

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, OSWESTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1173814

Details

Other names HOLY TRINITY OSWESTRY PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-07-13

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: Worship services, various groups and activities in relation to being a parish church in the Church of England and the proclamation of the gospel.

Classification

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

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£199,380	£189,012	-	-
2024-12-31	£164,431	£164,950	-	-
2023-12-31	£160,731	£176,653	-	-
2022-12-31	£129,529	£130,912	-	-
2021-12-31	£115,998	£122,265	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PAUL TREVOR DARLINGTON	Chair	2005-09-01
ALISON JANE ELLIOT		2017-04-01
Adrian Dyer		2024-04-01
John Mark Addison		2025-04-15
LYDIA ELISE CRANSTON		2017-04-01
Malcolm Hubbell		2022-04-04
Mark Elliot		2023-04-01
Michael Frank Horner		2021-04-01
Nathan James Stevenson		2026-03-22
Sally Ashwood		2019-04-01
Susan Short		2025-04-15

Accounts

2025 Trustees Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

1. Reference and Administration

Charity name: Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

Church address: Roft Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

Correspondence address: Holy Trinity Church, Roft Street, Oswestry

PCC Membership

Ex Officio members

Vicar

Rev Paul Darlington

Warden

Mr Alistair Nurden (also Treasurer)

Warden

Mr Mark Elliot

Elected members

Mrs Alison Elliot, representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Malcolm Hubbell, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Soo Short, representative on Deanery Synod (from April 2025)

Mr Mark Addison (from April 2025)

Mrs Sally Ashwood

Mrs Judy Breese

Mrs Lydia Cranston

Mr Adrian Dyer

Mr Mike Horner

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Mr Paul Evison, Garner Pugh & Sinclair, 19 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NR

Vicar: Rev Paul Darlington, 29 Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry, SY11 2XQ

Registered charity number 1173814.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 1st January 2020, as amended. Holy Trinity registered as a separate charity with the Charity Commission in July 2017, as its annual income was in excess of £100,000.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 1st January 2020. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Curate, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged and given opportunity to register on the electoral roll.

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met six times during the year and average attendance was good. During the year the PCC have continued to keep regular oversight of all matters relating to finance, employment, health and safety, safeguarding, Holy Trinity Primary Academy and issues relating to the church building and its contents.

The PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer and a PCC member, which during 2025 was Judy Breese. A Strategy Group, consisting of the staff team and various PCC members and other church members, met during the year to consider different areas of church life, and how they could be improved, each time giving a full report back to the PCC.

A Human Resources sub-committee, chaired by a PCC member, has been established to oversee all aspects of the PCC's employment of staff. This sub-committee have reviewed the staff salaries, making recommendations to the PCC. The PCC are grateful to this sub-committee for all the work they have done.

The Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have considered the area of Risk Management, and are satisfied that the Trustees are not being exposed un-necessarily, and will keep this under review in the future.

The PCC re-appointed Jenna Middleton in May 2025 as safeguarding officer. The PCC are very grateful to her for all the work that has been done in this area. DBS checks continue to be made for those that need them. The PCC accepted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Issues that have arisen during the year have been dealt with.

3. Objectives and Activities

The primary aim of the PCC is to promote the gospel and to uphold the doctrines of the Church of England.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church. The furnishings, furniture and silverware are all in good order.

The PCC strives to ensure that activities are available for all ages, and achieves this through Sunday services and children's groups; young people's groups; midweek ladies and home group Bible studies; midweek Bible study at church; preacher's workshops; mission prayer meetings; Sunday evening prayer meeting; courses for those exploring the Christian faith; informal coffee & chat each month.

The PCC are grateful to the large number of church members who give their time on a voluntary basis to help run and lead the various church groups and activities; who undertake practical tasks to keep the church building and outside areas clean, free of rubbish and functioning; and who help in a variety of ways to help Sunday morning services run smoothly. In particular, the PCC are grateful to all those who clean the church on a regular basis.

4. Achievements and Performance

The main focus each week is the Sunday morning service at 10am – a Service of the Word and Holy Communion. During this service there is a group for children (aged 3-11), called Lighthouse and Mini Lighthouse for under 3s. Attendance varied but there are usually around 155 people in total in attendance (115 adults and 40 children).

As well as our regular service, we enable our church and wider community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. There were 4 weddings during 2025; 1 adult baptism, 8 young people were baptised and 3 children. During the year, there were 11 funeral services in church; and 8 funeral services at a crematorium or cemetery.

Members of the wider community have joined with church members at the children's Holiday Club in February, when over 100 children spent five days enjoying King of The Castle, a castle themed holiday club, overseen by over 80 members of the congregation, adults and teenagers. At Christmas around 200 people joined together for Christmas Cracker Christingle, where the Christmas story was explained and everyone enjoyed crafts, games and Christmas food.

During the year church members have had opportunities to study God's Word together in small groups or in one-to-one meetings. There have been increasing opportunities on a Sunday for lay preachers and those who may see church leadership as a future option, to gain some valuable experience and training.

The PCC are enormously grateful to Mark Addison, Associate Minister (Youth and Families), for all the great work that is done amongst the children and young people, and training those who help him, especially Sam Hodgins until August 2025, and since then Jed Walkingshaw. The PCC would also like to thank Rev Andy Cranston for all that he has done during 2025 to support, equip and encourage church members.

The PCC are grateful to Kathryn Chedgzoj for all the various administrative tasks that she undertook to support the clergy, PCC and church members. Kathryn stepped down from this role towards the end of 2025 and the PCC were delighted to appoint Sarah Sadler in her place.

Holy Trinity was pleased to continue to welcome some Ukrainian families to the church during 2025. The weekly 'Ukraine Welcome' meeting that used to run on Thursday afternoons was replaced with a monthly Sunday lunch, and that itself has now stopped as the Ukrainian folk are settled in England and much better able to support themselves and their fellow countrymen.

A highlight of 2025 was the biennial Church Weekend Away at the Quinta Christian Centre, with friends from All Saints' Gobowen. Over 130 people joined together at Quinta and it was a delight to welcome the Weaver family back to Shropshire. James kindly led the main teaching sessions from the book of Isaiah.

Other ministry initiatives carried on during 2025, including the monthly Cuppa, Cake & Chat which attracts a number of elderly folk who live locally and for whom this is their sole contact with the church. A number of people who have been coming to Cuppa Cake & Chat have now become regular attendees on a Sunday morning. There has also been a regular pattern of evangelistic courses, which have been well attended and well supported by church members.

Holy Trinity Primary Academy continued to be supported by the church with the Vicar, Curate and Mark Addison visiting the school, to take an assembly or run the Bible Club. The PCC have been pleased to support the school with donations to the school hardship fund. The PCC receive a regular update on the various school activities and any issues being faced. Plans to open the Holy Trinity Community Hub at the school have been dropped as the building that was to be used for this initiative was withdrawn from the Community Asset Transfer Programme by Shropshire Council.

The PCC have been kept updated regarding various matters relating to the church building. There are still unresolved issues regarding the roof of the new kitchen, and water ingress. These matters are being pursued with the contractors and architect. The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in March 2024 and the report was issued to all PCC members. The electrical installation also has a full 5-year inspection during 2024. A number of recommendations contained in the Quinquennial report have been attended to, and quotes have been obtained to undertake repairs to the boundary wall and stone entrance pillar and this work is due to be completed in March 2026. Other longer term work will be kept under review. The fire extinguishers were serviced as usual in November. A Buildings Team has continued to oversee and undertake work to the fabric of the church and the PCC are grateful to those who give of their time and expertise in this way.

The PCC spent a lot of time during 2025 discussing and praying about what was happening with the Church of England nationally and were very concerned by the decisions that had been taken by General Synod. The situation within the

Oswestry Deanery has continued to give much cause for concern, with limited attempts at any meaningful resolution. The PCC are very grateful to the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) for the work they are doing leading the traditional and evangelical response nationally. The PCC has continued to pay its Common Fund request via the Ephesian Fund, and in 2025 this was paid in full, along with the outstanding amount from 2024.

