

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171597

Details

Other names	TRINITY CHURCH LEEK (METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-02-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: The promotion of Christian beliefs within the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£120,623	£119,613	-	-
2024-08-31	£134,094	£138,628	-	-
2023-08-31	£146,116	£147,615	-	-
2022-08-31	£116,519	£120,408	-	-
2021-08-31	£105,746	£119,773	-	-

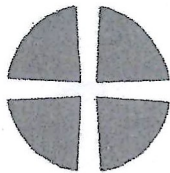
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ARTHUR MASSEY		2017-02-13
Carol Sheldon		2022-01-05
DEREK PARRY		2022-01-05
DR MAUREEN WISKIN		2023-01-01
Ian William Wilson		2021-01-05
MRS LIZ LOWE		2017-02-13
Peter Sheldon		2022-01-05
ROBIN MCDUELL		2017-02-13
Rev RICHARD POPE		2015-11-24
TONY PARKES		2017-11-23
Teresa Parker		2021-01-05

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A united
congregation
of
**The Methodist
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and
The United
Reformed
Church**

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Accounts for the year
September 1st 2024 to
August 31st 2025**

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Ministers Report. Rev Denise Williamson for Church Annual General Meeting. 25th January 2026.

In 2025 we renewed Trinity's Mission Statement which is now:

**Trinity is a welcoming and inclusive church:
Living and sharing God's love and serving community.**

Trinity Church has been on a journey this year which has seen it open its doors and its hearts to many different people and opportunities.

We supported the Leek Pride Festival with our window display which received many positive comments. It encouraged a transvestite female to join us for several weeks for worship and Wednesday Coffee before she moved back to Scotland. Many got to know her during her time with us and we were able to learn from her as well as love, encourage and support her.

We also hosted Beresford School for the Hope Journey at Christmas as well as hosting Holiday Club Days during the summer and during the half terms and also on Christmas Eve. We had many families come to join us who enjoyed the warmth of the welcome they received.

We opened the doors of the Church on the Totally Locally Sunday in Advent and welcomed people in to have a coffee and make Christmas tree decorations. We look forward to making this a regular activity.

We have appointed a Church and Community Worker who will begin working with us on March 19th 2026. We have much to look forward to in the coming year. A Steering Group for the Lay Worker comprising of church members will help to develop the work and mission of the post holder.

One of the biggest projects this year has been the provision of a drop in centre for people who are on the edges of our community due to various reasons. This will open on Thursdays between 9.30am and 12.30. Trinity has formed a partnership with Saltbox which is a Charity began in 1983 based in Burslem which supports people on a journey towards independence and empowerment. We have the support of local Police, housing and many other charities and both the Methodist and URC churches for this project. The project based in the Russell Street Annexe will be called The Grace Centre and will run for a trial period of 6 months. If successful and further funding can be found we will be looking at continuing the project beyond 6 months.

We have been fortunate to have been able to invite leaders of worship from outside the Circuit, including Rev David Willis the Methodist District Mission Enabler. In the coming months we will be receiving Rev Andrew Willetts, the URC Mission Enabler, Rev Steve Faber the URC moderator of the West Midlands Synod and Rev Richard Pope in September to lead worship.

Numbers attending worship have remained steady with a very good attendance at the Carol Service and Christmas Day services where many non-church folk attended and said how they had enjoyed the services.

Trinity remains committed to the Churches Together in Leek group and last week had been hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity midday prayer gatherings. It has been good to invite new Clergy to churches in Leek and in the wider area. We continue to meet for Sunday Worship with St Edwards and this year will share worship on the 5th Sundays of the month. This gives us 4 occasions this year where we will meet together. We are also

planning a weekend retreat together at Shallowford House near Stone. Dates to be confirmed either for this year or next.

Bible Study groups were held during Lent and Advent which were thought provoking and well attended. However it would be good to see more people engaging with the word of God by attending these groups.

Much work has been done during the past year to reduce our running costs and raising our income. The Finance report will show that we are still carrying a hefty debit each year. Fund raising events have boosted income but an increase in regular giving is what is needed to ensure security in our finances. A letter was sent to every member asking if they could consider increasing their giving to the church. Please do prayerfully consider if you can contribute more to Trinity.

It has been a joy to get to know you better over the last year. We have much going on during 2026 as Trinity seeks to be a welcoming and inclusive church, living and sharing God's love and serving community. I hope that you all feel part of God's mission through Christ in our church and excited and inspired to continue your faith journey led by the Holy Spirit.

**Every blessing
Rev Denise**

Trinity Church Leek: Receipts and Payments Accounts - Year Ending August 31st 2025

2023-24 RECEIPTS		2024-25		2023-24 PAYMENTS		2024-25	
£53,872.48	Collections, S/O etc A01,2,3	£53,119.49		£55,000.00	Assessments (Tr to CFB) X0	£52,000.00	
£12,617.09	Tax reclaimed A04	£12,024.34		£324.00	Ministry under COVID T03	£207.50	
£7,654.38	Special Appeals F01-1.5, excl F10	£4,859.00		£322.00	Minister's Pastoral Support Fee M12	£46.00	
£74,144.40	Subtotal	£69,002.83		£0.00	First Aid Training Elders M12	£289.00	
£0.35	HMCourts Repay B12	£0.37		£55,646.00	Subtotal	£52,542.50	
£0.35	Subtotal	£0.37		£5,300.00	Donations from Church Funds D01-5,7,9	£5,050.00	
£4,965.89	Coffee Mornings B02	£6,538.90		£7,654.86	Special Appeals G01-1.5 excl G10	£4,859.00	
-£762.30	Meals (net) C05/6	-£35.00		£875.61	Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£746.25	
£6,550.00	Lettings B01	£3,621.75		£425.13	Meals during Holidays re: Fisher Fund G18	£1,044.30	
£10,753.39	Subtotal	£10,125.65		£14,255.62	Subtotal	£11,699.55	
£2,905.34	Films A11	£2,414.78		£7,952.05	Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£5,217.95	
£675.50	Donations (Funerals) A12	£768.50		£0.00	Major Work R03	£5,961.70	
£1,100.00	Funerals/Weddings net fees/Tax A13/A17	£642.50		£684.00	Organ tuning R04	£584.00	
£15.00	Sundries, sale of plants, cards, toddlers A15,16,C11	£192.41		£612.78	Cleaning+Sanitary Provision T04,T05	£857.88	
£500.00	Fisher Fund Grant for Holiday Meals F18	£1,267.92		£9,248.83	Subtotal	£12,601.53	
£5,136.19	RSC (services) B10	£889.63		£19,294.40	Wages: Staff & Cover & Tax S01-7 (excl S03)	£18,518.08	
£15,000.00	RSC (Rent) B09	£15,000.00		£19,294.40	Subtotal	£18,518.08	
-£1.44	Receivables net C01/2	£24.32		£14,054.14	Gas/Elec U01/2	£7,902.63	
£25,330.59	Subtotal	£21,200.06		£705.56	Water rates U03	£716.44	
£110,228.93	SUBTOTALS	£100,328.91		£511.57	Telephone B/B U04	£563.21	
	Funds reported separately 2023-24 p2			£6,213.95	Insurance (inc copier ins) U05	£6,568.74	
£503.80	Fund t/A18, V/S03 taxes-funerals/Staff	£1,212.09		£1,108.37	Licences U06	£143.86	
£104.44	Fund b/B04 Benevolent interest	£81.70		£143.86	Subscriptions (URC Trust (church fees) U07	£1,327.82	
£0.00	Fund y M05, M07, M09 Youth work	£0.00		£2,738.25	Subtotal	£1,327.82	
£608.24	SubTotal	£1,293.79		£2,593.44	Paper, Printing, Copier Leas T02,6,7	£882.39	
£9,987.15	Legacy A08			£5,609.89	Subtotal	£1,327.82	
£0.00	TFR from Cap Reserve	£3,500.00		£153.12	Worship materials inc AAW M02,3,10	£527.33	
£0.00	TFR from TMCP Glayds Harrop CO	£0.00		£0.00	Visiting Minister expenses	£0.00	
£13,250.00	TFR from CFB (shortfall in assessment transferred)	£7,500.00		£200.00	CTLD M11	£200.00	
£25,237.15	SUBTOTAL	£19,000.00		£747.02	Tea, Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£540.58	
	Total Income for Year			£204.71	Flower fund net C09/10	£122.18	
£14,259.72	Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£120,622.70		£4,914.74	Subtotal	£2,272.48	
-£60.23	Balance b/f from fund t(Tax)	£9,097.71		£0.00	Additional Transfer to CFB	£0.00	
£54,853	Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent)			£9,936.81	Transfer to Leek Building Society	£3,768.50	
£925.29	Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)			£9,936.82	Subtotal	£3,768.50	
£0.00	Balance b/f from fund r (Refugees Benevolent)	£1,125.88		£138,628.09	Total payments in year	£119,613.03	
	Grand Total of income	£130,846.24		£371.14	Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£920.49	
				£100.00	Fund b (b/B05) Benevolent	£0.00	
				£211.16	Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£76.94	
				£9,097.71	C/F from n (General)	£8,813.59	
				£72.43	C/F from t (Tax)	£364.03	
				£339.27	C/F from b (Benevolent)	£420.97	
				£714.13	C/F from y (Youth)	£637.19	
				£10,223.54	Total C/F in NatWest a/c (n,b,t,y) =	£10,235.78	
				£149,533.93	Grand Total of Payments	£130,846.24	

Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (*)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2024	£72,132.91	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£52,000.00
Interest CFB (A06)	£3,242.38		
Transfer from Nat West General 6/11/2024	£4,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 13/01/2025	£16,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 21/01/2025	£4,000.00	Balance c/f 31/08/2025	£67,375.29
Transfer from Nat West General 23/05/2025	£7,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 5/6/2025	£8,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 27/8/2025	£5,000.00		
	£119,375.29		£119,375.29

Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2024	£39,274.74	No TFRs to NATWEST 2024-25	
Interest Added (A07)	£992.97		
Cheques – John Hunt/Derek Rushton	£3,250.00	Balance c/f at 31/08/2025	£44,036.21
Transfer from NatWest Gen Blanche Bentley	£518.50		
	£44,036.21		£44,036.21

Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)

Balance Brought Forward Sept 1 st 2024	£5,046.88	No withdrawals 2024-25	£0.00
Dividend Credited 20/2	£76.06		
Dividend Credited 22/5	£25.07	Balance c/f at 31/08/2025	£5,148.01
	£5,148.01		£5,148.01

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth)

Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2024	72.43		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£7.20	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£920.49
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	£1,204.89	Balance c/f at 31/8/2025	£364.03
	£1,284.52		£1,284.52

Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2024	£339.27	Withdrawals 2024-2025 b/B05	£0.00
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£81.70	Balance c/f at 31/08/2025	£420.97
	£420.97		£420.97

Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2024	£ 714.13	Holiday Clubs/Youth Events M05, M07	£76.94
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2025	£ 637.19
	£ 714.13		£714.13

(*) Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£52,000).

TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1st September 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

(Note: the 2025 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31st August 2025)

	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Sept 2025
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop) (cash)	£41,374.42	£41,647.63	£36,694.20	£21,705.07	£ 8,191.41	£ 8,630.85	£1,208.32
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.55 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 cash
TMCP Trust 725(Emily Morton) Cash:Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.03 £1942.06	£921.03 £1,907.80	£921.03 £2,215.69	£921.03 £2,117.14	£921.03 Cash £2,026.08	£921.03cash £2,183.05 invest	£921.03 cash £2,187.08 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£385.50 Cash	£388.04 Cash	£388.50 Cash	£389.27	£400.65	£421.14 cash	£439.85 cash
TOTAL Invested	Cash £42,736.44 Invest £1,942.06	Cash £43,012.19 Invest £1,907.80	Cash £38,059.22 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £ 23,070.92 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £ 9,568.58 Invest: £2,026.08	Cash £10,028.51 Invest £2,183.05	Cash £ 2,624.69 Invest £2,187.08

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.

The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document

	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Sept 2025
Insurance Value of buildings	£6,583,349	£6,978,350	£7,536,618	£8,441,013	£9,453,935	£10,021,172
Church Contents	£260,150	£273,158	£289,548	£324,294	£363,210	£385,003
Organ	£515,265	£541,029	£573,491	£642,310	£719,388	£769,552
AV Equipment	£25,139	£26,396	£27,980	£31,338	£35,099	£37,205
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31st 2025.

The indexation on the insurance is 6% this year

Treasurer's Report to Church, Year End August 2025

This year, has seen a small profit of £1,009.67 of receipts against outgoing payments compared to last year's deficit of £4,533.77.

As I say each year I greatly appreciate the support of everyone for continuing, and in some cases even increasing, your very generous offertories during these ongoing challenging times. It is a great help. They total £52,119.49 this year – a decrease of £1,753.14 from 2023-24 due to the sad loss of some of our members. Thanks, as well, to the dedicated teams of counters who do an excellent job of recording the collections and paying into the bank each fortnight, and to Steve and Jean Thompson, who store and collate all the Gift Aid records very meticulously. 'Tax reclaimed' on Gift Aid and GASDS was £12,024.34, a reduction of £592.75.

Coffee Mornings raised £6,538.90, a very significant increase of £1,573.01 on last year. Many thanks to Liz for co-ordinating along with her team of very dedicated helpers – it is almost getting back to Pre-Covid level now when opening hours were longer!

