard, a small community-based group of volunteers made up of members of the community and our congregation, for all their efforts in restoring, maintaining and developing our grounds as a community friendly, biodiverse wildlife area and green space. This has proved to be an excellent way of involving and engaging with the wider community, caring for our heritage and green space together. The considerable efforts made to restore and nurture our churchyard were recognised once again when Holy Trinity Churchyard received a Gold Award in the Category of Conservation Projects from Northumbria in Bloom 2025.

### **Flower group**

We have a dedicated team who are very creative and enjoy arranging flowers displays for our church each week and provide special arrangement for our festivals throughout the

year. They would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating for the flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion.

### **The Communications Group**

The Communications Group meets periodically to maintain and develop communication with both the congregation and the wider community, with responsibility more specifically for the website, social media, Zoom and publication of services and events in general. A TV has been set up at the back of church with a rolling presentation of events throughout the year which has been very well received. The Website has been updated, and some sermons are now uploaded to YouTube with a link on Facebook. Zoom services continue to be a valuable means of serving and communicating with those who are unable to attend church. There are often 10-12 attendees on a Sunday morning. The Communications Group are looking to recruit an additional member to progress our social media.

### **Church Building and Fabric.**

We want our church to be a continuing centre of Christian worship for generations to come, as it has been for many centuries. We further want to care for the natural environment around our church, including the green space of the churchyard. We seek to ensure our church building is well-maintained and fit for its purposes as a worship and community space.

Following the APCM 2025, 2 new church wardens, Barbara Fiddy and Audrey Scarr, were elected. Our thanks go to Andrew Cresswell and Jan Miller for their service especially over the vacancy period.

The church building is generally in good repair and in good condition.

### **2025 Churchwardens' report: including church fabric, goods and ornaments January 2025-April 2025**

- After receiving permission from the Archdeacon of Sunderland (no faculty required), a sign reading "Please Keep Clear, Vehicular Access needed at all times" was purchased and placed on the Glebe Crescent gate post in February 2025 at a cost of £45.25
- On 10<sup>th</sup> March, the Wardens met with Archdeacon Libby and Acting Archdeacon Katherine (now Archdeacon of Sunderland) for the Archdeacon's Visitation Inspection with very positive outcomes and advice/suggestions of how to develop systems further.

- Following the discovery that the Electrical Test carried out in 2022 was solely for Telcom's mast purposes, the process of arranging a more comprehensive test of electrical systems throughout church was set underway and passed on to new wardens to complete.
- The Lightning Protection Servicing was carried out by Stone Technical Services Group Ltd on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at a cost of £130+VAT. To be completed on a 5 yearly basis.
- A new Fire Exit sign was purchased and placed above the main door from the nave to the porch.
- The logbook and inventory were up to date on handover to the new wardens.

### **2025 Churchwardens' report: including church fabric, goods and ornaments April 2025-December 2025**

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> April at PCC meeting three estimates for the essential electrical work, which had been noted at the Quinquennial were submitted. There was a discussion with regard to this, and it was decided to accept the quote from Westfield Electrics of £743.28. Survey work was carried out on 22.5.25 and a report submitted to us which stated the electrics were unsatisfactory. We received an estimate for the work from Westfield for £3584.40 which was approved by the PCC and the work was carried out in the first week of September and we received the Test Certificate
- A tree was reported growing in the Churchyard wall. We contacted the Arborist at Sunderland City Council, and the tree was cut back at no cost to ourselves.
- Drains, down pipe and guttering were found to be blocked in June. Power Builders removed the blockage at a cost of £265. He also inspected the roof with regard to a missing tile. No action was required.
- Westfield Electrics supplied and fitted 6 LED spotlights in the roof of the church - cost including the hire of scaffolding £1828.80
- Thanks to Tyne and Wear Access for servicing the Church bell ropes at no cost to us.
- Pat testing was completed in August by Steve McGuire cost £72.
- Written permission was received from the Archdeacon for a ring doorbell but due to internet connection problems the work cannot be completed at the moment.
- Thank you to our handy man who has done a number of jobs in church this year.
- The Archdeacon of Sunderland gave permission for two lights to be fitted on the outside of Church. Rewiring, supplying and fitting of the two lights plus a

new PIR light above the vestry door cost £597.60 from Westfield Electrics. He also stripped and fitted new parts to the path light cost £139.80

- The cleaning of the drains, guttering and down pipe was completed in November by Power Builders £335.00
- New locks were fitted on the front door by Key force £321.00
- All fire extinguishers were checked and two replaced as out of date £291.60.
- Inventory and logbook are up to date.

I would like to thank our church wardens, Barbara and Audrey, for their commitment and reliable presence, as well as their efforts in maintaining our church.

### **Financial Report**

The financial year ending December 2025 has seen our overall position stabilise compared with the previous year. We ended the year with total funds of £86,272.60, of which £55,009.36 is unrestricted (our general operating fund). The remainder is allocated for specific purposes including building development, youth and children's ministry and church flowers.

Our total income increased by over £9000 across the year. We received two separate donations of £5000 from parishioners, and these alone made a significant dent in our deficit. Our total planned giving income has increased substantially since our stewardship campaign in the autumn. Collections at occasional services are higher than in 2024. Fee income from weddings and funerals is lower than last year. The rental income from the telecoms mast in the tower continues to be welcome. Our income from fundraising events was better as we were able to hold our usual Christmas Fair, and the one postponed in 2024 was held as a Spring Fair early in 2025.

Our expenditure is around £10000 higher than in 2024. We committed to paying our full Parish Share amount and achieved this, but at an extra cost of around £3000. The remainder of the increase is largely due to some significant electrical repairs. We switched our utility tariffs in October and have had ongoing issues with our electricity billing, resulting in an inability to charge the telecoms mast for their usage. This will hopefully be resolved in the new year, and the figures should balance out again.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send donations to our regular charity partners over the Advent and Christmas period, including The Children's Society, Washington Mind, St Benedict's Hospice and WaterAid. Earlier in the year, we once again collected donations to support rough sleepers through Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. We also hosted a coffee morning for Poppy's Light Foundation which saw a very full church and a healthy amount raised for that charity. Thanks to you all.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have continued to support the life and work of the parish through your regular giving in all its forms.

After due consideration, your PCC agreed to maintain the Parish Share amount for 2026 at 2025 levels, a saving of around £3,000 on the figure the diocese asked us to offer. This reflects an acknowledgement of our place in the wider church and our responsibilities to it but balanced with our desire to improve our own facilities and ministry in the parish.

Going forward, our financial position is healthier than it was at the end of 2024. The PCC has continued to be extremely vigilant in monitoring our finances and in forecasting future income and expenditure. We have switched the bulk of our capital into an interest-bearing account which should amass interest of around £2000 over the year ahead. Our new utility contracts are slightly more expensive in terms of unit price, but significantly better in terms of standing charges. This will translate to a major saving over the warmer months. On the negative side, the government scheme which allowed us to reclaim VAT on eligible works has closed, and at time of writing, an alternative has yet to materialise. This means that some of our costs for repairs, maintenance and building work could increase by 20%.

What can we all do to help? Income generation is key, not just from our own planned giving but from fundraising, legacies and grants to support specific activities. Gift Aid income is extremely important to us, and we need to make sure that everyone who is eligible is signed up. This is free money, and we need to ensure we are benefiting from it. It is very difficult to see how we can cut costs any further, but it is important that we are all mindful of our use of resources.

We need to remain vigilant and prayerful regarding our finances in the wider context of our church life and our place in the community and diocese. If you have ideas to share, expertise to offer or just questions to ask, please do not hesitate to do so.

With thanks to you all, to those who support me with the preparation of these accounts and to our external examiner. The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis as is permitted under UK law'

Judith Petherick, PCC Treasurer, 6th March 2026

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Judith for the professionalism, diligence, integrity, and time-consuming nature of the work she does to manage our finances and produce well informed reports to the PCC so that we can monitor our finances effectively.

## **Reserves Policy**

The PCC has resolved to maintain a balance on unrestricted fund, which equates to at least three month's unrestricted payments (circa £30,000). This is to cover emergencies and help with cash flow.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

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 incumbent, churchwardens, Lay readers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are 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 full PCC met 7 times during the year with a good level of attendance. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

## **Administrative Information**

Holy Trinity Church employs Eunice Pestell as Administrator for 9 hours a week. With a heavy heart she retired at the end of the year, and I would like to express my gratitude to Eunice and wish her well in her retirement. Plans are in place for an interim person to take over her duties and assess the role and the hours required before advertising for a new administrator.

The Church is situated on The Avenue, Washington and is part of the Deanery of Chester Le Street and Houghton in the Diocese of Durham. The correspondence address is The Avenue, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 7LE. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 until the date of this report was approved were:

Rector / Chair	The Reverend Teresa Walton	January 2025 -
Clergy	The Reverend Chris Scorer	January 2025-
Licensed Lay Ministers	Olive Sangha Dinah Gollan	January 2025 – January 2025 -
Churchwardens	Barbara Fiddy Audrey Scarr	April 2025 –2026 April 2025 –2026
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Barbara Fiddy Ann Harrison Ashley Powell Chris Scorer	2023 – 2026 2023 – 2026 2023 – 2026 2023 – 2026
<b>ELECTED MEMBERS 2025</b>		
	Josh Hindmarch	2025 -2028
Musical Director	Thomas Hindmarch	2025 - 2028
	Jane McIntyre	2024 - 2026
	Beryl Nesbit	2023 - 2025
	Malcome Longstaff	2025- 2026
	David Petherick	2023 - 2026
	Sarah Petherick	2025 - 2028
Treasurer	Judith Petherick	2024 - 2027
	Janice Rutter	2023 - 2026
	Rebecca Rutter	2025 - 2028
	Audrey Scarr	2024 - 2026
	David Wood	2024 - 2027

	Phyllis Wood	2023 - 2026
OBSERVERS		
Safeguarding Officer	Val Wilson	

12.4.2026

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**Washington Parochial Church Council**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended  
31 December 2025**

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**Receipts and payments account**

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned giving	46,391.26	-	-	46,391.26	39,852.72
Collections and other giving	9,795.80	-	-	9,795.80	7,794.68
Income tax recovered	12,287.43	-	-	12,287.43	10,946.35
Donations and fundraising activities	21,282.92	1,184.75	575.47	23,043.14	7,284.90
	<b>89,757.41</b>	<b>1,184.75</b>	<b>575.47</b>	<b>91,517.63</b>	<b>65,878.65</b>
<b>Income From Investments</b>					
Bank interest	-	341.70	-	341.70	474.82
Rental income	7,150.00	-	-	7,150.00	7,150.00
<b>Generated Income</b>					
fees	17,780.00	360.00	-	18,140.00	24,493.00
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>114,687.41</b>	<b>1,886.45</b>	<b>575.47</b>	<b>117,149.33</b>	<b>97,996.47</b>
<b><u>Outgoing resources</u></b>					
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan parish share	62,181.96	-	-	62,181.96	59,220.96
Wedding and funeral costs:					
Clergy	6,478.80	-	-	6,478.80	4,946.50
Organists	2,291.55	-	-	2,291.55	3,121.20
Verger	320.00	-	-	320.00	348.00
Flowers	-	1,394.22	-	1,394.22	1,201.05
Clergy expenses:					
Working	643.62	-	-	643.62	6,374.45
Accommodation	920.83	-	-	920.83	514.41
	<b>72,836.76</b>	<b>1,394.22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,230.98</b>	<b>75,726.57</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
Light and heat	9,724.61	-	-	9,724.61	6,787.20
Insurance	4,236.87	-	-	4,236.87	4,454.24
Repairs and maintenance	11,070.84	-	231.04	11,301.88	4,230.04
Worship and service costs	502.70	155.55	492.58	1,150.83	1,016.69
Secretary	5,796.92	-	-	5,796.92	5,675.40
Choir and organists	5,901.23	-	-	5,901.23	6,376.24
	<b>37,233.17</b>	<b>155.55</b>	<b>723.62</b>	<b>38,112.34</b>	<b>28,539.81</b>
<b>Church Management and Administration</b>					
Office and administration costs	3,622.20	-	-	3,622.20	2,620.20
Education and courses	-	95.99	-	95.99	-
Accountants fee	180.00	-	-	180.00	-
Miscellaneous payments	-	-	-	-	976.91
Donations paid	5,042.54	-	-	5,042.54	3,451.06
	<b>8,844.74</b>	<b>95.99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,940.73</b>	<b>7,048.17</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>118,914.67</b>	<b>1,645.76</b>	<b>723.62</b>	<b>121,284.05</b>	<b>111,314.55</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	<b>- 4,227.26</b>	<b>240.69</b>	<b>- 148.15</b>	<b>- 4,134.72</b>	<b>- 13,318.08</b>
Bank Accounts Brought Forward	59,236.62	30,332.25	838.45	90,407.32	103,725.40
<b>Bank Accounts Carried Forward</b>	<b>55,009.36</b>	<b>30,572.94</b>	<b>690.30</b>	<b>86,272.60</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**Statement of reserve movements for year ended 31 December 2025**

Reserve movements	Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds	59,236.62	114,687.41	118,914.67	-	55,009.36
Designated Funds					
- Youth and Children's Fund	1,138.16	40.75	251.54	-	927.37
- Building Development Fund	28,457.42	341.70	-	-	28,799.12
- Flower fund	736.67	1,504.00	1,394.22	-	846.45
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>30,332.25</b>	<b>1,886.45</b>	<b>1,645.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,572.94</b>
Restricted Funds					
- Friends of the Churchyard	338.45	-	231.04	-	107.41
- Diocesan Youth Grant	500.00	575.47	492.58	-	582.89
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>838.45</b>	<b>575.47</b>	<b>723.62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>690.30</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>	<b>117,149.33</b>	<b>121,284.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,272.60</b>

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Monetary assets</b>		
Virgin Money account	0.00	35,452.90
Santander current account	5,234.43	54,749.12
Hampshire Trust Bank	80,794.60	0.00
Cash in hand	243.57	205.30
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<b>Total cash and bank</b>	<b>86,272.60</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>

**WASHINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY,**  
**WASHINGTON**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for the 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, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations of the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as requested by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

*G Tyerman*

Gillian Tyerman ACA  
Gillian Tyerman & Co  
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NE38 7BD

Date 11 March 2026



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# Accounts

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Holy Trinity  
Washington

The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington  
Registered Charity Number: 1168608

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Administrative Address:  
Holy Trinity Church  
The Avenue  
Washington  
NE38 7LE.