5. Financial Review

The accounts for 2025 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Planned giving amounted to £127,103. This is an increase of £14,254 from 2024. The general expenses of running Holy Trinity remain fairly constant. There was a small surplus for 2025 of £6,768

Gift Aid received during the year amounted to £26,465 for the general fund.


The PCC are grateful to the generosity of church members in giving to support God's work at Holy Trinity. There was an encouraging response to a stewardship campaign in January 2025, from which around £15,000 was either given or pledged. The PCC are very encouraged and grateful to God for his continued provision. There is still a challenge in 2026 to raise sufficient extra funds to break even and to continue to build up reserves.

At the end of the year the PCC had a total cash balance of £13,786 held mainly in a CAF Bank account.

The PCC agreed a reserves policy in 2025. At the end of £2025 sufficient funds were held to cover 2 months' worth of unrestricted payments, which is lower than the amount stipulated in the reserves policy. However, with the amount of Gift Aid owing and yet to be claimed, the situation was deemed to be acceptable. The PCC aim to continue building up the reserves during 2026.

Mr Paul Evison of Garner Pugh and Sinclair was appointed as Independent Examiner at the APCM in 2025 and the PCC are grateful to him for the work involved in putting the accounts together.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity Church PCC by Rev Paul Darlington, Chairman.


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Date 3rd March 2026

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE P.C.C. OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE P.C.C. AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The members of the P.C.C. are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention

- 1) which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Garnef Pugh & Sinclair
Chartered Accountants
19 Salop Road
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Shropshire
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3rd March 2026

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

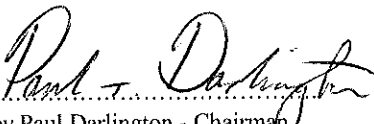
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	* See note 7 for full comparative
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	184,298	600	184,898	159,199	
Charitable Activities	2b	5,589	-	5,589	1,392	
Other Trading Activities	2c	9,103	-	9,103	3,782	
Investments	2d	390	-	390	58	
Total		<u>199,380</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>199,980</u>	<u>164,431</u>	
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities	3	189,012	310	189,322	164,950	
Total		<u>189,012</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>189,322</u>	<u>164,950</u>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		-	-	-	-	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>10,368</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>10,658</u>	<u>(519)</u>	
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in Funds		<u>10,368</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>10,658</u>	<u>(519)</u>	
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		<u>7,017</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>7,567</u>	<u>8,086</u>	
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)		<u><u>17,385</u></u>	<u><u>840</u></u>	<u><u>18,225</u></u>	<u><u>7,567</u></u>	


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2025**

	Notes	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		7,851	7,553
Bank deposit accounts		10,374	14
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5	18,225	7,567
 Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
- General		17,385	7,017
Restricted Funds		840	550
TOTAL FUNDS	6	18,225	7,567

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3rd March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Paul Darlington - Chairman


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Alistair Nurden - Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
2a Donations and Legacies				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
Tax efficient planned giving	127,103	600	127,703	113,124
Collections at services	-	-	-	-
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	30,730	-	30,730	25,304
Gift Aid recovered	26,465	-	26,465	20,522
Legacies	-	-	-	249
	<u>184,298</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>184,898</u>	<u>159,199</u>
A) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals				£
Donations - Sundry - Unrestricted				5,630
Donations - Sundry - Restricted				-
Grants - Unrestricted				<u>25,100</u>
				<u>30,730</u>
2b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	5,589	-	5,589	1,392
	<u>5,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,589</u>	<u>1,392</u>
2c Other Trading Activities				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hire	400	-	400	890
Sundry Receipts	8,703	-	8,703	2,892
	<u>9,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,103</u>	<u>3,782</u>
2d Investments				
Bank Interest	390	-	390	58
	<u>390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>58</u>
TOTAL	<u>199,380</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>199,980</u>	<u>164,431</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	8,200	-	8,200	8,500
Diocesan parish share	51,155	-	51,155	38,557
Salaries/Wages	88,864	-	88,864	82,266
Clergy and staff expenses	3,227	-	3,227	3,419
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	3,956	-	3,956	5,976
Church utility bills	11,448	-	11,448	12,964
Cost of trading	21,754	310	22,064	12,860
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	-	-	-	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	408	-	408	408
	<u>189,012</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>189,322</u>	<u>164,950</u>
TOTAL	<u>189,012</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>189,322</u>	<u>164,950</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	<u>88,864</u>	<u>82,266</u>

During the year the PCC employed an Associate Minister, a Ministry Trainee, an Administrator and an Associate Vicar.

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	17,385	840	18,225
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>17,385</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>18,225</u>

6 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.25 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer Between Funds £	Reserves at 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	7,017	199,380	(189,012)	-	17,385
Restricted Funds					
Donations	550	600	(310)	-	840
	<u>550</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>(310)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>840</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,567</u>	<u>199,980</u>	<u>(189,322)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,225</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	199,380	(189,012)	-	10,368
Restricted Funds				
	600	(310)	-	290
	<u>600</u>	<u>(310)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>199,980</u>	<u>(189,322)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,658</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Legacies	158,874	325	159,199
Charitable Activities	1,392	-	1,392
Other Trading Activities	3,782	-	3,782
Investments	58	-	58
Total	164,106	325	164,431
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	163,404	1,546	164,950
Other	-	-	-
Total	163,404	1,546	164,950
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	702	(1,221)	(519)
Transfer between Funds	90	(90)	-
Net movement in Funds	792	(1,311)	(519)
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	6,225	1,861	8,086
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	7,017	550	7,567

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

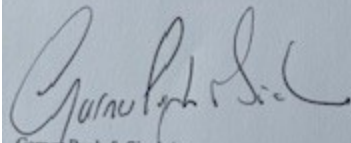
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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Accounts

2024 Trustees Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

1. Reference and Administration

Charity name: Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

Church address: Roft Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

Correspondence address: Holy Trinity Church, Roft Street, Oswestry

PCC Membership

Ex Officio members

Vicar	Rev Paul Darlington
Curate	Rev James Weaver (until July 2024)
Warden	Mr Alistair Nurden (also Treasurer)
Warden	Mr Mark Elliot

Elected members

Mrs Alison Elliot, representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Malcolm Hubbell, representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Emma Addison, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Sally Ashwood
Mrs Judy Breese
Mrs Lydia Cranston
Mr Adrian Dyer (from April 2024)
Mr Mike Horner
Mrs Katie Howard (until April 2024)

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Mr Paul Evison, Garner Pugh & Sinclair, 19 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NR

Vicar: Rev Paul Darlington, 29 Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry, SY11 2XQ

Registered charity number 1173814.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 1st January 2020, as amended. Holy Trinity registered as a separate charity with the Charity Commission in July 2017, as its annual income was in excess of £100,000.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 1st January 2020. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Curate, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged and given opportunity to register on the electoral roll.

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met six times during the year and average attendance was good. During the year the PCC have continued to keep regular oversight of all matters relating to finance, employment, health and safety, safeguarding, Holy Trinity Primary Academy and issues relating to the church building and its contents.

The PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer and a PCC member, which during 2024 was Judy Breese. A Strategy Group, consisting of the staff team and various PCC members and other church members, met during the year to consider different areas of church life, and how they could be improved, each time giving a full report back to the PCC.

A Human Resources sub-committee, chaired by a PCC member, has been established to oversee all aspects of the PCC's employment of staff. This sub-committee have reviewed the staff salaries, making recommendations to the PCC. The PCC are grateful to this sub-committee for all the work they have done.

The Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have considered the area of Risk Management, and are satisfied that the Trustees are not being exposed un-necessarily, and will keep this under review in the future.

The PCC re-appointed Jenna Middleton in May 2024 as safeguarding officer. The PCC are very grateful to her for all the work that has been done in this area. DBS checks continue to be made for those that need them. The PCC accepted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Issues that have arisen during the year have been dealt with.

