

# TRENDLEWOOD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1170989

## Details

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Other names	CONVENTIONAL DISTRICT OF TRENDLEWOOD , NAILSEA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-01-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Trendlewood church holds a weekly Sunday service at Golden Valley school, Nailsea. Children's groups run during this time. Small groups from the church membership meet at various times during the week. A pastoral team regularly considers the members' pastoral needs and organises any support required. Other services and events are run, including biennially a Trendlewood Community Festival.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- North Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£50,503	£58,536	-	-
2024-12-31	£51,119	£57,989	-	-
2023-12-31	£50,568	£52,079	-	-
2022-12-31	£137,453	£60,832	-	-
2021-12-31	£62,315	£62,349	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Morey Andrews</b>	Chair	2022-01-30
Edward Sheffield		2022-05-01
Karan Price		2020-10-25
LINDSAY HUTCHINSON		2018-04-15
Mark Austin		2023-05-14
SIMON TIMOTHY CROSS		2022-05-01
Sarah Louise Sanderson		2022-10-03
Sharon Brown		2021-01-01

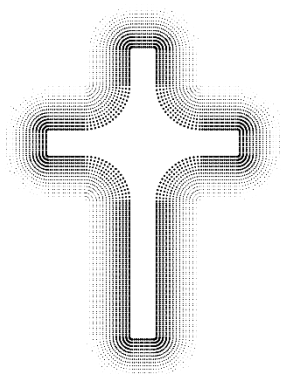
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## Trendlewood Church Annual Report for 2025

Including financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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Or in short



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This explains how we are trying to fulfil the mission of the church for the benefit of everyone in the church and in the community. Our objectives include:



## 4. What we do

### Sunday services (Morey)

Our weekly Sunday services and worship put our faith into practice through prayer and bible readings, music and teaching. Our services continue to involve lay people (non clergy) every week. Trendlewood Church remains a place where people can explore and use their gifts.

Our sung worship is led by the music group. The use of backing tracks continues to enhance our sung worship, enabling us to have a fuller sound for a lot of our worship songs. Over the last few years we have built up our library of songs with backing tracks. Due to the way we purchase the backing tracks it means we are able to repeat these songs with no additional cost.'

Our Sunday's have also been enhanced and changed by Bubble Church (see below) once a month, for those in early years at school. Alongside this we continue our "post bubble church gathering" where our primary focus is prayer.

We are now exploring the idea of Intentionally Intergenerational worship (all age) and have a team in place exploring and planning what this looks like.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in our Sunday worship; as I look back I am amazed at how much we have done and am so grateful for God's Blessing upon us - Morey



### **Electoral Roll Report (Simon)**

All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2025, we prepared a new electoral roll in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. 40 people were on the electoral roll, of which 11 resided in the conventional district (*a Conventional District is a defined but adaptable structure for a particular geographical area which has a different identity from the main parish*).

### **Teaching and homegroups (Morey)**

We continue to develop our teaching ministry as can be noted above. In 2025, we have had preaching series on Concluding Galatians; Encounters with Jesus pre Easter; Post resurrection appearances; Psalms in the Summer; CAP Sunday; Studies on Ruth; Harvest, All Saints, Remembrance, Christ the King; Safeguarding Sunday; A series on Love, Hope and Peace; Christmas services and finished the year with a Coffee gathering at Tim and Hilary's.

We have two homegroups now, as two have joined together, which meet every two weeks to encourage growth in discipleship and this ministry is led by Gillian and Morey Andrews. The Bible

studies are based primarily on the week's sermons offering discussion, prayer and support - helping to look outwards into our community. If you are interested in joining a group then please do speak to us.

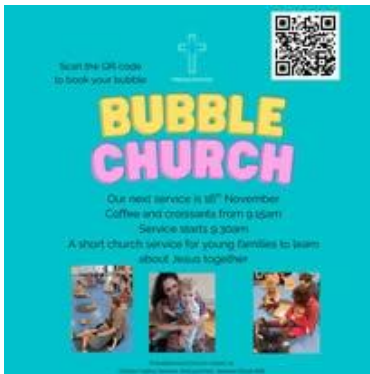
### **Children's and Young People work (Sharon, Ruth, Morey)**

Trendlewood Church has run several family activity during school holidays which have been well attended. They are fun ways of exploring bible stories with crafts and activities. We use the Bubble Church puppets to tell the stories.

Bubble Church continues each month and we have a regular group of families that come. We are looking at ways to encourage those who have either only come once or attend infrequently to come again. The team work well together and are exploring ways to support and grow the children's ministry at Trendlewood.

Christmas provided opportunities in taking Bubble Church puppets to a nursery and a pre-school to tell the Christmas story. Our Christingle service was attended by both our regular congregation and bubble church families. On Christmas Eve, the Bubble church team went to Wraxall Church to lead their Crib service.

Morey occasionally led assemblies for children from Reception to Year 6 at Golden Valley School and will continue to do so in 2026.



### **Prayer (Morey)**

Prayer is at the heart of all we do as a church - praying before all we do. Primarily we meet to pray before the weekly services, seeking God; during the services we offer prayers of intercession and offer prayer ministry for any who require this for any reason. We take time to encourage folks to pray at other times when the need arises. As mentioned we now focus our monthly prayer gathering on the post bubble church gathering, worshipping God, praying for the world and each other. This

ministry is being developed and we plan to develop prayer walking in the future months. The pastoral care team (see below) meets to pray monthly.

### **Pastoral Care (Sandie and Karan)**

Pastoral care is an important part of our church's life. Help and prayers have upheld many people during this year. We have a small group of volunteers committed to reaching out to those struggling and praying regularly for those facing difficult times. They may have a trying situation or a hard journey such as grief, depression, loss, sickness, loneliness, or a major life transition. We receive between 10 and 20 requests for prayer each month. We pray for people within the church, those known to us, people of other faiths and people who have no faith. Praying for our neighbours is an important part of this. We offer visits and wherever possible practical care and support, such as meals. Wellness and wholeness are core to our group, and we remember verses from Psalm 46:1.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

### **Social (Pauline, Sarah and Sue)**

Aim of activities:

- To spend time together as a church family
- To deepen relationships, especially welcome newcomers.
- To be able to invite people to a safe welcoming environment

Most activities are free. Where costs apply (e.g. Christmas social), any profits help fund future free events or support mission partners through donations.

Highlights from the Year

- Shared lunch after church to start the year
- Shrove Tuesday pancakes at Sarah and Mike's
- Cream tea in June with Bubble Church families at Holy Trinity
- Christmas meal at the Trinity Centre, kindly hosted and served by Holy Trinity volunteers

As Bubble Church grows, we aim to offer more family-friendly opportunities

### **Deanery Synod Report (Ed)**

Deanery Synod is our link with the Portishead Deanery and Ed Sheffield is representative for Trendlewood Church. Portishead Deanery Synod met four times, as usual, in 2026 and a full report on the year is available here.

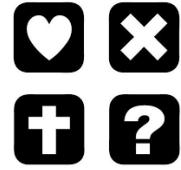
### **Working with other Churches locally (Morey)**

Our minister is also the Rector for Wraxall and Failand and we have been looking at sharing ministry throughout the year - for example, Lent and Advent courses during 2025. We continue building on this positive relationship and have joined for a united service in November when Bishop Michael came to lead and preach; We maintain our own distinct nature but share with each other when it is right to do so.

On a wider level we are part of the Churches Together in Nailsea and District (CTINAD). The leaders meet monthly for prayer and support and as churches, worshipped together twice in the year (Ignite). We held joint services during 2025 around key times, eg Remembrance, Good Friday.

## Evangelism and outreach (Morey)

Our desire remains to make Jesus known in our community. We are always open to opportunities as they arise, whether it is in the school, at other events, welcoming newcomers into the district. This year we had the privilege of being part of the Trendlewood festival and were a significant presence in being and offering the 4 points leaflet for folks to take away; We endeavour to offer a Christianity course each year - either The Start Course or Alpha; we are looking in greater depth at how to be “with” community and building relationships. The junior parkrun offers opportunities for conversation and connection.



## Service in our Community (Fiona)

Most church members volunteered or supported in other ways at the 6<sup>th</sup> [Trendlewood Community Festival](#) held on Golden Valley School grounds on Saturday 23 August 2025. Around 2000 local people enjoyed this day-long celebration of music, food and community. A huge effort, well worth it.



[Golden Valley Junior Parkrun](#) continues to be a free, fun and friendly 2km run for those aged 4-14. Church members also get involved to support this initiative on our doorstep as volunteer Run Director and Marshalls. Church members attended to sing Carols at the last event before Christmas.



In 2025 , Teena continued to organise our monthly donations for our local food bank.

## Mission Partners

It is our practice to give 10% of our income to mission support which includes the four following mission partners and support them regularly in prayer. Trendlewood Committee received updates from the partners and completed a full review in 2025.

Hope for Life Katanga, Uganda	Vision: To enable families in Uganda to realise their potential towards living a self-sufficient life. HLF offer livelihood training, education, healthcare services and community development
Mercy Ships, Worldwide	Vision: By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job.
West End Impact, Morecambe	Reacting to crisis and rebuilding lives. Christian charity, West End Impact supports people in one of the most economically deprived areas of England
Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo	Jenny and Elifadhili are founders of Zuia Trafficking Tanzania. The charity's mission is: Together, we can prevent human trafficking from happening to the most vulnerable. We use an integrated approach that focuses on building social and economic capacity for those at risk of becoming trafficking victims

Along with other local churches, we prayed for and supported financially, the Connect Schools Work Project at Nailsea School. Trendlewood Church also supported the local [Christian's Against Poverty team \(Gordano Valley\)](#)

#### **Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Mark)**

We maintain our Terrier (list of goods and ornaments owned by Trendlewood Church) and it is available to view on request. A new projector was added to the list this year.

#### **Clergy (Morey)**

Verbal report / sermon will be given at the Annual meeting - which then will be added as an addendum, to this report.

### **5. Financial Review**

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £50,503, including gift aid reclaimed. Total expenses came to £58,536.

We made an operating loss of £8,033 in 2025. Our reserves of £60,207 are adequate to meet our budgeted shortfall for 2026.

The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £44,029. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs of clergy. We continue to review our ability to maintain our Parish Share payments throughout the year.

We allocate at least 10% of giving to mission support. In 2025 we gave £4,800 to our Mission Partners and £1,306 to several local outreach projects. Total mission support in 2025 was £6,106 therefore exceeding our 10% commitment.

### **6. Reserves Policy**

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £6,755 based on 2025 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £60,207.

## **7. Safeguarding**

Trendlewood Church Council (TWCC) has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). TWCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. No safeguarding concerns have been raised during this year.

Regular children's groups have not run during this year. We have run several families activity days where all children are supervised by parent/carer they came with. We continue to run bubble Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We understand that "Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility" We ran a Safeguarding Sunday service to help all members of the Church understand how they can identify and report concerns.

As a parish we use the safeguarding dashboard, which prompts us with reviews of policies. There are 3 levels of this and as a church ours is now at level 3. This means we have kept up to date with all the policies and checks. Safeguarding training has been completed by members who needed to do so. We now have access to the safeguarding hub which has made the task of keeping up to date with checks and training much easier.

## **8. Volunteers**

We are thankful to all our volunteers for their week by week support to cover the many, many roles at Trendlewood Church. They all make our Church what it is; a welcoming community in the service of God. Anyone who wants to learn more about a role in Trendlewood is encouraged to ask the Duty Warden or service leader on a Sunday.

We are the shape of church we are because the gifts, skills and talents we all possess.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Church Council this year

There is always room for people to serve, so if you are interested then please do get in touch, especially for the roles of Church Secretary and Church council members.

## **9. Administration and Governance**

Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 41 Vowles Close, Nailsea, BS48 1PP.

Trendlewood Church Council members who have served from March 25 until this report's approval are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Rev'd Morey Andrews (Chair)
- Curate: Rev'd Russell Herbert (from 4 Jan 2026)
- Reader: Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)
- Reader: Sylvia Phillips (chooses not to attend)

Elected members:

- Mark Austin (Churchwarden, until 2026)
- Edward Sheffield, representative on Deanery Synod (until 2028)
- Simon Cross (until 2028)
- Sharon Brown (until 2027)

Induction and ongoing training is offered to all members of the Trendlewood Church Council. Often this training is provided by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

During the year, the TwCC and church volunteers

- Reviewed Mission Partners
- Led a Safeguarding Service to highlight role of all church members in safeguarding
- Ongoing review of policies and procedures. Health and Safety review is due in Spring 2026.

## **10. Statement of Financial Activities and Independent Examiner's Report**

On the next page.

# Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

*for the year ended 31 December 2025*

	2025	2024
<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Planned giving	39,857	38,062
Income tax recovered	8,862	10,994
Legacy Gifts	-	-
Donations from Fundraising	17	36
Grants	125	-
Interest income	1,155	1,674
Other income	487	353
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>50,503</b>	<b>51,119</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	44,029	42,182
Clergy expenses and Training	748	674
Outreach	1,306	1,466
Youth, Children's and Families Work	176	1,100
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	6,576	6,709
Administration costs	639	680
Mission Support	4,800	4,800
Giving from Fundraisers	263	378
Other	-	(0)
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>58,536</b>	<b>57,989</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(8,033)</b>	<b>(6,870)</b>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(8,033)	(6,870)
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2025</i>	68,240	75,110
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2025</i>	60,207	68,240

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2025

			Notes
<b>Cash Funds</b>		£	
	Bank current accounts	60,207	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors</b>		-	
Net Assets		60,207	2

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Bank Accounts		
Giving	310	185
Expenditure	3,347	3,150
Reserves	56,550	64,905
	<b>60,207</b>	<b>68,240</b>

# Notes

*for the year ended 31 December 2025*

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. All of Trendlewood Church's funds are Unrestricted or General Funds and can be used to fulfill our aims and objectives. However, TWCC has agreed to put aside up to £1,000 per year as a hardship fund to be spent at the discretion of the Minister in accordance with our Finance Policy. This represents a Designated Fund as per charity reporting requirements.

Net assets as at 31st December 2025	£60,207
Less Ministers Hardship Fund	-£1,000
Balance available	£59,207

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

TRENDEWOOD

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Charity Number (if applicable):

1170989

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective  
responsibilities of trustees and  
examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

J Holmes

Date:

28/1/26

Name:

Jenny Holmes

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):**

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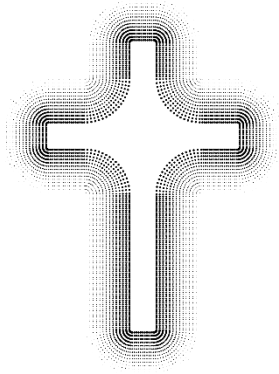
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**Being COMMUNITY**

**Growing CHURCH**

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- To be faithful in prayer
- To grow in faith and discipleship
- To prioritise making Jesus known

## 4. What we do

### **Sunday services (Morey)**

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### **Teaching and homegroups (Morey)**

We continue to develop our teaching ministry and in the last year have completed various sermon series; finishing the book of Acts, exploring people of Faith from the bible, studying 1 Peter; throughout the summer months we had a series on "spiritual disciplines" and then moved in to Autumn studying the book of Galatians, interspersed with seasonal services/sermons - harvest, remembrance and Christmas.