## Objectives and activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the group of people who, with the Priest-in-Charge (when not in vacancy), run Holy Trinity Church. We describe who we are, how we are elected and how we organise ourselves in this report. Our objectives derive from the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. We have the responsibility, under the guidance of the Area Dean and the Archdeacon of Sunderland during Vacancy, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We have the ‘power, jointly with the minister, to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in church shall be allocated’. With the Churchwardens, all members of the PCC are responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

The 2004 report *Mission-shaped Church* sets out the meaning of the ‘whole mission of the church’ as currently interpreted by the Church of England. Worship lies at its centre. It aims to transform people through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is welcoming, relates to local culture, and is open to change.

More recently, the published *Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s* identifies three priorities for the church to realise its vision for mission this decade:

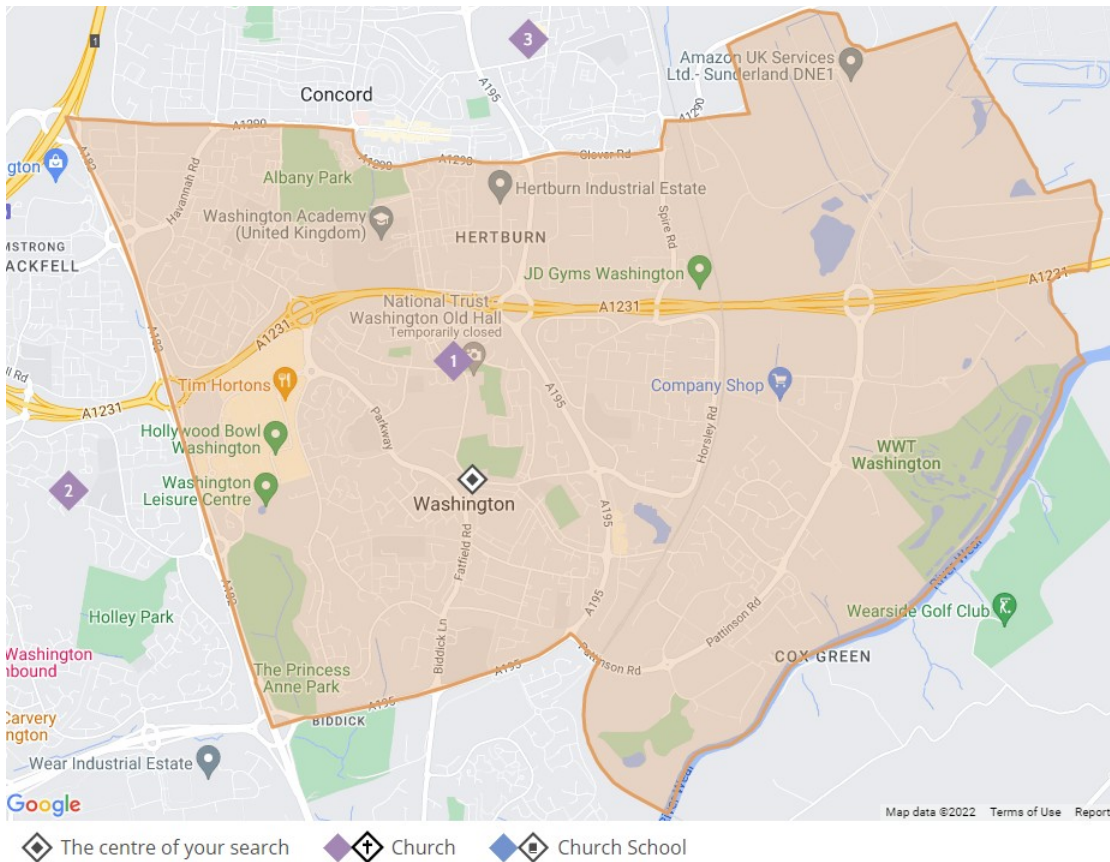
- To become a church of missionary disciples where all God’s people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
- To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm\* – where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies.
- To be a church that is younger and more diverse.

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\* the mixed ecology describes the flourishing of church and ministry in Church of England parishes, and in other communities of faith through things like church planting, fresh expressions of church, and chaplaincy and online.

## Holy Trinity Parish

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Washington Village within the town of Washington. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.



In 2024, Holy Trinity Church was in Vacancy until the appointment of the Reverend Teresa Walton, who joined us as Priest in Charge on 9 September 2024. Consequently, this report has been prepared jointly, by the Churchwardens who report on the period of Vacancy and Reverend Teresa who reports on the period from September – December 2024. The PCC are immensely grateful to the employees and many willing volunteers who have enabled so many aspects of the church's life and activities to continue and be developed during the period of Vacancy and want to express particular thanks to staff and clergy who have done so much up front and behind the scenes.

They are:

- Church administrator – Eunice Pestell
- Organist and Choir Master – George Roberts
- Assistant Organist – Thomas Hindmarch
- Church Cleaner - Katherine Robinson
- All clergy who have supported us during vacancy, especially Reverend Teresa Walton, prior to her appointment, and Reverend Tony Holden

### **Achievements and Performance in 2024**

There were 206 names on the Electoral Roll at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30 April 2024.

Average attendance at our Services in October 2024 were as follows:

8am Sunday Communion (fortnightly) – 13 adults and 2 children under 16.

10am Sunday Communion - 70 adults and 0 children under 16.

10am Tuesday Communion Service – 29 adults and 0 children under 16.

**Worship:** Our worship services on Sundays and weekdays include quiet Said Communions, Sung Communions, and Morning Prayer. Our monthly service on the first Wednesday of the month, is an evening midweek service in the Celtic Iona tradition and is lay-led. Our informal, regular ministry to young children and their families, “On the Hill”, is a seasonal, themed event. It has been lay-led during vacancy by a dedicated team of volunteers, with a carousel of craft, games, music and story activities for young families. We continue to consider it to be a key element in our outreach and mission. We have a strong tradition of lay participation in worship, with a rota of readers, intercessors, chalice assistants and servers. There is also an enthusiastic team of volunteers who act as welcomers, greeters and supporters at services including baptisms, funerals and weddings. We have a dedicated technical team who enable us to Zoom our 10am Sunday Eucharist and special services during the year. This is vitally important in allowing us to stay in touch with those who cannot attend in person.

Alongside regular worship patterns there were several special services during the year. These have included special services at Candlemas, Easter and Advent including A Service of Hope & Light, Carols & Candlelight, 2 Christingle services and Christmas Day Eucharist. The Christmas services were particularly well attended, especially the Carols & Candlelight Service and the Christingle services on Christmas Eve. The Deanery Confirmation service was this year held

at St. Barnabas' Church, Bournmoor. 1 adult from our congregation was confirmed. Holy Trinity Church continues to support the Remembrance service at the cenotaph and this year we were again pleased to welcome several representatives from the local community and the British Legion to a special Remembrance Service and Eucharist in church before gathering at the Cenotaph. In March, we were pleased to welcome Archdeacon Bob Cooper to preside and join us in worship. On 9th September 2024, we were delighted to welcome the Right Reverend Sarah Clark, Acting Bishop of Durham, to License and Install the Reverend Teresa Walton as Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity. This was a very special, joyous service with many visitors.

The Holy Trinity Church Choir and organ continues to support the whole life of the church by playing a major part in leading our regular sung worship and special services throughout the church year. The choir has nurtured young talent and is a lively and dedicated dimension of our church life made up of a group of people spanning many decades in age, and our church family includes a wide variety of musical talents.

Refreshments are served following the Tuesday morning service and the 10am Sunday morning service.

**Prayer and Bible Study:** All our church members are encouraged to pray and study the Bible regularly as part of their personal devotion. Our weekly sheet, with Bible readings and Collect prayers, is distributed by committed volunteers to some church members who are unable to attend church. This is also accessible via both the monthly update email and the website. Morning Prayer is said in church on Tuesdays and occasional Mondays and Lent Bible study booklets were distributed.

**Occasional Offices:** We offer regular baptism services and frequently host marriage services and funeral services. In 2024 there were:

- 34 funeral services in church, 6 funerals directly to crematorium, and 2 interment of ashes;
- 11 marriage services in church;
- 40 baptisms of children and young people under 18 and 3 baptisms of adults

**Pastoral care and Safeguarding:** Care and love for one another and our neighbours is a fundamental way we live out our Christian faith. The Ministry Team, consisting of the Priest in Charge, two Licensed Lay Ministers, Ordinand

and two Lay Pastoral Ministers plus a churchwarden in vacancy, forms a structure of pastoral care for those in specific need. This group meets regularly to discuss specific pastoral issues and is supplemented by a small team of volunteers who administer Home Communion. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Val Wilson, works closely with the Priest in Charge, the Church Wardens, members of the Ministry Group, the PCC and others to ensure good practice across our whole church life in the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

Our groups and initiatives such as the Mothers' Union, Craft Group, Flower Group, Trinity Trekkers, Women's Fellowship and Choir are all ways we offer pastoral support within our church community and beyond. The Baptism Team is lay-led and through Baptism Preparation evenings, parents/candidates are given the opportunity to explore baptism prior to booking. Monthly "Coffee and Chat" mornings, open to all and offering a space for pastoral care to those in our wider community were paused in July.

**Young people and children:** We have long-standing partnerships with several local primary schools. This year we have welcomed classes and year-groups to church for lessons and special services and all the local primary schools were once again, very supportive of our Advent activities. Our 'On the Hill' seasonal events are designed to engage the interests of children and their parents and seek to build on relationships within the extended families of existing church members, those families approaching the church for baptisms and the wider community. Teresa and the PCC identified the need for a preschool group. Planning, preparation and advertisements were carried out for 'Trinity Tots' to start in January 2025.

**Community and social concern:** As a church body, we seek to share the love of God in practical ways with the local community of our parish and enhance the lives of those who live here. This includes inviting and welcoming members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives. Members of the local community walk with the Trinity Trekkers and volunteer in the churchyard. We further support and raise funds for local charities alleviating poverty and distress. We also participate in a range of community activities, including caring for the biodiversity and beauty of our churchyard as a valued public space within central Washington.

Our social and community engagement has developed further this year. We started in January with a very enjoyable Twelfth Night Bring and Share Supper. There have again been a number of Beetle Drives when we have been joined by members of the wider community. We have enjoyed concerts held in church by visiting choirs and in August we welcomed Martin Stephenson and the Dainties

to perform in Holy Trinity Church, a professional rock/folk band. Martin Stephenson grew up in Washington and enjoys bringing the band back to his home town. In November we had a very enjoyable evening of music and entertainment with our Bring and Share Supper and Ceilidh. The weekly Zoom Quiz Nights, which began during the Covid Pandemic, continue to be a popular, fun way of keeping in touch with each other from the comfort of our own homes.

The church was opened to the public on several weekends over the summer and was appreciated by all who visited. Thank you to the volunteers who enabled this to happen.

A small group of film-makers received permission to use the church and grounds to produce a short 2 scene film. They are all volunteers assisting a local film-maker produce his first film and are to finish filming in 2025.

Unfortunately, for safety reasons, our Christmas Fair had to be cancelled along with Washington Village Christmas Fair due to Storm Darragh. However, the church was opened by a small group of volunteers who welcomed and offered refreshments to a number of people who weren't aware of the cancellation.

Fundraising initiatives and our monthly Foodbank Sunday in aid of WCFP have continued. A collection for the Washington Foodbank was made at our Harvest festival and over the Christmas period we raised funds for Wateraid, Sunderland homeless charities, The Children's Society, Washington Mind – the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

**Stewarding our building and churchyard for future generations:** We want our church to be a continuing centre of Christian worship for generations to come, as it has been for many centuries. We further want to care for the natural environment around our church, including the green space of the churchyard. We seek to ensure our church building is well-maintained and fit for its purposes as a worship and community space.

We are extremely conscious of our responsibilities towards the environment and nature conservation. As members of the Parish Buying Energy Basket for our utilities, we ensure that we use 100% renewable electricity from onshore wind farms. We have been very mindful of our gas usage for both economic and environmental reasons.