3. **Objectives and Activities**

The primary aim of the PCC is to promote the gospel and to uphold the doctrines of the Church of England.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church. The furnishings, furniture and silverware are all in good order.

The PCC strives to ensure that activities are available for all ages, and achieves this through Sunday services and children's groups; young people's groups; midweek ladies and home group Bible studies; midweek Bible study at church; preacher's workshops; mission prayer meetings; Sunday evening prayer meeting; courses for those exploring the Christian faith; informal coffee & chat each month.

The PCC are grateful to the large number of church members who give their time on a voluntary basis to help run and lead the various church groups and activities; who undertake practical tasks to keep the church building and outside areas clean, free of rubbish and functioning; and who help in a variety of ways to help Sunday morning services run smoothly. In particular, the PCC are grateful to all those who clean the church on a regular basis.

4. **Achievements and Performance**

The main focus each week is the Sunday morning service at 10am – a Service of the Word and Holy Communion. During this service there is a group for children (aged 3-11), called Lighthouse and Mini Lighthouse for under 3s. Attendance varied but there are usually around 144 people in total in attendance (114 adults and 30 children).

As well as our regular service, we enable our church and wider community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. There was 1 wedding during 2024, 3 adult baptisms 3 young people were baptised and 1 child. During the year, there were 9 funeral services in church; and 10 funeral services at a crematorium or cemetery.

Members of the wider community have joined with church members at the children's Holiday Club in February, when over 100 children spent five days enjoying Champions, an Olympics themed holiday club, overseen by over 80 members of the congregation, adults and teenagers. At Christmas around 200 people joined together for Christmas Cracker Christingle, where the Christmas story was explained and everyone enjoyed crafts, games and Christmas food.

During the year church members have had opportunities to study God's Word together in small groups or in one-to-one meetings. There have been increasing opportunities on a Sunday for lay preachers and those who may see church leadership as a future option, to gain some valuable experience and training.

The PCC were excited but sad to learn that James Weaver, curate, had accepted a new role at a church in Oxford, with a view of establishing a new church plant there possibly in 2026. James, Abi and family left Oswestry in July 2024. The PCC are enormously grateful to James for all that he has done during his time at Holy Trinity, for the new initiatives that he had set up, for his diligent teaching and careful pastoral care. The PCC are also grateful to Abi for her support of James, enabling him to serve the church family as effectively as he did. Church members gave generously towards a parting gift for the Weaver family.

The PCC are enormously grateful to Mark Addison, Associate Minister (Youth and Families), for all the great work that is done amongst the children and young people, and training those who help him, especially Susie Kinloch until August 2024, and since then Sam Hodgins. The PCC would also like to thank Rev Andy Cranston for all that he has done during 2024 to support, equip and encourage church members. Under Andy's leadership, a new bereavement ministry team was set up to help support those who have been bereaved. In November, a Sunday afternoon service of remembrance was held for those who had lost a loved one recently, and this was well received by all who attended.

During 2024 there was a weekend of teaching and encouragement relating to marriage, and a similar day focussing on singleness, both available to all church members. Both had external speakers and those attending found the input and teaching helpful.

The PCC are grateful to Kathryn Chedgzoy for all the various administrative tasks that she undertook to support the clergy, PCC and church members.

Holy Trinity was pleased to continue to welcome some Ukrainian families to the church during 2024. A weekly 'Ukraine Welcome' meeting has continued on Thursday afternoons, which is a mixture of chatting, playing, English lessons, short gospel talk and sharing a meal together. The PCC are very grateful to Gill Darlington who oversees this mission work, which is still funded by a grant received in 2022.

Other ministry initiatives carried on during 2024, including the monthly Cuppa, Cake & Chat which attracts a number of elderly folk who live locally and for whom this is their sole contact with the church. A number of people who have been coming to Cuppa Cake & Chat have now become regular attendees on a Sunday morning. There has also been a regular pattern of evangelistic courses, which have been well attended and well supported by church members.

Holy Trinity Primary Academy continued to be supported by the church with the Vicar, Curate and Mark Addison visiting the school, to take an assembly or run the Bible Club. The PCC have been pleased to support the school with donations to the school hardship fund. The PCC receive a regular update on the various school activities and any issues being faced. Plans to open the Holy Trinity Community Hub at the school have been held up by a delay waiting for Shropshire Council to move forwards with regards the future of the building. It is hoped that this will make progress in early 2025.

The PCC have been kept updated regarding various matters relating to the church building. There are still unresolved issues regarding the roof of the new kitchen, and water ingress. These matters are being pursued with the contractors and architect. The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in March 2024 and the report was issued to all PCC

members. The electrical installation also has a full 5-year inspection during 2024. A number of recommendations contained in the Quinquennial report have been attended to, and quotes will be obtained to undertake repairs to the boundary wall and stone entrance pillar. The pillar was made safe at the end of 2024. Other longer term will be kept under review. The fire extinguishers were serviced as usual in November. A Buildings Team has continued to oversee and undertake work to the fabric of the church and the PCC are grateful to those who give of their time and expertise in this way.

The PCC spent a lot of time during 2024 discussing and praying about what was happening with the Church of England nationally and were very concerned by the decisions that had been taken by General Synod. The situation within the Oswestry Deanery has continued to give much cause for concern, with limited attempts at any meaningful resolution. The PCC are very grateful to the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) for the work they are doing leading the traditional and evangelical response nationally. The PCC has continued to pay its Common Fund request via the Ephesian Fund. Due to lack of available funds the PCC were unable to pay the full request in 2025.

5. Financial Review

The accounts for 2024 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Planned giving amounted to £112,849. This is an increase of £13,796 from 2023. The general expenses of running Holy Trinity remain fairly constant. There was a small surplus for 2024 of around £700, but £5,500 of Common Fund request was unpaid.

Gift Aid received during the year amounted to £20,522 for the general fund.

The PCC are grateful to the generosity of church members in giving to support God's work at Holy Trinity. There was an encouraging response to a stewardship campaign in January 2024, from which over £20,00 was either given or pledged. However, as some church members left Holy Trinity during 2024, for a variety of different reasons, and cancelled their monthly donations, this resulted in a reduction of income by around £10,000. The PCC are very encouraged and grateful to God for his continued provision. There is still a big challenge in 2025 to raise sufficient extra funds to break even and to begin to build up reserves.

At the end of the year the PCC had a total cash balance of £7,017 held mainly in a CAF Bank account.

The PCC has not agreed a reserves policy, which it hopes to do in 2025. Generally sufficient funds are held to cover 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments.

Mr Paul Evison of Garner Pugh and Sinclair was appointed as Independent Examiner at the APCM in 2024 and the PCC are grateful to him for the work involved in putting the accounts together.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity Church PCC by Rev Paul Darlington, Chairman.


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Date 11th March 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE P.C.C. OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY

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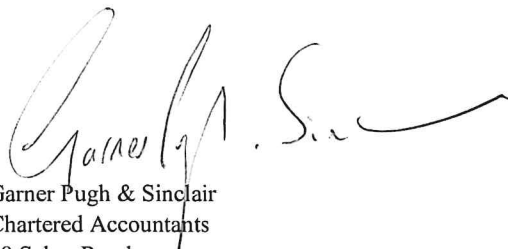
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11th March 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds	* See note 7 for full comparative
Notes	£	£	£	£	
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Legacies	2a 158,874	325	159,199	144,092	
Charitable Activities	2b 1,392	-	1,392	4,802	
Other Trading Activities	2c 3,782	-	3,782	11,407	
Investments	2d 58	-	58	430	
Total	<u>164,106</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>164,431</u>	<u>160,731</u>	
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	3 163,404	1,546	164,950	176,653	
Total	<u>163,404</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>164,950</u>	<u>176,653</u>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-	-	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>702</u>	<u>(1,221)</u>	<u>(519)</u>	<u>(15,922)</u>	
Transfer between Funds	90	(90)	-	-	
Net movement in Funds	<u>792</u>	<u>(1,311)</u>	<u>(519)</u>	<u>(15,922)</u>	
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	<u>6,225</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>8,086</u>	<u>24,008</u>	
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	<u>7,017</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>7,567</u>	<u>8,086</u>	

