

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, (WITHOUT THE WALLS) , BLACON

England & Wales - Charity number 1180853

## Details

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Other names	HOLY TRINITY, BLACON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-11-27
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** Regular public worship open to all and free of charge; sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved; teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, conducting religious assemblies; promoting the mission of the whole church through activities for families, children, senior citizens and the wider community.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,351	£59,515	-	-
2023-12-31	£60,436	£102,278	-	-
2022-12-31	£76,721	£105,206	-	-
2021-12-31	£175,314	£121,240	-	-
2020-12-31	£123,626	£136,874	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Christina Phoebe Upton	Chair	2012-01-24
Ashley Marshall		2023-05-21
CLIFFORD JASON CLARKE		2013-04-14
Kenneth Roy Pemberton		2018-04-29
LYNN MARIE WAKEFIELD		2012-03-25
Margaret June Middleton		2025-05-11
Mark Butler		2025-05-18
Sarah Dutton		2024-05-12

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# Accounts

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# Holy Trinity Church *without-the-walls* Blacon

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

# REACHING OUT WITH CHRIST TO ALL



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## ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Name of the charity:** The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, (Without the Walls), Blacon. Known as Holy Trinity, Blacon

**Charity number:** 1180853

**Principal office:** Holy Trinity Church Office, Norris Road, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5DZ

- Trustees:**
1. Rev Christina Upton
  2. Mrs. Lynn Wakefield
  3. Mr Clifford Jason Clarke
  4. Mrs June Middleton (resigned May 2024)
  5. Mrs Sarah Dutton (joined May 2024)
  6. Mr Kenneth Pemberton
  7. Mr Jim Middleton (resigned May 2024)
  8. Rev Anina Thomas (resigned Feb 2025)
  9. Ms Ashley Marshall



## MINISTRY REPORT

As we look at the work of Holy Trinity PCC in 2024, there are Sunday activities, activities on other days of the week, and our relationship with the Diocese of Chester of which we are part. Please look at the reports later in this document for information about our Outreach Project (pages 7-13) and also our connections with Blacon Beacon (page 18), which will give you an idea of what we do during the week.

On Sundays, worship happens at 9.30 and 11.30 each week, thanks to our wonderful ministry team. It was just before Christmas that our Associate



**Bishop Mark came for confirmations in October**

Minister Revd Anina Thomas indicated to me that she would be leaving us for pastures new (even now she is not certain what that will look like) and on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 we said a fond farewell to her. Nevertheless the rest of the ministry team (Revd Canon Christopher Burkett, and Readers Lindsay Tanner and Sarah Dutton) continue to provide faithful service week by week, and I am very grateful to them for this.

But Sundays would not happen were it not also for many others making things to run smoothly – our sides-people at the 9.30 service, June and Jim Middleton, Joan Duckers and Colin Jones. Clive Upton who has helped in so many ways week by week with the 11.30 service. And the musicians who have at times assisted our worship: John Williams at 9.30, and Mirkku Ridanpaa at 11.30am. In addition, Sarah Mason, Sarah Clarke, Anina Thomas, Linda Tudor and Clare Smith have at different times helped with worship at Messy Church.

The experience on a Sunday would not be the same without refreshments after the 9.30 service (for which thank you to everyone on the ‘coffee rota’) or without the light lunch we serve each week after the 11.30 service.

One highlight of last year’s Sunday worship was in October when Bishop Mark came to confirm Bill Bilson and Jay Chatfield. For that one Sunday, we

combined the two morning services at 10.30am, and a great sense of fellowship and celebration prevailed. Bishop Mark was also able to bless our Art Exhibition, which had only just opened (more about that on page 19).

Finally, to outline the parish's relationship with the Diocese – this is visible every time we consult Church House for advice about accounts, or about building matters, about Safeguarding, or about licensed ministers working in this parish. All of these support services, and the Rector's stipend, come as a result of the Parish Share that we pay – or rather, that we could not afford to pay last year. As I explained to the PCC at the time, the Archdeacon was very understanding of our plight.

At the start of 2025, PCC took the decision to restart paying half of the Parish Share that was due – an improvement on last year, but still not ideal. You need to understand that if as a parish we do not 'pay our way' for a significant length of time, when you are next needing to look for a new Rector, the Diocese may consider Holy Trinity Blacon would not have a full time cleric.

*Revd Tina Upton*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

Last year's electoral roll stood at 94. With the complete renewal of the roll, the new total stands at 56. The number

always reduces when the roll is revised, even though many new people have been added to the roll. If you know anyone who would like to go on the roll please point them in my direction or they can speak to the Rector.

*Jason Clarke*

*Electoral Roll Officer*

## **READER'S REPORT**

This has been a somewhat varied year for me, as I continue in my ministry as Reader at Holy Trinity, Blacon.

My role in church includes preaching, leading intercessions and offering the chalice on an average of once a month, based upon my work rota of alternate weekends. I often attend both the 9.30am and 11.30am services, each decidedly different from the other. I do miss conducting Home Communion, but with so little free time from work, it is impracticable. However, when I attend church (on duty or not), I feel blessed to be involved with such a dedicated and loving church family.

I have also been invited to join a group of lay ministers and priests who visit the care home where I work. I have been asked to lead a little service (similar to those we used to do with our local care homes in Blacon, pre-Covid). This will take place once every three months. It is something my residents enjoy greatly, even if they are unable to speak or sing.

Of course, no report of mine would be



complete without mentioning my Chaplaincy of 610 (City of Chester) Squadron, RAF Air Cadets. To be able to help guide and encourage these young people as they gain confidence in themselves is a wonderful privilege.

I take them over for a Padre's Hour once a month, when my son joins me in discussions about issues which may affect them – for example, the problems which may occur with social media; where you draw the line; what do you take with you

when you go out (good or bad); and we have even discussed where our food comes from. We are known as a duo – Double Dutts.

As their Chaplain, it gives me the greatest pleasure to host enrolment services at Holy Trinity, where they have become firm favourites among our congregation. Their dress, manners, willingness to answer bombardments of questions, have won them several admirers and ardent supporters at church. The next enrolment service, will be held at church on 10<sup>th</sup> June (6.30pm for 7.00pm). Members of our congregation will be welcome to attend.

## OUTREACH PROJECT

### CAFÉ MANAGER'S REPORT

Our Place of Welcome cafes ran on a Tuesday and Wednesday are still a great success. We have a great number of regular customers who enjoy coming in for a catch up with friends or to use available services. We offer drinks, toast and, often, cakes and pastries. With the services available on a Tuesday, the Tuesday remains the more popular cafe but customers who come on a Wednesday enjoy coming in at a quieter time and having a chat to staff and volunteers. We also run the chatty table on a Wednesday where customers either sit together to have a chat or staff or volunteers sit with a customer who would like some conversation.

On a Thursday we have our very successful café in the church, which is still loved by many customers, with

some customers still travelling from out of Chester. Recently, we have introduced sausage to the menu, which the customers have been very happy with. This will now be a weekly offering, with us still priding ourselves on very good prices for very tasty food. We have upcoming plans for the café which we are hoping will reach a wider customer base.

There have been several events we have organized this year, our first being the table top sale back in March, which had a good turnout with all stalls booked out. This is something we will look to do again in the future as it has great feedback. Then we held our summer fair, which was a fun day for everyone involved. We raised a good amount of funds from the day and also stall bookings.

The summer fair is always a highlight on the summer calendar and the regular customers look forward to the event to mark the start of summer. In July, we held our second mental health awareness event. We had a fantastic number of organizations and businesses turn up on the day and despite the bad weather, the general feedback was that the event was really helpful for service users, plus a great chance for networking between the organizations.

Then in December came our Christmas Fair which is always something to look



forward to. We had a variety of stalls booked in and again we had our Santas Grotto which was enjoyed by many. The help we received during the organizing of this event, from donating, helping to set up, facepainting and much more, was fantastic and very much appreciated. We made a good amount of funds for the church and look forward to next years Christmas event.

Ashley Marshall

## **GARDENING GROUP**

We have has been meeting on a Tuesday morning for a number years and we appreciate all who have joined us in keeping the grounds in good order and providing a number of small but lovely garden plots. It was our great friend, Sue Mountford, who started the group and invited many to join us.

A person who has been with us for a number of years is Pauline, who we must also thank for her knowledge, her hard work and expertise and activities.

Also, Helen, who is a great supporter from Asda works weekly with us and joins in our interesting conversations.

James, on occasions, when he can, works with us too.

We are always pleased to meet and work with like-minded people - to share tips on growing, planting, composting and learning how to live with those garden pests.

The benefits of joining a local gardening is that we love to talk about gardening, and many people feel embarrassed to join a club if they have no knowledge of

gardening or even experienced gardeners can shy away from a gardening club. Hopefully, we can help you take steps to go along because clubs can be so helpful.

We know there are not many gardening clubs that don't offer tea and cake. They know how much gardeners need it! Here, at Holy Trinity, we have a wonderful free cafe in the Church Hall So you can sip on a cup of tea and eat some cake or biscuits while chatting to friendly members and others.

It has always been good to pause for refreshments mid-morning and have some interesting, meaningful and humorous chats.

At this time we are looking forward to attracting others to this event and will look forward to welcoming them.

*Jim Middleton*



## **BOUNCING BACK**

### **DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP**

Firstly I would like to thank Tina for letting me start Bouncing Back from Dementia on the first of September 2022. Without your help we wouldn't be where we are now: we hold 3 groups a week. We have approximately 55 members which are all affected by Dementia, this is a self-funding group that relies on donations and fundraising events to help support people living with Dementia.

It's surprising how when most are diagnosed they will withdraw into themselves, what we do is help them start to get their lives together start mixing and talking to each other it's just a way of living. We know how Holy Trinity Church helps so many people different groups of all ages from babies to people in their nineties. I really don't know what the community would do without it.

My name is Jim Ibell and I run Bouncing Back with Dementia, so if you are affected by Dementia in any way pop into the church on a Thursday. I am there



from 10am to 12.00 and have a chat Thursday's is a smaller group so we can just talk so hope to meet you there .

*Jim Ibell*

## **PLAYTOTS REPORT**

Since I started in late 2023, my “mission” was to add Jesus back into the group, and introduce more opportunities for both the kids and parents/carers to hear about God. I had a few ideas from other Christian playgroups I had been to. Each session starts with a time of free play, and also an opportunity to do crafts, dress up and use all kinds of toys. Then at about 12.30 we serve lunch for the children. After this, we have songs and often the ‘prayer parachute’.

At the end of every half term, we mix it up and we have a “soft play party” so we have the big soft shapes, ball pit and tunnels, slide, balance beams, leap frog, other movement based toys, plus usually a simple craft like colouring. Then we have bubbles afterwards and trying to regularly have a story from the Rector. We’ve also had monthly input from other churches: Ed Green comes to lead music, and Hannah Clements from Hoole Baptist does biscuit decorating, and also provide Playdough for us.

The song time at the end has changed the most. I don’t usually bother with stories as you have to shout and only a few engage, I think doing a special once end of term story with the vicar works well though. Using a speaker, we play a mix of well known nursery rhymes and then mixing in songs like “Our God is a



doing and I know I could leave her to run the group if for some reason I couldn't be there. We also have some great engaging parents like Helen Carr who are great at talking with new Mums and joining in enthusiastically at the end.

We could always have more volunteers, it helps to have someone cover the Playdough table and for people to be "floaters" and talk to Mums and carers and engage with the children. With help from Kenny, Sam and Ashley with the chairs and altar moving it does really help with the rest of the set up time and energy expended!

Great Big God" "Our God is so Big" "If I were a Butterfly" and "Reach up High".

Since a year ago I also noticed more engagement with the tidy up time.

Where as at first I was doing most of it myself and I also created an easier to tidy up system, with clearly labelled boxes and places for things to go which has helped a lot.

Having an extremely consistent volunteer in Rachel has been a HUGE help and I'd struggle without her! She knows what she's

Overall it has been a great year! Most weeks we have about 17 children attending. Many invite friends, but equally kids move on and go to nursery



*"Well done Cat. You've done a great job!"*

*"I've been to lots of playgroups and playtots is definitely the best we love it"*

*"Amazing place, most appreciated"*

*"Lovely and supportive group"*

or preschool so we lose them in the next terms when Mums need to go back to work. We had an influx of babies this last term, after mostly having an empty baby corner so we had to expand that a bit! But it's ever changing from week to week so have to stay flexible! One week we suddenly had 28 children! and ran out of places to sit for lunch! But this is fairly rare.

*Cat Davis*

## **BABY BUDDIES**

April 2025 marks our 4th year of welcoming new mums and their babies into Holy Trinity Church. At its very core the group aims to create a safe, relaxed, friendly and caring environment for new parents and their babies to meet other

new parents and their little ones and to support their emotional and social wellbeing and mental health. It has been a privileged to see a new group of babies develop and grow this year and they have seemingly enjoyed the sensory experiences of bubbles, our sensory visual blanket, stories and singing during our time together. This has also allowed opportunities for new parents to continue to develop positive emotional attachments and bonds with their children.

Baby Buddies has created another year of opportunity for new parents/carers to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences surrounding being a new parent/carer and to develop friendships whilst also enjoying a cup of tea and a





parents/carers and their little ones and how this has helped to get them out of the house and develop friendships, reducing social isolation. This year we have welcomed back five mums who have given birth to their second baby, which has been a real joy and blessing.

Throughout the year we have also enjoyed fun themed sessions, including the Teddy Bears' Picnic, Christmas and Easter parties, Valentine's Day and Mother's

piece of cake! Throughout our sessions a plethora of themes have arisen that create supportive dialogues between the mums and carers, including sleep deprivation and sleep routines, feeding, weaning, baby play, communicating with babies, feelings of isolation and loneliness, support systems, self-care, hormones and expectations around being a new parent.

