

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SACRED TRINITY, SALFORD

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Details

Other names SACRED TRINITY PCC, SALFORD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

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

Activities: Parish Church in Salford on the edge of Manchester City Centre providing for the Spiritual, social and wellbeing needs of the community. We provide religious services and a range of community activities and also allow use of our building by other groups.

Classification

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

Geography

- Salford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£51,582	£57,757	-	-
2024-12-31	£69,372	£83,288	-	-
2023-12-31	£48,605	£47,416	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,282	£51,895	-	-
2021-12-31	£34,914	£35,182	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,564	£31,341	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Ian Salmon	Chair	2019-02-13
Andreia Pereira		2025-05-25
Dyfrig Lewis-Smith		2025-05-25
Keith Banda		2023-09-03
Lee Earnshaw		2024-03-29
Michaela Salmon		2018-02-13
Neil Worthington		2010-02-02
Philip Chandler		2023-04-30
Siu Hung Tyran Choy		2025-05-25
Wayne Edwards		2024-03-29

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Sacred Trinity Church Chapel Street Salford



Annual Report 2025



SACRED TRINITY CHURCH

Deanery of Salford, Diocese of Manchester

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2025/26

Rector	Andy Salmon
Lay Vice Chair:	Tyran Choy
Churchwardens:	Lee Earnshaw Keith Banda
Church Warden Emeritus	Les Kott
Deputy Churchwarden	Tyran Choy
Treasurer:	Gloria Wong
Gift Aid Secretary:	Vacant
PCC Secretary:	Philip Chandler
Deanery Synod Rep	Neil Worthington and Keith Banda
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Andreia Pereira
Sides people	Nizara Louro, Sijin Kim, Terry Ip, Andreia Pereira
Electoral Roll Officer:	Philip Chandler

Other Council Members:

Tyran Choy (2028)

Philip Chandler (2026)

Andreia Pereira (2028)

Michaela Salmon (2027)

Les Kott (2026)

Wayne Edwards (2027)

The PCC accounts are held at;

Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH

Rector's report

Building friendship and community in which faith, hope and love can transform lives.

As usual we have had a year of lots of new people joining and quite a few goodbyes. Two big losses in 2025 were the sudden death of Graham Ashworth who was Churchwarden in April and then in July Peter Hughes who was curate moved on. Both of them are missed. Fortunately over the past year we have gained more people than we have lost but it remains a challenge to welcome new people and to build up our team of volunteers.



Building. We remain committed to getting some major improvements done to our building and as I write we are waiting for feedback from the National Lottery on an Expression of Interest that I submitted.

Finance. If you look at our accounts you will see that we have continued to eat in to our reserves and there is very little left. We really need to increase our income and we will try to increase the amount coming in from renting our space or doing gigs but a big part of our income comes from regular giving by members of the congregation. We need your help. The bible teaches us to “tithe”, to give away 10% of our income before we do anything else. The Church of England suggests that this should mean 5% to our local church and 5% to other charities. Perhaps you might like to think about whether you can increase your giving, start a regular standing order or start giving regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme. Our ambition is to be a church that builds friendship and community in which faith, hope and love can transform lives. To have a bigger impact in our community, to reach more people, to grow as a community we need more resources and we all need to do what we can. We all have something to offer.

Relationship. At our Mission Action Planning meeting in June we identified various priorities but the top two were building relationships and increasing lay leadership. To develop good relationships at church we have tried doing some additional social events and have been talking to one another more. We need to build on this and I'm always open to suggestions of how we might do this.

Lay leadership. I have been talking to someone about some leadership training in our church that could be very exciting. I hope that this will come about but whether it is that particular approach or another we need to build a good team to lead this church together. Iona, when she arrives in June will be a great new asset but we must make use of her to build up the wider team. We need to be a church that is led by a good, diverse team with integrity, enthusiasm and a growing relationship with God and each other.

I want to finish with some thanks. Thanks to Lee and Keith for their support as churchwardens and to Tyran as a deputy warden. Huge thanks to Gloria and Lorna for all their work on the accounts. Thanks to Neil, Dyfrig and Peter for their help with the services. Thanks to David for all that he does for the church and community musically. Thanks to Philip for keeping PCC on track. Thanks to Les for his faithful service over the years and for his bad jokes at Place of Welcome. Thanks to Marielle and before her, Sijin for

their bravery in coming here and their willingness to muck in. And thanks to all of you! I will finish by adapting the prayer that I offered in thanks for the City of Salford at our recent centenary celebration.
Prayer of Thanksgiving for Salford

Loving God, we give you thanks for our Church and City
For the generosity and warmth of the people
For creativity and diversity
For work and industry
For family and community
For each other
Both oldies and newbies
For all that we are
For all that we shall be
We give thanks
Amen.

Rev Canon Andy Salmon

Churchwarden's Report

By Keith Banda and Lee Earnshaw

1. Vision and Mission Strategy

Keith and Lee continued to fulfill their legal duties by collaborating closely with Sacred Trinity Church leadership. A primary focus was supporting Andy in implementing the parish vision: **building love and friendship** as a foundation for gifts and ministries to flourish.

Our mission is to be a transforming Christian presence at the heart of the community, guided by the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:20) and the **Great Commandment** of love (Mark 12:30-31). These scriptural foundations drive our diocesan goals of Church Planting, Renewal, and Growing Younger.



2. Operational Ministries & Hospitality

Welcoming and Safeguarding

We are grateful to our team of volunteers who ensure members and visitors feel comfortable and safe. We remained vigilant in maintaining the sanctity of worship, successfully managing security and safeguarding concerns following diocesan alerts regarding individuals of concern.

Hospitality and Community Presence

Sacred Trinity remains a sought-after City Centre hub for professional choirs, trade unions, and social campaigners. Our hospitality ministry—ranging from Sunday morning tea and coffee to managing the bar for evening gigs—is central to our mission.

"My mission as Churchwarden is to be a great representative to Salford and to make the best of what Sacred Trinity offers available to the wider community." — **Lee**

Churchyard and Environment

Upholding the principle that "cleanliness is next to godliness," we conducted weekly litter picking every Sunday morning. As an eco-friendly church, we invite more members to join this joyful task of maintaining God's House.

3. Leadership and Governance

The Office of Churchwarden

The Churchwarden role dates to the 13th Century and remains a vital form of lay ministry. Having served as Deputy Churchwarden since May 2024, Lee stepped up into the Warden role this year. This "step up" in co-leadership has been bolstered by professional development:

- **Professional Training:** In January, Lee attended Churchwarden training at the Diocese of Manchester's Bury office, led by Rachel Mann. The training covered faculties, finance, and the specific safeguarding structures of the Diocese.
- **PCC Contribution:** Since joining the PCC, Lee has moved from "attendance" to active advocacy, specifically supporting the Treasurer with annual financial reporting and sustainable, "smart" saving choices.

Professional Synergy

Both Keith and Lee are Human Resources professionals. While Lee works full-time in HR for Salford City Council, the flexibility of hybrid working allows Sacred Trinity to feel like a "second home" and a community space for work.

"Keith and I enjoyed working together, especially as we are both HR Professionals; we easily transfer our skills and knowledge to represent God's people," — **Lee**

"The Churchwarden job description is wide and varied... but one has to feel called to represent the people of God and support ministry leaders in their specific mission context. We need more volunteers to work with us." — **Keith**

PCC Secretary report

In the last year there have been 6 PCC meetings, with a seventh scheduled prior to the APCM for final approval of accounts. Attendance has been good from all PCC members, with occasional absences and apologies given.

Finance has been a consistent agenda item, as this has been a major concern for the PCC and regular updates have been needed as Gloria has taken on the role of treasurer. Another regular agenda item has been safeguarding, allowing the PCC to discuss any concerns, although there have been no major safeguarding issues that have required further action.

The PCC has continued to discuss and help plan the programme for the church, including services and social events. This includes plans for services during festival seasons, alongside possible changes to the regular Sunday evening services. Of particular note this year is a drive for increased Church social events, with the recent trip to Ordsall Hall and the social event at the Rectory both being supported as a result. Building issues have been discussed as required over the year, but this has mostly been related to minor repairs that have been required rather than considerable changes to the building.



The PCC has also discussed plans for the church community through two items: the mission action planning, that was held alongside the wider congregation in June, and the possibility of being a resource church. These items resulted in useful discussion for a positive future of the Church community, exploring what else we can do as a Church in addition to current activity.

Philip Chandler

Deanery Synod

I am one of two of our parish's Deanery Synod representatives, the other being Keith. I've not been able to get to many Synod meetings in the past year, mainly because of clashes with meetings at St Clement's, Urmston, where I am (for now) the Treasurer. I'm hoping that Keith can add to these brief notes.

I do remember Synod meetings that focused on Giving and Stewardship, and ways to help individual parishes meet their Parish Share obligations - such as increasing the amount of Gift Aid that we can claim from His Majesty's Revenue & Customs.

There has also been significant emphasis on Safeguarding and ways in which we can all help to ensure that our churches and church buildings remain safe spaces for all.

We've had presentations and exhortations on Eco-Churches and general care for God's world. This included work on the diocese's "Energy Footprint Tool", which should ideally be updated every year. In these uncertain and unprecedented times, anything that makes more efficient use of increasingly expensive energy is doubly welcome.

Sadly, we lost our Deanery Secretary, Iain Hodcroft, who died unexpectedly in October. He had been a considerable force in organising and galvanising the new and much larger Deanery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Iain's death occurred around the same time as our Area Dean, Revd Colin Pearson, retired. We now have a new Dean. This is the Revd Richard Worsfold, previously the Archdeacon of Leicester.

Finally, the February Synod was notified of:

"a recent legacy by a Sacred Trinity worshipper - with money set aside for work in the 'Churches of the Deanery of Salford'. However this entity no longer exists [it amalgamated with other Deaneries to form Salford & Leigh Deanery].

To honour the legacy intention the Standing Committee suggest that Mission Community 4 receive the £11K legacy. Revd Peter Bennett will come back to synod with a plan of how they will use the money for the synod to vote upon."
[Mission Community 4 includes Sacred Trinity.]

The thoughts of our own PCC on how that money might be spent would be most welcome.

Neil Worthington

Safeguarding

We work in line with the National Church safeguarding policy and procedures. Andreia Pereira is our Parish Safeguarding officer.



Music Director's report 2025 - 2026

Achievements over the year - Church



Work to repair the damage to the organ took place this year. A hail storm in early 2025 blocked the roof gullies and water flowed into the church and into the organ causing substantial damage. Insurance paid for most of this work but the organ was out of service for an extended period. In addition, the blower motor burned out and had to be replaced with a reconditioned item. The humidifier that maintains a constant humidity in the organ has also passed its useful life and been replaced. This has resulted in a fairly expensive year for the organ, but the organ is now working well and hopefully will not need anything besides

regular maintenance in the coming year.

Achievements over the year - Choir

The choir has continued to grow during the year and we are continuing to learn new and more complex repertoire while maintaining existing repertoire. Numbers recovered from the January crash of 2025 but we had such an influx at the end of 2025 that the 'existing repertoire' actually had to be substantially re-learned in early 2026. Choir numbers remained fairly high as we didn't experience the usual crash in numbers during January. This bodes well for the future and I hope to build a consistent repertoire of songs we can sing at our regular "DreamSpace" gigs. I am grateful to Keith Banda for his support of the choir running the front of house operation needed to welcome people and ensure that refreshments are available.

Challenges for the year - Church

I am videoing music that we use in church and publishing them on social media showcasing my work but also explaining the rôle that the music plays in worship.

Challenges for the year - Choir

The marketing campaign for the choir, which takes up a good deal of time and effort, seems to have paid off as the choir returned to numbers in the mid-twenties by Christmas and has not collapsed in the new year. Choir numbers remain above mid teens and into low twenties with 21 people attending the most recent "DreamSpace" gig. There is still work to do, however, as too many choir members are irregular in attendance. I wish to build the choir's sense of community so that more members feel a strong sense of belonging and wish to attend regularly in order to support their community. As it is, however, the choir is returning at least enough money to church coffers each week to make it self sustaining. As this was one of the early goals for the choir, it must be said that this goal has now been achieved. The Flat Iron Choir will reach its 10th anniversary in September this year and the autumn publicity campaign will focus on this achievement and aim to stimulate further interest.

David Hillary

Time for God Volunteer

It has been really a joy and pleasure to be this year's "Time for God" volunteer in Sacred Trinity Church for the past seven months. Since September when I arrived in Manchester everyone has welcomed me into the Sacred Trinity Community and have made this place feel like home.

My tasks vary from day to day.

On Sundays I help set up for the morning service and occasionally do the Welcome by giving out the Hymnbooks. In the evening service I assist where I can and engage in conversation with the people.

On Mondays after the online morning prayer, I start the day by updating the churches Instagram account with upcoming events. Occasionally I also do various Computer tasks like designing flyers or writing this report. In the evening, I make my way to the Flat Iron Choir practice. Sometimes I'm the one who opens the doors and prepares tea and coffee for everyone.

On a Tuesday, I start my day with setting up for "Place of Welcome", where mostly people who live alone, come to meet other people and enjoy the company. We offer small refreshments like toast and of course a cup of tea or coffee. We spend the Morning and Afternoon tending to the needs of the visitors but also doing small tasks around church like changing the altar or counting money. After that I prepare for Bible study in the afternoon, where we usually begin with eating soup.

Since October I started working in Friars Primary School on a Wednesday. I help the children with their work or do individual training with them but also help the teacher keeping the class quiet. I started in year one and go through the classes every week to year six before I start in year one again. I learn a lot about teaching methods and interacting with children different age groups. After school I go to church to do some more Office work. My job is to create the weekly Email and the Notice Sheet for the Sunday Morning Service. I also cut and laminate Flyers for the church or upcoming gigs. Then I prepare to set up for "Silence in the City"

After a busy Wednesday I start my Thursday with finishing my Admin work. Sometimes I prepare the church when the weekly "Camera Club" is meeting in church. I like attending camera club, it's a nice group of people and I enjoy exploring new places with them together.

All in all, I learned many new things and got to know lots of new people. I gained great experiences whilst working as a volunteer, living abroad and constantly facing new situations and challenges. I learnt a lot of new things which will be of great help to me in the future. I'm very grateful to be able to spend my gap year in this community to grow, learn and help others.

Marielle Oberdorfer



Manchester Universities' Guild of Change Ringers:

Ringling this year has certainly been varied. After the dinner last year we had steady enough numbers reaching until the summer.

We had a successful tour this year! Eleanor took us to Grimsby to see the sights and the local culture. (At this point, Clive laughed inappropriately, suggesting that there is no culture to be found in Grimsby). We rang at 7 of the local churches as well as supporting the Sunday morning service ringing. A big thanks to All Saints Waltham for hosting us and rapidly putting up smoke detectors so the fire warden would allow us to stay. This was followed by a toasty quarter peal at Marshchapel which I attempted to fire out in the last lead, thanks to Philip for calling and Eleanors mum for ringing!



We haven't had any consistent new students this year although we have had some new old people. Megan and Fiona have both joined in recently. One of the students who visits semi regularly is Chloe, she has taken our eclectic style in her stride, learning several new methods and refreshing previous ones.

The attendance of MUGs at the NUA this year was not as many as expected, however the two that did attend did so well. 20 changes of plain bob royal were rang on pints and the boat race was not lost, only second last.