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

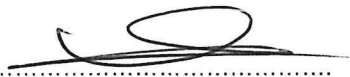
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		7,553	7,194
Bank deposit accounts		<u>14</u>	<u>892</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5	<u><u>7,567</u></u>	<u><u>8,086</u></u>
 Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
- General		7,017	6,225
Restricted Funds		<u>550</u>	<u>1,861</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	6	<u><u>7,567</u></u>	<u><u>8,086</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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 Rev Paul Darlington - Chairman

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 Alistair Nurden - Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
2a Donations and Legacies				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
Tax efficient planned giving	112,849	275	113,124	96,482
Collections at services	-	-	-	2,621
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	25,254	50	25,304	25,168
Gift Aid recovered	20,522	-	20,522	19,821
Legacies	249	-	249	-
	<u>158,874</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>159,199</u>	<u>144,092</u>
A) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals				£
Donations - Sundry - Unrestricted				5
Donations - Sundry - Restricted				50
Grants - Unrestricted				25,249
				25,304
2b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	1,392	-	1,392	4,802
	<u>1,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>4,802</u>
2c Other Trading Activities				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hire	890	-	890	2,190
Sundry Receipts	2,892	-	2,892	9,217
	<u>3,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,782</u>	<u>11,407</u>
2d Investments				
Bank Interest	58	-	58	430
	<u>58</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>430</u>
TOTAL	<u>164,106</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>164,431</u>	<u>160,731</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	8,500	-	8,500	8,988
Diocesan parish share	38,557	-	38,557	42,095
Salaries/Wages	82,266	-	82,266	76,132
Clergy and staff expenses	3,419	-	3,419	3,244
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	5,976	-	5,976	4,425
Church utility bills	12,964	-	12,964	11,532
Cost of trading	11,314	1,546	12,860	22,024
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	-	-	-	8,213
<i>Governance Costs</i>	408	-	408	-
	<u>163,404</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>164,950</u>	<u>176,653</u>
TOTAL	<u>163,404</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>164,950</u>	<u>176,653</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	<u>82,266</u>	<u>76,132</u>

During the year the PCC employed an Associate Minister, a Ministry Trainee, an Administrator and an Associate Vicar.

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	7,017	550	7,567
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>7,017</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>7,567</u>

6 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer Between Funds £	Reserves at 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	6,225	164,106	(163,404)	90	7,017
Restricted Funds					
Donations	1,861	325	(1,546)	(90)	550
	<u>1,861</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>(1,546)</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>550</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,086</u>	<u>164,431</u>	<u>(164,950)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,567</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	164,106	(163,404)	-	702
Restricted Funds				
	325	(1,546)	-	(1,221)
	<u>325</u>	<u>(1,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,221)</u>
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>164,431</u>	<u>(164,950)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(519)</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Legacies	144,042	50	144,092
Charitable Activities	4,802	-	4,802
Other Trading Activities	11,407	-	11,407
Investments	430	-	430
Total	160,681	50	160,731
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	175,862	791	176,653
Other	-	-	-
Total	175,862	791	176,653
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(15,181)	(741)	(15,922)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds	(15,181)	(741)	(15,922)
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	21,406	2,602	24,008
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	6,225	1,861	8,086

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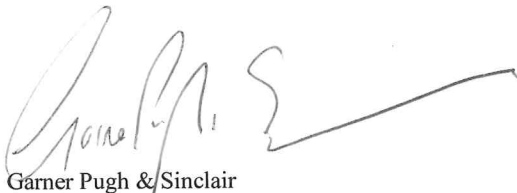
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the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met six times during the year and average attendance was good. During the year the PCC have continued to keep regular oversight of all matters relating to finance, employment, health and safety, safeguarding, Holy Trinity Primary Academy and issues relating to the church building and its contents.

The PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer and a PCC member, which during 2023 was Lydia Cranston. A Strategy Group, consisting of the staff team and various PCC members and other church members, met during the year to consider different areas of church life, and how they could be improved, each time giving a full report back to the PCC.

A Human Resources sub-committee, chaired by a PCC member, has been established to oversee all aspects of the PCC's employment of staff. This sub-committee have reviewed the staff salaries, making recommendations to the PCC. The PCC are grateful to this sub-committee for all the work they have done.

The Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have considered the area of Risk Management, and are satisfied that the Trustees are not being exposed un-necessarily, and will keep this under review in the future.

The PCC re-appointed Andy Cooksley in May 2023 as safeguarding officer. The PCC are very grateful to him for all the work that has been done in this area. DBS checks continue to be made for those that need them. The PCC accepted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Issues that have arisen during the year have been dealt with.

3. Objectives and Activities

The primary aim of the PCC is to promote the gospel and to uphold the doctrines of the Church of England.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church. The furnishings, furniture and silverware are all in good order.

The PCC strives to ensure that activities are available for all ages, and achieves this through Sunday services and children's groups; young people's groups; midweek ladies and home group Bible studies; midweek Bible study at church; preacher's workshops; mission prayer meetings; Sunday evening prayer meeting; courses for those exploring the Christian faith; informal coffee & chat each month.

The PCC are grateful to the large number of church members who give their time on a voluntary basis to help run and lead the various church groups and activities; who undertake practical tasks to keep the church building and outside areas clean, free of rubbish and functioning; and who help in a variety of ways to help Sunday morning services run smoothly. In particular, the PCC are grateful to all those who clean the church on a regular basis.

4. Achievements and Performance

The main focus each week is the Sunday morning service at 10am – a Service of the Word and Holy Communion. During this service there is a group for children (aged 3-11), called Lighthouse and a crèche for under 3s. Attendance varied but there are usually around 130 people in total in attendance (95 adults and 35 children).

As well as our regular service, we enable our church and wider community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. There were no weddings during 2023, 3 adult baptisms and 1 service of thanksgiving. During the year, there were 12 funeral services in church; and 17 funeral services at a crematorium or cemetery.

Members of the wider community have joined with church members at the children's Holiday Club in February, when over 100 children spent five days enjoying Egyptian Adventures, an Egyptian themed holiday club, overseen by over 60 members of the congregation, adults and teenagers. At Christmas over 170 people joined together for Christmas Cracker Christingle, where the Christmas story was explained and everyone enjoyed crafts, games and Christmas food.

During the year church members have had opportunities to study God's Word together in small groups or in one-to-one meetings.

The PCC are enormously grateful to Mark Addison, Associate Minister (Youth and Families), for all the great work that is done amongst the children and young people, and training those who help him, especially Alice Goolden until August 2023, and since then Susie Kinloch. The PCC would also like to thank Rev Andy Cranston and Rev James Weaver for all that they have done during 2023 to support, equip and encourage church members.

The PCC are grateful to Jenny MacIntosh for all the various administrative tasks that she undertook to support the clergy and church members. Jenny left this role during 2023 and the PCC were pleased to appoint Mrs Kathryn Chedzoy in her place.

The PCC were pleased that Rev Paul Darlington was granted permission to take a sabbatical break during 2023, and are very grateful to the rest of the staff team for looking after everything so well during Paul's absence.

Holy Trinity was pleased to continue to welcome some Ukrainian families to the church during 2023. A weekly 'Ukraine Welcome' meeting has continued on Thursday afternoons, which is a mixture of chatting, playing, English lessons, short gospel talk and sharing a meal together. The PCC are very grateful to Gill Darlington who oversees this mission work, which is still funded by a grant received in 2022.

Holy Trinity Primary Academy continued to be supported by the church with the Vicar, Curate and Mark Addison visiting the school, to take an assembly or run the Bible Club. The PCC have been pleased to support the school with donations to the school hardship fund. The PCC receive a regular update on the various school activities and any issues being faced. Plans to open the Holy Trinity Community Hub at the school have been held up by a delay waiting for Shropshire Council to move forwards with regards the future of the building. The Holy Trinity Community Hub has been registered with the Charity Commission and has opened a bank account. It is hoped that this will make progress in early 2024.