'Meals' just have a minor deficit of £35 this year, compared to last year's deficit of £762.50.

'Lettings' continue to be a major challenge, unfortunately, and only raised £3,621.75 this year - a reduction of £2,928.25 from 2023/24. This is a challenge, not unique to us, as organisations elsewhere are experiencing similar issues. We continue to have a regular yoga group who use the building and all Saturday foyer coffee mornings continue to get booked up, along with many Fridays. Other bookings are ad-hoc for concerts etc. The lack of bookings does, however, have a knock-on benefit of helping to reduce our outlay on Utilities

The Trinity film club raised £2,414.78, a reduction of £490.56 on last year. although once again it is a marvellous achievement. Attendances at some films weren't helped by the good weather we experienced in early spring. Many Thanks to Chris Birch for organising the programme of films as usual which provide a source of enjoyment, and much needed company, for many people.

We received £1,411 from 'Funeral fees and donations' and £192.41 of Sundry Income, from donations received plus the transfer of funds which had been held in the old SPARK newspaper account.

Maureen Wiskin is continuing to co-ordinate the Holiday Meals and has managed to obtain Grants from several sources during the year. £1,700 Grants were received plus a small surplus of £67 on the Maundy Thursday meal. £500 was transferred from here in order to offset energy costs.

Also during the year we received £15,000 from the RSC for Rental plus £889.63 for the usage of Utilities costs. As we know, we will no longer be getting these receipts as the Russell Street Centre is now under our control with the upcoming unpaid project.

We were most grateful to received two legacies during the year: £3,000 from the estate of Mr John Hunt and £500 from the estate of Reg and Blanche Bentley.

The line 'Transfer from CFB' of £8,000 relates to the quarterly assessments paid to the circuit. With other outgoings I wasn't able to transfer this amount over to the Central Finance Board account where the Direct Debit comes from so it has come from our reserves. £7,500 was transferred from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) Gladys Harrop Fund.

Following the change of ministry from URC to Methodist and subsequent discussions with the relevant bodies during the summer of 2024, our share pledge for Assessment to the Circuit (to the Methodist Circuit and the URC) was reduced to £52,000 based on our current membership. The bulk of this goes from the Circuit to the denomination providing ministry. Our outlay to nominated charities reduced slightly to £5,000, which is based on approximately 10% of our direct giving. In addition a one off donation of £50 was paid out to the Diocese of Lichfield in recognition for the work carried out by Robert Mountford, Ecumenical Officer. Our special appeals giving this year was £4,859 with Gift Aid added of £746.25, making our total giving to outside groups of £10,655.25. Please note that some donors made gifts directly to the charity, or via Trinity with a cheque payable to the charity, so the overall giving was actually higher than figures indicate.

Salary: Wages costs for this year have reduced by £776.32 as the final settlement of £930 was paid to Sylvia Bainbridge at the beginning of the year and all sick pay had completed. After Teresa had kept the Trinity Office manned during last year, with the unfortunate situation, it was a delight to formally welcome her as our new administrator. Teresa keeps all of our congregation up to date with newsletters and Circuit Notices which is much appreciated, as well as being the first point of call for people contacting the church. We also thank Pauline, our cleaner, for her usual excellent work.

The entry "Ministry under Covid" of £207.50 covers the costs of postage of notices to church members unable to receive them by e-mail, which is a reduction of £116.50 from last year. We greatly appreciate the help of the people who deliver quite a number of these by hand.

"Minister's Pastoral Support Fee" of £ 46 is part of a requirement by the URC to support all their ministers and was paid on Richard Pope's final expenses – Churches are able to claim back some of the cost, if required, but fortunately our financial position has enabled us to cover these costs.

'First Aid Training' was completed by Teresa Parker and Peter Sheldon at a cost of £240 and there were two further training courses carried out totalling £49.

'Meals during holidays' of £ 1,044.30 relates to expenses incurred for the aforementioned Holiday meals.

I am pleased to report, and somewhat relieved, that after several years of dramatic increases in Utility costs we are starting to see a steadying following the contract renewals. The Gas/Electric shows a decrease of £6,151.51 from 2023/4, whilst the Water rates show a small increase of £10.48 (NB: As previous years some water costs continue to be invoiced on estimated readings). 'Telephone costs' show an increase of £51.24.

'Licences and Subscriptions' have reduced by £120.68 on last year, when a late cost from 2022/3 had been picked up. 'Insurance costs' have increased by £354.79.

'Repairs and Renewals' and 'Major Work' show an increase of £3,227.60 during the year. Significant costs were incurred for a replacement control box for the automatic door £3,084.98 and Remedial works for the fire alarm system £ 2,876.72. A repair was also carried out to the wall at the rear of the church at a cost of £778.92. There were the usual outgoings for servicing (gas boiler, lift inspections, fire extinguisher checks, PAT Testing etc). We are continually grateful to the work undertaken by Dennis Johnson, Steve Thompson and Andrew Parker, without which these costs would be considerably more. 'Organ Tuning' was reduced by £120 as there were only two visits from Jardines during the year. 'Cleaning costs' have increased by £245 as there was a late invoice that came through which related to 2023/4

'Worship Materials' have increased costs of £374.21 this year which included the purchase of Advent packs £271.95, Peace Poppies £68 and Palm Crosses £43.80. 'Tea and Coffee' costs have fallen by £ 206.44 helped to a large extent by Teresa managing to obtain better deals through bulk buying.

'Paper and Printing costs' show a large reduction of £ 1,265.62. This has come about, primarily, by reducing colour printing to a very minimal amount, resulting in a cost saving of £ 800.68. Stationery costs have also reduced by £464.98 on 2023/4.

'Flower Fund' has a reduced spend of £82.53

'Sundry costs' show a decrease of £ 2,727.75 this year as in 2023/4 we were having to pay one- off Professional fees for our previous administrator as reported on in last year's accounts. Main items which drop into this area include the Independent Examination of Accounts, Gifts and Banners amongst others.

NOTE(1): The church gas contract continues to be with Regent Gas which is now on a fixed 24 month contract until the end of July 2026. Our Electricity contract switched to Smartest Energy from 1/11/24 which is on a 36 month fixed contract until 30/9/27. We continue to use Cost Advice services who deal with a large number of URC churches, amongst others, and do their best to ensure a good deal. The electricity is 100% Green, but renewable gas is not available in bulk. (from 2025/26 accounts we will start incurring Utility costs on the Russell Street Centre, as noted earlier, including some quite hefty costs for when it was out of contract)

NOTE (2): £ 3,768.50 was transferred to our Leek Building Society account

NOTE(3): As usual the sub accounts (n, b, t, and y) are reported on one page. They are also broken down on Page 2

NOTE (4): 'Meals for Holidays' holds a balance of £ 298.49 as at 31/8/25. From the accounts for next year this will show as a sub account on Page 2 as will the RSC Project

Robin McDuell

29/12/2025

**Treasurer's Report for Trinity Church, Leek (Methodist and United Reformed)
to the Charity Commission, Sept 1st 2024-Aug 31st 2025 (Charity Number: 1171597)**

General: This year has seen a small profit between Receipts and Payments of £1,009.67. Offertories have decreased from 2023-24 by £ 1,753.14 due to the sad loss of several long standing church members. We have circulated a letter to Church members in September 2025 requesting that they look at their current level of giving. The dedication of Church Members in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reach Trinity is an enormous help. It is proving increasingly difficult to get Bookings for our Lower Hall and Foyer space and as such income has reduced by £ 2,928.25 from last year. Saturday coffee mornings continue to be fully booked as are a number of Fridays. We also have a Yoga group who use the premises on a regular basis and occasional ad hoc bookings. It does have a knock-on benefit though of reducing our spend on Utilities.

Our own regular coffee mornings which provide a social environment as well as income, have increased significantly this year with £6,538 raised and our regular film clubs have once again provided an excellent return once again of £2,414.

Our normal practice of making appeals at Festival times took place at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and several people also made donations directly to our supported Charities as well as via Trinity. (See Page 7 for details).

Receipts: Our Offertory continued to be sufficient for Trinity to pay its pledged Assessment to the Methodist Circuit, which, as Trinity is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership), transfers Ministerial costs to the United Reformed Church for our Mission and Ministry. This was reduced by £3,000 to £52,000 following the change of Ministry to a Methodist denomination from September 2024. Giving for special appeals throughout the year was paid out directly to the recipient charities. The Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was down by about £ 593.

We have begun a service providing meals to families in need during the school holidays, in conjunction with the local foodbank who point the people to us. Grants have been obtained during the year of £ 1,267.92.

Two Legacy payments totalling £3,500 were received from the estates of late members.

Payments: Our Ministry has continued to be enhanced by producing printed materials, which are made available to both the congregation and those unable to attend worship. These are all referenced under the tab 'Ministry under COVID', the decrease of £117 from last year is due to a combination of lower postage spend and more hand deliveries.

There were costs incurred of £ 5,961 for 'Major Work' this year which covered repairs to the automatic door and remedial works on the Fire Alarm system. 'Repairs & Renewals' includes various maintenance work, in addition to the regular costs, the biggest of which was £ 779 for a repair to a wall at the rear of the Church. Following our Quinquennial inspection, late in 2025, a couple of items were raised which will form part of next year's accounts. We are very fortunate we currently have people who are able to carry out routine repairs without the need for call-outs, keeping our costs to a minimum.

'Wages' costs have reduced by £ 776. Our previous office administrator who had been on long term sick leave left at the beginning of the year so apart from a final settlement of £ 930 there were no other associated costs.

'Gas/Electric' costs have decreased by £ 6,152 from last year due to new improved contract prices taking effect, along, with the aforementioned, lower usage of Church premises. We are currently on fixed term contracts for Gas until July 2026 and Electricity until September 2027.

Other Utility costs and the insurance premium show only minimal increases this year.

'Sundries' have reduced by £ 2,727, as in 2023-24 we picked up one off Professional HR costs to bring the issue with the administrator to a conclusion.

We had to use £ 12,000 from our reserves during the year. £ 8,000 of the final £13,250 Quarterly Assessment payment was paid from the Central Finance Board account and a further £ 7,500 was withdrawn from the Gladys

Harrop, Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, fund. Two Legacy payments totalling £ 3,500 were transferred to Leek Building Society Reserve account.

'Printing costs' have reduced by £ 1,266 as, following a review of costs, a decision was taken to avoid colour printing which saved around £ 800.

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £5,000 (approx.10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: We have managed to maintain our Assessment but had to reduce our tithed giving slightly as we have lost a number of church members

Maintenance of our building continues to be an increasing cost with a couple of substantial repairs already booked in for in 2025/26 which may once again require some more transfers from our reserves.

The tenant who has occupied the Russell Street Centre Offices vacated at the end of the year which will leave a major reduction on income in that area. Following unsuccessful attempts to market the premises a decision was taken to utilise this area as a drop-in project to help people in need. It is hoped that this will be able to start during the second half of the year

Robin McDuell (Church Treasurer). December 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31st August 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report.

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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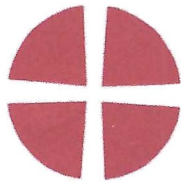
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Oliver Newey FCA

Signed:



Date: 16 January 2026



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Trinity Church Accounts 2024-2025

The accounts on Pages 1 to 4 were presented to, and approved by, the

Church Meeting held on 25th January 2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Rev Denise Williamson (Chairperson) D. E. Williamson

Dr Maureen Wiskin (Church Secretary) Maureen Wiskin

Date: _____

Allocation of central church funds (tithed giving) to charities 2024-2025

D01	Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£550
D01	Methodist World Mission Fund	£550
D02	Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)	£200
D02	MHA	£500
D02	Action for Children	£500
D03	URC Commitment for Life	£1,500
D03	URC West Midlands, Colin Choyce Hostel	£ 100
D04	Leek Town Centre Youth Project (@21)	£150
D05	Leek Foodbank	£250
D05	Asha	£200
D07	A Rocha UK	£500
	TOTAL	£5,000

Charitable Monies in Transit, 2024-2025 (Money raised for specific appeals)

<i>Event Income</i>	<i>Credit</i>
F01 Harvest	
Gift Aid slips sent to Christian Aid directly	£ 700.00
F02 Christmas Appeal	£1,086.00
F03 Easter Appeal	£944.00
F05 Christian Aid (Individuals also contributed online)	£953.00
F06 MHA Appeal	£240.00
F07 Action for Children (Xmas/AforC envs) (2023-24 had one of costs of £818.05)	£145.00
F08 Special Appeals (Myanmar & Middle East Appeals)	£ 483.00
F11 ASHA	£308.00
TOTAL:	£4,859.00

<i>Paid Away to:></i>	<i>Debit</i>
G01 Harvest (Christian Aid)	£700.00
G02 The Toy Box (Christmas)*	£543.00
G02 UNHM Purple Bow (Christmas)*	£543.00
G03 YMCA North Staffs (Easter)*	£472.00
G03 All We Can re: Gaza (Easter)*	£472.00
G05 Christian Aid	£953.00
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G07 Action for Children*	£145.00
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TOTAL:	£4,859.00
D08 *Also donations equivalent to Gift Aid paid to Recipients marked *	£746.25

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171597

Accounts

Ministers Report, Rev Denise Williamson for AGM. January 26th 2025

It has been a year of change for Trinity and myself as the church accepted me as their new Minister on August 31st 2024. Your welcome to myself, my husband Simon and son Sam has been so warm and genuine and we already feel 'at home' in Staffordshire and Leek.