We have three homegroups which meet to encourage growth in discipleship and this ministry is led by Gillian and Morey Andrews. The Bible studies are based primarily on the week's sermons offering discussion, prayer and support - helping to look outwards into our community.

### **Children's and Young People work (Sharon, Ruth, Morey)**

We launched Bubble Church, a service for young families, in October 2024 and it meets once per month. We averaged 6 families at each service in the first 3 months. The challenge for 2025 is to grow and reach families beyond our current personal contact network. The team is grateful to the church family for being so willing to accept the changes needed to accommodate Bubble Church.

Morey with Sarah (curate) regularly led assemblies for children from Reception to Year 6 at Golden Valley School and will continue to do so in 2025. Ruth organised 3 family days, including Fishy Fun, which was held on two mornings in August with craft activities for mainly pre-school children and their carers, followed by a free lunch.

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“So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

### **Social (Pauline and Sarah)**

We plan social events to enable members of the church to spend time together and to welcome new members and friends. This year there was an extra event in August when we said goodbye to curate Sarah with a shared lunch outdoors in the sunshine. Mike and Sarah hosted a well attended pancake evening on Shrove Tuesday and in June there was a delicious Cream Tea at the Trinity Centre. Then in September Mike and Sarah put on a wonderful, paired Food and Wine event to which people invited friends. To end the year we had a Christmas meal in the Trinity Centre. Five people from Holy Trinity kindly worked hard serving us and doing all the washing up, enabling everyone to enjoy the evening.

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### **Evangelism and outreach (Morey)**

Our desire remains to make Jesus known in our community. We are always open to opportunities as they arise, whether it is in the school, at other events, welcoming newcomers into the district. We endeavour to offer a Christianity course each year - either The Start Course or Alpha; we are looking in greater depth at how to be “with” community and building relationships. The junior parkrun offers opportunities for conversation and connection.

### **Service in our Community (Fiona)**

[Golden Valley Junior Parkrun](#) continues to be a free, fun and friendly 2km run for those aged 4-14. Trendlewood Church volunteers serve a drink and biscuit to runners every week. Church members also get involved to support this initiative on our doorstep as volunteer Run Director and Marshalls.

In 2024 we continued to make regular monthly collections for our local food bank and deliver homemade cakes to households who have newly moved into the area.

### **Mission Partners**

It is our practice to give 10% of our income to mission support which includes the four following mission partners and support them regularly in prayer. Trendlewood Committee receives regular updates from the partners and completed a full review in 2022. The next review is 2025.

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	focuses on building social and economic capacity for those at risk of becoming trafficking victims
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Along with other local churches, we prayed for and supported financially, the Connect Schools Work Project at Nailsea School. Neil Wylie left post in 2024 and Becky was appointed in November 2024. Trendlewood Church also supported the local [Christian's Against Poverty team \(Gordano Valley\)](#)

**Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Church Warden's report)**

Our Letting Agreement with Golden Valley School will run until August 2025. We maintain our Terrier (list of goods and ornaments owned by Trendlewood Church) and it is available to view on request.

**Clergy (Morey)**

In 2024, Rev'd Morey Andrews took a 3 month sabbatical. A "sabbatical" for Church of England (C of E) clergy refers to a period of extended leave, typically lasting around three months, where ordained ministers can step back from their regular ministry duties to focus on personal reflection, study, renewal, and spiritual development, essentially taking time to "recharge" and return to their role with fresh perspective. Morey's report is available [here](#).

In August 2024, Rev'd Sarah Sanderson left the role of Curate for Trendlewood and for Wraxall with Failand. She took up a post as Pioneer Associate Vicar in Yeovil. It was sad to say goodbye in August, as we enjoyed much ministry together and she gave so much to all the churches she served and beyond. However, we know this move is of God and continue to pray God's Blessing upon her and her family.

**5. Financial Review (Sharon)**

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £51,119, including gift aid reclaimed. Our method of collecting Gift Aid changed in 2024 with most donors moving to the Parish Giving System. This means we usually receive Gift Aid in the same month as the donation instead of quarterly in arrears. The Gift aid reported represents approximately 15 months versus 12 months in 2023.

Total expenses came to £57,989. The increase in expenditure on Youth, Children's and Families Work is largely due to the setting up of Bubble Church.

We made an operating loss of £6,870 in 2024.

The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £42,182. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs of clergy.

We allocate at least 10% of giving to mission support. In 2024 we gave £4,800 to our Mission Partners and £1,466 to several local outreach projects. Total mission support in 2024 was £6,266 therefore exceeding our 10% commitment.

**6. Reserves Policy (Sharon)**

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £6,692 based on 2024 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £68,240.

## **7. Safeguarding (Ruth)**

Trendlewood Church Council (TwCC) has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). TwCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. During the year, one concern was raised, for which procedures were followed and advice sought.

Regular children's groups have not run during this year. We have run 3 families activity days where all children are supervised by the parent/carer they came with.

As a parish we use the safeguarding dashboard, which prompts us with reviews of policies. There are 3 levels of this and as a church ours is now at level 3. This means we have kept up to date with all the policies and checks. Safeguarding training has been completed by all members who needed to do so. We now have access to the safeguarding hub which has made the task of keeping up to date with checks and training much easier.

## **8. Volunteers (Morey)**

We are grateful to all our volunteers for their week by week support to cover the many, many roles at Trendlewood Church. They all make our Church what it is; a welcoming community in the service of God. Anyone who wants to learn more about a role in Trendlewood is encouraged to ask the Duty Warden or service leader on a Sunday.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Church Committee this year and particularly a huge thank you to Lindsay who stepped down from being church warden, and to Mark who has taken on this role. We are so thankful for all who service our church in the ways they do.

There is always room for people to serve, so if you are interested then please do get in touch, especially for the roles of Church Secretary and Church council members.

## **9. Administration and Governance**

Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 41 Vowles Close, Nailsea, BS48 1PP.

Trendlewood Church Council members who have served from March 24 until this report's approval are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Rev'd Morey Andrews (Chair)
- Curate: Rev'd Sarah Sanderson (resigned 18 August 2024)
- Reader: Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)
- Reader: Sylvia Phillips (chooses not to attend)

Elected members:

- Edward Sheffield, representative on Deanery Synod (until 2025)
- Karan Price-Wilkins (resigned September 2024)
- Mark Austin (until 2026) (appointed Church Warden 28th April 2024)
- Lindsay Hutchinson (Church Warden, resigned 17th March 2024)
- Simon Cross (until 2025)
- Sharon Brown (until 2027)

Induction and ongoing training is offered to all members of the Trendlewood Church Council. Often this training is provided by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

During the year, the TwCC and church volunteers

- launched a new logo and will look to replace banners and other publicity in 2025
- implemented the [Parish Giving Scheme](#) (recommended by the Diocese of Bath and Wells), to reduce Gift Aid administration. More than 80% of donations now come via this online scheme, introduced the Rotas module on Churchsuite to reduce time spent on volunteer administration

In 2025 the TwCC plan to undertake a routine review of Trendlewood Church policies.

## **10. Statement of Financial Activities and Independent Examiner's Report**

On the next page.

# Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

*for the year ended 31 December 2024*

	2024	2023
<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Planned giving	38,062	39,286
Income tax recovered	10,994	9,474
Legacy Gifts	-	-
Donations from Fundraising	36	19
Grants	-	-
Interest income	1,674	1,233
Other income	353	556
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>51,119</b>	<b>50,568</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	42,182	33,948
Clergy expenses and Training	674	796
Outreach	1,466	1,704
Youth, Children's and Families Work	1,100	-
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	6,709	8,184
Administration costs	680	915
Mission Support	4,800	6,400
Giving from Fundraisers	378	133
Other	(0)	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>57,989</b>	<b>52,079</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(6,870)</b>	<b>(1,510)</b>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	<i>(6,870)</i>	<i>(1,510)</i>
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2024</i>	<i>75,110</i>	<i>76,621</i>
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024</i>	<i>68,240</i>	<i>75,110</i>

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Notes
<b>Cash Funds</b>		£
	Bank current accounts	68,240
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Creditors</b>		-
Net Assets		68,240 <sup>2</sup>

	2024	2023
Bank Accounts		
Giving	185	1,027
Expenditure	3,150	5,841
Reserves	64,905	68,242
	<b>68,240</b>	<b>75,110</b>

# Notes

*for the year ended 31 December 2024*

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. All of Trendlewood Church's funds are Unrestricted or General Funds and can be used to fulfill our aims and objectives. However, TWCC has agreed to put aside up to £1,000 per year as a hardship fund to be spent at the discretion of the Minister in accordance with our Finance Policy. This represents a Designated Fund as per charity reporting requirements.

Net assets as at 31st December 2024	£68,240
Less Ministers Hardship Fund	-£1,000
Balance available	£67,240



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
TRENDLEWOOD CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024 Charity no (if any) 1170989

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed: J.Holmes

Date: 29/1/25

Name: Jenny Holmes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Management Accountant (CGMA)

**TRENDEWOOD CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170989

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# Accounts

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# TRENDLEWOOD

Sharing **Christ** • Serving **Community** • Resourcing **Church**

## Trendlewood Church Annual Report 2023-2024

Including financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Charity Registration number 1170989

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### 1. Introduction to Trendlewood Church

We are a Christian community who meet weekly at Golden Valley School, Nailsea at 10.15am. We were planted by Holy Trinity, Nailsea in 1989 but are now an independent church in our own right.

As a charity registered with the Charity Commission, the trustees acknowledge the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local and wider community.

### 2. Our Mission at Trendlewood Church

We are a Gospel focused church, in the heart of the community, growing as disciples and giving glory to God in all that we do.

Or in short

**Sharing CHRIST**

**Being COMMUNITY**

**Growing CHURCH**

### 3. Our Vision and Ministry

This explains how we are trying to fulfil the mission of the church for the benefit of everyone in the church and in the community. Our objectives include:

- To be faithful in prayer
- To grow in faith and discipleship
- To prioritise making Jesus known

## 4. What we do

### **Sunday services**

Our weekly Sunday services and worship put our faith into practice through prayer and bible readings, music and teaching. Our services continue to involve lay people (non clergy) every week. Trendlewood Church remains a place where people can explore and use their gifts. The Church Committee are aware that fewer volunteers are available for existing roles and continue to look at addressing this, ensuring the right people, in the right place, at the right time.

Our worship is led by the music group, for whom it has been a year of challenges with people needing to take time out for personal reasons. The use of backing tracks has been a great benefit, enabling us to have a fuller sound for a lot of our worship songs. Whilst we continue to have glitches from time-to-time as we get to know the system better, the tracks enhance our sung worship.

### **Electoral Roll Report**

All are welcome to attend our regular services. There are 45 members on the electoral roll (the list of members). In 2022 the average attendance was 28 aged 16 and over and <2 under 16. In 2023 our average attendance was 28 aged 16 and 0 under 16.

### **Teaching and homegroups**

We continue to develop our teaching ministry and in the last year have completed sermon series on prayer, Nehemiah (unwavering in faith), the sermon on the Mount and most recently the book of Acts.

We have three homegroups which meet to encourage growth in discipleship and the ministry is led by Gillian and Morey Andrews. The Bible studies are based primarily on the week's sermons

### **Children's and Young People work**

We ran two outreach events in 2023 (Easter and Christmas) for children and families and we offered all-age services on some Sundays. We co-ran pop-up children's activities in different parks in Nailsea, Wraxall and Failand during the 2023 school summer holidays. Sarah and Morey regularly led assemblies for children from Reception to Year 6 at Golden Valley School and will continue to do so in 2024.

Along with other local churches, we prayed for and supported financially, the Connect Schools Work Project at Nailsea School.

### **Prayer**

Prayer is at the heart of all we do as a church - praying before and during Sunday services; encouraging folks to pray at other times when the need arises and at our monthly prayer gathering. We also reintroduced prayer walking in the area in 2023 - seeking God and listening to His voice.

### **Pastoral Care**

We have a small group of volunteers, committed to praying regularly for those facing difficult times

in their lives. This may be those within the church or those known to us. Praying for our neighbours is an important part of this. We offer visits and wherever possible practical care and support, such as meals. Wellness and wholeness are core to our group, and we remember verses from the Psalms – “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147:3) and “God will never forget the needy, the hope of the afflicted will never perish” (Psalm 9:18).

## **Social**

In 2023 there were four social events. Mike and Sarah hosted a pancake evening on Shrove Tuesday for the first time since 2019. Then in April we had a cheese and wine evening at Sarah Sanderson’s house. In June we spent a lovely Sunday Afternoon at the Trinity Centre having a cream tea of scones with jam and cream and fresh fruit. The final event of the year was mulled wine and mince pies hosted by Sandie. All occasions were well attended and provide a good opportunity to spend time together.

## **Deanery Synod Report (summary)**

Deanery Synod is our link with the Portishead Deanery and Ed Sheffield is representative for Trendlewood Church. Portishead Deanery Synod met four times, as usual, in 2023 and a full report on the year is available.

There were 2 additional meetings in 2023. One, in April, was a full Synod meeting where the only agenda item was the presentation of the Deanery Stipendiary Deployment Plan, which had been worked on by the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group (DMPG) since May 2022. This showed how Portishead Deanery could lose 2 posts, from a total of 15 down to 13, and the final deployment plan was approved at that Synod meeting by a majority vote.

The other meeting, in November, was one arranged by Bishop Michael to which clergy, DMPG, readers and churchwardens were invited, and was intended to introduce the Deanery to the Bishop and encourage attendees by giving examples of mission initiatives within the Deanery.

## **Working with other Churches locally**

We share an incumbent and curate with the next door parish of Wraxall with Failand. We are building on this positive relationship this gives us, whilst maintaining our own distinct nature; in 2023 we held joint courses, joint services and joint prayer meetings, learning from each other’s traditions.

On a wider level we are part of the Churches Together in Nailsea and District (CTINAD). The leaders met monthly for prayer and support and as churches, worshipped together twice in the year (Ignite). We held joint services during 2023 around key times, eg Remembrance, Good Friday.

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Our desire remains to make Jesus known in our community. We are always open to opportunities as they arise, whether it is in the school, at other events, welcoming newcomers into the district. We endeavour to offer a Christianity course each year - either The Start Course or Alpha; we are looking in greater depth at how to be “with” community and building relationships.

