

Carrickfergus/Woodburn/Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102642

Details

Known as Holy Trinity Woodburn

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£179,731	£192,311	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Donna Harrison		
Drew Buchanan		
Graeme Hunter		
Jenny Wightman		
Joan Cummings		
Joanne Hunter		
John Fittis		
Karen Hambleton		
Kel Mcdermott		
Mr Victor Wootton		
Mrs Alison Moffett		
Mrs Elaine Wright		
Mrs Karen Buchanan		
Mrs Sharon Mcneill		
Rev Alan Mccann		
Richard Hambleton		
Terry Shimmon		

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland

Charity Number NIC102642

Contact Mr Drew Buchanan MBE
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		Meetings	Attendance
Trustees	Mr Drew Buchanan MBE	9	9
	Mrs Karen Buchanan	9	8
	Mrs Joan Cummings	9	8
	Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC (resigned March 2024)	2	2
	Mrs Karen Hambleton	9	8
	Mr Richard Hambleton	9	9
	Mrs Louise Hanley	9	6
	Mrs Donna Harrison	9	9
	Ms Hannah Hulme	9	9
	Rev Alan Mc Cann	9	9
	Mr Kel Mc Dermott	9	8
	Mrs Sharon Mc Neill	9	8
	Mrs Alison Moffett	9	8
	Mrs Fiona Shasko	9	8
	Mr Fred Shasko	9	6
Mr Terry Shimmon (appointed March 2024)	7	6	
Mr Victor Wootton	9	8	
Mrs Elaine Wright	9	9	

Office Bearers

Clergy Rev. Dr. T.A.G McCann
Church Secretary Mrs Elaine Wright
Church Treasurer Mr Drew Buchanan MBE
Church Warden - Clergy Mr Richard Hambleton
Church Warden - People Mrs Karen Hambleton

Independent Examiner This report has been subject to independent examination by:
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for Holy Trinity Church Woodburn for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Charitable Objectives and Public Benefit Statement

The primary objective of Holy Trinity Church Woodburn is to advance the Christian faith through worship, education, pastoral care, and community outreach. The church serves its congregation and the wider community by providing spiritual support, Christian learning opportunities, and avenues for charitable giving. These activities are conducted for the public benefit and align with the charitable purposes set out in the church's constitution. All activities are inclusive and aim to support individuals and families, regardless of their background.

Safeguarding Policy

Holy Trinity Church Woodburn is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The church follows the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust guidelines, ensuring that all volunteers and staff working with vulnerable individuals undergo appropriate checks and training.

Governance and Management

Holy Trinity Church Woodburn is governed by a board of trustees responsible for strategic direction and oversight. Trustees are appointed per the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. The church operates subcommittees, such as the fundraising committee, to support specific operational aspects. Trustees meet monthly to review the church's performance, finances, and risk.

Achievements and Performance in 2024

- **Worship and Ministry:** Weekly services and special events, including the Harvest Appeal, raising £4,500 for church refurbishment.
- **Community Engagement:** Active participation in Operation Shoebox (50 shoeboxes donated), monthly contributions to food and baby banks.
- **Mission Support:** Sponsoring 15 children at Abura Primary School, Uganda, through Fields of Life and donating £15,000 to missions.
- **Financial Milestone:** Final loan for the Building Fund fully paid off on 9th December 2024.
- **Volunteer Contributions:** Volunteers played a crucial role in youth and adult organisations, outreach programs, and maintaining church operations.

Financial Review for 2024**General Account**

- Freewill Offerings (FWO) increased by £8,000 (+11%).
- Plate collections nearly doubled from £1,091 (2023) to £2,200 (2024).
- Gift Aid contributions: £16,328.16 to General Account, £5,040.25 to Building Fund, £4,115 to No. 2 Account.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Building Fund

- Debt-free milestone: Final loan payment completed in December.
- Renaming: Now called "Building (the Kingdom) Fund" to support maintenance and missions.

Restricted Funds

- Supported 15 children in Uganda through Fields of Life.
- Donated £15,000 to mission organisations.
- Contributed 50 shoeboxes to Operation Shoebox Appeal.

Reserves Policy

The church maintains reserves equivalent to three months' wages for staff. This is reviewed regularly to cover unexpected financial challenges.

Trustee Payments and Benefits

No payments are made to trustees except pre-approved expense reimbursements.

- Mr. Drew Buchanan MBE is self-employed as the Church Administrator.
- Mrs. Louise Hanley is employed as the Musical Director.

Both roles are separate from trustee responsibilities and comply with employment regulations.

Risk Management

Key risks:

- Financial challenges & rising costs: Mitigated through stewardship education and energy-saving measures.
- Declining contributions: Addressed by promoting standing orders and financial transparency.