We have had 23 quarter peals rang this year, some highlights; a quarter of MUG minor, first major conducted for Philip, first major rang for myself. Quarter peals have been rang on Tuesday for practice night when we haven't had enough for a practice or there has been a desire for method learning. There has been one peal rang for the MUGs, for the dinner weekend yesterday, a first for myself and a first in method for many of the band members. Practices this year as mentioned have varied in number, there was a real dip at the start of the academic year due to the core band being unavailable at times. The past few weeks we have been supported by cathedral ringers which has significantly added to numbers. We hope to continue this in the future. Handbell ringing is going strong, the band support learners when they're around and ring fun things when they're not.

Sunday morning ringing has also been held afloat by cathedral ringers attending after the cathedral. A big thanks to those who come on Sunday mornings to support the church.

It's been a good year of ringing thank you all for being a part of the MUGs

We should probably have a chat about the future way that we'll be running ringing at Trin, there were some changes discussed at the meeting prior to the dinner. Nothing much to worry about, we'll still be supporting Trin in much the same way as before, but it looks like I'll be running the practices instead of Hannah. Will have to think about a few official things on the formal basis for that though.

Anna Nash

Camera Club Review 2025/26

The Camera Club meets each Thursday from 1.00pm to go out into the communities to take photographs. It is a very informal group who like to meet, photograph and then upload to our Facebook page and to also share ideas over coffee/tea and cake in a cafe after.



Over the last 12 months we have taken photographs in and around Manchester, been to view Rochdale's Town Hall magnificent ceiling, taken photographs of Sacred Trinity's community groups who meet at the church for an exhibition in church, and even had a trip out to Herne Clough to view the B-29 plane crash site.

Visits to Salford Museum to view their 100years exhibition, the Christmas lights, HOME Manchester, around Barton Bridge and surrounding areas.

During the winter months we have tried tube light-painting photography, close up photography, portraits and have frequent planning sessions.

We also meet for a post Christmas meal together .

There is always something to photograph and we enjoy the fellowship that brings us together.

Barbara

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll has been updated with those who have died or moved away removed but we now stand at 36 names.

DreamSpace

The DreamSpace evenings continue to go well at Sacred Trinity and we are gradually seeing more people come along which is really encouraging. At a recent event we had around 60 in attendance. The feedback from both performers and the audience is overwhelmingly positive.

The Flat Iron Choir continue to open and close each evening and it's been great to see the choir grow over the past year. Many thanks to David for rehearsing the choir diligently each month and for leading the choir every evening. It's also been good to welcome the Manchester Choral Scholars more regularly, along with a range of new musicians and poets. It's great that people enjoy performing with us. We've also formed great contacts with local charities too.

In 2025 we experimented with having a guest host for some of the evenings. These evenings have gone well and been well-received. Having different people hosting from the front definitely adds a further dynamic. We've also had a series of 'Artists of the Month' displaying their artwork around the church, which again adds another dimension to DreamSpace. It's such a joy being surrounded by such creative people - whether musicians, poets and artists - and to be able to encourage people to express themselves.

Despite things going well, we have certainly had some challenges in 2025. Due to my illness we had to cancel the September DreamSpace evening. However, thanks to Andy, David and others, the evenings were able to go ahead for October and November which I am very grateful for.

We're excited about how DreamSpace might develop going forwards, and I'm keen to further develop our performers list. I'm also keen to invite more people to 'guest host' and to encourage visual artists to share their artwork too. So onwards and upwards!

Neil Whitaker



Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

	% change	2025	2024	2023
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned giving (e.g. standing orders)	- 7.63	13,339.23	14,441.02	12,309.00
Collections and other giving	- 56.05	665.91	1,515.28	0.00
Weekly Envelopes		0.00	0.00	389.23
Gift Day / Boxes	21.99	1,386.61	1,136.67	281.53
Income tax recovered	443.16	4,021.59	740.40	2,468.53
		19,413.34	17,833.37	15,448.29
Other voluntary receipts				
Donations/Grants	1.08	10,805.99	10,690.32	16,672.74
Other, incl Collections for external charities	- 77.73	4,783.33	21,476.00	3,110.42
Legacies/Bequests	- 51.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
		15,589.32	32,166.32	19,783.16
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Sales of diaries, magazines and Tradecraft items		0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions from community choir	15.90	1,268.40	1,094.35	1,581.57
Rent from letting of Church property	20.08	8,730.00	7,270.00	6,720.00
Bar	- 31.07	5,550.00	8,052.00	3,256.62
	- 5.29	15,548.40	16,416.35	11,558.19
Receipts from Church activities				
Occasional Service Fees	- 43.25	1,051.00	1,852.00	1,376.76
		1,051.00	1,852.00	1,376.76
Receipts from investments				
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	- 87.63	136.55	1,104.25	560.42
		136.55	1,104.25	560.42
Less: transaction handling fees	- 22.29	-156.12	-200.91	-121.22
Exceptional item		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	- 25.43	51,582.49	69,171.38	48,605.60

	2025		2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments						
<i>Charitable giving</i>						
Overseas mission societies	27.31	1,100.00	864.00	300.00		
Christian relief & development agencies	- 9.09	100.00	110.00	0.00		
Home mission & Church societies		0.00	110.00	1,600.00		
		1,200.00	1,084.00	1,900.00		
<i>Church activities</i>						
Parish Share	2.02	13,194.73	12,933.47	12,997.36		
Church running expenses	1.82	17,949.69	17,628.80	14,153.73		
Clergy expenses	8.46	2,195.67	2,024.32	1,567.22		
Upkeep of Services	18.03	1,976.01	1,674.19	1,263.12		
Maintenance & equipment	19.25	5,696.07	4,776.72	5,444.79		
Organ and Piano Maintenance	- 98.35	320.76	19,441.36	409.20		
Trading (i.e. Tradecraft and magazine sales)		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Photocopier	- 69.74	114.13	377.14	0.00		
Wages & Salaries	33.95	9,680.00	7,226.41	7,374.77		
Fees remitted to Diocese		1,561.00	0.00	386.00		
Community Choir expenses	- 100.00	0.00	69.00	233.90		
Bar	- 9.32	2,570.72	2,835.08	1,014.48		
Sundry, incl exceptional items	- 90.18	1,298.21	13,218.00	671.35		
		56,556.99	82,204.49	45,515.92		
Total Payments	- 30.65	57,756.99	83,288.49	47,415.92		
Excess of Receipts over Payments	- 56.26	-6,174.50	-14,117.11	1,189.68		
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January		11,113.51	25,230.62	24,040.94		
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December		4,939.01	11,113.51	25,230.62		
NOTES						
Receipts						

"Other" receipts consist of:

Engle Power refund	£853.33
Insurance claim, balance from 2024 claim	£3,930.00
	<u>£4,783.33</u>

We received one-off grants from Manchester Diocese, of £3,000, which is intended to be utilised towards publicity.
Also £700 from a community fund via the local CoOp / Spa store.

Whilst a substantial amount was received from the Gift Aid claim, which covered 2024 as well as 2025, the final quarters claim will be received in 2026.

Payments

"Sundry" payments consist of:

Leaving gift to TFG volunteer - Sifin	£98.21 (Donation rec'd 138.42 - this would not normally be put through the accounts)
Butress Architects, final balance re work undertaken in 2024	£1,200.00
	<u>£1,298.21</u>

The Parish Share for 2025 was adjusted by the Diocese, down to £12,000, which was settled in full, with a payment of £978.41 being paid in early 2026.
NB: A payment of £2,173.14 was made in February 2025 in respect of the 2024 Parish share.

NOTES:

- (1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- (2) The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.
This is mainly the church's silverware, which is now stored in the safe at church.
- (3) The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

Approved by the PCC on 19th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by



The Revd Andy Salmon (PCC Chairperson) and Mrs Gloria Wong (Treasurer)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF SACRED TRINITY, SALFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

- 1.) An in year deficit of £6,174.50, which would not be sustainable in 2026.**

Apart from the above it gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act



(Canon Phillip Geldard – Independent Examiner)

Date: 14th April 2026

Accounts



SACRED TRINITY CHURCH

Deanery of Salford, Diocese of Manchester

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023/24

Rector	Andy Salmon
Lay Vice Chair:	Lorna Cook
Churchwardens:	Graham Ashworth Keith Banda
Church Warden Emeritus	Les Kott
Deputy Churchwarden	Lee Earnshaw
Treasurer:	Lorna Cook
Gift Aid Secretary:	Peter Hughes
PCC Secretary:	Michaela Salmon
Deanery Synod Rep	Neil Worthington and Keith Banda
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Vacant
Sides people	Graham Ashworth; Keith Banda; Peter Hughes
Electoral Roll Officer:	Philip Challoner

Other Council Members:

Bethany Wong (2025)

Philip Chandler (2026)

Lorna Cook (2025)

Michaela Salmon (2027)

Les Kott (2026)

Lee Earnshaw (2025)

Wayne Edwards (2027)

Honorary Clergy: Peter Hughes

The PCC accounts are held at;

Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH

Rector's report

Sacred Trinity is an amazing community of people and I continue to count it a privilege to serve here. As usual during 2024 there were a lot of new people and we said quite a few goodbyes too. We had some lovely highlights and a few struggles. We celebrated my 20th anniversary at the church and lots of people said nice things, which was encouraging. This is a report about 2024 but as I write this we are just past Easter in 2025 and have suffered a terrible tragedy in the sudden death of Graham Ashworth, one of our churchwardens. Graham had been churchwarden for less than 2 years but had really risen to the role. He will be difficult to replace as he was so generous with his time and his money.



Some highlights of 2024 would include our Being With group, the baptism and confirmation of several people, some lovely weddings, seeing people take on new roles and grow in confidence, the priesting of Peter, some lovely concerts and the way the DreamSpace evenings have evolved.

Some of the challenges have been the ingress of water over the organ pipes, the high cost of heating and lighting, electrical problems... in fact many of the challenges have been to do with our lovely historic building which is both a blessing and a burden. If the church is going to survive and thrive we are going to have to get more people giving regularly to church. We do have a little income from renting out space in the church and we make some money from running the bar at gigs but most money comes from people donating through standing orders or online or through the machine at the back of church. If you are one of those regular givers, thank you. If you aren't, then perhaps you would like to become one?

Our big plans for our building continue to make slow progress. To make substantial changes to our building is going to be extremely expensive but we will need to do it soon, if we are going to have a building fit for purpose in this 21st century city.

It is some years now since we did any serious Mission Action Planning and I am hoping that this summer we can have a session, perhaps over a Sunday lunchtime where we can reflect on what we do well, what we could do better, what isn't working and what our priorities should be. In preparation for this I will do an online survey and it would be great to have a good response to this.

I want to finish with some thanks. Thanks to Graham and Keith for their support as churchwardens and to Lee as a deputy warden. Huge thanks to Lorna and Gloria for all their work on the finances and to Peter as well. Thanks to Peter, Neil and Dyfrig for their help with the services. Thanks to David for all that he does for the church and community musically. Thanks to Michaela for keeping PCC on track as well as her support of me personally. Thanks to Les for his faithful service over the years and for bringing his CDs along to Place of Welcome. Thanks to Sijin and before her, Paul for their bravery in coming here and their willingness to muck in. And thanks to all of you for making sure that I am never bored and for carrying

the light of Christ in this wonderful, vibrant, frustrating, challenging, engaging, colourful and needful city that is loved by God.

Sisters and brothers let us love one another.

Andy Salmon, Rector.

Secretary report for Annual Parochial Council - 2024

There were six PCC meetings between April 2024 and April 2025.

Copies of the PCC meeting minutes are available for inspection upon request.

Meetings have been hybrid, with some joining online and others meeting face-to-face..

Safeguarding has been a standing agenda item and the PCC has discussed various ways to ensure we're doing everything we can as a church to make sure all members and visitors to the church are kept as safe as possible and also supported with any issues they may need help with. We also discussed the Makin review into historic abuse within the national church in the 1980s, which led to the resignation of the Archbishop, Justin Welby, in November 2024.

Church finances and the building have also featured regularly on our agendas, especially with the ongoing high cost of fuel bills and other essential costs, and our commitment to keep the building open and welcoming to our community. We also discussed the insurance claim we had to make in April 2024 following a leak in the roof which caused damage to our organ and a problem with rats biting through electricity cables in January 2025.

It's also been a priority for us to keep moving forward on our plans to make our building fit-for-purpose for the future, more efficient to run and more sustainable, so this has regularly featured on our agendas.

We've also discussed our views on the 'Prayers of Love and Faith', prayers of blessing to offer to same sex couples, which were agreed by the General Synod in April 2024.

We discussed and implemented lots of possible ideas to support church growth and we've planned social events to help the congregation get to know each other better and to welcome newcomers, and a celebration of Andy's 20 year anniversary at Sacred Trinity which took place in April 2024. We've also discussed the programme of services and other activities to celebrate Christmas and Easter and the programme of short courses such as 'Being With' to support us in our faith and bring in new people.

This year we said a fond farewell to Paul Wasmuth who finished his Time For God volunteer year and welcomed Sijin Kim as the new Time for God volunteer. Peter Hughes was priested in July 2024.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to these meetings and for work carried out by the PCC members between meetings, which enable the church to continue its mission.

Michaela Salmon

Curate & Gift Aid Report 2024-25

It's been a continued privilege to worship together with you this year, and what a year it's been. Sacred Trinity grows more and more vibrant and filled with life each week. We've greeted lots of new faces, and welcomed more than a few into the family of God through baptism, confirmations, and weddings.

Sacred Trinity has been a hub of activity. From gigs and Dreamspace, to "Being With" and our regular programme of activities.

Alongside that, we've had our share of disasters, including a hole in the floor, a leaky ceiling, and a waterlogged organ. You might have noticed the last layers of plaster are being applied to the section of wall at the front of church. Sacred Trinity has recovered from all of these with the help and support you provide. Thank you on behalf of everyone at church for your generosity and care over the past year. As our GiftAid volunteer I'd like to give a particular thanks to those who have signed up for the scheme. With the GiftAid scheme we've been able to access almost £2,500 in additional funding. GiftAid doesn't cost you anything extra, it just means we can claim back around 30p from the tax man for each pound of your donations. If you'd like to sign up it really does benefit the church, especially for those emergency funds we desperately need. Speak to us and we can get it sorted.

Sijin has been a bright and positive presence, travelling to us from South Korea to be, learn, and worship with us as part of the Time for God programme. From her wonderful artistic skills (especially our beautiful Easter candle), to her dedicated service, we've been blessed to have her choose to spend this year with us.

Congratulations to Dyfrig on his licensing as a Reader by Bishop Matthew. Readers are Licensed Lay Ministers with theological training and skills to preach and teach. Dyfrig is well equipped for Reader ministry as anyone who has heard his deep, clear, and poetic sermons will agree. I hope he finds this vocation fulfilling and rewarding, and that it brings both us and he closer to God.

We've suffered deep sadness and grief recently. Our friend, Graham Ashworth, died. He was an ever-reliable volunteer, the churchwarden, and a wonderful person. Together, we mourn this great loss to ourselves and our community, and we pray for God's blessing on Graham and his loved ones. Graham was a great example to me of service, dedication, and perseverance. His compassion for other who struggle, particularly through his work with mental health charity Talk About It Mate, was clear to everyone who met him, and has shaped my ministry. I'm privileged and glad to have known him, and look forward in hope to when we will meet again.

Thank you to the whole community for having me as your curate, and particularly thanks to Les, Neil and Andy for all their care and support. Thanks to Keith and Lee for keeping things on the go and for your time, effort, and friendship. Thanks to Lorna, Michaela, Neil, Kolyn, and the whole PCC ensuring the



church is here for the whole of the parish, today and tomorrow. Thanks to David, Manchester Universities Guild of Change Ringers, and the Flatiron Choir, for filling the church with music, Sacred Trinity wouldn't be the same without you.