The church building is generally in good repair and in good condition. Some pointing of water table/coping stones on the vestry roof was carried out by Wensley Roofing and several small maintenance tasks were carried out over the course of the year. The PCC are grateful for the volunteer time and effort that ensured they happened. The PCC are also grateful for the support of Tyne and

Wear Access who service our bell chains free of charge. There are issues with the external lighting and an area of damp which are both under investigation.

Our Flower Group has continued to excel this year, providing excellent flower arrangements throughout the year, and particularly ensuring that the church looks wonderfully inviting at the major festivals of the Christian year.

The PCC once again wishes to thank the Friends of the Old Churchyard, a small community-based group of volunteers made up of members of the community and our congregation, for all their efforts in restoring, maintaining and developing our grounds as a community friendly, biodiverse wildlife area and green space. This has proved to be an excellent way of involving and engaging with the wider community, caring for our heritage and green space together. The considerable efforts made to restore and nurture our churchyard were recognised once again when Holy Trinity Churchyard received a Gold Award in the Conservation category in Northumbria in Bloom for 2024.

As part of the Washington 60 celebrations, a bench was installed in the churchyard commemorating the life of the Reverend Canon Cyril Lomax. The bench was funded by Washington Heritage Partnership and built by Sunderland Maritime Heritage. It was officially installed by Councillor Dianne Snowdon and blessed by Reverend Teresa on 5<sup>th</sup> May with entertainment from Washington Village U3A Ukulele Band. The bench is welcome addition to our churchyard and very well used by the community. Thank you to Mary and Terry Evans who spearheaded this project.

Also, as part of Washington 60 activities, we have worked with Washington Heritage Partnership contributing to the creation of the interactive Washington UK Heritage Map on the History Pin website, with pins relating to Holy Trinity Church.

**Groups:** Working groups, both existing and newly formed, are as follows:

- Baptism
- Communications
- Craft Group
- Flower group
- Fundraising
- Giving
- Ministry Team
- Mothers Union

- Sidespersons
- Technical support (Sound systems & ICT)
- Trinity Trekkers
- Women's Fellowship

**Structure, governance and management:** The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Trustee meetings:** The full PCC met 6 times during the year with a high level of attendance.

**Deanery Synod:** Representatives from Holy Trinity Washington have continued to attend Deanery Synod meetings this year. There were 2 meetings in 2024.

## **Financial Report**

The financial year ending December 2024 has seen our overall position decline compared with the previous year. We ended the year with total funds of £90,407.32, of which £59,236.62 is unrestricted (our general operating fund). The remainder is allocated for specific purposes including building development, youth and children's ministry and church flowers.

Our total income saw a significant decline of £13,000+ over the course of the year compared to 2023, in part because we did not benefit from any legacies which accounted for £6,000 of our income in 2023. Our total planned giving income remains static, although it has been a joy to see our numbers at services increase since Teresa was licensed. Collections at both regular and occasional services are higher than in 2023. Fee income from weddings and funerals is at a

similar level to last year. The rental income from the telecoms mast in the tower continues to be welcome. Our income from fundraising events was reduced largely due to the cancellation of the Christmas Fair, but there are plans for this to be held as a Spring Fair early in 2025.

Our expenditure is slightly higher than in 2023. We committed to paying our full Parish Share amount and achieved this, but at an extra cost of £2800+. Many of our running costs however are at a lower level than in 2023 as we have not needed to do any major repairs, and our utility costs have stabilised. There have been increases in salaries and honoraria and our insurance premium.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send donations to our regular charity partners over the Advent and Christmas period, including The Children's Society, Washington Mind, St Benedict's Hospice and WaterAid. It should be noted that the level of donations raised overall was higher than in 2023, especially from our Hope and Light service. In the absence of a fundraising ceilidh, we collected donations to support rough sleepers through Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. Thanks to you all.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have continued to support the life and work of the parish through your regular giving in all its forms.

Your PCC have again committed to paying our full Parish Share amount for 2025, an increase of around £3,000 over the year. This reflects an acknowledgement of our place in the wider church and our responsibilities to it, and the fact that our current bank balance can support this increase. We pay monthly by standing order so if our financial situation was to significantly change over the year, we could rethink our position. This decision may seem strange considering what the future may hold for us, and Teresa or myself would be happy to discuss this with you further should you have any questions.

Going forward, our financial position is not without challenges. On the plus side, our operating costs, particularly in respect of clergy fees, will reduce now that we have our own priest-in-charge. We are also now able to make concrete plans across all aspects of our church life, including income generation. Your PCC has continued to be extremely vigilant in monitoring our finances and in forecasting future income and expenditure, showing that we remain on an overall downward trajectory despite tight controls on our expenditure. The year ahead is critical for us in reversing this trend so we do not reach our stated reserve level and breach charity commission rules.

What can we all do to help? Income generation is key, not just from our own planned giving but from fundraising, legacies, grants to support specific activities and possible hire of the building by external groups. Our current facilities are a limiting factor in how our building can be used, and there are plans for development, but we should try to optimise use in the meantime. We plan to have a stewardship campaign in 2025 and are grateful for your support in

this. Gift Aid income is extremely important to us, and we need to make sure that everyone who is eligible is signed up. This is free money, and we need to ensure we are benefiting from it. It is very difficult to see how we can cut costs any further, but it is important that we are all mindful of our use of resources. Our utility contracts are due for renewal in September 2025, and we will of course be looking to get the best deal for our church.

We need to remain vigilant and prayerful regarding our finances in the wider context of our church life and our place in the community and diocese. If you have ideas to share, expertise to offer or just questions to ask, please do not hesitate to do so.

With thanks to you all, to Josh for his oversight of the accounts and to our external examiner.

Judith Petherick  
PCC Treasurer  
3rd March 2025

### **Parochial Church Council Membership (Trustees)**

PCC members (trustees) who have served during 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-Charge:	Reverend Teresa Walton (Sept-Dec 2024)
Licenced Lay Ministers (Lay Readers):	Olive Sangha (Secretary) Dinah Gollan
Churchwardens:	Andrew Cresswell (Lay Chair/Vice Chair) Janet Miller
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Barbara Fiddy (2023 - 2026) Ashley Powell (2023 - 2026) Ann Harrison (2023 - 2026) Christine Scorer (2023-2026)
Elected members:	Dorothy Butler (2022-2025) Josh Hindmarch (2022-2025) Jane McIntyre (2024-2026) Beryl Nesbit (2023-2026) David Petherick (2023 - 2026) Judith Petherick (2024-2027) Treasurer

	Janice Rutter (2023 – 2026) Audrey Scarr (2024 – 2026) Elizabeth Slowther (2023-2025) Shirley Talbot (2022-2025) Jonathan Tyerman (2022-2025) David Wood (2024-2027) Phyllis Wood (2023-2026)
Observers:	Choir Master: George Roberts Safeguarding Officer: Valerie Wilson

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Reverend Teresa Walton (Chair)

17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Washington Parochial Church Council**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended  
31 December 2024**

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**  
**Receipts and payments account**

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned giving	39,852.72	-	-	39,852.72	39,823.06
Collections and other giving	7,794.68	-	-	7,794.68	5,842.91
Income tax recovered	10,946.35	-	-	10,946.35	11,795.18
Donations and fundraising activities	6,560.97	571.93	152.00	7,284.90	9,438.74
Grants received	-	-	-	-	5,852.10
	<b>65,154.72</b>	<b>571.93</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>65,878.65</b>	<b>72,751.99</b>
<b>Income From Investments</b>					
Bank interest	-	474.82	-	474.82	196.41
Rental income	7,150.00	-	-	7,150.00	7,150.00
<b>Generated Income</b>					
fees	24,020.00	473.00	-	24,493.00	23,644.00
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>96,324.72</b>	<b>1,519.75</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>97,996.47</b>	<b>103,742.40</b>
<b><u>Outgoing resources</u></b>					
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan parish share	59,220.96	-	-	59,220.96	56,400.96
Wedding and funeral costs:					
Clergy	4,946.50	-	-	4,946.50	3,139.00
Organists	3,121.20	-	-	3,121.20	2,853.90
Verger	348.00	-	-	348.00	660.00
Flowers	-	1,201.05	-	1,201.05	1,382.12
Clergy expenses:					
Working	6,374.45	-	-	6,374.45	8,272.82
Accommodation	514.41	-	-	514.41	-
	<b>74,525.52</b>	<b>1,201.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,726.57</b>	<b>72,708.80</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	6,787.20	-	-	6,787.20	8,943.93
Insurance	4,454.24	-	-	4,454.24	3,691.51
Repairs and maintenance	4,230.04	-	-	4,230.04	6,518.98
Architect fees	-	-	-	-	-
Worship and service costs	746.66	270.03	-	1,016.69	877.08
Secretary	5,675.40	-	-	5,675.40	5,405.40
Choir and organists	6,376.24	-	-	6,376.24	5,043.16
	<b>28,269.78</b>	<b>270.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,539.81</b>	<b>30,480.06</b>
<b>Church Management and Administration</b>					
Office and administration costs	2,620.20	-	-	2,620.20	3,789.09
Donations paid	3,451.06	-	-	3,451.06	2,301.02
	<b>7,048.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,048.17</b>	<b>6,090.11</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>109,843.47</b>	<b>1,471.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,314.55</b>	<b>109,278.97</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	<b>- 13,518.75</b>	<b>48.67</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>- 13,318.08</b>	<b>- 5,536.57</b>
Bank Accounts Brought Forward	72,755.37	30,283.58	686.45	103,725.40	109,261.97
<b>Bank Accounts Carried Forward</b>	<b>59,236.62</b>	<b>30,332.25</b>	<b>838.45</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>	<b>103,725.40</b>

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**  
**Statement of reserve movements for year ended 31 December 2024**

**Reserve movements**

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Unrestricted Funds	72,755.37	96,324.72	109,843.47	-	59,236.62
Designated Funds					
- Youth and Children's Fund	1,368.15	40.04	270.03	-	1,138.16
- Building Development Fund	27,982.60	474.82	-	-	28,457.42
- Flower fund	932.83	1,004.89	1,201.05	-	736.67
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>30,283.58</b>	<b>1,519.75</b>	<b>1,471.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,332.25</b>
Restricted Funds					
- Friends of the Churchyard	186.45	152.00	-	-	338.45
- Diocesan Youth Grant	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>686.45</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>838.45</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>103,725.40</b>	<b>97,996.47</b>	<b>111,314.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>

**Notes:**

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Monetary assets</b>		
Virgin Money account	35,452.90	34,978.08
Santander current account	54,749.12	68,547.85
Cash in hand	205.30	199.47
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<b>Total cash and bank</b>	<b>90,407.32</b>	<b>103,725.40</b>

**WASHINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY, WASHINGTON**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

**Catherine Milbanke FCA**  
20 Mitford Close  
High Shincliffe  
Durham



Date 4 March 2025

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# Accounts

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Holy Trinity  
Washington

The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington  
Registered Charity Number: 1168608

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

Administrative Address:  
Holy Trinity Church  
The Avenue  
Washington  
NE38 7LE.

## Objectives and activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the group of people who, with the Priest-in-Charge (when not in vacancy), run Holy Trinity Church. We describe who we are, how we are elected and how we organise ourselves in this report. Our objectives derive from the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. We have the responsibility, under the guidance of the Area Dean and the Archdeacon of Sunderland during Vacancy, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We have the ‘power, jointly with the minister, to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in church shall be allocated’. With the Churchwardens, all members of the PCC are responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

The 2004 report *Mission-shaped Church* sets out the meaning of the ‘whole mission of the church’ as currently interpreted by the Church of England. Worship lies at its centre. It aims to transform people through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is welcoming, relates to local culture, and is open to change.

More recently, the published *Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s* identifies three priorities for the church to realise its vision for mission this decade:

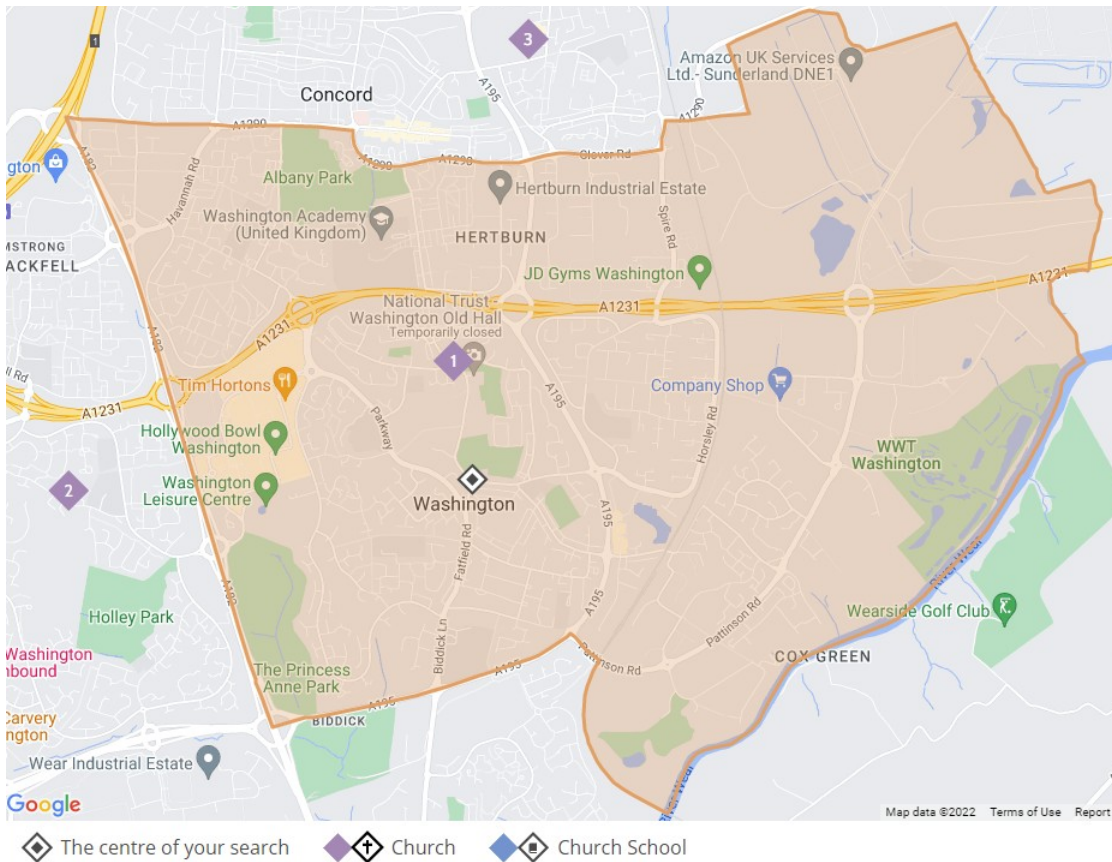
- To become a church of missionary disciples where all God’s people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
- To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm\* - where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies.
- To be a church that is younger and more diverse.