Ethical Fundraising and Donor Engagement

The church follows ethical fundraising practices, ensuring transparency and accountability in financial matters. A campaign is underway to increase standing order participation, ensuring sustainable giving.

Challenges for 2025

- Rising operational costs: Oil, electricity, wages, and expenses are expected to increase.
- Encouraging financial participation: A drive will focus on transitioning members to direct bank donations

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Future Plans

- Expand the Building (the Kingdom) Fund.
- Strengthen 6up and uniform organisations to increase youth engagement.
- Enhance mission outreach and community support initiatives.

Compliance Statement

The trustees confirm compliance with charity law and CCNI guidance on public benefit.
This report accurately represents Holy Trinity Church Woodburn's activities and financial standing.

Dr T.A.G McCann
Trustee

Dated: 6th February 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable organisation for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is presumed that the organisation will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under section '65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met or

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
(CONTINUED)**

- (b) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael J Crooks

Michael J Crooks
Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 6th February 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Note	Year Ended 31 December 2024 £	Year Ended 31 December 2024 £	Year Ended 31 December 2023 £	Year Ended 31 December 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Unrestricted General Fund	117,792		106,644	
Restricted Building Fund	36,710		28,673	
Restricted General Fund	25,229		23,247	
Total incoming resources		179,731		158,564
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Management and administration of the organisation				
Unrestricted General Costs	111,441		103,983	
Restricted Building Costs	33,545		7,891	
Restricted General Costs	24,515		39,674	
Total Resources Expended		169,501		151,548
Net Incoming Resources/(Expenditure)		10,230		7,016
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		1,301,821		1,294,805
Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2024		1,312,051		1,301,821

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Year Ended		Year Ended	
		31st December 2024		31st December 2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Church Building		1,150,000		1,150,000	
Rectory		169,000		169,000	
		-----		-----	
			1,319,000		1,319,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Current Account Unrestricted		7,256		905	
Building Fund Restricted		29,727		49,374	
General Fund Restricted		50,068		49,353	
Buchanan Trust		10,000		10,000	
		-----		-----	
			97,051		109,632
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Loan		0		22,811	
		-----		-----	
			0		22,811
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES					
			97,051		86,821
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			1,416,051		1,405,821
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Loan		-			
		-----		-----	
			-		
			1,416,051		1,405,821
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	3	1,025,425		1,019,074	
Building Fund Restricted	3	226,558		223,393	
General Fund Unrestricted	3	60,068		59,354	
		-----		-----	
			1,312,051		1,301,821
Revaluation Reserve			104,000		104,000
		-----		-----	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			1,416,051		1,405,821
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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable organisation keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 6th February 2025.

Dr T.A.G McCann
Trustee
Dated: 6th February 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Incoming Resources

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

Income represents donations received which are brought into the accounts on a cash basis.

1.3 Accumulated Funds

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

2. Taxation

No provision has been made for corporation tax as the organisation is a registered charity.

3. Analysis of Movement of Funds

	Balance 01/01/2024 £	Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources £	Balance 31/12/2024 £
Unrestricted Funds	1,019,074	6,351	1,025,425
Restricted Building Fund	223,393	3,165	226,558
Restricted General Fund	59,354	714	60,068
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Accumulated Funds	1,301,821	10,230	1,312,051
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Analysis of Income

Unrestricted General Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Freewill Offering & Standing Orders	85,319	76,611
Gift Aid	16,328	17,816
Plate Collection	2,338	1,091
Donations (Note 2)	1,299	656
Bank Interest	310	314
Uplift	5,350	4,760
Fellowship Café	900	450
Young at Heart	100	100
8th Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade	500	500
Indoor Bowls	450	450
Girls Brigade	500	
Fundraising	4,293	-
Photocopying	105	-
Diocese of Connor	-	100
Tots	-	25
Mid & East Antrim Council	-	171
Transfer from No 2 Account	-	3,600
	-----	-----
	117,792	106,644
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Restricted Building Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Freewill Offering & Standing Orders	23,387	23,526
Gift Aid	5,040	5,147
Donations	556	
Transfer between accounts	7,727	
	-----	-----
	36,710	28,673
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Restricted General Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Buchanan Trust	336	25
Mission Home & Overseas	16,194	16,767
Gift Aid	4,115	3,252
Harvest	4,524	3,203
Tots	60	
Transfer between accounts		
	-----	-----
	25,229	23,247
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Analysis of Expenditure