Churchwardens Report



Sworn in by the Archdeacon at the Visitation Service, Churchwardens work to support the Parish Priest, Parochial Church Council, and other ordained and lay leaders in the parish, to advance the diocesan vision of being an inclusive church for a different world: promoting worshipping, growing, nurturing, and being a Christian presence at the heart of the community. In the year under review, we are thankful to God that we were privileged to support Andy and other leaders at Sacred Trinity Church to continue forming loving communities,

from which all our missionary activities sprang.

Order and Decency

Turning up an hour earlier, Graham would help Andy and Sijin to set up for the divine services. This included making ready for service booklets and hymns, setting up movable chairs and candles. On the other hand, Keith would concentrate on working outside in the church yard, making sure there is decency pending divine service, in an eco-friendly way. Indeed, Andy and Keith further participated in two Missional Community Eco meetings, where presentations were made and discussed to work with local communities in helping tackle to Climate Change. We are also grateful to many people who have increasingly come up to help in leading prayers, welcoming and making the teas or clean up. Indeed, those feeling God's call to do Sunday readings and prayers are most welcome, and please talk to Andy or Keith.

Fabric and Property

Built in 1635, Sacred Trinity is to undergo major repair works, as it has several times in the past. This will significantly improve our facilities in carrying out God's mission. The changes will include new Kitchen facilities. "We have been working with architects throughout the past year, regarding these major renovation plans for the church. They have now produced a report which details the proposed renovations. We are now in the process of using this report to apply for funding," reported Graham. "Indeed, we are glad that the Venerable Archdeacon Rachel Mann and members of DAC informally met Andy and the Churchwardens, to have an initial appreciation of the proposed major repairs," concluded Keith.

Church Building Users

Strategically situated on Chapel Street, Sacred Trinity is one of the most utilized church buildings in the city Centre. Apart from our own use for Sunday services, Monday Flat Iron Choir, Tuesday Place of Welcome, Wednesday Silence In The City, and monthly Dream Space (spoken word, music, and poetry), many other groups outside the church use our shared space. These include monthly Ecumenical Open Table evening services for LGBTQIA people; Monthly Hong Kongers group meetings; and Fortnightly Manchester Immigration Solidarity presentations (MiSol); Friday concerts, and yearly Trade Unions rallies. We feel privileged in this way in carrying out God's mission in being a Christian presence at the heart of the Manchester City Centre community.

Water and Electricity

As can be seen in the accounts, water, gas, and electricity bills have gone up. We are grateful to Neil Worthington for always checking the meters and helping us find better deals.

Music Director's report 2024 - 2025

Achievements and challenges over the year - Church

The congregation at Sacred Trinity is growing and this has brought a fuller vocal sound, but I like to think that the things I am doing to teach songs and impart vocal techniques to the congregation also helps.

Kelly Yip continues to play during the service, she is playing our mass settings and during communion and to practice on the organ, she has some major exams coming up and we wish her well for the future.

Achievements over the year - Choir

I have dedicated more time this year to running the choir, but this is mostly taken up with marketing via social media as choir numbers once again grew and then collapsed in January. We are learning more challenging repertoire "Blue Moon", "Down in the river to pray" and "Weeping" from "Songs of a rainbow nation" are all songs in 3 and 4 part harmony. Choir numbers have now returned with attendance in mid-teens. If every active member came to each practice we would have over 20 in the choir. I would like to thank Sijin for the way in which she opens up the church and runs the 'front of house' operation; It would not be possible for me to do both.



Challenges for the year - Church

Finding enough time to practice so that I can play music in the service to my own high standards while expanding the repertoire of music

Challenges for the year - Choir

I said in last year's report that the choir needs to continue to grow so that, even when numbers decline, as they always do at the beginning of the year, the choir will still be successful and viable.

I felt hopeful that choir numbers would keep up, but they still collapsed in January. I am now running an advertising campaign at my own expense and I am encouraging choir members to interact via meetup which is the web portal that sends us most of our members.

DreamSpace Evenings

Our regular monthly DreamSpace Evenings have been developing well over the last year. It's a real source of joy to be surrounded by such talented musicians, poets, performers and artists each month – from beginners through to seasoned performers – and to create a safe space for all kinds of people to perform and share together.

One of the aims of DreamSpace is to build community and there's a felt sense of community among those who participate. It's lovely that the Flat Iron Choir open each evening and then close with a community song, and big thanks to David Hilary and the choir for their contributions each month which



help set the tone of the evenings. It's also been great to welcome the Manchester Choral Scholars alongside a growing pool of new performers.

We very much see the DreamSpace Evenings as being about mission – forming positive relationships with people outside the church, raising funds for local charities, raising awareness of social justice issues, exploring spirituality, creating a safe supportive space, and modelling the gospel values of hope, inclusion and love. A recent visitor to DreamSpace commented how much he liked what we were doing, and that he

'saw the church' alive in our midst, which I felt was really encouraging.

A highlight for me this year was attending the HeartEdge Day in Birmingham in March. Andy and I gave a presentation on DreamSpace, and we were also inspired by other people attempting creative forms of outreach in their own communities. It was so encouraging to spend time with people who 'get' what we're trying to achieve and we got some very encouraging feedback.

The logistics of putting together DreamSpace each month can be challenging e.g. booking people in advance, dealing with last-minute cancellations, setting up the musicians, organisation and publicity. However, it's always worth it! We generally have between 40 and 50 folk each evening, although the majority tend to be performers rather than 'punters'. So, it would be good to try and get word around further this coming year, through for example, distributing fliers in local cafes, bars etc., visiting other events for inspiration (e.g. Word Central) and local music venues. Nevertheless, people are gradually hearing about us and we do have some new faces coming along each month to check us out, which is encouraging.

We're looking at creative ways of developing the project further going forwards. We've started inviting 'Guest Hosts' to host some of the evenings and also inviting an 'Artist of the Month' to display their artwork. We've also had some interest from people who would like to start something similar in their

own church. So, we're very excited about how things might continue to develop and what opportunities lie ahead.

Report of the PCC's lay representatives on Salford & Leigh Deanery Synod

In the past year Sacred Trinity has sent two lay representatives at Deanery Synod: Keith Banda and Neil Worthington. Neil has been unwell and was only able to attend two meetings. Keith has been at all three.

A lot more travel is involved since the new Synod was created, covering Leigh and Eccles as well as the traditional city of Salford. But it has been helpful and educational to visit new churches in parts of the diocese that we didn't know well at all.

We have had presentations and debates on Developing Missional Disciples, on Eco-Churches, on Giving and Parish Share, and on Church Planting and Revitalisation. And of course we have become four new Mission Communities. In our case, Sacred Trinity has formed new relationships with churches on the other side of the River Irwell, including the Cathedral.

In the last month we said goodbye to Revd Colin Pearson, who has been our first full time Area Dean and has now retired from active ministry. His replacement is to be The Venerable Richard Worsfold (currently Archdeacon of Leicester).

Keith Banda, Neil Worthington

14th May 2025

A tribute to Graham Ashworth

Graham was such a friendly and welcoming person not only to our regular congregation but more so to anyone who came for the first time. He and his co-warden Keith would always make sure they were on the Rota for reading the scriptures and leading the prayers on Sunday morning services. Although he was only the warden for a short time he fitted in so well it looked like he had done the job for much longer. He had a great eagerness to know the history of this church and when we changed the colours on the altar frontals to match the vestments worn by the clergy and which colour was used for each festival. He was delighted to learn about these things and much more. He was a great asset to Andy in planning future events for the church. Above all I am sure he will be greatly missed by all the many associations he was involved with. As we laid him to rest on Tuesday 20th May our prayers and memories were with his family and many friends. May he and all Christian souls rest in peace and rise again in glory (Amen).

Churchwarden (Emeritus) and Eucharistic Assistant - Les Kott

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll is a completely new one, as it is every 6 years and now has 29 people.

Safeguarding

We work in line with the National Church safeguarding policy and procedures. We have finally recruited a new person to take on the role of parish safeguarding officer. Andreia Perrera has taken on the role from April.

Manchester Universities Guild of Change Ringers

Ringling this year for the University Guild and at Sacred Trinity has been fairly continued from previous years. We have seen great progression for existing ringers, new learners starting within the year, and returning ringers coming back to continue their ringing (and drinking) careers.

We have had three learners attending practice with some consistency, and another who joined us for the first term of the academic year. They have all shown great enthusiasm for learning and have progressed from scratch onto ringing aided within rounds, at least one with the hope of cracking plain hunting soon too. Huge thanks to the ringers who have been able to support learning opportunities this year. We hope to have this number of teachers increase over the next year to take the load off of the few who can currently teach. There have been a varied array of visitors to the tower this year, both experienced ringers who happened to be passing through the area, to intrigued passers byers who heard the bells and wanted to see what the crack was.

The band itself as well as Tuesday evening practices have varied over the year. The fluctuations in numbers for practice nights is mainly due to holidays for students as well as ringers supporting other practices elsewhere. We have a core band and continue to ring on 6 and 8 if we have enough people. General ringing levels have been on the increase, mostly all due to the rapid upskilling some of the band have had (ringing upwards of 3 nights a week!). We can sometimes get surprise major, but will consistently have a strong surprise minor band who have delt well with obscure methods being sprung on them last minute. We have also started to encourage ringers learning to call methods, some of which has been successful.



We have had quite a good year for long ringing, 20 quarter peals rang for the society and two of our members taking part in their first peals (although only one attributed for the MUGs). The availability of Sacred Trinity due to the support and encouragement from Andy Salmon the rector has made a lot of these opportunities happen. Nearly all quarters have been rang to support the development of ringing abilities within the band, lots of firsts for ringers focussing on specific methods.

Special mention for the committed handbell ringers this year, consistently meeting before the learners practice on Tuesday evenings. Large achievements have been made within this group and they have

successfully indoctrinated a non-handbell ringer into their fold (ringing not one but two handbell quarters!)

Sunday morning ringing has continued but has seen a great decrease in numbers of ringers within the Sacred Trinity band, most mornings the band being filled by cathedral ringers after their morning service. This is mainly due to availability of the students due to prior engagements, but a definite increase could be had and is strongly encouraged as we go into the new year.

Anna Nash, Ringing Master

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2025

May I start this report by taking this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to church in the past twelve months, which has enabled us to pay our parish share in full and maintain the running costs of the church, which has at times been challenging.

Currently the accounts for 2024 are being finalised and will then be sent for independent review. This is later than usual as I have stepped away from some aspects of the Treasurers role during 2024 and may I thank Gloria for offering to assist with the completion of the spreadsheet which records the church's receipts and payments, which then leads to the preparation of the accounts. A separate meeting will therefore be held in due course to present the accounts of Sacred Trinity Church PCC, for the year ended 31 December 2024, once approved by the PCC & reviewed by our new independent examiner.

Due to this I am unable to fully comment on the receipts and payments as I would usually do, however it would be appropriate to mention a few headline points.

Following a freak storm in June 2024, the church suffered water damage which primarily effected the space where the organ is located. This has required extensive repair, which whilst the majority was claimed for on our insurance, additional maintenance and repair work was also undertaken, given the opportunity that the removal of the organ gave us. This was in the region of £4,500 and we are still awaiting the final invoice and to settle this additional cost.

Unfortunately, to date, we have not been able to fully utilise the car parking spaces that we previously rented out to Church House, this is a sorely missed revenue stream.

Again, this year we have been grateful for the support & income that the various groups and external rentals have generated for Sacred Trinity and as mentioned in previous years we are always on the lookout for new opportunities to enhance this source of income.

The electronic means of donating are being used widely across church, and whilst there is a cost to these devices, it is considered to be worthwhile. However, we still appreciate donations by standing order which enable us to manage our cash flow better, especially when gift aid is added to these donations, which generates an additional 25% to church, for a basic taxpayer, and is reclaimed and offset against our parish share.



In terms of expenditure, Church running costs again increased, we received a donation from The Booth Charities to assist with the heating costs again this year.

We were able to support several charities both, local, national & international again during the year, thanks again to everyone who supported our events.

May I also take this opportunity to express my sadness at the sudden & unexpected passing of Graham Ashworth who I had the privilege of sitting on the PCC with for several years, his contribution to Sacred Trinity will be greatly missed.

As my term in office as Treasurer draws to an end, there will be a period of transition, may I thank everyone who has assisted me in this role over the last 6 or so years, and I wish Sacred Trinity Church all the very best for the future.

Lorna Cook
Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford									
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024									
	2024		2023		2022		2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances									
Cash	-		73.73		601.08		-		
Royal Bank of Scotland current account	-		-		-		183.35		
Co-operative Bank current account	10,230.55		2,160.18		4,530.69		2,039.11		
Central Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Fund	882.96		22,996.71		18,909.17		17,431.16		
Total current and deposit accounts		11,113.51		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62	
Fund Balances									
General Fund (designated)	11,113.51		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62		
		11,113.51		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62	
NOTES:									
(1)	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.								
(2)	The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal. This is mainly the church's silverware, which is now stored in the safe at church.								
(3)	The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.								
Approved by the PCC on 25 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by									
									
The Revd Andy Salmon (PCC Chair) and Ms Lorna Cook (PCC Treasurer - for year ended 31.12.2024)									

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account									
	2024		2023		2022		2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts									
Voluntary Receipts									
<i>Regular Giving</i>									
Planned giving (e.g. standing orders)	14,441.02		12,309.00		8,778.00		10,155.00		
Collections and other giving	1,515.28		0.00		0.00		180.31		
Weekly Envelopes	0.00		389.23		1,420.00		1,200.00		
Gift Day / Boxes	1,136.67		281.53		153.77		205.25		
Income tax recovered	740.40		2,468.53		4,733.87		841.99		
		17,833.37		15,448.29		15,085.64		12,582.55	
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>									
Donations/Grants	10,690.32		16,672.74		15,255.04		10,287.50		
Other, incl Collections for external charities	21,476.00		3,110.42		6,774.38		1,918.88		
Legacies/Bequests	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		
		32,166.32		19,661.94		22,029.42		12,188.36	
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>									
Sales of diaries, magazines and Traidcraft items	0.00		0.00		222.58		16.00		
Subscriptions from community choir	1,094.35		1,581.57		1,197.59		280.03		
Rent from letting of Church property	7,270.00		6,720.00		10,530.00		8,125.00		
Bar	8,052.00		3,256.62		4,496.57		208.11		
		16,416.35		11,558.19		16,446.74		8,629.14	
<i>Receipts from Church activities</i>									
Occasional Service Fees	1,852.00	1,852.00	1,376.76	1,376.76	2,594.32	2,594.32	1,507.00	1,507.00	
<i>Receipts from investments</i>									
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	1,104.25		560.42		126.21		9.07		
		1,104.25		560.42		126.21		9.07	
<i>Less: transaction handling fees</i>		-200.91		-121.22		0.00		0.00	
<i>Exceptional item</i>		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		69,171.38		48,605.60		56,282.33		34,914.12	

Payments	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Charitable giving</i>									
Overseas mission societies	864.00		300.00		0.00		0.00		
Christian relief & development agencies	110.00		0.00		201.50		250.00		
Home mission & Church societies	110.00		1,600.00		151.50		820.04		
		1,084.00		1,900.00		353.00		1,070.04	
<i>Church activities</i>									
Parish Share	12,933.47		12,997.36		13,220.72		12,240.00		
Church running expenses	17,628.80		14,153.73		8,183.12		6,450.74		
Clergy expenses	2,024.32		1,567.22		1,534.45		1,393.32		
Upkeep of Services	1,674.19		1,263.12		1,142.49		1,359.94		
Maintenance & equipment	4,776.72		5,444.79		781.45		2,589.38		
Organ and Piano Maintenance	19,441.36		409.20		298.56		356.51		
Trading (i.e. Traidcraft and magazine sales)	0.00		0.00		462.02		230.04		
Photocopier	377.14		0.00		229.55		0.00		
Wages & Salaries	7,226.41		7,374.77		8,960.18		8,223.97		
Fees remitted to Diocese	0.00		386.00		737.00		620.00		
Community Choir expenses	69.00		233.90		207.54		32.16		
Bar	2,835.08		1,014.48		1,107.73		96.00		
Sundry, incl exceptional items	13,218.00		671.35		14,668.20		519.48		
		82,204.49		45,515.92		51,542.01		34,111.54	
Total Payments		83,288.49		47,415.92		51,895.01		35,181.58	
Excess of Receipts over Payments		- 14,117.11		1,189.68		4,387.32		(267.46)	
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62		19,921.08	
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December		11,113.51		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62	

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts

"Other" receipts consist solely of the funds received from Ecclesiastical in respect of the insurance claim for the organ repairs, following the storm damage to the organ loft.

