

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.

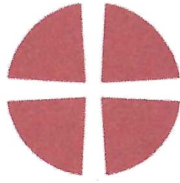
Richard and I attended the URC Synod, where we were all challenged to reflect on whether the main focus of our churches was 'maintenance' or 'missional'. Some of the ideas that emerged will help us explore;

- 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, excl 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	£55,962.13
£15,500.00	Insurance Settlement A19	£0.00		£56,319.17	Subtotal		
£2,147.50	Circuit Refund ref URC rebate A20	£2,000.00		£6,000.00	Donations from Church Funds D01-5,7	£6,000.00	
£115.00	HMCourts Repay B12	£53.06		£4,171.70	Special Appeals G01-15	£5,174.06	
£17,762.50	Subtotal		£2,053.06	£514.30	Donations Equiv to Gift Aid Due D08	£739.58	
£0.00	Coffee Mornings B02	£3,602.95		£10,686.00	Subtotal		£11,913.64
£0.00	Meals (net) C05/6	£15.00		£3,567.75	Repairs/Renewals R01,2	£5,196.60	
£97.50	Lettings B01	£8,458.75		£20,328.98	Major Work(HS,roof,fire,lift) R03	£0.00	
£97.50	Subtotal		£12,076.70	£410.00	Organ tuning R04	£696.00	
£0.00	Films A11	£1,021.33		£666.05	Cleaning+Sanitary Provision T04, T05	£685.48	
£477.95	Donations(Funerals) A12	£1,500.36		£24,972.78	Subtotal		£6,578.08
£1,175.00	Funerals(Weddings net fees/Tax A13/17	£2,058.00		£14,088.86	Wages: Staff&Cover&Tax)S01-7	£15,796.72	
£289.00	Sundries, craft, B'fast Club A15,16,C11	£115.00		£14,088.86	Subtotal		£15,796.72
£0.00	Ex Gratia Payment re: Canopy C11	£1,500.00		£3,398.96	Gas/Elec U01/2	£6,905.66	
£50.00	Marmalade A14	£0.00		£1,241.25	Water rate (2nd 19/20 bill paid 20/21) U03	£500.61	
£690.72	RSC (services) B10	£884.97		£539.31	Telephone B/B U04	£556.74	
£5,000.00	RSC (Rent) B09	£15,000.00		£4,660.00	Insurance(inc copier ins) U05	£5,791.44	
£0.00	Traidcraft net C03/4	£0.00		£773.25	Licences(inc Radio & Streaming 20/21) U06	£1,135.17	
£9.07	Bookstall net C01/2	£1.55		£0.00	Subscriptions (URC Trust ichurch Fees) U07	£143.86	
£0.00	Adult Outreach M13	£0.00		£10,612.77	Subtotal		£15,033.48
£7,691.74	Subtotal		£22,081.21	£120.48	Office ExpensesT01	£383.96	
£105,746.80	SUBTOTALS		£113,357.49	£1,735.72	Paper,Printing,Copier Lease T02,6,7	£1,691.61	
Funds reported separately 2020-21 p2				£1,856.20	Subtotal		£2,075.57
£572.42	Fund t/A18, t/S03 taxes-funerals/staff	£1,159.32		£658.31	Sundries T03	£960.18	
£0.00	Fund r (Refugeee Benevolent Fund(£1,540.00		£254.96	Worship materials inc AAW M02,3,10	£139.73	
£32.66	Fund b b/B04 Benevolent interest	£49.46		£0.00	Visiting Minister expenses (John Bell)	£525.02	
£0.00	Fund y M05, M07, M09 Youth work	£0.00		£0.00	CTLD M11	£175.00	
£605.08	Subtotal		£2,748.78	£277.83	Tea,Coffee, Cups for Trinity C07	£570.82	
£2,100.00	Legacy A08			£49.37	Flower fund net C09/10	£264.84	
£0.00	TFR from Cap Reserve for organ	£0.00		£1,240.47	Subtotal		£2,635.59
£5,000.00	TFR from TMCP	£0.00		£0.00	Minors & Minders Clouse to CFB	£413.13	
£16,187.18	TFR from CFB for Canopy X0	£0.00		£0.00	RSC Rernt to CFB	£10,000.00	
£23,287.18	SUBTOTAL		£0.00		Subtotal		£10,413.13
£0.00	Minors & Minders Closure	£413.13		£119,776.25	Total payments in year		£120,408.34
£129,639.06	Total Income for Year		£116,519.40	£555.91	Fund t (Tax, Pension, Nat Ins) t/TAX	£1,141.60	
£13,219.33	Balance b/f from prev yr (general a/c)	£22,477.06		£125.00	Fund b (b/B05) Benevolent	£68.98	
£20.74	Balance b/f from fund t(Tax)	£37.25		£0.00	Fund r (Refugees Benevolent Fund)	£1,072.40	
£1,014.37	Balance b/f from fund b (Benevolent	£922.03		£34.20	Fund y (M05, Youth Outreach)	£189.91	
£1,457.81	Balance b/f from fund y (Youth)	£1,423.61		£22,477.06	C/F from n (General	£15,839.34	
			£2,382.89	£37.25	C/F from t (Tax)	£54.97	
				£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) =		£18,498.12
£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)

Event Income	Credit	Paid Away to:>	Debit
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
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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