Babybuddies offers a therapeutic safe space to share and be heard. As a result, friendships have developed through the group and these have continued after attending Babybuddies, creating positive support networks. One mum shared that her friend came to the very first group and after four years, they still meet up with the mums and babies (now children!) she got to know during her time at Babybuddies. Evaluations obtained also suggest that parents/carers have valued meeting other

Day. We have developed our community links and a member from the Early Help Navigators Team at Cheshire West and Chester attends fortnightly, creating opportunities for them to share their services and support parents/carers as and when needed. We continue to stay in regular communication with Blacon Children's Centre as and when possible, with Beth Edwards joining our sessions.

We welcomed KidsBank this month at our Easter party and it was fantastic to work together and support families in gifting them clothes and baby essentials.

As we share God's love through our ongoing work supporting the emotional wellbeing of new parents/carers and their babies during their time at Babybuddies, we pray that we will be able to continue to make a difference.

*Ellie Knight*

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Holiday Activities have taken place every school holiday over the past year and a good number of families have attended, some familiar and some new. The regular format continues with families arriving midday for a healthy cooked meal provided by Blacon Beacon in the church hall followed by a variety of activities and crafts in the church and church gardens when the weather has allowed.

The families are always very appreciative of the meals and activities and it is a joy to see them all having fun together in church.

We've had a variety of themes and during the summer we held our own Holy Trinity Olympics as well as Jungle, Garden and Seaside Fun.



We had a Light theme during October half term and made lanterns and light mobiles and at Christmas we had a variety of reindeer activities followed by a Christmas film. We had fun during February making wooden birds and puppets and in the Easter holidays we painted eggs, crosses, made Easter hats, baskets and rice krispie cakes decorated with easter eggs which was rather messy but very popular and thoroughly enjoyed!

Chester Zoo and Blacon Children's Centre have provided some lovely activities for the children and we are very grateful for their support along with a band of very faithful volunteers who not only help the children with crafts and activities but engage in listening and lovely conversations with the children, parents and carers...thank you to all!

*Sue Mountford*



Temple as the pattern of our time together – moving from entering the gates with thanksgiving to entering the most holy place with adoration. This includes sharing our lives together – things for thanks and things for prayer, so supporting one another week by week as we seek to follow Jesus. One particular feature of this journey is taking time to listen for anything that Jesus may give to us by his Spirit to share with one

another to build us up in faith, in hope, in love ...

Our overall aim is to see Jesus more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly – entering together into his relationship with his Father.

*Clive Upton*

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

The Temple in Jerusalem was built according to God's instructions given to Moses as recorded in the book of Exodus. Each Wednesday, for up to five hours, starting with lunch together, up to nine of us use the structure of the



## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding is a very important part of society in this day and age and here at Holy Trinity we recognise this and strongly believe that it is our duty and responsibility that everyone should feel safe and protected.

A key part of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is to have a policy of safer recruitment in place and I am happy to say that this happens at Holy Trinity. We have also benefitted from much valued confidential support from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

To accomplish this all staff, PCC members and volunteers are DBS checked and are required to undertake Safeguarding training which takes place online and needs renewing every three years. This checking and training has continued through the year. A new initiative the diocese has introduced in recent months, to help us keep on top of what checks and improvements are needed, is the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard which we have started to use.

We all have a responsibility to be aware of any issues of concern and report them either to me or Tina in confidence.

With my very best wishes and thanks.

*June Middleton.*  
*Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## **GENERAL SYNOD**

General Synod met twice in 2024 in February and July in Westminster and York. Many things were discussed

including, Legislative business (which is often more interesting than it sounds!), Code of Conduct for PCC's, Safeguarding, Land and Nature, Code of Conduct, Future of Work, Bullying by Lay Officers, Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households, Church Commissioners' Response to Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery, Living in Love and Faith, Clergy Pensions, Estates Evangelism, War in Ukraine and the Challenge to International Order, Ordination after divorce, Clergy Conduct Measure – Revision Stage, Rest Periods for Office Holders, Human Dignity of Disabled Children, Foodbanks and Inadequacies in Social Security and many others, so a varied agenda indeed. 2024 has also been a difficult year with all the revelations in the Makin Report and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

All that said, it is a real privilege to serve on General Synod. Please keep us in your prayers as 2025 has also been a difficult year so far.

*Jason Clarke*

*Chester General Synod Representative*



## FINANCE REPORT

*With no Treasurer to keep a close eye on things, we found at the start of 2024 that the funds in the bank account were running dangerously low, so in January PCC decided to appeal to the congregation for more income, and also to ask the diocese if we could have a pause from paying the Parish Share (which would have been about £37,000 for the year). Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, our regular giving has increased and Blacon Beacon have also increased what they pay us for use of their premises in the hall; also we were able to rectify the hole in the finances by pausing our Parish Share payments.*

*In recent weeks, we have had input from a members of St Michaels Church Newton, Phil Roberts, who has looked at our accounts. He writes the following in summary of our 2024 accounts:*

### **General and Designated Income**

shows a significant improvement (+£31,770.83) largely due to an increase in rent of £24,000 for Blacon Beacon and almost £5,500 (56% increase) in regular giving by the congregation.

	2024	2023
Income	77,220.73	45,449.90
Expenditure	43,396.22	75,491.70
Surplus/(Deficit)	33,824.51	(30,041.80)

Due to the financial difficulties in 2023, the diocese agreed to suspend the Parish Share charge to the church in 2024. The lower contribution of £37,500 is the reason for the reduction in Expenditure (-£32,095.50), offset by higher costs for Gas and Electricity due to a lack of meter readings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023 resulting in large bills in 2024.

**Restricted Income** was boosted by grants to pay for the Outreach Worker salary (£23,500) and was the main cause of the increased income while there was a reduction in costs of outreach expenses of £6,000.

### **Cash at Bank and Church Of England Capital Reserve.**

The improved financial results of 2024 has enabled the amount held in the bank to increase from £30,600.73 to £82,341.33.

*The full accounts for 2024 are shown on the following pages*

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity (Without the Walls), Blacon  
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Parish Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023
	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving & Donations	27,053.74	466.23	8.00	27,527.97	17,836.57	8.10	437.00	18,281.67
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,467.34	-	-	3,467.34
PCC Fees	602.00	-	-	602.00	2,477.62	-	-	2,477.62
Hall Rent	32,834.40	-	-	32,834.40	8,047.95	916.13	-	8,964.08
Southway Rent	7,186.00	-	-	7,186.00	6,973.20	-	-	6,973.20
Parish Magazine & Printing	572.50	-	-	572.50	569.60	-	-	569.60
Other Income	2,818.46	-	32.80	2,851.26	1,038.17	-	-	1,038.17
Outreach Project inc Grants	43.00	2,834.40	36,899.43	39,776.83	60.38	2,062.84	16,541.44	18,664.66
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>71,110.10</b>	<b>3,300.63</b>	<b>36,940.23</b>	<b>111,350.96</b>	<b>40,470.83</b>	<b>2,987.07</b>	<b>16,978.44</b>	<b>60,436.34</b>
Parish Share	60.00	-	-	60.00	37,586.76	-	-	37,586.76
Ministry Expenses	2,806.81	-	-	2,806.81	2,380.49	-	-	2,380.49
Organist, Choir and Worship	1,732.66	-	-	1,732.66	3,022.20	-	-	3,022.20
Church Costs	16,983.33	-	120.00	17,103.33	7,907.08	-	130.80	8,037.88
Parish Admin	6,531.84	-	-	6,531.84	8,940.47	-	-	8,940.47
Hall Costs	10,553.87	-	22.80	10,576.67	7,073.39	-	7,827.40	14,900.79
44 Southway Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach Project	404.97	1,894.60	18,403.94	20,703.51	3,865.83	2,773.62	20,769.98	27,409.43
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>39,073.48</b>	<b>1,894.60</b>	<b>18,546.74</b>	<b>59,514.82</b>	<b>70,776.22</b>	<b>2,773.62</b>	<b>28,728.18</b>	<b>102,278.02</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year</b>	<b>32,036.62</b>	<b>1,406.03</b>	<b>18,393.49</b>	<b>51,836.14</b>	<b>(30,305.39)</b>	<b>213.45</b>	<b>(11,749.74)</b>	<b>(41,841.68)</b>
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>7,515.53</b>	<b>213.45</b>	<b>21,391.75</b>	<b>29,120.73</b>	<b>37,820.92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,141.49</b>	<b>70,962.41</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>(329.33)</b>	<b>15,193.78</b>	<b>(14,864.45)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>	<b>39,222.82</b>	<b>16,813.26</b>	<b>24,920.79</b>	<b>80,956.87</b>	<b>7,515.53</b>	<b>213.45</b>	<b>21,391.75</b>	<b>29,120.73</b>
<b>Analysis of Funds</b>								
Church General Account	39,222.82	-	-	39,222.82	7,515.53	-	-	7,515.53
Outreach Projects	-	15,679.14	3,244.99	18,924.13	-	13.45	4,948.57	4,962.02
Church Boilers Fund	-	1,134.12	-	1,134.12	-	-	702.12	702.12
Blacon Baby Buddies Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,071.33	1,071.33
Warm Welcome Fund	-	-	12,513.66	12,513.66	-	-	9,299.66	9,299.66
Church Choir Fund	-	-	458.20	458.20	-	-	421.59	421.59
Hall alterations	-	-	2,800.00	2,800.00	-	-	2,800.00	2,800.00
TOYS	-	-	304.66	304.66	-	-	600.00	600.00
Holiday	-	-	5,599.28	5,599.28	-	200.00	1,548.48	1,748.48
	<b>39,222.82</b>	<b>16,813.26</b>	<b>24,920.79</b>	<b>80,956.87</b>	<b>7,515.53</b>	<b>213.45</b>	<b>21,391.75</b>	<b>29,120.73</b>
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Approved by Board of Trustees:

*C. P. Upton*

Date:

22/5/25

*A. M. Wakefield*

Date:

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# Independent Examiner's Report

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## NATURAL WORLD ART EXHIBITION

From 11<sup>th</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we held an art exhibition in church, funded by Cheshire West and Chester Diversity Events Funding. The exhibition focussed on work by women artists. We had works from four local artists who had their original works for sale, and also a variety of works by the Monday Art group, various artists from HMP Styal, and also a work by Fallen Angels. This was timed to coincide with an exhibition at the cathedral about Trena Cox, examples of whose work we have here at Holy Trinity. There was much interest in



the exhibition, and dozens of people came to the church to view it. In addition, we organised art workshops in the Arches Primary and JH Godwin Primary Schools, and an art competition was held at Blacon High School.

The winners of that competition were announced at our opening event on 11<sup>th</sup> October, which was attended by the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Clare Hayward MBE DL, the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Razia Daniels, and our MP Samantha Dixon MBE. Around 200 people attended this popular event, which also included performances by St Theresa's School Choir, the Blacon Fallen Angels dance group, and Cat Davies.



# Revealing Talent

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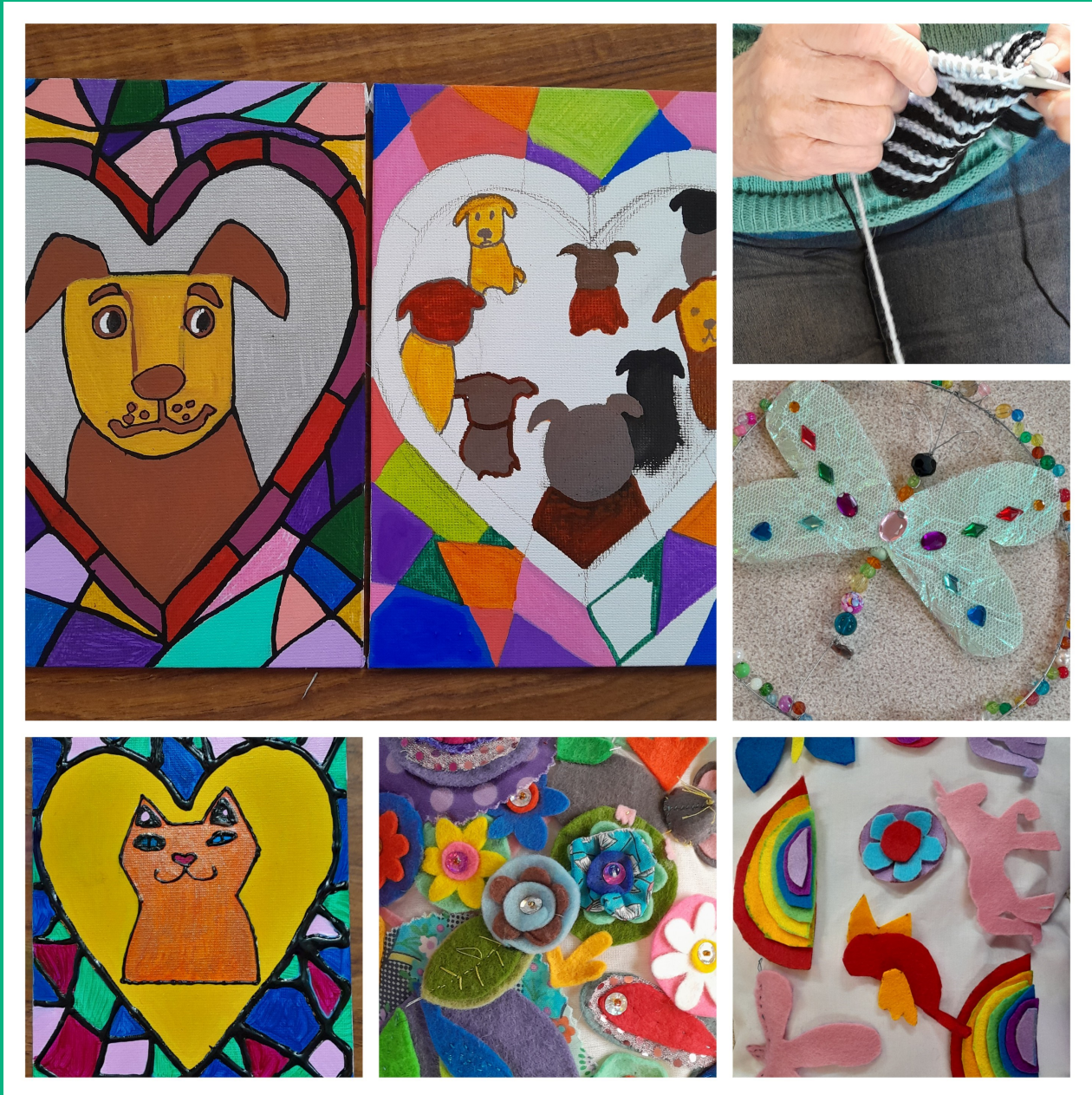
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## SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

*We are blessed to have a strong and very gifted ministry team supporting the Rector, Associate Minister Rev Anina Thomas, Readers Sarah Dutton and Lindsay Tanner, and Canon Christopher Burkett who was 'Assistant Curate' at the start of the year, and by the end of the year, with Permission to Officiate. Anina summarises some of the highlights here:*

I have been asked to share some highlights and remember God's goodness to us in 2023.