Our reclaimed income tax (Gift Aid) covered the period to December 2023.

Due to a delay with receiving Gift Aid, submitted in September 2024, £2,173.14 was only received in 2025, however Manchester Diocese allocated this amount to the 2024 Parsh Share. A further claim in relation to Gift Aid in respect of 2024 will be made & hopefully received in 2025.

Again, we have included the transaction handling fees, charged by the various contactless platforms that we now use, to better reflect the total funds received and the cost of these facilities. This year they have been allocated to each of the income streams, i.e. donations; choir subscriptions; bar; occasional service fees etc.

Payments

"Sundry" payments consist solely of fees paid to Buttress Architects, in respect of the plans for the potential remodelling of the church building, which has been a project in recent years.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF SACRED TRINITY, SALFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

- 1.) A number of missing receipts or invoices for payments made either by Bank Transfer or by Debit Card (15), some of which are quite substantial amounts.**
- 2.) Rather high gas bills – I would suggest looking at your gas usage and also the supplier which you use.**
- 3.) I understand an insurance claim was made against the water damage to the organ, this is not showing in the accounts for 2024 and presumably was not paid out until 2025.**
- 4.) A large drop in parish reserves used to pay bills during the year, although some of this will be resolved with the insurance claim.**

Apart from the above it gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act



(Canon Philip Geldard – Independent Examiner)

Date: 25/11/2025

Accounts

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Easter 2024



SACRED TRINITY CHURCH

Deanery of Salford, Diocese of Manchester

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023/24

Rector	Andy Salmon
Lay Vice Chair:	Lorna Cook
Churchwardens:	Graham Ashworth (from September 2023) Keith Banda (from September 2023)
Church Warden Emeritus	Les Kott
Deputy Churchwarden	Vacant
Treasurer:	Lorna Cook
Gift Aid Secretary:	Peter Hughes
PCC Secretary:	Michaela Salmon
Deanery Synod Rep	Neil Worthington and Keith Banda
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Vacant
Sides people	Graham Ashworth; Keith Banda; Peter Hughes
Electoral Roll Officer:	Vacant

Other Council Members:

Bethany Wong (2025) From July 2023

Philip Chandler (2026)

Lorna Cook (2024)

Michaela Salmon (2024)

Les Kott (2026)

Lev Eakins (2024)

Honorary Clergy: Peter Hughes (from 2nd July 2023)

The PCC accounts are held at;

Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH

Rector's report

As I write this we have just celebrated my 20th anniversary of being priest in charge and Rector of Sacred Trinity. It may be a little self-indulgent but I might reflect a little on the changes over the 20 years. When I started I was looking after St Philips as well and then for 8 years I have only had responsibility for one church but had another half-time job. Recently I have stopped working for HeartEdge but Sacred Trinity remains, busy though it is, a part-time post. When I started Sacred Trinity was a small, elderly and in many ways nervous congregation. There were usually 12 people in church and we had a good idea who would be there. They were nervous, because they felt neglected and were unsure of what the future held for the church. Today we are normally 30 or more in the morning and have two other services in the week. When I started the congregation were mainly people who had grown up in the area and now lived further out from the City Centre. George, a student from Ghana was the exception. Today we still have Salford born members of the congregation but also people from all over the world. Current nationalities include many Hong Kongers and people from Angola, Brazil, Malawi, India, Nigeria, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Italy, Iran and probably a few more. Some have made Salford their home and others are passing through. Our congregation is also very varied in age, gender, sexuality and educational attainment. We have people in our congregation who are doing their PhDs or have professional jobs and others who work in hospitality or security and some who are unemployed. We have more students this year than we have had for a few years, studying at Salford University and also at Manchester Universities. When I started at Sacred Trinity the attitude of the congregation was that they wanted a service like they were used to on a Sunday Morning and had little interest in any other activities during the week. These days there is something on most days. When I started people disappeared as soon as the service finished but we introduced the idea of tea and coffee after the service and some weeks now it's hard to get rid of people! Hospitality has become an important part of who we are. Our Being With group that met for 10 weeks in the beginning of 2024 was a particular highlight.

We remain a relatively small church and the large turnover every year makes us still quite a fragile church. I am grateful to all those who have risen to the challenge and got involved in running the church, especially Graham and Keith for being Churchwardens, Peter for serving as Curate, Lorna as treasurer, Michaela as secretary, Neil as our Synod rep, David for being our Director of Music, Neil Whitaker and Kolyn for help with gigs and creative inspiration, Paul and Ethan for their varied work as Time for God volunteers and Les for serving on the altar and supplying an endless stream of bad jokes!



Please do read the other reports, which tell of exciting developments such as our building plans and our DreamSpace evenings. We are very much looking forward to Peter's ordination as a Priest in June and the future for Sacred Trinity is looking bright. We serve a diverse and rapidly growing population and if we can prayerfully walk with God whilst caring for one another and the community around us we can be a vibrant presence in the heart of our community.

Andy Salmon

Churchwarden's Report

Let us rise up and repair!

Though God's mission prepares us for heaven, the fact of the matter is that it takes place in the real physical world. Nehemiah, who lived in 445 BC as a high ranking Jewish official in the Royal Persian court, realised his

practical call to lead the rebuilding of Jerusalem, and challenged everyone so passionately that without any hesitation, all the people said with one voice, 'Let us rise up and rebuild.' (Neh 2:18) In our 21st Century Salford Sacred Trinity Church, Revd. Andy Salmon, for whom we are full of gratitude to God for his 20th Anniversary this April as faithful ministers in the parish, has received the same spirit and call as Nehemiah, to lead the work of major repairs to our church building, which work is to start soon.



Tony Wood, recalls and shares the major preparations Andy has inspired us the parishioners: “An appeal early in 2023 to raise funds for the building renewal project raised over £2k but this wasn't sufficient to cover the cost of detailed architects plans of the work needed to renew and make the church building more suitable for 21st century use. Thanks to Andy Salmon's connections, Sacred Trinity Church were selected as one of the beneficiaries of a match funding scheme run by Salford City Council in the summer of 2023.”

The matchfunding target was to raise £10k. There were specific criteria that donors had to comply to (such as the maximum donation per individual was £250) so it was necessary to attract a good number of generous donations to reach the target sum. The team, led by Andy, launched an extensive social media campaign to coincide with the matchfunding dates of between 10th July and 12th August 2023. We have much to be thankful for that donations were received from the launch date right up until the end date which enabled the £10k target to be reached.

There have been subsequent meetings with the architects, Buttress, who have worked on detailed plans for us aware of the funds available to cover their fees. Their proposals are under consideration. Much greater funding will be needed to cover the costs of whichever scheme is selected but it speaks volumes of Andy's team leadership, that this project is being driven forward not only for our benefit but for the benefit of future generations connected with Sacred Trinity Church.

Graham and Keith as Churchwardens, thank the Building Project Team, and indeed everyone for showing this kind of spirit and strong resolve to commit ourselves fully to repair our church building. Safe space is conducive to building up the lives of people spiritually, and an imposing physical structure is part of evangelism, discipleship and missions, as we participate in pursuing diocesan goals of worshipping, growing, and being a transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community in our parish.

“We raised a fantastic £11,500! This money will go towards the architect plans so that we can apply for further funding. Without these plans we cannot apply for further funding. We've have had a couple meetings with the architect's and there are 4 options' available, ranging in scale from minimal to major changes to the building. We are looking at somewhere in the middle, and this will open up and utilise both the downstairs and upstairs of the church,” Graham explains.

Water, Electricity, and Gas

We also are thankful to Neil Worthington for being fantastic at checking proper use of water, gas, and electricity at church, both physically and contacting utility companies with any queries or negations. “Our energy bills have gone up a lot but they would have been much higher if we hadn't already invested in low energy LED lights. We also thank the Booth Trustees for paying for the new and more efficient boiler,” said Neil.

Churchyard and Safety

Following community police intervention the number of homeless people congregating in the churchyard has reduced in the latter part of the year with a beneficial reduction in the amount of litter needing to be collected on a Sunday morning” recalls Keith.

Keith Banda and Graham Ashworth

Curate’s Report

It’s hard to believe it’s only been ten months in my new role as Deacon at Sacred Trinity; so much has happened.

This time last year we had just had our church visit to Manchester Jewish Museum and Place of Welcome was taking off. We’ve tried a lot of new things this year at Sacred Trinity, from little things like “pizza & Taizé” evening service, to bigger projects, like the Elizabeth Gray-King “Open to All” art exhibition in partnership with Open Table, and our new Dreamspace monthly performance space.

It’s been a year of generosity and community at Sacred Trinity too. Together, we raised over £10,000 toward ensuring the church building is accessible and fit-for-purpose. The challenges the building faces, from the rising cost of bills to the occasional leaky roof, have been met by the selfless giving of Sacred Trinity’s community and friends; and the events that delight and attract so many would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers.

In July I was ordained Deacon at Manchester Cathedral and have been warmly welcomed in this role. It is a joy to proclaim the gospel and a privilege to serve the common cup each Sunday. It’s been a fantastic learning experience and I’m particularly grateful to Andy who, alongside the day-to-day running of Sacred Trinity, has given his time to quell the anxieties and questions that come with being newly ordained. Thanks also to Les, who has been a role model and fount of knowledge about the church’s history.

This June I’ll be ordained Priest and will celebrate my first Holy Communion at Sacred Trinity the day after. Without the support of this wonderful community, I doubt this would be the case. To share in the life of Sacred Trinity and be part of its story has been nothing short of life changing and I look forward to what the future brings.

Thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your prayers.

Peter Hughes



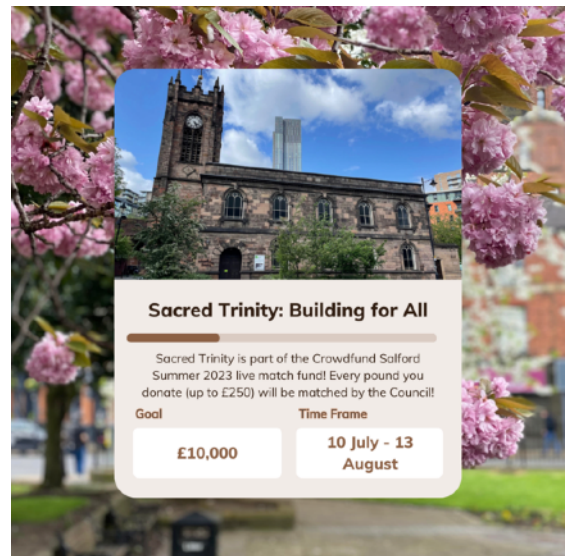
PCC Secretary’s report - 2024

There were six PCC meetings between April 2023 and April 2024. Copies of the PCC meeting minutes are available for inspection upon request. Meetings have been hybrid, with some joining online and others meeting face-to-face.

Safeguarding has been a standing agenda item and the PCC has considered various ways to ensure we're doing everything we can as a church to make sure all members and visitors to the church are kept as safe as possible. Church finances and the building have also featured regularly on our agendas, especially with the continuing rising cost of fuel bills and other essential costs, to keep the building open and welcoming to our community.

We have discussed the crowdfunder to finance the architects' report on the options for the redesign of our building. It's a priority for us to keep moving forward on our plans to make our building fit-for-purpose for the future, more efficient to run and more sustainable.

We've also discussed new initiatives such as Dreamspace, now taking place once a month on a Sunday evening which serves to blur the boundaries between church and community events and encourage people on the fringes into a deeper involvement. We've planned social events to help the congregation get to know each other better and to welcome newcomers, as well as events such as Heritage Open Days. We've also discussed the programme of services and other activities to celebrate Christmas and Easter and the programme of short courses such as 'Being With' to support us in our faith.



This year we said a fond farewell to Ethan Roberts who finished his Time For God volunteer year and welcomed Paul Wasmuth as the new Time for God volunteer. Peter Hughes was deaconed and became our non-stipendiary curate in July 2023 and we look forward to his priesting this July.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to these meetings and for work carried out by the PCC members between meetings, which enable the church to continue its mission.

Michaela Salmon

Synods

I represent Salford & Leigh Deanery on Diocesan Synod, and am thereby an *ex officio* member of Deanery Synod. Each Synod met three times during 2023.

Deanery Synod has had presentations and discussions on Mission & Growth - encouraging people to join our churches and to develop their faith - and on Parish Share - the mechanism that raises most of the money to pay parish priests and the administration costs of the diocese of Manchester.

Diocesan Synod has discussed issues around racial justice, discipleship, ways to help churches reduce their carbon footprints (and bills!), and heard reports from our representatives on General Synod.

Diocesan Synod is also the Diocesan Board of Finance, which is now seeing something of a turning point in its finances. The Diocese will still see a shortfall in its budget for 2024, i.e. we will spend more than we earn, but it remains committed to funding 175 "full time equivalent" stipendiary (i.e. paid) priests. The move from Church House in Manchester city centre to St John's House in Bury has gone well and has enabled us to release money through the sale of Church House.

We have also discussed strategies for recruiting, motivating and training new lay leaders, and especially "Focal Leaders" within our mission communities, to help take some of the load off hard pressed parish priests.

2024 will see elections for the next three year term of Diocesan Synod. Candidates for election do not have to be members of Deanery Synod to be elected on to the Diocesan Synod, but they must be nominated and seconded by members of Deanery Synod. Please have a chat with me if you feel called to stand for service on Diocesan Synod

Neil Worthington

Music Director's report 2023 - 2024

Achievements and challenges over the year - Church

Sacred Trinity Church now has an established repertoire of hymns, songs, chants and Voluntaries and the challenge now is to consolidate them. This calls for extra practice time and it is extremely challenging to find the time necessary to accomplish this but it is a necessary preliminary before expanding the repertoire with some more challenging and interesting music. I am working on improving singing in the church congregation with a 5 minute "Lesson" before each service.

We have been joined by PJ and Kelly who have started playing music in church services, the skills required of a church musician are a valuable set of skills for a musician for which there is no formal training and no exams. My hope is that PJ and Kelly will form the core of a group of accomplished musicians playing music for Sacred Trinity as they learn their craft as church musicians.