## **Service in our Community**

[Golden Valley Junior Parkrun](#) (a free, fun and friendly 2km run for those aged 4-14) was set up in September 2023 following work by Sarah Sanderson and Morey Andrews. It runs every Sunday

morning on Golden Valley Field. Nailsea Town Council gave Parkrun the £4000 grant needed to register and start the event. Nailsea School provides the venue (Golden Valley field) free of charge every Sunday morning. 4 people from the community (with Morey and Sarah) trained to be run directors, many people (from the community and church) come and volunteer each week. Even parkrun enthusiasts love the atmosphere! It has been amazing to see God's hand in Golden Valley playing field junior parkrun. We're having some great conversations about God and faith and are looking forward to seeing it continue to grow physically and spiritually.

Trendlewood Community Festival, started by Trendlewood Church in 2013, celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event this year. More than 1800 local people enjoyed this day-long Festival to bring the community together on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Now run by a Committee and with its own bank account, many church members still continue to volunteer at this event. Trendlewood Church had a stand this year, offering prayer and a place to sit and rest, for those attending.

In 2023 we continued to make regular monthly collections for our local food bank and deliver homemade cakes to households who have newly moved into the area.

**Mission Partners**

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**Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Warden's report)**

Our Letting Agreement with Golden Valley School will run until August 2025. There is a clause in that Agreement for a rent review annually and for the first time the school decided to exercise that option in 2023 and increase our rent by 5%. We maintain our Terrier (list of goods and ornaments owned by Trendlewood Church) and added to it a new sound desk this year, with the old sound desk being sold and money from that offset against the new one. There have also been some digital backing track purchases during the year within budget.

**5. Financial Review**

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £50,568, including gift aid reclaimed.

Total expenses came to £52,079.

We made an operating loss of £1,510 in 2023.

The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £33,948. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs, such as housing, of clergy.

We allocate a minimum of 10% of giving to Mission Support and in 2023 gave £6,400 to our Mission Partners.

We also support several local outreach projects and gave £1,704 to these in 2023. These projects will be reviewed in early 2024.

## 6. Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £6,010 based on 2023 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £75,110.

## 7. Safeguarding

Trendlewood Church Council (TWCC) has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). TWCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. During the year, one concern was raised, for which procedures were followed and advice sought.

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We are grateful to all our volunteers for their week by week support to cover the many, many roles at Trendlewood Church. They all make our Church what it is; a welcoming community in the service of God. Anyone who wants to learn more about a role in Trendlewood is encouraged to ask the Duty Warden or service leader on a Sunday.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Church Committee this year and particularly a huge thank you to Lindsay Hutchinson who is standing down as Church Warden. She has worked tirelessly on behalf of us all and we are so grateful for her efforts.

## Administration and Governance

Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 41 Vowles Close, Nailsea, BS48 1PP.

Trendlewood Church Council members who have served from April 23 until this report's approval are:

Ex Officio members:

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- Curate: Rev'd Sarah Sanderson
- Churchwarden: Lindsay Hutchinson
- Reader: Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)
- Reader: Sylvia Phillips (chooses not to attend)

Elected members:

- Edward Sheffield, representative on Deanery Synod (until 2025)
- Karan Price-Wilkins (until 2026)
- Mark Austin (until 2026)
- Ceri Manton (until 18th September 2023)
- Simon Cross (until 2025)
- Toby Austin (until 2025)
- Sharon Brown (until 2024)

Induction and ongoing training is offered to all members of the Trendlewood Church Council. Often this training is provided by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

**9. Statement of Financial Activities and Independent Examiner's Report** (on next page)

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

<b>Cash Funds</b>		£
	Bank current accounts	75,110
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Creditors</b>		-
Net Assets		75,110 <sup>2</sup>

Bank Accounts	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Giving	1,027	4,045
Expenditure	5,841	22,514
Reserves	68,242	50,036
	<b>75,110</b>	<b>76,595</b>

# Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

*for the year ended 31 December 2023*

	2023	2022
<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Planned giving	39,286	46,009
Income tax recovered	9,474	11,362
Legacy Gifts	-	-
Donations from Fundraising	19	35
Grants	-	750
Interest income	1,233	103
Other income	556	-
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>50,568</b>	<b>58,259</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	33,948	42,416
Clergy expenses and Training	796	3,329
Outreach	1,704	1,679
Youth, Children's and Families Work	-	-
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	8,184	6,208
Administration costs	915	835
Mission Support	6,400	6,338
Giving from Fundraisers	133	-
Other	-	27
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>52,079</b>	<b>60,832</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(1,510)</b>	<b>(2,573)</b>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	<i>(1,510)</i>	<i>(2,573)</i>
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023</i>	<i>76,621</i>	<i>79,194</i>
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023</i>	<i>75,110</i>	<i>76,621</i>

# Notes

*for the year ended 31 December 2023*

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. All of Trendlewood Church's funds are Unrestricted or General Funds and can be used to fulfill our aims and objectives. However, TWCC has agreed to put aside up to £1,000 per year as a hardship fund to be spent at the discretion of the Minister in accordance with our Finance Policy. This represents a Designated Fund as per charity reporting requirements.

Net assets as at 31st December 2023	£75,110
Less Ministers Hardship Fund	-£1,000
Balance available	£74,110

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

Trendlewood Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity Number (if applicable):

1170989

Set out on pages

7, 8, 9

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

## Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

*Jenny Ho mes*

Date:

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**TRENDEWOOD CHURCH**

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Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the  
Church Council  
for

## **Trendlewood Church Nailsea**

for the year ended 31st December 2022

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1170989

## TRENLEWOOD CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2022–2023

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## **Parishioners Meeting Agenda 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

1. Approve minutes for Parishioners Meeting 2022
2. Any matters arising
3. Election of Church Wardens
4. Election of Duty Wardens

## **Annual Church Meeting Agenda 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

1. Apologies
2. Approve Minutes of the 2022 ACM
3. Any matters arising
4. Electoral Roll report
5. Proceedings of the Church Council and Activities of the Church  
Written report already circulated – any comments or questions  
Collation of information from each of the main headings  
Minister's report (reflections)  
Worship  
Homegroups  
Children and families  
Mission Partners  
Pastoral ministry  
Evangelism and outreach  
Social
6. Financial Report  
Approve accounts)  
Appointing of an independent examiner
7. Warden's report – fabric
8. Deanery Synod report  
Including Rob Norman Previously circulated by Deanery Secretary
9. Safeguarding
10. Elections to PCC
11. Appoint Duty wardens
12. Open Forum - Q&A
13. Close in Prayer

**Trendlewood Church, Nailsea**  
**Minutes of the Parishioner's Church Meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Present**

Ed Sheffield, Ruth Sheffield, Peter Furneaux, Wendy Furneaux, George Spencer, Sandi Prangle, Mike Hitchings, Barbara Hitchings, Coleen, Sharon Brown, Mike Bird, Sarah Bird, Fiona Austin, Toby Austin, Mark Austin, Michelle Taylor, Gillian Andrews, More Andrews, Mark Walters, Lindsey Hutchinson, David Hutchinson, Paul Mason, Caroline Mason, Teena Cross and Simon Cross.

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Dave Manton, Ceri Manton and Andrew Slade.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

None.

**Election of Churchwardens**

Those present thanked Simon Cross for his service as Churchwarden.

Lindsay Hutchinson, proposed as Churchwarden by Sharon Brown and seconded by David Hutchinson. There remained one vacancy for Churchwarden

**Trendlewood Church, Nailsea**  
**Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Present**

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**Apologies** Andrew Slade, Ceri Manton and Dave Manton

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Apologies were received from Dave Manton, Ceri Manton and Andrew Slade.

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

None.

4. **Electoral Roll report – Simon Cross**

There were 52 people in the electoral roll.

5. **Proceedings of the Church Council and activities of the Church – Ceri Manton**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

6. **Financial Report – Sharon Brown**

Sharon introduced the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. She reminded those present that a QR code was available each Sunday to make a one-off donation online.

Morey thanked those present for their generosity. Sharon proposed and George Spencer seconded the accounts

Jenny Holmes was proposed as Independent Examiner, seconded by George Spencer and duly agreed by the meeting.

7. **Fabric Goods and Ornaments – Lindsey Hutchinson**

Lindsey reported that as we do not have a building all our property is listed in the Terrier. This was available to be viewed. Lindsey thanked Golden Valley for their welcome and allowing us to store items at the School. The rental agreement at the School was up for review in September 2022. Lindsay thanked Mike and Barbara for their care of the Communion Vessels, and thanked Mike Bird, Toby Austin and Mark Austin for their help in recording services to be shown online. Martin Davies advised those present that the services are still recorded but audio only.

8. **Deanery Synod**

Report was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions. Those present thanked Wendy Furneaux for her service.

Edward Sheffield was proposed by Lindsey Hutchinson and seconded by David Hutchinson as Deanery Synod Representative. Agreed by those present.

9. **Safeguarding – Ruth Sheffield**

Ruth reminded those present that training was available online for all Church members as we continue to hold Safeguarding as a whole church responsibility.

10. **Appointments and Elections**

Mark Austin, Pauline Davies and Andrew Slade had reached the end of their term of office and were not seeking re-election. Those present thanked them for their service. Two members were standing for election

Toby Austin, proposed Teena Cross and seconded Liz Tilley

Simon Cross, proposed David Hutchinson and seconded Rosemary Lea Wilson

This was agreed and they were duly elected.

**Appointment of Duty Wardens**

Morey thanked George Spencer for his service and gave him a gift as appreciation for his long service.

Duty Wardens were named as Ann Ray-Rowley, Ed Sheffield, Lindsey Hutchinson, David Hutchinson and elected en bloc. Mark and Sarah were noted as keyholders for Golden Valley School.

**11. Vicar's Reflections**

Morey gave thanks to David and Michelle for their service over the past few years who will be leaving us this summer. He asked for prayer for what is God asking of us as we move through this year. We are the shape that God has called us to be right here and we might need some flexibility as we go through this year. If gaps on the rota are not filled, this might be something to accommodate and be flexible as we look to the Lord to grow this Church in this place.

Ruth reminded those present that cakes were available to give to those who have moved into the area and suggested that we might.

In response to a question from Caroline Mason, Morey answered that his greatest joy was the people he has meet who have been supportive and the area which he has enjoyed running in. His biggest challenge is time.

Michelle thanked those present for supporting her ministry and asked for prayer for her next steps and for her family in the next few months, and reminded those present of the mission of the Church of England to live Humbler Simpler, Bolder lives.

# Church Council Annual Report of Church Activities 2022

The Charities Act 2011

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Church Council (CC) for Trendlewood Church, for the year ended 31st December 2020. Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

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## Day to Day Management

The Vicar and Church Council manage the ministry and mission of the church.

**Church Council members who have served from April 2021 until this report's approval date:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	
<b>Incumbent</b>	Rev'd Morey Andrews	Chair	
<b>Curate</b>	Rev'd Sarah Sanderson from September 2022		
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Lindsay Hutchinson (ex-officio by virtue of being a Churchwarden)		
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Edward Sheffield		Until 2025
	Karan Price		Until 2023
<b>Elected Members</b>			
	Ceri Manton	Secretary	Until 2024
	Simon Cross		Until 2025
	Sharon Brown	Treasurer	Until 2024
	Toby Austin		Until 2025
<b>Reader</b>	Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)		
<b>Reader</b>	Sylvia Phillips (chooses not to attend)		

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The CC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure of 1956. In accordance with the Charities Act of 2006, the CC has registered with the Charity Commission as an independent charity under the legal name of Trendlewood Church, Registration Number 1170989.

It is the primary duty of the Church Council to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the conventional district the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

**Appointment of CC members**

Members of the CC are either ex-officio, elected or appointed by the Annual Meeting, or co-opted by the CC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

**Recruitment, induction and training of CC members**

Prior to the Annual Meeting the congregations are informed of the forthcoming elections to CC and Deanery Synod. People are encouraged to stand for election and/or nominate others. The Congregation is informed of resulting appointments and the new members are prayed for publicly and offered the opportunity to attend an induction session. Ongoing training is offered for all members of the CC, particularly in areas of special interest such as finance and child protection. We avail ourselves of training offered through the Diocese and the School of Formation.

**Health and safety, disability, discrimination, safeguarding**

The CC has ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the conventional district, including finance risk management, approval of individuals for authorised ministry and such matters as compliance with Health and Safety, Disability Discrimination Legislation, Safeguarding and Data Protection. Therefore, the CC avails itself of training as and when provided by the Diocese.

## Minister's report 2022

### Matthew 28:18-20

*<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

As we look backwards and then forwards on our life as Trendlewood Church – this is exactly what Jesus was doing as he offered his great commission. It offers us encouragement and challenge, but it sets the priority of Jesus at the centre of what the followers of the way should be. As we read these reports, they are more than words, they are the life of who we are – lets thank God for his goodness and pray for each other as we seek to serve Him.

January 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 I was licensed as Minister of Trendlewood Church. I was fortunate that I had had the opportunity of getting to know a few people before taking on this role and working alongside Steve as he came to retirement.



It has been wonderful getting to know folks and I am excited as to where God may be taking us.

Over the year we have been seeking God in searching for the vision; this included a PCC away morning, church engagement and continued prayer.

Please do keep this “working” vision document to hand as we move forwards.

We have worked our way through the book of 1 John with Love at the heart and looked at the need of deepening prayer – seeking God – looking back and moving forward

We celebrate all we have done.

### A year of comings and goings

Saying goodbye to Steve and Liz early January.

Saying goodbye to David Smith (our student from Trinity) in June

Saying goodbye to Michelle in June

Saying hello to Sarah and her family in September 2022



Colleen Fleming, a committed member, also left the Church and area during the year to move in with her son and family so they could offer her closer support.



All we do is only possible by the hard work of all of us together. I know it is not always wise to mention folks by name but there are a few who have been a blessing this past year and I want to say THANK YOU.

To Lindsay as our church warden keeping us on track.

To Sharon our treasurer who enables us to keep paying the bills

To our team of preacher sand leaders that enable Sundays.

To Ceri who keeps the TWCC on track.

To Fiona who provided creativity for the weekly news and space for myself.

To everyone who serves in any way duty wardens, communion set up, prayer ministry, musicians, technical team and to our coffee-making team who provide refreshments after our Services.

I will have missed people out but please hear my heartfelt thank you.

Morey

## **CURATE'S REPORT**

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received and the blessing it is to work with you serving this community. I have been so encouraged by the events that we have done – the star event and the great Eggscape – not only from the community who have come but also the number of you who have come to serve and be a witness of Jesus' love. It has been a joy to be with you, when I can, on Sunday mornings, to pray on Wednesday mornings and other prayer meetings. It has been fun to do alternative Sunday mornings for example our prayer walk which was mainly greeted by you with interest and a willingness to try it out! Thank you for allowing me to pursue the idea of holding a weekly junior parkrun in the field next to the school. It is a long process but it is still on the cards! Do continue to pray that if it is right God opens doors and for what our involvement as a church might be.