The outlook for 2023 was good, although we were still recovering from the after-effects of Covid. We retained our socially distanced peace, less people were choosing to receive the cup; but otherwise the feeling was that we were moving towards a post-Pandemic reality. Ill-health and personal circumstances did impact some of our congregation this year sadly, but it was wonderful to see people cling on to Jesus in the midst. Similarly, finances continued to be tight but our faith continued to be unwavering and by the grace of God, by the end of the year, we were still standing.

*"put on the full armour of God, so that... you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand". (Eph 6:13).*

We witnessed moments of God moving profoundly amongst us, in both tangible and invisible ways. He has blessed us with His beautiful presence, given us wisdom in making difficult decisions and sustained us through another year. He prompted Ashley, a young Mum of three to be involved in leading our cafe and then later joining PCC. We have been led in inspiring worship through our organist John. More visitors started to attend and it has been wonderful to welcome new families into our worshipping core. Chris Burkett left



his Honorary Curacy with us and was promptly granted PTO, so we still had him amongst us, which was a real gift.

A stand-out event this year was Sam's confirmation, taken by Bishop Julie where we saw her share her testimony

Samantha Carter with Bishop Julie at her confirmation

powerfully. This service was really profound for me as well, as I was licensed formally as an Associate Minister, having sort of graduated from being a Curate. I continue to learn though and grow and you continue to be gracious towards me as a church so a personal thank you for this.

Almost as soon as Chris had said 'goodbye' in his previous capacity, he stepped up and helped cover services on Sundays whilst Tina took a leave of absence to care for Clive. Whilst Tina was away, we needed to adapt how we did things.... leading to some more unexpected highlights - encouraging whole congregation participation in sermons and more interactivity in general. More local Christians musicians have come forward to help us with our services. Our Readers have continued to serve us by preaching, leading services and supporting Tina with community endeavours.

Messy Church has continued to meet. In some ways it probably looks a little noisy and messy, with people coming and going, children playing around the whole church and a wonderful mix of people, ages and stages. But my goodness, how powerful that these families, children, carers can all come together and explore faith whilst being welcomed and allowed to 'come as you are'.

Other activities have continued, such as the Summer Fair and then Christmas Fair which remain popular in the community. We continue to reach out into our local schools, seek to work with other local Christians, take Holy Communion to those who can't get to church.

## OUTREACH PROJECTS

The Community Outreach of the church has continued to thrive, with Ashley Marshall overseeing the running of the cafes. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays they have a good number of regular customers, Tuesday being much busier than the Wednesday due to the other organizations and support available. The café is a great way for people in the community to get together, socialize and get support for various things when needed. It has been nice to see positive feedback coming through from people who use the café, especially from those who have been weekly regulars since the start of my role in 2022. We still offer toast, fruit and biscuits, with the occasional cake and are continually taking other ideas on board.



Our Thursday café has seen a significant rise in customers over the last year, some travelling from further away to meet up with friends and meet in a “nice environment with really good bacon butties”. The café seen an increase in prices, due to the rising costs of food but we very much still pride ourselves on delivering good, affordable food in a place that customers feels welcomed and supported.

Ellie Knight runs the Baby Buddies group, in its third year of welcoming new mums and their babies into Holy Trinity Church. It’s been another wonderful and successful year as we have continued to provide a warm welcome and emotional wellbeing support to new parents/carers and their little ones. Baby Buddies at its very core aims to create a safe, relaxed, friendly and caring environment for new parents and their babies to meet other new parents and their little ones and to support their emotional and social wellbeing and mental health.

The group meets during term time and creates opportunities for new parents/carers to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences surrounding being a new parent/carer, whilst also enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake! It has been lovely to also welcome grandparents into our group this past year where mums have originally brought their babies and, due to returning to work, grandparents have continued to come along. This has added another dimension to our group and it’s been lovely to hear their voices and stories. During our sessions a plethora of themes arise that create supportive dialogues between the mums and carers, including sleep deprivation and sleep routines, feeding, weaning, baby play, communicating with babies, feelings of isolation and loneliness, support systems, self-care, hormones and expectations around being a new parent.

Playtots for parents or carers and toddlers had a change of leadership during the year. Ellie had to step back in the summer, and in late autumn Cat Davis took over the role. , Playtots continued to provide a welcoming and nurturing space for children and their parents/carers to play and meet others, with the aim that God’s love will be known and felt during their time at Holy Trinity. Playtots runs during term time and is aimed at children from 0 to preschool age. During our sessions, children were given opportunities with their parents and carers to make a themed craft, experience sensory and fine motor play and explore imaginative play through a wide variety of toys. A



*Creating fun in the holidays*

popular point in the sessions was a free lunch and hot drink provided in the café area which supported many families. We came together at the end of each session with singing time and sensory experiences including bubbles, playing with the parachute or relaxing under a sensory blanket. The children loved taking part in singing 'What's in the bag?' and enjoyed choosing different nursery rhymes each week.

Throughout the term, Playtots was well attended, with a core of families who came along most weeks. We enjoyed welcoming new parents and their children, including those from Blacon Baby Buddies. For many families it continued to be a safe and enjoyable space for them to meet and socialise with other parents/carers and children which, in turn, has supported emotional wellbeing and mental health and has helped prevent social isolation.



Opportunities to support the development of positive attachments through play between parents/carers and their children were seemingly experienced and consequently supported children's self-esteem, confidence and sense of value, as reported in feedback obtained.

During every school holiday we provide holiday activities, one day a week, for families, and Sue Mountford oversees the plans for these. These sessions are well attended, often around 100, and the children along with their parents/carers begin with a nourishing meal in the church hall before heading over for activities in the church and gardens (weather permitting!)

We have a theme for each session and the crafts and activities are based around this. They are usually linked with the season along with other topics and this past year includes Bugs and Bees, Outer Space, My World, Seaside Fun, Trains and Exploring Nature. We've made mobiles, painted wooden animals, butterflies on sticks, bead bracelets, sand pictures,

wooden trains to name a few as well as clay modelling, seed planting and food activities which always go down well! Chocolate apples were very popular during autumn half term! There is also a quieter corner with toys for babies and an area with jigsaw puzzles and games. Garden games and football activities took place outside as well as some of the more messy play crafts when the weather allowed.

We had Chester Zoo and Blacon Children's Centre attending most sessions and they provided great entertainment with the activities they brought along for the children. Blacon Library also attended and read stories to the children. We had great fun watching a travelling Panto at Christmas, we were entertained by a Puppet theatre and families enjoyed a trip to Colwyn Bay at the end of the Summer holidays. There is a group of faithful volunteers who come along to help the children with the activities and my grateful thanks goes to them all. There is a lovely and buzzing atmosphere as the activities take place providing fun and opportunities to chat with one another.

## SAFEGUARDING REPORT

I am very pleased to report that we have not had to deal with any incidents this year. It is now a requirement that any member of the PCC undertake safeguarding training and am happy to report that all members of our committee have completed it, as have all our Ministry Team.

Here at Holy Trinity we are caring and supportive of each other and this is so important that people feel there is someone to go to. I would ask that anyone has any concerns that they speak to myself or Tina. Very many thanks for your support.

*June Middleton Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Reserves Policy

The PCC discussed the following factors in arriving at their reserves policy:

Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons – whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibly for others is important.

It was felt appropriate to keep three months general running costs (£23,000) in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

This policy is reviewed annually.

Current free reserves stand at £7,729, therefore PCC have urgently reviewed its outgoings and incomes in January 2024.

## REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Holy Trinity, Blacon accounts break down into nine funds in the year:

### **Fund 1 - Church General Account (Unrestricted)**

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £41,842, and this accounts for the fall-off of the reserves. It has a balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 of £7,516.

### **Fund 2 - Outreach Project (Restricted)**

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £4,229. The fund is restricted for the purpose of supporting the work of the community Outreach Project and has a balance at 31 December 2023 of £4,962.

### **Fund 3 – Church Boilers (Restricted)**

This fund is restricted for the purpose of repairing the church boilers and has a balance at 31 December 2023 of £702.

### **Fund 4 – Blacon Baby Buddies (Restricted)**

This fund is restricted for the purpose of running sessions for parents living in Blacon and their babies/young children. The balance on this fund at 31 December 2023 is £1,071.

### **Fund 5 – Warm Welcome Fund (Restricted)**

This fund is for the running of our Place of Warmth, at the Welcome Cafés. The balance on this fund at 31 December 2023 is £9,300.

### **Fund 6 - Church Choir Fund (Restricted)**

Other than the addition of a small amount of interest there was no activity on this account. The fund is restricted for choir use, and is used only at discretion of the choir. The balance on this fund at 31 December 2023 is £422.

### **Fund 7 Hall Alterations Fund (Restricted)**

This fund was to provide for the improvement of the church hall. In 2023 the flooring was renewed. The balance on this fund at 31 December 2023 was £2,800.

### **Fund 8 Toys Fund (Restricted)**

This fund was to purchase toys and equipment for use by Playtots and Baby Buddies. The balance at 31 December 2023 was £600.

### **Fund 9 Holiday Fund (Restricted)**

This fund is to support the holiday meals and activities. The balance at 31 December 2023 was £1,748.

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity (Without the Walls), Blacon  
 Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

Parish Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022
	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving & Donations	17,836.57	8.10	437.00	18,281.67	17,950.75	-	446.70	18,397.45
Gift Aid	3,467.34	-	-	3,467.34	3,297.99	-	-	3,297.99
PCC Fees	2,477.62	-	-	2,477.62	2,231.85	-	-	2,231.85
Hall Rent	8,047.95	916.13	-	8,964.08	6,738.67	-	-	6,738.67
Southway Rent	6,973.20	-	-	6,973.20	7,258.30	-	-	7,258.30
Parish Magazine & Printing	569.60	-	-	569.60	918.83	-	-	918.83
Other Income	1,038.17	-	-	1,038.17	775.48	-	5.47	780.95
Outreach Project inc Grants	60.38	2,062.84	16,541.44	18,664.66	3,172.70	574.99	33,349.60	37,097.29
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>40,470.83</b>	<b>2,987.07</b>	<b>16,978.44</b>	<b>60,436.34</b>	<b>42,344.57</b>	<b>574.99</b>	<b>33,801.77</b>	<b>76,721.33</b>
Parish Share	37,586.76	-	-	37,586.76	36,492.00	-	-	36,492.00
Ministry Expenses	2,380.49	-	-	2,380.49	2,153.53	-	-	2,153.53
Organist, Choir and Worship	3,022.20	-	-	3,022.20	2,351.56	-	-	2,351.56
Church Costs	7,907.08	-	130.80	8,037.88	9,832.99	-	2,755.84	12,588.83
Parish Admin	8,940.47	-	-	8,940.47	16,760.68	-	-	16,760.68
Hall Costs	7,073.39	-	7,827.40	14,900.79	11,168.53	-	-	11,168.53
44 Southway Costs	-	-	-	-	55.54	-	-	55.54
Outreach Project	3,865.83	2,773.62	20,769.98	27,409.43	12,892.11	574.99	10,167.89	23,634.99
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>70,776.22</b>	<b>2,773.62</b>	<b>28,728.18</b>	<b>102,278.02</b>	<b>91,706.94</b>	<b>574.99</b>	<b>12,923.73</b>	<b>105,205.66</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year</b>	<b>(30,305.39)</b>	<b>213.45</b>	<b>(11,749.74)</b>	<b>(41,841.68)</b>	<b>(49,362.37)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,878.04</b>	<b>(28,484.33)</b>
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>37,820.92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,141.49</b>	<b>70,962.41</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>(60,000.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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Church General Account	7,515.53	-	-	7,515.53	37,820.92	-	-	37,820.92
Outreach Projects	-	13.45	4948.57	4,962.02	-	-	13,604.76	13,604.76
Church Boilers Fund	-	-	702.12	702.12	-	-	270.12	270.12
Blacon Baby Buddies Fund	-	-	1,071.33	1,071.33	-	-	1,784.83	1,784.83
Warm Welcome Fund	-	-	9,299.66	9,299.66	-	-	17,060.19	17,060.19
Church Choir Fund	-	-	421.59	421.59	-	-	421.59	421.59
Hall alterations	-	-	2,800.00	2,800.00	-	-	-	-
TOYS	-	-	600.00	600.00	-	-	-	-
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Warden	Mrs June Middleton
Treasurer	<i>vacant</i>
Deanery Synod	Mr Jim Middleton Mrs June Middleton
Other members	Mrs Lynn Wakefield Mrs Patricia Hughes
Ex officio	Canon Dr Christopher Burkett

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# SUMMARY OF THE YEAR 2022

## RECTOR'S REPORT

I have delivered many church annual reports now, and it can be tempting to focus on the perennial preoccupations of 'buildings, cash and numbers'. While those can exercise a lot of our energies, they are not what build God's kingdom. God is more bothered about attitudes, about depth of faith. The mission of the church needs to be primarily about helping people grow in their knowledge and love of God—and whether or not the coffee rota on a Sunday is filled is much less important.

