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Due to lasting effects of covid 19, we did not offer Sunday school but hope to resume in the future. We provide regular Portals of Prayer for daily Bible reading and Prayer.

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Worship

Throughout the year, worship services were held on Sunday mornings. Special services were held in the Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas seasons. Other festivals resumed such as Harvest and Christmas dinners after covid.

As well as our regular services, we are open to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestone of the journey of life. Through baptism we thank God for the gifts of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing. Through funeral service, friends and family express their grief and give thanks to the life which is now complete in the world and to commit the family to God's keeping.

Structure and Governance

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Trustees: are elders and elders are appointed by our voters at the voter's meeting in accordance with the constitution. Responsibilities of the elders as trustees are carried out through regular meetings and reports from other committee members. Review of the financial giving within the church, the Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993, but an independent examination is needed.

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Print name: STEPHEN CORBIN

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Financial Statement from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Holy Trinity income and expenditure for 2022-23	
Income	
Offerings	14,600.00
Donations-heating/harvest	350.00
Hall Hire & rentals	10,418.00
Gift aid Apr 20- Mar21	3,979.42
Holy Trinity Ladies Guild (HTLG) donations 22-23, donation to be decided	350.00
Total income	29,697.42
Expenditure	
Utilities (council tax, electricity, water)	3,811.15
Insurance-Close access (parsonage)	1,734.07
Pastor's salary	11,870.05
HMRC- tax	5,896.67
bank charges	62.10
New boiler expense	3,300.00
Total expenditure	26,674.04
Net income 2022-23	3,023.38

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner:

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention-

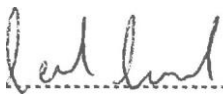
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 account and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act
 - have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date 01 April 2024

Name: Carol Gopaul AAT ACCA (finalist)