Thank you again for being a community willing to try things out and engage with the new. I am excited to see what God does in the next year.

Blessings,  
Sarah

## **MUSIC GROUP**

It continues to be a privilege for the group to lead sung worship on a Sunday morning.

As social distancing rules relaxed it made it easier for us as a group.

The number of people in the group remains low, partly because other musicians are filling gaps elsewhere on the rota.

Towards the end of 2022 we had a few Sundays where we trialed backing tracks to play along to. For each song this gives us the option to fade out the recording of instruments which we have available, while keeping the sound track of instruments we don't have, hence giving us a fuller sound. We hope to be able to explore this further in 2023.

Thank you to everyone who is part of the music group.

We are very grateful to the sound team and laptop operator who support us each week.

If you are interested in joining the group then please speak to Sarah.

**Sarah**



## Home Group Report

Our church small groups have been meeting regularly for some years with a new one having started, led by Lindsay, that has been taking shape though the year.

Our leaders, Mike and Barbara, Pauline and Martin, Derek and Elaine and Lindsay have been faithful in their serving this ministry and meet with Morey and Gillian about three times a year for encouragement and equipping. Our thanks go to our leaders for this ministry.

The groups meet to primarily encourage growth in our discipleship.

The purpose of small groups is to help members of our church to concentrate on what Christianity is really about. God doesn't call us to follow him on our own, but to join with other Christians to worship him and to learn; to love and support each other, and to invite others to know him personally - the small groups are encouraged to shape themselves around these five values:

- A - All involved
- B - Becoming disciples
- C - Creating community
- D - Doing evangelism
- E - Encountering God

To help small Groups do this, every meeting could follow the pattern of the four W's:

Welcome,  
Worship,  
Word and  
Witness.

They provide a framework for support and fellowship.

The Bible studies are based primarily on the week's sermons; with questions supplied by the preacher of that week; topics have included Prayer, studying the New Testament book, 1 John and other specials through the year. These meetings are intermingled with social events.

It is true to say that growing churches are those with healthy growing small groups and if you are not a part of one then please do speak to me. We would love you to join.

Morey

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

As a church we do not have children of groups age attending church on a regular basis. We now have an activity table at the back of church here there are resources for children aged 0 to 11.

We would welcome any suggestions how to encourage more families to join Trendlewood. As a children's and family's team we ran a very successful "follow the star event" the Wednesday before Christmas which was well attended. Our plans are to run an event each term.

Ruth



## MISSION PARTNERS

### Mercy Ships



### Representatives Ed & Ruth Sheffield – 2022 report:



*Africa Mercy*



*Global Mercy*

*Mercy Ships* is an international charity that delivers surgical and dental care using hospital ships to those who cannot afford it, or the surgery they need is not available in West Africa. *Mercy Ships* also provides long-term resources and sustainable development. Surgery performed on board includes orthopaedic procedures, cleft lip and palate repairs, thyroid and head and neck tumour removal. Dental patients are treated, and local medical personnel trained. Eye surgery such as cataract treatment is performed.

Conditions requiring surgical treatment kill more people in [low-income countries](#) than HIV/Aids, TB and malaria combined. Globally, five billion people have no access to safe, affordable surgery when they need it.

In sub-Saharan Africa, up to 69% of people live on less than £2 a day. Healthcare in these countries either doesn't exist or is unaffordable to the vast majority of the population.

As well as completing thousands of urgent operations onboard our floating hospitals, the *Africa Mercy* and the *Global Mercy*, *Mercy Ships* volunteers also work closely with host nations to improve the way healthcare is delivered across the country, by [training and mentoring](#) local medical staff, and [renovating hospitals](#) and clinics.

Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, *Mercy Ships* has worked in more than 55 countries, providing services valued at more than £1.3 billion. By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, *Mercy Ships* is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job. *Mercy Ships* follows the model of Jesus by “bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor”, helping people of all faiths and none.

Among the countries *Mercy Ships* serves, which lie on the lower third of the World Health Organisation’s Human Development Index, access to safe, affordable and timely surgery is extremely limited. As a result, countless people suffer and die from “diseases of poverty” that can easily be cured.

*Mercy Ships* delivers a customised five-year partnership model with every country it is invited to support. Relationships are built with the national government and ministry of health, so that the needs of each country are met.

In this way, Mercy Ships doesn't just address the immediate need on the ground, but also works to strengthen the country's healthcare systems and drive policy change. The aim is to tackle the root causes of the problems rather than just the consequences.

Ed and Ruth Sheffield help with the provision of a pathology service on the ship, Ed being a pathologist.

Previously they traveled once or twice a year to the ship to work, but now much of the work is done from the UK using an internet-based remote diagnostic system on board the ships.

It is the first time since 2008 that we can say that 'Mercy Ships' is truly 'Mercy Ships' as the new ship *Global Mercy* has now joined the *Africa Mercy* in providing healthcare services to the poor. This new ship is twice the size of the *Africa Mercy* and has been built as a hospital ship from the start rather than being a converted ferry like the *Africa Mercy*. The remarkable thing is that when the new ship was launched it had already been fully paid for.

The *Africa Mercy* has been in Senegal, West Africa since January 2022 and at half-capacity already 200 crew are on board and providing medical services in the port of Dakar. COVID had delayed the start of field service. After November 2022 the *Africa Mercy* sailed to Durban, South Africa for dry-dock maintenance.

The new hospital ship *Global Mercy* sailed to be fitted-out in Tenerife and then met with the *Africa Mercy* in Senegal in May for a joint 'Africa Celebration' and training. The *Global Mercy* then sailed back to Tenerife to continue fitting of medical equipment, ready to start field service in early 2023.

When the older hospital ship *Africa Mercy* finishes work in Senegal, West Africa, she will then sail to Durban, South Africa to have major refitting to prepare for the next outreach.

With all that coming-and-going, the greatest need is for crew to staff both ships. Please spread the word; it's not just medical staff that are needed, but all sorts of roles are required to run both the hospital ships.

Below are a few slides to illustrate some of the points for prayer and praise from 2022 and a summary of the work done in Senegal by the *Africa Mercy*.

## AFRICA MERCY UPDATE PRAISE & PRAYER

### Praise

- The last few months of fellowship and work alongside the GLM
- The safe arrival of the GLM in Dakar
- Our fabulous IS teams who worked so hard over the last month

### Prayer

- For our safety during the sail
- For Christ's light to shine to all members of the crew
- For our distributed teams who are working hard for the AFM across time zones and locations
- Creating the right connections with people in Durban for mission and ministry opportunities





## Prayer and Praise Points

### Answered prayers/ Praise

- For a smooth sail with no COVID, minimum seasickness and accident free .
- Good community events
- Shore leave granted

### Praying for

- An accident-free ship and crew safety around Durban
- To find time to rest (the crew is exhausted after a long sail and trying to align with project work)
- Good communication and relationships between the crew-contractors-project team, the local office and the people of Durban
- Continuing to bring hope and spiritual healing to the people we meet here in Durban
- For the AFM leadership and wisdom



### SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY AFRICA MERCY



## Direct Medical Services



597 Admissions

845 Operating Room visits

Maxillofacial/Head/Neck

General, Pediatric General

Reconstructive Plastics

Orthopedic, Ophthalmology

**Across Senegal and The Gambia**

Please visit: [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk) for the full list of current positions available.


The Mercy Ships organisation is dependent on donations to function, and I know that they really appreciate and are very thankful for the support given from the many donors around the world like Trendlewood Church.




## ZUIA TRAFFICKING TANZANIA ACTIVITIES REPORT – Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo

### First Quarter (Jan-March 2022)

Date	Location	Beneficiaries	Activity and achievement
8/2-1/3 2022	Kimambira Primary School Mvomero, Morogoro 	43 students	Four two hour sessions of teaching on physical and social development that occurs throughout puberty at Kimambira Primary School. Class Six and Class Seven were divided into same sex groups and taught.  They now know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- physical development of their own sex in great detail</li> <li>- an overview of the physical development of the opposite sex</li> <li>- what changes occur in their emotions</li> <li>- what can help them handle the emotional changes</li> <li>- how to respect the opposite sex and elders</li> <li>- how to respect yourself</li> <li>- how to maintain hygiene</li> <li>- sex education and the negative consequences of early sexual activity</li> <li>- taught how to wash their underwear</li> <li>- taught how to make reusable sanitary pad linings</li> </ul> Our program enabled girls and boys to ask sensitive and important questions in a safe environment about sex, abuse and puberty.

### Second Quarter (April-June 2022)

Date	Location	Beneficiaries	Activity
14/4-2/12	Lukobe Primary School 	100-150	Building two classrooms in partnership with the parents and government. The parents have been contributing bricks to build more classrooms, we boosted their initiative and contributed a few extra bricks, cement, sand, water and labour costs to build the classrooms up to the lintel beam. From the lintel beam the government will roof, floor and finish off the classrooms. The average is 100-150 students in one class.

<p>11-15 April</p>	<p>YWAM Arusha, Discipleship Training School</p> 	<p>18 Female 20 Male 38 TOTAL</p>	<p>Teaching on the following subjects: Healthy relationship with self, family, friends, enemies, romantic (singleness, courtship, marriage, sex, divorce) group discussion one to one counselling</p> <p>The delegates gained greater understanding of the significance of our relationship with ourselves, and how it influences in our life and all other relationships. They were championed to accept themselves not to remain with inferiority or unhealthy over confidence. They learned about the purpose and characteristics of different kinds of relationships and how our development affects these and different stages of life. Group workshops and teaching on how to nurture and maintain healthy relationships and how to respond to unhealthiness in our relationships.</p>
<p>5/5</p>	<p>Child Protection Seminar</p>		<p>We attended an AIM Child Protection seminar, it was a good opportunity to network, team build and invest in our ministry.</p>
<p>21/5/2 2</p>	<p>Bonde la Baraka Church Seminar</p> 	<p>28 Female 25 Male 53 TOTAL  (University Students)</p>	<p>Teaching on the purpose of sex, teaching on pornography and masturbation and its effects. The students gained a clear understanding of how porn misrepresents sex. The male and female body have negative consequences on individual's self-esteem, sexuality and it promotes violence, rape, racism, sexism, abuse and incest, human trafficking. They also understood what can help them recover from a porn and sexual addiction. They learned that masturbation trains the brain that sexual pleasure is only about one person and this can make it hard to please or be pleased when in a sexual relationship with another person.</p>
<p>9/6</p>	<p>Morogoro Africa Day Celebration</p> 		<p>We joined the local government and local NGO's in celebrating African Children. Great opportunity to network and contribute to the towns movement in protecting children and creating awareness of abuse.</p>



14/6			We purchased a piece of land to build an office, training and counselling facilities!
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Third Quarter (July- September 2022)

Date	Location	Beneficiaries	Activity
27 Sept 2022	Lukobe Primary School  Lukobe, Morogoro	53 students (randomly selected)	Basic introduction to human trafficking, how it functions (recruitment/transport/harboursing/ exploitation) and what can be done to prevent it.
21 Sept 2022	Zoe.FM Radio Stationer  Morogoro	Listeners within Morogoro Region (unable to attain exact figure)	Basic introduction to human trafficking, how it functions (recruitment/transport/harboursing/ exploitation) and what can be done to prevent it.
July-Sept	UK		Reconnecting with individual partners and partnering churches and building the network for Zuia and the Ayo family. Sharing and teaching at Trendlewood, Holy Trinity, St Marys (Knowsley), Network church (St. Albans) and West Kilbride Parish Church (West Kilbride)

Date	Location	Beneficiaries	Activity and Achievement
24-28 Oct 2022	YWAM Arusha, Arusha	19 youths	Relationship/Abuse/Safeguarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a persons identity and self worth,</li> <li>• characteristics of healthy family relationships (parent to child and in marriage),</li> </ul>

Fourth Quarter (October- December 2022)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the importance of talking to children about life lessons and changes in puberty as a form of safeguarding,</li> <li>• abuse (how our experience and traditions can create the opportunity for abuse), safeguarding,</li> <li>• sexual development,</li> <li>• healthy communication,</li> <li>• healthy discipline and conflict resolution.</li> </ul> <p>One to one counselling- individuals who shared with us, it was their first time to share their stories of abuse or challenging relational matters. Being listened, affirmed and encouraged was a part of their healing and gave them strength and comfort to carry on.</p>
8 Nov- 5 Dec 2022	<p>Lukobe Primary School, Lukobe, Morogoro</p> 	15 teachers	<p>Teaching the following modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human trafficking</li> <li>• abuse</li> <li>• how to talk to children about development</li> <li>• safeguarding</li> <li>• Law of the Child Tanzania</li> <li>• healthy discipline</li> </ul>
16 Dec 2022	Dumila, Morogoro	250 youth	<p>Teaching an introduction to Human Trafficking. What it is and how to prevent it. We cultivated interest and understanding about the new concept of human trafficking. People responded well and were interested.</p> <p>The participants gained the knowledge of what they can do to protect themselves and others as we taught how it is done and what signs to look out off and how to prevent it.</p>
21-22 Dec	Kihonda, Morogoro	85	<p>The youth understood the definition of human trafficking, how it was done, and for what purpose,</p>

<p>2022</p>		<p>what makes someone vulnerable, how to protect self and others from traffickers. We taught this to the entire group on the first day.</p> <p>The second day we divided the group into two groups according to their age 9-14 and 15 and above.</p> <p>Aged 9-14yrs</p> <p>Puberty- physical, mental, emotional, social and character changes that occur and how to respond to the challenges of this time in a helpful way. Healthy relationships- focusing on having friends and how to interact with the opposite sex in a healthy and respectful way. The importance of respecting self. How to respond to sexual development that doesn't put self or ones future at risk. Abuse- definitions of abuse, signs and symptoms, safeguarding measures (how to protect self and others and who to go to if you need help)</p> <p>Setting goals- what is a goal, why have goals, how to set and readjust goals.</p> <p>Aged 15 and above</p> <p>Healthy relationships- focusing on having friends and how to interact with the opposite sex in a healthy and respectful way. The importance of respecting self. How to respond to sexual development that doesn't put self or ones future at risk. What to look for in a future husband or wife, having a goal helps avoid unhealthy and premature relationships.</p> <p>Abuse- definitions of abuse, signs and symptoms, safeguarding measures (how to protect self and others and who to go to if you need help)</p> <p>Setting goals- what is a goal, why have goals, how to set and readjust goals.</p>
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Zuia Prayer-

Good communication between the land offices in Morogoro and Dodoma as our title deed is processed.

For volunteers.

Continued favour and welcome in the community.

Building a healthy leadership team.