### Holy Trinity Parish

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\* the mixed ecology describes the flourishing of church and ministry in Church of England parishes, and in other communities of faith through things like church planting, fresh expressions of church, and chaplaincy and online.

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Washington Village within the town of Washington. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.



## Achievements and Performance in 2023

There were 211 names on the Electoral Roll at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30 April 2023.

Average attendance at our Services in October 2023 were as follows:

8am Sunday Communion (fortnightly) - 14 adults and 2 children under 16.

10am Sunday Communion - 67 adults and 1 child under 16.

10am Tuesday Communion Service - 24 adults and 0 children under 16.

Holy Trinity Church has been in Vacancy throughout 2023 and the PCC are immensely grateful to the employees and many willing volunteers who have

enabled so many aspects of the church's life and activities to continue and be developed during 2023. We want to express particular thanks to staff and clergy who have done so much up front and behind the scenes.

They are:

- Church administrator - Eunice Pestell
- Organist and Choir Master - George Roberts
- Assistant Organist - Thomas Hindmarch
- Church Cleaner - Katherine Robinson
- All clergy who are supporting us during vacancy, especially Reverend Teresa Walton and Reverend Tony Holden

**Worship:** Our worship services on Sundays and weekdays include quiet Said Communions, Sung Communions, and Morning Prayer. Our monthly service on the first Wednesday of the month, is an evening midweek service in the Celtic Iona tradition and has been lay-led during vacancy. Our informal, regular ministry to young children and their families, Connect 3, has been relaunched. It has been lay-led during vacancy by a dedicated team and is now a seasonal, themed event called "On the Hill", with a carousel of craft, games, music and story activities for young families. We continue to consider it to be a key element in our outreach and mission. We have a strong tradition of lay participation in worship, with a rota of readers, intercessors, chalice assistants and servers. There is also an enthusiastic team of volunteers who act as welcomers, greeters and supporters at services including baptisms, funerals and weddings. We have a dedicated technical team who enable us to Zoom our 10am Sunday Eucharist and special services during the year. This is vitally important in allowing us to stay in touch with those who cannot attend in person. Thank you to the Zoom team for enabling this.

Alongside regular worship patterns there were several special services during the year. These have included special services at Candlemas, Palm Sunday, Easter and Advent including A Service of Hope & Light, Carols & Candlelight, 2 Christingle services and Christmas Day. The Christmas services were particularly well attended, especially the Carols & Candlelight Service and the Christingle services on Christmas Eve. The Deanery Confirmation service was this year held at Holy Trinity High Usworth. 3 adults and 1 child from our congregation were confirmed. The church continues to support the Remembrance service at the cenotaph and this year was again pleased to welcome several representatives from the local community and the British Legion to a special Remembrance Service which was held in place of the usual Eucharist.

The Holy Trinity Church Choir and organ continues to support the whole life of the church by playing a major part in leading our regular sung worship and special services throughout the church year. The choir has nurtured young talent and is a lively and dedicated dimension of our church life made up of a group of people

spanning many decades in age, and our church family includes a wide variety of musical talents.

As last year, the PCC has continued to take a cautious and gradual approach to resuming the church's worshipping life. It was noted that some members of the congregation wished to resume using the Common Cup as was now allowed at National level but others were still reluctant to do so. In order to allow free choice to all, it was agreed that two chalice assistants would carry a chalice during the distribution of Holy Communion, one for intinction by the priest and one for use as the Common Cup. Communicants who wish to use the Common Cup carry a small token with them to inform the Priest that they wish to use the Common Cup. Refreshments are served following the Tuesday morning service and the 10am Sunday morning service.

This year, during Vacancy, we have been delighted to welcome Bishop Paul, Bishop Sarah and Rev'd Canon Stephanie Clark to preside and join us in worship.

**Prayer and Bible Study:** All our church members are encouraged to pray and study the Bible regularly as part of their personal devotion. Committed volunteers distribute our weekly sheet with Bible readings and Collect prayers to those church members no longer able to get to church so easily. These are also accessible via the monthly update email and the website. Morning Prayer is said in church on Tuesdays and occasional Mondays series of Lent Bible study group meetings were held.

**Occasional Offices:** We offer regular baptism services and frequently host marriage services and funeral services. In 2023 there were:

- 40 funeral services in church, 8 funerals directly to crematorium, and 1 interment of ashes;
- 8 marriage services in church;
- 37 baptisms including 3 adults

**Pastoral care and Safeguarding:** Care and love for one another and our neighbours is a fundamental way we live out our Christian faith. The Ministry Team of three Licensed Lay Ministers (becoming two LLM in November due to retirement), one Licensed Lay Minister in training and two Lay Pastoral Ministers plus a churchwarden in vacancy, forms a structure of pastoral care for those in specific need. This group meets regularly to discuss specific pastoral issues and is supplemented by a small team of volunteers who distribute Communion at home. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Val Wilson, works closely with the Church Wardens, members of the Ministry Group, the PCC and others to ensure good practice across our whole church life in the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

Our groups and initiatives such as the Mothers' Union, Craft Group, Flower Group, Trinity Trekkers, Women's Fellowship and Choir are all ways we offer pastoral support within our church community and beyond. The Bereavement Team and the Baptism Team are lay-led and our monthly Bereavement Cafe has been renamed as "Coffee and Chat". This is open to all and offers a valued space for pastoral care to those in our wider community, including those experiencing the effects of loneliness or bereavement, whether recently or over the long-term.

**Young people and children:** We have long-standing partnerships with several local primary schools. As a result of the Pandemic and 2 periods of vacancy, Holy Trinity visits in to schools to contribute to teaching, learning and collective worship in assemblies has not yet returned, something we would very much like to see develop again under the guidance of a new incumbent. However, this year we have been very busy welcoming classes and year-groups to the church building for lessons and special services and all the local primary schools were very supportive of our Advent activities. Our 'On the Hill' seasonal event is designed to engage the interests of children and their parents and seeks to build on relationships within the extended families of existing church members, those families approaching the church for baptisms and the wider community.

**Community and social concern:** As a church body, we seek to share the love of God in practical ways with the local community of our parish and enhance the lives of those who live here. This includes inviting and welcoming members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives, especially those designed to overcome social isolation. Members of the local community have walked with the Trinity Trekkers and volunteered in the churchyard. We further support and raise funds for local charities alleviating poverty and distress. We also participate in a range of community activities, including caring for the biodiversity and beauty of our churchyard as a valued public space within central Washington.

Our social and community engagement has blossomed this year following previous COVID restrictions. There have been a number of very enjoyable Beetle Drives when we have been joined by members of the wider community on a regular basis. In April, we held our first Come and Share Supper and Social Evening since 2019 which was a great success. There have been a number of very successful concerts held in church by both visiting choirs and brass bands and a concert in October by our own Holy Trinity Choir. This concert was a 'Come and Sing' event and we were delighted to be joined by a number of members of the local community, some of whom continue to sing with the choir. In June we held a Sponsored Hymn Sing with strawberry teas. The weekly Quiz Nights, which began during the lockdowns on ZOOM, continue to be a popular, fun way of keeping in touch with each other from the comfort of our own homes.

The church was opened to the public on several weekends over the summer and also in conjunction with the National Heritage Weekend in September. We held a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Fair, welcoming many people in to church as they visited Washington Village Christmas Fair.

Fundraising initiatives and our monthly Foodbank Sunday in aid of WCFP have continued. A collection for the Washington Foodbank was made at our Harvest festival and over the Christmas period we raised funds for Wateraid, Sunderland homeless charities, The Children's Society, Washington Mind - the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

**Stewarding our building and churchyard for future generations:** We want our church to be a continuing centre of Christian worship for generations to come, as it has been for many centuries. We further want to care for the natural environment around our church, including the green space of the churchyard. We seek to ensure our church building is well-maintained and fit for its purposes as a worship and community space. Bin enclosures have been bought to mask the bins and enhance the bin area, which is adjacent to a main point of access, particularly for funeral parties and disabled access.

We are extremely conscious of our responsibilities towards the environment and nature conservation. We have joined the Parish Buying Energy Basket for our utilities, ensuring 100% renewable electricity from onshore wind farms. We have been very mindful of our gas usage during the cost of living crisis, for both economic and environmental reasons.

The church building is generally in good repair and in good condition. Several small maintenance tasks were carried out over the course of the year and the PCC are grateful for the volunteer time and effort that ensured they happened. The PCC are also grateful for the support of Tyne and Wear Access who service our bell chains. The lighting issues were addressed in December when the manufacturers agreed to supply new units at a substantial discount, owing to faults with those originally fitted.

Our Flower Group has continued to excel this year, providing excellent flower arrangements throughout the year, and particularly ensuring that the church looks wonderfully inviting at the major festivals of the Christian year.

The PCC once again wishes to thank the Friends of the Old Churchyard, a small community-based group of volunteers made up of members of the community and our congregation, for all their efforts in restoring, maintaining and developing our grounds as a community friendly wildlife area and green space. It is a haven for wildlife and a variety of habitats are being developed to improve biodiversity. This has proved to be an excellent way of involving and engaging with the wider community, caring for our heritage and green space together. The considerable efforts made to restore and nurture our churchyard were recognised once again when Holy Trinity Churchyard received a Silver Gilt Award in the Conservation category in Northumbria in Bloom, alongside Washington Village's success as Best Village in 2023.

**Groups:** Working groups, both existing and newly formed, are as follows:

- Baptism
- Bereavement
- Communications
- Community & Mission
- Craft Group
- Flower group
- Fundraising
- Giving
- Ministry Team
- Mothers Union
- Sidespersons
- Technical support (Sound systems & ICT)
- Trinity Trekkers
- Women's Fellowship

**Vacancy:** Over a number of weeks, the PCC took part in a “Parish Audit” with the support of our Parish Facilitator Rev'd Canon Steph Clark which resulted in her recommendation that we were ready to prepare for the process to appoint a new incumbent. To inform the process, members of the church family were invited to take part in an “Away Day” in August led by Archdeacon Libby Wilkinson. Following this, the Standing Committee then developed the Parish Profile which was accepted by the Diocese and a timeline was set for the appointment process to begin early in 2024.

**Structure, governance and management:** The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Trustee meetings:** The full PCC met 8 times during the year with a high level of attendance and a further 4 times to meet with Diocesan representatives regarding the Vacancy. These meetings have been either on Zoom or Hybrid meetings, enabling those unable to attend in person to participate. We are especially grateful for the volunteer effort and technical knowledge which allowed this accessibility.

**Deanery Synod:** Representatives from Holy Trinity Washington have continued to attend Deanery Synod meetings throughout 2023.