I am delighted that Holy Trinity Church seeks first to love God, and love our neighbour, before becoming preoccupied with such worldly concerns. As I try to summarise how the last year has been for us, so much has happened, that it is hard to know where to begin. Perhaps this is because 2022 was in effect the first 'normal' year we had following the Covid restrictions which began in 2020.

## Worship

The pattern of worship returned to how it had been in early 2020, with two morning services, a traditional Eucharist at 9.30am, and then a more modern 'open to the Spirit' Morning Worship at 11.30am.

However, Covid continued to have its impact on the way we worship, and it was only in the autumn that we began to receive wine from the 'common cup' once more.

We were delighted to be able to welcome the Bishop of Birkenhead, Rt Rev Julie Conalty to our church in May, when Richard Saville and Neive Hughes were confirmed, and Linda Thomas was able to renew her Baptismal promises.

The music at 9.30 is often accompanied by the organ, usually played by John Williams. At 11.30am the music is more varied, sometimes played from YouTube or another music App, or sometimes by Mirkuu Ridanpaa who plays the keyboard beautifully.

Our bi-monthly Messy Church services restarted in March 2022 (see Lynn's report) and the music at that has been ably accompanied at different times by Sarah Clarke, Anina, Joanna Hewlett, with Linda Tudor and Clare Smith. At our Harvest Festival at 11.30am, we were delighted to welcome 5<sup>th</sup> Blacon Scout Group for a Parade Service (the first since Covid lockdown) and also a visiting preacher, Ruth Tormey from Tearfund to give us a global perspective on caring for the environment.

In the autumn, we were delighted to be able to restart a feature of our worship that had been stopped due to the pandemic, which is once a month going into local Nursing Homes for worship. At the moment, this has just been into Florence Grogan Nursing Home, though perhaps before 2023 is ended, it will also have restarted in the other ones too.

## Learning about our faith

As well as in worship on Sundays, we started in May to hold weekly Bible classes for Primary school aged children, called Jesus and Me. This held in church after school on Wednesdays, and has become a popular feature. The adults in the church have a chance to learn more from the Bible on Thursday evenings, on Zoom, through the study group which built up during Covid lockdown, continues to meet now.

Wednesday Fellowship also meets weekly, and Clive's report says more about that.

## Ministry team

We are very fortunate to have the support of a good strong ministry team at Holy Trinity. I am very grateful to Christopher Burkett for his faithful, constant support over the years he has been in the parish, and we pray that will continue for a long time. We also have had the much-valued input from our two

Readers, Sarah Dutton and Lindsay Tanner, both of whom are dedicated to supporting ministry here alongside holding down busy full-time jobs.

In the spring of 2022, I was approached 'out of the blue' by the Diocese to see if we might be able to accommodate an experienced curate, Rev Anina Thomas, who wanted to come to us to complete her curacy. She began with us in March 2022, and was licensed to us soon afterwards. While initially she was full-time stipendiary, that changed in July, and she became self-supporting, and around the same time began to work full-time during the week for CWAC. I am delighted to report that now her curacy has been formally signed-off, she is about to be licensed to us as a self-supporting Assistant Priest.

July of 2022 saw our new curate Jo Pemberton ordained deacon. Very sadly, she was forced to go off sick in the September, and she has now had to leave us due to ongoing health issues. Our prayers continue for her.

## Parish Office

A major change to the life of this parish came in September, when Linda Tudor left us to begin work for Northgate Church. That left a massive hole in the administrative support I receive, which various volunteers have stepped up to fill. It was due to the loss of Linda that we sadly had to call a halt to our monthly publication of Parish News, producing our final edition in October 2022.

Thank you to June Middleton and Ken Pemberton who staff the parish office on a Tuesday morning and a Friday afternoon respectively, enabling us to have a time when people know they can come to us with queries. Thank you to Jason Clarke who helps with receiving queries about hall bookings. Thank you also to Lynn Wakefield who has stepped in to help with writing cheques, dealing with the bank, and paying our bills. We have employed David Hollins for 4 hours per week, to do our book-keeping, and we are very grateful to him for taking that task on. However, that has only made it more apparent than ever that we are in need of a Treasurer to advise PCC about our financial affairs.

## Community Outreach

Our Community Outreach Project, which originally began in Autumn 2013, continues to grow and develop, and now includes: gardening group on Tuesday mornings, cafes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Art group on Monday mornings, Baby Buddies on Tuesdays and Playtots on Thursdays, and our Warm Welcome on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. See the reports from Jim, Ashley, Ellie and Rosie about these ventures. None of these would be able to run without the amazing input from our volunteers – a big thank you to every one of them.

Three volunteers who were with us for only a few weeks in the summer, but who made a big impact on our parish, were the undergraduate students from Chester University on work-based learning placement with us. The beautiful crown they helped the Art group paint as part of the Art trail around Blacon put together for the Queen's Jubilee has been so effective that it remains on the outside of our church building to this day.

Another feature of our Outreach has been our minibus, which was greatly valued by those who used it, and Gary Blohm was our excellent and most friendly driver. Sadly, the five-year lease came to an end at start of February 2023, and having looked at the various options, PCC came to the difficult and sad decision that we could not afford to renew the lease, and so we had to let the minibus go, and say goodbye to Gary.

Another feature of our Community Outreach has been the holiday meals and activities, which we have provided for about 8 years. We are now able to feed families, and provide a range of activities afterwards

one day per week of every half term, and every school holiday. We manage this thanks to the input from Blacon Beacon who provide the meal, and also a small army of volunteers to lead the activities (which are organised by the irrepressible Sue Mountford). In addition, in the summer we also provided a coach trip to Colwyn Bay, and at Christmas, the activities were replaced by a very popular pantomime performance. These activities, as well as our ongoing service to the community of school assemblies, of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals—all are part of our mission: Reaching out with Christ to all. All these popular events give us opportunity to share the love of God with those who come in.

## **CURATES REPORT**

It has been a real joy to be with you for much of 2022 and want to just celebrate some of my highlights and remember God's goodness to us this past year.

At Easter, Blacon Beacon ran the family activity events which were very well attended. On Good Friday, we saw the Passion Play in Chester in the morning; continued on to our church service at 1:30pm and then we had some 'loving acts of service' in the afternoon. This time we were joined by some of the young people from Chester, a mix of churched and unchurchd kids, along with the disarmingly bold Sam Knott, a veritable evangelist if ever there was one. We used hot cross buns and chocolate giveaways as an opportunity to stop people, engage them in conversation and offer them prayer. Many of the young people who had never considered talking to people and listening to God for them really stepped out in faith. A personal highlight was before we went out, some of our church members prayed for the young people and then the young people prayed for us as a church; for faith and resources to reach out into our local community of Blacon.

Our trip to Liverpool in May was fun when we took a bus to see the Franklin Graham Tour. A lively evening ensued. It was personally powerful for Tina and I to be able to pray with people who had responded to receiving God and great fun to see members of our church bopping away to the live worship music and enjoying fellowship together.

One weekend in June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Assisted by our 3 wonderful students from Chester Uni and Alison and the art group, we hosted one of the Blacon

'Crowns' which was brightly coloured and proudly displayed on one of the grills on the facade of church.

Another highlight was our Interactive Christmas where we dressed up and took various roles of the different characters in the nativity stories.

It's been a privilege for me to be working closely with wonderful colleagues, and fellow believers who both encourage and release one another in team ministry. I haven't attended every week, but I've enjoyed the Thursday evening bible studies on Zoom where there is a real sense of honestly grappling with how to apply what we think God is telling us. It's a space where having different opinions is okay and where sharing has felt deep and safe, which is rare and precious.

Last, but certainly not least, on behalf of all of us at Holy Trinity Church, Blacon, a massive thank you to Tina, ably supported by Clive (who also faithfully leads Midweek Fellowship and the 11:30am service, making a real sense of space for God to move and managing to be both deeply moving and lol hilarious at the same time!). Tina continues to lead us in season and out of season, through Covid and beyond; necessitating flexibility, imagination and a sense of humour and humility.

My actual 'final word' is to thank God for the riches of his blessing over us as a church and community.

For sustaining us through another year when finances have felt worrying stripped back, and bringing us hope, peace and joy as we worship Him together.

*Anina Thomas, Curate*

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

After tentatively restarting in February 2022, the meetings gradually built up so now it meets 12-4 each week in the Rectory. The aim is to help one another see Jesus more clearly – to love him more dearly – to follow him more nearly. It begins with a simple lunch together, during which we share things for thanks and for prayer, which are lifted to our heavenly Father. After that, we focus on Jesus presence with us as we think particularly about what the previous Sunday's Gospel passage says to us that we can put into practice in our lives. Some time is spent quietly listening to the Lord before sharing words or songs, to build one another up. After a sung blessing at the end, we finish with a hot drink – and occasionally cake.

*Clive Upton*

## SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Safeguarding is such an important part of the society we live today and as a Church we have a duty to protect the vulnerable in our care. This includes children, young people and adults with special needs. I am very pleased to report that we have not had to deal with any incidents this year.

It is now a requirement that any member of the PCC undertake safeguarding training and am happy to report that all members of our committee have completed modules on

Basic Awareness Module

Foundation Module

Domestic Violence Module.

Here at Holy Trinity we are caring and supportive of each other and this is so important that people feel there is someone to go to .

I would ask that anyone has any concerns that they speak to myself or Tina. Very many thanks for your support.

*June Middleton*



# OUTREACH PROJECT

## CAFÉ MANAGER'S REPORT

### **Tuesday and Wednesday Place of Welcome Cafes**

Since taking on the role of café manager in September 2022, I have seen an increase in demand for the use of the café and it's extra available support. When first taking over the role, the Place of Welcome café in the hall was open on a Tuesday 10 till 12 but with the café being so well used, we extended the opening times in January 2023 to Tuesday 10-2 and added a Wednesday 10-12, to go alongside foodbank opening times.

On a Tuesday morning, we average around 40 people coming through the doors, with people using the hall for many different services. On a Tuesday we have citizens advice, food bank, local Blacon councillors, computer support with Dave, Starting well and a gardening group. We also have a local wellbeing walk group who come into the café after their walk to have a drink. These services are a fantastic support to local residents and are very well used weekly. We also have a small children's toy corner, which is helpful when parents/carers need to use a service in the hall and know that their children are occupied.

On a Wednesday, citizens advice, computer support and foodbank are all available during the café opening times. Although Wednesdays are quieter than Tuesdays, it is starting to pick up with the help of social media and word of mouth. Having the café open alongside foodbank works really well as people will pick up their food and then stay around for a drink and food with many people really appreciating this.

We have many regular customers who come to use the café weekly and enjoy having a drink, some toast and to socialize with others. We have people using the café as a space to work, rest or during the colder months, many used the café as a place of warmth. Regular customers really do appreciate having the café and often gives their thanks for the part it plays in the Blacon community. Being able to take time to speak to customers is important and now having good reliable volunteers means that there is enough staff to ensure that we can take the time to speak to people without having to leave the conversation to go back into the kitchen. Customers enjoy the addition of toast and fruit as well as the usual biscuits on offer at every table. We also receive donations of pastries most weeks from Costco which go down very well with the customers.

As a whole, the Tuesday and Wednesday place of welcomes cafes are successful in helping people get out into the community and build relationships whilst providing them with a variety of services to support them when needed.

### **Thursday Café**

The Welcome café on a Thursday morning in church, where our 'Blacon bacon butties' are a great success, is a very busy, loved part of the community. We have many regular customers but also new faces walking through the door every week after hearing about the café through others or from myself when meeting people during the Tuesday and Wednesday Place of Welcome cafes. We have Knit and Natter and Dementia talk group who both use the café as their meet up place every week, as well as Lauren Court (a local care home) who come in to visit with their residents every so often.

With the café being so busy, we needed more reliable volunteers, which I am happy we now have, as this allows us to run the café smoothly as well as starting to prepare food for Playtots which runs straight after the café. The prices of the food and drinks available very much appeals to a lot of the customers but also, after recently having a lovely conversation with some of the customers, it is the community feel to the café that keeps people coming back. One customer said that it is "nice to see people talking to each other and not just on their phone", which is one thing I also love about the café.

During the colder months, the church was a lovely warm place to be and this invited people in, especially in the mornings and we had people, especially mums, who would come in after doing the school run to sit and relax with their children being occupied in the play area. Now that the weather is getting better, we have mums coming into the café before they start Playtots, this gives the café a really nice vibe as it is used for people of all ages and everyone mixes together and enjoys each other's company. People also tend to stay for the full 2 hours that the café is open which really shows that people do enjoy the community spirit there is there.

The café is a base for people to meet, work, take part in a hobby and to have a safe space to enjoy some food and drink, which is an important thing to have in a community and many people in Blacon really enjoy and appreciate this.

When an article from Cheshire Live went onto social media, discussing Playtots and the church being open to provide warmth during the rising cost in energy bills, the response from local people was amazing and heart-warming.

I have seen many comments on Facebook where people had mentioned how they have felt welcomed at the café, a service they have used there or just commenting on the fact they enjoy the café or another service the church provides.

The 'Blacon Bacon Butties' (as named by regular customers) are not just Bacon Butties, it is a valued part of the Blacon community, loved by many and growing in popularity.

*Ashley Marshall*



# Gardening Group Report

Our gardening group has been meeting on a Tuesday morning for a few years now and we are so grateful for all those who have participated in this event – it has been great to have them here.

Particularly, we remember Sue Mountford, our previous leader and Outreach Worker, for all the work she did to start the club and encourage a good number of people to take part.

We must thank also, Pauline who has been with us for all that time and has worked so hard in helping to transform the grounds to its present enjoyable space and shared with us her expertise.

James has been a very good help too and his humour and cooperation have added to the lovely atmosphere.

We have had others who have attended and worked hard such as: - Helen, a supporter from Asda; Rev. John Yaxley; Students from Chester University; and a group of men from Bowmere Hospital together with their supporters.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks for all of their help in making the event a success. We hope they found it valuable, too, and enjoyed the experience.

It has also been good to pause for refreshments mid-morning and have some interesting, meaningful and humorous chats.