Ayo Jenga - the business is going well. We were amazed at our first year making £5,440 profit. We were thrilled to be able to give to Zuia £544. Last year it provided us with an extra income of £240 per month and this year we have been able to increase that to £300. This is a massive help and will pay for over half of the children's school fees in the next academic year. We have a part time worker to help with accounts.

Prayer - Customers for Ayo Jenga and for building of our team. We would like to increase our online presence.

Family - we have seen a shift with the children and sense a corner has been turned in their transition from their old school and Jovan now starting 3 days a week. They are all enjoying school more and after Easter Nora and Alfie will join the school swim team. On a recent teaching trip to Arusha we were able to see Margi and her new family. It was lovely to meet our granddaughter and have time with Margi, who we haven't seen since last July.

Prayer - Elifadhili and me as we continually navigate doing everything together, family, Zuia and Ayo Jenga. Wisdom in our parenting.

## **Hope for Life Katanga – Mark Walters**

Hope for Life Katanga is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year working in Katanga, Uganda, following initial financial support from Holy Trinity and Trendlewood Church in 2011. In the past decade we have provided opportunities in education and vocational training to children, young adults and parents, so that they may be able to generate an income to escape the generational cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient. We currently work with over 100 individuals who have made tangible progress towards self-sufficiency. In the last 5 years, 27 students have graduated vocational training and are now generating an increased income as a result of scholarships we provide. Another 16 will graduate at the end of 2022. We continue to follow the progress of each individual to ensure they are in work and earning a sufficient wage at least one year after their graduation.

Covid has been tough for most of the families we work with (and our staff) but thankfully, with the country's restrictions dropped fully in Jan 22, we are back to normal, providing opportunities that make profound differences in the lives of families in Uganda. Despite this, inflation in Uganda (and UK), as a result of Covid, the war in Ukraine (and the value of pound), has significantly impacted families in Uganda (and us as a charity). The support of Trendlewood Church over the years and to come means so much to Hope for Life Katanga and those we work with. Thank you.

### **Update from Francis**

#### Hope for Life Update

Our sponsored children have continued doing well in schools, they have completed the first term and are currently in school holidays.

It was too sunny in Uganda a month ago, at the moment it's raining almost every day, which helps people to grow more food since some of the families we support do subsistence farming.

Despite the school fees being hiked, due to the economic crisis, all our sponsored children have remained in their respective schools and their parents have been really good with topping up on school fees where needed.

In 2022 we graduated 15 young girls who were sponsored in different vocational schools and doing different trainings and we're so happy for that achievement.

Four of our staff team have attended different Trainings this year, in order to improve our support of families. Brenda and Molly training in project management and Joshua and I attended a training in Corporate Governance.

### **Story Highlight**

Justine has not only transformed her life, but she also employs two other young ladies in her salon whose lives have also been improved because of the opportunity to earn a living.

## West End Impact

West End Impact (WEI) is a registered charity managed by Christians from Morecambe Community Church & other local Churches. West End ward in Morecambe is one of the poorest in the country with residents facing many issues. Founders, Michael and Tracy Kohl, with their team, help people in need, giving advice and guidance and support through our various projects and services. They are also leaders of Morecambe Community Church which meets in the same building as West End Impact.

## Relationship with Trendlewood Church

Trendlewood Church became aware of West End Impact when Jono Peatman, was our Worship Intern for a year. Members of the church have been to support the work in Morecambe, and founders, Michael and Tracy Kohl have visited, most recently in 2022. We were one of their 20 for 20 organisations, receiving a thank you cake for our support on their 20th birthday celebrations. Fiona A is link for Trendlewood Church and receives regular mailings, as well as keeping in touch with Tracy and Michl. We regularly pray for them in our weekly email and in our services.

## What our money supports

Michl writes

“Our funding strategy is to eventually reach 1/3 funding, 1/3 generated income and 1/3 donations. In reality we're not quite there yet, the majority of our income still comes from funding applications. These are time consuming (we apply for several, get some, but most respond with 'sadly because of the volume of applications....') and they are very specific what the money can be used for. Donations, like Trendlewood's regular donation, are an absolute life-line for us. They help us pay for things that aren't visible enough for funders to support - like electricity, insurance, consumables like toilet roll etc. Of course these are absolutely essential, without them we couldn't function - what use is a fully stocked food bank in a dark and freezing building, you can't open, because it's not insured!

So a massive thank you for your continued support. You play a vital role in the overall impact of Impact. I've therefore also attached our overall stats and figures, I hope they make sense. Just to highlight one item: We used to support around 550 individuals per year, which remained a fairly steady number for many years. In October alone we worked with 300! We have a bigger team than we used to have, but it still means we are very stretched on all fronts.

West End Impact	1 Apr 2022	2 May 2022	1 Jun 2022	1 Jul 2022	1 Aug 2022	1 Sep 2022	1 Oct 2022
Monthly report detailing:							
o number of referrals received,	65	63	121	82	73	153	205
<i>word of mouth</i>	60	61	98	66	70	133	171
CA	1	2	5	2	0	0	1
NHS	2	0	4	2	0	5	5
Drop in	2	0		0	0	0	0
inspire				1	0	0	0
self referral			14	9	3	15	27
calico				1	0	0	0
Mental health team (start)				1	0	0	1
council			2				
o number of service users being supported	108	228	242	173	152	351	302
general	71	252	375	205	263	399	438
Used phone, Food Parcel, Gas or Electric Top Up, Information given							
ternal visit, Research, Made Doc Appointment, Volunteer Opport offered, Form Filling							
intense	39	43	124	81	75	104	115
Phone Call, Housing, Benefit Advice, Emotional Support, Emotional Support (LLtF), Person centred counselling							

Thank you once again for your support, prayers and financial contributions.”  
Fiona



## **CAP – CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY**

Trendlewood Church continues to support Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as part of its regular giving. It is a charity that offers free debt counselling to clients (and their families) as they journey from severe debt to being solvent. The CAP Debt Centre is based in Portishead and supports the Portishead, Nailsea and Clevedon area.

As a church we regularly pray for Ann Tarr the debt centre manager as she visits and takes clients through their journey out of debt. Ann is supported by a network of befrienders who walk alongside each client on this journey.

Covid and the cost of living crisis made 2022 an exceptionally challenging year for CAP at national level. During the year fundraising and donation levels struggled and their income was £1 million below expected. A review carried out in light of the current economic climate decided that expenditure over the next five years needed to be reduced by around 15%. They are reducing non-payroll costs across the organisation but also had to significantly reduce the number of staff employed by CAP HQ.

At a local level the debt centre has now been going for 5 years. Ann has continued to raise the debt centre profile and has appeared on ITV local evening news and has been interviewed on Radio Bristol. She also did a fundraising cycle ride across England from the Kent coast to Burnham – 205 miles raising £1,660 for the debt centre.

We have had a good level of referrals from different agencies including Foodbank, Social Services, Social Prescribers, the Job Centre and national advertising.

CAP HQ has informed us that the debt centre has a case load above the national average. We had 21 new clients in 2022 plus a number of referrals for debt and money help which did not turn into full cases.

CAP accepts clients which other agencies refuse. We see people face to face rather than over the phone. We offer far more support than other agencies. This means that we have more clients with complex issues which is a challenge.

Please continue to pray for new clients being referred to the Debt Centre, for those deciding to or working their way through the process. Also, for CAP HQ, Ann and her team of befrienders who work with these clients and that all clients will see God's love in all that they do.

Mark Rowley

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

Jeremiah 29:11-12

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

The Pastoral Group has met regularly, praying for our people and their needs. The Group has been mindful of practical needs too. We also seek to reach our community and care with the love of Jesus in both word and deed. This focus on the people of Trendlewood and those known to us is an integral part of our pastoral work.

Karan

## Evangelism / Outreach Report

Our desire is to make Jesus known in our community and there are many ways this can be done.

We as a church have been looking at what God does require of us, right here, right now and looking at opportunities that may do that.

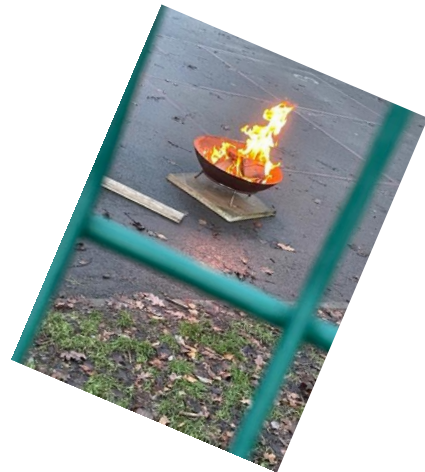
This year we have been supporting Karan with the “film club” initiative, in conjunction with Christ Church and are pleased at how this has been developing.

We are very fortunate that we are based at Golden Valley School and have the opportunity to get involved in various school initiatives, whether it is providing crepes (thank you Sarah and team) or taking assemblies and lessons in class. We pray this continues under the new headship.

We also held our new Christmas event inviting folks in and telling them the story of Christmas by following the Star! This was a great success and provided a bedrock for new future initiatives.

Morey has led an exploring Christianity course called “the start course” and plans to continue to do this in the future.

We also support town wide initiatives including the connect project; CAP; the town centre chaplains and the food bank and of course the “skatefest”, with Phil Williams at the helm! Alongside this we get to minister with the Christians Together in Nailsea and District as we support the Good Friday act of Witness and the “Son-rise” service at Backwell Lake on Easter Day.



Looking forward, we will continue our prayer walks to discern what the Lord is saying; we will engage with the new folks moving into the area, especially the new build at the end of Trendlewood Way. Please do let us know if you notice new folks – so we can provide the cakes and welcome we are known for.

We also will have the opportunity this year to engage with the “beer and cider festival” again and of course “the Trendlewood Festival”. Please see information as it comes out this year as to how to be involved.

We are also exploring opportunities for Junior Parkrun as a means of blessing and getting to know others in our area.

As I said, we want to make Jesus known and please keep praying for those opportunities. In Acts 2 we are shown that a faithful church is one that others are drawn to; along-side this a prayer I pray each day is this - **“Who do you want me to speak to / share God’s love with today”** and **“Actively - lead me to the lost who are ready to be found.”**

### Morey

### Film Club

In October 2022 Trendlewood and Christ Church joined to launch First Wednesday Films as an outreach project. The films offer a free and fun social activity one afternoon each month. There

was a gap in the provision of daytime activity of this nature. This is now a welcoming group of people, and the tea/coffee time afterwards gives everyone the chance to get to know each other and make new friends.

Karan

### Crepe Stall

Having made contact with GVSA (Golden Valley School Association) at the TWCF (Trendlewood Community Festival) church members have been able to make crepes at both the Car Boot Sale and the Christmas Fair at Golden Valley School. We have been able to come under the church's insurance for these events.

As a church we have paid for the ingredients and all money taken has gone to the school. Having the church banner at the back of the gazebo has made us very visible as a church. This looks like becoming a regular way to support the school.

If you are interested in helping (you don't have to cook crepes) please speak to Sarah.

Pauline and Sarah



## SOCIAL TEAM

Although things were gradually opening up in 2022 after the worst of Covid a lot of people were still very wary of large events and a lot of people were catching the virus in the first few months of the year. So there were fewer of the usual social events.

Teaming up with the after church coffee team, we organised cakes, biscuits and fruit kebabs for Morey's licensing in January, when we welcomed his friends, family and some people from Wraxall and Failand churches. We also supported them in September when Elsie, James and Alice's daughter, was baptised. Both were good advertisements for Trendlewood as a welcoming church.

In June we said goodbye to Michelle and held our first shared lunch for 3 years. As usual people provided a wonderful spread which was enjoyed by about 25 people.

Finally in December we held our regular Christmas social at the Trinity Centre for the first time since 2019, when 30 people came together for a meal.

In 2023 we're planning for more regular social events.

The social team would like to thank all the people who have helped to make things, serve, set up or clear up at these events as we couldn't do it without you.

If anyone would like to join the planning team, please speak to one of us.

Pauline Davis, Sarah Bird



## FINANCIAL REPORT

We all know that 2022 brought challenges to many. During a time of financial hardship you have continued to give faithfully and generously to support the work of Trendlewood Church, its Mission Partners, and various Outreach projects.

The decline in income that we saw in 2021 has continued throughout 2022. From January to December our income fell by more than 20% per month, primarily because of people moving away from the area and, in a few cases, choosing to worship elsewhere. This is the second year in our independent history when we have not carried forward an operating surplus. We have adequate reserves to finance the work of Trendlewood Church. However, repeated annual operating deficits will eat into these reserves limiting the scope for future growth projects.

Our Parish Share still represents a huge amount of our expenditure. In 2022 we paid approximately 70% of our total income to the Diocese. We paid the sum requested by them, which was still based on 2019 regular worshipper numbers. As mentioned last year, this number does not reflect our export of a significant number of people to Andy's. Had we adjusted our giving to reflect these reduced numbers we would have paid approximately 54% of our gross income to the Diocese. Trendlewood has always aimed to pay over and above the amount requested to reflect the generosity of our congregation and our belief in supporting the work of the wider church. However, in early 2022, we wrote to the Diocese to inform them that we couldn't continue to overpay to this extent in future years.

We are committed to donating a minimum of 10% of our gross income to our Mission Partners and continued to do so in 2022. We have kept 2023 support at the same level as 2022. Due to the falling income mentioned above, we've notified our partners to expect a reduction in support in 2024. We also supported some local Outreach projects such as CAP, Connect, CTINAD.

Our overheads and related expenses actually fell slightly in 2022. It's not clear yet how inflation might impact our expenses in 2023.

- Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £58,259, including gift aid reclaimed.
- Total expenses came to £60,832.
- The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £42,416. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs, such as housing, of clergy.
- We allocate 10% of giving to Mission Support and in 2021 gave £6,338 to our Mission Partners.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is our policy to maintain reserves of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £8,189 based on 2022 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £76,621 which equates to 65 weeks of operating expenses, which is well over our target for reserves.

Sharon Brown  
Treasurer

### **WARDEN'S REPORT including Fabric, Goods, Ornaments and School**

As always, I'd like to start by thanking Golden Valley School for letting us meet in their building and also providing us with storage space to house a lot of our set-up equipment. It continues to be much appreciated and we are grateful for the good relationship we have with the School. During 2021 we met on-line some of the time but come 2022 we were again able to meet back in the School, with regular risk assessments based on COVID guidance from the Diocese. Trying to accommodate people's concerns with keeping people safe was often a difficult balancing act but we did our best and continue to do so.

In August 2022 our letting agreement expired and a new three year term was entered into by the TWCC on your behalf. This will take us to August 2025. Because the Church generously decided to continue paying rent in 2021, whilst not using the premises, the School responded in kind by not upping our rent in 2022, although the school remains able to trigger rent reviews on every annual anniversary of this new agreement if they so wish. This clause was in the previous agreement but never activated – we will see.