## Parochial Church Council Membership (Trustees)

PCC members (trustees) who have served during 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-Charge:	In Vacancy throughout 2023
Licenced Lay Ministers (Lay Readers):	Olive Sangha (Secretary) Ann Forth Retired November 2023 Dinah Gollan
Churchwardens:	Andrew Cresswell (Lay Chair) Janet Miller
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Barbara Fiddy (2023 - 2026) Ashley Powell (2023 - 2026) Ann Harrison (2023 - 2026) Christine Scorer (2023-2026)
Elected members:	Dorothy Butler (2022-2025) Geoff Judson (2021-24) Jane McIntyre (2022-2024) Beryl Nesbit (2023-2026) David Petherick (2023 - 2026) Judith Petherick (2022-2024) Treasurer Janice Rutter (2023 - 2026) Jonathan Tyerman (2022-2025) David Wood (2021-2024) Phyllis Wood (2023-2026) Josh Hindmarch (2022-2025) Shirley Talbot (2022-2025) Elizabeth Slowther (2023-2025)
Observers:	Choir Master: George Roberts Safeguarding Officer: Valerie Wilson

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Andrew Cresswell Lay Chair

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

**Washington Parochial Church Council**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended  
31 December 2023**

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**  
**Receipts and payments account**

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned giving	39,823.06	-	-	39,823.06	41,922.62
Collections and other giving	5,842.91	-	-	5,842.91	7,471.63
Income tax recovered	11,795.18	-	-	11,795.18	11,290.03
Donations and fundraising activities	8,096.94	1,192.27	149.53	9,438.74	7,834.83
Grants received	5,852.10	-	-	5,852.10	22,599.00
	<b>71,410.19</b>	<b>1,192.27</b>	<b>149.53</b>	<b>72,751.99</b>	<b>91,118.11</b>
<b>Income From Investments</b>					
Bank interest	0.00	196.41	-	196.41	91.19
Rental income	7,150.00	-	-	7,150.00	7,421.23
<b>Generated Income</b>					
fees	23,300.00	344.00	-	23,644.00	21,143.00
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>101,860.19</b>	<b>1,732.68</b>	<b>149.53</b>	<b>103,742.40</b>	<b>119,773.53</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>					
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan parish share	56,400.96	-	-	56,400.96	53,715.00
Wedding and funeral costs:					
Clergy	3,139.00	-	-	3,139.00	7,449.60
Organists	2,853.90	-	-	2,853.90	2,185.80
Verger	660.00	-	-	660.00	300.00
Flowers	-	1,382.12	-	1,382.12	1,555.04
Clergy expenses:					
Working	8,272.82	-	-	8,272.82	810.81
Accommodation	-	-	-	-	914.78
	<b>71,326.68</b>	<b>1,382.12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,708.80</b>	<b>66,931.03</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
Light and heat	8,943.93	-	-	8,943.93	2,418.98
Insurance	3,691.51	-	-	3,691.51	3,207.78
Repairs and maintenance	6,518.98	-	-	6,518.98	6,204.22
Architect fees	-	-	-	-	1,128.84
Worship and service costs	666.73	210.35	-	877.08	917.78
Secretary	5,405.40	-	-	5,405.40	4,914.50
Choir and organists	5,043.16	-	-	5,043.16	4,897.92
	<b>30,269.71</b>	<b>210.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,480.06</b>	<b>23,690.02</b>
<b>Church Management and Administration</b>					
Office and administration costs	3,789.09	-	-	3,789.09	4,478.00
Donations paid	2,301.02	-	-	2,301.02	3,174.91
	<b>6,090.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,090.11</b>	<b>7,652.91</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>107,686.50</b>	<b>1,592.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,278.97</b>	<b>98,273.96</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	<b>- 5,826.31</b>	<b>140.21</b>	<b>149.53</b>	<b>- 5,536.57</b>	<b>21,499.57</b>
Bank Accounts Brought Forward	78,581.68	30,143.37	536.92	109,261.97	87,762.40
<b>Bank Accounts Carried Forward</b>	<b>72,755.37</b>	<b>30,283.58</b>	<b>686.45</b>	<b>103,725.40</b>	<b>109,261.97</b>

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**Reserve movements**

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Unrestricted Funds	78,581.68	101,860.19	107,686.50	-	72,755.37
Designated Funds					
- Youth and Children's Fund	1,578.50	-	210.35	-	1,368.15
- Building Development Fund <sup>1</sup>	27,786.19	196.41	-	-	27,982.60
- Flower fund	778.68	1,536.27	1,382.12	-	932.83
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>30,143.37</b>	<b>1,732.68</b>	<b>1,592.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,283.58</b>
Restricted Funds					
- Friends of the Churchyard	36.92	149.53	-	-	186.45
- Diocesan Youth Grant	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>536.92</b>	<b>149.53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>686.45</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>109,261.97</b>	<b>103,742.40</b>	<b>109,278.97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,725.40</b>

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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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.



**Catherine Milbanke FCA**  
20 Mitford Close  
High Shincliffe  
Durham

Date 25 March 2024

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# Accounts

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Holy Trinity  
Washington

The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity  
Washington

Registered Charity Number: 1168608

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

Administrative Address:

Holy Trinity Church

The Avenue

Washington

NE38 7LE.

## **Objectives and activities**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the group of people who, with the Priest-in-Charge (when not in vacancy), run Holy Trinity Church. We describe who we are, how we are elected and how we organise ourselves in this report. Our objectives derive from the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. We have the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge Revd Dr Philip Lockley and later in Vacancy, under the guidance of the Area Dean and the Archdeacon of Sunderland, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We have the 'power, jointly with the minister, to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in church shall be allocated'. With the Churchwardens, all members of the PCC are responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

The 2004 report *Mission-shaped Church* sets out the meaning of the 'whole mission of the church' as currently interpreted by the Church of England. Worship lies at its centre. It aims to transform people through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is welcoming, relates to local culture, and is open to change when new members join.

More recently, the published *Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s* identifies three priorities for the church to realise its vision for mission this decade:

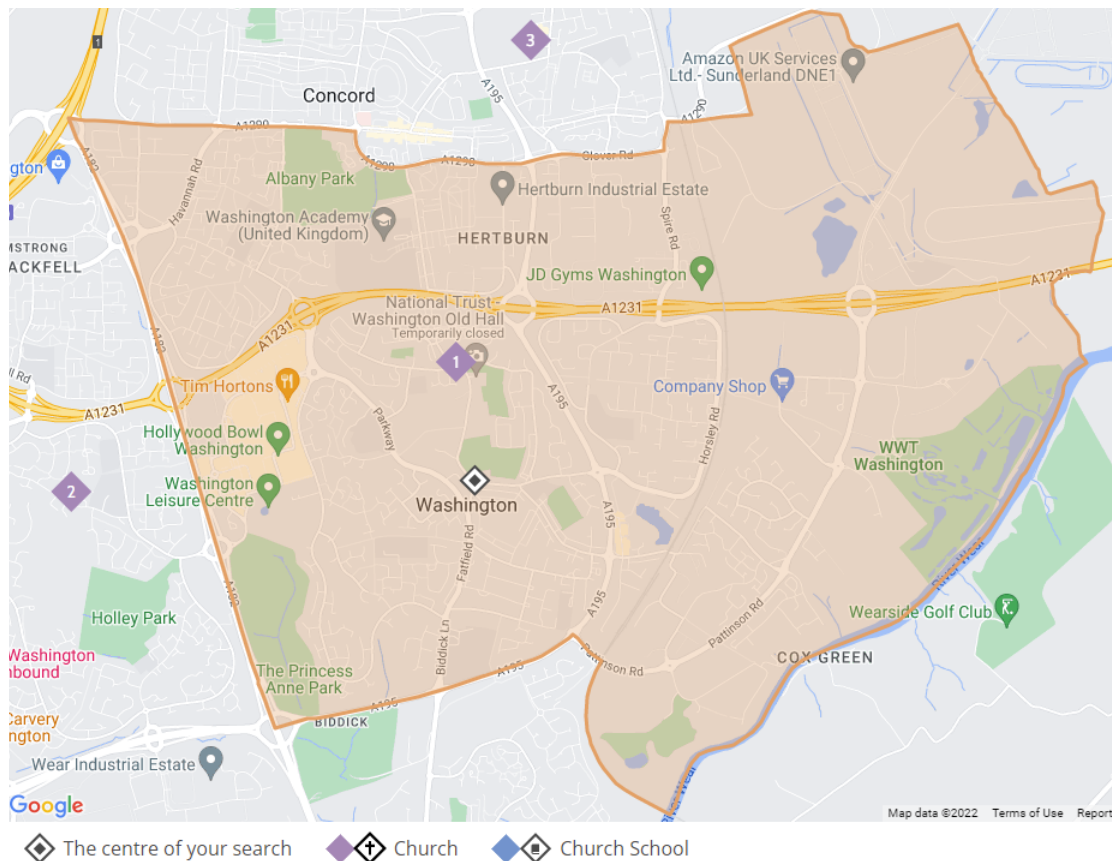
- To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
- To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm<sup>1</sup> - where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies.
- To be a church that is younger and more diverse.

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<sup>1</sup> the mixed ecology describes the flourishing of church and ministry in Church of England parishes, and in other communities of faith through things like church planting, fresh expressions of church, and chaplaincy and online.

## Holy Trinity Parish

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Washington Village within the town of Washington. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.



## Achievements and Performance in 2022

There were 212 names on the Electoral Roll at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 1 May 2022.

Average attendance at our Services in October 2022 were as follows:

8am Sunday Communion (fortnightly) - 11 adults and 3 children under 16.

10am Sunday Communion - 68 adults and 2 children under 16.

10am Tuesday Communion Service - 27 adults and 0 children under 16.

Holy Trinity Church PCC are immensely grateful to the employees and many willing volunteers who have enabled so many aspects of the church's life and activities to be continued and developed during 2022, following the lifting of restrictions and difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic and then moving into Vacancy from November 2022. We want to express particular thanks to staff and clergy who have done so much up front and behind the scenes. They are:

- Priest-in-Charge Revd Dr Philip Lockley until November 2022
- Church administrator - Eunice Pestell
- Organist and Choir Master - George Roberts
- Assistant Organist - Thomas Hindmarch
- Church Cleaners from Leanne Carling Cleaning
- All clergy who are supporting us during vacancy

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the Holy Trinity congregation said goodbye to Priest-in-Charge Revd Dr Philip Lockley and we entered the current period of Vacancy.

**Worship:** Our worship services on Sundays and weekdays include quiet Said Communions, Sung Communions, and Morning Prayer. Our monthly services include an evening midweek service in the Celtic Iona tradition, and a Sunday afternoon informal all-age service, Connect 3 which continued to take place once each month in the early part of the year but was disrupted as we approached Vacancy. We continue to consider it to be a key element in our outreach and mission however, and Christmas Connect 3 was lay-led following the departure of the Priest-in-Charge. Alongside regular worship patterns there were several special services during the year. These have included special services at Candlemas, Palm Sunday, Easter, Advent including Hope and Light and Carols by Candlelight, 2 Christingle services and Christmas Day. The Deanery Confirmation service was this year held at St Andrew's, Chilton Moor and 2 adults from our congregation were confirmed. The Christmas services were particularly well attended this year after low attendances the previous year due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. The church continues to support the Remembrance service at the cenotaph and this year was

again pleased to welcome several representatives from the local community and the British Legion to a special Remembrance Service which was held in place of the usual Eucharist. The Holy Trinity Church Choir and organ continues to play a major part in leading our sung worship and through special services in the church year and supports the whole life of the church. The choir has nurtured young talent and is a lively and dedicated dimension of our church life made up of a group of people spanning many decades in age, and our church includes a wide variety of musical talents.

Throughout the year, the PCC has collectively taken a cautious and gradual approach to resuming the church's worshipping life, seeking to discuss fully and find consensus for each change in approach in response to national guidance and wider changes in COVID circumstances. Decisions were taken over such subjects as distancing between chair rows and methods for receiving Communion. By the end of 2022, issues such as the wearing of masks, social distancing, sharing the Peace were matters of individual choice and communion was distributed via intinction by the priest. Refreshments were re-introduced, initially following the Tuesday morning service and then following the 10am Sunday morning service. We continue to live-stream our 10am Sunday morning service via Zoom. Thank you to the Zoom team for enabling this.

**Prayer and Bible Study:** All our church members are encouraged to pray and study the Bible regularly as part of their personal devotion. Committed volunteers distribute our weekly sheet with Bible readings and Collect prayers to those church members no longer able to get to church so easily. These are also accessible via the monthly update email and the website. Morning Prayer is said in church on some weekdays. On occasional Wednesday mornings, a period of silent meditation and discussion follows the Bible readings for the week.

**Occasional Offices:** We offer regular baptism services and frequently host marriage services and funeral services. During 2022, many wedding and baptism services which had been postponed due to Covid-19 took place and there were:

- 25 funeral services in church, 6 funerals directly to crematorium, and 2 interment of ashes;
- 13 marriage services in church;
- 79 baptisms including 2 adults

**Pastoral care and Safeguarding:** Care and love for one another and our neighbours is a fundamental way we live out our Christian faith. The Ministry Group of clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and Licensed Pastoral Assistants (formerly APAs) forms a structure of pastoral care for those in specific need. This group is supplemented by a small team that distributes Communion at home. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Val Wilson, works closely with the Priest-in-Charge, members of Ministry Group, the Church Wardens, the PCC and others to ensure good practice across our whole church life in the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

Our groups and initiatives such as the Mothers' Union, Craft Group, Flower Group, Trinity Trekkers, Women's Fellowship, Friends of the Old Churchyard and Choir are all ways we offer pastoral support within our church community and beyond. Our monthly Bereavement Cafe offers a valued space for pastoral care to those in our wider community experiencing the effects of bereavement, whether recently or over the long-term.

**Young people and children:** We have long-standing partnerships with several local schools, welcoming classes and year-groups to the church building for lessons and special services; and clergy and lay church members on occasion visit schools to contribute to teaching, learning and collective worship in assemblies. Our Connect 3 service is designed to engage the interests of children and their parents and seeks to build on relationships within the extended families of existing church members and those families approaching the church for baptisms. Our youth group has been inactive this year.

**Community and social concern:** As a church body, we seek to share the love of God in practical ways with the local community of our parish and enhance the lives of those who live here. This includes inviting and welcoming members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives, especially those designed to overcome social isolation. Members of the local community have walked with the Trinity Trekkers and volunteered in the churchyard. We further support and raise funds for local charities alleviating poverty and distress. We also participate in a range of community activities, including caring for the biodiversity and beauty of our churchyard as a valued public space within central Washington.

