

Trustee Annual Report

Trinity Church Milnthorpe

Charity no. 1193424

This report relates to **financial year: 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023**

The **principal address** of the charity is 31 Beetham Road, MILNTHORPE, LA7 7QN

The following individuals were the **charity trustees on the date the report was approved**

Peter James Bramhall

Adam Mark Taylor

Kevin John Gregory

The following individuals served as **charity trustees during the year:**

Peter James Bramhall

Andrew Colin Dugdale

Adam Mark Taylor

Kevin John Gregory

Trinity Church Milnthorpe was entered into the **register of charities** on 5th February 2021

The Charity is governed by a Constitution as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation**.

The **Charitable purposes** of Trinity Church Milnthorpe are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Milnthorpe and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time.

Trinity Church has been meeting in Milnthorpe since October 2016, but until February 2021 was operating as part of the charitable organisation Parr Street Evangelical Church (charity number 1141454). With registration of Trinity Church Milnthorpe as an independent charity on 5th February 2021 work commenced to open a bank account so independent operations could commence. Unfortunately, with COVID this proved to be a difficult task and a bank account was not fully effective until the end of January 2022. Consequently, the first few

months of 2022/3 financial year were a time of transition with members of the church family changing from being restricted donors to Parr Street Evangelical church to giving directly to Trinity Church Milnthorpe (hereafter referred to as TCM).

All the Trinity Church activities (except for the pastor's employment costs for February-March 2022) were directly funded by TCM.

To **further the Charitable Purposes for the public benefit**, TCM carried out the following in 2022/3:

- Provided church services over this period to everyone who wanted to come along. This was a source of spiritual and physical support to members of the church as well as to those in the wider community seeking comfort and support in the difficult times of the Covid pandemic, cost-of-living crisis, and other aspects of life. These church services were held in accordance with the relevant government guidelines, and recorded for the benefit of those who could not attend.
- Continued to enable members of the church volunteer to serve others in the church and community in various ways.
- Encouraged church family involvement in community initiatives.
- Continued to meet in smaller weekly groups for Bible study, prayer and support. These groups are open to anyone and have been one of the ways pastoral care has been provided.
- Continued to run the Trinity Youth Group to serve secondary school aged children both in our Sunday church service and in Wednesday evening groups during term time. This Wednesday evening group has been a mixture of in-person meetings in the local Primary School, outside in a local park, and in people's homes.
- Continued to run Trinity Kids groups on Sunday mornings for primary and preschool age children to share the Gospel and encourage the children.
- A number of other events were put on by Trinity Church for the community:
 - In March 2022 we organised a Ceilidh for the community. It was a way for us to highlight the celebration that Easter is for the church, and part way through the evening a short Gospel talk was given to share the hope and assurances we have in Christ. A diverse group of around 130 people came along on the evening. Ticket prices were made affordable to the community, and the financial shortfall was funded by a couple of direct donations by members of the church family.
 - In April 2022 we organised an Easter Trail around Milnthorpe looking at 'Easter eggs' provided by church family and community groups. This told the story of why Easter is a time of celebration. Over 100 people from across the local community completed the trail.
 - In November 2022 we organised a Christmas Pantomime performed by Saltmine Theatre Company. Ticket prices were made affordable to the community, and the shortfall was funded by Trinity Church. Close to 200 people attended.

- In December 2022 an All-Age Sunday morning service was held to share the wonderful news of that first Christmas and what it means for us today.
- In December 2022 an evening Carol Service was held to provide an opportunity for the community to focus on the amazing incarnation story and its impact in our lives.
- In January 2023 we commenced an evening series entitled 'Living the Christian life' to provide a biblical perspective on issues that face people in general and Christians in particular.

The **main achievements** of Trinity Church in the year were:

- New people attending the Sunday morning meetings and getting involved in mid-week events. This covered all age groups, different backgrounds and varying needs. This was accompanied by a willingness to serve within the church and community
- Attendance at the youth meetings continued to be higher than the number of teenagers in our church family. This reflects a need being met in the community, and an opportunity to share about the Christian faith.
- A significant number of people outside TCM came along to the Easter Ceilidh and completed the Easter Trail.
- A significant number of people outside TCM came along to the Saltmine Christmas Pantomime and had fun, as well as hearing a short Gospel message and being invited to other Christmas events.
- A number of the community outside of TCM came along to the Carol Service, singing songs about Christ's incarnation and hearing a clear Gospel message.