The PCC have been kept updated regarding various matters relating to the church building. There are still unresolved issues regarding the roof of the new kitchen, and water ingress. These matters are being pursued with the contractors and architect. The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in March 2018. The PCC reviews annually the architect's report. There is nothing either immediate or in the future that the PCC was not already aware of. The fire extinguishers were serviced as usual in November. A Buildings Team has continued to oversee and undertake work to the fabric of the church and the PCC are grateful to those who give of their time and expertise in this way.

A weekend away at The Quinta in September was a particular highlight of the year, and it was great to be joined by members of All Saints Gobowen. Over 140 people were there for the Sunday morning service, which also included a few from St Mary's Selattyn. Rev Iain Baker took us through the book of Jonah on Friday evening and Saturday and everyone enjoyed a variety of leisure opportunities on Saturday afternoon.

The PCC spent a lot of time during 2023 discussing and praying about what was happening with the Church of England nationally and were very concerned by the decisions that had been taken by General Synod. The PCC wrote at length to our local and Diocesan Bishops expressing our prayerful concern, which culminated in a meeting in September with Bishop Sarah and Bishop Rob Munro, Bishop of Ebsfleet. The situation within the Oswestry Deanery has given much cause for concern, with limited attempts at any meaningful resolution. The PCC are very grateful to the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) for the work they are doing leading the traditional and evangelical response nationally. The PCC paused paying the Common Fund payments during 2023 not wanting to support false teaching. The CEEC established the Ephesian Fund towards the end of 2023 and the PCC paid its Common Fund request in full in 2023, with over half being given to the Ephesian Fund rather than the Diocese. The PCC plans to continue to give the Common Fund payments this way in 2024.

5. Financial Review

The accounts for 2023 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Planned giving amounted to £99,053. This is an increase of £10,679 from 2022. The general expenses of running Holy Trinity remain fairly constant. There was a deficit for 2023 of around £15,000, which has used up all the reserves, and more. The deficit is due to four one-off items - the purchase of a new projector, repairs to the PA system, purchase of a container for Holiday Club storage and finally sorting out the position with Scottish Power re the gas account, which included paying off some of the outstanding debt.

Gift Aid received during the year amounted to £19,821 for the general fund.

The PCC are grateful to the generosity of church members in giving to support God's work at Holy Trinity. There was an encouraging response to a stewardship campaign in January 2023. The PCC are very encouraged and grateful to God for his continued provision. There is still a big challenge in 2024 to raise sufficient extra funds to break even.

At the end of the year the PCC had a total cash balance of £6,225 held mainly in a CAF Bank account.

The PCC has not agreed a reserves policy, which it hopes to do in 2024. Generally sufficient funds are held to cover 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments.

Mr Paul Evison of Garner Pugh and Sinclair was appointed as Independent Examiner at the APCM in 2023 and the PCC are grateful to him for the work involved in putting the accounts together.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity Church PCC by Rev Paul Darlington, Chairman.

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Date 5th March 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	* See note 7 for full comparative
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	144,042	50	144,092	125,647	
Charitable Activities	2b	4,802	-	4,802	(181)	
Other Trading Activities	2c	11,407	-	11,407	4,038	
Investments	2d	430	-	430	25	
Total		<u>160,681</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>160,731</u>	<u>129,529</u>	
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities	3	175,862	791	176,653	130,912	
Total		<u>175,862</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>176,653</u>	<u>130,912</u>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		-	-	-	-	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(15,181)	(741)	(15,922)	(1,383)	
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in Funds		<u>(15,181)</u>	<u>(741)</u>	<u>(15,922)</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>	
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		<u>21,406</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>24,008</u>	<u>25,391</u>	
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)		<u><u>6,225</u></u>	<u><u>1,861</u></u>	<u><u>8,086</u></u>	<u><u>24,008</u></u>	

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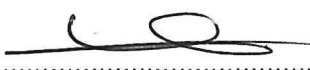
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2023**

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		7,194	23,828
Bank deposit accounts		892	180
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5	8,086	24,008
 Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
- General		6,225	21,406
Restricted Funds		1,861	2,602
TOTAL FUNDS	6	8,086	24,008

5th March

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on ~~20th February~~ 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul r. Darlington
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Rev Paul Darlington - Chairman


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Alistair Nurden - Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
2a Donations and Legacies				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
Tax efficient planned giving	96,432	50	96,482	81,346
Collections at services	2,621	-	2,621	7,029
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	25,168	-	25,168	20,664
Gift Aid recovered	19,821	-	19,821	16,608
	<u>144,042</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>144,092</u>	<u>125,647</u>
A) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals				£
Donations - Funerals - Unrestricted				47
Grants - Unrestricted				<u>25,121</u>
				<u>25,168</u>
2b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	4,802	-	4,802	(181)
	<u>4,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,802</u>	<u>(181)</u>
2c Other Trading Activities				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hire	2,190	-	2,190	1,155
Sundry Receipts	9,217	-	9,217	2,883
	<u>11,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,407</u>	<u>4,038</u>
2d Investments				
Bank Interest	430	-	430	25
	<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	<u>160,681</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>160,731</u>	<u>129,529</u>

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EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	8,988	-	8,988	8,700
Diocesan parish share	42,095	-	42,095	40,213
Salaries/Wages	76,132	-	76,132	60,832
Clergy and staff expenses	3,244	-	3,244	2,978
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	4,425	-	4,425	2,052
Church utility bills	11,532	-	11,532	4,130
Cost of trading	21,233	791	22,024	11,623
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	8,213	-	8,213	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	-	-	-	384
	<u>175,862</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>176,653</u>	<u>130,912</u>
TOTAL	<u>175,862</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>176,653</u>	<u>130,912</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	<u>76,132</u>	<u>60,832</u>

During the year the PCC employed a Youth Worker, a Ministry Trainee, an Administrator and an Associate Vicar.

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	6,225	1,861	8,086
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>6,225</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>8,086</u>

6 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer Between Funds £	Reserves at 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	21,406	160,681	(175,862)	-	-	6,225
Restricted Funds						
Donations	2,602	50	(791)	-	-	1,861
	<u>2,602</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>(791)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,861</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,008</u>	<u>160,731</u>	<u>(176,653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,086</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	160,681	(175,862)	-	(15,181)
Restricted Funds				
	50	(791)	-	(741)
	<u>50</u>	<u>(791)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(741)</u>
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>160,731</u>	<u>(176,653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,922)</u>

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7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources				
Donations and Legacies	122,556	-	3,091	125,647
Charitable Activities	(181)	-	-	(181)
Other Trading Activities	4,038	-	-	4,038
Investments	25	-	-	25
Total	126,438	-	3,091	129,529
Resources Expended				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	130,423	-	489	130,912
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	130,423	-	489	130,912
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(3,985)	-	2,602	(1,383)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds	<u>(3,985)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	25,391	-	-	25,391
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	<u>21,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>24,008</u>

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2022 Trustees Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

1. Reference and Administration

Charity name: Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

Church address: Roft Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

Correspondence address: Mrs Jenny MacIntosh, 26 Beresford Gardens, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 2SL

PCC Membership

Ex Officio members

Vicar
Curate

Rev Paul Darlington
Rev James Weaver

Warden
Warden

Mr Alistair Nurden (also Treasurer)
Mr Mark Pentelow

Elected members

Mrs Alison Elliot, representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Mark Pentelow, representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Peter Bradford, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Sally Ashwood
Mrs Judy Breese
Mrs Lydia Cranston
Mr Mike Horner
Mrs Katie Howard
Mr Malcolm Hubbell (from April 2022)

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Mr Paul Evison, Garner Pugh & Sinclair, 19 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NR

Vicar: Rev Paul Darlington, 29 Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry, SY11 2XQ

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2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 1st January 2020, as amended. Holy Trinity registered as a separate charity with the Charity Commission in July 2017, as its annual income was in excess of £100,000.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 1st January 2020. At Holy Trinity the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, Curate, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged and given opportunity to register on the electoral roll.

