



Trinity Church York

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st May 2021

Charity Name	Trinity Church York
Registered Charity Number	1141747 (Bare Trust, converted to CIO during this tax year, 18 th October 2020) 1191869 (CIO, established during this tax year 18 th October 2020)
Address	Trinity Church York, St Anthony's Hall Peasholme Green York YO1 7PW
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Website	www.trinitychurchyork.org.uk
Trustees	Matthew Roberts (elder) Simon Foster (elder) Roland Kettle (elder) Adam Wilson (elder) When the CIO was established, all the above became trustees of the CIO. In addition the following non-elder trustees were appointed: Sarah Durant Stuart Thomas Tim Toase (deacon)

Structure, governance and management

Trinity Church York is a congregation of The International Presbyterian Church (IPC), and is a member of the First IPC Presbytery of England. It was constituted by a charitable trust deed dated 12th November 2010.

By motion of the Trustees on 24th June 2020, a new constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was agreed and submitted to the Charity Commission. This was subsequently approved by the Charity Commission on 19th October 2020. On that date all the assets of the bare Trust were transferred to the new CIO. From that point onwards the new CIO has executed all the functions of the charity. The bare trust 1141747 will be wound up once all assets have been transferred and final reports submitted.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the activities of the Trust. The four trustees of the bare trust were elders of Trinity Church York. These became Trustees of the CIO and were joined at that point by the three non-elder Trustees.

The Trustees began to meet monthly during the reporting period to monitor progress of the church and plan for the future. The Treasurer reported to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting held on 13th October 2020.

During the year, Matthew Roberts was employed full-time as Minister. Adam Wilson was employed as Assistant Minister.

Robert Gooch, Robert Rampley, Timothy Toase and Andrew Durant served as deacons. Andrew Durant was ordained as Deacon on 11th October 2020. Deacons have responsibility to help meet the material needs of those within the church and those the church comes into contact with. The office of deacon is a voluntary position.

Purposes and activities

The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian religion, in accordance with the doctrinal standards of the IPC, primarily but not exclusively within York and the surrounding area, and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the elders, further the work of the Church.

To this end we hold regular worship services on Sunday mornings that are open to the public, in which we offer prayer and praise to the Triune God and listen to him speak to us, as the Bible is preached and the sacraments are celebrated. This is our main weekly event and the principal means by which we bring and offer the good news of Jesus Christ and his gospel to the world. We actively work to make these services clear and intelligible to people who are unfamiliar with Christianity. We baptise those who confess faith in Jesus Christ and their children, and share the Lord's Supper with baptised Christian believers.

The activities of the church were severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic. We complied with lockdown restrictions which meant that the church did not gather for worship from March 29th to June 28th 2020 inclusive, nor during November 2020. We livestreamed a service from the church building on these dates. The November prohibition on church worship we considered to be an unjustified intrusion of the state upon the Church's worship, and we joined with many other churches in protesting about this decision to the government in various ways. Our minister was a signatory to judicial review proceedings launched against the government over this prohibition. Nevertheless, the church complied with all its legal obligations. During periods when meeting for worship was permitted, social distance and other covid-secure guidance was followed. Two morning service were provided to ensure sufficient capacity for everyone to come to church who wished to do so.

While most activities outside of Sunday worship were prevented by the epidemic, the elders of the church continued to provide pastoral support to the congregation and others in the community.

We regularly pray for the work of the church in other parts of the country and world, and have given money to the IPC church planting fund in the reporting period.

The deacons have been involved in finding and providing housing, assisting house moves, organising DIY, assisting with transport, delivering Christmas hampers to needy families, and distributing food to members of the church and others in need of help.

The church continued to enjoy a lease on the first floor of St. Anthony's Hall, a mediaeval guildhall in York, to use as a base for all our church activities, including our worship services.

The Trustees are aware of their duty, set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. They therefore ensure that the church's activities are in line with its purposes as stated in paragraph 1 of this section. By advancing the Christian religion, we teach people the high ethical standards of Jesus Christ and the enormous benefits to themselves, their friends and family, and society as a whole, which flow from them. There have been tangible benefits in personal and family relationships as a consequence of the application of Christian teaching. We also see helping those in material need as an important Christian duty, and our deacons help us accomplish this more effectively.

Achievements and performance

During the year 15 adults became members of the church, including 2 through baptism. We also baptised 5 children of church members. There were 80 adult members on 31st May 2021.

2 marriages were solemnized in St. Anthony's Hall.

The average Sunday morning attendance from September 2020 to May 2021, apart from November 2020 when gathering for worship was forbidden, was 112 people.

The church has continued its commitment to advancement of the Christian religion to the glory of God.

Financial Review

Our policy on reserves is to hold on average approximately three months' average expenditure as reserves, except where there are foreseeable financial needs in the future, which are unlikely to be able to be met from regular giving income. The church is able to cover its basic costs of its venue and its minister, while extra staff are largely funded by external donations.