Unrestricted General Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Stipend/Locomotory/Pensions	51,209	49,075
Wages Musical Director & Cleaner	21,638	20,110
National Insurance and Tax	4,152	4,279
Heat & Light	5,365	8,265
Church Expenses	3,682	4,489
Rectory Expenses	1,487	1,971
Missions & Charities	7,700	3,000
GF Diocese of Connor	9,548	9,321
Miscellaneous	1,579	2,028
Website	464	432
Bank Charges	295	280
Accountancy	600	600
Light	122	133
Transfer to Restricted General Fund	3,600	-
	----- 111,441 -----	----- 103,983 -----

Restricted Building Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Church Expenses	8,545	6,493
Loan Interest	0	1,398
New Toilets	25,000	
	----- 33,545 -----	----- 7,891 -----

Restricted General Fund

	2024 £	2023 £
Outreach	-	14,320
Rectory Expenses	355	8,553
Mission and Charities	7,300	10,750
Holiday Bible Club Summer & October	-	843
Bowls	-	650
Christmas	-	111
Miscellaneous	-	414
Repairs	-	311
Harvest	-	122
Transfer to General account	16,860	3,600
	----- 24,515 -----	----- 39,674 -----

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY OF ORGANISATION ACCOUNTS

	Opening Balance 1/1/2024	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
Boys' Brigade	992	3,486	3,683	795
Boys' Brigade Charity	465	360	633	192
Fellowship Cafe	97	4,260	4,282	75
Flower Arranging	217	862	751	328
Girls' Brigade	2,675	5,214	4,397	3,492
Praise Band	668	0	27	641
Sunday Teas	178	780	655	303
Trinity Tots	38	379	339	78
Young at Heart	41	346	279	108
	----- 5,371	----- 15,687	----- 15,046	----- 6,012
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**Holy Trinity Church
Woodburn
Carrickfergus**

**Financial report for the period ended
31st December 2023
Prepared by Drew Buchanan MBE
Hon. Church Treasurer**

"The one who gives sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work"

2 Corinthians 9 : 6 –8



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Financial Review

The downward trend in giving from 2022 continued in 2023 with income down 3.8% and the budget for 2024 is working on the assumption income will be down a further 3%.

The rise in expenditure during 2023 of over 5.8% is expected to reduce slightly in 2024 but the gap between income and expenditure is increasing. This gap was filled in 2023 by using our reserves.

General Account

There were sixty eight sets of envelopes issued during 2023, down five on the previous year. We also have seventy six people contributing by standing order, up one on the previous year.

Freewill offering is down by £2,980 on last year; a decrease of 3.7%.

The plate collection was £1,091 showing a significant increase from the £68 in 2022.

Gift Aid

We claimed Gift Aid on ninety seven eligible Freewill Offering Contributions/Donations, (up four on previous year).

We received £26,215 up from £24,439 in the previous year. Of this amount £17,816 was allocated to the General Account , £5,146 to the Building Fund and £3,252 to the Number 2 Account.

Building Fund

There were sixty eight sets of envelopes issued during 2023 with twenty five being used, up one on previous year. We also have forty people contributing by standing order, down one on last year.

Income is down £621; a 2.1% decrease on last year.

We still owe the bank £22,811 at 31st December 2023. This amount will be paid off in December 2024.

We have renamed this fund as Building (the Kingdom) Fund and the Vestry would ask that you continue donating as previously.

Harvest Appeal

Our appeal during 2023 was designated for the refurbishment of the toilets, We received a total of £3,203 and we thank those who contributed.

Restricted Funds

The select vestry donated £10,000 towards a girls' dormitory at Aluka Secondary School in Zombo District in North East Uganda. The 2017 Church Uganda team had raised over £50,000 for their trip and £10,000 had been sitting in the church accounts ever since as it was not required during the two week trip.

We continue to support fifteen children in the Abura Primary School in Uganda by paying Fields of Life to help them with their education.

We donated £10,750 to various charities as outlined in the accounts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)**So what does 2024 have in store for us?**

2024 will be a difficult year and everyone needs to pray and reflect on their givings. Rising costs not only with oil and electricity but also with wages and other expenses. The budget shows a deficit of £14,000 and so we need to do two things

1. Reduce Expenditure.
2. Increase Giving.

Finally

As treasurer I would like everyone claiming membership of the Church to contribute a recorded amount, you can see the £0 donations on the income sheet, and therefore I would encourage as many as possible to donate directly into the bank by standing order.

Our vision of working in the community with Store House, Baby Bank, Food Bank and around the world with Fields of Life, Crosslinks, SAMS, Samaritan's Purse and Stand by Me could not happen without your support and for that I thank you.

I want to thank everyone for their donations during 2023 and remember God is at work in our Church, in our Community and around the world. Jesus is building his Church and he is calling us in Holy Trinity to participate in his work.

Contingent Liability

Holy Trinity is subject to litigation in respect of a safeguarding matter. The outcome of this litigation is uncertain at present and therefore no provision has been made in the accounts for same.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner Michael Jonathan Crooks of Falconer Stewart, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning his re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16th October 2024.