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

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The PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer and a PCC member, which during 2022 was Lydia Cranston. A Strategy Group, consisting of the staff team and various PCC members and other church members, met during the year to consider different areas of church life, and how they could be improved, each time giving a full report back to the PCC.

A Human Resources sub-committee, chaired by a PCC member, has been established to oversee all aspects of the PCC's employment of staff. This sub-committee have reviewed the salary structure, making recommendations to the PCC, and have updated all the staff contracts. The PCC are grateful to this sub-committee for all the work they have done.

The Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have considered the area of Risk Management, and are satisfied that the Trustees are not being exposed un-necessarily, and will keep this under review in the future.

The PCC re-appointed Andy Cooksley in May 2022 as safeguarding officer. The PCC are very grateful to him for all the work that has been done in this area. DBS checks continue to be made for those that need them. The PCC accepted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Issues that have arisen during the year have been dealt with.

3. Objectives and Activities

The primary aim of the PCC is to promote the gospel and to uphold the doctrines of the Church of England.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church. The furnishings, furniture and silverware are all in good order. The PCC are aware that during 2022 the font was accidentally knocked over and damaged. The font will be re-instated.

The PCC strives to ensure that activities are available for all ages, and achieves this through Sunday services and children's groups; young people's groups; midweek ladies and home group Bible studies; midweek Bible study at church; preacher's workshops; mission prayer meetings; Sunday evening prayer meeting; courses for those exploring the Christian faith; informal coffee & chat each month.

The PCC are grateful to the large number of church members who give their time on a voluntary basis to help run and lead the various church groups and activities; who undertake practical tasks to keep the church building and outside areas clean, free of rubbish and functioning; and who help in a variety of ways to help Sunday morning services run smoothly. In particular, the PCC are grateful to all those who clean the church on a regular basis.

4. Achievements and Performance

The main focus each week is the Sunday morning service at 10am – a Service of the Word and Holy Communion. During this service there is a group for children (aged 3-11), called Lighthouse and a crèche for under 3s. Attendance varied but there are usually around 120 people in total in attendance (90 adults and 30 children).

As well as our regular service, we enable our church and wider community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and gives thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. There was just one wedding and one baptism during 2022. During the year, there were 14 funeral services in church; 14 funeral services at a crematorium or cemetery; and 1 interment of ashes.

Members of the wider community have joined with church members at the children's Holiday Club in February, when over 100 children spent five days enjoying Jungle Explorers, a jungle themed holiday club, overseen by over 60 members of the congregation, adults and teenagers. At Christmas over 100 people joined together for Christmas Cracker Christingle, where the Christmas story was explained and everyone enjoyed crafts, games and Christmas food.

During the year church members have had opportunities to study God's Word together in small groups or in one-to-one meetings.

The PCC are enormously grateful to Mark Addison, Associate Minister (Youth and Families), for all the great work that is done amongst the children and young people, and training those who help him, especially Alice Goolden. The PCC were pleased to agree a back-dated salary increase for Mark to reflect his increasing role across the whole church.

The PCC are grateful to Jenny MacIntosh for all the various administrative tasks that she undertook to support the clergy and church members.

In September 2022 the PCC were delighted to appoint Rev Andy Cranston as part time Associate Minister, working for Holy Trinity 50% of the week.

Holy Trinity was pleased to welcome some Ukrainian families to the church during 2022, who came to the UK to escape the war in their own country. A new weekly 'Ukraine Welcome' meeting was set on Thursday afternoons, which is a mixture of chatting, playing, English lessons, short gospel talk and sharing a meal together. The PCC are very grateful to Stewardship Services for their generous grant which has funded this work; and to Gill Darlington who oversees this mission work.

Holy Trinity Primary Academy continued to be supported by the church with the Vicar, Curate and Mark Addison visiting the school, to take an assembly or run the Bible Club. One church member is currently Chairman of the Local Academy Committee. The PCC have been pleased to support the school with donations to the school hardship fund. The PCC receive a regular update on the various school activities and any issues being faced. Plans to open the Holy Trinity Community Hub at the school have been held up by a delay waiting for Shropshire Council to move forwards with regards the future of the building. The Holy Trinity Community Hub has been registered with the Charity Commission and has opened a bank account. It is hoped that this will make progress in early 2023.

The PCC have been kept updated regarding various matters relating to the church building. There are still unresolved issues regarding the roof of the new kitchen, and water ingress. These matters are being pursued with the contractors and architect. The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in March 2018. The PCC reviews annually the architect's report. There is nothing either immediate or in the future that the PCC was not already aware of. The fire extinguishers were serviced as usual in November. A Buildings Team has been established to oversee and undertake work to the fabric of the church and the PCC are grateful to those who give of their time and expertise in this way.

5. Financial Review

The accounts for 2022 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Planned giving amounted to £88,374. This is an increase of £10,000 from 2021. The general expenses of running Holy Trinity remain fairly constant.

Gift Aid received during the year amounted to £16,608 for the general fund.

The PCC are grateful to the generosity of church members in giving to support God's work at Holy Trinity. There was an encouraging response to a stewardship campaign in January 2022. The PCC are very encouraged and grateful to God that in 2022 income was nearly sufficient to cover all expenditure. There is still a big challenge in 2023 to raise sufficient extra funds to break even.

At the end of the year the PCC had a total cash balance of £21,226 held mainly in a CAF Bank account.

The PCC has not agreed a reserves policy, which it hopes to do in 2023. Currently sufficient funds are held to cover 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments.

Mr Paul Evison of Garner Pugh and Sinclair was appointed as Independent Examiner at the APCM in 2022 and the PCC are grateful to him for the work involved in putting the accounts together.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity Church PCC by Rev Paul Darlington, Chairman.


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Date 14th March 2023

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	* See note 7 for full comparative
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2a	122,556	3,091	125,647	106,083	
Charitable Activities	2b	(181)	-	(181)	8,463	
Other Trading Activities	2c	4,038	-	4,038	1,450	
Investments	2d	25	-	25	2	
Total		<u>126,438</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>129,529</u>	<u>115,998</u>	
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities	3	130,423	489	130,912	122,265	
Total		<u>130,423</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>130,912</u>	<u>122,265</u>	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		-	-	-	-	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>(3,985)</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>	<u>(6,267)</u>	
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	(33,899)	
Net movement in Funds		<u>(3,985)</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>	<u>(40,166)</u>	
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		<u>25,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,391</u>	<u>65,557</u>	
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)		<u><u>21,406</u></u>	<u><u>2,602</u></u>	<u><u>24,008</u></u>	<u><u>25,391</u></u>	


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2022**

	Notes	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		23,828	24,129
Bank deposit accounts		180	1,262
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5	24,008	25,391
 Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
- General		21,406	25,391
Restricted Funds		2,602	-
TOTAL FUNDS	6	24,008	25,391

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14th March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Paul Darlington - Chairman


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Alistair Nurden - Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
2a Donations and Legacies				
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>				
Tax efficient planned giving	81,346	-	81,346	74,381
Collections at services	7,029	-	7,029	3,749
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	17,573	3,091	20,664	11,489
Gift Aid recovered	16,608	-	16,608	16,464
	<u>122,556</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>125,647</u>	<u>106,083</u>
A) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals				£
Donations - Sundry - Unrestricted				150
Donations - Sundry - Restricted				150
Donations - John Tilly Fund / Oswestry Gospel Trust				16,473
Grants - Unrestricted				950
Grants - Restricted				<u>2,941</u>
				<u>20,664</u>
2b Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	(181)	-	(181)	8,463
	<u>(181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(181)</u>	<u>8,463</u>
2c Other Trading Activities				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>				
Church Hire	1,155	-	1,155	1,450
Sundry Receipts	2,883	-	2,883	-
	<u>4,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,038</u>	<u>1,450</u>
2d Investments				
Bank Interest	25	-	25	2
	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	<u>126,438</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>129,529</u>	<u>115,998</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	8,700	-	8,700	9,400
Diocesan parish share	40,213	-	40,213	36,862
Holy Trinity 2nd congregation	-	-	-	-
Away Weekend	-	-	-	4,578
Salaries/Wages	60,832	-	60,832	46,674
Clergy and staff expenses	2,978	-	2,978	3,251
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	2,052	-	2,052	1,730
Church utility bills	4,130	-	4,130	3,441
Cost of trading	11,134	489	11,623	3,506
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church	-	-	-	12,457
<i>Governance Costs</i>	384	-	384	366
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TOTAL	<u>130,423</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>130,912</u>	<u>122,265</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries	<u>60,832</u>	<u>46,674</u>

During the year the PCC employed a Youth Worker, a Ministry Trainee, an Administrator and an Associate Vicar.