At this time we are looking forward to attracting others to this event and will look forward to welcoming them.

**Jim Middleton**



## BLACON BABY BUDDIES REPORT

It's been another exciting and successful year for Blacon Baby Buddies at Holy Trinity church. Over the past year we have continued to provide a warm welcome and emotional wellbeing support to new parents/carers and their little ones, and celebrated our two year anniversary. At the heart of Baby Buddies is the aim of creating a safe, relaxed, friendly and caring environment for new parents and their babies to meet other new parents and their little ones and to support their emotional and social wellbeing and mental health. Originally, the group was built around a course of six weekly sessions, but this has now evolved into an open door policy up to the point at which little ones are on the move independently! This change has created more opportunities for friendships to be built and, as a result, social interactions away from the group have increased, helping to prevent isolation and anxiety. During this year, we welcomed our youngest baby at just 3 weeks old, and it has been so wonderful to see babies and parents continue to develop and grow.

The group meets during term time and creates opportunities for new parents/carers to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences surrounding being a new parent/carer, whilst also enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake! Themes including sleep and sleep routines, feeding, weaning, baby play, communicating with babies, feelings of isolation and loneliness, support systems, self-care, hormones and expectations around being a new parent are commonly explored and discussed along with the emotions and challenges encountered when navigating ways through these experiences. We also provide sensory experiences and exploration for the babies with bubbles, a sensory visual blanket, stories and singing, creating opportunities for new parents to develop positive emotional attachments and bonds with their



little ones. Through the year we have also enjoyed fun themed sessions, including a teddy bears' picnic, Christmas and Easter parties, celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. New starters are also given a sensory toy bag that parents can enjoy with their children in the group or at home to help support the development of positive attachments.

Parents and carers have continued to share how valuable the group has been in supporting their confidence and mental health with being a new parent or becoming a parent again. Evaluations obtained also suggest that parents/carers have valued meeting other parents/carers and their little ones and how this has helped to get them out of the house, reducing social isolation and building up their social networks. Opportunities to share feelings and experiences and give and receive advice and tips surrounding key themes of being a new parent have also been reported as a positive experience of the group.

Links between Baby Buddies and Playtots have also developed positively this year, with an increase in parents/carers either attending both groups, or moving from Baby Buddies to Playtots as their little ones grow. Over the past year, along with continuing to build and develop links with the Children's Centre in Blacon, we have also made connections with Koala Northwest (family support service) and they have been attending Baby Buddies as and when possible, offering parents/carers advice and support.

We look forward to continuing to share God's love through our ongoing work supporting the emotional wellbeing of new parents/carers and their babies during their time at Baby Buddies, and we hope to continue to build connections with other services to continue to enrich the lives of everyone who attends the group.

*Ellie Knight*

## **PLAYTOTS REPORT**

Playtots has seen another fun and busy year, continuing to provide a welcoming and nurturing space for children and their parents/carers to play and meet others. Playtots runs during term time and is aimed at children from 0 to preschool age. During the sessions, children are given opportunities with their parents and carers to make a craft, experience sensory and fine motor play and explore imaginative play through a wide variety of toys. The free lunch and hot drink provided in the café area continues to be a popular part of Playtoys and has supported many families this year with the rise in the cost of living. We come together at the end of each session with singing time and sensory experiences including bubbles, playing with the parachute or relaxing under a sensory blanket. The children love taking part in singing 'What's in the bag?' and enjoy choosing different nursery rhymes each week.

Throughout the year, Playtots has been well attended, with a core of families who come along most weeks. We have also enjoyed welcoming new parents and their children throughout the year, including those from Blacon Baby Buddies. It continues to be a safe and enjoyable space for them to meet and socialise with other parents/carers and children which, in turn, has supported emotional wellbeing and mental health and has helped prevent social isolation. Opportunities to support the development of positive attachments through play between parents/carers and their children have also been experienced and consequently supported children's self-esteem, confidence and sense of value.

Daphne kindly continues to support the children and their adults on the craft table and many beautiful moments have been shared where the children have enjoyed being creative! We really value and appreciate all the support and help Daphne continuously gives to Playtots and to the families each week.

Megan, a student from the University of Chester, has also been volunteering each week and has been a great source of help and support with Playtots, which has been much appreciated.

We have continued to develop links with other community organisations including KidsBank who attend once a month and provide free baby and children's clothing, equipment and toys, to promote sustainable living and to help relieve poverty. KidsBank has been a real source of support for families attending Playtots and we look forward to continuing to work with them. Koala Northwest have also been attending Playtots to promote their service to support families living in Blacon and we are looking forward to working with them on a regular monthly basis starting this month.

We have enjoyed various themed party sessions over the year, including the Christmas and Easter parties, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the teddy bears' picnic in the Summer.

Finally, following a fun and busy year at Playtots, we aim to continue to enrich the lives of the families that attend and pray that God's love will be known and felt through their time at Holy Trinity Church.

Ellie Knight

## **WARM HUB REPORT**

*In response to the cost of living crisis, we decided to open our buildings for extended hours, to provide a warm space for people who struggle with their household bills. We were fortunate to receive grants through Cheshire Community Foundation to support this, and we recruited Rosie who began working with us in October 2022. Here is her report:*

The warm hub was originally set up to provide a space where people could go to no matter their faith journey and feel welcomed with a smile, heating, a hot meal and drink as well as Wifi all for free.

I found that no week was the same the amount of people coming in ebbed and flowed each week but as the weather got colder more people were coming as it's expensive to heat people's homes at the moment.

There have been some good conversations and a regular group of people who come most weeks for a wide range of different reasons for instance some came for socializing and warmth whereas others came for a hot meal.

Things that have been difficult is getting the word out there about the warm hub as well as gain people to help out at the warm hub.

### *A bit about me*

My name is Rosie - Leigh Perkins and I'm originally from a little seaside town called Porthcawl in South Wales. I'm also a twin and my twin is called Em. I enjoy painting and being creative. I moved to Chester in 2019 to study at The Light College and Collective through this time I got a foundation and bachelors degree in theology, mission and evangelism. I fell in love with Chester and decided to stay and after a few months started working at Holy Trinity Blacon and enjoying my time here.

During the warm hub, I find myself having a wide range of conversations with a mixture of regulars to the warm hub as well a new people as well as enjoying a hot drink and meal with them.

*Rosie-Leigh Perkins*

## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Hello all, it's a pleasure to be writing you once again. As environmental champions we continue to seek out new ways that our church community can assist in preventing further damage to our environment. We have for the last year been reviewing the eco award requirements , looking for ways to improve and reduce our carbon footprint in the hope that we as a church might achieve a silver status award from Arocha and continue to be a leading example for the blacon residents in environmental care. We thank the Rev Tina and the PCC as well as church members for their continued to support and patience as we strive to help make the world a bit cleaner and safer.

### ***Reduce Reuse Recycle***

Your environmental champions

*Neive and Tricia Hughes*

## CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

How quickly the last year has gone. It has been very busy and Tina's workload increased dramatically in September when Linda our office administrator left us for pastures new. Once again I am so grateful to my loyal band of sidespeople Joan, Colin and Jim who carry out their duties every week . It would be great if we had more people on the rota.

If you are interested please have a word with me. The more the merrier.

The coffee Rota on a Sunday morning is also one person short and Joan has stepped up regularly to fill in. Thank you Joan.

If you are interested going on the rota, it would involve being on duty once a month. Again have a word with me if you are interested.

The Church grounds have had a great deal of work done of the past year and they are looking lovely. Massive thanks to the Gardening group Jim, Pauline and James who work there every Tuesday in all kinds of weather. Well done . The lawn mowing team are thanked as well. Once again would anyone like to join the team to lighten the load.

Thank you for all your support this year and my very best wishes .

*June Middleton.*



# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity (Without the Walls), Blacon  
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Parish Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021
	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL	Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving & Donations	17,950.75	-	446.70	18,397.45	115,874.52	-	2,928.54	118,803.06
Gift Aid	3,297.99	-	-	3,297.99	2,451.32	-	-	2,451.32
PCC Fees	2,231.85	-	-	2,231.85	3,073.50	-	-	3,073.50
Hall Rent	6,738.67	-	-	6,738.67	23,477.49	-	-	23,477.49
Southway Rent	7,258.30	-	-	7,258.30	6,766.10	-	-	6,766.10
Parish Magazine & Printing	918.83	-	-	918.83	1,064.10	-	81.00	1,145.10
Other Income	775.48	-	5.47	780.95	789.10	-	0.21	789.31
Outreach Project inc Grants	3,172.70	574.99	33,349.60	37,097.29	862.49	-	17,946.00	18,808.49
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>42,344.57</b>	<b>574.99</b>	<b>33,801.77</b>	<b>76,721.33</b>	<b>154,358.62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,955.75</b>	<b>175,314.37</b>
Parish Share	36,492.00	-	-	36,492.00	35,687.91	-	-	35,687.91
Ministry Expenses	2,153.53	-	-	2,153.53	5,057.68	-	-	5,057.68
Organist, Choir and Worship	2,351.56	-	-	2,351.56	1,014.00	-	-	1,014.00
Church Costs	9,832.99	-	2,755.84	12,588.83	7,004.72	-	10,846.00	17,850.72
Parish Admin	16,760.68	-	-	16,760.68	17,548.42	-	258.00	17,806.42
Hall Costs	11,168.53	-	-	11,168.53	16,790.56	-	503.00	17,293.56
44 Southway Costs	55.54	-	-	55.54	943.54	-	-	943.54
Outreach Project	12,892.11	574.99	10,167.89	23,634.99	10,286.46	-	15,299.67	25,586.13
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>91,706.94</b>	<b>574.99</b>	<b>12,923.73</b>	<b>105,205.66</b>	<b>94,333.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,906.67</b>	<b>121,239.96</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year</b>	<b>(49,362.37)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,878.04</b>	<b>(28,484.33)</b>	<b>60,025.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,950.92)</b>	<b>54,074.41</b>
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>	<b>27,157.96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,214.37</b>	<b>45,372.33</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>(60,000.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(60,000.00)</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>	<b>37,820.92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,141.49</b>	<b>70,962.41</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>
<b>Analysis of Funds</b>								
Church General Account	37,820.92	-	-	37,820.92	27,183.29	-	-	27,183.29
Special Projects Fund	-	-	-	-	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Outreach Projects	-	-	13,604.76	13,604.76	-	-	8,587.00	8,587.00
Church Boilers Fund	-	-	270.12	270.12	-	-	1,138.00	1,138.00
Blacon Baby Buddies Fund	-	-	1,784.83	1,784.83	-	-	2,122.33	2,122.33
Warm Welcome Fund	-	-	17,060.19	17,060.19	-	-	-	-
Church Choir Fund	-	-	421.59	421.59	-	-	416.12	416.12
	<b>37,820.92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,141.49</b>	<b>70,962.41</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>								
Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	19,150.91	-	-	19,150.91	5,814.37	-	11,847.33	17,661.70
Church of England Deposit Fund	20,153.59	-	33,141.49	53,295.08	22,121.92	60,000.00	416.12	82,538.04
Cash held which is repayable	(1,483.58)	-	-	(1,483.58)	(753.00)	-	-	(753.00)
	<b>37,820.92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,141.49</b>	<b>70,962.41</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>

## REVIEW OF FINANCES

Holy Trinity, Blacon accounts break down into seven funds:

### **Fund 1 - Church General Account** (Unrestricted)

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £49,362. £60,000 was transferred back from a designated fund for Special Projects due to the scale of the deficit. This brings the total unrestricted funds available to £37,821 which is above the current reserves policy of £23,000.

### **Fund 2 - Special Projects** (Designated)

During last year an unrestricted donation was received of £100,000. £60,000 of this was designated for Special Projects to be carried out in future years, however due to the deficit on the general account in the year this designated amount was transferred back to unrestricted funds for general use in the charity.

### **Fund 3 - Outreach Project** (Restricted)

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £5,018. The fund is restricted for the purpose of supporting the work of the community Outreach Project and has a balance at 31 December 2022 of £13,605.

### **Fund 4 – Church Boilers** (Restricted)

This fund is restricted for the purpose of repairing the church boilers.

### **Fund 5 – Blacon Baby Buddies** (Restricted)

This fund is restricted for the purpose of running sessions for new mums living in Blacon and their babies under 6 months of age.

### **Fund 6 – Warm Welcome Fund** (Restricted)

This fund is to employ a Welcomer to oversee the opening of the building for a place of warmth.

### **Fund 7 - Church Choir Fund** (Restricted)

Other than the addition of a small amount of interest there was no activity on this account. The fund is restricted for choir use, and is used only at discretion of the choir.



# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity (Without The Walls), Blacon**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 3 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*A M Hopwood*

**Andrew Hopwood FCA**

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21 May 2023

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report 2021

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## RECTOR'S REPORT

When I wrote the 2020 report – full of Covid and lockdown experiences, I did not expect that I would still be mentioning the same when writing the report for 2021. However, the year ended and significant restrictions were still in place. PCC discussed the restrictions we had in our Sunday worship on multiple occasions, and a cautious approach was generally adopted. We restarted singing in services, accompanied by the organ at the start of October. We continued to receive only in one kind, and the altar rail remained in its storage place out of use, so people receive standing at the top of the nave.

Although restrictions in the country eased, levels of infection remained high locally, especially in schools, so many planned school services and assemblies (not least the Community Carol Service in Advent) had to be cancelled, or held online using 'Zoom'.

Restrictions on numbers of people who are able to attend services were lifted, and this enabled Occasional Offices to restart as usual. However, the overall numbers remain considerably down on our pre-Covid levels (especially of Baptisms), reflecting a general cautiousness among the local population.

