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Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Church Council
for

Trendlewood Church Nailsea

for the year ended 31st December 2021

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1170989

TRENDLEWOOD CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021–2022

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Trendlewood Annual Church Meeting

1st 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
9th 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 25th 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:

	Name	Role	
Incumbent	Revd Steve Tilley	Chair	Until 12/1/2022
	Revd Morey Andrews	Chair	From 30/01/2022
Curate	Revd Michelle Taylor (from July 2018)		
Churchwardens	Simon Cross (Until 31 st November 2021)		
	Lindsay Hutchinson (ex-officio by virtue of being a Churchwarden)		
Deanery Synod	Wendy Furneaux		Until 2023
	Karan Price		Until 2023
Elected Members	Mark Austin		Until 2022
	Ceri Manton	Secretary	Until 2024
	Pauline Davis		Until 2022
	Sharon Brown	Treasurer	Until 2024
	Andrew Slade		Until 2022
Co-opted	Toby Austin		Until 2022
Reader	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 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 to 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 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

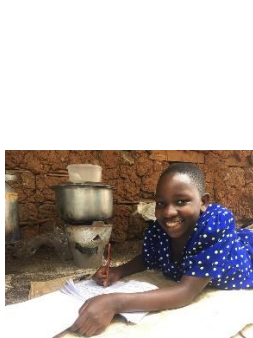
Provided school fees and the necessary support for 57 children in primary and secondary school, when they were open between January and June 2021.

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, Philidaudi, 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.

¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴ 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
Incoming resources	£	£
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	-	-
	62,315	76,152
Total incoming resources		
Resources expended		
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
Total resources expended	62,349	61,221
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	(34)	14,930
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	<i>(34)</i>	<i>14,930</i>
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021</i>	<i>79,203</i>	<i>64,273</i>
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021</i>	<i>79,194</i>	<i>79,203</i>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Cash Funds

	£
Bank current accounts	80,743

Liabilities

Creditors

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

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>).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Trendlewood

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1170989

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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:

7th March 2022

Name:

Jenny Holmes

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

(if any):

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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.

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