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 12th January 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Michael J Crooks
Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 12th January 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Year Ended 31 December 2023 £	Year Ended 31 December 2023 £	Year Ended 31 December 2022 £	Year Ended 31 December 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Unrestricted General Fund	106,644		103,742	
Restricted Building Fund	28,673		29,294	
Restricted General Fund	23,247		31,829	
Total incoming resources		158,564		164,865
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Management and administration of the organisation				
Unrestricted General Costs	103,983		107,484	
Restricted Building Costs	7,891		8,406	
Restricted General Costs	39,674		45,078	
Total Resources Expended		151,548		160,968
Net Incoming Resources/(Expenditure)		7,016		3,897
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		1,294,805		1,290,908
Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2023		1,301,821		1,294,805

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Year Ended		Year Ended	
		31st December 2023		31st December 2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Church Building		1,150,000		1,150,000	
Rectory		169,000		169,000	
			1,319,000		1,319,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Current Account Unrestricted		905		-1,756	
Building Fund Restricted		49,374		50,002	
General Fund Restricted		49,353		65,782	
Buchanan Trust		10,000		10,000	
			109,632		124,028
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Loan		22,811		23,107	
			22,811		23,107
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES					
			86,821		100,921
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			1,405,821		1,419,921
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Loan		-		21,116	
			-		21,116
			1,405,821		1,398,805
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	3	1,019,074		1,016,413	
Building Fund Restricted	3	223,393		202,611	
General Fund Unrestricted	3	59,354		75,781	
			1,301,821		1,294,805
Revaluation Reserve			104,000		104,000
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
			1,405,821		1,398,805

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable organisation keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12th January 2024

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 12th January 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Incoming Resources

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

Income represents donations received which are brought into the accounts on a cash basis.

1.3 Accumulated Funds

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

2. Taxation

No provision has been made for corporation tax as the organisation is a registered charity.

3. Analysis of Movement of Funds

	Balance 01/01/2023 £	Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources £	Balance 31/12/2023 £
Unrestricted Funds	1,016,413	2,661	1,019,074
Restricted Building Fund	202,611	20,782	223,393
Restricted General Fund	75,781	-16,427	59,354
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Accumulated Funds	1,294,805	7,016	1,301,821
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Analysis of Income

Unrestricted General Fund

	2023	2022
	£	£
Freewill Offering & Standing Orders	76,611	79,591
Gift Aid	17,816	16,665
Plate Collection	1,091	68
Donations (Note 2)	656	159
Bank Interest	314	364
Uplift	4,760	2,765
Fellowship Café	450	400
Young at Heart	100	100
8th Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade	500	800
Diocese of Connor	100	1,710
Indoor Bowls	450	250
Tots	25	-
Mid & East Antrim Council	171	-
Transfer from No 2 Account	3,600	-
Pilates	-	120
Girls' Brigade	-	750
	-----	-----
	106,644	103,742
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Restricted Building Fund

	2023	2022
	£	£
Freewill Offering & Standing Orders	23,526	24,196
Gift Aid	5,147	5,098
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	28,673	29,294
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Restricted General Fund

	2023	2022
	£	£
Buchanan Trust	25	15
Mission Home & Overseas	16,767	9,186
Gift Aid	3,252	2,676
Harvest	3,203	3,344
Donations	-	5,800
30th Anniversary Dinner	-	1,680
Jubilee Afternoon Tea	-	820
Mid & East Antrim Council	-	1,310
Bowls	-	564
Badminton	-	934
Transfer from Unrestricted General Fund	-	5,500
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	23,247	31,829
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Analysis of Expenditure

Unrestricted General Fund

	2023 £	2022 £
Stipend/Locomotory/Pensions	49,075	44,951
Wages Musical Director & Cleaner	20,110	18,892
National Insurance and Tax	4,279	4,090
Heat & Light	8,265	8,046
Church Expenses	4,489	4,156
Rectory Expenses	1,971	1,747
Missions & Charities	3,000	7,450
GF Diocese of Connor	9,321	8,974
Miscellaneous	2,028	2,187
Website	432	432
Bank Charges	280	302
Accountancy	600	600
Light	133	157
Transfer to Restricted General Fund	-	5,500
	----- 103,983 -----	----- 107,484 -----

Restricted Building Fund

	2023 £	2022 £
Church Expenses	6,493	4,735
Loan Interest	1,398	3,671
	----- 7,891 -----	----- 8,406 -----