Elements of our social and community engagement in person slowly began to resume after COVID restrictions were lifted. In early autumn, we were pleased to host a concert with local choirs, and an Exhibition of the Life and Work of the Reverend Canon Cyril Lomax, in partnership with Washington Old Hall and The Washington History Society. We hosted a Parish Picnic in the Old Churchyard to celebrate the Queen's Platinum

Jubilee. The church was opened to the public on several weekends over the summer and also in conjunction with the National Heritage Weekend in September. We were also able to hold our first Christmas Fair since 2019 and welcomed people to a very successful Beetle Drive.

Fundraising initiatives continued and our monthly Foodbank Sunday in aid of WCFP was resumed. A collection for the Washington Foodbank was made at our Harvest festival and over the Christmas period we raised funds for Wateraid, Sunderland homeless charities, The Children's Society, Washington Mind - the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

The **Everybody Welcome** and **Living in Love and Faith** courses were both well supported and thought provoking. The first as a Lent course, both in church and on Zoom, and the second as a small house group, led and reported upon by Revd Dr Philip Lockley.

**Stewarding our building and churchyard for future generations:** We want our church to be a continuing centre of Christian worship for generations to come, as it has been for many centuries. We further want to care for the natural environment around our church, including the green space of the churchyard. We seek to ensure our church building is well-maintained and fit for its purposes as a worship and community space.

The church building is generally in good repair and in good condition. There were repairs carried out on the roof of the organ loft and vestry. Several other small maintenance tasks were carried out over the course of the year, and the PCC are grateful for the volunteer time and effort that ensured they happened. There is an ongoing issue with lighting which is being addressed.

The Quinquennial Report was received in March 2022. No major urgent works were identified.

Our Flower Group has continued to excel this year, providing excellent flower arrangements throughout the year, and particularly ensuring that the church looks wonderfully inviting at the major festivals of the Christian year.

The Churchyard working group has continued the progress made in clearing and improving the churchyard since 2019 so that it is a pleasure for visitors and a good home for a range of plant and animal species. Some volunteers come from beyond the membership of the church, proving an excellent way of involving and engaging with the wider community, caring for our heritage and green space together. The PCC further thanks the Friends of the Old Churchyard, made up of members of the community and our congregation, for all their efforts in developing and maintaining our grounds and the Sunderland City Council and The

Washington Community Development Trust who have supported their work. The considerable efforts made to restore and nurture our churchyard were recognised when Holy Trinity Churchyard received a Silver Gilt Award in the Religious Grounds category in Northumbria in Bloom, alongside Washington Village's success as Best Village in 2022 and Best Overall Entry.

**Groups:** In June 2022, the Publicity Group divided into two groups, creating The Communications Group and The Community & Mission Group to enable more focused work in both of these areas. As we approached Vacancy, working groups, both existing and newly formed, were identified as follows:

- Baptism
- Bereavement
- Communications
- Community & Mission
- Craft Group
- Flower group
- Fundraising
- Giving
- Ladies' Fellowship
- Ministry Team
- Mothers Union
- Offices
- Sidespersons
- Sound systems/Zoom
- Trinity Trekkers

**Structure, governance and management:** The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Trustee meetings:** The full PCC met 8 times during the year with a high level of attendance. These meetings have been either on Zoom or Hybrid meetings, enabling those unable to attend in person to participate. We are

especially grateful for the volunteer effort and technical knowledge which allowed this accessibility.

**Deanery Synod:** Representatives from Holy Trinity Washington have continued to attend Deanery Synod meetings throughout 2022.

## **Parochial Church Council Membership (Trustees)**

PCC members (trustees) who have served during 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-Charge:	Revd Dr Philip Lockley (Until November 2022) In Vacancy (from 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022)
Licensed Lay Ministers (Lay Readers):	Mrs Olive Sangha (Secretary) Mrs Ann Forth Mrs Dinah Gollan
Church Wardens:	Mr Andrew Cresswell Mrs Janet Miller
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Andrew Cresswell (2020 - 2023) (Lay Chair) Mrs Barbara Fiddy (2020 - 2023) Mr Ashley Powell (2020 - 2023) Mrs Ann Harrison (2020 - 2023)
Elected members:	Mrs Dorothy Butler (2022-2025) Mrs Helen Graham (2020 - 2023) Mr Geoff Judson (2021-24) Mrs Jane McIntyre (2022-2024) Mrs Beryl Nesbitt (2020 - 2023) Mr David Petherick (2020 - 2023) Ms Judith Petherick (2022-2024) Treasurer Mrs Janice Rutter (2020 - 2023) Mr Jonathan Tyerman (2022-2025) Mr David Wood (2021-2024) Mrs Phyllis Wood (2021-2023) Mr Josh Hindmarch (2022-2025) Mrs Shirley Talbot (2022-2025)
Observers:	Choir Master: Mr George Roberts Safeguarding Officer: Ms Valerie Wilson

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Andrew Cresswell Lay Chair

19th April 2023

## **Financial Report**

The financial year ending December 2022 has seen our position improve compared with the previous year. We ended the year with total funds of £109,261.97, of which £78,581.68 is unrestricted (our general operating fund). The remainder is allocated for specific purposes including building development, youth and children's ministry and church flowers.

Our total income saw a significant increase over the course of the year. This was due to partial receipt of a legacy totaling £15,000 and a grant of £6,749 from the diocese towards cost-of-living increases. Without these, our balances would have been almost identical to 2021. We also secured a mission microgrant of £500 from the diocese, specifically to support our new toddler group at the appropriate time. This is in a restricted fund for this use.

Our total planned giving income continues to be less than pre-pandemic levels as our total worshipping community remains fairly static in numbers, and as those who do give regularly find their own financial circumstances changing. Our Gift Aid claim however was slightly higher than in the previous year, largely due to income from collections at regular and occasional services increasing. Our new contactless device has been well used as people carry less cash. Fee income from weddings and funerals is significantly higher, in line with our building being open and previously postponed life events now taking place. The rental income from the telecoms mast in the tower also increased slightly in 2022. It has been particularly encouraging to see some of our fundraising events and activities begin again, with concerts and a Christmas Fair taking place in the latter part of the year. I know these plans will continue at a rate of knots over the coming year.

We have managed to keep our expenditure at around the same level as in 2021 despite being a fully operational building for a greater proportion of the year. We committed to paying our full Parish Share amount and achieved this. Certain costs increased, including salaries and honoraria, but we spent less on repairs and maintenance. There is however an anomaly in our costs for light and heat. Our gas and electricity tariff increased significantly in mid-October, but we received no utility bills for the final three months of the year until January 2023, so these increased costs are not reflected in the 2022 accounts.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send donations to our regular charity partners over the Advent and Christmas period, including The Children's Society, Washington Mind, St Benedict's Hospice and WaterAid. In the absence of a fundraising ceilidh, we collected donations to support rough sleepers through Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. We have also received some one-off donations and

funeral collections towards our own activities, and contributions to Philip's leaving gifts. Thanks to you all.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have continued to support the life and work of the parish through your regular giving in all its forms.

The PCC have continued to be vigilant in monitoring our finances and in forecasting future income and expenditure. We also have a new finance and giving group to share responsibility for our financial wellbeing, particularly during the vacancy. Members of this group are listed later, and all have some specific financial expertise.

Going forward, our financial position is optimistic but not without challenges. The PCC have again committed to paying our full Parish Share amount for 2023, and it should be noted that the diocese for their part have reduced their expectation from us again this year, compared to pre-pandemic levels. This reflects an acknowledgement of our place in the wider church and our responsibilities to it. This commitment does, however, add around £225 per month to our outgoings. Our regular planned giving is down by around £5000 per annum on pre-pandemic levels. Our biggest challenges are the cost of utilities, which were subsidised by the government energy support scheme until the end of March, and the effects of being in vacancy, which carries financial costs if we wish to maintain our preferred levels of services. We may well not receive another legacy in 2023 such as that which has allowed us to end 2022 in such a healthy financial state.

We need to remain vigilant and prayerful regarding our finances in the wider context of our church life and our place in the community. If you have ideas to share, expertise to offer or just questions to ask, please do not hesitate to approach myself, David Petherick, Josh Hindmarch, George Snowball or any of the PCC.

With thanks to you all, to Josh for his oversight of the accounts and to our external examiner.

Judith Petherick  
PCC Treasurer  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
**Sunday 30 April 2023**  
**3.00pm.**

## Agenda

### Meeting of Parishioners

- Opening Prayer
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Election of Churchwardens to the above parish.
- Any other business

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- Minutes of the last meeting
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Report on the changes in the electoral roll since the last APCM
- An annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and other activities within the church.
- A report on the financial affairs of the parish and presentation of the examined accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- Churchwardens' report: including church fabric, goods and ornaments.
- Deanery Synod report
- Election of Deanery Reps (4 vacancies)
- Election to the Parochial Church Council (5 vacancies)
- Appointment of an Independent Examiner.
- Lay Chair report
- Any other business
- Closing Prayer

**Washington Parochial Church Council**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended  
31 December 2022**

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022**  
**Receipts and payments account**

	<b>2022</b>				<b>2021</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned giving	41,922.62	-	-	41,922.62	41,810.29
Collections and other giving	7,471.63	-	-	7,471.63	3,997.31
Income tax recovered	11,290.03	-	-	11,290.03	10,029.77
Donations and fundraising activities	7,071.19	763.64	-	7,834.83	12,098.22
Legacies and grants received	21,749.00	-	850.00	22,599.00	2,250.00
	<b>89,504.47</b>	<b>763.64</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>91,118.11</b>	<b>70,185.59</b>
<b>Income From Investments</b>					
Bank interest	-	91.19	-	91.19	45.87
Rental income	7,421.23	-	-	7,421.23	6,750.00
<b>Generated Income</b>					
Fees	20,627.00	516.00	-	21,143.00	18,196.50
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>117,552.70</b>	<b>1,370.83</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>119,773.53</b>	<b>95,177.96</b>
<b><u>Outgoing resources</u></b>					
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan parish share	53,715.00	-	-	53,715.00	45,656.00
Wedding and funeral costs:					
Clergy	7,449.60	-	-	7,449.60	8,732.93
Organists	2,185.80	-	-	2,185.80	2,479.23
Verger	300.00	-	-	300.00	312.00
Flowers	-	1,555.04	-	1,555.04	1,426.61
Clergy expenses:					
Working	810.81	-	-	810.81	1,531.20
Accommodation	914.78	-	-	914.78	797.84
	<b>65,375.99</b>	<b>1,555.04</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,931.03</b>	<b>60,935.81</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
Light and heat	2,418.98	-	-	2,418.98	4,611.74
Insurance	3,207.78	-	-	3,207.78	3,367.49
Repairs and maintenance	5,891.14	-	313.08	6,204.22	10,191.34
Architect fees	1,128.84	-	-	1,128.84	-
Worship and service costs	854.22	63.56	-	917.78	527.39
Administrator	4,914.50	-	-	4,914.50	3,820.90
Choir and organists	4,897.92	-	-	4,897.92	2,773.04
	<b>23,313.38</b>	<b>63.56</b>	<b>313.08</b>	<b>23,690.02</b>	<b>25,291.90</b>
<b>Church Management and Administration</b>					
Office and administration costs	4,478.00	-	-	4,478.00	3,014.61
Education and courses	-	-	-	-	53.40
Donations paid	3,174.91	-	-	3,174.91	5,811.95
	<b>7,652.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,652.91</b>	<b>8,879.96</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>96,342.28</b>	<b>1,618.60</b>	<b>313.08</b>	<b>98,273.96</b>	<b>95,107.67</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	<b>21,210.42</b>	<b>- 247.77</b>	<b>536.92</b>	<b>21,499.57</b>	<b>70.29</b>
Bank Accounts Brought Forward	81,177.67	6,584.73	-	87,762.40	87,692.11
<b>Bank Accounts Carried Forward</b>	<b>78,581.68</b>	<b>30,143.37</b>	<b>536.92</b>	<b>109,261.97</b>	<b>87,762.40</b>

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022**  
**Statement of reserve movements for year ended 31 December 2022**

**Reserve movements**

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Unrestricted Funds	81,177.67	117,552.70	96,342.28 -	23,806.41	78,581.68
Designated Funds					
- Youth and Children's Fund	1,642.06	-	63.56	-	1,578.50
- Building Development Fund <sup>1</sup>	3,888.59	91.19	-	23,806.41	27,786.19
- Flower fund	1,054.08	1,279.64	1,555.04	-	778.68
Total Designated Funds	<hr/> 6,584.73	1,370.83	1,618.60	23,806.41	30,143.37
Restricted Funds					
- Friends of the Churchyard	-	350.00	313.08	-	36.92
- Diocesan Youth Grant	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
Total Restricted Funds	<hr/> -	850.00	313.08	-	536.92
<b>Total reserves</b>	<hr/> <b>87,762.40</b>	<b>119,773.53</b>	<b>98,273.96</b>	-	<b>109,261.97</b> <hr/> <hr/>

**Notes:**

1. Reference PCC 13/9, the Building Work has been designated as The Building Development Fund. The objectives of the fund are set out in the the PCC minutes

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Monetary assets</b>		
Virgin Money account	34,781.67	34,690.48
Santander current account	74,391.48	52,871.69
Cash in hand	88.82	200.23
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<b>Total cash and bank</b>	<b>109,261.97</b>	<b>87,762.40</b>

**WASHINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY, WASHINGTON**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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*Catherine Milbanke*

**Catherine Milbanke FCA**  
20 Mitford Close  
High Shincliffe  
Durham

Date 25 March 2023

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Holy Trinity  
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The Parochial Church Council of the  
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## Objectives and activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the group of people who, with the Priest-in-Charge, run Holy Trinity Church. We describe who we are, how we are elected and how we organize ourselves in this report. Our objectives derive from the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. We are 'to cooperate with the minister [Priest-in-Charge] in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. We have the 'power jointly with the minister to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in church shall be allocated'. With the Churchwardens, all members of the PCC are responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

The 2004 report *Mission-shaped Church* sets out the meaning of the 'whole mission of the church' as currently interpreted by the Church of England. Worship lies at its centre. It aims to transform people through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is welcoming, relates to local culture, and is open to change when new members join.