As some of you may be aware, Steve and Liz moved out of the Rectory last October and the Diocese decided to sell it. Within a week of it going on the market a sale was agreed. However, the Diocese has kept the house in Briars Close, which our new curate, Sarah, and her family moved into towards the end of August. We are grateful to God for this provision. Moving on - in November the Church donated £50 towards the Golden Valley Christmas Tree and at the School's Christmas Fayre Sarah with the help of Church volunteers ran a Crepes

Stall, which was very popular - so much so that she has been asked to run it again for school events in 2023.

Moving on – last year as a COVID safety measure we purchased individual small communion cups, two cup trays with filler bottles and continue to be grateful to Mike & Barbara for looking after these, together with our other Communion items. The Church boxes containing Children's craft materials and Coffee resources continue to be stored by Pauline and Sharon, respectively, and Mark has the TW Festival boxes. We are grateful to them for continuing to do this for the Church.

In 2022 to streamline the after-Church coffee process Sharon sourced a coffee filter machine which she has now kindly donated to the Church. I want to thank Sharon for this. The Terrier has been updated with this item, together with the two communion trays, small cups and pourer purchased in 2022. However, due to the Terrier's huge size it's impractical to send this out via email so should anyone want to view it I'd be happy to arrange that. Just let me know.

Finally as we look into 2023 – as you are aware the music group has started to use backing tracks to enhance our worship music. My thanks to Mark, Sarah and Mike for the huge amount of work they have put into researching and making the tracks compatible with our existing equipment and where necessary, sourcing new Tech items. I expect the fabric report for 2023 to contain some further additions in this department. Watch this space!

Lindsay Hutchinson

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Trendlewood Church Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

TWCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. There have been no disclosures or concerns raised.

Children's groups have not run during this year.

Ceri Manton has taken on the administration for DBS checking.

The process for renewing DBS checks is ongoing.

Safeguarding training by all those who need to do so has taken place mostly online with only the leadership module being done face to face.

The diocese has a very good website and online training.

As a parish we use the safeguarding dashboard, which prompts us with reviews of policies. There are 3 levels of this and as a church ours is now at level 3, this means we have kept up to date with all the policies and checks.

We now have access to the safeguarding hub which has made the task of keeping up to date with checks and training much easier.

Ruth

## DEANERY REPORT

### Portishead Deanery 2022

We met four times as a Deanery this year; as usual, two of the meetings (June & November) were deanery-wide meetings which anyone could attend while the March & September meetings were full Synods.

**March** – We met at Holy Trinity Nailsea and the main item was a presentation by Charlie Peer, the Diocesan Head of Mission Support & Ministry Development, on Enabling Ministries This was followed by a lively discussion in breakout groups and then a plenary. We also said goodbye to our Deanery Youth Worker, Neil Wylie, who had been in post since 2008.

**June** – The venue for this meeting was St Andrew, Backwell and the subject for our June Deanery-wide meeting was Exploring your Calling when our main speaker was Helen Weld, the Diocesan Vocations Adviser, and we also heard from a local panel of people who spoke of their experience of God calling them.

Also in June, Astrid Tiesema-Samsom and Rob Eastwood Dewing were commissioned as Co-Area Deans and Rob Norman was commissioned as Lay Dean, forming the Deanery Leadership Team.

**September** – We held our September Synod meeting at Walton St Mary Church Hall where we divided up into groups to look at a new Deanery plan to replace the one agreed by Synod in 2017. We also heard a presentation from Suzy Kirkham on the Good Grief Project and the Memory Project, both of which had been part-funded from the Deanery Mission Fund. We also commissioned Sharon Matthews as a Lay Pioneer.

**November** – The November Deanery-wide meeting had the slightly provocative title of What has Bath & Wells Diocese ever done for us? “and the main presentation was given by Julia Hill (Diocesan Head of Deanery & Parish Support) & Claire Horton (Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Development Adviser). This full presentation was followed by many questions from the floor!

We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Mission and Pastoral Group meetings and Synods. From September, Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser was also a guest at Synods and deanery-wide meetings

During 2022 we were told by the Diocese that our Deanery had to lose 3 Stipendiary clergy posts over the next 5 years and that has been a subject at every meeting of the DMPG since. In 2023 we shall hold a special consultation Synod in April.

We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year.

**Rob Norman (Lay Dean)**  
**Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean)**  
**Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean)**  
**February 2023**

## Average Sunday Attendance 2012 – 2022

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
16 and over	48	49	49	45	42	41	42	27*	16*	28
Under 16	13	14	15	13	11	9	9	4	<1	<2
Total	61	63	64	58	53	50	51	31	16	29

\* 2020 & 2021 figures affected by Covid 19 attendance restrictions

## ELECTORAL ROLL

In the Church of England, the electoral roll is the list of members. The members are entitled to vote and stand for office at the Annual Church Meetings. In 2007, and every six years thereafter, a completely new electoral roll is formed. So this year is a continuation of the electoral roll formed in 2019. Last year we reported to the diocese that we had fifty two people on the roll, with thirteen residing in the conventional district.

Simon Cross

# Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

*for the year ended 31 December 2022*

	2022	2021
<b>Incoming resources</b>	£	£
Planned giving	46,009	50,337
Income tax recovered	11,362	11,954
Legacy Gifts	-	-
Donations from Fundraising	35	24
Grants	750	-
Interest income	103	-
Other income	-	-
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
	<b>58,259</b>	<b>62,315</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	42,416	41,886
Clergy expenses and Training	3,329	3,057
Outreach	1,679	1,050
Youth, Children's and Families Work	-	-
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	6,208	7,599
Administration costs	835	1,167
Mission Support	6,338	7,464
Giving from Fundraisers	-	-
Other	27	126
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>60,832</b>	<b>62,349</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(2,573)</b>	<b>(34)</b>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	<i>(2,573)</i>	<i>(34)</i>
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022</i>	<i>79,194</i>	<i>79,203</i>
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022</i>	<i>76,621</i>	<i>79,194</i>

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

<b>Cash Funds</b>		£	
	Bank current accounts	76,595	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors</b>			
	Community Festival	(26)	2
Net Assets		76,621	

Bank Accounts	2022	<b>2021</b>
Giving	4,045	3,976
Expenditure	22,514	76,766
Reserves	50,036	-
	<b>76,595</b>	80,743

# Notes

*for the year ended 31 December 2022*

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. Trendlewood Festival is now operating independent bank accounts. The balance of reserves held were transferred to this account in October 2022. A small amount was retained to offset ongoing website hosting fees being paid by Trendlewood on behalf of the Festival. It was expected this arrangement would come to an end by the end of 2022 and the reserves account would be brought to zero. However, for technical reasons, this didn't happen until February 2023. therefore a small debit balance remained on the account as at the end of the year. Technically, this should be shown as a liability through the use of a receivables account but, because Trendlewood operates on a Payments and Receipts basis this practice is not followed. At the time of preparation of these Financial Statements the amount outstanding was zero.

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

Trendlewood

**Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity Number (if applicable): 1170989

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

*Jones*

Date:

10/4/23

Name:

Jerry Jones

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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# Accounts

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## **Trendlewood Church Nailsea**

for the year ended 31st December 2021

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1170989

# TRENDEWOOD CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021–2022

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# **Trendlewood Annual Church Meeting**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

## **Parishioners Meeting Agenda 2022**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners
3. Any matters arising
4. Election of Church Wardens

## **Annual Church Meeting Agenda 2022**

1. Apologies
2. Approve Minutes of the 2021 ACM
3. Any matters arising
4. Electoral Roll report
5. Proceedings of the Church Council and Activities of the Church
6. Written report already circulated – any comments or questions?
7. Financial Report
8. Approve accounts
9. Appointing of an independent examiner
10. Warden's report – fabric
11. Deanery Synod report  
Including Rob Norman Previously circulated by Deanery Secretary
12. Safeguarding
13. Elections to PCC
14. Appoint Duty wardens
15. Open Forum - Q&A
16. Close in Prayer

**Trendlewood Church, Nailsea**  
**Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting via Zoom**  
**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**1. Welcome**

Steve welcomed everyone to the online meeting. Steve opened in prayer.  
There were 28 present and 4 apologies.

**2. Election of 2 Churchwardens**

Simon Cross and Lindsay Hutchinson have both agreed to stand again.  
Lindsay was proposed by Wendy Furneaux and seconded by Peter Furneaux.  
Simon was proposed by Teena Cross and seconded by Liz Tilley.  
There were no other nominations. Lindsay and Simon were duly elected as Churchwardens.  
Steve thanked both Lindsay and Simon for their willingness to serve.  
This will be Simon's last term as Churchwarden.

**3. Approve minutes for 2020 Annual Church Meeting (held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020)**

One 'typo' will be corrected.  
The minutes were approved.

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Electoral Roll Report – Simon Cross**

The Electoral Roll had 51 people on it, with 13 of those people living within the Conventional District.

**6. Proceedings of Trendlewood Church Council and Activities of the Church – Ceri Manton**

Having been in position as Secretary for just 1 month of 2020, Ceri did not have anything to add to what has been included in the Annual Report.

**7. Financial Report – Sharon Brown**

Sharon thanked Jenny Holmes for her help in handing over to her.  
Sharon shared 2 slides, both of which are included as an appendix to these minutes.  
Steve thanked Sharon on behalf of everyone for taking on the role of treasurer.  
Sharon proposed and Simon Cross seconded that the accounts be approved. All in favour.  
Sharon proposed that Jenny Holmes be our Independent Financial Examiner and George Spencer seconded this. All in favour.

**8. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments – Lindsay Hutchinson**

Lindsay reported that as we do not have a building all our property is listed in the Terrier. This is available for anyone to look at.  
Lindsay thanked Golden Valley for their welcome and allowing us to store items at the school.  
Lindsay thanked Mike and Barbara for taking care of and storing the Communion Vessels.  
Lindsay thanked Mike Bird for allowing us to use his equipment that has allowed us to make our live streaming possible. She also thanked him for his work and expertise along with Sarah Bird and Mark Austin in making our online presence possible.

**9. Deanery Synod Report – Wendy Furneaux**

The report has been tabled and Wendy had nothing else to add.

Steve reported that the number of Deanery Synod meetings over the next 12 months will be reduced to 2 so that the remaining 2 or 3 other Deanery meetings can be attended by anyone.

**10. Safeguarding – Ruth Sheffield**

The report was tabled and Ruth added that the Diocese now has a safeguarding dashboard that she is keeping updated. Although some of this cannot kick off until face to face training restarts. Steve thanked Ruth for her constant safeguarding vigilance and ensuring that we are both being safe and being seen to be safe, both of which are important. Steve thanked everyone for being alert to areas where we might put children or vulnerable adults in danger. Steve reminded everyone to contact Ruth if they had any safeguarding concerns.

**11. Appointments and Elections**

To elect 4 members to the Trendlewood Church Council.

Steve formally nominated that Mark Austin, Sharon Brown and Ceri Manton be elected to the Church Council and that Toby Austin will continue to be co-opted to the Church Council.

Toby will be 16 in September and an extraordinary meeting will be held when he will be elected to the Church Council.

There were no other nominations.

Steve formally declared that Mark, Sharon and Ceri be elected to the Church Council and Toby will be co-opted at the next Church Council Meeting

**12. To appoint Duty Wardens**

The Duty Wardens were named and elected *en bloc* – Simon Cross, David Hutchinson, Lindsay Hutchinson, Ann Ray-Rowley, Edward Sheffield, George Spencer and Mark Austin for ‘Last Sunday’.

Steve thanked the Duty Wardens on behalf of everyone.

**13. Vicar’s Reflections – Steve Tilley**

2021 Where Are We Now?

This is not my report to the Annual meeting on the church's life in 2020. That document is in the annual report. These are my reflections on the future.

As many of you have picked up, this will be my final ACM here.

Thanks

My thanks, as ever, to Duty Wardens, musicians, children's leaders, intercessors, prayer ministers, pastoral team, readers (capital and lower case R), projectionists, preachers, worship leaders, home group leaders, Deanery Synod and Christians Together reps, chair movers, welcomers, coffee handlers, PA team and in 2020, our technical team and volunteer cleaners.

My thanks to our Trinity Student David Smith. He has offered us much and we are delighted that he will stay on for one more year.

I have given a small gift to our two Church Wardens, treasurer and secretary. I offer them to just four people - it is a thanks not a reward. The gifts are from me to say thank you for the support. As I can't afford to give you all gifts consider them representative gifts, deserved by many but

received by a few.

My thanks to Michelle for all she does, especially in a difficult year for a people person. Please pray for her and the family as they seek the next stage of ministry now she is 'signed off' to look for her next post.

Where Are We Going?

Here are four things that excite me as we head into 2021/22

**Living in Love and Faith (LLF):**

The Church of England have released a massive report for discussion on gender and relationships - a hot topic. David Smith and I will be inviting people to join us for a five session course in the autumn to discuss the material using the many online and printed resources available. We will aim to create a safe space where people can share openly and confidentially. We will further aim to make our church more inclusive, seeking to see ways that we might have accidentally blocked entry to others.

**Evangelism:**

Last year I ended my reflection by saying this:

'The cycle of ... church life ... has ... peaks and troughs. God has always sent us the people we need to do the job he calls us to. ... We need to get better at growing our church through conversion. As soon as we can I would like us all to do the Talking Jesus course. To help us get better at telling our stories to others.'

It is good that a decent number of folk are tackling this. The new Town Centre Chaplaincy scheme will give us a further opportunity to make new contacts. I hope that people will want to get involved as it goes live in the autumn.

**Community Festival:**

Amongst the many posts we filled last year we also found Courtney to chair the Community Festival. It is a delight to know this will happen again and its timing looks pretty perfect as a way to celebrate community life afresh armed with people who will be ready to serve and talk about Jesus. Do put Saturday August 28th in your diaries.

**New Pastor:**

It might be difficult to avoid the question of a new minister becoming all-encompassing. That should not happen. Most of the people in this church are not leaving.

It has been flattering to hear people say from time to time that they would love to get another Steve. Thank you to those of you who have been saying 'Please, not another Steve' for the sensitive way you have avoided saying it to me.

I have a charge to you. You don't need another Steve. The job in 2006 needed, it was clear, a pastor with some experience of churches coming through trying times. I had been ordained for

over 20 years when I arrived here. The job going forward is now in a position where you could support someone with vision, passion, energy and a little less experience.

The Church Council, without me in the room, have created a parish profile for Trendlewood Church to attract a new minister. The person appointed, instead of having a town-wide focus as I have had as the other part of my job, will also be Rector of Wraxall with Failand. We are an experiment. You'd expect nothing less. To have no vacancy period is a joy. I am looking forward, if the appointment process goes well, to working alongside my successor for a few months and allowing them to step up as I step back. It's a risk, but it's nice to finish with a new risk.