Restricted General Fund

	2023 £	2022 £
Outreach	14,320	5,337
Rectory Expenses	8,553	21,945
Mission and Charities	10,750	8,050
Holiday Bible Club Summer & October	843	548
Bowls	650	450
Christmas	111	202
Miscellaneous	414	35
Repairs	311	-
Transfer to General account	3,600	-
Harvest	122	-
Ardill Bequest	-	1,121
30th Anniversary	-	2,591
30th Anniversary Mugs	-	842
Jubilee Tea	-	1,339
Organ	-	2,618
	----- 39,674 -----	----- 45,078 -----

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY OF ORGANISATION ACCOUNTS

	Opening Balance 1/1/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance 31/12/2023 £
Boys' Brigade	736	3,161	2,905	992
Boys' Brigade Charity	424	360	319	465
Fellowship Cafe	40	4,170	4,113	97
Flower Arranging	278	825	886	217
Girls' Brigade	2,727	2,582	2,634	2,675
Praise Band	700	1	33	668
Sunday Teas	81	804	707	178
Trinity Tots	60	411	433	38
Young at Heart	166	367	492	41
	----- 5,212	----- 12,681	----- 12,522	----- 5,371

Carrickfergus/Woodburn/Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102642

Annual report

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for Holy Trinity Church Woodburn for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Financial Review

The downward trend in giving from 2022 continued in 2023 with income down 3.8% and the budget for 2024 is working on the assumption income will be down a further 3%.

The rise in expenditure during 2023 of over 5.8% is expected to reduce slightly in 2024 but the gap between income and expenditure is increasing. This gap was filled in 2023 by using our reserves.

General Account

There were sixty eight sets of envelopes issued during 2023, down five on the previous year. We also have seventy six people contributing by standing order, up one on the previous year.

Freewill offering is down by £2,980 on last year; a decrease of 3.7%.

The plate collection was £1,091 showing a significant increase from the £68 in 2022.

Gift Aid

We claimed Gift Aid on ninety seven eligible Freewill Offering Contributions/Donations, (up four on previous year).

We received £26,215 up from £24,439 in the previous year. Of this amount £17,816 was allocated to the General Account , £5,146 to the Building Fund and £3,252 to the Number 2 Account.

Building Fund

There were sixty eight sets of envelopes issued during 2023 with twenty five being used, up one on previous year. We also have forty people contributing by standing order, down one on last year.

Income is down £621; a 2.1% decrease on last year.

We still owe the bank £22,811 at 31st December 2023. This amount will be paid off in December 2024.

We have renamed this fund as Building (the Kingdom) Fund and the Vestry would ask that you continue donating as previously.

Harvest Appeal

Our appeal during 2023 was designated for the refurbishment of the toilets, We received a total of £3,203 and we thank those who contributed.

Restricted Funds

The select vestry donated £10,000 towards a girls' dormitory at Aluka Secondary School in Zombo District in North East Uganda. The 2017 Church Uganda team had raised over £50,000 for their trip and £10,000 had been sitting in the church accounts ever since as it was not required during the two week trip.

We continue to support fifteen children in the Abura Primary School in Uganda by paying Fields of Life to help them with their education.

We donated £10,750 to various charities as outlined in the accounts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

So what does 2024 have in store for us?

2024 will be a difficult year and everyone needs to pray and reflect on their givings. Rising costs not only with oil and electricity but also with wages and other expenses. The budget shows a deficit of £14,000 and so we need to do two things

1. Reduce Expenditure.
2. Increase Giving.

Finally

As treasurer I would like everyone claiming membership of the Church to contribute a recorded amount, you can see the £0 donations on the income sheet, and therefore I would encourage as many as possible to donate directly into the bank by standing order.

Our vision of working in the community with Store House, Baby Bank, Food Bank and around the world with Fields of Life, Crosslinks, SAMS, Samaritan's Purse and Stand by Me could not happen without your support and for that I thank you.

I want to thank everyone for their donations during 2023 and remember God is at work in our Church, in our Community and around the world. Jesus is building his Church and he is calling us in Holy Trinity to participate in his work.

Contingent Liability

Holy Trinity is subject to litigation in respect of a safeguarding matter. The outcome of this litigation is uncertain at present and therefore no provision has been made in the accounts for same.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner Michael Jonathan Crooks of Falconer Stewart, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning his re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16th October 2024.