Our church hall underwent some important changes during the year. The Clinical Commissioning Group (who are responsible for deciding how NHS money is spent locally on GP services) decided not to renew the Elms GP surgery lease when it expired at the end of August. So, they moved out – and the NHS paid for work to be done on those rooms to redecorate and make them habitable in the absence of the clinic. The 'hatch' for the Reception was filled in, and a useful storage cupboard was created. We took advantage of these changes to make further adjustments in the hall: Blacon

Beacon extended their premises, with the removal of the storage cupboards behind it's room – so now Beacon have an entrance directly onto the carpark. Also, with cupboards being built in the old entrance area at the side of the hall, and the end of the corridor to the clinic rooms being blocked off, while opening an entrance into that side lobby near the toilets, we now have a self-contained area with its own entrance and two offices. We have not yet found a long-term tenant for both of these to replace the GP surgery, though we are exploring various possibilities for that. Meanwhile, it was good to welcome back to the hall regular groups like Brownies and Beavers – and birthday parties have regularly restarted also.

Our ministry team also underwent some significant changes. It was with real sadness that in August we said goodbye to our Curate Rev Louise, as it was

time for her to go on to pastures new. I had a three-month sabbatical in the early summer, and Louise had been key at holding the fort in my absence (assisted by the PCC). Our Assistant Curate Rev Canon Dr Christopher Burkett retired from his diocesan role as Director of Ministry in September, but we were delighted to learn that he continues to be licensed to this parish, so we are very pleased that his ministry among us continues much as before. We also gained a new Reader during the year. Lindsay Tanner had started worshipping with us not long after moving to Chester, and in October at the Readers' licensing service she formally had her license transferred to this diocese, and to our parish, from Newcastle Diocese where she had previously been serving as Reader.

2021 was far from easy, and presented many challenges, so I am immensely grateful for the

support and encouragement I have received from the members of the PCC, the church wardens Linda and June, the whole ministry team (Chris, Louise, Sarah, Lindsay), and other staff (Linda, Anna, Ellie, Sara), and many, many volunteers who help us to serve Blacon in so many different ways. We couldn't do any of it without you!

## **Outreach Project**

The Outreach Project began tentatively to restart after Covid, from the Spring of 2021, with the Monday Art Group and Baby Buddies and Gardening Group on Tuesdays beginning in April. Our former Outreach Worker Sue Mountford was not able to come back to work, as she was caring for her terminally ill husband Nigel (very sadly, he died in December 2021). In September, Anna Briggs began work with us in September 2021, restarting the Meeting Place Café and Playtots Café on Thursdays. Each of these groups describe what they have been doing here:

## **Gardening Report**

Covid affected the gardening because the beds had become overrun, so we had to take everything out and replan. When the full team are in, we can get up to 8 people helping, including a few people from Bowmere Ward at the Countess, who are fortunately very strong and are great at digging holes.

In between lockdowns, we were able to do lots of cutting back, tidying up, weeding and planting. A far bed that had been a vegetable bed is now transformed into perennials, and the big central one is an annual display, with forget me nots, wallflowers and cineria. We also added grasses, snapdragons, dahlia and cosmos - and will probably do the same again this year.

Around the edges of the garden are shrubs which we've been cutting back, and the central bed now has sambucas (purple elder) as a centrepiece.

# MONDAY ART GROUP

Covid has not deterred us from making beautiful art; we came back with a smaller group at first, all socially distancing and in masks. We have painted, beaded, and sewn our way through the term, especially making animal doorstops and beaded elephants.

We are also involved in the Queen's Jubilee Project and have collated ideas to represent our allotted years of 2013-2022, which we are going to spend next few weeks painting. The Crown we are making needs to be weatherproof so we have started painted with acrylic paints, and

we'll use imagery of various topical subjects alongside the usual Corgis!

9 or 10 people regularly attend and we have occasional popper-inners. There is a mixture of abilities, and even 2 married couples who come. The WhatsApp group has been good to share ideas through week.

This is a real community group, which has even been described as a family. Mabel the dog, who belongs to one of our regulars, joined us this year who is also very arty and supportive of all endeavours!

*Alison Pitt*







## **OUTREACH ON THURSDAYS**

Since September 2021 I have been in the role of Outreach Worker, managing The Meeting Place Café and Playtots group on a Thursday during term time. This has come with its challenges and joys over the past 9 months as I've learnt to function well within my role and creating a sustainable working rhythm for our volunteers.

To start both projects after COVID19 restrictions lifted has

had its difficulties. We have done our best to navigate opening the groups again while minimizing the risk to people's health and safety. This meant following government guidelines concerning wearing facemasks, as we eased out of lock-down, and thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing equipment and toys, and following the appropriate hygiene protocols required. It has been a pleasure to see how keen the community has been to see both groups begin again, which is a testament

to how much love and hard work Sue Mountford has put into these activities pre-covid lockdowns.

**The Meeting Place Café**, since September 2021, has had its regulars who come along each week and has developed into a lovely community. We have also had people utilizing the space to meet with friends, pastoral visits or as a place to come and simply be. It's always a joy to meet new people when they come in curious about who we are and what we do.

I've done my best to keep the menu sustainable and simple, but delicious, while being accessible to those who might not be able to afford much. We also partner with

the Blacon Beacon by referring anyone who might need help of that sort, and vice versa with the Beacon giving out vouchers for a free meal to those who are in need. A current favourite is our '*Blacon Bacon Buttie*'. If you fancy coming along, you'll be sure to be met with a friendly face and warm welcome.

**Playtots** has evolved since last September but has grown and thrived as people have been keen to come back, despite the worries surrounding COVID19 early on. We averaged about 15 children with their parents/carers in the September term till Christmas. This past term we have averaged about 20 children each week. It is



encouraging to see the average number of attendees grow as people are seeking a place to find community, friendship, and support. Overall, the feedback that I've received has been wonderfully positive, with the parents and carers expressing gratitude for the space and service we provide for the local community.

On a given Thursday, you can expect to find crafts, toys, coloring, a free lunch, story time, games, sing-along nursery rhymes and a lovely community of people. We have also done themed activities around particular holiday seasons.

I hope that by continuing to create a safe, open, and welcoming environment in the church building on Thursdays, that people will encounter the love of Jesus through our actions of serving the community through these projects.

The Meeting Place Café and Playtots would not be able to function without the consistency of the faithful and hard-working volunteers that make these projects possible. Thank you to all who give their time and energy to help serve the local community

and make these groups what they are.



*Anna Briggs*

## **BABY BUDDIES**

We celebrated the first year anniversary of Baby Buddies in April 2022, and it has been a privilege and a blessing to connect and build relationships with the mothers and their babies during that time.

The aim of the group is to support the emotional well-being of new mothers and their babies and to create a safe space where mothers can come and relax, express their thoughts and feelings surrounding motherhood and help develop their social network with other new mums. We have welcomed over 30 mums so far and each one has been

provided with a sensory gift bag for them and their little ones to support and encourage attachment, sensory play and connection.

Over a cup of tea and a cake, key themes surrounding sleep deprivation, weaning, teething, feeding, milestones, labour, support networks and confidence have all been topics for discussion during the year. Within the

sessions we have lots of fun with bubbles, nursery rhymes and sensory blankets for the little ones to enjoy. As a group, we have enjoyed themed parties to celebrate the closing each set of six sessions, including summer, Christmas and Easter.

We have been joined by the children's centre at various points and they have provided valuable resources and information for the



mums and their little ones. As covid has settled and other groups have opened up, the decision has been taken to move from a six week model to an open group, meaning that mums can continue to attend for as long as they like whilst their babies are fairly stationary! WhatsApp social media groups have been set up for the mums to create a forum where they can share and discuss any worries or experiences. These groups have also been used in a very positive and effective way and we recently had an update from the first ever Baby Buddies intake to say that they still meet

every week in various locations and arrange a mums' night once a month!

Below is a selection of feedback we have received throughout the year from the mums that have attended the group.

***What have you enjoyed most about coming to Blacon Baby Buddies?***

- Socialising with and meeting other new mums
- Discussing milestones with other parents and being able to normalise any worries



- Building friendships
- Becoming more confident as a mummy and “in myself”
- Babies being able to interact with other babies
- Seeing the babies grow
- Feeling supported by other mums and the staff without judgement
- Given a focus to look forward to each week

***How has it made a difference to you and your baby?***

- Created opportunities to share tips and gain advice
- Made more mummy friends
- Meeting new people and helped getting out of the house
- Being able to come to somewhere different compared to other baby groups
- To hear advice and gain information from others
- Helped well-being and self confidence
- Reassured by hearing similar experiences and stories from other mums with their babies and in turn developed more confidence in themselves
- Helped create opportunities to develop friendships, support networks and social

events outside of the group  
- meeting up for walks, zoo visits, play centres etc.

We look forward to another year of meeting and emotionally supporting new mums and their babies and we pray that God will continue to bless the group.

*Ellie Knight*



## PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

There are 11 of us serving on the PCC at present, including Tina, Chris and Louise while she was with us (until the end of July 2021). We discuss and take decisions on most aspects of running the church from fabric to finances, from Outreach to worship services. We meet 6 times a year, thankfully now in person again, but the first 4 PCC meetings of 2021 were held over Zoom.

There are 4 Sub-Committees with PCC members being on 2 each.

Standing Committee – which makes major decisions

Finance and Buildings Committee

Youth and Children's Committee

Parish Development and Outreach Project

Management Committee

All of these meet as and when needed and report back at PCC meetings.

Much discussion in the early months of the year were about replacing the old church boilers,

which were unreliable and uneconomic, doing a poor job of heating our large church building. Jim did a brilliant job of negotiating a good price for the work and Colin applied for grants. The congregation kindly raised a good amount towards it but PCC decided to go ahead and have the work done anyway and prayerfully trust that the rest of the money would be raised. Alleluia! The grants we were given plus the congregation's gifts covered the exact amount needed. We now have a warm, efficiently heated church and hall.

Another big topic of discussion was Tina's sabbatical from mid-April to mid-July, 3 months when her work would need to be covered. PCC members took over most of these tasks and Louise and her ministry team covered all the pastoral and worship services. I think everyone will agree that things worked fairly smoothly during Tina's absence, but we were all very pleased to have her back!

We had high hopes that the GP's would renew their lease for the rental of their treatment rooms in

the hall, but sadly at the last minute they decided to wait until the new surgery by the Enterprise Centre is finished. This was a huge blow to our finances as the rental money was a major source of income for the church. The treatment rooms have been painted and tidied and are now available for renting by any individual or group on a sessional, daily or weekly basis and the church would be very glad of the income. If anyone has any ideas who might be interested please let us know.

Yet more discussion was obviously about Covid and when we could safely open up the church and return to normal services again. Although restrictions had eased slightly from April, we decided to be very cautious, still wearing face masks and no singing or organ until the first Sunday in October. It was lovely to eventually hear the organ and join in with communal hymn singing again, even through face masks! We also decided to keep with no altar rail and only wafer at Communion.

The Cafe, Playtots and the Inter-Generational Project we decided

should start again in September on Thursdays with Anna Briggs employed as a temporary Outreach Worker. This was very welcomed and has been a great success. The Gardening Group, being outside had restarted in the summer.

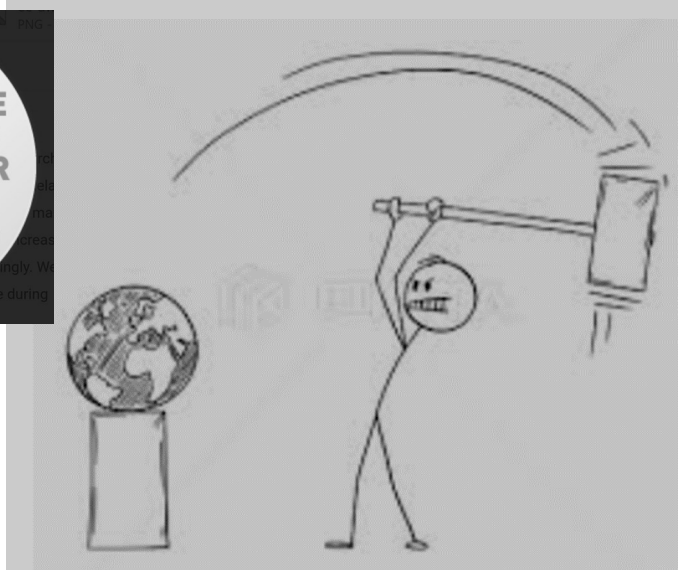
Much discussion at PCC is on our finances, or lack of them! We so need a Treasurer to oversee the balances and to keep a close check on it all. Anyone know of anybody who could help us? Sadly the Royal Bank of Scotland branch has closed in Chester but we are now using the Nat West for our weekly banking needs. Lack of funds is a big concern for the running costs of supporting our church building and hall and of course for paying our Parish Share.

We as a PCC really do believe God is blessing Holy Trinity judging by the success of all our weekday activities and Outreach Work. We trust and pray that we are making the right decisions on your behalf but if you want more of a say please join us, we need new members on your PCC.

*Lynn Wakefield PCC Secretary*



## ENVIRONMENT REPORT



Sometimes trying to be eco-friendly can feel like the picture above. Where the job is big, and needs a big swing to impact the world! The truth is, it is in the smaller things done by a lot of people that will really bring about change. Since we took on the roles of eco champions we have concentrated our efforts on discovering those small changes to make a big difference. We have been consistently impressed by the PCC and church members of Holy Trinity Blacon and their commitment to change. **Setting up the bin twinning initiative,**

**achieving a Bronze eco church award and leading a pledge service are just some of the highlights.**

Looking to the next twelve months we are investigating further improvements the church body can make, and hopefully move us closer to the Church of England commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030.

*Neive and Tricia Hughes*

## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

During the lockdown Deanery Synod meetings had been held over Zoom.

The first face to face meeting took place on June 24th 2021 at Saint James' Church Christleton which was attended by 51 members.

The guest speaker for the evening was the Bishop of Chester Mark Tanner, who was welcomed by Revd. Hennie Johnston, Rural Dean and Vicar at St Mark's Church Saltney. She said how wonderful it was to meet in person after such a difficult year or so. Hennie opened the meeting by reading a deeply reflective prayer based on Isaiah 28-31 which was taken from a PCC members guide written by Bishop Mark.