Achievements over the year - Choir

Choir attendance continued to grow and there were 20 of us at "Beer and Carols" but numbers dropped dramatically in the New Year. This is, unfortunately, normal and numbers are recovering to mid-teens. The growth has implications for our singing as we are beginning to tackle more challenging repertoire, with rounds and songs in 4 parts instead of two. We are learning two songs called "Peace White Dove" and "May your cup always be full" which are in complex four party harmony. I intend to re-introduce repertoire from "Songs from a rainbow nation" a series of 4 part songs from South Africa arranged by Alexander L'estrage.

DreamSpace has now become a monthly activity with the choir singing songs at the beginning and leading a sing-song at the end. The format is challenging and the choir doesn't have the capacity to learn new repertoire for each concert but as long as no-one minds listening to the same songs more than once, we can continue to take part.

Challenges for the year - Choir

The choir needs to continue to grow so that, even when numbers decline, as they always do through the year, the choir will still be a successful group taking non-musicians and reluctant musicians and welding them into a successful ensemble of enthusiastic and capable singers. There needs to be more marketing over the coming year, mostly online as this seems to be the most successful.



“Time for God” volunteer

As this year’s “Time for God” volunteer, I thank everybody in Sacred Trinity for the support, the community, and the friendships that we are able to share. It has been and will continue to be a unique and special time and I am truly thankful for every one of you!

My schedule varies each week but usually I start on Monday mornings at 8.30 at the local primary school where I assist the teachers with simple tasks throughout the day until the afternoon. I occasionally can help with individual teaching and support the teachers on special occasions such as day trips. In the evening, I prepare the church for choir practice and welcome the members of the choir with tea, coffee, and biscuits.

I usually start Tuesdays by joining the online morning prayer with Andy and his colleagues. After that I set up the church for “Place of Welcome” during which I welcome people, who are coming in, by serving coffee/tea/toast, having a lot of conversations, and trying to help people with often unique requests.

During Wednesdays I am at L’arche community in the south of Manchester, assisting people with learning difficulties to manage their day. It is always great to be in house Rose and the work there is not only useful but supportive, necessary, and important as well. Some days are busier than others, but every day is different, and it is always something exciting going on. In the evening, I cycle over to Sacred Trinity, set up, and stay for “Silence in the City”.

Thursdays are normally the most relaxed days of the week. Andy and I do all the administrative work for the upcoming week (such as the Mailchimp, notices and social media) and take care of the building and whatever needs doing. I help when the Camera Club is gathering in church as well.

I start Sundays by going down to church and preparing the hymn books, opening the church, and assisting in different ways. Occasionally I do the reading or the prayers. After the Service I help in the back of church by making tea/ coffee and I then prepare the set up for Sacred Space. In the evening, I attend and help with Sacred Space.

Additionally, there are a variety of other occasional things going on at Sacred Trinity. We host several faith groups, gigs and different meetings which are not happening each week but often. In this, I prepare the facilities, welcome people, and give my support wherever it is needed.

As an evaluation of my time and work here, I am happy to say that I feel like I have become more useful in most tasks and areas of the work. Even with difficult and stressful times, I and all the supporting people in the congregation were able to keep up with it. I have developed new skills and confidence especially through the work at L’arche and the church and I enjoyed working every single day.

However, my role as a volunteer at the local primary school has not been so easy and I don’t feel that I have been as helpful as I could be. Andy and I are still working on an improvement to the situation.

Nevertheless, I have to say that it was an honour to be working in with and for all of you. The time here shaped me in different ways and every moment was a valuable experience to cherish or to learn from. During my time I have had a lot of support from so many people of this congregation, and it was a true blessing to be amongst each one of you, Thank you!

Paul Wasmuth

Manchester Universities' Guild of Change Ringers

Ringling at Sacred Trinity has been very successful over the last year. We have had several new ringers start learning, making fantastic progress on Tuesday evenings, when we offer our learner's practice between our handbell practice and main practice. We have also enjoyed being able to ring many peals and quarter peals this year, with a successful peal rung for the MUGs Annual Dinner in March. Thank you as always for the continued support from the Church and congregation to allow us to carry on ringing the bells so regularly.

Eleanor Wood



DreamSpace Evening

In March 2024 we launched our regular music and spoken word evening on the second Sunday evening of every month. The 'DreamSpace Evening' involves music, poetry and spoken word and is an opportunity to come together not just to be entertained, but to hopefully receive some 'inspiration for the journey' too.

The evenings have been going well so far, with good numbers attending and some inspiring performances. It's also been great developing links with the wider community. The project definitely has a gentle 'missional' focus as we seek not only to create a welcoming and creative space for people, but also to gently weave some spiritual themes into the programme.

DreamSpace Creative was a project I developed over lockdown to encourage creativity in all types of people. Similar to the Seeds of Hope Day last year, the DreamSpace Evenings are all about creating a safe space for folk to perform and share their God-given talents. It's been a blessing to encourage new people to perform alongside more seasoned performers, and it already feels to be developing into a lovely supportive community.



It's a real blessing for me to be part of a church that encourages creativity, and a huge thank you to everyone from church who's been involved in the project so far. It's still early days, but we've been delighted with the response from people so far and we're really looking forward to seeing how the project develops over the coming year. Thanks everyone!

Neil Whitaker

Chapel Street Camera Club

Chapel Street Camera Club has in the last 12 months welcomed a couple of new members to our weekly meet, and we are always looking for more to join us.



We continue to meet every Thursday 1.00-3.00pm to visit various locations in and around Manchester and Salford but are always looking for new places to visit – as long as they have a coffee shop nearby! (We've not changed our name yet to "Cameras and Cake".

We always post details of our visits and photos of same on our facebook page.

We had an exhibition at Castlefield Viaduct last August, the theme being Manchester, which was a great success, and this was followed with the photographs being exhibited at Sacred Trinity. We are looking

where we can next exhibit and a theme for same. We generally have a meet about every 6 weeks at Sacred Trinity to plan the next few weeks visits.

Our weekly Challenge continues on our Facebook page (Chapel Street Camera Club) where our membership has grown to 153. It's a public group and any of our members can post and join in the Challenge. There have been some amazing photographs. The prize for the weekly Challenge winner is you get to pick the next week's Challenge. Anyone can post up to 6 photographs as part of the Challenge.

Our group is open to anyone who is interested in meeting up socially and enjoys taking photos (and enjoys coffee/cake!). You don't need an expensive camera and mobile phone camera is sufficient as you can get some great photos on them. (If you go into Arndale you can't use an expensive camera – but you can use a mobile phone camera!)

If you would like more information or want to join us on our Thursday meet, check the FB page under our name.

Mike Aspinall

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll has been revised and is currently 35 people.

Safeguarding

We work in line with the National Church safeguarding policy and procedures. We need to recruit a new person to take on the role of parish safeguarding officer.

Treasurer's report – 2023

I present the accounts on behalf of Sacred Trinity Church PCC, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

It is encouraging to see that giving by standing order increased by 40% and also that substantial donations were received for the church building fund, these will initially go towards further architects' fees to take the plans to the next level. The electronic means of donating are becoming more familiar and well used. Our thanks go to everyone that has supported Church this year.

If you are able to gift aid donations please do so as this is an important additional source of income for us and if you need any assistance regarding this, please speak to Peter who acts as our Gift Aid Secretary, or of course Andy or myself.

Rental income has however been seriously impacted because Church House no longer pay for parking, following the move of their staff from Manchester to Bury. If you know anyone that might like weekday / daytime parking near the city centre, please speak to Andy.

Various groups and external rentals have continued to make use of the facilities at Sacred Trinity and we are always on the lookout for new opportunities to enhance this source of income.

We have benefited from an increase in interest rates on the funds in our deposit account however, due to a change in banking procedure at CCLA we only received three interest payments as the usual receipt at the very end of December was paid early January 2024 instead, this was a one off occurrence and we still received the full amount of interest due it was simply a change in timing.

Unfortunately, in late 2022 we were the victims of some vandalism which resulted in considerable window damage, we were however able to make an insurance claim which was reimbursed in early 2023 when the corresponding expenditure was paid, of course the excess premium has therefore impacted on our cash balance.

In terms of expenditure generally, Church running expenses increased by 70%, largely because of the dramatic increase in gas and electricity costs, for which we only received a small amount of assistance with this year.

I have added further notes on the General Fund page of the accounts, which explain in more detail the sundry receipts and other expenses, which I hope are self explanatory.

Thanks again this year to Neil Worthington who spent time dealing with our utility contracts.

We were able to support The Booth Centre; The Children's Society and Christian Aid during the year.

Hopefully the figures in the accounts are self-explanatory however if anyone has any specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

David Martin has again independently examined our accounts and has signed them off and his note is available upon request. This however is David's last year as our Independent Examiner and I'd like to record our sincere thanks to him over the last 20 years for his assistance with the accounts.

Again, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to church in the past twelve months, which has enabled us to pay our parish share in full and maintain the running costs of the church.

We look forward to 2024.

Lorna Cook

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

	2023		2022		2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts								
<i>Regular Giving</i>								
Planned giving (e.g. standing orders)	12,309.00		8,778.00		10,155.00		10,015.66	
Collections and other giving	0.00		0.00		180.31		334.82	
Weekly Envelopes	389.23		1,420.00		1,200.00		847.00	
Gift Day / Boxes	281.53		153.77		205.25		164.00	
Income tax recovered	2,468.53		4,733.87		841.99		3,100.22	
		15,448.29		15,085.64		12,582.55		14,461.70
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>								
Donations/Grants	16,672.74		15,255.04		10,287.50		4,138.26	
less: transaction handling fees	-121.22							
Other, incl Collections for external charities	3,110.42		6,774.38		1,918.88		105.01	
Legacies/Bequests	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
		19,661.94		22,029.42		12,188.36		4,243.27
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>								
Sales of diaries, magazines and Traidcraft items	0.00		222.58		16.00		0.00	
Subscriptions from community choir	1,581.57		1,197.59		280.03		214.21	
Rent from letting of Church property	6,720.00		10,530.00		8,125.00		7,745.00	
Bar	3,256.62		4,496.57		208.11			
		11,558.19		16,446.74		8,629.14		7,959.21
<i>Receipts from Church activities</i>								
Occasional Service Fees	1,376.76	1,376.76	2,594.32	2,594.32	1,507.00	1,507.00	820.00	820.00
<i>Receipts from investments</i>								
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	560.42		126.21		9.07		80.05	
		560.42		126.21		9.07		80.05
<i>Exceptional item</i>	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		48,605.60		56,282.33		34,914.12		27,564.23

	2023		2022		2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments								
<i>Charitable giving</i>								
Overseas mission societies	300.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Christian relief & development agencies	0.00		201.50		250.00		550.00	
Home mission & Church societies	1,600.00		151.50		820.04		880.55	
		1,900.00		353.00		1,070.04		550.00
<i>Church activities</i>								
Parish Share	12,997.36		13,220.72		12,240.00		12,000.00	
Church running expenses	14,153.73		8,183.12		6,450.74		6,181.50	
Clergy expenses	1,567.22		1,534.45		1,393.32		2,019.19	
Upkeep of Services	1,263.12		1,142.49		1,359.94		479.89	
Maintenance & equipment	5,444.79		781.45		2,589.38		589.32	
Organ and Piano Maintenance	409.20		298.56		356.51		542.80	
Trading (i.e. Traidcraft and magazine sales)	0.00		462.02		230.04		396.39	
Photocopier	0.00		229.55		0.00		204.17	
Wages & Salaries	7,374.77		8,960.18		8,223.97		7,746.68	
Fees remitted to Diocese	386.00		737.00		620.00		244.00	
Community Choir expenses	233.90		207.54		32.16		122.31	
Bar	1,014.48		1,107.73		96.00		0.00	
Sundry, incl exceptional items	671.35		14,668.20		519.48		264.68	
		45,515.92		51,542.01		34,111.54		30,790.93
Total Payments		47,415.92		51,895.01		35,181.58		31,340.93

NOTES

Receipts

Other receipts consist of:

- Encouragement scheme towards Parish Share	£249.70
- Insurance claim payment	£2,030.00
- Energy costs grant from Diocese	£330.00
- Contribution for equipment costs for silent disco	£240.00
- Electricity account refund (SSE)	£134.78
- Sale of coffee	£14.74
- Refund of direct debit taken twice (SSE)	£45.37
- Video hire	£65.83
	<u>£3,110.42</u>

Our reclaimed income tax (gift aid) covered the period January - June, so a further receipt will be due in the following year

This year we have been promoting our repurposing plans for the church and as such have done some limited fundraising towards future architects fees, at the end of the year this totalled £ 12,431.73 which is included in Donations

Also this year we have included the transaction handling fees, charged by the various contactless platforms that we now use, to better reflect the total funds received and the cost of these facilities

The bank account at Royal Bank of Scotland was closed in January 2023, with the small balance being transferred to the CoOp account

The funds held on deposit with CCLA have only received 3 interest payments this year instead of their normal 4, this was due to various changes made by CCLA to their banking procedures. The fourth quarters interest was received in January 2024, so we will get 4 interest payments in 2024

Payments

Total Parish share paid for 2023 totalled £13,733.28, of which £735.92 was carried over from 2022

Sundry payments consist of:

- Purchase of coffee	£63.95
- Equipment for silent disco	£240.00
- Purchase of coffee	£127.90
- Bar licence	£70.00
- Diocese	£169.50
	<u>£671.35</u>

Charitable giving included £800 made to The Booth Centre following Beer & Carols in 2022

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	2023		2022		2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances								
Cash		73.73		601.08		0.00		24.31
Royal Bank of Scotland current account		0.00		0.00		183.35		183.35
Co-operative Bank current account		2,160.18		4,530.69		2,039.11		2,291.33
Central Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Fund		22,996.71		18,909.17		17,431.16		17,422.09
Total current and deposit accounts		<u>25,230.62</u>		<u>24,040.94</u>		<u>19,653.62</u>		<u>19,921.08</u>
Fund Balances								
General Fund (designated)		25,230.62		24,040.94		19,653.62		19,921.08
		<u>25,230.62</u>		<u>24,040.94</u>		<u>19,653.62</u>		<u>19,921.08</u>

NOTES:

- (1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- (2) The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.
This is mainly the church's silverware, which is now stored in the safe at church.
- (3) The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

Approved by the PCC on 4 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



The Revd Andy Salmon (PCC Chair) and Ms Lorna Cook (PCC Treasurer)

Accounts

SACRED TRINITY CHURCH

Deanery of Salford, Diocese of Manchester

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022/23

Rector	Andy Salmon
Lay Vice Chair:	Lorna Cook
Churchwardens:	Vacant
Church Warden Emeritus	Les Kott
Deputy Churchwarden	Vacant
Treasurer:	Lorna Cook
Gift Aid Secretary:	Peter Hughes
PCC Secretary:	Michaela Salmon
Deanery Synod Rep	Neil Worthington and John Hardman
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mel O'Neill
Sides people	In abeyance during the pandemic
Sacristan	Margaret Kott
Electoral Roll Officer:	Vacant

Other Council Members:

Vacancy (2025)

Lorna Cook (2023)

Melanie O'Neill (2024)

Michaela Salmon (2024)

Vacancy (2023)

Lev Eakins (2024)

Honorary Clergy: Rev Rebecca Craven (NSM) (until July 2022)

The PCC accounts are held at;

Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH

Report of the Rector

The past 3 years have all been quite challenging. At the beginning of 2022 we definitely still felt that things had not returned to normal, post-covid. I feel that from the summer onwards though, our numbers have gone up again. We have been very busy with baptisms and have had weddings again and our numbers on a Sunday are back to more like they were before Covid. We are now averaging about 30 on a Sunday morning and anything from 8 to 25 on a Sunday evening. Our attendance is still fairly erratic and we have lost some good financial givers and suffered a bit of a dip in regular giving. We have however, been blessed with new people which is great. I hope that people will be able to take on more active involvement in the running of the church as we need new Church Wardens and new Parochial Church Council members.