Conclusion

The future is exciting and also unknown. When was it ever not? God does not provide maps. He is someone to follow who knows the way. Who could ask for more?

Steve Tilley

May 2021

**14. Any other business**

None

Michelle closed in prayer at 12.22

# Church Council Annual Report of Church Activities 2021

The Charities Act 2011

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Church Council (CC) for Trendlewood Church, for the year ended 31st December 2020. Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.

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## Day to Day Management

The Vicar and Church Council manage the ministry and mission of the church.

**CC members who have served from April 2020 until this report's approval date:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	
<b>Incumbent</b>	Revd Steve Tilley	Chair	Until 12/1/2022
	Revd Morey Andrews	Chair	From 30/01/2022
<b>Curate</b>	Revd Michelle Taylor (from July 2018)		
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Simon Cross (Until 31 <sup>st</sup> November 2021)		
	Lindsay Hutchinson (ex- officio by virtue of being a Churchwarden)		
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Wendy Furneaux		Until 2023
	Karan Price		Until 2023
<b>Elected Members</b>	Mark Austin		Until 2022
	Ceri Manton	Secretary	Until 2024
	Pauline Davis		Until 2022
	Sharon Brown	Treasurer	Until 2024
	Andrew Slade		Until 2022
<b>Co-opted</b>	Toby Austin		Until 2022
<b>Reader</b>	Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)		

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The CC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure of 1956. In accordance with the Charities Act of 2006, the CC has registered with the Charity Commission as an independent charity under the legal name of Trendlewood Church, Registration Number 1170989.

It is the primary duty of the Church Council to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the conventional district the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Appointment of CC members**

Members of the CC are either ex-officio, elected or appointed by the Annual Meeting, or co-opted by the CC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

### **Recruitment, induction and training of CC members**

Prior to the Annual Meeting the congregations are informed of the forthcoming elections to CC and Deanery Synod. People are encouraged to stand for election and/or nominate others. The Congregation is informed of resulting appointments and the new members are prayed for publicly and offered the opportunity to attend an induction session. Ongoing training is offered for all members of the CC, particularly in areas of special interest such as finance and child protection. We avail ourselves of training offered through the Diocese and the School of Formation.

### **Health and safety, disability, discrimination, safeguarding**

The CC has ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the conventional district, including finance risk management, approval of individuals for authorised ministry and such matters as compliance with Health and Safety, Disability Discrimination Legislation, Safeguarding and Data Protection. Therefore, the CC avails itself of training as and when provided by the Diocese.

## **VICARS'S REPORT**

The last twelve months have been a strange mix of living with Covid and trying to regain some semblance of normality. I think we have done quite well, all things considered, but we are still definitely missing people who have not felt able to re-join physically meeting together. We are keeping the seats warm for you.....Despite Covid, we did manage to hold Trendlewood Festival in August with over 2000 visitors to the site. Thank you to all the those who worked tirelessly to organise it and the army of volunteers who made it possible. We said farewell to Steve and Liz with their last service being held January 2nd 2022. We are so grateful to them both for their loyal service to Trendlewood and we shall miss their ministry and friendship. But we are also grateful to the Lord for new life and are thrilled to be able to welcome not only Alice and James as newcomers to Trendlewood but also their newly born daughter. We shall be saying farewell to David Smith in a couple of months as he moves to his curacy, but we are so glad to have encountered his ministry and had the chance to celebrate with him not only his marriage to Clair but also the birth of their son. What a privilege it is to share life together as God's family. And praise the Lord for adding Morey Andrews to the family as the new vicar of Trendlewood. We welcome him and his wife Gillian and their four children as they settle into life in Nailsea and Wraxall. We continue to pray that the Lord will bring the increase and add to our number as Morey leads us in fresh vision and mission in the coming year.

Every blessing

**Michelle**

## **CURATE'S REPORT**

Well, this June brings the end of my licensing as Curate of Trendlewood so I will be moving on at some point. It has been a wonderful four years here with you all, despite the frustration of Covid hindering so many things that I would have loved to accomplish. I am thankful to have been able to contribute so much to the life of Trendlewood and the wider district through ministry such as leading, preaching, co-ordinating prayer ministry and home groups, as well as various community engagement opportunities such as Cancer Café and joint ventures with CTINAD. I have yet to find my next post and would appreciate prayers for clear discernment and guidance from the Lord as we figure out where the Lord is calling myself

and Nigel and how that fits in with where each of our four children are at in their lives. Thank you for the genuine encouragement and support that you continue to be. It has been an honour to serve you and I continue to pray that the Lord will reward you for your faithfulness and multiply you.

Every blessing

**Michelle**

## **WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

As a worship group we feel called to use our instruments and voices to worship God and to lead those in the congregation/watching online to do so too.

2021 saw a gradual return to the congregation being allowed to sing, albeit with masks on. As a group we have kept the number of people playing/singing each week small in order to be able to socially distance. We have had challenges of Covid preventing some people from playing, others having their skills used to do the PA, laptop and streaming and some people have left. It was lovely to have Liz Tilley singing and Dave Cox playing and we are grateful for their time at TW. We are thankful for the PA team for all the work they do in setting up the sound and making us sound our best.

TW church continues to pay for us to have access to Song Select, which enables us to print music for the various songs we sing, which are all reported weekly for copyright purposes.

2022 - We will be saying goodbye to Dave Smith. It has been a blessing to have him leading worship during his time with us.

It would be great to have some more people join us - especially another piano player, singers or an instrument we don't currently have.

**Sarah**



## **HOMEGROUPS**

Covid certainly hampered the growth of home groups over the last couple of years but thankfully this year we have been able to reboot, and I am glad to say that home groups are alive and kicking again. Whilst most groups continued to support one another faithfully through the lockdowns it proved difficult for new members to join in. However, we are now able to meet face-to-face again in homes and we have three great groups meeting fortnightly. This term the studies follow-on from the previous two weeks sermons with further study, questions and discussion points. They offer a chance to dig deeper, consider how the teaching impacts us and can be applied to our everyday life, as well as providing opportunity to grow stronger relationships, receive pastoral support and consider outreach to neighbours and friends. Thank you to the current home group leaders who are continuing to do such a sterling job. There is plenty of room for newcomers, and of course we are always looking to develop new leaders to start more groups as and when needed. So do get in touch with me if you would like to join a group.

Every blessing

**Michelle**

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

This year has had many challenges.

Covid

Launch of "Andy's"

This has seen the children and young people's groups at Trendlewood not meeting in person.

When the church services were suspended due to Covid, Ruth produced weekly activities for the families to do at home, which were uploaded on to the church web page and the link sent out in the weekly email.

When we were able to meet again in person, we have only provided a face-to-face group once and this was for visiting children, this is due to a number of families with children becoming part of the Andy's congregation and other children now involved with other activities on a Sunday morning.

We would love to be able to expand the numbers in the groups and would welcome any suggestions how to encourage more families to join Trendlewood

**Ruth**

## **LAST SUNDAY**

2021

Last year we saw Last Sunday move back to in-person meeting after a long time on Zoom. We had a good core group of around 5-8 young people who continued coming into the new year. We sadly said farewell to Kirsty and Steve, but thankfully have kept the group running. The main focus for 2021 felt like re-establishing an in-person connection after a long time online.

2022

So far, we have only met twice this year as there were many away in February. One of the young people fed back to us that they felt Last Sunday needed a relaunch; this young

person spent a considerable amount of time praying and felt that God was giving them a picture of a locked door and felt we were trying to open it with a rusty key. We were incredibly thankful for this input (Last Sunday is for young people so when they step up and feedback what is or isn't working, it can help leaders run an event more suited to their needs). March's Last Sunday was spent discussing what the young people would like to see if we were to look at relaunching, what they would gain from these times and how they'd like it to run in a way that is beneficial for them and also allows them to invite their friends along.

April 24th we will look to relaunch and re-brand Last Sunday.

Last Sunday will no longer be plugged as a service, but instead will be a space for young people to come together and meet Christians their age. There will be space for snacks, games and faith-based discussions. We noticed that connection with other young Christians was important to the young people who helped feed back in March and, knowing the numbers of the current youth groups in the local area, felt that this was good to hone in on.

**Heulwen Evans (Youth Worker, Nailsea Baptist Church)**

## MISSION PARTNERS



Representatives Ed & Ruth Sheffield – April 2022 report:



*Africa Mercy*



*Global Mercy*

Mercy Ships is an international charity that delivers surgical and dental care using hospital ships to those who cannot afford it, or the surgery they need is not available in West Africa. Mercy Ships also provides long-term resources and sustainable development. Surgery performed on board includes orthopaedic procedures, cleft lip and palate repairs, thyroid and head and neck tumour removal. Dental patients are treated and local medical personnel trained. Eye surgery such as cataract treatment is performed.

Ed and Ruth Sheffield help with the provision of a pathology service on the ship, Ed being a pathologist.

Previously they travelled once or twice a year to the ship to work, but now much of the work is done from the UK using an internet-based remote diagnostic system on board the ships.

It is the first time since 2008 that we can say that 'Mercy Ships' is truly 'Mercy Ships' as the new ship Global Mercy has now joined the Africa Mercy in providing healthcare services to the poor. This new ship is twice the size of the Africa Mercy and has been built as a hospital ship from the start rather than being a converted ferry like the Africa Mercy. The remarkable thing is that when the new ship was launched it had already been fully paid for.

During 2021, due to COVID, medical work was put on hold and only maintenance and preparatory work occurred. Sea trials were also done for the new ship Global Mercy.

The Africa Mercy has been in Senegal, West Africa since January this year and at half-capacity already 200 crew are on board and providing medical services in the port of Dakar. COVID had delayed the start of field service. After November this year the Africa Mercy will sail to Durban, South Africa for dry-dock maintenance.

The new Global Mercy has sailed to be fitted out in Tenerife and then will meet with the Africa Mercy in Senegal in May for a joint 'Africa Celebration' and training. The Global Mercy will then sail back to Tenerife to continue fitting of medical equipment, ready to start field service early 2023.

With all that coming-and-going, the greatest need is for crew to staff both ships. Please spread the word; it's not just medical staff that are needed, but all sorts of roles are required to run both the hospital ships.

Please visit: [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk) for the full list of current positions available.

The Mercy Ships organisation is dependent on donations to function and I know that they really appreciate and are very thankful of the support given from the many donors around the world like Trendlewood Church.

### **Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo**

During 2021 Jenny and Elifadhili stopped working with Youth with a Mission in Morogoro, Tanzania and set up Zuia Trafficking Tanzania. This is registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Tanzania aiming to prevent human trafficking and violence against women and children. Jenny and Elifadhili also set up a safari tourism business called Ayo Jenga to help support them and the new NGO.



Their focus for 2022 is to build up both Zuia Trafficking Tanzania as well as the safari business, and visit the UK between July and September after delaying this visit for 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Hope for Life Katanga – Mark Walters**

**Our aim:**

Enabling families in Uganda to realise their potential towards living a self sufficient life.

## What happened in 2021

I wrote a summary overview of 2021 on our blog should you want more information /context: [2021 at a Glance — Hope for Life Katanga](#)

### 2021 AT A GLANCE

**Provided school fees and the necessary support for 57 children in primary and secondary school**, when they were open between January and June 2021.

**Distributed 114 learning resources and practice exam papers** to 57 primary (42) and secondary (15) students during periods when schools shut from mid-June.

**Ran socially distanced vocational training in our classrooms for 8 young women.** All these women will be attending vocational training colleges or working with local artisans from January.

**Provided sponsorship for 22 young women in vocational training**, studying Hairdressing and Cosmetics, Fashion & Design, Nursery Teaching, Child Development, Secretarial Studies, and Catering and Hotel Management.

**Provided food & hygiene packages to the 75 families we work with**, distributing 1.5 tonnes of posho flour, 0.75 tonnes of rice and beans, 750 litres of cooking oil, 300 kg of sugar and 150 2-foot long bars of soap, totalling £2,367 (£31.50/family) – this doesn't include the £1,634 we expect to spend on food packages for families this Christmas.



### SUCCESS STORIES

Despite the challenges, we have seen various successes through the year as individuals and families make their next steps towards self-sufficiency:

**Alex, Tadeo, Esther, Philidausi, Tracy, Godfrey, Francis, Vincent, Diana, Serina graduated from primary school in June** (after sitting their delayed mocks in Dec 20 and full exams in Mar 21). Graduating Primary is the first key milestone on this journey towards self-sufficiency. We are extremely proud of each of them.

**Lodah graduated in Catering and Hotel Management from YMCA college** and has since started working for a hotel in Kampala (one of the best in Uganda).

**Rose, Sharon, Shakira, Jovia, Catherine, Immaculate, Brenda, Rachael, Rebecca all graduated this year** - most are already earning an income from their training, some have graduated more recently and are in the process of gaining clients or applying to places to work.

**Mary-Rose, James, Justine and Carol, who all graduated before March 20, are still in work** (although most earning a reduced income due to current Covid restrictions).

### One hope for 2022

For families to rebuild their lives after 19 months of Covid restrictions leaving many without work.

As well as education and vocational training for children and young adults, we will be hoping to provide income generating grants to provide the necessary capital to allow families to start again towards self-sufficiency.

For more please head to our blog:

[Blog — Hope for Life Katanga](#)

**Mark Walters**

## **West End Impact**

Tracy and Michl Kohl, run West End Impact which is both a church and an outreach program offering support to people in Morecambe, a coastal town "pocket of deprivation" where one in four children are raised in poverty. Food bank, welfare advice, advocacy, mental health programmes and a small social enterprise "The Restore" - all locally run and led. In January, a much prayed for Parish Nurse post was finally funded for one year; a post to bridge the health care gap between primary care providers and homeless people. We look forward to welcoming Tracy and Michl to visit us in July this year as part of WEI 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

**Fiona**

## **CAP – CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY**

Trendlewood Church continues to support Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as part of its regular giving. It is a charity that offers free debt counselling to clients (and their families) as they journey from severe debt to being solvent. The CAP Debt Centre is based in Portishead and supports the Portishead, Nailsea and Clevedon area.

This year saw the change of Debt Centre manager from Joanna Pritchett to Ann Tarr.

As a church we regularly pray for Ann as she visits and takes clients through their journey out of debt. Ann is supported by a network of befrienders who walk alongside each client on this journey.

At a national level CAP has also saw a major change with John Kirby the founder and CEO for 25 years stepping down to be replaced by Paula Stringer. CAP also had its own TV series "Christians Against Poverty- Power of the Church" on TBNUK. This is still available to watch on demand.

At a local level Ann has built on the work done by Joanna. Christians Against Poverty is now included on the North Somerset Council leaflet "Worrying About Money" under the "Where I can get help" section.

12 new clients contacted the Debt Centre from June to December for advice on debt and how best to manage it. They have been helped with some simple advice about budgeting through to the full CAP service. The underlying reasons for being in debt are often complex and nuanced.