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	21,406	2,602	24,008
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>21,406</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>24,008</u>

6 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer Between Funds £	Reserves at 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	25,391	126,438	(130,423)	-	-	21,406
Restricted Funds						
Donations	-	3,091	(489)	-	-	2,602
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>(489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,602</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,391</u>	<u>129,529</u>	<u>(130,912)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,008</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	126,438	(130,423)	-	(3,985)
Restricted Funds				
	<u>3,091</u>	<u>(489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,602</u>
	3,091	(489)	-	2,602
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>129,529</u>	<u>(130,912)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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NOTES TO THE FUNDS

Restricted Funds

John Tilley Fund / Oswestry Gospel Trust

A legacy vested in the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry.

Advice was sought and given regarding funds left in the will of the late John Tilly deceased. It stated that this fund is separate to the PCC under the authority of the Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church. It is now recorded by way of note.

The fund in relation to this is held in the CAF gold account. As at 31st December 2022 the fund stood at £325,941.83.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources				
Donations and Legacies	103,830	1,500	753	104,583
Charitable Activities	8,463	-	-	8,463
Other Trading Activities	1,450	-	-	1,450
Investments	2	-	-	2
Total	113,745	1,500	753	114,498
Resources Expended				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	107,068	1,500	13,697	122,265
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	107,068	1,500	13,697	122,265
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	6,677	-	(12,944)	(6,267)
Transfer between Funds	4,727	-	(38,626)	(33,899)
Net movement in Funds	11,404	-	(51,570)	(40,166)
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	13,987	-	51,570	65,557
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	25,391	-	-	25,391

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14th March 2023

Accounts

2021 Trustees Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

1. Reference and Administration

Charity name: Holy Trinity Church Oswestry

Church address: Roft Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

Correspondence address: Mrs Alice Pentelow, 20 Holbache Road, Oswestry, SY11 1RP

PCC Membership

Ex Officio members

Vicar

Rev Paul Darlington

Curate

Rev James Weaver

Warden

Mr Alistair Nurden

Warden

Mr Mark Pentelow

Elected members

Mrs Alison Elliot, representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Mark Pentelow, representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Peter Bradford, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Sally Ashwood

Mrs Judy Breese

Mrs Lydia Cranston

Mr Mike Horner (from April 2021)

Mrs Katie Howard

Mr Alistair Nurden, Treasurer

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Mr Paul Evison, Garner Pugh & Sinclair, 19 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NR

Vicar: Rev Paul Darlington, 29 Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry, SY11 2XQ

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The Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have considered the area of Risk Management, and are satisfied that the Trustees are not being exposed un-necessarily, and will keep this under review in the future.

The PCC re-appointed Andy Cooksley in May 2021 as safeguarding officer. The PCC are very grateful to him for all the work that has done in this area. DBS checks continue to be made for those that need them. The PCC accepted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Issues that have arisen during the year have been dealt with.

3. Objectives and Activities

The primary aim of the PCC is to promote the gospel and to uphold the doctrines of the Church of England.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church. The furnishings, furniture and silverware are all in good order.

The PCC strives to ensure that activities are available for all ages, and achieves this through Sunday services and children's groups; young people's groups; midweek ladies and home group Bible studies; midweek Bible study at church with Holy Communion; preacher's workshops; mission prayer meetings; Sunday evening prayer meeting.

The PCC are grateful to the large number of church members who give their time on a voluntary basis to help run and lead the various church groups and activities; who undertake practical tasks to keep the church building and outside areas clean, free of rubbish and functioning; and who help in a variety of ways to help Sunday morning services run smoothly. In particular, the PCC are grateful to all those who clean the church on a regular basis.

4. Achievements and Performance

2021 has for so many been a really challenging year as the country endured the COVID-19 pandemic. This has affected so much of church life at Holy Trinity. Church were able to meet together in person as government guidelines allowed. However, God has continued to bless Holy Trinity, and thanks to modern technology, via Zoom, church members who were unable to meet in person have enjoyed a church service every Sunday throughout the year. Extended pastoral care has been offered through house groups and by PCC members, and church members have been very good and looking out for and after each other. It was good during 2021 to have the Lighthouse groups for children meeting in person once again.

The main focus each week is the Sunday morning service at 10am – a Service of the Word and Holy Communion. During this service there are two groups for children, called Lighthouse (3-6s and 7-11s) and a crèche for under 3s. Attendance, pre COVID, varied but there are usually around 110 people in total in attendance (80 adults and 30 children).

As well as our regular service, we enable our church and wider community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were just one wedding and two baptisms during 2021. During the year, there were 24 funeral services in church; 16 funeral services at a crematorium or cemetery; and 8 services of committal only.

Sadly, due to the pandemic, the church was unable to run the usual annual Holiday Club in February, but plans are in place for this to happen as usual in 2022. The highlight of the year for many was undoubtedly the church weekend away at The Quinta in September, which was used as a platform to re-launch our church ministry. Over 100 church members joined together for the weekend, and Tim Vasby-Burnie lead teaching sessions from 1 Peter.

During the year church members have had opportunities to study God's Word together in small groups or in one-to-one meetings.

The PCC are enormously grateful to Mark Addison, the Youth and Families Minister, for all the great work that is done amongst the children and young people, and training those who help him. During 2021 Mark completed his college course, and graduated with a first class degree, for which he is to be congratulated.

The PCC are grateful to Charlotte Darlington for all the various administrative tasks that she undertook to support the clergy and church members. Charlotte left in the summer of 2021 to head off to University, and after a short break, Jenny MacIntosh was appointed for one year to carry out this important role.

Mikey Reade continued as Ministry Trainee until July 2021 and his time was split between Holy Trinity and All Saints in Gobowen. Mikey also attended the Midlands Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course. The PCC are very grateful to Mikey for all he did during his two years as Ministry Trainee, and they wished him well as he went off to study theology at Oakhill Bible College. The PCC were delighted to offer Alice Goolden the post of Ministry Trainee from September 2021.

Holy Trinity School continued to be supported by the church with the Vicar, Curate and Mark Addison visiting the school, as they have been able, to take an assembly or run the Bible Club. One church member is currently Chairman of the school governing body. The PCC have been pleased to support the school with donations to the school hardship fund. The PCC receive a regular update on the various school activities and any issues being faced. Plans to open the Holy Trinity Community Hub at the school have been held up by on-going issues with the roof and a delay in submitting the application to the Charity Commission. It is expected that this will make good progress in early 2022.

The PCC have been kept updated regarding various matters relating to the church building. There are still unresolved issues regarding the roof of the new kitchen, and water ingress. These matters are being pursued with the contractors and architect. The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in March 2018. The PCC reviews annually the architect's report. There is nothing either immediate or in the future that the PCC was not already aware of. The fire extinguishers were serviced as usual in November. A Buildings Team has been established to oversee and undertake work to the fabric of the church and the PCC are grateful to those who give of their time and expertise in this way.

5. Financial Review

The accounts for 2021 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Planned giving amounted to £78,883. The general expenses of running Holy Trinity remain fairly constant.