The accounts show a historic pension liability larger than our reserves. The Trustees are committed to meeting the charity's liabilities. However, they also believe that this liability is likely to be overestimated. They will seek to reassess this liability and commence payment of it during the financial year June 2021- May 2022, and are satisfied that this will be possible. Those to whom the liability is due are in agreement with this. In the meantime the reserves are fully available to the charity for use if required.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name Rev. Dr. Matthew PW Roberts

Position Minister and Trustee

Date 24th March 2022

Annual Accounts

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Independent Examiner's Report

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			19th Oct 20 - 31st May 21 Actuals	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Notes
Income	Giving	External				
		Trust Funds	0.00	0.00	1000.00	
		Churches	7424.35	0.00	8000.00	
		Individuals	2857.50	15500.00	15500.00	General increase from external givers
		Staff support (Trust Fund)	0.00	18000.00	10000.00	Support for Adam Wilson via Presbytery
	Internal	Individuals - regular giving (Including Church Suite)	35235.63	62500.00	70620.00	Inflation + more people giving
		Individual - One-off gifts (gift Day)	0.00	2500.00	2500.00	Potential specific support from Gift Day for a cleaner
		Sunday Service Collection	0.00	7000.00	7000.00	Estimate of (one-off gifts) giving at Sunday Services
		Pocklington Service	0.00	0.00	1000.00	New service
		Deacons (inc Besom)	6959.39	11000.00	11000.00	Money paid into both the main Trinity and Deacons account
	Other	Gift Aid (Claim for 2019/20 & 20/21)	0.00	16250.00	16280.00	20/21 Estimate
		Bank Interest	2.37	30.00	35.00	
		Misc Stewardship and CAF	4136.84	0.00	0.00	
		Misc. (Giving ChurchSuite App-Stripe)	6889.05	5000.00	5000.00	
		Rent/Venue Hire	100.00	400.00	400.00	Potential Income for venue hire (e.g. weddings)
	Things people pay for	Events	743.57	0.00	0.00	To be self funding
		Bookstall	0.00	400.00	400.00	
Total Income			64348.70	138580.00	150735.00	
Expenditure						
	Staff	Salaries	26582.23	42500.00	46520.00	
		Housing	19689.33	30000.00	32000.00	
		Pensions	3849.44	5800.00	11800.00	
	Church running	Ministry	209.21	1200.00	1200.00	
		Venue Hire	9164.71	23500.00	23500.00	Rent and Insurance
		Venue Utilities	4127.76	7500.00	7500.00	
		Pocklington Service	0.00	0.00	2415.00	
		Venue Equipment	920.89	2000.00	2000.00	
		Admin/ChurchSuite/Safeguarding	1222.28	4000.00	2000.00	
		Food	51.43	1000.00	1000.00	
		Publicity	113.76	200.00	200.00	
		Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Staff resources	Books	637.58	300.00	500.00	
		Travel	0.00	700.00	700.00	
		Conferences/Training	0.00	70.00	1000.00	
	Giving	Church Planting Fund (Liability not yet debited)	0.00	7000.00	7000.00	Church Planting Fund/Assistant Minister Fund/Admin
		Deacons Fund	3924.77	10000.00	11000.00	Monies paid out by the Deacons in support of the work of the church.
		Jess Ball	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Ilford Gift Money and Gift Aid (Jun20-May21)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Missionary/Trainee Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Things people pay for	Events	65.98	0.00	0.00	To be self funding
		Bookstall	0.00	400.00	400.00	
		YCT Rent Cut	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Expenditure			70,559.37	136170.00	150735.00	
Balance			- 6,210.67	2,410.00	-	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st May 2021			
Assets including those transferred from the Charity - 1141747			
	Cash at bank	9,196.50	Balance at 18th Oct 2022
	Cash in Savings	35,672.22	Balance at 18th Oct 2022
	Deacons Account	4,314.00	Balance at 18th Oct 2022
	Petty Cash		
	Trust Fund Grant promised	10,000.00	IPC Giving towards Adam Wilson (received 5th June 2021)
	Gift Aid Reclaim due (20/21)	6,820.20	Gift Aid claim based on an estimate for 01 Jun 2020-18 Oct 2020 Church Suite, Stripe and Church Giving
	Gift Aid Reclaim due (19/20)	11,397.75	Gift Aid claim based on an estimate for 2019/20 Church Suite, Stripe and Church Giving
	Total Assets	77,400.67	
Liabilities including those transferred from the Charity - 1141747			
	Creditors		
	Pension Liability	56057.00	Backlog of Simon Arscott and Matthew Roberts pension. Trustees agreed to pay in instalments. Expecting to start June 2022.
	HMRC	307.36	Tax/Ni payment due to paid for May 2021
	IPC Church Plant, Trainee Minister and Admin funds 19/2	5800.00	Based on giving in 2019/20
	IPC Church Plant, Trainee Minister and Admin funds 20/2	6000.00	Based on giving in 2020/21
	All Nations - Transfer of giving	140.00	Giving to be transferred to All Nations Ilford
	Deacon Fund Support	4,960.38	Giving to be transferred from Sunday Online Collections
	Total Liabilities	73,264.74	

Notes:

- The year covered by these accounts (2020-2021) was within a period of a global pandemic, when COVID 19 was prevalent. Therefore, a number of the usual expected incomes and forecast expenses were either zero or lower than forecasted.
- The value allocated by Stewardship, CAF or Stripe has been allocated where the intention of the giving is clear (e.g. Deacons). Otherwise it is allocated as general fund.
- The value allocated as Intern support was for some initial giving directed through the church, which has been passed on accordingly. This in no way was part of a salary to the intern or should be accounted as such. It is understood all subsequent monetary support has been provided to the intern direct from their supporters via Stewardship.

Independent Examiner's Report to Trinity Church York

I report on the accounts of Trinity Church York, Charity no 1191869 for the period 19th October 2020 – 31st May 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trinity Church and the Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

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



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28th March 2022