CAP is calling 2022 "the year of the squeeze" with inflation at a 30 year high. CAP estimates 1 in 5 people live in poverty in the UK, facing impossible decisions and unable to afford the basics.

Poverty and debt can affect so many aspects of our lives – our health, our relationships, our children – but it can be particularly hard on our mental health. Over three-quarters (76%) of CAP clients report having sleepless nights due to debt worries, with one in three (36%) having to visit their GP due to poor mental health. CAP wants to help those who are coming into this year in debt or financial struggle.

Please continue to pray for new clients being referred to the Debt Centre, for those deciding to or working their way through the process. Also, for CAP HQ, Ann and her team of befrienders who work with these clients, that all clients will see God's love in all that they do.

**Mark Rowley**

## **Trendlewood Community Festival – 2021**

Aim: To grow on the success of the Trendlewood Community Festival in 2013, 2015 and 2017 and bring the local and wider community together for a day of fun, food, and entertainment.

What Happened in 2021

Our 2021 event saw the biggest turnout so far with over 1800 visitors, plus around 200 brilliant volunteers involved in helping, exhibiting, or performing.

This, paired with a sunny summer's afternoon, created a wonderful and relaxed family friendly atmosphere.

Some highlights include:

A variety of local music ranging from rock to pop to folk

Plenty of local food and drink from our catering stalls and our market stalls and loads of fabulous homemade bakes in the tea tent

Lots of classic cars and bikes on display

A very popular children's zone with taster sessions from local toddler groups, and magic shows and interactive games from a local children's entertainer

We are thrilled that due to the successful turnout, and generosity of volunteers and local businesses and groups, we were able to donate £500 to the Nailsea Community Group, which gave us much pride because the event was a real community effort - organised and supported by the community, for the community.

Our hope for 2023 is that we can further grow on the successes of last year and encourage new faces to get involved in the planning (and that the sun shines for us again!).

**Courtney Davis, Festival Chair**



**PASTORAL MINISTRY**

AIM – Supporting with prayer and care

2021 – The Pastoral Group had regular prayer times for our people and their needs. The Group has been mindful of practical needs too. It also had a wider focus on the community around us and those known to us.

2022 – We hope to be able to offer pastoral support as new people join our church.

**Karan and Sandie**

## **EVANGELISM**

**AIM:** to reach our community with the love of Jesus in both word and deed.

*<sup>13</sup> For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' <sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?*

### **2021**

Trendlewood Church is at the heart of the community and breaking from Covid has thrown up some interesting challenges. However, Trendlewood festival was a huge success; the giving of cakes to new folks who move in, builds bridges; walking the streets and building relationships continued. Sunday services in the school are a beacon of who we are.

### **This year (2022): (Priorities)**

To keep praying and listening to God

To have a look at what is happening. Where are the needs?

To seek to meet the needs of the community and join in with events that are happening.

To proclaim the Good News (the Gospel)

To offer training as to how we can grow disciples and be witnesses

As we review the church Vision, we will review how we are a presence into our community

### **Morey**

## **SOCIAL TEAM**

The Social Team usually organises an event each month to enable members of the church to get to know each other better. For many events people are encouraged to bring friends. But of course, this hasn't been possible in 2020 or in 2021.

However, we couldn't let Steve and Liz Tilley leave without a farewell.

So, taking precautions against spreading COVID and praying that we would be able to go ahead, we organised a Café Create style event on 11th December in Holy Trinity Church. 100 people attended including current members of Trendlewood Church, people who had gone on into ordained ministry and friends of Steve and Liz from across their years of service. Sarah Bird devised wonderful buffet boxes to limit the chances of contamination. Many people helped the team with food, decorations, setting up and clearing away ready for HT's Sunday service.

As things open up in 2022, we hope to be able to organise more social events and invite anyone who would like to join the team. We started with delicious refreshments for Morey's licensing service in January. We'd love more people to join the team.

**Pauline Davis, Sarah Bird, Teena Cross.**



## STUDENT REPORT

### Trendlewood 2021 Report

David Smith – Trinity College Ordinand

*“Regathering and reimagining what God is calling the Trendlewood community to in this coming year, building on the deep foundations of the community and the faithfulness of God through the years.”*

#### 2021

2021 was certainly a year of change, with the country in and out of lockdowns and society trying to adapt to the pandemic, the church experienced many changes. From learning to worship online to carefully gathering to worship in person, it was great to see the church community come together to enable the church to adapt to every transition. Change was also part of the more holistic story too, we said goodbye to Steve Tilley after his faithful service to the church and welcomed Morey Andrews. In this journey 2021 certainly felt like a year of reflection and regathering. Reflecting on the past, with the faithfulness of God a poignant truth weaved throughout the narrative of the church. But there was also a regathering to focus, with renewed energy, on what the future holds.

As a Trinity College student I have felt welcomed into the journey that Trendlewood is on and that is a testament to the welcome, love and trust of this community.

## Hope for 2022

My hope for 2022 is that Trendlewood would continue to reimagine and explore what it means to be a beacon of light, a community living for God, in the Trendlewood community. The foundations of this community are strong and deep and it is exciting to see what God will do for the remainder of 2022.

**Dave Smith**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

We are blessed to have a congregation that gives generously despite the continuing challenges of 2021. We continue to have plentiful reserves to finance the future work of Trendlewood Church and can look ahead without the financial worries faced by many churches at this time. However, this is the first year in our independent history when we have not carried forward an operating surplus. This reflects the reduction in people giving when, in late 2020, we exported a large number of our congregation to St. Andrew's in Backwell. I expect this trend to continue through 2022 as other members of our congregation move on to new phases of their lives. Gift Aid continues to be a significant contributor to our ability to meet our overheads.

Our Parish Share still represents a huge amount of our expenditure. In 2021 the Diocese took the decision not to make any alterations to the numbers used to calculate Parish Share. This was based on reasoning around the Covid pandemic. However, for Trendlewood it meant the reduction in our congregation was not considered. Because of your generosity we were able to pay our assessed contribution in full. However, we did not voluntarily choose to increase our giving to the level of the A socio-economic band as we have done in previous years. This disparity has continued into 2022 and, whilst we continue to pay at the level requested by the Diocese, we have chosen to pay monthly rather than make the full payment up front.

We continue to pay at least 10% of our income to our Mission Partners. In 2022, we have chosen to maintain the level of this support at 2021 levels rather than reducing it to 10% of our expected income. The difference is not hugely significant and is in keeping with our policy of giving generously to the wider church.

Overall, in 2021 we balanced our books, something many churches would be very grateful to be able to do. We are budgeting for a small overspend in 2022 given the expected continuation of falling income. Our expenses are well controlled and there are very few areas where any significant savings could be made. However, this is something we will monitor closely in 2022.

- Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £62,315, including gift aid reclaimed.
- Total expenses came to £62,349.
- The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £41,886. In 2021 it made up 67% of our operating expenses. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs, such as housing, of clergy.
- We allocate 10% of giving to Mission Support and in 2021 gave £7,464 to our Mission Partners which included catch up payments relating to 2020. In addition, we give to several local outreach projects.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is our policy to maintain reserves of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £7,194 based on 2021 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £79,194 which equates to 66 weeks of operating expenses, which is well over our target for reserves.

**Sharon Brown**

**Treasurer**

## **WARDEN'S REPORT including Fabric, Goods, Ornaments and School**

I want first of all to thank Golden Valley School for letting us meet in their building and creating storage space for us to house a lot of our set-up equipment. It's much appreciated.

During 2021 we met on-line some of that time and to bless the school we decided to continue paying rent when not using their premises. The school has, I think, responded in kind by not activating a rent review last year, which they could have done. However, our letting agreement does come up for renewal at the end of this August and this may trigger an increase in rent. We will see.

I also need to let you know that the Vicarage garage has had to be cleared out in readiness for Steve and Liz's move and we have had to find new homes for a number of Trendlewood Church boxes stored there. These (apart from the Festival things) are now being looked after temporarily by Pauline and Sharon and my thanks go to them for doing this. We do, however, need to look at long term storage for the Church and at the moment are actively exploring options around this.

Moving on, and on a lighter note, I'd like to thank Mike and Barbara for looking after our communion vessels and equipment, together with some new additions, which you may have noticed. These will make it into next year's report.

On the subject of equipment purchases, in 2021 one of the TV monitors had to be replaced and this has now been added to the Terrier. In fact I updated the Terrier recently and if you want to see it please let me know. It's about 8 Gigabyte in size so I don't want to blow up your inboxes by sending it to you but can make it available to view if you so wish.

Finally, and last but not least, I want to finish by saying a big thank you to our amazing sound crew who set up the hall and then take it down each week. I also want to particularly thank Mike Bird, Mark and Toby Austin for their great work in live streaming our Services in 2021 and making our on-line presence possible. For such a small Church we continue to do big things. Thank you.

**Lindsay Hutchinson**

## SAFEGUARDING

Trendlewood Church Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

TWCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. There have been no disclosures or concerns raised.

We had no children's groups running during this time because of Covid.

A number of people have updated their safeguarding training either online or via teams training.

Ceri Manton has joined me as administration support, which I have been very grateful for.

Moving forward

Aim of 2022 is to ensure that as a Church we continue to keep all our training and checks up to date in line with diocesan guidelines

**Ruth**

## AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE 2012 - 2021

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*	2020**	2021**
16 and over	41	48	49	49	45	42	41	42	27	16 (+20)
Under 16	11	13	14	15	13	11	9	9	4	<1
Total	52	61	63	64	58	53	50	51	31	16 (+20)

\* 2019 figures affected by Andy's service becoming weekly and this becoming the new home for several TW families.

\*\* 2020 & 2021 figures affected by Covid 19 attendance restrictions. Figures in brackets are approximate number of viewers online.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

In the Church of England, the electoral roll is the list of members. The members are entitled to vote and stand for office at the Annual Church Meetings. In 2007, and every six years thereafter, a completely new electoral roll is formed. So this year is a continuation of the electoral roll formed in 2019. Last year we reported to the diocese that we had fifty-one people on the roll, with thirteen residing in the conventional district.

**Simon Cross**

## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

### AIM - Because we work better together

#### 2021

We met four times as a Deanery this year, although as agreed in 2020, two of the meetings (June & November) were deanery-wide meetings which anyone could attend while the February & September meetings were full Synods. Meetings have included:

1. An interview of Bishop Ruth on the new vision for the Church of England in the 2020s recently launched by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.
2. An introduction to the Living in Love & Faith materials.
3. A panel discussion on future ministry.
4. A PowerPoint presentation on the Climate Change Emergency/Eco Church.

#### 2022

A video presentation to the Deanery Synod by a Lay Pioneer in training for ordination as a Pioneer Deacon in March summarises a wonderful hope for what we should bring to 2022.

1. Growing things together
2. Building a community
3. Adding in a little bit of prayer along the way

### Karan

## DEANERY REPORT

### Portishead Deanery 2021

We met four times as a Deanery this year, although as agreed in 2020, two of the meetings (June & November) were deanery-wide meetings which anyone could attend while the February & September meetings were full Synods.

**February** – We met by Zoom and the main item was an interview of Bishop Ruth on the new vision for the Church of England in the 2020s recently launched by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, followed by breakout groups and a plenary.

**June** - The first of our Deanery-wide meetings was held on Zoom when we looked at the Living in Love & Faith material and when we were facilitated by Jane Chamberlain, the Diocese's Head of Ministry for Mission. We were encouraged as churches and benefices to undertake the LLF course if we had not already done so.

**September** – We held our first (and last!) in-person Synod meeting of the year at St. George's Church Hall, Easton-in-Gordano, where we re-elected Rob Norman as Lay Dean and for the first time elected Anthony Stansfield as the Deputy Lay Dean, and also re-elected Chris Hughes as the Deanery Treasurer, all for the remainder of the Triennium. The main item of business was a panel discussion on future ministry.

**November** – The second deanery-wide meeting of the year was back on Zoom, due to the high number of Covid-19 cases locally, and we had a PowerPoint presentation on the Climate Change Emergency/Eco Church from David Maggs, Bath & Wells Diocesan Environment Officer which was well received.

We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Mission and Pastoral Group meetings.

Father Brendan Clover was licensed as Interim Minister for St John's Clevedon in April.

Suzanne Kirkham was priested on 26 June

Morey Andrews was licensed as Rector for Wraxall with Failand on 6 October with a view to being licensed as Minister of Trendlewood Conventional District in January 2022

We said farewell to Richard Greatorex who moved to be Rector of Chew Magna in July

Finally with great sadness we said goodbye to Neil Wylie who has been the Deanery Youth Worker since January 2008. It's hoped to give him a leaving presentation at the first Synod in 2022.

And finally, finally Steve Tilley's last working day just tipped over into 2022 as he retired on 4 January from his position as Area Dean and Minister for Trendlewood. He had been Area Dean since February 2018, having previously been the Assistant Area Dean since February 2017. We wish Steve & Liz a long and happy retirement.

We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year.

**Rob Norman (Lay Dean)**

**Astrid Tiesema-Samson (Acting Area Dean)**

**February 2022**

# Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Incoming resources</b>	£	£
Planned giving	50,337	58,739
Income tax recovered	11,954	15,734
Legacy Gifts	-	500
Donations from Fundraising	24	178
Grants	-	1,000
Other income	-	-
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
	<b>62,315</b>	<b>76,152</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	41,886	42,837
Clergy expenses and Training	3,057	3,645
Outreach	1,050	1,931
Youth, Children's and Families Work	-	-
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	7,599	5,462
Administration costs	1,167	442
Mission Support	7,464	6,392
Giving from Fundraisers	-	343
Other	126	170
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>62,349</b>	<b>61,221</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>14,930</b>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(34)	14,930
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021</i>	79,203	64,273
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021</i>	79,194	79,203

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

## Cash Funds

Bank current accounts	£	80,743
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## Liabilities

### Creditors

Community Festival	1,549	2
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Net Assets	79,194	
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	2021	2020
Bank Accounts		
Giving	3976.45	2419.32
Expenditure	76766.18	74983.32
Reserves	0	1800
	<b>80,742.63</b>	<b>79,202.64</b>

# Notes

*for the year ended 31 December 2021*

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
  
2. These residual funds belong to the Trendlewood Community Festival. They will be used to offset Festival website fees paid by Trendlewood Church and future expenses for the 2023 Festival. If the 2023 Festival does not take place the funds will be distributed to a local charity. Although Festival income and expenses pass through Trendlewood Church bank accounts the funds do not belong to the church. In accordance with Church of England PCC accountability advice these receipts and payments should not be included in the Annual Receipts and Payments account (<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/clergy-resources/pcc-accountabilityguide/chapter-4>).



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Trendlewood		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1170989
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1&2		

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended ...

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [-] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

(if any):

Address:

20 Farleigh Road, Backwell, BS48 3PA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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