Amongst the comings and goings this year we have been very sad to lose Margaret Kott who has been an absolute rock of Sacred Trinity and has been incredibly generous and supportive over the years. She had also been very ill for a long time and her funeral was an occasion of great sadness but also of celebration. We have also been sad to say goodbye to Rebecca who after many years service has moved on to pastures new. We also said goodbye to Lisa who was an excellent TFG volunteer but is now studying Psychology in Germany. We have gained a new TFG volunteer, in Ethan Roberts who has settled in really well and we have Simon Peters on placement with us who brings interesting experience and insights from his URC background. We are really pleased to have Neil Whittaker with us when he isn't helping out elsewhere. Neil is a self-supporting priest who brings many gifts and is currently organising a busy art day for us.

Our major building project hasn't made much progress so far due to not meeting the criteria for those we have asked for funding. We will continue to try to raise the money we need to finalise our plans and identify the way ahead for the major project. We have already raised some of this money from our own congregation and for this we are grateful. If you would like to make a donation please let us know.

We still hold to our vision statement which is that we seek to "build friendship and community in which faith, hope and love can transform lives". This means that we are committed to engage with our community and use the resources we have such as our building and our people, both on our own and in partnership with others to build better community and share the love of God. In pursuit of this our Community Choir (the Flat Iron Choir) has been particularly successful as the numbers have now stabilised at a good point and there is a genuine growth of friendship and community as well as lots of music. Place of Welcome on a Tuesday lunchtime has also been going very well. The numbers have not been large but those who come really appreciate it and the partnership with Salford's Health Improvement Team has been beneficial to all involved. The Chapel Street Camera Club have been meeting again post-covid in church for a regular catch up and planning and each week out and about. Our bell ringers (the MUGs) continue to be an important part of our church community and get us noticed with their regular Sunday morning ringing. We offer hospitality to Manchester School of Samba, to the AA, to Manchester Migrant Solidarity and a recent partnership is with Salford Hong Kongers. We continue to host concerts and art events and also allow people to film and record in our building which helps with income as well as building relationships.

Looking forward, we are very pleased that Peter Hughes will be ordained deacon in July and will serve us as non-stipendiary curate. We are quite a diverse community and hope to get that diversity better represented on our PCC. As well as progressing with the building plans we want to continue to grow the church community and the community activity in our building. As I write this we are in the season of Easter

and reflecting on the way that the risen Christ walks with us. My prayer for Sacred Trinity is that we will know Christ alongside us and continue to discover and nurture God's new life in this place where we are and in these people that are our community.

Rev Canon Andy Salmon

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll has been revised and currently stands at 32 names.

Safeguarding

Sacred Trinity has a Parish Safeguarding Officer who is Mel O'Neil and she can be contacted via safeguarding@sacredtrinity.org.uk. We work in line with the National Church safeguarding policy and procedures. Mel is stepping down and we need to recruit a new person to take on this role. We are very grateful to Mel for her contribution over the years.

Secretary report for Annual Parochial Council - 2023

There were six PCC meetings between April 2022 and April 2023.

Copies of the PCC meeting minutes are available for inspection upon request.

Meetings have taken place mainly face-to-face, with some joining online.

Safeguarding has been a standing agenda item and the PCC has considered various ways to ensure we've done everything we can to make sure all members and visitors to the church are kept as safe as possible, including those who attend separate groups taking place in church such as bell ringers, samba, AA etc.

Church finances and the building have also featured regularly on our agendas, especially with the rising cost of fuel bills and other essential costs to keep the building open and welcoming to our community.

We've also discussed the Mission Action Plan, our mission community and new initiatives such as Places of Welcome and planned social events to help the congregation get to know each other better and to welcome newcomers, as well as other events such as Heritage Open Days. We've also discussed the programme of services and other activities to celebrate Christmas and Easter.

We've discussed staffing: this has included saying goodbye to Rebecca Craven as she retired and to Lisa Fischer who finished her Time For God volunteer year and welcoming Neil Whittaker as a part time self supporting minister and Ethan Roberts as the new Time for God volunteer. We are also pleased that Peter Hughes will be deaconed and will become our non stipendiary curate in July 2023.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to these meetings and for work carried out by the PCC members between meetings, which enable the church to continue its mission.

Michaela Salmon

Music Director's report 2022 - 2023

Achievements over the year - Church

The process of re-learning and stabilising the church's musical repertoire, following the return from the pandemic, is more or less complete but a new, and very welcome, challenge is the increase in the number of weddings. Wedding repertoire is a different thing to church repertoire based around a series of standards and I have started to acquire those standards. The Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin by Wagner and the Wedding march from a midsummer night's dream by Mendelssohn are now fairly secure. I am now working on an arrangement of the Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel and the Air from the Water Music by Georg Friedrich Händel for a wedding in July.

Achievements over the year - Choir

The choir now has over 20 members, although regular attendances are around 15 - 16. Last year's report noted that having 20 members was a goal for the choir, so it is pleasing to see that we have achieved it. Attendance at performances is stronger, too, with 16 members coming to sing at the recent "Dreamspace ; Seeds of hope" event, the highest attendance at a performance other than "Beer and Carols". The new format, pioneered last year, with 4 performances over the year; "Beer and Carols", the carol service; a spring concert and an informal summer concert, is highly successful and popular. Additionally, the choir has formed itself into a mutually supportive community thanks, in part, to our WhatsApp group which enables members to interact outside of choir practice, but also on a conscious ethos of learning and growing together. Choir practices have featured much more technical work which has resulted in the choir's tone and voice production improving dramatically which, in turn, makes the choir a more inviting prospect for potential members. The choir, over the last year, has contributed around £50.00 a week to church coffers, which is welcome at a time when the church is under financial stress. I am very grateful to Ethan Roberts for the efficient way that he has run the "front of house" functions; hospitality and payment, leaving me to focus on music.

Summary

Achievements this year have focussed on the choir, but this has been a time of growth in numbers and of community building for the choir.

TfG/YAGM Volunteer Report

It has been both a joy and an honour to serve as the Sacred Trinity volunteer for the past eight months. You all have welcomed me into your lives and have made this place feel like home. For me, it is a testament to how Sacred Trinity lives out the love of Christ. So, I begin this report with a huge thank you to this community for all it has done for me.

My schedule during our time together has been varied and never dull. I work here at Sacred Trinity on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. I help set up for services and other such events (such as Silence in the City or Places of Welcome) and do other tasks like making the notice sheets, sending the weekly email, and designing & sharing posts on our social media.

Making lots of tea and coffee is another critical part of my role. Along with those three regular days, I am also at church on Monday nights to open up and have drinks waiting for The Flat Iron Choir. I do stay to sing with them, and this group has been a vital part of my overall experience. Finally, I also occasionally assist in setting up for gigs and running the bar.

During the day on Mondays, I am down the road at Friars Primary School. I spend my time there working with the rambunctious yet delightful Year Five students; especially the ones who need a bit more nudging to do their work or are struggling to learn English. As exhausting as those days can be, I am always excited to see those kids. Come Thursday, I am at an area L'Arche home, serving people living with learning disabilities. Here, I have come to appreciate being with and understanding others in a new way.

The greatest part of my job is that its key element is simply being present with others, including all of you. Whether it's having drinks at Place of Welcome, chatting with someone on a Health-History Walk, sitting quietly with a core member at L'Arche, or answering a thousand questions from the kids at Friars, being present in such moments with those people is what it's all about. There are times when that doesn't feel like work, and there are instances when it most certainly does. Either way, I have come to see how living vulnerably and allowing our lives to intertwine has shaped and grown mine in numerous ways. When I return home to America in a few months, I will do so with a deeper faith, a more inclusive heart, and multiple new perspectives.

The world would be better served if more churches were like Sacred Trinity. It may appear small; it braves attendance problems and money issues that numerous similar congregations likewise face. Yet through it I have met some of the loveliest, quirkiest, wisest, and most eclectic - all around best - people I have ever been privileged to know. It's difficult for me to find the words to describe what a wonderful place Sacred Trinity is. I am truly blessed to be doing my year of service here with you.

Ethan Roberts

Deanery and Diocesan Synods:

I represent Sacred Trinity on Salford & Leigh Deanery Synod, and I represent the Deanery on Diocesan Synod. Both Synods have now returned fully to meeting in person. Both meet three times a year, and try to move around their respective areas, which can mean some long journeys.

Deanery Synod has been pre-occupied by the move to Mission Communities. This is of particular interest for Sacred Trinity as we are very much a city centre parish, albeit in the City of Salford, and so we have joined a cross-border Mission Community. While this is all well and good, I retain some concern that our links with the wider Salford community may wither. Our church was founded to minister to the people of Salford, who had no local church at the time, and the financial support of the Booth Charities is based on that local ministry.

Diocesan Synod has been pre-occupied by financial issues, mainly the slump in Parish Share payments, but also the reduced income from investments and fees for "occasional services" like weddings and funerals. The Diocesan

Board of Finance, which is Diocesan Synod again but wearing a different hat, has had to agree to reductions in expenditure and the sale of Church House, which for many years had been at 90 Deansgate in Manchester. A slimmed-down head office has now been established in church property in Bury.

Also on the agenda for both Synods have been the energy crisis, in financial terms, and the practical challenges of moving to net zero carbon dioxide emissions. Grants have been made available to the diocese, from the Church Commissioners nationally. Diocesan Synod voted to distribute over half of this money as lump sums to each church building, including Sacred Trinity, and to distribute the remainder to churches that were particularly struggling. Grants have also been available for such practical measures as low energy light bulbs and insulation.

Other topics for Diocesan debate have included the *Living in Love and Faith* report, and its implications, though of course the real decisions are the responsibility of General Synod. We have also been introduced to Wiggle the Worm, an enthusiastic but inarticulate evangelist. It/they did not seem to identify with any particular sex but clearly has great appeal for children and is part of the *Children Changing Places* mission project. For once, it's a good thing to open up a can of worms.

And we spent a long time over two Synods on the very topical issue of individual cups for communion wine. After much debate, Synod decided not to support this. It is not something that any one diocese can decide for itself anyway; it would only have been forwarded to General Synod with a request for the House of Bishops to consider it. But the science and the ecclesiastical legalities were fascinating.

Neil Worthington

A Place Of Welcome Report 2022

Jesus said "Anyone who welcomes You welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me" Matthew 10:40

The doors at Sacred Trinity have often been open on a Tuesday for anyone who wishes to come into church.

In considering how we could play our part in reducing the feelings of isolation in the community (so evident at the end of the Covid pandemic) in the spring of 2022 the PCC gave their blessing to changing the Tuesday opening into becoming a Place Of Welcome.

Places Of Welcome are part of a network of community spaces open for a specific time each week to welcome anyone in with a hot drink, light refreshments and the opportunity to stay and chat. In the case of Sacred Trinity this is from 12noon until 2pm on a Tuesday. The PCC invested in corporate banners to advertise this new status on the railings outside the building and above the entrance door.



Since that time it has been a privilege to welcome in a diverse range of guests from members of the local community to visitors from overseas who have recently decided to settle in the area; some who have a connection with the church but many who have not. Refreshments, treats and time to chat are freely available for whoever comes through those church doors.

But this is a weekly drop in with a difference! From the very beginning colleagues from Salford Health Improvement Team have used the Place Of Welcome as a base to start health walks combined with talks for those wishing to improve their English and those keen to help them. We are indebted to Robert Hincks, Health Development Officer, for being the catalyst that has seen these walks become an integral part of the Tuesday activity at church.

Keith, who spent most of his time isolated at his home in Eccles said, "When I heard 'A Place of Welcome' announced during our monthly Open Table for LGBTIQ+ People and their supporting friends, I thought 'let me give it a try this Tuesday. And I've ever since attended almost every Tuesday, without regret. I've met international friends, like Andrew and his wife Miriam, from Hong Kong. We share our experiences as settlers in Salford, even after Tuesday, on social media, while improving our English as a second language."

The year ended on the Tuesday before Christmas where regular attenders of both the Place Of Welcome and the Talk English Health Walks came together for a wonderful celebration party to underline the positive impact that opening church on a Tuesday is having on the health and wellbeing of so many lives.

Manchester Universities Guild of Change Ringers (MUGs)

Last year, the MUGs were very active with regard to ringing, especially bringing the community together for the annual barbecue, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the proclamation of accession of Charles III and also . We have also rung for the annual Booth Charities service in July.

Over the past year, we have also had many people leave due to completion of their studies, and also plenty of people join the MUGs. We have had a student from Germany who came to learn to ring and she has progressed at a brilliant rate with many quarter peals scored by her last year. We have also had two ringing freshers join us in September which was also brilliant.

In the summer, the MUGs went on a summer weekend tour to Rugby, and in November, the MUGs successfully hosted the NUA ringing weekend which saw guilds/societies from universities in the North of England come to Manchester to compete for the trophies, and this was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Chapel Street Camera Club

Chapel Street Camera Club started as Chapel Street Community Arts Camera Club circa 2010, but changed its' name in 2016.

We are a group of friends who meet every Thursday, visiting interesting places usually round Manchester or Salford area to take photos and socialise. (We always try to finish our meeting in a Coffee Shop and are thinking of changing our name to "Cameras & Cake"!)

We meet every 6-8 weeks at Sacred Trinity to plan our trips and are very grateful for the coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

We have a Facebook page with 106 members who post all sorts of interesting photographs, with a weekly Challenge. The Challenge is set by the previous weeks' winner. 6 photos allowed entry, winner is photo with most 'likes'; and we have seen some amazing photographs, some taken on our trips, others from members own collection.

Our weekly meetings are usually attended by about 8-10 of us, as not all members are always free on Thursday afternoon.

We will be having an exhibition of a small selection of photos at Castlefield Viaduct in August (see our FB page nearer the time for details).

If you would like more information or want to join us on our Thursday meet, check the FB page under our name.

Mike Aspinall

Alcoholics Anonymous

During this last year we have welcomed 16 newcomers to our meetings this encompasses all race's religions and sexuality. AA is a totally inclusive organisation the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. The church provides a spiritual haven for those in need, its location is ideal for attracting visitors to the city. We are grateful to have such a wonderful location for our meetings.

Manchester Migrant Solidarity

Without Sacred Trinity Church, members of Manchester Migrant Solidarity wouldn't have been able to find a space to regularly meet up for our self-help, empowerment and peer support. Thank You.

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2022

It is with pleasure that I again present the accounts to Sacred Trinity Church PCC, and all members of the church, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Following another challenging year in 2021, I am pleased to report the steady increase in receipts, again it would be appropriate to compare these accounts to those of 2019 rather than last year for a more accurate comparison.

It will be noticeable that the Income is considerably higher than in previous years and this is due to grants & donations having been received especially for heating costs in the main & I would refer you to the notes on the General Fund page of the accounts, which explain this in more detail. In addition, a grant was received towards the costs of the community choir. Interest rates have of course been increasing and this has been reflected in the funds held on deposit. The electronic means of donating are becoming more familiar and well used, thank you. If you are able to gift aid donations please do so as this is an important additional source of income for us and if you need any assistance regarding this please speak to Peter who acts as our Gift Aid Secretary.

As expected, heating costs have increased and again I wish to express sincere thanks to Neil Worthington who spent numerous hours discussing our options with both brokers and suppliers, resulting eventually in new gas & electricity contracts which will see us into 2024 when hopefully prices will have reduced. It should be noted that the utility costs for the winter periods of 2023 are still likely to be expensive given the way the suppliers purchase gas & their pricing structure. We are very grateful for all the additional assistance we have received towards these expenses.