I am very grateful for the support of Church Secretary Maureen Wiskin and Circuit Steward Phil Mann as they have guided me through the 'unique' characteristics of Trinity. Many thanks also to

Rev Steve Faber and the URC team at West Midlands Synod and Rev Robert Mountford, District Ecumenical Officer for their help and advice along the way.

Both denominations of the LEP have a wealth of traditions, experience, guidance and resources and Trinity is blessed by having full access to them all. We need to draw on those resources to inspire and challenge us for the future.

Last year the church baptised one child into the church of God and the fellowship of Trinity. Sadly we bade farewell to 12 much loved members and held a memorial service for 2 others who had worshipped and served at Trinity in the recent past. Special mention of sister in Christ Jenny Kirkham who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in July 2024. Her funeral service was led by Rev Richard Pope and it proved to be a time of celebration of her life and mourning for her loss for all the town of Leek - most of whom tried to gather inside the church! Everyone at Trinity pulled together to accommodate so many visitors.

Trinity continues to play an important role in the life of Churches Together in Leek and District being the venue for many of the events such as the Switching on of the Christmas Lights and the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We continue with our close links with St Edwards Leek sharing regular services and hosting the Christmas Day Lunch. New Anglican ministers at All Saints and St Paul's and St Luke's in Leek will bring fresh ideas to our work of witnessing to the love of God for the town and all its people.

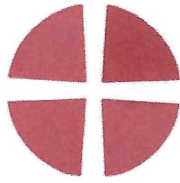
Worship services are well attended and since September a greater variety of preachers have been welcomed to the pulpit. Christmas Services were particularly well attended and it was a joy to share worship with many different people at this time. Trinity hosted the 'Hope Journey' for children from Beresford School. It was great to have so many young people filling the church and interested in the real story of Christmas. Many thanks to Marian Aston (Circuit Steward and Mark Hatcher (Circuit Youth leader) who led this work across the whole Circuit.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet people at the Wednesday Coffee Mornings. Sometimes questions about life and faith are brought up and sometimes its just a friendly chat and a word of encouragement that can help someone. Acceptance and listening are vital.

A change of Minister often leads a church to step back and think about where they are and to think about the future. This has been the case already in the church. There is a desire to reach out to the community more effectively and discussion is already underway about having a Lay Worker to help us with this. More will be shared at the AGM/CGM at the end of January and at the next Church Meeting in February.

For some being a church in a very central location in the town is a disadvantage because we have no immediate settled community around us. Or we could see it as an advantage - we are at the heart of a still busy market town with stall holders, retailers and businesses all as our 'neighbours'. Working with other partners building on the good relationships that we have already, can we reach out and serve the communities that we are a part of?

Our church has many positives or treasures to build upon in its work: already it has many links with the community it seeks to serve; it has a good number of people willing to help and volunteer for



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**Trinity Church, Leek
Accounts for the year
September 1st 2023 to
August 31st 2024**

Pages 1-7

Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (*)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2023	£81,368.83	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£55,000
Interest CFB (A06)	£4,014.08		
Transfer from Nat West General 29/11/2023	£7,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 31/01/2024	£3,750.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 1/03/2024	£10,000.00	Balance c/f 31/08/2024	£72,132.91
Transfer from Nat West General 25/04/2024	£4,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 17/05/2024	£4,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 30/05/2024	£4,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 19/07/2024	£9,000.00		
	£127,132.91		£127,132.91

Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2023	£28,660.13	No TFRs to NATWEST 2023-2024	
Interest Added (A7)	£677.80		
Transfer from Nat West General 1/05/2024	£9,936.81	Balance c/f at 31/08/2024	£39,274.74
	£39,274.74		£39,274.74

Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)

Balance Brought Forward Sept 1 st 2023	£5,034.30	No withdrawals 2023-2024	£0.00
Dividend Credited	£12.58		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2024	£5,046.88
	£5,046.88		£5,046.88

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth)

Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2023	(£60.23)		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£355.00	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£371.14
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	£168.80	Balance c/f at 31/8/2024	£92.43
	£463.57		£463.57

Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2023	£334.83	Withdrawals 2023-2024 b/B05	£100.00
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£104.44	Balance c/f at 31/08/2024	£339.27
	£439.27		£439.27

Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2023	£ 925.29	Holiday Clubs/Youth Events M05	£211.16
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2024	£ 714.13
	£ 925.29		£ 925.29

(*) Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£55,000).

TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1st September 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

(Note: the 2024 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31st August 2024)

	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop) (cash)	£41,107.25	£41,374.42	£41,647.63	£36,694.20	£21,705.07	£ 8,191.41	£8,630.85
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.55 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 cash
TMCP Trust 725(Emily Morton) Cash:Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.03 £1,918.28	£921.03 £1,942.06	£921.03 £1,907.80	£921.03 £2,215.69	£921.03 Cash £2,117.14	£921.03cash £2,026.08 invest	£921.03 cash £2,183.05 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£383.02 Cash	£385.50 Cash	£388.04 Cash	£388.50	£389.27	£400.65 cash	£421.14 cash
TOTAL Invested	Cash £42,466.79 Invest £1,918.28	Cash £42,736.44 Invest: £ 1,942.06	Cash £43,012.19 Invest: £1,907.80	Cash £ 38,059.22 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £23,070.92 Invest: £2,117.14	Cash £9,568.58 Invest £2,026.08	Cash £10,028.51 Invest £2,183.05

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.
The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document

	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024
Insurance Value of buildings	£6,210,706	£6,583,349	£6,978,350	£7,536,618	£8,441,013	£9,453,935
Church Contents	£247,761	£260,150	£273,158	£289,548	£324,294	£363,210
Organ	£490,728	£515,265	£541,029	£573,491	£642,310	£719,388
AV Equipment	£23,941	£25,139	£26,396	£27,980	£31,338	£35,099
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)		£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31st 2024.
The indexation on the insurance is 12% this year

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General: This year has seen has been a deficit between Receipts and Payments of £4,533.77 with a number of challenges. Offertory's have increased from 2022-23 by £ 900.70 due to a couple of very generous one off donations, whilst, unfortunately, we also note the sad deaths of several long standing church members. The dedication of Church Members in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reach Trinity is an enormous help. Bookings of our Lower Hall and Foyer space have reduced by £ 755.51 from last year. Saturday coffee morning's continue to be extremely popular with a number of Fridays also booked. We also have a Yoga group who use the premises on a regular basis and the occasional ad hoc booking. With the extraordinary situation we continue to be in with the volatility of the energy market and the prevalence of outside charity organisations reducing their available spend this will continue to be a struggle

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There was no 'Major Work' required this year, whilst 'Repairs & Renewals' includes various maintenance work, in addition to the regular costs, the biggest of which were £2,386.82 for roofing repairs, £1,303.20 for Lift Remedial work and £680 for re-decoration of the Church Office

One of the main problem areas this year has been the 'Wages' which show an increase of 4,870 on last year. The Church Administrator went off on long term absence leave, during which we had to continue paying some salary, in line with her contract, Statutory Sick Pay and Accrued Holiday pay.

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Other Utility costs and the insurance premium show only minimal increases this year.

The additional spend on 'Sundries' was as a result of Occupational Health Assessment costs and HR advice regarding the Church Administrator to bring the matter to a conclusion

We had to use of £3,313 from our reserves during the year. The final £13,250 Quarterly Assessment payment was paid from the Central Finance Board account, whilst the bulk of the Legacy payment £9.936 was transferred to Leek Building Society

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £5,200 (10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: We have managed to maintain our Assessment but had to reduce our tithed giving slightly as we have lost a number of long standing church members

Energy costs will, of course, continue to be a challenge, and maintenance of our building continues to be an increasing cost with a couple of substantial repairs already booked in for in 2024/25 which may require some more transfers from our reserves. In addition, there are other areas we know will need renovating shortly and the Quinquennial inspection is due in the upcoming year

Robin McDuell (Church Treasurer). December 2024

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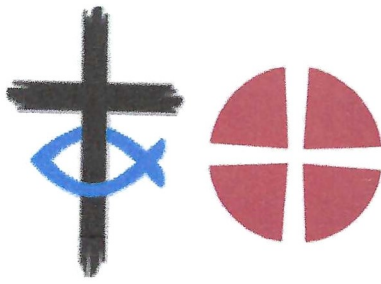
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Mrs Maureen Wiskin (Church Secretary) Maureen Wiskin

Date: 26-1-25

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F11 ASHA	£119.50
TOTAL:	£6,309.38

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G01 Harvest (Christian Aid)	£874.00
G02 Gingerbread Centre (Christmas)*	£802.20
G02 Mercy Ships (Christmas)*	£802.20
G03 Macari Foundation (Easter)*	£499.09
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TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171597

Accounts

There are so many things that influence our life together as followers of Jesus; some are positive and some are negative - some come from among us and some from outside. The negative impact of the street preachers in Leek, has, I think, affected attitudes toward the churches in Leek.

Attitudes to prayer have also shown vast differences of opinion when there is no one 'right' answer or one 'right' way of praying, and from conversations I have had, people among us are praying and thinking deeply about their faith. The issues generated by the 'God in Love Unites Us' report to the Methodist Conference and the Human Sexuality reports to the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church mean that the decision to register to offer same-sex marriages can also be discussed by us - and we have the opportunity to show the open, affirming love of Jesus or to reject people, which is something I don't see in the Gospel accounts of Jesus apart from the stories of the religious hypocrites of the day. This particular issue has a potential to cause division as people's starting points are very different. But the older I get, the more I look at some of these issues, and the more of life I experience, the words of Jesus not only seem more pertinent but wise - 'let the person who is without sin cast the first stone'. Our theology also believes that it is God who deals with sin, not us. But there are those who would prefer to sort it for God - and we are back to the street preachers!

However, I still see amongst us at Trinity a people trying to live out their discipleship and being faithful to Jesus. Not agreeing does not make one less of a follower of Jesus than another. *How* we disagree may show how well we follow Jesus.

The beginning of the year made us realise how much we appreciated having heating in the church! The boiler issue did affect how we marked Advent and Christmas last year and also led the Gathering to relocate to Cheddleton. Although there was some heat by Christmas, the boilers were not fully functioning until January. We are very grateful to those who look after our building and its contents.

While the government is coming under scrutiny over their handling of the pandemic, we have been made aware of the on-going influence of the pandemic, with some people returning to Wednesday Coffee earlier in the year saying it was the first time they had been out since 2020! Part of it has been learning to live with another respiratory virus which will be present with all the others.

As we have been doing more and more in person, the on-line worship became impossible to continue as the editing was so time consuming – the last on-line video was made in February.

Wednesday coffee continues to do well and is usually very busy, as is the Cinema Club.

The work we do with Abi such as the Craft and Fun mornings seem to have been well received but the summer holiday club was not. This seemed to be a similar issue across the Circuit where the summer holiday clubs were run.

A few of us attended the Circuit trip to Iona which saw a week of mixed weather! It was interesting to see how, for some, it was like putting on an old glove and those who hadn't been before adapted to island life very well. It was one of the newbies who was brave enough to take a paddle in the sea!

It was another opportunity to discuss things of the Spirit and faith - and how we inform our faith which can be expressed through words and activity and art and silence. We continue to discuss faith in worship as well as house groups and Lent and Autumn study courses.

We have once again picked up the ideas of worshipping differently with Coffee, Cakes and Questions, Taize and Julien services taking place recently. We recognise that habits have changed since the pandemic, but we seem to be picking ourselves up and dusting ourselves off quite well. Our worship has been enhanced by musicians and readers, actors and people willing to share of themselves. Thank you.

We have also been left bereft by the deaths of our friends - and this year we have lost a number. There are on-going issues and illnesses that come and go which can be challenging to us, but there is a lot of support offered amongst the congregation.

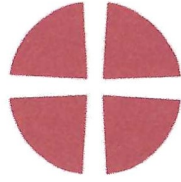
It was quite a shock when the URC Synod informed us they were stopping the post I currently fill. We are well aware of the decline within the churches across this island and generally within the West. When the former Leek Circuit joined with the former Cheadle Circuit - it was a sign of the decline facing our denominations; there were 23 churches in the Circuit at that time, there are now 10, we had 5 full time ministers of Word and Sacrament plus one in secular appointment, whereas from September 2024 there will be two full time ministers in this Circuit.

I am reminded of a conversation I had with a member in Devon who said to me more than twenty years ago, 'Will there be a church for you to retire from?' There may not be - but that doesn't mean there won't be followers of Jesus. Things may change: how we do 'church' will change and it is highly likely that the church as an institution may also radically alter, but while the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus continues to be told, and inspires, challenges, heals and impacts people's actions thus helping to build the kingdom of God in word and deed, we need not fear change; taking our part in the conversations is the only way to influence it.

This will also be the last AGM report I write for Trinity; thank you for journeying with me, putting up with new hymns, modern words to old tunes, having an occasional go at something different. Thank you also to those among you who have offered healing space and have listened during extremely difficult times for me, Daniel and Aeddan over the last ten years, and thank you for those of you who kept out of it.