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 12th January 2024

Carrickfergus/Woodburn/Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102642

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met or

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
(CONTINUED)**

- (b) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael J Crooks
Chartered Accountant

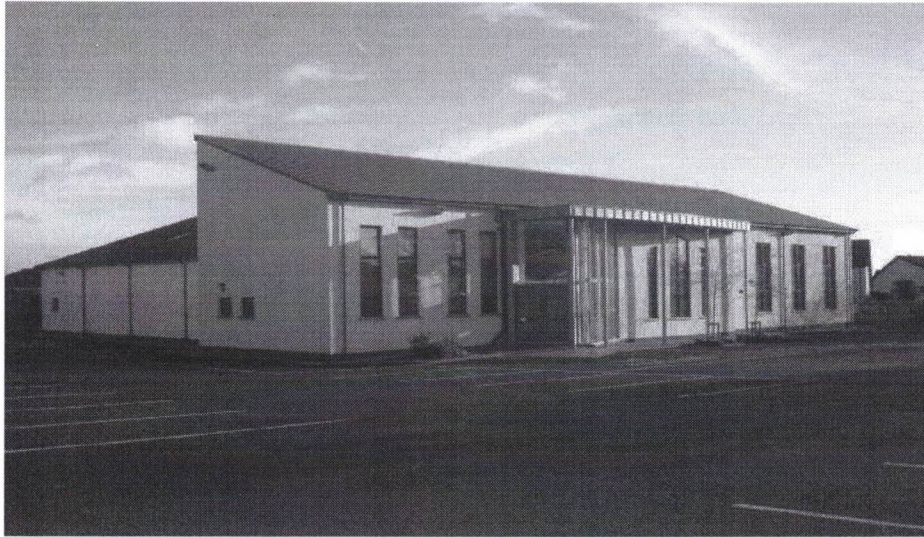
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Dated: 12th January 2024

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Accounts



The Church Of Ireland

**Holy Trinity Church
Woodburn
Carrickfergus**

**Financial report for the period ended
31st December 2022
Prepared by Drew Buchanan MBE
Hon. Church Treasurer**

“The one who gives sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work”
2 Corinthians 9 : 6 –8



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Office Bearers	
Clergy	Rev. Dr. T.A.G McCann
Church Secretary	Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Church Treasurer	Mr Drew Buchanan MBE
Church Warden - Clergy	Mr Terry Shimmon
Church Warden - People	Mrs Joan Cummings
Charity Name	Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland
Charity Number	NIC102642
Independent Examiner	Michael Jonathan Crooks FCA Falconer Stewart 248 - 266 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3EU
Bankers	Danske Bank 18 Ballymoney Road Ballymena BT43 5BY

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for Holy Trinity Church Woodburn for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Financial Review

We started 2022 using a rota system for attendance and as this phased out worship attendance got back to weekly, but we kept social distance seating arrangements to encourage all parishioners to return when they felt it safe to do so.

We have continued to live stream our services and this provides an opportunity for those not able to worship in person to join us in worship.

Following an increase of 5% in giving in 2021 I can report that giving is down during 2022 by just over 2% , a trend which I am budgeting for during 2023.

We do give thanks to Almighty God for the generosity of his people at Holy Trinity which has allowed much overdue work at the Rectory to proceed including a new study in the garage conversion , along with painting bedrooms which will continue into 2023.

We celebrated Our 30th anniversary on the weekend of 3rd and 4th December 2022 and the feedback has been excellent about the dinner, the gifts and the children's outing.

General Account

There were seventy-three sets of envelopes issued during 2022, down seven on the previous year. We also have fifty-eight people contributing by standing order, up seventeen on the previous year.

Freewill offering is down by £1,764 on last year; a decrease of just over 2.0%.

The plate collection was £68 and from January 2023 we will reintroduce the collection of FWO.

Gift Aid

We claimed Gift Aid on ninety -three eligible Freewill Offering Contributions/Donations, (down four on previous year).

We received £24,440 down from £25,232 in the previous year. Of this amount £16,665 was allocated to the General Account , £5,098 to the Building Fund and £2,677 to the Number 2 Account.

Building Fund

There were eighty sets of envelopes issued during 2022 with twenty-four being used, down six on previous year. We also have forty-one people contributing by standing order, the same as last year.

Income is down £396; a 1.5% decrease on last year.

We still owe the bank £44,223 at 31st December 2022. This amount will be paid off in December 2024.

We are renaming this fund as Building (the Kingdom) Fund and the Vestry would ask that you continue donating as previously.

Harvest Appeal

Forty-nine people donated to this appeal donating over £3,344 an increase on the previous year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (CONTINUED)

Restricted Funds

This year we used the Ardill Bequest to fund the children's 30th Anniversary Outing and the mugs for the children.

We continue to support fifteen children at Abura Primary School in Uganda by paying Fields of Life to help with their education.

We hosted several of our local primary schools for the St Patrick's story funded by the church and Mid and East Antrim Council.

The Council also supported the Jubilee Tea and the 30th Anniversary Dinner after I made grant applications. Both events did not cost the Church any money and the dinner grant monies will appear in next year's accounts.

The Church purchased a new organ at a cost of £2,618.

So what does 2023 have in store for us?

