

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Incumbent:

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Mr. Martin Dadswell

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Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is set in the eastern part of the Rotherhithe Peninsula in London. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Holy Trinity Vicarage, 5 Bryan Road, London, SE16 5HF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is also a registered charity, No. 1174630

PCC members who have served in the last year are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev. Andrew Doyle (Chairman)	
<i>Reader</i>	Ivan Ibuno	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Kosi Naidoo Angela Samuels	April 2018 - April 2021 April 2019- April 2022
<i>Deputy Wardens:</i>	Peter Hill Pat Ojo	April 2018 - April 2021 April 2019 - April 2022
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod.</i>	Louise Bishop Godfrey Ojo	April 2017 - April 2020 April 2019 - April 2022
<i>Elected P.C.C.:</i>	Aisha Sandy Anne Stoten Samantha Pullin Pauline Madison Hudson Scott	April 2019 - April 2022 April 2017 - April 2020 April 2018 - April 2021 Peter Hills Foundation Governor Sept 2020 - April 2023
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jolin Holme	
<i>Secretary to the PCC:</i>	Ruth Mills	

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two new members will be elected this year. In a normal year it would be three.

Objectives and Activities

Holy Trinity's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Revd. Andrew Doyle, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and indeed the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for Holy Trinity Church and Trinity Halls.

Church Attendance

In what has been an unprecedented year - a phrase I will use a lot in this report - church attendance has held up remarkably well, even when the majority of people have joined our services via "zoom" and while at home. Nevertheless, despite the pandemic, we have sought to keep the church open, which it has been since July 2020. Even during the second lockdown, with further reduced numbers, Holy Trinity has been there as a place of prayer and worship. This has been especially important to those without Wi-fi connection and for those battling "cabin fever" and isolation.

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Although we lost treasured members of our congregation, only one former member, Carol Selima died of Covid. Unfortunately for the wider parish there were a number of Covid related deaths, along with much changed funeral services.

Covid also led to the postponement of two weddings, a number of baptisms and of course school services at Christmas.

Yet despite all of this, new people have still found their way to Holy Trinity, while former members - though having moved away from the area - were able to join us for worship via Zoom.

The Church year in a time of Covid.

As has been already said, this has been an exceptional year. For the first lockdown, there was no public worship in church from 22 of March until the 12th of July. Since the start of the lockdown, all hall bookings ceased and the hall still remains closed for public functions until the end of June 2021. From March 22nd until mid July, the Nursery also remained closed. They began a phased return through July, August and September of 2020. The PCC also took the decision to charge no rent while the Nursery was closed and only a token rent through July, increasing in August and September, until back to normal by October, to ensure the Nursery got back on its feet again. All of which has had financial implications for the church. Even-so, Holy Trinity still paid its full parish share to the diocese.

Thanks to our Reader Ivan, a successful Zoom service was setup for Sunday mornings and when church services resumed, the Sunday Eucharist was set at 9:30am, with a Zoom service at 11am and Evening Prayer at 6pm. Along with daily Morning and Evening Prayer, the Thursday Eucharist and an additional Eucharist which has been established on Tuesday Evenings.

Because of restrictions, there is still no hymn singing. Face coverings must be worn and the Sacrament is given in one form only, with no sharing of the chalice. The presiding minister must also wear disposable gloves when administering the sacrament. All of which has taken time to adapt to.

Seating has been spaced out in church, with every other pew roped off, with only three individual people per pew. Giving a total of 30 separate people in the pews, where in normal times there could be as many as 120. The number of 30 was further reduced to 20 for the second lockdown which began at the end of December 2020. In 2020 there was no celebration in church of Easter, Trinity Sunday (usually a very big event for us) and no Carol service, Christingle and Crib service, or Midnight Mass. To put this in context, even during the Second World War, where the church building was destroyed, most of these services still took place in the Church Hall, which became the church for 20 years.

But despite the hardships, valiant and inspirational services and work have taken place. There has been a Zoom Carol Service - the choir using the skills of Ed Alfred to record pieces to be sung. Indeed the choir has continued to meet through the year via Zoom, for a time during the Autumn back in church (rehearsals only) and recording anthems to be played in church and during Zoom worship. One such occasion was the eightieth anniversary of the start of the Blitz and the destruction of the old church building. This service, held on the 7th of September, was made all the more memorable for the appearance of Eileen Smith, whose memories of that night were read out.

The PCC has continued to meet via Zoom and make decisions. As part of the work, at what might be called a "holding AGM" in the Autumn of 2020, it was agreed that Wardens and PCC members would continue in their roles for the time being to ensure continuity during an unprecedented time. The Church Wardens have taken on extra burdens to ensure that

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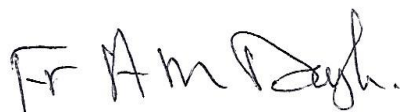
we continue to function as a church and that worship within the Church building remains as safe as it can in this time of Covid. Wardens, our Reader Ivan, even those reading the lessons and leading the prayers, have often rushed from the 9:30 service to get home to computers, iPads and mobile phones to do the same thing again for our Zoom worship.

All of this has worked better than I first thought - despite the learning curve and the mysteries of the mute button. It has allowed us to remain a worshipping community, keeping people connected, especially where pastoral home visits (except in extreme cases) has not been possible due to restrictions. The phone and electronic devices have certainly played an important part. But they have still never replaced the face-to-face contact which people still have needed, even if partially hidden behind face coverings. The same has been so when meeting the prime family members to arrange funerals. To start with, this was done by phone and with email prompters to help put services together. But I stopped this after a few months, taking to meet two or three members of the family, at a distance in church. All of which helped the family to organise a funeral service at a most traumatic time for them.