Next summer when there will be different futures for us, I am confident we will all go forward as God's people, trusting in the love of God and the hope of the Gospel and working for God's kingdom of justice and peace.

Richard



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**Trinity Church, Leek
Accounts for the year
September 1st 2022 to
August 31st 2023**

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Trinity Church Leek: Receipts and Payments Accounts - Year Ending August 31st 2023

	2021-22 RECEIPTS	2022-23	2021-22 PAYMENTS	2022-23
£57,679.59 Collections/S/O etc A01,2,3	£52,971.93		£55,000.00 Assessments(Ttr to CFB) x0	£55,000.00
£14,141.87 Tax reclaimed A04	£13,105.96		£0.00 Sunday Club M04	£0.00
£231.00 Job Retention Scheme<HMRC A05	£0.00		£507.13 Ministry under COVID T09	£710.04
£5,094.06 Special Appeals F01-15, excl F10	£6,230.68		£299.00 Minister's Pastoral Support Fee M12	£276.00
£77,346.52 Subtotal	£72,308.57		£156.00 First-Aid Training Elders M12	£0.00
£0.00 Insurance Settlement A19	£1,306.99		£55,962.13 Subtotal	£55,986.04
£2,000.00 Circuit Refund ref URC rebate A20	£5,000.00		£6,000.00 Donations from Church Funds D01-5,7,9	£5,350.00
£53.06 HMCourts Repay B12	£0.00		£5,174.06 Special Appeals G01-15 excl G10	£6,230.68
£2,053.06 Subtotal	£6,306.99		£739.58 Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£915.98
£3,602.95 Coffee Mornings B02	£4,897.38		£11,913.64 Subtotal	£12,496.66
£15.00 Meals (net) C05/6	-£279.45		£5,196.60 Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£7,263.80
£8,458.75 Lettings B01	£7,305.51		£0.00 Major Work(New Boilers incl Temp Heaters) R03	£32,071.40
£12,076.70 Subtotal	£11,923.44		£696.00 Organ tuning R04	£990.00
£1,021.33 Films A11	£2,846.21		£685.48 Cleaning+Sanitary Provision T04,T05	£737.57
£1,500.36 Donations(Funerals) A12	£716.00		£6,578.08 Subtotal	£41,062.77
£2,058.00 Funerals/Weddings net fees/Tax A13/A7	£1,325.00		£15,796.72 Wages: Staff&Cover&Tax(S01-7)(excl S03)	£14,424.00
£115.00 Sundries, sale of plants, cards, toddlers A15,16,C11	£263.01		£15,796.72 Subtotal	£14,424.00
£1,500.00 Ex Gratia Payment re: Canopy C11	£0.00		£6,905.66 Gas/Elec U01/2	£9,788.00
£0.00 Boiler Donations from Congregation C12	£2,230.00		£500.61 Water rates U03	£604.38
£0.00 URC Grant for new boiler F17	£15,866.00		£556.74 Telephone B/8 U04	£556.94
£884.97 RSC (services) B10	£2,031.41		£5,791.44 Insurance(inc copier ins) U05	£5,941.23
£15,000.00 RSC (Rent) B09	£15,000.00		£1,135.17 Licences(inc Radio & Streaming 20/21) U06	£889.28
£0.00 Traidcraft net C03/4	£0.00		£143.86 Subscriptions (URC Trust(church Fees) U07	£143.86
£1.55 Bookstall net C01/2	£18.53		£15,033.48 Subtotal	£17,923.69
£0.00 Adult Outreach M13	£0.00		£383.96 Office Expenses T01	£190.00
£22,081.21 Subtotal	£40,296.16		£1,691.61 Paper,Printing,Copier Lease T02,6,7	£1,829.37
£113,357.49 SUBTOTALS	£130,835.16		£2,075.57 Subtotal	£2,019.37
Funds reported separately 2021-22 p2			£960.18 Sundries T03	£864.77
£1,159.32 Fund t/A18, t/S03 taxes-funerals/staff	-£24.80		£139.73 Worship materials inc AAW M02,3,10	£625.04
£1,540.00 Fund r (Refugees Benevolent Fund) F10	£20.00		£525.02 Visiting Minister expenses (John Bell)	£0.00
£49.46 Fund b b/B04 Benevolent interest	£85.78		£175.00 CTLD M11	£100.00
£0.00 Fund y M05,M07, M09 Youth work	£0.00		£570.82 Tea,Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£758.37
£2,748.78 SubTotal	£80.98		£264.84 Flower fund net C09/10	-£145.93
£0.00 Legacy A08	£1,200.00		£2,635.59 Subtotal	£2,202.25
£0.00 TFR from Cap Reserve for organ	£0.00		£413.13 Minors & Minders Closure to CFB	£0.00
£0.00 TFR from TMCP Glayds Harrop CO	£14,000.00		£10,000.00 Additional Transfer to CFB	£1,500.00
£0.00 TFR from CFB for Canopy X0	£0.00		Subtotal	£1,500.00
£0.00 SUBTOTAL	£15,200.00		£120,408.34 Total payments in year	£147,614.78
£413.13 Minors & Minders Closure	£0.00		£1,141.60 Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£90.40
£116,519.40 Total Income for Year	£146,116.14		£68.98 Fund b (b/B05) Benevolent	£653.46
£22,477.06 Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£15,839.34		£1,072.40 Fund r (Refugees Benevolent Fund G10)	£487.60
£37.25 Balance b/f from fund b (Tax)	£54.97		£189.91 Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£308.41
£922.03 Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent)	£902.51		£15,839.34 C/F from n (General)	£14,259.72
£1,423.61 Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)	£1,233.70		£54.97 C/F from t (Tax)	-£60.23
£0.00 Balance b/f from fund r (Refugees Benevolent)	£467.60		£902.51 C/F from b (Benevolent)	£334.83
			£1,233.70 C/F from y (Youth)	£925.29
			£467.60 C/F from r (Refugees Benevolent)	£0.00
			Total C/F in NatWest a/c (n,b,t,y) =	
£141,379.35 Grand Total of Income	£164,614.26		£141,379.35 Grand Total of Payments	£15,459.61
				£164,614.26

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK : YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2023 Other Accounts and Funds

Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (*)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2022	£77,195.00	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£55,000
Interest CFB (A06)	£2,673.83		
Transfer from Nat West General 29/11/2022	£7,750.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 14/02/2023	£21,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 10/05/2023	£7,000.00	Balance c/f 31/08/2023	£81,368.83
Transfer from Nat West General 31/05/2023	£7,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 30/08/2023	£7,750.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 31/08/2023	£6,000.00		
(NB: £55,000 assessments; £1,500 additional)			
	£136,368.83		£136,368.83

Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)

Balance brought forward	£28,494.70	No TFRs to NATWEST 2022-2023	
Interest Added (A7)	£165.43		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2023	28,660.13
	£28,660.13		£28,660.13

Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)

Balance Brought Forward	£5,029.27	No withdrawals 2022-2023	£0.00
Dividend Credited	£5.03		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2023	£5,034.30
	£5,034.30		£5,034.30

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth), r (refugees)

Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2022	£54.97		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£21.20	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£90.40
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	(£46.00)	Balance c/f at 31/8/2023	(£60.23)
	£30.17		£30.17
NB Tax Refunds due to employees			

Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2022	£902.51	Withdrawals 2022-2023 b/B05	£653.46
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£85.78	Balance c/f at 31/08/2023	£334.83
	£988.29		£988.29

Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2022	£1,233.70	Sunday group + Easter M05	£308.41
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2023	£925.29
	£1,233.70		£1,233.70

Fund r Refugees Benevolent Fund (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2022	£467.60	Withdrawals 2022-23 r/G10	£487.60
26/9/22 Donations	£20.00	Balance c/f at 31/08/2023	£0.00
	£487.60		£0.00

(*) Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£55,000).

TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1st September 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 (Note: the 2021 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31st August 2023)

	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop) (cash)	£40,941.03	£41,107.25	£41,374.42	£41,647.63	£36,694.20	£21,705.07 cash	£8,191.41 cash
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.52 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.55 Cash	£55.49 cash
TMCP Trust 725(Emily Morton) Cash:Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.46 £1,840.10	£921.03 £1,918.28	£921.03 £1,942.06	£921.03 £1,907.80	£921.03 Cash £2,215.69	£921.03cash £2,117.14 invest	£921.03 cash £2,026.08 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£381.45 Cash	£383.02 Cash	£385.50 Cash	£388.04	£388.50	£389.27 cash	£400.65 cash
TOTAL Invested	Cash £42,299.46 Invest £1,840.10	Cash £42,466.79 Invest: £ 1,918.28	Cash £42,736.44 Invest: £1,942.06	Cash £ 43,012.19 Invest: £1,907.80	Cash £37,670.72 Invest: £2,215.69	Cash £23,070.92 Invest £2,117.14	Cash £9,568.58 Invest £2,026.08

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.
 The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document

	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Insurance Value of buildings	£5,859,157	£6,210,706	£6,583,349	£6,978,350	£7,536,618	£8,441,013
Church Contents	£235,963	£247,761	£260,150	£273,158	£289,548	£324,294
Organ	£467,360	£490,728	£515,265	£541,029	£573,491	£642,310
AV Equipment	£22,801	£23,941	£25,139	£26,396	£27,980	£31,338.00
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)			£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31st 2023.
 £14,000 was withdrawn from the Gladys Harrop Trust to cover the boiler replacement
 The indexation on the insurance is 12% this year

**Treasurer's Report for Trinity Church, Leek (Methodist and United Reformed)
to the Charity Commission, Sept 1st 2021-Aug 31st 2023 (Charity Number: 1171597)**

General: This year has seen a further continuation of the return to some kind of normality following Covid. The Offertory has reduced from 2021-22 by £3,707 due to the sad deaths of several long standing church members. The dedication of Church Members, who still feel unable to attend worship, in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reach Trinity has also helped. Bookings of our Lower Hall and Foyer space have reduced by £1,153 as we lost some regular hirers as a result of the few months we had without heating whilst our boiler was being replaced.

Our own regular coffee mornings which provide a social environment as well as income, have continued to improve with £4,897 raised and our regular film clubs have provided income of £2,846

Our normal practice of making appeals at Festival times took place at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and many people made donations directly to our supported Charities as well as via Trinity. (See Page 7 for details)

Receipts: Our Offertory continued to be sufficient for Trinity to pay its pledged Assessment to the Methodist Circuit, which, as Trinity is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership), transfers Ministerial costs to the United Reformed Church for our Mission and Ministry. Giving for special appeals throughout the year was paid out directly to the recipient charities. The Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was down by about £1,036 mainly due to the aforementioned reduction in Offertories

An Insurance balance of £1,306.99 relating to loss of income during COVID was received, along with a Grant of £15,866.00 from the United Reformed Church towards the new boiler

Payments: The effect of COVID has reduced further since last year on our outgoings. Our Ministry continues to be enhanced by producing materials printed materials, which are made available. These are all referenced under the tab 'Ministry under COVID', the increase of £203 from last year reflects the increased postage costs.

We were able to maintain our assessment to the Methodist Circuit of £55,000.

'Major Work' includes £28,464 for the replacement boiler, £1,607.78 for temporary heaters and £1,999.62 for emergency ceiling repairs which were carried out

'Repairs & Renewals' included various maintenance work, in addition to the regular costs, the biggest of which were £1,065.60 Lift Remedial work and £1,026.31 work on the old boiler

'Gas/Electric' costs have increased by £2,882.34 following a significant increase when our Gas contract was renewed, we have not yet been impacted by the Electricity increase as we are still in contract until the end of August 2023.

Other Utility costs and the insurance premium show only minimal increases this year.

We were able to transfer £1,500 to our reserves during the year

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £5,300 (10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: We have managed to maintain our Assessment but had to reduce our tithed giving as we have lost a number of long standing church members

Energy costs will continue to be a challenge and we will start to get the impact of the Electricity increase following the end of our old contract. It is very difficult to pass on the full effect of the increases to external hirers without losing them altogether.

Regular maintenance of our building continues to be a cost with some more potential repairs in 2023/24 which may require some more transfers from our reserves.

Robin McDuell (Church Treasurer). November 3rd 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31st August 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report.

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

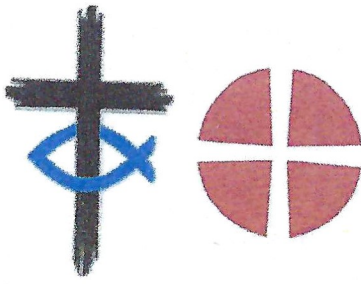
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Oliver Newey ACA



Signed:

Date: 23/11/23.....