More recently, the published *Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s* identifies three priorities for the church to realize its vision for mission this decade:

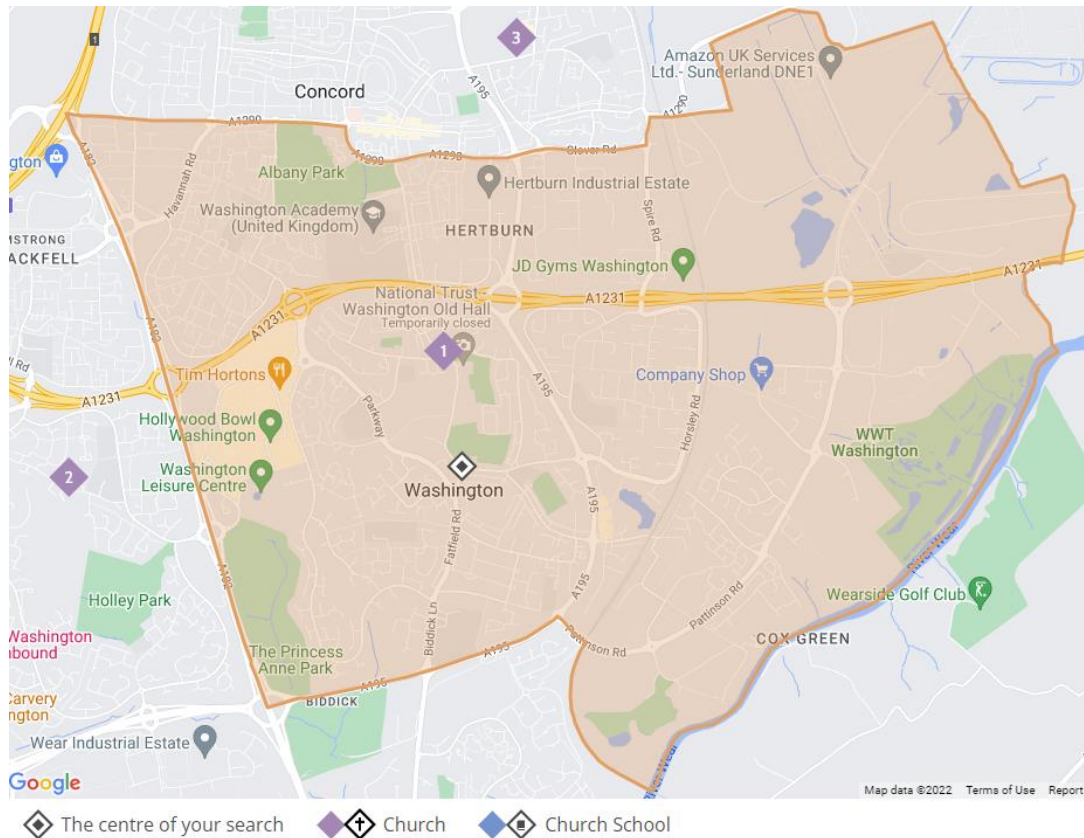
- To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
- To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm\* - where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, schools and chaplaincies.
- To be a church that is younger and more diverse.

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Washington Village within the town of Washington. It is part of the Diocese of Durham within the Church of England.

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\* the mixed ecology describes the flourishing of church and ministry in Church of England parishes, and in other communities of faith through things like church planting, fresh expressions of church, and chaplaincy and online.

## Holy Trinity Parish



Our objectives and activities may be defined under the following categories:

### 1. Worship

Our worship services on Sundays and weekdays include quiet Said Communion, Sung Communion with the Holy Trinity Church Choir, and Morning Prayer. Our monthly services include an evening midweek service in the Celtic Iona tradition, and a Sunday afternoon informal all-age service, Connect 3. In addition, we offer fortnightly baptism services and frequently host marriage services and funeral services. The Holy Trinity Church Choir and organ lead our sung worship in the principal Sunday service and on certain Holy Days in the church year. The choir has nurtured young talent and is a lively and dedicated dimension of our church life made up of a group of people spanning many decades in age, and our church includes a wide variety of musical talents.

### 2. Prayer and Bible study

All our church members are encouraged to pray and study the Bible regularly as part of their personal devotion. Committed volunteers distribute our weekly sheet with Bible readings and Collect prayers to those church members no longer able to get to church so easily. Morning Prayer is said in church on some weekdays. On Wednesday mornings, a period of silent meditation and discussion follows the Bible readings for the week.

### **3. Pastoral care and Safeguarding**

Care and love for one another and our neighbours is a fundamental way we live out our Christian faith. The Ministry Group of clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and Licensed Pastoral Assistants (formerly APAs) forms a structure of pastoral care for those in specific need. This group is supplemented by a small team that distributes Communion at home.

Individual friendships, including through our small groups and initiatives such as the Mothers' Union, Craft Group, Flower Group, Women's Fellowship and Choir, are all ways we offer pastoral support within our church community. Our monthly Bereavement Cafe offers a valued space for pastoral care to those in our wider community experiencing the effects of bereavement, whether recently or over the long-term. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Val Wilson, works closely with the Priest-in-Charge, members of Ministry Group, the PCC and others to ensure good practice across our whole church life in the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

### **4. Young people and children**

We have long-standing partnerships with several local schools, welcoming classes and year-groups to the church building for lessons and special services; and clergy and lay church members on occasion visit schools to contribute to teaching, learning and collective worship in assemblies. Our Connect 3 service is designed to engage the interests of primary age children and their parents, and seeks to build on relationships within the extended families of existing church members and those families approaching the church for baptisms. Our youth group, though recently unable to meet as frequently as former times, offers a space for friendship, encouragement and exploration of faith.

### **5. Community and social concern**

As a church body, we seek to share the love of God in practical ways with the local community of our parish and enhance the lives of those who live here. This includes inviting and welcoming members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives, especially those designed to overcome social isolation. We further support and raise funds for local charities alleviating poverty and distress, including the Washington Foodbank, homeless charities in Sunderland, Washington Mind - the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland. We also participate in a range of community activities, including caring for the biodiversity and beauty of our churchyard as a valued public space within central Washington.

### **6. Stewarding our building and churchyard for future generations**

We want our church to be a continuing centre of Christian worship for generations to come, as it has been for many centuries. We further want to care for the natural environment around our church, including the green space of the churchyard. We seek to ensure our church building is well-maintained and fit for its purposes as a worship and community space. A dedicated team of volunteers continues to

improve our beautiful churchyard so that it is a pleasure for visitors and a good home for a range of plant and animal species.

## **Achievements and Performance in 2021**

The Priest-in-Charge and Holy Trinity Church PCC are immensely grateful to the employees and many willing volunteers who have enabled so many aspects of the church's life and activities to be resumed during 2021 - after the restrictions and difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic and vacancy in 2020.

We want to express particular thanks to staff and clergy who have done so much up front and behind the scenes. They are:

- Assistant Curate until December 2021 - Revd Brenda Forrester
- Church administrator until June 2021 - Claire Hindmarch
- Temporary administrative cover July-August 2021 - Sara Mickle
- Church administrator since September 2021 - Eunice Pestell
- Organist and Choir Master - George Roberts
- Assistant Organist since November 2021 - Thomas Hindmarch
- Church Cleaners from Leanne Carling Cleaning.

There were 214 names on the Electoral Roll at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25 April 2021. Average attendance at our Services in October 2021 were as follows:

8am Sunday Communion (monthly at the time) - 10 adults and 3 children under 16.

10am Sunday Communion - 70 adults and 4 children under 16.

10am Tuesday Communion Service - 35 adults and 0 children under 16.

3pm Connect 3 service (monthly) - 33 adults and 19 children under 16.

### **1. Worship**

2021 began in a national lockdown, with the church building still closed for public worship, and with weekly worship continuing on Zoom video conferencing and with a bank of choir recordings. The monthly Iona Service also continued through Zoom. Weekly arrangements allowed the church to be open for periods for private prayer in a COVID-secure manner. A committed group of volunteers continued to deliver the weekly sheet with readings and notices to members of the congregation less able to access material online. Curate Brenda Forrester led worship provision,

partnering with the two Church Wardens in leadership of the parish through the remaining months of the vacancy.

On 17 March 2021, the new Priest-in-Charge, Revd Philip Lockley was licensed in a hybrid service both in church (with a reduced, socially-distanced congregation) and many others participating online. Philip's first Sunday services were entirely online. The PCC then made the decision to resume in-person worship for Holy Week, meaning the first in-person worship of the year was a Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion on 30 March 2021, followed by a Maundy Thursday evening communion, Good Friday Hour at the Cross, and a joyous Easter Sunday 10am service. For some months, the only Communion Services in church remained the Sunday and Tuesday 10am services. The 8am Communion Service was reintroduced on a monthly basis from Sunday 19 September.

Since April, the PCC has collectively taken a cautious and gradual approach to resuming the church's worshipping life, seeking to discuss fully and find consensus for each change in approach in response to Government policy and wider changes in COVID circumstances. Over the remainder of the year, decisions were taken over such subjects as registering for services, permitted maximum numbers in church, distancing between chair rows, choir and congregation singing, and methods for receiving Communion. At the end of 2021, those attending church were still requested to wear masks, remain socially-distanced, including during the Peace, and receive communion in one kind (the bread). Refreshments were re-introduced after the Tuesday morning Communion, but remained absent from the Sunday morning services.

The first wedding of the year was held on Saturday 5 June. Baptisms were resumed on Sunday 4 July. Funerals had continued to take place in church throughout the year, with numbers permitted inside the church at funeral services gradually increased as COVID restrictions were adjusted during the year.

After an initial attempt to resume the Connect all-age service in July was postponed due to high local infection rates in primary schools, the first Connect 3 was held on Sunday 3 October at the new time of 3pm.

The monthly lay-led Iona Service also resumed as an in-person service in October, having run continually online for much of the Pandemic period.

During 2021, there were:

- 45 funeral services in church;
- 13 marriage services in church; and
- 2 services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage.

Other special Services in 2021 included:

- A memorial service to remember those members of the Holy Trinity congregation who had died during the pandemic on Sunday 26 September. This was devised and led by our Curate, Brenda Forrester working with the Bereavement team.
- All Souls was marked by an Iona Service on Wednesday 3 November.
- Remembering with Hope and Light - a memorial service for the families of those receiving our funeral ministry in the last year, as well as the wider community - was held on the evening of Advent Sunday, 28 November.
- Christmas services included a Carol Service, two Christingle services, and two Communion services on Christmas Day.

On Sunday 19 December, the Holy Trinity congregation said goodbye to Curate, Brenda Forrester - thanking her for her more than 3 years of ministry in the parish, and especially her extensive efforts during the vacancy. Revd Brenda is due to take up her first incumbency as Vicar of Ingleby Barwick, in the Diocese of York, in April 2022.

## **2. Prayer and Bible study**

Like worship services, the church's regular pattern of prayer and Bible study has been significantly disrupted by COVID circumstances. Common Worship Morning Prayer was resumed in person at 9am on Tuesday mornings during April. Morning Prayer was resumed on Wednesdays with increasingly regularity since September. Plans to resume Bible study and more frequent prayer meetings have been taken forward in early 2022.

## **3. Pastoral care and Safeguarding**

During the period the church was closed, pastoral care was maintained by a widened circle of volunteers by phone and through doorstep visits. This continued for much of 2021, as social distancing guidance remained in place. Longer home visits gradually became possible, beginning with outside visits in gardens, though these still required continued caution. Towards the end of the year, home communions were resumed. Visits to care homes by members of Ministry Group were only resumed if local guidance could be followed and adhered to. Overall, the effect of the pandemic has been severe on many people's isolation and ability to connect with others - especially those with mobility difficulties or with health conditions making them especially vulnerable to the virus.

The Bereavement Team's monthly Coffee mornings were resumed in October and are deeply appreciated by those who attend.

During 2021, the Parish Safeguarding Officer carried out an audit of our current Safeguarding arrangements and procedures, and changes and updates have been made where needed. Training requirements have been kept up to date and our new

Church Administrator, Eunice Pestel, trained to support the process for DBS checks and training timetables.

Despite very difficult circumstances, a committed team of volunteers has sought to maintain the care Holy Trinity has historically shown its members and wider community in need. The Priest-in-Charge and PCC express here their gratitude to this team and all their efforts this year.