Uncertainty, rising costs not only with oil and electricity but also with wages and other expenses.

As Treasurer I would like everyone claiming membership to contribute a recorded amount, you can see the £0 donations on all income sheets, and therefore I would encourage as many as possible to donate directly into the bank by standing order.

Our vision of working in the community with Store House, Baby Bank, Food Bank and around the world with Fields of Life, Crosslinks, SAMS, Samaritan's Purse and Stand by Me could not happen without your support and for that I thank you.

Finally let me thank everyone for their donations during 2022 and remember God is at work in our Church, in our Community and around the world. Jesus is building his Church and he is calling us in Holy Trinity to participate in his work.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner Michael Jonathan Crooks of Falconer Stewart, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning his re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th October 2023.

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 2nd February 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable organisation for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is presumed that the organisation will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under section '65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
(CONTINUED)**

- (b) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael J Crooks
Chartered Accountant

Falconer Stewart
248-266 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3EU

Dated: 2nd February 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Note	Year Ended 31 December 2022 £	Year Ended 31 December 2022 £	Year Ended 31 December 2021 £	Year Ended 31 December 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Unrestricted General Fund	103,742		105,335	
Restricted Building Fund	29,294		30,135	
Restricted General Fund	31,829		31,704	
Total incoming resources		164,865		167,174
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Management and administration of the organisation				
Unrestricted General Costs	107,484		111,784	
Restricted Building Costs	8,406		8,477	
Restricted General Costs	45,078		25,573	
Total Resources Expended		160,968		145,834
Net Incoming Resources/(Expenditure)		3,897		21,340
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		1,290,909		1,269,569
Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2021		1,294,806		1,290,909

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Year Ended 31st December 2022		Year Ended 31st December 2021	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Church Building		1,150,000		1,150,000	
Rectory		169,000		169,000	
			1,319,000		1,319,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Current Account Unrestricted		-1,756		1,985	
Building Fund Restricted		50,002		48,254	
General Fund Restricted		65,782		79,031	
Buchanan Trust		10,000		10,000	
			124,028		139,270
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Loan		23,107		23,107	
			23,107	63,361	23,107
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES					
			100,921		116,163
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			1,419,921		1,435,163
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Loan		21,116		40,254	63,361
			21,116		40,254
			1,398,805		1,394,909
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	3	1,016,413		1,020,155	
Building Fund Restricted	3	202,611		181,724	
General Fund Unrestricted	3	75,781		89,030	
			1,294,805		1,290,909
Revaluation Reserve		104,000		104,000	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
			1,398,805		1,394,909

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable organisation keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th January 2022

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 27th January 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Incoming Resources

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

Income represents donations received which are brought into the accounts on a cash basis.

1.3 Accumulated Funds

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

2. Taxation

No provision has been made for corporation tax as the organisation is a registered charity.

3. Analysis of Movement of Funds

	Balance 01/01/2022 £	Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources £	Balance 31/12/2022 £
Unrestricted Funds	1,020,155	-3,742	1,016,413
Restricted Building Fund	181,724	20,887	202,611
Restricted General Fund	89,030	-13,249	75,781
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Accumulated Funds	1,290,909	3,896	1,294,805
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Analysis of Income

Unrestricted General Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Freewill Offering, Standing Orders, Charities Aid Foundation	79,591	81,345
Gift Aid	16,665	16,362
Plate Collection	68	351
Donations (Note 2)	159	1,122
Bank Interest	364	372
Uplift	2,765	975
Pilates	120	105
Fellowship Café	400	100
Young at Heart	100	100
8th Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade	800	-
Diocese of Connor	1,710	-
Indoor Bowls	250	-
Girls' Brigade	750	-
Mid & East Antrim Council	-	1,000
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	3,503
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	103,742	105,335
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Restricted Building Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Freewill Offering, Standing Orders, Charities Aid Foundation	24,196	24,746
Gift Aid	5,098	5,389
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	29,294	30,135
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Restricted General Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Buchanan Trust	15	15
Mission Home & Overseas	9,186	7,892
Gift Aid	2,676	3,481
Harvest	3,344	3,116
Donations	5,800	-
30th Anniversary Dinner	1,680	-
Jubilee Afternoon Tea	820	-
Mid & East Antrim Council	1,310	-
Bowls	564	-
Badminton	934	-
Young at Heart	-	1,000
Transfer from Unrestricted General Fund	5,500	16,200
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	31,829	31,704
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Analysis of Expenditure