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Trinity Church Accounts 2022-2023

The accounts on Pages 1 to 4 were presented to, and approved by, the

Church Meeting held on 30th November 2023

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Rev Richard Pope (Chairperson) *Richard Pope*

Mrs Maureen Wiskin (Church Secretary) *Maureen Wiskin*

Date: 30th November 2023

Allocation of central church funds (tithed giving) to charities 2022-2023

D01	Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£600
D01	Methodist World Mission Fund	£1,000
D02	Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)	£200
D02	MHA	£450
D02	Action for Children	£500
D03	URC Commitment for Life	£1,500
D04	Leek Town Centre Youth Project (@21)	£150
D05	Leek Foodbank	£150
D05	Asha	£200
D07	A Rocha UK	£550
	TOTAL	£5,300

Charitable Monies in Transit, 2022-2023 (Money raised for specific appeals)

Event Income	Credit
F01 Harvest	
Gift Aid slips sent to Christian Aid directly	£627.00
F02 Christmas Appeal	£1,240.00
F03 Easter Appeal	£808.00
F05 Christian Aid (Individuals also contributed online)	£867.33
F06 MHA Appeal	£360.00
F07 Action for Children (Xmas/AforC envs)	£720.35
F08 Special Appeals (Pakistan Floods £202/Turkey Earthquake £868)	£1,070.00
F11 ASHA	£20.00
F12 Fairtrade Coffee Morning (£468 Coffee Morning plus £50 Donation)	£518.00
TOTAL:	£6,230.68

Paid Away to:>	Debit
G01 Harvest (Christian Aid)	£627.00
G02 Action Aid Uk (Christmas)*	£620.00
G02 Leek Foodbank (Christmas)*	£620.00
G03 Practical Action (Easter)*	£404.00
G03 Windmills (Easter)*	£404.00
G05 Christian Aid	£867.33
G06 MHA *	£360.00
G07 Action for Children*	£720.35
G08 Special Appeals (Pakistan Floods £202/Turkey Earthquake £868)*	£1,070.00
G11 ASHA*	£20.00
G12 Transform Trade	£518.00
TOTAL:	£6,230.68
D08 *Also donations equivalent to Gift Aid paid to Recipients marked *	£915.98

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171597

Accounts

Report to the AGM of Trinity Church by Rev. Richard Pope, our Minister

Although restrictions have not been re-introduced this year, we are very much living with the effect of the pandemic- life has changed. In many ways nothing is the same even though it looks as if things have returned to as they were. We have still seen some people who have not returned to worship and even those who have, do not do the same as they did before. Habits have changed. Within the Circuit eight churches have not re-opened which tells us the scale of the issues we face.

The closure of churches has a knock-on effect - the bills do not reduce even when there are significantly less churches and therefore less people, as most do not transfer to other churches.

Although that sets a bleak picture, members and friends of Trinity have met the challenges we face - this includes the financial challenges. We have managed to meet our expenditure as well as give away a tithe on what we receive to those charities we have agreed. The Festival Appeals have also produced a generous response.

We have had some building problems which significantly affected our life together - a small part of the ceiling fell in the sanctuary and the boiler has ceased to work. The ceiling repair has taken place and the new boiler should be in place before Christmas.

Over the last year we have also experienced a greater desire to do some things together. We have seen an increasing number wanting to attend meals together and we have (re)introduced a walking group which saw up to twenty people explore the surrounding area.

Over the last year we have seen an increase in attendees at worship. We have marked all the festivals as well as celebrating the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the United Reformed Church with a special service and meal. We are grateful for the preacher, Rev Dr Robert Pope, acting Principal of Westminster College Cambridge, and the Phoenix Singers who came and aided our worship. Although there have been some opportunities to discuss our faith, there has not been a huge take up. We are looking to start some new house groups in the New Year and maybe we need to take up the challenge of going outside our building.

We were able to do this as we partnered with Moorlands Climate Action over the Harvest period. Some from our congregation as well as members of Moorlands Climate Action shared some information as well as ways to use less plastic with people who attended the Sunday Totally Locally Market.

Over the last twelve months we have had to face up to our aging profile - part of that has meant a significant number of deaths from among our membership and adherents.

Churches Linked Across Staffordshire and the Potteries (CLASP) have undertaken a review of Trinity LEP - the first review for twenty years. We are waiting for their report and hope that it will encourage us in our mission as a church.

We continue with on-line worship via Facebook and YouTube as well as sending out notices, and worship from within the Circuit. There continue to be differences of opinion over issues including the use of our building by another congregation.

Films shown at our Film Club continue to draw in different people and coffee mornings continue to provide a place for people to meet. We hope to engage with the 'Warm Space' agenda in the new year when the boiler is replaced.

We continue to do some work with children through our Children and Family worker, Abi, and although it has been slow to pick up following the pandemic, there now seems to be more to be encouraged by.

We look forward to what the future holds, where God leads us and how we can serve both God and our neighbour locally and internationally in these very challenging times. **Richard Pope**

Annual Report to the Church AGM for the year December 2021 to November 22 from the Elders by MW

We are pleased to report that, compared to the last couple of years, there is a good deal to celebrate in church life.

Continued vigilance has meant that we have been able to resume in-person worship, hold communion services and meetings as well as a variety of social events and activities both in the church and beyond. Over the months we have seen members gradually gain confidence to return and pick up roles and responsibilities for which we are extremely grateful. The installation of the state-of-the-art ventilation system in the lower hall provided a safer environment for ourselves and our hirers. Amazingly, Trinity member's generosity has ensured the work of the church continues in all its guises

We mourned the loss of several dear friends who served the church faithfully and are missed. Some of those deaths were Covid related so we must remind ourselves that it hasn't gone away and we need to keep one another safe.

We welcomed Sylvia Bainbridge to the role of Church Administrator. Thanks to Carol Sheldon for staying on to hand over the reins.

Elders started the year with a relaxed business-free evening to get to know one another and explore how we might work most effectively as a team. While the remit of Elders is much broader than a Church Secretary can be expected to cover alone, it has been wonderful when individual Elders have stepped forward to take on specific tasks.

We have sometimes needed to remind ourselves that the role of Elders is primarily about leadership. This aspect includes feeding into our meetings the issues raised by pastoral, worship, and nurture groups and now the social justice group (more detail in reports to the Church Meeting to follow). We give thought to major issues as they arise and ensuring support for our minister is a key role.

However, agendas inevitably get crowded out with practical, day to day issues that can't be avoided, so next year we plan to set aside specific times to look ahead at our mission and what it means in these new post Covid times. This year we have been challenged to catch up on issues that have been 'on hold' over the Covid years. These have included Safeguarding, DBS checks, GDPR, policy reviews and sorting out the mass of accumulated records. All these are legal requirements so it's no use moaning -thanks to those who took on or helped get these completed.

Thanks also to the organisers and contributors to the URC 50th celebrations, which were very well attended, well received and proved enlightening in terms of URC history.

As an LEP, a formal review of church life is undertaken every 10 years. Various members met with the interview team in early autumn and several incognito visits were made by them. A report is expected before the end of the year. This report will hopefully kick start a fresh look at our mission in this place for the future.

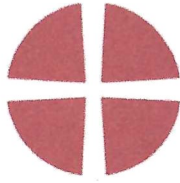
Richard and I attended the URC Synod, where we were all challenged to reflect on whether the main focus of our churches was 'maintenance' or 'missional'. Some of the ideas that emerged will help us explore;

- i) How we nurture and build one another up to share our faith with one another and with others
- ii) The centrality of prayer in both our personal and church life.
- iii) How we might make our existing activities more missional
- iv) A look at where God is leading us and where we put our energies

For ourselves and our Circuit we were delighted that Rev Julie Hassall's appointment as Superintendent has been extended for a further next 5 years.

Finally, a big thank you to those Elders stepping down and whose wise counsel I have valued. Plus, a huge thankyou to everyone who plays a part (seen and unseen) in the life of the church and the community. Where would the church be without you?

Maureen Wiskin Church Secretary November 2022



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**Trinity Church, Leek
Accounts for the year
September 1st 2021 to
August 31st 2022**

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Trinity Church Leek: Receipts and Payments Accounts - Year Ending August 31st 2022

2020-21 RECEIPTS		2021-22		2020-21 PAYMENTS		2021-22	
£59,844.99	Collections,S/O etc A01,2,3	£57,679.59		£55,000.00	Assessments (Tfr to CFB) x0	£55,000.00	
£12,704.84	Tax reclaimed A04	£14,141.87		£0.00	Sunday Club M04	£0.00	
£3,498.53	Job Retention Scheme<HMRC A05	£231.00		£1,204.17	Ministry under COVID T09	£507.13	
£4,146.70	Special Appeals F01-15, excd F10	£5,094.06		£115.00	Minister's Pastoral Support Fee M12	£299.00	
£80,195.06	Subtotal	£77,146.52		£0.00	First Aid Training Elders M12	£156.00	
£15,500.00	Insurance Settlement A19	£0.00		£6,000.00	Donations from Church Funds D01-5,7	£6,000.00	
£2,147.50	Circuit refund ref URC rebate A20	£2,000.00		£4,171.70	Special Appeals G01-15	£5,174.06	
£115.00	HMCourts Repay B12	£53.06		£514.30	Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£739.58	
£17,762.50	Subtotal	£2,053.06		£10,686.00	Subtotal	£11,913.64	
£0.00	Coffee Mornings B02	£3,602.95		£3,567.75	Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£5,196.60	
£0.00	Meals (net) C05/6	£15.00		£20,328.98	Major Work(HS,roof,fire,lift) R03	£0.00	
£97.50	Lettings B01	£8,458.75		£410.00	Organ tuning R04	£696.00	
£97.50	Subtotal	£12,076.70		£666.05	Cleaning+Sanitary Provision T04, T05	£685.48	
£0.00	Films A11	£1,021.33		£24,972.78	Subtotal	£15,796.72	
£477.95	Donations(Funerals) A12	£1,500.36		£14,088.86	Wages: Staff&Cover&Tax)S01-7	£6,905.66	
£1,175.00	Funerals(Weddings net fees/Tax A13/17	£2,058.00		£14,088.86	Subtotal	£15,796.72	
£289.00	Sundries, craft, B'fast Club A15,16,C11	£115.00		£3,398.96	Gas/Elec U01/2	£500.61	
£0.00	Ex Gratia Payment re: Canopy C11	£1,500.00		£1,241.25	Water rate (2nd 19/20 bill paid 20/21) U03	£556.74	
£50.00	Marmalade A14	£0.00		£539.31	Telephone B/B U04	£5,791.44	
£690.72	RSC (services) B10	£884.97		£4,660.00	Insurance(inc copier ins) U05	£1,135.17	
£5,000.00	RSC (Rent) B09	£0.00		£773.25	Licences(inc Radio & Streaming 20/21) U06	£143.86	
£0.00	Traidcraft net C03/A	£1.55		£0.00	Subscriptions (URC Trust church Fees) U07		
£9.07	Bookstall net C01/2	£0.00		£10,612.77	Subtotal	£383.96	
£0.00	Adult Outreach M13	£0.00		£120.48	Office Expenses T01	£1,691.61	
£7,691.74	Subtotal	£22,081.21		£1,735.72	Paper,Printing,Copier Lease T02,6,7		
£105,746.80	SUBTOTALS	£113,357.49		£1,856.20	Subtotal	£2,075.57	
£572.42	Funds reported separately 2020-21 p2			£658.31	Sundries T03	£960.18	
£0.00	Fund t/A18, t/S03 taxes-funerals/staff	£1,159.32		£254.96	Worship materials inc AAW M02,3,4,0	£139.73	
£0.00	Fund r (Refugeee Benevolent Fund(£1,540.00		£0.00	Visiting Minister expenses (John Bell)	£525.02	
£32.66	Fund b b/804 Benevolent interest	£49.46		£0.00	CTLD M11	£175.00	
£0.00	Fund y M05, M07, M09 Youth work	£0.00		£277.83	Tea,Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£570.82	
£605.08	Subtotal	£2,748.78		£49.37	Flower fund net C09/10	£264.84	
£2,100.00	Legacy A08			£1,240.47	Subtotal	£2,635.59	
£0.00	TFR from Cap Reserve for organ	£0.00		£0.00	Minors & Minders Clouse to CFB	£413.13	
£5,000.00	TFR from TMCP	£0.00		£0.00	RSC Rernt to CFB	£10,000.00	
£16,187.18	TFR from CFB for Canopy X0	£0.00		£119,776.25	Total payments in year	£120,408.34	
£23,287.18	SUBTOTAL	£413.13		£555.91	Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£1,141.60	
£0.00	Minors & Minders Closure	£413.13		£125.00	Fund b (b/805) Benevolent	£68.98	
£129,639.06	Total Income for Year	£116,519.40		£0.00	Fund r (Refugees Benevolent Fund)	£1,072.40	
£13,219.33	Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£22,477.06		£34.20	Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£189.91	
£20.74	Balance b/f from fund t(Tax)	£37.25		£22,477.06	C/F from n (General	£15,839.34	
£1,014.37	Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent	£922.03		£37.25	C/F from t (Tax)	£54.97	
£1,457.81	Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)	£1,423.61		£922.03	C/F from b (Benevolent)	£902.51	
				£1,423.61	C/F from y (Youth)	£1,233.70	
				£0.00	C/F from r (Refugees Benevolent)	£467.60	
					Total C/F in NatWest a/c (n,b,t,y) =		
£145,351.31	Grand Total of Income	£141,379.35		£145,351.31	Grand Total of Payments	£141,379.35	

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK : YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022 Other Accounts and Funds

Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (*)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2021	£51,464.21	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£55,000
Interest CFB (A06)	£317.66		
TFR for Assessments(x0)	£55,000.00		
Transfer from TMCP 31/12/21	£15,000.00		
Transfer from Nat West General 22/2/22	£10,000.00	Balance c/f 31/08/2022	£77,195.00
Transfer from Nat West General 23/2/22	£413.13		
	£132,195.00		£132,195.00

Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)

Balance brought forward	£28,466.23	No TFRs to NATWEST 2021-22	
Interest Added (A07)	£28.47		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2022	£28,494.70
	£28,494.70		£28,494.70

Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)

Balance Brought Forward	£5,024.25	No withdrawals 2021-22	£0.00
Dividend Credited	£5.02		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2022	£5029.27
	£5,029.27		£5,029.27

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth), r (refugees)

Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2021	£37.25		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£453.60	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£1,141.60
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	£705.72	Balance c/f at 31/8/2022	£54.97
	£1,196.57		£1,196.57

Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2021	£922.03	Withdrawals 2021-2022 b/B05	£68.98
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£49.46	Balance c/f at 31/08/2022	£902.51
	£971.49		£971.49

Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2021	£1423.61	Sunday group + Easter M05	£189.91
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2022	£1,233.70
	£1,423.61		£1,423.61

Fund r Refugees Benevolent Fund (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2021	0.00	Withdrawals 2021-22 r/G10	£1,072.40
19/4/22 Donations	£180.00	Balance c/f at 31/08/2022	£467.60
26/4/22 Donations	£950.00		
11/5/22 Donations	£20.00		
13/5/22 Donations	£300.00		
18/5/22 Donations	£10.00		
27/5/22 Donations	£20.00		
30/5/22 Donations	£60.00		
	£1,540.00		£1,540.00

(* Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£55,000).

TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1st September 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

(Note: the 2021 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31st August 2021)

	Sept 2016	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop) (cash)	£40,758.56	£40,941.03	£41,107.25	£41,374.42	£41,647.63	£36,694.20 cash	£21,705.07 cash
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.49 Cash	£55.52 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.55 cash
TMCP Trust 725(Emily Morton) Cash:Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.03 £1,712.35	£921.46 £1,840.10	£921.03 £1,918.28	£921.03 £1,942.06	£921.03 Cash £1,907.80	£921.03cash £2,215.69 invest	£921.03 cash £2,117.14 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£379.76 Cash	£381.45 Cash	£383.02 Cash	£385.50	£388.04	£388.50 cash	£389.27 cash
TOTAL Invested	Cash £42,114.84 Invest £1,712.35	Cash £42,299.46 Invest: £ 1,840.10	Cash £42,466.79 Invest: £1,918.28	Cash £ 42,736.44 Invest: £1,942.06	Cash £43,012.19 Invest: £1,907.80	Cash £37,670.72 Invest £2,215.69	Cash £23,070.92 Invest £2,117.14

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.
The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document

	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022
Insurance Value of buildings	£5,527,506	£5,859,157	£6,210,706	£6,583.349	£6,978,350	£7,536.618
Church Contents	£224,726	£235,963	£247,761	£260,150	£273,158	£289,548
Organ	£445,104	£467,360	£490,728	£515,265	£541,029	£573,491
AV Equipment	£21,715	£22,801	£23,941	£25,139	£26,396	£27,980
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)				£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31st 2022.
£15,000 was withdrawn from the Gladys Harrop Trust for repairs to the front Canopy

Treasurer's Report to Church, Year End August 2022

This has been a year when we have seen things gradually start to return to some kind of normality following the Covid lockdowns. Many thanks to everyone for continuing your generous offertories which total £57,679.59 this year – the reduction of £2,165.30 from 2020-21 due to the sad passing of a number of Church Members. Thanks, also, to the team of counters who do an excellent job of recording the collections and paying into the bank

The Job Retention Scheme, introduced by the Government during COVID ended on 30th September 2021 so only £231 income this year (to here)

Coffee mornings were able to resume this year, takings were quite low to start with but have gradually picked up and raised £3,602.95 – many thanks to Liz and her team of helpers. Lettings have recovered very well since restarting with £8,458.75 received during the year.

We received £3,558.36 from Funeral fees and donations, £1,021.33 Film Donations and £115 Sundry Income Also during the year we received £15,000 from the RSC for Rental plus £884.97 from Humankind for Utility costs. An Ex Gratia payment of £1,500 was agreed from Seddons in relation to the issues experienced with the canopy

During the 2nd Covid lockdown, you may recall, the United Reformed Church decided to reduce their Mission and Ministry request and the Circuit effectively had a rebate of £8,147.50. A further £2,000 has been received from the Circuit, following last years £2,147.50. leaving a balance of £4,000 outstanding

We have maintained our share pledge for Assessment (to the Methodist Circuit and the URC) at £55,000.00 and 10% of direct giving (£6,000) to our nominated charities. Our special appeals giving – this year it was £5,094.06 with Gift Aid added of £739.58, making our total giving to outside groups of £11,833.64. Please note that some donors made gifts directly to the charity, or via Trinity with a cheque payable to the charity, so the overall giving was actually higher than figures indicate.

Salary: Many thanks to Carol for the huge commitment she made in keeping Trinity up to date with newsletters and Circuit Notices which was much appreciated. Carol retired at Christmas and was due a settlement for outstanding Holiday entitlement which is included. We welcomed our new administrator, Sylvia Bainbridge, and thank her the continuation of the excellent work and as the point of contact for outside hirers. Pauline, our cleaner, was granted a small pay increase from April as part of the annual review

The entry "Ministry under Covid" continues, but was much reduced. It covers postage of notices to church members unable to receive them by e-mail, and includes costs of CDs and DVDs for those wanting to hear or see the services available on YouTube.- the distribution via Steve and Jean is much appreciated by those who received them. The costs also include other COVID related materials. The entry for "Minister's Pastoral Support Fee" of £299 covers 5 session and is part of a requirement by URC to support all ministers – Churches could claim back some of the cost if required but fortunately our financial position enables us to cover

'Special Appeals' of £5,174.06 includes two Organist donations from Funerals of £50 each to Christian Aid and Windmills Charity which were paid directly to the Charities, and there is an additional £20 for the DEC Afghanistan appeal due to be paid in September 2022

Utilities bill have returned to Pre Covid level as normal activities were able to resume, Water rates are reduced as you may remember last year's accounts included a catch up from the previous year. Going forward the Church gas contract with Regent Gas, which renewed in August 2022 shows a significant increase but is fixed now until July 2024

'Licenses and Subscriptions' show an increase of around £500 as some items weren't charged in 2021 so cover a 2 year period

There were the usual payments for servicing (gas boiler, lift, fire alarm system, fire extinguisher checks and the like). Other maintenance costs included £1,080 Lift work identified by insurance inspections, £1,058 replacement window and window pane, £750 painting of Russell Street entrance and £744 Toilet Floor repairs.

Thanks are due to you, the church membership, for your continued support with your faithful giving (standing orders, envelopes and cash on the plate), despite not always being able to attend live services. Thanks to Steve and Jean Thompson, who have stored and collated the Gift Aid records. Huge thanks to Steve for the extremely smooth transition and for his help with this. Thanks also to Sylvia who has been extremely supportive, a source of vital information and also kept me informed of low stocks.

NOTE(1): Fuel prices have rocketed recently and look to rise even further. The church gas contract with Regent Gas is on a fixed price till the end of July 2024, and the electricity with SSE till the end of October 2023. After these dates re-contracting will take

place. Currently we have used Cost Advice services who deal with a large number of URC churches, amongst others, **and will do** their best to ensure a good deal. The electricity is from renewable sources, but renewable gas is currently not available in bulk.

NOTE (2): £10,000 Rent Receipt from the RSC along with £413.13 received from the closure of the Minors and Minders account were transferred to our CFB account

NOTE(3): As last year the sub accounts (n, b, t, y and r) are reported on one page. They are also broken down on Page 2

Robin McDuell

20/11/22

**Treasurer's Report for Trinity Church, Leek (Methodist and United Reformed)
to the Charity Commission, Sept 1st 2021-Aug 31st 2022 (Charity Number: 1171597)**

General: This year has seen the return of a lot of normal activities following the Covid Lockdown. However, the Offertory has continued to remain stable although we have sadly noted the deaths of several long standing church members. The dedication of Church Members, who still feel unable to attend worship, in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reached Trinity has also helped. Bookings of our Lower Hall and Foyer space have also resumed and we are getting quite a number of organisations coming back with £8,458.75 received. Our own regular coffee mornings which provide a social environment as well as income, also returned from September 2021, although slow at first have picked up well and raised £3,602.75 during the year. Our normal practice of making appeals at Festival times took place at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and many people made donations directly to our supported Charities as well as via Trinity. (See Page 7 for details)

Receipts: Our Offertory was sufficient for Trinity to pay its pledged Assessment to the Methodist Circuit, which, as Trinity is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership), transfers Ministerial costs to the United Reformed Church for our Mission and Ministry. Giving for special appeals throughout the year was paid out directly to the recipient charities. The Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was increased by about £1,400 as fewer donations were made by cheque which enabled more GASDS to be reclaimed.

A one off Ex Gratia payment of £1,500 was received from Seddons in settlement of the claim on the Canopy

Payments: Covid-19 continues to have an impact although not to the same extent as in 20-21. Our Ministry continues to be enhanced by producing materials for on-line worship and printed materials, along with an audio CD or a video DVD of services for those with the necessary equipment, continue to be made available. These are all referenced under the tab 'Ministry under COVID'. We were able to maintain our assessment to the Methodist Circuit of £55,000.

'Repairs & Renewals' included various maintenance work the biggest items of which were £750 for painting an exterior entrance and £738 for repairs to toilet flooring

The 'Insurance' premium increased as a result of our claim for the Front Canopy last year and there have been some additional costs incurred for 'Licenses' as some items were not billed during 2020-21. 'Water' costs have reduced as last year the second 19/20 bill fell into the 2020/21 accounts as it had not been received. Other items show alterations broadly due to the resumption of in-person worship

We were able to transfer just over £10,000 to our reserves during the year

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £6,000 (10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: Things continue to be difficult following COVID and we sadly lost some long standing Church Members. We have managed, however, to maintain our Assessment and tithed giving as usual.

Regular maintenance of our building continues to be a cost with boiler due to be replaced in the late part of 2022 at a cost of around £27,000. We are hopeful of getting most of this money covered by Grants but may need to draw on our reserves. We also have potential roof repairs in 2022/23 which may need some more transfers from reserves. As with most other organisations, we are very mindful of the spiralling energy costs and the impact on people who hire our building

The new boiler should be a lot more energy efficient and enable greater use of the building for outside organisations once completed

Robin McDuell (Church Treasurer). November 14th 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31st August 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report.

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Oliver Newey ACA

Signed:



Date:10/11/22.....

Allocation of central church funds (tithed giving) to charities 2021-2022

D01	Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£600
D01	Methodist World Mission Fund	£1,500
D03	URC Commitment for Life	£1,500
D02	Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)	£200
D02	MHA	£450
D02	Action for Children	£500
D07	A Rocha UK	£550
D07	ASHA	£700
	TOTAL	£6,000

Charitable Monies in Transit, 2021-2022 (Money raised for specific appeals)

<i>Event Income</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Paid Away to:></i>	<i>Debit</i>
F01 Harvest		G01 Harvest (Christian Aid)	£406.50
Gift Aid slips sent to Christian Aid directly	£406.50	G02 Tools with a Mission*	£459.90
F02 Christmas Appeal	£919.80	G02 Leek Citizens Advice*	£459.90
		G03 Mission Aviation*	£262.00
F03 Easter Appeal	£524.00	G03 Rethink Mental Illness*	£262.00
F05 Christian Aid (Individuals also contributed online)	£212.76	G05 Christian Aid	£212.76
F06 MHA Appeal	£460.00	G06 MHA *	£460.00
F07 Action for Children (Xmas/AforC envs)	£475.00	G07 Action for Children*	£475.00
F08 Special Appeals (Ukraine £1,287/Afghanistan £482)	£1,769.00	G08 Special Appeals Ukraine £1,267/Afghanistan £482* #	£1,749.00
F11 ASHA (plus £155 direct chqs)	£115.00	G11 ASHA*	£115.00
F12 Fairtrade Coffee Morning	£212.00	G12 Traidcraft Exchange	£106.00
		G12 Fairtrade	£106.00
TOTAL:	£5,094.06	TOTAL:	£5,074.06
		D08 *Also donations equivalent to Gift Aid paid to Recipients marked *	£739.58

NOTE (#): G08 extra £20 to be paid across to DEC September 2022 – late receipt after cheque was issued

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK

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It would be interesting to see how 2020/2021 are remembered by historians, but living through it, it has been marred by change. Although some change can be healthy, the enforced lockdowns and anxiety generated by the pandemic have had huge consequences for organisations like ours. Within the Methodist Circuit, a number of churches have chosen to cease to worship, and several more are under threat due to already low attendance.

At Trinity, we have tried to do what we can when we can. We have spent a huge amount of time and effort developing the on-line worship which is available through Trinity's Facebook Page and YouTube channel. We have tried to develop a range of people taking part as well as a "virtual" singing group who have added so much to worship – and were able to be used while we could meet but not sing.

Although on-line groups and prayer meetings have continued through Zoom with our partners in the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit, there has not been a huge take-up of these from among Trinity's members and friends. There continues to be uncertainty about people meeting in these forums.