#### **4. Young people and children**

School staff and children have been subject to especially onerous guidelines and restrictions during the pandemic period, making outside visits and visitors in schools much harder to arrange. During the course of the year, however, some schools engagement was possible, including:

- a filmed 'Ask a vicar' RE session with Biddick Primary Year 6
- Harvest assembly at Biddick Primary
- School visits to the church from Years 1 and 3 from Albany Primary
- Christmas services for Albany Primary (whole school) and JFK Primary (Years 3-6)

Our Connect 3 service resumed in the new monthly time slot of 3pm on Sundays, in October, November and December. The existing team of volunteers from Saturday Connect was supplemented by two ordinands from Cranmer Hall.

Holy Trinity Youth Group were able to meet again in person from June and met on different frequencies on Sunday evenings during the remainder of the year, culminating in a pre-Christmas bowling trip. Members of the Youth Group have continued to research the environmental impact of our church life to identify steps we should take to achieve an eco-church award. The availability of volunteer leaders remains a challenge for maintaining and growing Youth Group in 2022.

#### **5. Community and social concern**

The Publicity Group has been recognizing for some time the need to improve our communications with our surrounding community - through a variety of media. Significant progress has been made this year, with a refurbished Avenue Noticeboard, and a brand new noticeboard installed at the Glebe Crescent entrance to the Churchyard. The PCC is especially grateful to the generous support of:

- Walker & Morrell's Funeral Directors for their donation covering the cost of the new noticeboard.
- Lewis Hetherington, of Garden Maintenance Washington, who erected the new noticeboard for us free of charge.

Our website [www.holytrinitywashington.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitywashington.org.uk) has also received a refreshed look and new content, with especial thanks to Stephen Rutter for his efforts keeping this up to date, and his devising new ways the website can be used by those enquiring about baptisms and weddings.

Many elements of our social and community engagement in person have made slow progress in resuming after COVID restrictions have lifted. The resuming of our monthly Bereavement Café and Craft Group have each been important steps towards our being once again able to invite and welcome members of the community into our church building for our social initiatives, especially those designed to overcome social isolation. The Mothers' Union also reconvened in-person meetings in the Autumn, and began to work towards resuming its valuable community work.

Fundraising initiatives for local charities, some linked to donations made at special services, were further possible by the Autumn and Christmas period. A collection for the Washington Foodbank was made at our Harvest festival, and over the Christmas period we raised funds for Wateraid, Sunderland homeless charities, the Children's Society, Washington Mind - the mental health charity, and St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

The considerable efforts made to tidy and encourage wildlife in our churchyard in the last two years have been recognized and appreciated within Washington Village's success in the Britain in Bloom competition this year. Washington won the Northumbria region award for best village in 2021, going forward for the UK finals in 2022.

## **6. Stewarding our building and churchyard for future generations**

The church building is generally in good repair and in good condition. Planned repairs to roofing tiles and the ridge over the choir vestry were successfully carried out in June. Several other small maintenance tasks were carried out in the course of the year, and the PCC are grateful for the volunteer time and effort that ensured they happened. Our delayed-by-COVID Quinquennial Architect's inspection was carried out in September, and the report eventually received in 2022.

Our Flower Group has continued to excel this year, despite restrictions, providing excellent flower arrangements throughout the year and particularly ensuring that the church looks wonderfully inviting at the major festivals of the Christian year.

The Churchyard Working Group has continued the phenomenal progress made in clearing and improving the churchyard in 2020, which had previously been rather overgrown and dilapidated. Several volunteers come from beyond the membership of the church, proving an excellent way of involving and engaging with the wider community, caring for our heritage and green space together. The PCC further thanks the outside support of Sunderland City Council and the National Trust in advice, grants and time to share good practice in care of our churchyard.

Signed by the Priest-in-Charge on behalf of the PCC

Philip Lockley

9 April 2022

## Parochial Church Council Membership (Trustees)

PCC members (trustees) who have served during 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-Charge:	In Vacancy (April 2020-March 2021) Revd Dr Philip Lockley (from March 2021)
Curates:	Revd Brenda Forrester (to December 2021)
Licenced Lay Ministers (Lay Readers):	Mrs Olive Sangha (Secretary) Mrs Ann Forth Mrs Dinah Gollan
Church Wardens:	Mr Andrew Cresswell Mr David Wood (until April 2021) Mrs Janet Miller (From April 2021)

### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr Andrew Cresswell (2020 - 2023) (Lay Chair)

Mrs Barbara Fiddy (2020 - 2023)

Mr Ashley Powell (2020 - 2023)

Mrs Ann Harrison (2020 - 2023)

### Elected members:

Mrs Dorothy Butler (2019 - 2022)

Mrs Hazel Felton (2019 - 2021)

Mrs Helen Graham (2020 - 2023)

Mr Geoff Judson (2018 - 2021) (re-elected 2021-24)

Mrs Jane McIntyre (2020 - 2022)

Mrs Beryl Nesbitt (2020 - 2023)

Mr David Petherick (2020 - 2023)

Ms Judith Petherick (2020 - 2022)

Mr George Roberts (2020 - 2022)

Mrs Janice Rutter (2020 - 2023)

Mr Stephen Rutter (2020 - 2022)

Mr Jonathan Tyreman (2019 - 2022)

Mr David Wood (elected 2021-23)

Mrs Phyllis Wood (2019 - 2021) (re-elected 2021-23)

### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

## Trustee meetings

The full PCC met 8 times during the year with a high level of attendance. The first in-person PCC meeting was held in May, though members were able to continue to join meetings via Zoom if they chose for the remainder of the year. We are especially grateful to the volunteer effort and technical knowledge which allowed this accessibility.

## Financial Report

The financial year ending December 2021 has continued to present challenges to our church finances, despite pandemic restrictions allowing our building to be more open than in 2020. We did however end the year with total funds of £87,742.32, an almost identical sum to that in 2020.

Our total income did not significantly increase over the course of the year. We have been able to maintain our bank balance largely because we committed to a lower Parish Share to the diocese in 2021, almost half of our pre-pandemic commitment. This made a huge difference to our funds on a month by month basis and we were actually able to give more than originally agreed once our Gift Aid claim came in. We ended up paying the diocese around two thirds of our pre-pandemic pledge. It should be noted that the majority of parishes in the diocese behaved in a similar way - we were not an outlier in this.

Our total planned giving income continues to decline as our total worshipping community is not increasing, and as those who do give regularly find their own financial circumstances changing. Our Gift Aid claim was also lower than in previous years, again due to less eligible funds to claim against. As predicted, income from collections at regular and occasional services has slightly increased, as has fee income from weddings and funerals. This is in line with our building being open and previously postponed life events now taking place.

We have managed to keep our expenditure at around the same level as in 2020 despite being a fully operational building for a greater proportion of the year. Although the figures show a circa £16,000 difference, this is accounted for by the reduced Parish Share amount and the cost of a significant roof repair.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send donations to our regular charity partners over the Advent and Christmas period, including The Children's Society through our usual Christingle service collections. We have also received several one-off donations towards our own activities, and contributions to leaving gifts. Thanks to you all.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have continued to support the life and work of the parish through your regular giving in all its forms.

The PCC have been extremely vigilant in monitoring our finances and in forecasting future income and expenditure as far as it has been possible to do so in ever changing

circumstances. Despite all the challenges, we have not slipped below our stated reserves amount.

Going forward, our financial position remains challenging. The PCC have committed to our full Parish Share amount for 2022, though it should be noted that the diocese for their part have reduced their expectation from us this year. This reflects an acknowledgement of our place in the wider church and our responsibilities to it. This commitment does however add around £1200 per month to our outgoings. Our regular planned giving is down by over £5000 per annum on pre-pandemic levels. Our usually very active social and fundraising life is yet to emerge out of pandemic restrictions and anxieties. We have not yet been affected by rising energy costs but our fixed term tariff ends later this year and it would seem reasonable to expect an increase in price. The Quinquennial Report carried out last autumn on the fabric of our building has identified several issues which will require expenditure over the short, medium and long term.

There is much work to be done and there are plans afoot to address some of our financial issues in the wider context of our church life and our place in the community. If you have ideas to share, expertise to offer or just questions to ask, please do not hesitate to approach myself, Philip or any of the PCC.

With thanks to you all, to Josh for his oversight of the accounts and to our external examiner.

Judith Petherick

PCC Treasurer

9th April 2022

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**  
**Receipts and payments account**

	2021				2020
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Planned giving	41,810.29	-	-	41,810.29	42,526.66
Collections and other giving	3,997.31	-	-	3,997.31	3,240.32
Income tax recovered	10,029.77	-	-	10,029.77	16,191.68
Donations and fundraising activities	10,133.53	1,964.69	-	12,098.22	8,621.53
Grants received	2,250.00	-	-	2,250.00	-
	<b>68,220.90</b>	<b>1,964.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,185.59</b>	<b>70,580.19</b>
<b>Income From Investments</b>					
Bank interest	45.87	-	-	45.87	166.27
Rental income	6,750.00	-	-	6,750.00	6,750.00
<b>Generated Income</b>					
fees	17,680.50	516.00	-	18,196.50	16,870.66
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>92,697.27</b>	<b>2,480.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,177.96</b>	<b>94,367.12</b>
<b>Outgoing resources</b>					
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>					
Diocesan parish share	45,656.00	-	-	45,656.00	67,100.00
Wedding and funeral costs:					
Clergy	8,732.93	-	-	8,732.93	9,754.90
Organists	2,479.23	-	-	2,479.23	1,975.21
Verger	312.00	-	-	312.00	-
Flowers	-	1,426.61	-	1,426.61	-
Clergy expenses:					
Working	1,531.20	-	-	1,531.20	3,058.74
Accommodation	797.84	-	-	797.84	697.19
	<b>59,509.20</b>	<b>1,426.61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,935.81</b>	<b>82,586.04</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>					
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	296.00
Light and heat	4,611.74	-	-	4,611.74	3,219.47
Insurance	3,367.49	-	-	3,367.49	3,387.77
Repairs and maintenance	10,191.34	-	-	10,191.34	5,369.93
					-
Worship and service costs	426.34	101.05	-	527.39	1,667.58
Secretary	3,820.90	-	-	3,820.90	3,937.00
Choir and organists	2,773.04	-	-	2,773.04	3,125.23
	<b>25,190.85</b>	<b>101.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,291.90</b>	<b>21,002.98</b>
<b>Church Management and Administration</b>					
Office and administration costs	3,014.61	-	-	3,014.61	2,306.56
Education and courses	-	53.40	-	53.40	60.00
Donations paid	5,811.95	-	-	5,811.95	5,595.09
	<b>8,826.56</b>	<b>53.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,879.96</b>	<b>7,961.65</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>93,526.61</b>	<b>1,581.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,107.67</b>	<b>111,550.67</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	<b>- 829.34</b>	<b>899.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70.29</b>	<b>- 17,183.55</b>
Bank Accounts Brought Forward	82,007.01	5,685.10	-	87,692.11	104,875.66
<b>Bank Accounts Carried Forward</b>	<b>81,177.67</b>	<b>6,584.73</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,762.40</b>	<b>87,692.11</b>

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**  
**Statement of reserve movements for year ended 31 December 2021**

Reserve movements	Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried Forward
Unrestricted Funds	82,007.01	92,697.27	93,526.61	-	81,177.67
Designated Funds					
- Youth and Children's Fund <sup>1</sup>	1,796.51	-	154.45	-	1,642.06
- Building Work	3,888.59	-	-	-	3,888.59
- Flower fund <sup>2</sup>	-	2,480.69	1,426.61	-	1,054.08
Total Designated Funds	5,685.10	2,480.69	1,581.06	-	6,584.73
Restricted Funds					
- Grant Received for Building Work	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>87,692.11</b>	<b>95,177.96</b>	<b>95,107.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,762.40</b>

**Notes:**

1. Reference PCC 24/11, the Youth Study Fund has been designated as Youth and Children's Fund. The objectives of the fund are set out in the PCC minutes.

2. On 26/2, the PCC agreed that all fees received with respect to flowers and all specific donations should be recorded in a designated fund. All expenditure on flowers should be charged to this fund.

**Washington Parochial Church Council**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Monetary assets</b>		
Virgin Money account	34,690.48	34,447.61
Santander current account	52,871.69	53,244.50
Cash in hand	200.23	
<b>Total cash and bank</b>	<b>87,762.40</b>	<b>87,692.11</b>

**WASHINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY, WASHINGTON**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

**Catherine Milbanke FCA**  
20 Mitford Close  
High Shincliffe  
Durham



Date 8 April 2022



**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**Sunday 1 May 2022**  
**3.00pm.**

**Agenda**

**Meeting of Parishioners**

- Opening Prayer
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Election of Churchwardens to the above parish.
- Any other business\*

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

- Minutes of the last meeting
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Report on the changes in the electoral roll since the last APCM
- An annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and other activities within the church.
- A report on the financial affairs of the parish and presentation of the examined accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
- Churchwardens' report: including church fabric, goods and ornaments.
- Deanery Synod report
- Election to the Parochial Church Council (6 vacancies)
- Naming of Sidespersons.
- Appointment of an Independent Examiner.
- Priest-in-Charge's presentation.
- Any other business\*
- Closing Prayer