

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

Our Charity was established in June 2018, but our accounts report is from April 2019 to March 2020.

Aims and Purposes:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has the responsibility of co-operating The Reverend Sunday Effiong, in promoting in the ecclesiastical church, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Holy Trinity Lutheran church is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church., the church hall and the Parsonage.

Objectives:

The objects of the church are:

- **To offer regular worship**
- **To provide a ministry care and love**
- **As the disciples of Jesus Christ, to bear witness in the variety of the church's organised life.**

Activities:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community if they so wish. The charity maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our church. Our services and worship help people to put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, hymns, songs and Sacrament. Whenever we plan our activities for the year, we always consider the Charity Commission's guidance for the advancement of religion for public benefit. To this end we work very hard to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community. We do this through: Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and liturgies, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The pastor, The Rev'd Sunday Effiong provides a sermon in a nutshell every Sunday for members to take home this enables them to meditate on the Word of God they heard that day throughout the week. During the covid 19 period when the church is not open, Rev'd Effiong also provides Sermon and Service materials online for members to worship at home. We do not offer Sunday School for children every Sunday because of covid 19. But we continue to provide Portals of Prayer for daily Bible reading and prayer. As a result of the pandemic our pastoral care for people living in our church community is on hold till further notice. The missionary and outreach work are also on hold. The Rev'd Sunday Effiong has not visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital due to covid19. He is also unable to visits all who are sick or unable to get out for any other reason to keep them in touch with church life. But they are constantly in our daily prayers, and our online Sermons and Service materials are sent to them via internet. All are welcome to attend our regular services. As a family of God, we are committed to serving, and welcoming and loving all God's people.

Worship

Throughout the year, worship services were held on Sunday mornings. No Sunday School for children as we have none of them at the moment. Special services were held in the Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas seasons as well as Christmas Carols Other festivals such as Harvest Dinner, Christmas Dinner, Fish Supper for Lenten Seasons, Barbecues all with quizzes, were all suspended due to covid.

As well as our regular services, we are open when allowed, to enable our 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. There is renewal of marriage vows. And through funeral service friends and family express their grief and give thanks the life which is now complete in the world and to commit the family to God's keeping.

Structure, Governance and management:

The church continued to meet and operate under the constitution approved in June 2018 by the voters. Under the constitution, 2 Church officers were nominated as trustees for 3year term of office at the voters meeting in accordance with the constitution. Those serving are, Mr. Steven Corbin and Mr. Norman Padmore.

Trustees: are Elders and Elders are elected and appointed by our voters, at the voters' meeting in accordance with the constitution. Responsibilities of the Elders as trustees are carried out through regular meetings and reports from other church committees. Review of financial giving within the church. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examiner is needed.

As an example of operating for the benefit of the public, our hall is used regularly on Sundays, at the moment due to covid 19 by members of our community (public benefit).The hall is also used occasionally for adult and children tithes and offerings these are now paid through our members banks to Holy Trinity's bank and we receive Gift Aid through these offerings.

Ladies Guild: The treasurer of Holy Trinity Ladies Guild works with church members to promote fundraising activities within the church for donation to local or national charities of their choice once a year.

Ecumenical Relationships: The church is a member of Churches Together in London and Multifaith Forum.

Financial Statements from April 2019 to March 2020.

Income:

Offerings and Tithes:	_____	£20,798.21
Rents:	_____	£10,265.00
2019/20 Gift Aid recovered	_____	£3,756.20

Total income: _____ £34,819.41

Balance in the Bank as at 31st March 2020 £5257.96

Total balance: £ 34,819.41 + £5257.96 = £40,077.37

Expenditure:

Pastor's Salary _____	£24,328.39	
Eon: Gas /Electricity _____	£1536.76	
Gas boiler insurance _____	£321.50	
Repairs: Boiler:		477.00
Taps		52.00
Light		29.00
Plumer		24.00
Water _____	£296.70,	
Inland Revenue _____	£8771.56	
Council Tax _____	£1515.22	
Total expenditure _____	£37,352.13	

**Total Income minus Total expenditure: £40,077.56 minus £37,352.13 =
£2,725.24**

**The Rev'd Sunday Effiong: (The Adviso).
Corbin (Head of Trustees)**

Mr. Steven