When we have been allowed to meet, we have tried to open for worship. We have incorporated many measures to try to keep people safe. Following the easing of restrictions in July, we have started singing again and have been able to share bread and wine together. We have maintained some distancing and continue to encourage mask-wearing. We are still in a "waiting" phase to see what our new normal will be.

Although still not back to pre-pandemic confidence, we have shared a harvest lunch together, and started holding our "business" meetings face to face.

Where we are now has not been an easy road – there have been huge differences of opinion over many issues including the restrictions and the use of our building by another congregation. It maybe that these differences are symptomatic of the continued uncertainty we live with – some people have seen friends and family succumb to COVID-19 – which reminds us all that the future is still uncertain. Infection rates in the Staffordshire Moorlands have been quite high for many weeks – higher than the national average, and there is still uncertainty about how secure our immediate future is going to be.

Despite the situation we find ourselves living with, the members and friends of Trinity continue to be supportive and generous – we have maintained income and also the support we provide to different charities – including denominational charities, world development charities and more local asylum seekers' charity. What has not changed is the compassion of our members and friends.

We continue to distribute weekly communications and worship material to help those from Trinity and the Circuit to engage with their faith. We have recently returned to hosting coffee mornings and our cinema club.

Looking forward, we will put our attention to building up our community and seeking out opportunities to share the love of God; we were quite overwhelmed by the response from our town to a collection for food for Asylum Seekers in Stoke-on-Trent, and we anticipate more opportunities to work with asylum seekers. There continues to be a generosity toward the Food Bank in Leek which sees an increase in its usage over the last 12 months.

As we go forward, we will be seeing a lot of changes. People who have held particular offices within the church are relinquishing their posts – our church could not have functioned so well without them. We thank Steve (Treasurer) and Jean who assisted him, Jean (Gift Aid), John (Church Secretary), Judy (Pastoral Secretary) and the Elders who have served their time. We are grateful for all they have brought to the life of the church, but also look forward to the opportunities different people will bring to these roles.

We will also see a change in our administrator as Carol will retire in December – she really has done far more than we could ever have expected and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Despite these changes, we can affirm the faith that God has not finished with us yet; just as the challenges of the last 20 months could not have been anticipated, we do not yet know what the future will bring. We believe that God will be with us in that future.

Annual report from the elders to the AGM of Trinity Church, Leek for year December 2020 to November 2021

For the last three years the pandemic has seriously affected the life of our church and community. Much has changed and when I consider the huge range of activities prior to covid 19 one must feel much sadness for our diminished circumstances, for those who have suffered and for those who may never return to our fellowship. Yet there is hope. I attended the West Midlands Synod and realised that compared to many churches we were doing all we could to share worship in so many ways with all our people and beyond. For that we must thank Richard, Julie and Eleanor our Ministers and the elders and leaders from across the Circuit.

Over the last year we have as Elders met eight times almost entirely on zoom. Sadly, the Church Meeting which is the decision- making body of the church has only met twice. This is because many of our people are unable to use virtual means of communication and so rely on meeting face to face. For most of the year this has not been a safe practice.

There has been much debate throughout the year about how and when we might re-open after various lockdowns. Half of the elders were usually open to allow worship and activities to return for those who wanted them. Understandably others were more cautious, concerned for the safety and well -being of the congregation. On 13th December we did re-open and sang carols at St Edwards Middle School outside on the 20th. Christmas Day again saw us open for worship. Throughout the year a booking system was employed to track who attended with an agreed number of attendees who were socially distanced from each other.

What has given us the confidence to return to church earlier than some is the work of the Covid group. This group, chaired ably by Maureen, has met regularly over the year to guide our thinking, evaluate risk and suggest what is safely possible. The elders have acted as venue managers who had to consider the local infection rates, the vulnerability of the congregation alongside how effective they believed risk mitigations were. Its fair to say that the fifty or so attending morning worship are about half of the congregation who attended prior to covid.

But this is not reflected in our pre-recorded You Tube Circuit services where anything up to two hundred joins in regularly every Sunday. This will continue to be a permanent feature of our church life such is its attraction. Each week eight singers record their own voice to create a mini choir to support worship. I record our thanks both to Joan and Phil. for their leadership in ensuring music is part of our worship. Many from across the Circuit are included in worship, not just our ministers. The editing and recording of on-line services are time consuming for our minister Richard, so we are grateful to him. We have also met on zoom on a Sunday evening throughout the year and there has been a bible study fellowship on- line on a Tuesday for those from across the Circuit. One positive feature of the year has been the enhanced co-operation and engagement with the Circuit for which we are grateful. We thank Jean and Steve for organising and distributing DVD's and CDs of our morning worship to those who are housebound. A written reflection continued to be written by

Richard in the weekly newsletter until the end of June which was also much appreciated by those unable to get to church or who couldn't access the online services.

We welcomed the visit of the lay URC Moderator Peter Pay in early March and he preached at a joint Circuit Service on You Tube. After a break from face- to- face worship we returned on Good Friday, and we have maintained meeting in person every Sunday since then. Colin organised a beautiful daffodil floral display outside church on Derby Street to herald Easter Day.

Much time has been spent by Elders this year considering the request of the Gathering to use our premises. Their leaders met with our Church Meeting last November to consider their idea is to plant a new church in Leek and to grow new leaders along the way. Trinity has been open and welcoming to their desire to use our premises for if they can reach people who we have not been successful in reaching then why not help them? But governance issues with the Methodist District and Circuit caused some at Trinity to doubt the wisdom of working with them. We had hoped for a proper agreement with the Gathering which could have been a partnership. Fortunately, a compromise has been reached with the Gathering and we now have a letting arrangement in place. They use Trinity Church and foyer for their time together on a Sunday afternoon when we don't use our premises. All this was considered and agreed by the Church Meeting in September and the letting has been going well since early October.

The elders enjoyed an away day together in early September when we considered two issues. Firstly, how do we return and maintain our fellowship post covid and secondly how do we re-engage with the community of which we are a part? The challenge was to think about new missional activities with fresh thinking as well as considering whether past activities are still possible and appropriate. The ideas from this away day were then shared with the Church Meeting in early September. I am very pleased to say that thanks to Liz and Chris Wednesday Coffee has re-started for two hours and thanks to Christine our film club is up and running again. The Church meeting has agreed to cease evening services except for special occasions and for those times when we worship with St. Edwards.

In September Barbara Easton the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference came to preach. Over eighty came to hear this excellent preacher and educationalist. As we slowly relaxed rules to accommodate more in church and at funerals, we held our harvest festival and climate change service. Our name will be added to the churches' National petition which will go to Glasgow. My car has never been so full when along with Oenone's car we took all the generous harvest gifts given to Asha.

And then the inspirational Rev. Dr John Bell came all the way from Glasgow in October both to lead worship and enthuse us all on the Saturday afternoon with his ideas on the use of the imagination and sharing with us some of his beautiful songs and words.

Richard moved to a new more modern manse in June, and we hope he and his family will be happy in their new home. The first call of a Minister is to maintain weekly worship and this Richard has accomplished faithfully each week. His use of modern technology to support worship is second to none. We are sad that the church administrator Carol has handed in

her notice from Christmas for not only is she a most competent organiser she has more than filled this role by the support and love she has shown to so many. I want to thank Jean and Steve too for so much whether it's sorting a new ventilation system in the lower hall which means activities there are safe or helping me with minutes or organising with our insurers to re-coup loss of income. The elders have worked hard this year to keep our ship afloat and I must thank them, operating on zoom has not been easy. To those who are standing down thank you. You will be missed! Thank you to those willing to take up the vacant positions to ensure the life of Trinity goes on and it will!

John Fisher

Trinity Church Secretary



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**Trinity Church, Leek
Accounts for the year
September 1st 2020 to
August 31st 2021**

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Trinity Church Leek: Receipts and Payments Accounts - Year Ending August 31st 2021

2019-20 RECEIPTS		2020-21		2019-2020 PAYMENTS		2020-21	
£56,672.62	Collections,S/O etc A01,2,3	£59,844.99		£55,000.00	Assessments(Tfr to CFB) x0	£55,000.00	
£12,204.35	Tax reclaimed A04	£12,704.84		£124.91	Sunday Club M04	£0.00	
£1,344.00	Job Retention Scheme<HMRC A05	£3,498.53		£821.85	Ministry under COVID T09	£1,204.17	
£9,446.83	SpecialAppeals F01-15	£4,146.70		£0.00	Minister's Pastoral Support Fee M12	£115.00	
£79,667.80	Subtotal		£80,195.06	£55,946.76	Subtotal		£56,319.17
£0.00	Insurance Settlement A19	£15,500.00		£5,500.00	Donations from Church FundsD01-5,7	£6,000.00	
£0.00	Circuit Refund ref URC rebate	£2,147.50		£9,421.83	Special Appeals G01-15	£4,171.70	
£0.00	HMCourts Repay	£115.00	£17,762.50	£258.61	Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£514.30	
£0.00	Subtotal			£15,180.44	Subtotal		£10,686.00
£4,086.61	Coffee Mornings B02	£0.00		£4,664.74	Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£3,567.75	
£209.98	Meals (net) C05/6	£0.00		£6,237.80	Major Work(HS,roof,fire,lift) R03	£20,328.98	
£6,323.20	Lettings B01	£97.50		£648.00	Organ tuning R04	£410.00	
£10,619.79	Subtotal		£97.50	£232.50	Cleaning+Sanitary Provision T04,T05	£666.05	
£1,122.55	Films A11	£0.00		£11,783.04	Subtotal		£24,972.78
£713.44	Donations(Funerals) A12	£477.95		£14,705.06	Wages: Staff&Cover&Tax)S01-7	£14,088.86	
£975.00	Funerals/Weddings net fees/Tax A13/17	£1,175.00		£14,705.06	Subtotal		£14,088.86
£210.00	Sundries, craft,B'fast Club A15,16,C11	£289.00		£6,019.32	Gas/Elec U01/2	£3,398.96	
£428.25	Brunswick Trust Closure C11	£0.00		£494.35	Water rate (2nd 19/20 bill paid 20/21)	£1,241.25	
£100.00	Marmalade A14	£50.00		£477.54	Telephone B/B U04	£539.31	
£1,506.76	RSC (services) B10	£690.72		£4,497.44	Insurance(inc copier ins) U05	£4,660.00	
£5,000.00	RSC (Rent) B09	£5,000.00		£636.98	Licences(inc Radio & Steaming 20/21)	£773.25	
£0.00	Traidcraft net C03/4	£0.00		£12,125.63	Subtotal		£10,612.77
£24.02	Bookstall net C01/2	£9.07		£261.24	Office ExpensesT01	£120.48	
£86.52	Adult Outreach M13	£0.00		£1,834.79	Paper,Printing,Copier Lease T02,6,7	£1,735.72	
£10,166.54	Subtotal		£7,691.74	£2,096.03	Subtotal		£1,856.20
£100,454.13	SUBTOTALS		£105,746.80	£837.34	Sundries T03	£658.31	
	Funds reported separately 2019-20 p2			£417.03	Worship materials inc AAW M02,3,10	£254.96	
p2 report 19-20	Fund t/A18, t/S03 taxes-funerals/staff	£572.42		£229.00	Spark (net) P01,2	£0.00	
p2 report 19-20	Fund b b/B04 Benevolent interest	£32.66		£175.00	CTLD M11	£0.00	
p2 report 19-20	Fund y M05,M07,M09 Youth work	£0.00		£754.44	Tea,Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£277.83	
	SubTotal		£605.08	£103.04	Flower fund net C09/10	£49.37	
	Legacy A08	£2,100.00		£2,515.85	Subtotal		£1,240.47
£1,365.50	TFR from Cap Reserve for organ	£0.00		£445.98	Tues Fellowship Closure	£0.00	
	TFR from TMCP (Ventilation)	£5,000.00		£114,798.79	Total payments in year		£119,776.25
£10,000.00	TFR from CFB for Canopy X0	£16,187.18		p2 report 19-20	Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£555.91	
£11,365.50	SUBTOTAL	£23,287.18	£23,287.18	p2 report 19-20	Fund b (b/B05) Benevolent	£125.00	
£445.98	TuesdayFellowship closure	£0.00		p2 report 19-20	Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£34.20	£715.11
£112,265.61	Total Income for Year		£129,639.06	£13,219.33	C/F from n (General	£22,477.06	
£15,752.51	Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£13,219.33	£13,219.33	p2 report 19-20	C/F from t (Tax)	£37.25	
p2 report 19-20	Balance b/f from fund t(Tax)	£20.74		p2 report 19-20	C/F from b (Benevolent)	£922.03	
p2 report 19-20	Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent	£1,014.37		p2 report 19-20	C/F from y (Youth)	£1,423.61	
p2 report 19-20	Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)	£1,457.81	£2,492.92		Total C/F in NatWest a/c (n,b,t,y) =		£24,859.95
£128,018.12	GRAND TOTAL of INCOME		£145,351.31	£128,018.12	Grand Total of Payments		£145,351.31

TRINITY CHURCH, LEEK : YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2021 Other Accounts and Funds

Account c: CONTINGENCY FUND (Central Finance Board, CFB) (*)

Balance brought forward Sept 1 st 2020	£67,560.23	Assessment > Circuit (D/D) Code (N02)	£55,000
Interest CFB (A06)	£91.16	TFR to NatWest for CANOPY REPAIRS	£16,187.18
TFR for Assessments(x0)	£55,000.00		
		Balance c/f 31/08/2021	£51,464.21
	<i>£122,651.39</i>		<i>£122,651.39</i>

Account l: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Leek United Building Society)

Balance brought forward	£28,419.86	No TFRs to NATWEST 2020-2021	
Interest Added (A07)	£46.37		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2021	£28,466.23
	<i>£28,466.23</i>		<i>£28,466.23</i>

Account m: CHURCHES MUTUAL CREDIT UNION (CMCU)

Balance Brought Forward	£5,024.25	No withdrawals 2020-2021	£0.00
Dividend Credited (None in 2021)	£0.00		
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2021	£5024.25
	<i>£5,024.25</i>		<i>£5,024.25</i>

Funds within NatWest bank account = n (general), t (tax), b (benevolent) y (youth)

Fund t TAX TO HMRC (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2020	£20.74		
Tax on Funeral Fees (t/A18)	£228.80	Payments to HMRC (TAX) + NEST from t/TAX	£555.91
Tax + NEST pension+NI(Staff Wages) (t/S03)	£343.62	Balance c/f at 31/8/2021	£37.25
	<i>£593.16</i>		<i>£593.16</i>

Fund b BENEVOLENT FUND (Restricted)

Start balance 1/9/2020	£1,014.37	Withdrawals 2020-2021 b/B05	£125.00
Interest from TMCP (b/B04)	£32.66	Balance c/f at 31/08/2021	£922.03
Total	<i>£1,047.03</i>		<i>£1,047.03</i>

Fund y YOUTH EVENTS FUND (Designated)

Start balance 1/9/2020	£1,457.81	Sunday group + Easter M05	£34.20
		Balance c/f at 31/08/2021	£1,423.61
	<i>£1,457.81</i>		<i>£1,457.81</i>

(*) Our assessment to the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod is transferred from our general account (a/c n) to the Methodist Central Finance Board (CFB) (a/c) during the course of the year, from where it is debited by the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit (£55,000).