It has been a very tough year and it continues. But the people of Holy Trinity have responded to the challenge prayerfully, as Christians, going the extra mile with grace and as often as not, good humour.

As I write this now, sat in the sunshine of the Vicarage garden, there are real signs of hope - despite other parts of the world suffering terribly. Even though we remain under something of the Covid cloud, with another storm always possible, yet we remain people of the resurrection, people of hope, people who through God always have a future, no matter what.

I am looking forward to gradually opening up and planning ahead once more. All of course, through the grace of God and upheld by your prayers.



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Financial Review (for full details please see Church accounts).

The Church has been blessed with some very generous members of the congregation, without their financial support the Church finances would be in a far less healthy position.

Church receipts of £82,030, compared to £134,744 in 2019, reflecting the restrictions during the pandemic:

- Collections, other giving and gift aid of £57,068 (was £63,485 in 2019)
- Fund raising, church fees, nursery and lettings were £24,962 (was £71,259)

Church payments of £62,846, compared to £115,674 in 2019, as the PCC sought to carefully limit outgoings:

- Parish share £37,680 (was £35,962)
- Church running expenses and church major works £9,392 (was £26,894)
- Hall running costs and hall major works £11,212 (was £41,325)
- Other: staffing, mission giving, cost of generating funds £4,562 (was £11,493)

Overall there was an excess of receipts over payments of £19,184, compared to £19,070 in 2019. This contributed to a bank balance as at the end of the year of £165,767 (was £146,583).

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. These reserves are held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Mr. Jolin Holme
Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Holy Trinity Church, Rotherhithe, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the proceeding pages of the Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which give me 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 have not been met;
- or

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

Observations and Suggestions

In reviewing the accounts a number of areas for potential improvement were observed:

- 1) In light of Covid-19 and ease of accounting it would advisable to keep cash, wherever practicable to a minimum.

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020								
Receipts and Payments Accounts								
<i>The Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.</i>								
	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Unrestricted Designated fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £	Change Δ £
Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts:								
Collections at services		5,962				5,962	13,602	(7,640)
All other giving/ voluntary receipts	1)	39,031		300		39,331	37,178	2,153
Gift aid recovered		11,775				11,775	12,705	(930)
		56,768		300		57,068	63,485	(6,417)
Activities for generating funds								
Investment Income								
		-				-	-	-
Church activities	2)	24,962				24,962	71,259	(46,297)
Total receipts		81,730		300		82,030	134,744	(52,714)
Payments								
Church Activities:								
Parish share		(37,680)				(37,680)	(35,962)	(1,718)
Clergy and staffing costs	3)	(2,650)				(2,650)	(4,719)	2,069
Church running expenses	4)	(9,392)				(9,392)	(26,894)	17,502
Hall running costs	5)	(11,212)				(11,212)	(41,325)	30,113
Mission giving and donations	6)	(1,270)		(300)		(1,570)	(4,250)	2,680
		(62,204)		(300)		(62,504)	(113,150)	50,646
Cost of generating funds		(342)				(342)	(2,524)	2,182
Total Payments		(62,546)		(300)		(62,846)	(115,674)	52,828
Excess of receipts over payments		19,184				19,184	19,070	114
Transfers between funds								
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		146,583				146,583	127,513	19,070
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		165,767		-		165,767	146,583	19,184

Statement of Assets and Liabilities							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds							
Bank Current Accounts		85,115				85,115	96,554
Deposit fund		80,652				80,652	50,000
Cash held in Church safe		-				-	29
	7)	165,767				165,767	146,583
Other Monetary Assets							
Income tax recoverable		-				-	
Investment assets							
Investment Fund Shares at market value		-				-	
Assets retained for church use							
Hall (At Insurance Value)		151,413				151,413	151,413
Liabilities		-				-	-

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Notes	2020	2019
1) All other giving/ voluntary receipts	£	£
Standing orders	33,148	33,992
CAF / Charitable giving	1,360	1,225
Donations (general)	4,317	1,332
Donations (restricted)	300	-
Other	206	629
Total	39,331	37,178
2) Church activities		
Fund Raising	1,135	7,688
Church Fees / Other (gross)	1,275	3,839
Nursery Licence	21,752	52,831
Lettings	800	6,901
Total	24,962	71,259
3) Clergy and staffing costs		
Music expense	(2,650)	(4,719)
4) Church running expenses		
Church Expenses	(2,907)	(3,353)
Church Operating Costs	(4,424)	(8,330)
Coach Hire for Brighton	-	(1,436)
Flowers	(18)	(456)
Church Fees Payments	(914)	(1,608)
Church Kneelers	-	(236)
Quinquennial Report	-	(120)
Church Roof Security System	(878)	(879)
Major works	(250)	(10,476)
Total	(9,392)	(26,894)
5) Hall running costs		
Utilities	(6,267)	(6,551)
Refuse Collection	(1,302)	(1,785)
Cleaning	(1,469)	(4,907)
Maintenance	(1,768)	(517)
Major works	-	(24,460)
Other costs	(406)	(3,105)
Total	(11,212)	(41,325)
6) Mission giving and donations		
Mission Giving	(1,270)	(4,000)
St Nicholas Fund (restricted funds)	(300)	(250)
Total	(1,570)	(4,250)
7) Cash funds		
Current	85,115	96,554
Shawbrook	80,652	50,000
Cash in Safe	-	29
Total	165,767	146,583