The Revd. Stefan Collier introduced his semi rural parish which covers a large area.

The main point of Bishop Mark's address were how it was so good to meet face to face as conversations are so important and we need to pay attention to one another. We have been through a deeply dehumanizing situation to be cut off from one another but Jesus brings hope and calm.

The Q and A session which followed centred on issues like Black Lives Matter, socio-economic differences and hidden disabilities in the Diocese.

Children should be more involved in the life of a parish and should be allowed to take communion before being confirmed.

The evening concluded with a prayer by Revd. Stefan.

The next meeting was held on 18th October 2021 at St John the Evangelist Ashton. 38 members attended and 12 sent apologies.

The Rural Dean opened the meeting with a prayer for wisdom. The Vicar of Ashton Hayes, The Revd. Phillip Weston gave an insight to the parish which covers the villages of Ashton and Mouldsworth with a population of 1300. There are 2 readers and Pastoral worker to assist him.

The main presentation of the evening was Living in Love and Faith by Revd. Nikki Eastwood. This is an invitation for every parish to engage in a process of church wide learning together, listening to one another and listening to God as a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of

identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The process has no formal outcome other than to report back to the Bishops by April 2022. The meeting ended by sharing the grace together. The February meeting was changed to the 28th. The speaker for the evening was Father Timothy Hupfield, vicar of St Martin's Church Marple who has just taken on a new role in the Diocese as a healing advisor. On a reflective note it has been good to get back to some normality and meet with others from different parishes to share ideas and concerns.

*June and Jim Middleton.*



## General Synod Report

*In October, Jason Clarke was elected to General Synod – this means ex officio he also has a place on Diocesan Synod, Deanery Synod, and Bishop's Council.*

The first session of General Synod I attended was from 15 - 17 November 2022 and was for 3 days.

Monday 15th, was the induction day for all the new Synod members, which involved learning a little about how Synod works as well as initiatives, and fringe groups. Tuesday 16th was a long day, starting at 9am and not finishing much before that in the evening. We started with a wonderful service in Westminster Abbey, when we were then sworn in, by Edward Earl of Wessex, standing in for the Queen. We then had speeches from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Then we had a couple of debates, followed by a questions session, where Synod members

had sent in questions beforehand and these had then been answered, with supplementary questions being asked in some instances. There were 174 of these but they only got through about half of them. The evening ended with an interesting session on Living in Love and Faith.

Wednesday 17th started with worship lead by the Community of Saint Anselm. One of the debates was to ask the government to do something

about the wealth & poverty gap. There was an amendment to this whereby as well as calling on the government to do something about, this the Church of England would do what it can and lead by example. We then had a vision strategy for our churches from the Archbishop of York. People were then able to ask questions and this session was really good.

So, what do I bring back with me from this experience? General Synod IS an exciting and



wonderful experience, 60% of the Synod are first timers (like me), and it felt like I was part of one large Christian Community. I was also humbled and greatly honoured to represent my church and my Diocese on this legislative body for the next 5 years.

*Jason Clarke – General Synod Rep 278 for Chester Diocese*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

During the year we sadly lost two members from the roll, and we gained two. Therefore, there is no overall change and we currently have **87** on our electoral roll

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

After a difficult year or so, it has been great to get back to some "normality" albeit in a very cautious way to ensure everyone's safety e.g. social distancing, mask wearing especially when singing and

sharing the peace from a distance.

In October, Tina and I met with the Archdeacon Michael Gilbertson for our parish inspection. It was a very positive meeting. He realised there were still a lot of challenges to overcome stemming from the pandemic, but was impressed regarding the various activities which have restarted, and also that the Zoom bible study group had continued right through the lockdown.

I am so grateful for my loyal band of sidespeople, Colin, Joan and Linda who have been so reliable over the past year. A big thank you. We would welcome anyone who would like to go on the rota and the more we have the merrier. If you are interested please have a word with me.

A big thank you to all volunteers who give up their time to support the church. It is very much appreciated.

My Best Wishes to all my Church family.

*June Middleton.*

# REACHING OUT WITH CHRIST TO ALL



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

In the absence of a Treasurer, the church's finances are overseen by the PCC as a whole, which is far from ideal, as important spending decisions need to be made frequently. We would not be in a position to present any accounts to you were it not for the enormous amount of work put in by our Administrator Linda Tudor, our Independent Examiner Andrew Hopwood, and also informal advice from Phil Roberts. Our thanks are due to all of them for this work.

The year ended 2021 has seen increase in some activities and thus in spending, as church life began to emerge from the Covid lockdowns. However, the significant grant income which had been a major feature of the 2020 accounts was not as healthy this year. Moreover, the loss of the GP surgery from the hall after the end of August, has left a significant hole in the church's income. There was an extremely large anonymous donation in the summer of £100,000 to the PCC, which makes the finances look far more healthy than they are. Without that, the year would have shown an excess of expenditure over income of about £46,000 (with about 16,000 of that representing the loss of GP rental income in that year). This level of loss is clearly not sustainable in the year to come. Therefore, we are looking to both increase our income and decrease expenditure. We will increase the income of giving from church members, alongside exploring other sources of income. Expenditure will need to be

reduced through some very difficult decisions in the coming months.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021 (2020)
	£	£	£
Giving & donations	115,874.52 (13,014.18)	2,928.54 (-)	118,803.06 (13,014.18)
Gift Aid	2,451.32 (3,787.60)	-	2,451.32 (3,787.60)
PCC fees	3,073.50 (2,415.90)	-	3,073.50 (2,415.90)
Hall Rent	23,477.49 (39,790.79)	-	23,477.49 (39,790.79)
Southway Rent	6,766.10 (7,051.20)	-	6,766.10 (7,051.20)
Magazine & Printing	1,064.10 (2,105.90)	81.00 (-)	1,145.10 (2,105.90)
Other income	789.10 (98.55)	0.21 (6.61)	789.31 (105.16)
Outreach Project	862.49 (1,207.64)	17,946.00 (54,147.84)	18,808.49 (55,355.48)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>154,358.62</b> <b>(69,471.76)</b>	<b>20,955.75</b> <b>(54,154.45)</b>	<b>175,314.37</b> <b>(123,626.21)</b>



<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2021 (2020)</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Parish Share	35,687.91 (35,422.32)	- -	35,687.91 (35,422.32)
Ministry expenses	5,057.68 (6,834.53)	- -	5,057.68 (6,834.53)
Organist & choir	1,014.00 (1,438.82)	- -	1,014.00 (1,438.82)
Church costs	7,004.72 (5,854.40)	10,846.00 (-)	17,850.72 (5,854.40)
Parish Admin	17,548.42 (14,942.98)	258.00 (-)	17,806.42 (14,942.98)
Hall costs	16,790.56 (5,799.22)	503.00 (-)	17,293.56 (5,799.22)
44 Southway costs	943.54 (557.51)	- -	943.54 (557.51)
Youth work	- (85.61)	- -	- (85.61)
PCC donations	- (750.00)	- -	- (750.00)
Returning church charities money	- -	- (613.38)	- (613.38)
Outreach Project	10,286.46 (6,020.14)	15,299.67 (58,555.78)	25,586.13 (64,575.92)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>94,333.29 (77,705.52)</b>	<b>26,906.67 (59,169.16)</b>	<b>121,239.96 (136,874.68)</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL 2021 (2020)
Total Receipts	154,358.62 (69,471.76)	-	20,955.75 (54,154.45)	175,314.37 (123,626.21)
Total Payments	94,333.29 (77,705.52)	-	26,906.67 (59,169.16)	121,239.96 (136,874.68)
Surplus/ [deficit] for the year	60,025.33 ([8,233.76])	-	[5,950.92] ([5,014.71])	54,074.41 ([13,248.47])
Fund balances bt/ forward	27,157.96	-	18,214.37	45,372.33
Transfers	[60,000.00]	60,000.00	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>



	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL 2021 (2020)
	£	£	£	£
<b>Analysis of funds</b>				
Church General Account	27,183.29 (27,157.96)	-	-	27,183.29 (27,157.96)
Special Projects Fund	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Outreach Projects	-	-	8,587.00 (17,798.46)	8,587.00 (17,798.46)
Church Boilers Fund	-	-	1,138.00	1,138.00
Blacon Baby Buddies	-	-	2,122.33	2,122.33
Church Choir Fund	-	-	416.12 (415.91)	416.12 (415.91)
	<b>27,183.29 (27,157.96)</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45 (18,214.37)</b>	<b>99,446.74 (45,372.33)</b>
<b>Statement of Assets &amp; liabilities</b>	£	£	£	£
RBS Current Account	5,814.37	-	11,847.33	17,661.70
CofE Deposit	22,121.92	60,000.00	416.12	82,538.04
Cash held which is repayable	[753.00]	-	-	[753.00]
	<b>27,183.29</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>12,263.45</b>	<b>99,446.74</b>

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The PCC discussed the following factors in arriving at their reserves policy:

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important.

The policy of this charity is to keep three months general running costs (£20k) in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies. Current free reserves stand at £27,183.29

This policy will be reviewed in twelve months.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Holy Trinity, Blacon accounts break down into six funds:

### **Fund 1 - Church General Account (Unrestricted)**

This fund shows a surplus for the year of £60,025.33. £60,000 of this was designated for Special Projects. This brings the total unrestricted funds available to £27,183.29 which is above the current reserves policy of £20,000.

### **Fund 2 - Special Projects (Designated)**

During the year an unrestricted anonymous donation was received of £100,000. £60,000 of this was designated for Special Projects to be carried out in future years.

### **Fund 3 - Outreach Project (Restricted)**

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £9,211.46. The fund is restricted for the purpose of supporting the work of the community Outreach Project and has a balance at 31 December 2021 of £8,587.

### **Fund 4 – Church Boilers (Restricted)**

This fund is restricted for the purpose of work on the church boilers.

### **Fund 5 – Blacon Baby Buddies (Restricted)**

This fund is restricted for the purpose of running sessions for new mums living in Blacon and their babies under 6 months of age.

### **Fund 6 - Church Choir Fund (Restricted)**

Other than the addition of a small amount of interest there was no activity on this account. The fund is restricted for choir use, and is used only at discretion of the choir.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity (Without The Walls), Blacon**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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*A M Hopwood*

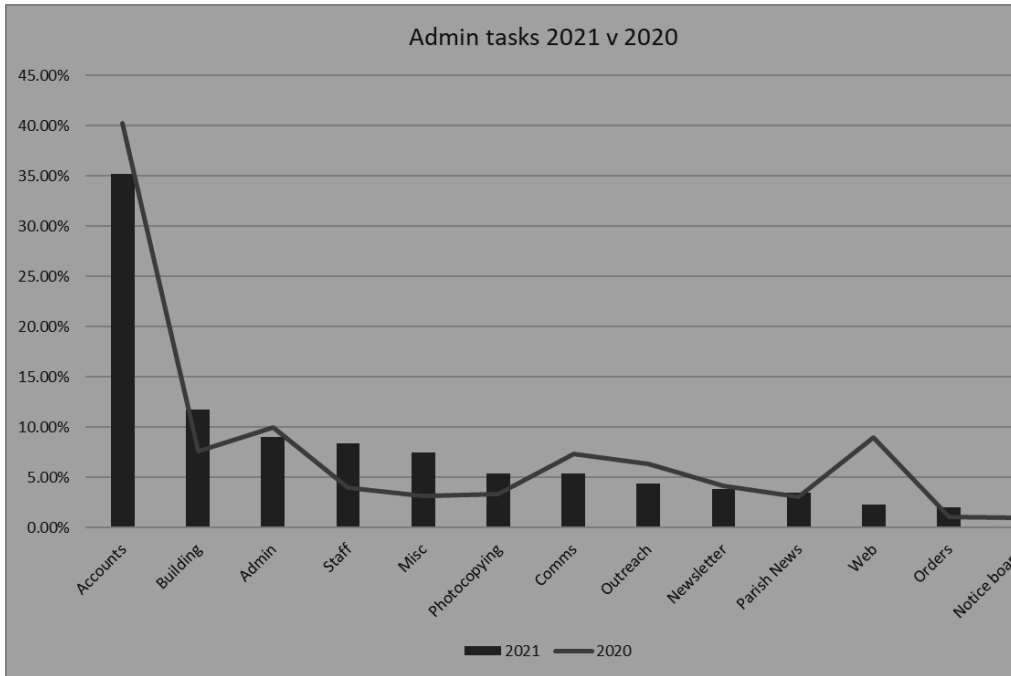
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**11 May 2022**



# Parish Administrator's Report : 2021



*Graph showing comparison between admin tasks for 2021 compared with 2020*

Another year has gone and here I am in my 6<sup>th</sup> year as your Parish Administrator. Here's a few snippets of what's been happening in the Trinity Hall office:

## **What I've found challenging**

Accounts continue to be a challenge, we now have a new software program recommended by Phil Roberts who has been a huge support in getting us set up and going. We desperately need a Treasurer so prayers would be most appreciated as we continue to believe and trust that God will provide the right person at the right time. Two other major changes was the switch from BT to Vodafone for our

Broadband provision and the search for a replacement contract for our new photocopier and the removal of the old one.

### **What I've enjoyed**

It's been great to get back into the Church office environment following the various Covid lockdowns and the office space and light helped tremendously with the work that is carried out by all who enter. We missed our annual student support but we did have Kickstart worker Michael Jones help out on occasion when his time with Blacon Beacon allowed. It's been great to receive reviews on our new Google Business account – we'd love to encourage more as it helps others searching online for our church. Do search for 'Holy Trinity Blacon' on Google and leave a review of your visits.

### **Plans for the Coming Year**

To continue learning 'the ropes' for the new accounts software and to keep on top on the book keeping side of things. Hall and minibus bookings have started to pick up – we have both lost and gained bookings throughout 2021 and we now have new spaces to let/rent following the departure of our NHS clinics. To pray for more admin support following the advert placed in the Parish News so that we can value the gifts of others in this much needed ministry.