For contingency purposes during 2020-2021 £16,187 18 was transferred from the CFB account (a/c into the NatWest account, (a/c n) This was to pay for emergency repairs to the front canopy of the church building.

In addition, £5,000 was transferred from the TMCP Gladys Harrop Legacy to Trinity to pay for repair to Ventilation in the Lower Hall by agreement from the Church Meeting NOV 2020. Consequently reduction of total value as on TMCP info

TMCP Trinity Church Assets: as at 1st September 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

(Note: the 2021 values are taken from the TMCP summary sheets, for the year ending 31st August 2021)

	Sept 2015	Sept 2016	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021
TMCP Trust 22109 (Gladys Harrop) (cash)		£40,758.56	£40,941.03	£41,107.25	£41,374.42	£41,647.63 cash	£36,694.20
TMCP Trust 6255 (Edward Norman Birch) (cash)	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.52 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49 Cash	£55.49
TMCP Trust 725(Emily Morton) Cash:Inv in CFB Mixed Fund:	£921.03 £582.98	£921.03 £1,712.35	£921.46 £1,840.10	£921.03 £1918.28	£921.03 Cash £1942.06	£921.03cash £1907.80 invest	£921.03 cash £2215.69 invest
TMCP Trust 725A (George Hammersley) (cash)	£377.51 Cash	£379.76 Cash	£3,81.45 Cash	£383.02	£385.50	£388.04 cash	£388.50
TOTAL Invested	Cash £1,353.49 Invest:£1,582.98	Cash £42,114.84 Invest: £ 1,712.35	Cash £42,299.46 Invest: £1, 840.10	Cash £42,466.79 Invest: £1918.28	Cash £42,736.44 Invest: £1942.06	Cash £43,012.19 Invest £1,907.80	Cash £37,670.72 Invest £2215.69

Cash Assets are held in the Trustees Interest Fund.

The Emily Morton Investment part is in the CFB Mixed Fund

Insurance Provision from the Insurance Statement on the Renewal document

	Sept 2016	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021
Insurance Value of buildings	£5,214,628	£5,527,506	£5,859,157	£6,210,706	£6,583,349	£6,978,350
Church Contents	£214,025	£224,726	£235,963	£247,761	£260,150	£273,158
Organ	£423,909	£445,104	£467,360	£490,728	£515,265	£541,029
AV Equipment	£20,681	£21,715	£22,801	£23,941	£25,139	£26,396
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Products Liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Trustee's and Officers indemnity	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal Accident Cover (Ages 5-85)				£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

There are no outstanding liabilities at the year-end August 31st 2021. The reduction in value of the Gladys Harrop bequest was because £5,000 was withdrawn for the Ventilation system in the Lower Hall (agreed by November 2020 Church Meeting).

**Treasurer's Report for Trinity Church, Leek (Methodist and United Reformed)
to the Charity Commission, Sept 1st 2020 – Aug 31st 2021 (Charity Number: 1171597)**

General: This year has been a challenging year with Covid Lockdowns for churches. However, the Offertory has remained remarkably stable through regular standing order payments, but also the dedication of Church Members in ensuring their Offertory envelopes reached Trinity. Bookings of our Lower Hall and Foyer space were cancelled because of the risk of Covid-19 transmission and thus there was no income from this source once the pandemic began. However, energy costs were reduced by a small amount. Our own regular coffee mornings which provide a social environment as well as income, were fully closed, and remain so. Our normal practice of making appeals at Festival times took place at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and many people made donations directly to our supported Charities as well as via Trinity. (See Page 7 for details)

Receipts: Our Offertory was sufficient for Trinity to pay its pledged Assessment to the Methodist Circuit, which, as Trinity is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership), transfers Ministerial costs to the United Reformed Church for our Mission and Ministry. Giving for special appeals throughout the year was paid out directly to the recipient charities. The Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was somewhat reduced in terms of the GASDS claim, as some regular donations were made by cheque instead of cash and therefore ineligible. We paid our staff their full wages during lockdown, and were able to claim Job Retention Scheme grants from the government for the partial furlough of one employee.

Unexpectedly our insurance company invited us to make a claim through the Business Interruption Insurance for loss of income and extra expenses incurred due to Covid. An interim payment has been received until a full loss adjustment calculation is made by the assessors.

Payments: Covid-19 completely changed the way in which Trinity operated. We incurred costs for hand sanitisers, masks, gloves, and face shields for Stewards, and attendees at funerals and private prayer. Our Ministry was enhanced by producing materials for on-line worship for which an additional licence fee was required. Each church member was offered e-mail materials and, where that was not an option, printed materials: printings costs, stamps and stationery costs were increased. An audio CD or a video DVD of services was also available for those people with the relevant equipment at home. These are all referenced under the tab 'Ministry under COVID'. We were able to maintain our assessment to the Methodist Circuit of £55,000.

As part of ensuring our building is as safe as possible a new ventilation system was installed in our church hall with a greatly improved air flow. Unfortunately, we also had a major building expense when the front entrance canopy became unsafe and had to be urgently replaced. Money from our reserves was used to pay for this.

Donations: Planned Tithed giving of £6,000 (10% of direct giving) to pre-agreed charities as well as our Festival giving is summarised on page 7.

Conclusion: Financially and spiritually this has been a difficult year. We have had to draw on our reserve funds to cover some of the expenses incurred but have managed to maintain our Assessment and tithed giving as usual. Regular maintenance of our building continues to be a cost, although reduced compared with the previous year. Increasing demands by Health and Safety requirements for a range of plant and equipment checks continue, and ongoing requirements for Covid-19 security are likely to be an issue into 2022. It is likely that we will have some call on our reserves again, but this depends on how quickly church attendance and wider activities and bookings can resume fully.

We have been very conscious of the needs to protect our congregation and church users within the guidelines, and we are mindful that safety must be a priority over income and socialising needs. Many of our church members and visitors miss the human contact that Trinity provided, but have recognised the need to be patient, while hoping that the Covid-19 crisis will eventually be resolved. We look forward to more extensive activities and greater freedom in the future.

S K Thompson (Church Treasurer). November 10th 2021)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

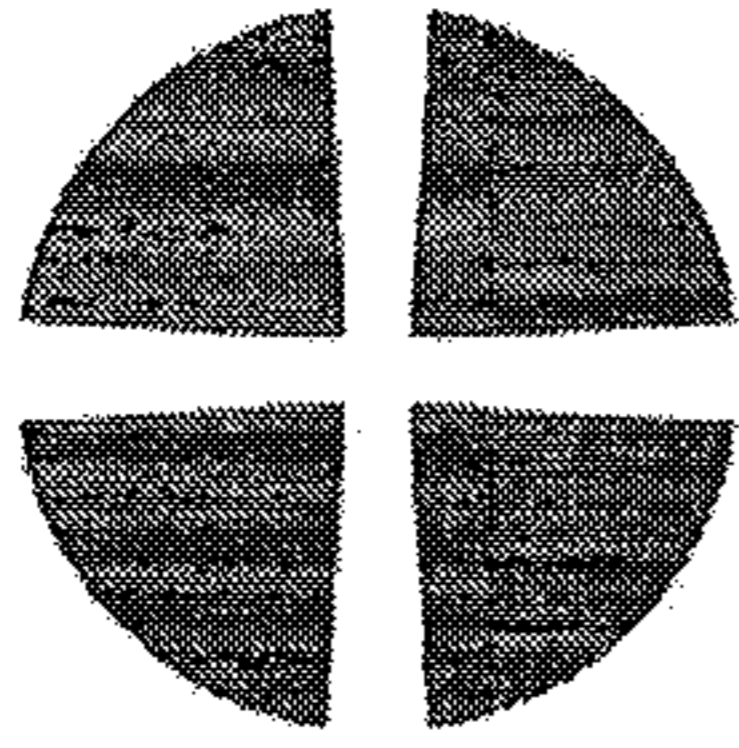
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- 2 the accounts do not accord with these records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination'.

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

Signed:



Date: 9/11/2021



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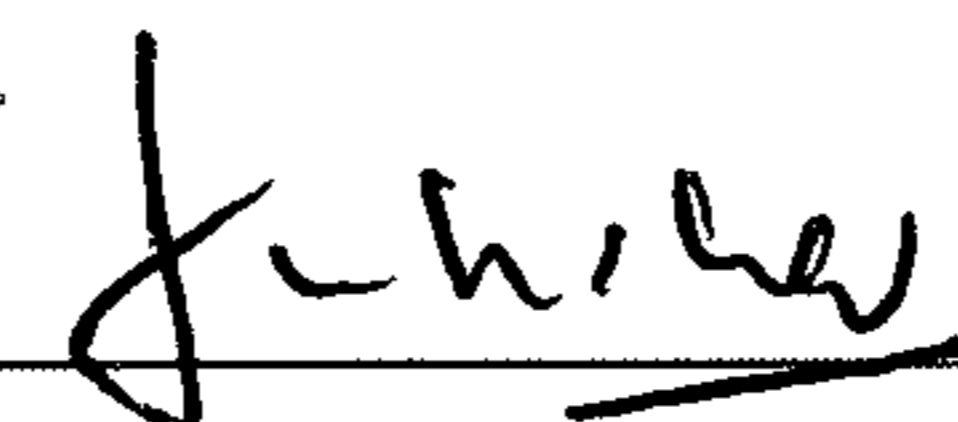
Trinity Church Accounts 2020-21

The accounts on Pages 1 to 4 were presented to, and approved by, the

Church Meeting held on 24 November 2021

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Rev Richard Pope (Chairperson) 

Mr John Fisher (Church Secretary) 

Date: 24.11.21

Allocation of central church funds (tithed giving) to charities 2020-2021

D01	Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£600
D01	Methodist Church Fund	£600
D01	Methodist World Mission Fund	£1,200
D03	URC Commitment for Life	£1,200
D02	Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)	£200
D02	MHA	£450
D02	Action for Children	£500
D07	A Rocha UK	£550
D07	ASHA	£700
	TOTAL	£6,000

Charitable Monies in Transit, 2020-2021 (Money raised for specific appeals)

<i>Event Income</i>	Credit	<i>Paid Away to:></i>	Debit
F01 Harvest Gift Aid slips sent to Christian Aid directly Also direct cheques for £425.00	£599.00	G01 Christian Aid	£599.00
F02 Christmas Appeal	£975.00	G02 Life Works Staffordshire*	£487.50
		G02 Christians Against Poverty*	£487.50
F03 Easter Appeal	£1176.70	G03 Number 11 Burslem*	£588.35
		G03 Church Action on Poverty*	£588.35
F05 Christian Aid (Individuals also contributed online)	£20.00	G05 Christian Aid	£20.00
F06 MHA Appeal	£340.00	G06 MHA *(inc late donation 19-20)	£365.00
F07 Action for Children (Xmas/AforC envs + direct chqs £125)	£906.00	G07 Action for Children*	£906.00
F11 ASHA (plus £30 direct chqs)	£130.00	G11 ASHA*	£130.00
TOTAL:	£4,146.70	TOTAL:	£4,171.70
		D08 *Also donations equivalent to Gift Aid paid to Recipients marked *	£514.30

NOTE (#): Treasurer Error 2019-20, extra £25.00 was paid away to MHA on 4/09/2020

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Trinity Church, Leek

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church, Leek, on pages 1-4 for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Date: 9/11/2021