Gift Aid received during the year amounted to £16,164 for the general fund

The PCC are grateful to the generosity of church members in giving to support God's work at Holy Trinity. There was an encouraging response to a stewardship campaign in January 2021. The PCC are very encouraged and grateful to God that in 2021 income was sufficient to cover all expenditure. There is still a big challenge in 2022 to raise sufficient extra funds to break even.

At the end of the year the PCC had a total cash balance of £25,391 held mainly in a CAF Bank account.

During 2021 Vicar and Church Wardens continued to liaise with Oswestry School regarding the remaining land in the John Tilley estate. This land was finally sold during 2021 and the final legacy payment was received. Following legal advice, it became apparent that the John Tilley fund is held on behalf of the Vicar and Wardens of Holy Trinity Church, and not the PCC, therefore any balance should be noted on the accounts, but not included as PCC funds in the accounts. As at the end of 2021, the Tilley fund stood at just less than £350,000.

The PCC has not agreed a reserves policy, which it hopes to do in 2022. Currently sufficient funds are held to 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments.

Mr Paul Evison of Garner Pugh and Sinclair was appointed as Independent Examiner at the APCM in 2021 and the PCC are grateful to him for the work involved in putting the accounts together.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity Church PCC by Rev Paul Darlington, Chairman.

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Date 8th March 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

Registered Charity Number: 1173814

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE P.C.C. OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

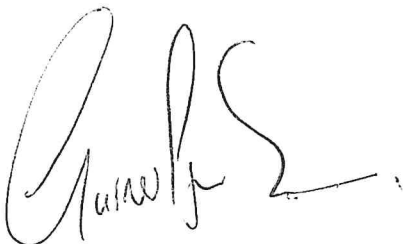
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8th March 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**


		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	
Notes							* See note 7 for full comparative
Incoming Resources							
Donations and Legacies	2a	103,830	1,500	753	106,083	101,960	
Charitable Activities	2b	8,463	-	-	8,463	1,670	
Other Trading Activities	2c	1,450	-	-	1,450	250	
Investments	2d	2	-	-	2	51	
Total		113,745	1,500	753	115,998	103,931	
Resources Expended							
Charitable Activities	3	107,068	1,500	13,697	122,265	112,876	
Total		107,068	1,500	13,697	122,265	112,876	
Net gain/(losses) on investment		-	-	-	-	-	
Net Income/(Expenditure)		6,677	-	(12,944)	(6,267)	(8,945)	
Transfer between Funds		4,727	-	(38,626)	(33,899)	-	
Net movement in Funds		11,404	-	(51,570)	(40,166)	(8,945)	
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		13,987	-	51,570	65,557	74,502	
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)		25,391	-	-	25,391	65,557	

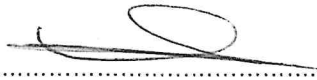
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Current Assets			
Bank current accounts		24,129	5,405
Bank deposit accounts		<u>1,262</u>	<u>60,152</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5	<u>25,391</u>	<u>65,557</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
- General		25,391	13,987
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>51,570</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	6	<u>25,391</u>	<u>65,557</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 8th March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Paul Darlington - Chairman


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Alistair Nurden - Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice Property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 (2) (a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OSWESTRY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
2a Donations and Legacies					
<i>Voluntary Income/Receipts</i>					
Tax efficient planned giving	74,381	-	-	74,381	75,214
Collections at services	3,749	-	-	3,749	1,619
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	9,236	1,500	753	11,489	6,134
Gift Aid recovered	16,464	-	-	16,464	18,993
	<u>103,830</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>106,083</u>	<u>101,960</u>
A) Analysis of all other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals					£
Donations - Designated Funds					1,500
Donations - Youth Worker					2,625
Donations - Funerals - unrestricted					675
Donations - Sundry - unrestricted					118
Donations - John Tilly Fund					5,818
Donations Ministry Trainee - restricted					<u>753</u>
					<u>11,489</u>
2b Charitable Activities					
<i>Church Activities</i>					
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	<u>8,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,463</u>	<u>1,670</u>
	<u>8,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,463</u>	<u>1,670</u>
2c Other Trading Activities					
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>					
Church Hire	<u>1,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>250</u>
2d Investments					
Bank Interest	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTAL	<u>113,745</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>115,998</u>	<u>103,931</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
3 Charitable Activities					
<i>Church Activities</i>					
Mission giving and donations	7,900	1,500	-	9,400	7,000
Diocesan parish share	36,862	-	-	36,862	35,186
Holy Trinity 2nd congregation	-	-	-	-	2,230
Away Weekend	4,578	-	-	4,578	-
Salaries/Wages	45,094	-	1,580	46,674	48,292
Clergy and staff expenses	3,251	-	-	3,251	6,932
<i>Church Expenses</i>					
Church running expenses	1,730	-	-	1,730	1,129
Church utility bills	3,441	-	-	3,441	7,754
Cost of trading	3,506	-	-	3,506	2,457
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>					
Major Repairs to the Church	340	-	12,117	12,457	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	366	-	-	366	1,896
	<u>107,068</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>13,697</u>	<u>122,265</u>	<u>112,876</u>
TOTAL	<u>107,068</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>13,697</u>	<u>122,265</u>	<u>112,876</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	<u>46,674</u>	<u>48,292</u>

During the year the PCC employed a Youth Worker, a Ministry Trainee, an Administrator and School Chaplin.

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received benefit, or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	25,391	-	-	25,391
Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>25,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,391</u>

6 FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Reserves at 1.1.21 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/Losses £	Transfer Between Funds £	Reserves at 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	13,987	113,745	(107,068)	-	4,727	25,391
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds						
Trust 1763	12,117	-	(12,117)	-	-	-
M Addison Training Fund	5,554	753	(1,580)	-	(4,727)	-
Holy Trinity 2nd Congregation	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Tilley Fund	33,899	-	-	-	(33,899)	-
	<u>51,570</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>(13,697)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,626)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,557</u>	<u>114,498</u>	<u>(120,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,899)</u>	<u>25,391</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains and Losses £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	113,745	(107,068)	-	6,677
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds				
Trust 1763	-	(12,117)	-	(12,117)
M Addison Training	753	(1,580)	-	(827)
Holy Trinity 2nd Congregation	-	-	-	-
John Tilley Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>753</u>	<u>(13,697)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,944)</u>
TOTAL NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>114,498</u>	<u>(120,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,267)</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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NOTES TO THE FUNDS

Restricted Funds

Trust 1763

General fund for capital expenditure. This fund has been used to pay for major works in year. All resources in this fund have now been expended.

John Tilley Fund

A legacy vested in the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry. Advice was sought and given regarding funds left in the will of the late John Tilly deceased. It stated that this fund is separate to the PCC under the authority of the Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church. It is now recorded by way of note. The fund in relation to this is held in the CAF gold account. As at 31st December 2021 the fund stood at £348,800.57.

M Addison Training

This fund has been transferred to the general account in the year to 31st December 2021.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources				
Donations and Legacies	99,594	-	2,366	101,960
Charitable Activities	1,670	-	-	1,670
Other Trading Activities	250	-	-	250
Investments	51	-	-	51
Total	101,565	-	2,366	103,931
Resources Expended				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	103,875	-	9,001	112,876
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	103,875	-	9,001	112,876
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(2,310)	-	(6,635)	(8,945)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds	(2,310)	-	(6,635)	(8,945)
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)	16,297	-	58,205	74,502
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)	13,987	-	51,570	65,557

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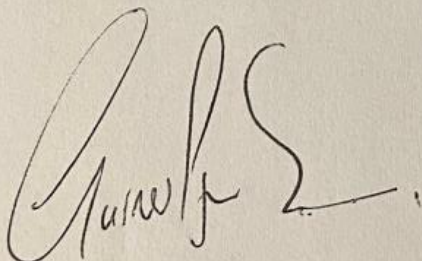
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16 March 2022