### **Thanks**

My thanks go to all those that have assisted in the admin work load particularly to volunteers Jason Clarke (*Parish News editor*), Linda Thomas, Ken Pemberton, Lynn Wakefield, June Middleton and Colin Jones to name a few – those I haven't named, please know your support has been so much appreciated... thank you! T.E.A.M – Together Everyone Achieves Much.

*Linda Tudor     Parish Administrator*

# BLACON BEACON

*(trading name of  
Pantry for  
Blacon CIO,  
registered  
charity number  
1183763)*



**Blacon Beacon**  
Food • Advice • Support

The past year was only our second full year of trading, but it has seen the charity grow and become more firmly established. The ‘basic’ activities, providing weekly food bags for its members continues, and alongside that each week there are three distribution sessions held for people collecting emergency food parcels for West Cheshire Foodbank.

We have also joined forces with Holy Trinity Church to continue to provide food and activities in the school holidays. While through lockdown, and also at Easter and May half term food was delivered to people’s houses, it was a delight to be able to welcome families on site to have a picnic

lunch, and join in with various activities here. In the February and October half terms we provided families with recipe bags, including a recipe and all the ingredients to make a delicious meal – this proved very popular. At Christmas, we delivered two course Christmas dinners – this year it was 354 dinners, which was a record! Alongside the meals we also delivered 128 Christmas activity bags for children under 11 years.

Other extra activities we were involved with, was delivering computer basics training to individuals who needed it, and associated with that was help with various tasks on computers, like applying for jobs or writing a CV. We gave out dozens of slow cookers as part of a project run by Welcome Network, and we have also given them bags of ingredients with recipes to encourage use of them. We also ran the Steps Challenge over a 12 week period in the summer –

when people were given a Fit-Bit and the challenge was to see who could notch up the most steps, and we were donated prizes for the winners.

It became apparent in 2020 that the premises we had originally built for our store was not large enough, and we had been using a separate room on the other side of the church hall. So it was with great relief that builders arrived in November 2021 to work on enlarging our store (doubling it in size), and by Christmas we had our wonderful premises. Alongside that, our Trustees signed a 'Memorandum of

Understanding' with the Trustees (the PCC) of the Church, which sets out the relationship between our two charities – it will be reviewed annually.

We have had a changeover of staffing in the charity – our former Manager Kerry was replaced in the summer by Cat and then Georgia, and now we have Lesley as General Manager, Michael as Assistant Manager, Shona as store assistant and Naomi as Administrator. We also have a great team of volunteers who also work for us, and without their help we would not be able to function.

*Tina Upton (Chair of Trustees)*



**WEBSITE: [www.holytrinityblacon.org](http://www.holytrinityblacon.org)**

**PARISH STAFF:**

Rector	Rev Tina Upton
Assistant Curates	Rev Anina Thomas Canon Dr Christopher Burkett
Reader	Mrs Sarah Dutton Mrs Lindsay Tanner
Outreach Worker	Miss Anna Briggs
Family Support worker	Mrs Ellie Knight
Parish Administrator	Ms Linda Tudor
Organist	Mr John Williams

**PCC MEMBERS:**

Chair	The Rector
Vice-Chair	Mr Jason Clarke
Secretary	Mrs Lynn Wakefield
Wardens	Mrs June Middleton Ms Linda Thomas
Treasurer	<i>vacant</i>
Deanery Synod	Mr Jim Middleton Mrs June Middleton
Other members	Ms Su Colly Mr Ken Pemberton Mrs Tricia Hughes
Ex officio	The parish clergy

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# Accounts

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# **Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Blacon for the year ended 31 December 2020**



## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Name of the charity:** The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, (Without the Walls), Blacon. Known as Holy Trinity, Blacon

**Charity number:** 1180853

**Principal office:** Holy Trinity Church Office, Norris Road, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5DZ

**Trustees:**

1. Rev Christina Upton
2. Rev Louise Mary Annison
3. Mrs. Lynn Wakefield
4. Mr Clifford Jason Clarke
5. Mrs Susan Grocock-Colly
6. Canon Dr Christopher Burkett
7. Mrs Patricia Hughes
8. Mrs June Middleton
9. Mr Kenneth Pemberton
10. Mr Jim Middleton

# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

## Aims and Purposes

The PCC of Holy Trinity Church Blacon has the responsibility, together with its incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the adjoining Church Hall and a bungalow at 44 Southway, Blacon, Chester.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) 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 force on 2 January 1957. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is made up of individuals voted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, for a three-year term and also ex-officio members comprising clergy, licensed workers and Deanery Synod representatives.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (INCLUDING PUBLIC BENEFIT)

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 Church. 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 and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church Blacon and its Church Hall.

## SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

What a strange year 2020 was for everyone, and not least for the life of Holy Trinity Church. It began with so much promise.

The church began the New Year with its new worship pattern (9.30am Traditional Eucharist and 11.30am Contemporary Worship) and was gaining popularity at both times. The 11.30 congregation stayed on in church for lunch, which also proved popular.

The Outreach Project was also blooming. Mondays were a hive of activity with the Art group, knit and natter, and many coming in for soup and bread at lunchtime. Alongside this, we continued with Cooking Made Simple course in the hall kitchen. Tuesday's gardening group was growing, with groups from Bowmere coming to join us.

On Thursdays, we had an Intergenerational Project running during our very popular Playtots Café sessions. It had begun at the end of 2019, but was growing in the early months of 2020 [photo] with residents of



Florence Grogan, Lauren Court and The Willows (on different days) being brought to join in with the toddlers. Then, the Nursing homes suddenly closed in early March, because of the Coronavirus. And before we knew it, the whole Outreach project had to be closed. Sue continued to work for us, joining with the Blacon Action Team work in the hall. We also were able to provide cooked meals for families with activities, delivered to their doors.



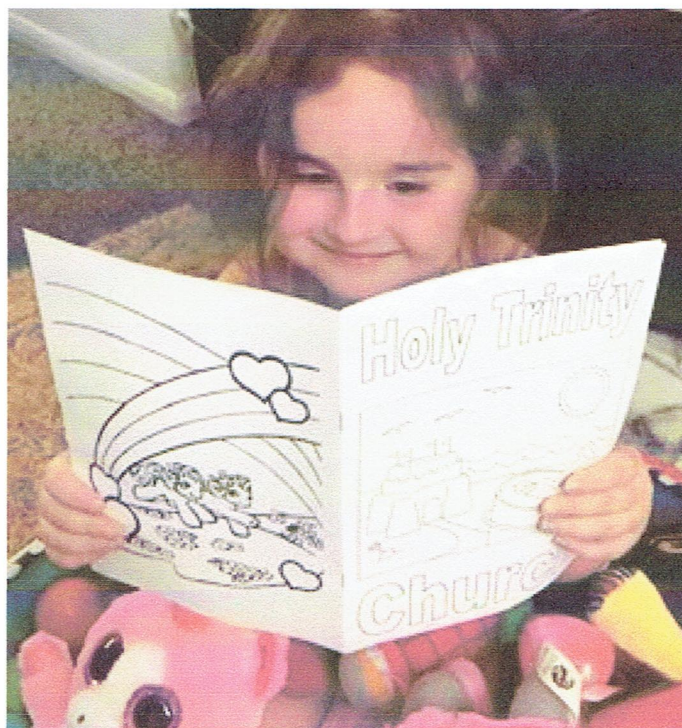
It was one of the saddest days of my life when I was instructed to lock the church and prevent anyone entering – completely the opposite of the welcome we are called to give. But at the same time, the church hall was coming to life in ways we might have only dreamed of before, as the church was able to be a major partner in Blacon Action Team which provided food for those in need in the community at this time of crisis.

With no Sunday worship, how could Holy Trinity continue to 'reach out with Christ'? Various things developed. We began to

send out newsletters, including a 'pastoral letter' each weekend – emailed to those we were able to, and hard copies posted to the others. We began to produce online worship – we created a church You Tube channel (holyltrinityblacon2020) and posted weekly videos.

We were also able to produce videos for the schools, in place of the assemblies we would have otherwise been doing. We learned how to use Zoom, not only for various meetings like PCC or staff prayers, but also we began hosting Evening Prayer at 5pm on Wednesdays, which has been faithfully attended by around half a dozen or so each week. Additionally, Bible Study (which had been held on Thursday afternoons in the Rectory until mid-March) began on Thursday evenings on Zoom, and again has continued most weeks since the summer. Additionally, we attempted to keep in touch with church members at home, through regular telephone calls. Various members of the congregation were asked to keep in touch with a small number of others, and in that way everybody was covered. This has resulted in some good fellowship among church members, in spite of not seeing each other face-to-face for months.

It was July when the first lockdown eased, and churches were allowed for the first time to open. PCC was cautious, so we waited until September before opening for weekly (said) worship ourselves, with half the pews blocked off, a one-way system installed, and hand sanitiser and masks everywhere. We decided to just provide one 'in-person' service a week, at 9.30am, and fortunately, in spite of the second lockdown in November, we have been able to continue that each week to the present day. The only exception was at Christmas when it was lovely to be able to put on a Crib Service on



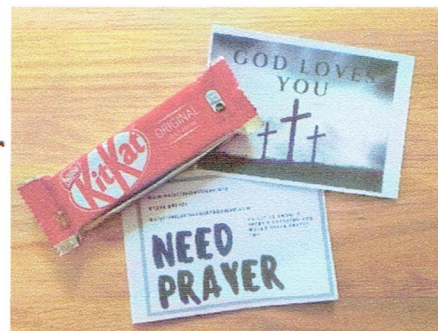
Christmas Eve (albeit smaller than usual), as well as the Midnight Communion, and a Eucharist on Christmas Day.

All that was catering for the needs of existing church members. What about our mission to reach out to others in the community with the love of God? On Easter Sunday, Louise and I went onto Burton Road with a speaker playing a track of 'Thine be the Glory' and we placed Easter Eggs on various bollards and gate posts. This was so popular, that we decided to bless the parish with chocolate every week. We began the habit of doing a prayer walk on Sundays, along the streets designated for prayer that week, and placing along the street, chocolate bars with a card with contact details and saying 'God loves you' (hygienically wrapped in a plastic bag).

This does not compensate for the many people we would have wanted to reach with the Good News of Christ crucified. There would normally have been many hundreds if not thousands of people through our doors for occasional offices, for school services, or for Christmas carol and Christingle services. None of those happened.

We instead reach thousands with practical examples of God's love, through the food we distributed.

2020 has certainly been a different year, but it is one where we seized the opportunities there were, and hopefully those will bear fruit in coming months and years.



*Tina Upton*

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11 April 2021

## HOLY TRINITY BLACON ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Parish Activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 TOTAL £	2019 TOTAL £
Giving & Donations	13,014.18	-	13,014.18	17,678.44
Gift Aid	3,787.60	-	3,787.60	3,849.91
PCC Fees	2,415.90	-	2,415.90	2,581.00
Hall Rent	39,790.79	-	39,790.79	40,905.00
Southway Rent	7,051.20	-	7,051.20	5,433.68
Parish Magazine & Printing	2,105.90	-	2,105.90	1,361.82
Other Income	98.55	6.61	105.16	2,341.27
Outreach Project inc Grants	1,207.64	54,147.84	55,355.48	38,245.80
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>69,471.76</b>	<b>54,154.45</b>	<b>123,626.21</b>	<b>112,396.92</b>
Parish Share	35,422.32	-	35,422.32	34,558.32
Ministry Expenses	6,834.53	-	6,834.53	4,923.21
Organist, Choir and Worship	1,438.82	-	1,438.82	6,126.96
Church Costs	5,854.40	-	5,854.40	7,066.24
Parish Admin	14,942.98	-	14,942.98	16,903.58
Hall Costs	5,799.22	-	5,799.22	5,873.53
44 Southway Costs	557.51	-	557.51	1,150.27
Youth Work	85.61	-	85.61	72.72
PCC Donations	750.00	-	750.00	1,000.00
Returning Church Charities money	-	613.38	613.38	-
Outreach Project	6,020.14	58,555.78	64,575.92	37,731.81
<b>Payments</b>	<b>77,705.52</b>	<b>59,169.16</b>	<b>136,874.68</b>	<b>115,406.64</b>
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Transfers	-	-	-	-
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Church Choir Fund	-	415.91	415.91	412.35
Church Charities Account	-	-	-	610.33
	<b>27,157.96</b>	<b>18,214.37</b>	<b>45,372.33</b>	<b>58,620.80</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	7,049.92	17,798.46	24,848.38	36,805.44
Church of England Deposit Fund	20,108.04	415.91	20,523.95	21,054.12
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	761.24
	<b>27,157.96</b>	<b>18,214.37</b>	<b>45,372.33</b>	<b>58,620.80</b>

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

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- A significant portion of the charities income comes from the letting of the hall to the NHS. The rent is paid quarterly. It was therefore felt appropriate to keep three months general running costs (£20k) in reserve.

It is therefore the policy of this charity to keep three months general running costs (£20k) in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies. Current free reserves stand at £27,157.96.

This policy will be reviewed in twelve months.

## Review of Financial Position

Holy Trinity, Blacon accounts break down into four funds.

### Fund 1 - Church General Account (Unrestricted)

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £8,233.76. This brings the total unrestricted funds available to £27,157.96 which is above the current reserves policy of £20,000.

### Fund 2 - Outreach Project (Restricted)

This fund shows a deficit for the year of £4,407.94. The fund is restricted for the purpose of supporting the work of the community Outreach Project and has a balance at 31 December 2020 of £17,798.46

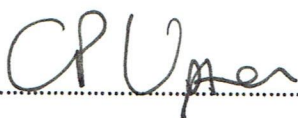
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Other than the addition of a small amount of interest there was no activity on this account. The fund is restricted for choir use, and is used only at discretion of the choir.

### Fund 4 - Church Charities Account (Restricted)

Other than the addition of a small amount of interest there was no activity on this account. The fund was returned during the year to the Church Charities and is no longer held by Holy Trinity.

Approved on behalf of the board of Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Rev CP Upton (PCC Chair)