Again, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to church in 2022, which has enabled us to pay our parish share in full and maintain the running costs of the church. It is with sadness that we note the passing of Margaret Kott who as most of you may know was an avid supporter of Sacred Trinity over her lifetime, we give special thanks to Margaret & Les for their generous donations.

Various groups and external rentals have continued to make use of the facilities at Sacred Trinity and we are always on the lookout for new opportunities to enhance this source of income. We were able to support both The Booth Centre and Christian Aid during the year. The introduction of electronic devices for receding donations is being widely used which is encouraging.

We have been very fortunate for the support from Church House in Manchester in respect of the car parking which we provide to them, and they pay for, this represents half of our annual parish share. However, from March 2023 following the move to new offices in Bury these receipts will end. We hope to find alternative parties interested in paying for these car parking spaces.

We were again able to support the work undertaken by both The Booth Centre & Christian Aid during the year and funds raised from the Beer & Carols & other events in December were passed to The Booth Centre in January 2023.

Hopefully the figures in the accounts are self-explanatory however if anyone has any specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

David Martin has again independently examined our accounts and has signed them off and his note is available upon request.

As we now look to the future your support remains crucial, and as Andy says most weeks your contributions are needed, to help not only maintain Sacred Trinity but help us improve and move forward & so costs such as those of the architects are necessary for us to plan for the future of the church, so again if you want to donate and need more details on how to do this, please just ask myself or Andy.

My sincere thanks to everyone for their contributions to Sacred Trinity.

Lorna Cook

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

	2022		2021		2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts								
<i>Regular Giving</i>								
Planned giving (e.g. standing orders)	8,778.00		10,155.00		10,015.66		7,150.00	
Collections and other giving	-		180.31		334.82		1,750.25	
Weekly Envelopes	1,420.00		1,200.00		847.00		2,363.01	
Gift Day / Boxes	153.77		205.25		164.00		272.05	
Income tax recovered	4,733.87		841.99		3,100.22		3,823.54	
		15,085.64		12,582.55		14,461.70		15,358.85
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>								
Donations/Grants	15,255.04		10,287.50		4,138.26		1,802.06	
Other, incl Collections for external charities	6,774.38		1,918.88		105.01		85.54	
Legacies/Bequests	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
		22,029.42		12,188.36		4,243.27		1,887.60
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>								
Sales of diaries, magazines and Traidcraft items	222.58		16.00		0		140.00	
Subscriptions from community choir	1,197.59		280.03		214.21		958.70	
Rent from letting of Church property	10,530.00		8,125.00		7,745.00		12,909.43	
Bar	4,496.57		208.11					
		16,446.74		8,629.14		7,959.21		14,008.13
<i>Receipts from Church activities</i>								
Occasional Service Fees	2,594.32	2,594.32	1,507.00	1,507.00	820.00	820.00	1,491.00	1,491.00
<i>Receipts from investments</i>								
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	126.21		9.07		80.05		172.37	
		126.21		9.07		80.05		172.37
<i>Exceptional item</i>	-		-		-		-	
Total Receipts		56,282.33		34,914.12		27,564.23		32,917.95

	2022		2021		2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments								
<i>Charitable Giving</i>								
Overseas mission societies	-		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Christian relief & development agencies	201.50		250.00		550.00		0.00	
Home mission & Church societies	151.50		820.04		0.00		880.55	
		353.00		1,070.04		550.00		880.55
<i>Church activities</i>								
Parish Share	13,220.72		12,240.00		12,000.00		11,045.00	
Church running expenses	8,183.12		6,450.74		6,181.50		6,852.66	
Clergy expenses	1,543.45		1,393.32		2,019.19		731.57	
Upkeep of Services	1,142.49		1,359.94		479.89		1,059.97	
Maintenance & equipment	781.45		2,589.38		589.32		1,414.66	
Organ and Piano Maintenance	298.56		356.51		542.80		192.00	
Trading (i.e. Traidcraft and magazine sales)	462.02		230.04		396.39		135.98	
Photocopier	229.55		0.00		204.17		601.10	
Wages & Salaries	8,960.18		8,223.97		7,746.68		10,932.52	
Fees remitted to Diocese	737.00		620.00		244.00		520.00	
Community Choir expenses	207.54		32.16		122.31		303.60	
Bar	1,107.73		96.00		0.00		0.00	
Sundry, incl exceptional items	14,668.20		519.48		264.68		2,130.00	
		51,542.01		34,111.54		30,790.93		35,919.06
Total Payments		51,895.01		35,181.58		31,340.93		36,799.61
Excess of Receipts over Payments		4,387.32		(267.46)		(3,776.70)		(3,881.66)
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January		19,653.62		19,921.08		23,697.78		27,579.44
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December		24,040.94		19,653.62		19,921.08		23,697.78

NOTES

Receipts

It should be noted that included in Donations & Grants are the following receipts which maybe considered as exceptional in the year, namely:

£3,522.02 received from Manchester Diocese as a grant towards our community choir costs

£3,000.00 received from The Booth Trustees as a grant towards heating costs

£1,250.00 received from Manchester Diocese, again, as a grant towards heating costs

Payments

The main "sundry" item paid in the year, was also an exceptional item namely:

Architect's fees of £14,593.20 paid for planning the re-ordering of the church interior, a grant of £5,945 was also received from The National Church towards these costs, which is recorded under "Other" receipts

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	2022		2021		2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances								
Cash	601.08		0.00		24.31		(1.00)	
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Approved by the PCC on 22nd March 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Andy Salmon

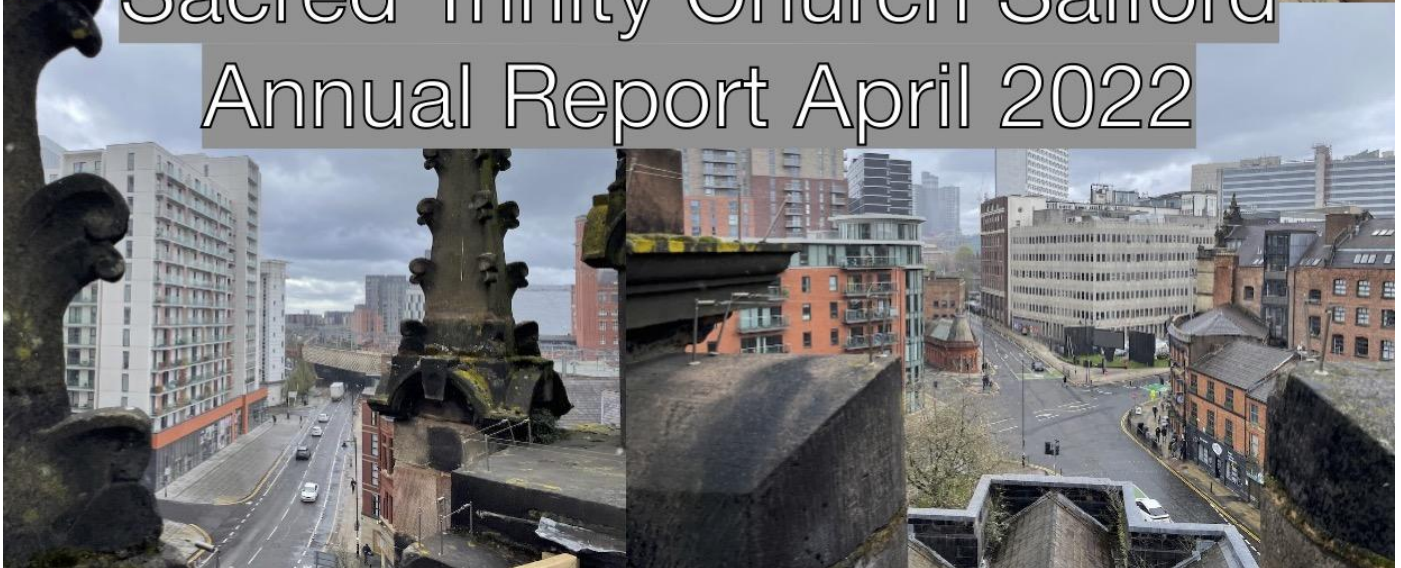
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The Revd Andy Salmon (PCC Chairperson) and Ms Lorna Cook (PCC Treasurer)

Accounts



Sacred Trinity Church Salford Annual Report April 2022



SACRED TRINITY CHURCH

Deanery of Salford, Diocese of Manchester

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2020/21

Rector	Andy Salmon
Lay Vice Chair:	Lorna Cook
Churchwardens:	Ann Rose and Peter Hughes
Church Warden Emeritus	Les Kott
Deputy Churchwarden	Sharon Hooley & John Hardman
Treasurer:	Lorna Cook
Gift Aid Secretary:	Peter Hughes
PCC Secretary:	Michaela Salmon
Reader Emeritus	David Winston
Deanery Synod Rep	Neil Worthington and John Hardman
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mel O'Neill
Sides people	In abeyance during the pandemic
Sacristan	Margaret Kott
Electoral Roll Officer:	Sharon Hooley

Other Council Members:

Sharon Hooley (2022)

Lorna Cook (2023)

Melanie O'Neill (2024)

Michaela Salmon (2022)

Lilli Broadbent (2023)

Lev Eakins (2024)

Honorary Clergy: Rev Rebecca Craven (NSM)

The PCC accounts are held at;

Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH

The report of the Rector

2021 was really quite a difficult year again. The Covid restrictions varied over the year but continued to have a major impact on our activities. We continued to offer a considerable amount of online content for those who were unable to attend church and this was much appreciated. Our community has continued to change with new people joining and old hands moving on. Our numbers in church are not yet up to the level they were before the pandemic but the trend has at least been largely in the right direction. We had a really good “beer and carols” in December just before people were getting really nervous about mixing again. Samba and the Flat Iron Choir started up again during the year and our routine is now almost back to normal.

The Churchwardens report below tells of our building plans which are really quite exciting.

During the height of the pandemic there were less people moving around in the area and less people coming into church but this has picked up a bit now. A new venture for the coming year is to make “A Place of Welcome” work on Tuesday lunchtimes. This has a lot of potential to engage people in the wider community but we will see how it goes.

With huge amounts of new apartments in our parish we will need to be focussed on promoting the church, making links and welcoming new people in.

The diocese has now organised us into “Mission Communities” and we are teaming up with St Ann’s, Christ Church Brunswick, Ascension Church Hulme and Manchester Cathedral. At the moment this mainly means that the clergy are meeting together for prayer once a week and we are meeting to share ideas and resources and to plan joint activities once a month. Hopefully over the next year this will develop in positive ways.

We recently held a fundraising concert for Ukraine and the Booth centre which raised £300 but also brought a tear to my eye when I watched our Community Choir singing “Sit Down” alongside a couple of singer/songwriters and the HeartEdge Choral Scholars. For me, seeing people developing new skills and helping and encouraging others is a powerful thing. We had a great mix of people in that night and again, I love the way that church and our community activities bring people together.

As usual, huge thanks go to everyone for their generosity with time and money. Thanks to Rebecca for generous support for very many years; to Peter and Ann for their support as Churchwardens; to Peter now in his role as an ordinand; to David for his music; to Lorna for being treasurer; to Michaela for being Secretary; to Neil for representing us at Synods and helping in other ways; to Margaret and Les for all their generous support; to Mel for sound safeguarding advice; to Kolyn for his support; to Lisa for all that she does; to Tracey in the office and to everyone who adds to the vibrancy of life at Sacred Trinity.

Andy Salmon

Churchwardens’ Report 2021-22 - Ann Rose and Peter Hughes

As coronavirus restrictions remained variable throughout the year, with significant restrictions in places of worship only lifted in the later part of 2021, the role of Churchwarden remained minimal.

Establishing Post-COVID Practices

The lifting of some restrictions in late 2021, before the year-end “Plan B” restrictions were imposed, represented both hope and anxiety for congregations and clergy alike – how are we to return to joyfully serving our parish while minimising the chance of infection and protecting the vulnerable?

Andy and the PCC have chosen to take a gradual, cautious attitude to the lifting of optional restrictions in the church. Boxes of free NHS lateral flow tests were made available at the church entrance, along with a hand sanitizer station and reminders to mask when moving around the building. The sharing of the peace during worship services remains socially-distant, communion in both kinds remains optional, and our one-way system also remains, to minimise

exposure risk. Singing, however, has returned to our services given the minimal risk of particulate infection due to the size, configuration, and ventilation of the main worship area.

Sacred Trinity continues to take seriously the risk that COVID-19 presents, especially given our city-centre location. These minor but necessary precautions are likely to remain in place for many months as we establish a new post-COVID rhythm that prioritises care for vulnerable congregants.

We would like to echo the words of Bishop Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group:

“People have made huge sacrifices... thank you to our NHS and front-line workers, our clergy, parish volunteers and congregations for all you have done. Your actions - whether noticed or unnoticed, big or small - have been the glue which has held our communities and our nation together during this time of great need. [The] pandemic has had a major impact on people's well-being, and the need to look out for each other is as great if not greater than ever.”

Investing in People and Place

Building Consultation

Over the past year the Building Consultation process, in partnership with Buttress and supported by the National Churches Trust, has made significant progress. Sacred Trinity's Mission Action Plan has as its priority, to “ensure that our building is able to support our vision – welcoming, warm, accessible, flexible and environmentally sustainable”, and this consultation work is a key factor in ensuring that Sacred Trinity meets that vision long-term.

Meeting 21st century concerns, such as accessibility and sustainability, in a Grade II* listed building, while maintaining its history, heritage, and community life is a significant challenge, and one that we would not be able to achieve without generous support from the congregation and funders.

Over the past year we held a series of stakeholder engagement activities, including in-person/online consultations and surveys to establish the concrete vision of the consultation project; gathering the views, insights and “must-haves” from members and users of Sacred Trinity.

From this, architectural drawings, plans, and a Statement of Significance were produced by architectural consultants, Buttress, allowing us to move forward with the renovation plans and contributing greatly to future funding bids.

Buttress' Statement of Significance concludes:

Sacred Trinity is a Grade II* designated building which has high archaeological, historic and architectural interest and is therefore a significant building. It is the only Grade II* listed building in the Flat Iron Conservation Area, with other designated buildings listed at Grade II.

The historic interest of Sacred Trinity forms its primary significance and Grade II* designation. The architectural and liturgical interest has been impacted over the years, with the changes in the 1980s having the most impact. The 1980s work was carried out with the future of the building in mind and it has achieved great success in this respect, as Sacred Trinity remains a beloved church and community space.

We couldn't agree more; Sacred Trinity is a beloved and highly significant place for the community and we hope that this work means it will continue to be so for generations to come. During the next year we hope to further refine the plans and seek significant funding.

Maintenance and Repairs

There have been no major works necessary in the past year.

Generosity and Thankfulness

Following the first national lockdown in 2020 the decision was made to not use the collection plate during the offertory and so far, the plate has not returned. Along with the reduced in-person congregation size, this has impacted donations. To counter this shortfall, the PCC invested in a contactless donation terminal to place alongside the existing collections box at the back of the church building. This system integrates with the Gift Aid system, maximising the return on each donation.