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance and have had regard to this when running the charity.

A **review of the charity's financial position** at the end of the year:

- At the end of the financial year TCM held £17,998 in the charity's Bank Account and petty cash. This represents just over 4 months of average operating costs and is in line with the trustees' initial target of 4 months. The trustees will take any necessary steps during future periods to maintain reserves at or above the target.
- The general principle of investment for Trinity Church Milnthorpe is one of financial conservatism to avoid capital risk. This approach recognises that financial returns on capital will be low but balanced by certainty.
- As has already been mentioned the early part of 2022/3 was a transitional time with the ability to operate as an independent financial entity. Since the beginning of February 2022 all expenses were handled by TCM except for the pastor's employment costs.
- His employment costs remained in the Parr Street payroll until 1st April 2022 although the salary and on-costs were charged against the restricted funds held by the Parr Street Evangelical church charity.

- The transition for donors switching from Parr Street Evangelical church to TCM lasted until the end of November 2022 when the final person switched across. Until that time any donations intended for TCM were transferred regularly from Parr Street Evangelical church.
- All monies received from Parr Street have been treated as donations.
- In the financial year 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023 the Charity had an unrestricted income of £68,676 and £1,066 of restricted income. The restricted income was given by members of the church family and others to support the mission trip of one of our young people to South Africa. This restricted income (and an additional £250 of funding from TCM) was transferred to Crosslinks in November 2022 and January 2023 to help fund the Crosslinks mission.
- Operating costs on unrestricted activities were £51,478 of which £4,699 were donations to other Christian organisations in support of their work. Additionally, there were operating costs of £1,066 on restricted activities in the year - this being the transfer of directed donations received for the already mentioned Crosslinks mission trip.
- The growth in unrestricted funds is not expected to be as significant in future years. 2022/3 benefited from receiving Gift Aid for 2021/2 year (£5,038 passed onto TCM by Parr Street in May 2022) as well as progressive Gift Aid claims during 2022/3 financial year. It is more likely that unrestricted funds will remain at similar levels.
- There were a small number of short-term liabilities totalling £1,245 at the end of January 2023, and these were all paid in February 2023.
- No trustee received payment or benefits from the charity for being a trustee. Peter Bramhall (TCM's pastor) is the sole employee of the CIO. His remunerations are purely for his pastoral role and not in any way related to being a trustee. In employment matters Peter is recused to avoid any conflict of interest (in accordance with the charity's Conflict of Interest policy).
- The charity does not raise funds from the public.
- This charity does not have any trading subsidiaries.
- The principal risk and uncertainty which the charity faces are that it relies heavily on donations to continue its operations. The current levels and rising cost of living in the UK is expected to reduce disposable income of the church family and others, while costs continue to rise. Adequate reserves at the end of January 2023 (4 months expenditure) should provide a buffer to any short-term issues.



Peter James Bramhall

Date. 28th February 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trinity Church Milnthorpe

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CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period 1st February 2022 To 31st January 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts					
Donations	57,040	1,066	-	58,106	800
Tickets for events	2,075	-	-	2,075	-
Gift Aid	9,561	-	-	9,561	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	68,676	1,066	-	69,742	800
Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,676	1,066	-	69,742	800
Payments					
Employment Costs	33,700	-	-	33,700	-
Running Costs	3,933	-	-	3,933	-
Building hire costs	5,401	-	-	5,401	-
Event Costs	3,746	-	-	3,746	-
Mission Giving	4,599	1,066	-	5,665	-
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total	51,478	1,066	-	52,544	-
Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,478	1,066	-	52,544	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,198	-	-	17,198	800
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	800	-	-	800	-
Cash funds this year end	17,998	-	-	17,998	800

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank	17,948	-	-
	Petty cash	50	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,998	-	-
Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	HMRC		731	Feb. 2023
	Hall Hire		465	Feb. 2023
	Scottish Equitable		49	Feb. 2023
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
		PETER BRAMHALL		28/02/23
		KEVIN JOHN GREGORY		28/02/23



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY CHURCH MILNTHORPE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2023 which are set out on the attached CC16a.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Date: 14 April 2023