The generosity of the congregation is the lifeblood of Sacred Trinity and enables far more than just the upkeep of our historic building. Because of the community's gifts we have been able to run many events and programmes that would not otherwise have been possible, including:

- Our ability to offer prime city-centre space for use by community groups at heavily discounted rates, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Samba, Community Choir and more.
- Our continued charitable support of the Booth Trust, Chapel St Community Arts, Christian Aid and others.
- Initiatives such as Eco-Church and our campaign for continued safe public access to the river Irwell, an important open space, as Salford Council and Department for Transport issued a Stopping-Up Order on local access routes.
- Recognising the mental health impact of the pandemic, Sacred Trinity offered a series on "The Five Ways to Wellbeing" and hosted the charity Mind for a seminar on anxiety. We also continue to offer the weekly "Silence in the City" meditation sessions on Wednesday evenings, offering a no-obligation quiet space of peace and reflection for all.
- Volunteers at Sacred Trinity do litter-picking often, beautifying a busy crossroad and maintaining the solemnity of the Grade II Salford War Memorial, commemorating Edith Cavell who worshipped at Sacred Trinity, and the 124 local servicemen who died during the First World War.
- Once a month we host the Open Table Network, championing inclusion and diversity, and welcoming the LGBTQIA+ community especially.
- We also hosted representatives from Salford Council for an afternoon to build stronger relationships with local representatives.
- We welcomed our new Time for God (TfG) volunteer, Lisa, from her hometown in Germany with the help of the congregation's generosity.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to Sacred Trinity's mission over the past year, making these and many other services available to all.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank Kolyn and K & S Cleaners for keeping the church clean and COVID-secure over the past few years. Your work has meant that people are more able to feel confident in returning to both worship and community activities.

Special thanks to Andy, Rebecca, and Lisa, for their leadership, inspiration and effectiveness in ensuring that Sacred Trinity is a place where friendship and faith can flourish.

Sincere thanks to Sacred Trinity's Director of Music, David, and the Manchester Universities Guild of Change Ringers for creating an atmosphere of beauty and harmony with their music that draws us closer to God and each other. Thanks to Dyfrig for expertly leading the community Bible study group, and thanks to Les for his service as Server.

Thanks to the PCC for their continued dedication to the community and thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time, effort, and resources to getting us through the pandemic safely and effectively.

Last but by no means least, we thank the whole of Sacred Trinity's community for their generosity and enthusiasm in continuing to support and enhance the life of the church and its programmes both financially and spiritually.

Music Director's report 2021 - 2022

Achievements over the year - Church

This report covers the period of recovery from the COVID pandemic when the church returned to worship in the real world. The focus of the musical director's work changed from recording music to performing live. Unfortunately, during the height of the COVID pandemic, there was little time or opportunity to practice and many Hymns, songs, and voluntaries have unlearned themselves during this period. Increasing practice time has allowed me to regain control. We have a repertoire of 100 hymns and songs this ensures that we sing each one 2 - 3 times through the year but with better known hymns and songs rotating in and out so that we sing everyone's favourites over a period of time. I note the time it takes to practice each piece of music and begin practicing enough time in advance to make sure that the piece will be satisfactory when performed in church. This year I have been joined by Lisa Fischer who

has played music in services and assisted the Flat Iron Choir as an accompanist. I am very grateful to Lisa for her work which has helped immensely with what might have been a very difficult time.

Achievements over the year - Choir

The Flat Iron Choir has returned to meeting in the real world, but socially distanced, and with a new programme of work leading to four concerts throughout the year; Beer and Carols in the winter, a concert with the theme of spring and growth in the springtime, a summer concert with the theme of Justice in the summer and singing at the Harvest service in the Autumn. Beer and Carols raised £850.00 for the Booth Centre, the spring concert raised £303.00 divided between the DEC Ukraine appeal and the Booth Centre with choirs and audience both reporting a positive experience. The choir is growing and marketing through Meetup and Facebook social media is leading to an increase in numbers. The choir has an ambition to reach 20 members by the end of the year.

Summary

This year has been a year of recovery for church music. There is still a long way to go, but our ambition is to get a better place than the one we left in March 2020.

David Hillary

Safeguarding

Sacred Trinity has a Parish Safeguarding Officer who is Mel O'Neil and she can be contacted via safeguarding@sacredtrinity.org.uk. We work in line with the National Church safeguarding policy and procedures.

Rebecca Craven, Honorary Assistant Priest

As I write, we are seeing scenes we never thought possible, of war in Europe and it can look like the triumph of evil. As never before, we need the Easter message of resurrection and the promise that, no matter how dark the times, God will transform them, bringing light and love and goodness.

Against this background, many of our difficulties can seem small but this has been another year of change and uncertainties for Sacred Trinity as we have had to adapt to the changing situation through the pandemic. Huge thanks go to all who worked hard to make that possible and persevered with church despite the difficulties.

Plans have advanced for the restoration and development of the building. The Community Choir is getting back to meeting, Open Table has continued to be popular and the newly formed Mission Community is developing well under Andy's leadership. My hope is that people gain in confidence to return to church week by week and to use their gifts to build up this community. That might be as a welcomer, or doing a reading or even being on the PCC.

Finally, my news is that I am retiring from my day job at the University and will be spending most of my time down in Somerset helping my mum. Very sadly, this means that I will be ceasing to be licensed to Sacred Trinity in September. It has been a great privilege to be a part of this church family and I will miss you all hugely. However, I will be coming back to Manchester and will call in! It is great to have Peter in training for ordination and set to be self-supporting minister here. I am sure that Sacred Trinity will go from strength to strength.

Secretary report for Annual Parochial Council - 2022

There were five PCC meetings between April 2021 and April 2022.

In addition, the Standing Committee has met on 4 occasions. Copies of the PCC meeting minutes and the notes of the Standing Committee meetings are available for inspection upon request.

During the year the PCC has discussed the gradual reopening of church in line with the national relaxation of covid-related rules and increased vaccination and levels of immunity in the general population. We have discussed various aspects of the Mission Action Plan, including actions around our building, around groups and activities to nurture faith and our social media strategy.

Lorna has provided a financial update to every meeting and we have also discussed safeguarding at every meeting as a standing item on our agenda.

We have received regular reports and updates from our representatives on Deanery Synod.

We have discussed and agreed a proposal to become a Place of Welcome.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to these meetings and for work carried out by the PCC members between meetings, which enable the church to continue its mission.

Michaela Salmon

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll has been revised and currently has 29 names on. Quite a few people have moved away and hopefully some of the new people will soon register on the electoral roll.

Time for God Intern's report

I am this year's intern from "Time for God" in Sacred Trinity. I arrived in Manchester from Germany on the 3rd of September and have been working in this church since the 5th. My tasks vary from day to day.

On Sundays, after helping to set up for the morning service, I join the bellringers to announce the beginning of the service. During the service, I occasionally do the reading and regularly share the musician's work with David Hillary accompanying the congregation's singing by playing the organ or piano. In the evening, after setting up for the service and giving people a warm welcome as well as a warm brew, I take care of livestreaming the service or playing the organ, depending on the offering in our monthly schedule.

On Mondays after joining the church's online morning prayer, I make my way to the living community "L'Arche" for people with learning disabilities. Throughout the day, I not only help with cleaning, cooking or doing the laundry but also go on walks with core members. After an eventful day, I open the church doors for the community choir and provide everyone with a cup of tea or coffee. Afterwards, I join in with the choir and sometimes play the accompaniment on the piano.

On a Tuesday, my day starts with an online morning prayer with members of the "Mission Community" team. Followed by a few hours in the office, I advertise our upcoming events, design and publish social media posts and intermittently do manual jobs in the building. In the afternoon, we open the church to visitors. Giving people a warm welcome and providing them with a brew is part of my job.

In October, I started working in the Friars Primary School with year four and six on a Wednesday. I help children in need of support whilst learning about the school system in England. After doing some litter picking around the church in the late afternoon, we gather together for "Silence in the City". My job is to set everything up for this and welcome people.

Every Thursday starts with some office-time, followed by shooting the weekly video. It is my task to edit and upload the video on YouTube and social media.

Additionally, there are lots of other things going on in Sacred Trinity which don't happen on a weekly basis. Meetings of the camera club, faith groups and gigs are only some of them. My job is to prepare the space, support the team and give people a warm welcome.

During my time here at Sacred Trinity, I learned many new things and got to know lots of new people. I gained great experiences whilst working as a volunteer, living abroad and constantly facing new situations and challenges. All in all, I'm very grateful to be able to spend my gap year in this community to grow, learn and help others.

Lisa Fischer

A brief report on Deanery activities during 2021:

2021 saw the end of Salford Deanery as a means of bringing local churches together, though not as a legal entity - the bureaucracy involved in changing deanery borders was seen as too expensive and too slow. Instead we joined the deaneries of Eccles and Leigh to form the new Deanery of Salford & Leigh. Our final meeting as Salford was held in May, on Zoom like many previous meetings. Our first meeting as Salford & Leigh was held in June and yes, it too was on Zoom. But we finally managed to meet in the flesh for the first time in November.

Salford Deanery had previously voted to close down its Parish Share Contingency Fund. This was set up some decades ago as a means of supporting those churches that found it difficult to pay their Parish Share in full. Thanks to fairer means of assessing what a parish could pay, there had been no calls on the Contingency Fund since the last century, apart from a temporary loan to one church. The receipts were divided equally between the parishes that had contributed, with each receiving just under £1,200. Sacred Trinity benefited of course and the money helped greatly in paying our Parish Share for 2021.

We had spent many sessions of Synod in exploring ways in which the different churches could work together better. The combining of the three deaneries and the appointment of a full time Area Dean (Revd Colin Pearson) is part of the diocesan vision of more effective mission. Within the new deanery there were to be several new groups of churches, called Mission Communities. Sacred Trinity has since joined St Ann's, Manchester, Christ Church, Brunswick, and the Church of the Ascension, Hulme, as a Mission Community within the new Deanery of Manchester South & Stretford. This does not however mean that we will be leaving our old friends in Salford's churches: Sacred Trinity remains firmly within the City of Salford and the Deanery of Salford & Leigh.

This may be my last report as your lay representative on Deanery Synod. Last year saw, unusually, elections to form a new Diocesan Synod *and* a new General Synod. I stood for a place on Diocesan Synod and was surprised and gladdened to be appointed without an election (the number of candidates exactly matched the number of vacancies). In consequence, I am now an *ex officio* member of both Deanery Synod and our PCC, which has elected John Hardman as Sacred Trinity's lay representative to Deanery Synod.

Financial issues and the development of Mission Communities seem to be the main preoccupations of Diocesan Synod, judging by the only meeting to take place since my election.

Neil Worthington

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

It is with pleasure that I again present the accounts to Sacred Trinity Church PCC, and all members of the church, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Following a challenging year in 2020, I am pleased to report the steady increase in receipts, it would perhaps be best to compare these accounts to those of 2019 rather than 2020.

It will be noticeable that the Income tax recovered is much lower than in previous years and this is due to the fact that claims were not made on such a regular basis as in previous years, for various reasons, however a final claim for the year end has been submitted in the region of £2,100 and this is expected to be received shortly, however as our accounts are prepared on a simple receipts and payments basis this amount will be included in our accounts for 2022.

Many I take this opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed to church in 2021, which has enabled us to pay our parish share in full and maintain the running costs of the church despite there being a very limited number of physical services in church in the year. It should be noted that our average monthly costs are in the region of £2,800. Our special thanks again to Margaret & Les Kott who very kindly donate to church on a regular basis and especially for unexpected expenses.

We were pleased to welcome back various groups and external rentals and we were able to support both The Booth Centre and Christian Aid again this year. We have installed a card reader machine and continue to benefit from other forms of on-line donations, including Donate & Paypal.

We are very fortunate for the support that we have from Church House in Manchester in respect of the car parking which we provide to them and they pay for, this represents half of our annual parish share. We also received exceptional receipts of £1,199 and £250 from Salford Deanery following the closure of their bank accounts which was then shared between the parish churches in the Deanery

David Martin has again independently examined our accounts and has signed them off and his note is available upon request. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Worthington again for his support not only with being a signatory to the accounts and going online to approve transactions but also for checking the spreadsheets at the end of the year and helping me resolve odd queries.

Hopefully the figures in the accounts are self-explanatory however if anyone has any specific questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

As we now start to get back to some kind of normality your support remains crucial, and as Andy says most weeks your contributions are needed so again if you want to donate and need more details on how to do this please just ask myself or Andy.

Thank you all
Lorna Cook

Parochial Church Council of Sacred Trinity, Salford

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Approved by the PCC on 10 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by




The Revd Andy Salmon (PCC Chairman) and Ms Lorna Cook (PCC Treasurer)

Sacred Trinity Church, Salford

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 - General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

	2021		2020		2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts								
<i>Regular Giving</i>								
Planned giving (e.g. standing orders)	10,155.00		10,015.66		7,150.00		6,980.00	
Collections and other giving	180.31		334.82		1,750.25		1,949.38	
Weekly Envelopes	1,200.00		847.00		2,363.01		2,400.40	
Gift Day / Boxes	205.25		164.00		272.05		156.00	
Income tax recovered	841.99		3,100.22		3,823.54		3,494.66	
		12,582.55		14,461.70		15,358.85		14,980.44
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>								
Donations/Grants	10,267.50		4,138.26		1,802.06		1,910.83	
Other, incl Collections for external charities	1,918.86		105.01		85.54		658.51	
Legacies/Bequests	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
		12,186.36		4,243.27		1,887.60		2,569.34
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>								
Sales of diaries, magazines and Traidcraft items	16.00		0		140.00		103.58	
Photocopier	-		0		-		49.91	
Subscriptions from community choir	280.03		214.21		958.70		647.00	
Rent from letting of Church property	8,125.00		7,745.00		12,909.43		10,608.40	
Bar	208.11							
		8,629.14		7,959.21		14,008.13		11,408.89
<i>Receipts from Church activities</i>								
Occasional Service Fees	1,507.00	1,507.00	820.00	820.00	1,491.00	1,491.00	640.00	640.00
<i>Receipts from investments</i>								
Bank and CBF Deposit account interest	9.07		80.05		172.37		137.52	
		9.07		80.05		172.37		137.52
<i>Exceptional item</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		34,914.12		27,564.23		32,917.95		29,736.19

	2021		2020		2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments								
<i>Grants</i>								
Overseas mission societies	-		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Christian relief & development agencies	250.00		550.00		0.00		400.00	
Home mission & Church societies	820.04		0.00		880.55		250.00	
		1,070.04		550.00		880.55		650.00
<i>Church activities</i>								
Parish Share	12,240.00		12,000.00		11,045.00		10,000.00	
Church running expenses	6,450.74		6,181.50		6,852.66		8,788.35	
Clergy expenses	1,393.32		2,019.19		731.57		1,845.94	
Upkeep of Services	1,359.94		479.89		1,059.97		1,068.54	
Maintenance & equipment	2,589.38		589.32		1,414.66		2,885.26	
Organ and Piano Maintenance	356.51		542.80		192.00		728.02	
Trading (i.e. Traidcraft and magazine sales)	230.04		396.39		135.98		360.92	
Photocopier	-		204.17		601.10		279.20	
Wages & Salaries	8,223.97		7,746.68		10,932.52		9,724.96	
Fees remitted to Diocese	620.00		244.00		520.00		309.00	
Community Choir expenses	32.16		122.31		303.60		-	
Bar	96.00		0.00					
Sundry, incl exceptional items	519.48		264.68		2,130.00		1,350.00	
		34,111.54		30,790.93		35,919.06		37,340.19
Total Payments		35,181.58		31,340.93		36,799.61		37,990.19
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(267.46)		(3,776.70)		(3,881.66)		(8,254.00)
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January		19,921.08		23,697.78		27,579.44		35,833.44
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December		19,653.62		19,921.08		23,697.78		27,579.44