Unrestricted General Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stipend/Locomotory/Pensions	44,951	43,897
Wages Musical Director & Cleaner	18,892	18,144
National Insurance and Tax	4,090	3,767
Heat & Light	8,046	2,226
Church Expenses	4,156	3,261
Rectory Expenses	1,747	1,570
Missions & Charities	7,450	7,800
GF Diocese of Connor	8,974	8,669
Miscellaneous	2,187	4,837
Website	432	432
Bank Charges	302	219
Accountancy	600	600
Light	157	162
Transfer to Restricted General Fund	5,500	16,200
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	107,484	111,784
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Restricted Building Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church Expenses	4,735	8,181
Loan Interest	3,671	296
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	8,406	8,477
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Restricted General Fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Outreach	5,337	4,520
Rectory Expenses	21,945	4,830
Mission and Charities	8,050	10,300
Holiday Bible Club Summer & October	548	-
Ardill Bequest	1,121	-
30th Anniversary	2,591	-
30th Anniversary Mugs	842	-
Jubilee Tea	1,339	-
Bowls	450	-
Christmas Banner	202	-
Organ	2,618	-
Miscellaneous	35	-
Streaming Equipment	-	2,862
Holiday Bible Club & Fun Day	-	3,061
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	45,078	25,573
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

SUMMARY OF ORGANISATION ACCOUNTS

	Opening Balance 1/1/2022	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
Badminton	988	0	988	0
Indoor Bowls	231	0	231	0
Boys' Brigade	2,260	4,906	6,430	736
Boys' Brigade Charity	383	360	319	424
Fellowship Cafe	40	3,493	3,493	40
Flower Arranging	406	645	773	278
Girls' Brigade	3,477	2,391	3,141	2,727
Ladies Group	0	0	0	0
Praise Band	730	1	31	700
Sunday Teas	55	258	232	81
Trinity Tots	86	392	418	60
Young at Heart	147	322	303	166
	----- 8,803	----- 12,768	----- 16,359	----- 5,212

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Annual report

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for Holy Trinity Church Woodburn for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Financial Review

We started 2022 using a rota system for attendance and as this phased out worship attendance got back to weekly, but we kept social distance seating arrangements to encourage all parishioners to return when they felt it safe to do so.

We have continued to live stream our services and this provides an opportunity for those not able to worship in person to join us in worship.

Following an increase of 5% in giving in 2021 I can report that giving is down during 2022 by just over 2% , a trend which I am budgeting for during 2023.

We do give thanks to Almighty God for the generosity of his people at Holy Trinity which has allowed much overdue work at the Rectory to proceed including a new study in the garage conversion , along with painting bedrooms which will continue into 2023.

We celebrated Our 30th anniversary on the weekend of 3rd and 4th December 2022 and the feedback has been excellent about the dinner, the gifts and the children's outing.

General Account

There were seventy-three sets of envelopes issued during 2022, down seven on the previous year. We also have fifty-eight people contributing by standing order, up seventeen on the previous year.

Freewill offering is down by £1,764 on last year; a decrease of just over 2.0%.

The plate collection was £68 and from January 2023 we will reintroduce the collection of FWO.

Gift Aid

We claimed Gift Aid on ninety -three eligible Freewill Offering Contributions/Donations, (down four on previous year).

We received £24,440 down from £25,232 in the previous year. Of this amount £16,665 was allocated to the General Account , £5,098 to the Building Fund and £2,677 to the Number 2 Account.

Building Fund

There were eighty sets of envelopes issued during 2022 with twenty-four being used, down six on previous year. We also have forty-one people contributing by standing order, the same as last year.

Income is down £396; a 1.5% decrease on last year.

We still owe the bank £44,223 at 31st December 2022. This amount will be paid off in December 2024.

We are renaming this fund as Building (the Kingdom) Fund and the Vestry would ask that you continue donating as previously.

Harvest Appeal

Forty-nine people donated to this appeal donating over £3,344 an increase on the previous year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (CONTINUED)

Restricted Funds

This year we used the Ardill Bequest to fund the children's 30th Anniversary Outing and the mugs for the children.

We continue to support fifteen children at Abura Primary School in Uganda by paying Fields of Life to help with their education.

We hosted several of our local primary schools for the St Patrick's story funded by the church and Mid and East Antrim Council.

The Council also supported the Jubilee Tea and the 30th Anniversary Dinner after I made grant applications. Both events did not cost the Church any money and the dinner grant monies will appear in next year's accounts.

The Church purchased a new organ at a cost of £2,618.

So what does 2023 have in store for us?

Uncertainty, rising costs not only with oil and electricity but also with wages and other expenses.

As Treasurer I would like everyone claiming membership to contribute a recorded amount, you can see the £0 donations on all income sheets, and therefore I would encourage as many as possible to donate directly into the bank by standing order.

Our vision of working in the community with Store House, Baby Bank, Food Bank and around the world with Fields of Life, Crosslinks, SAMS, Samaritan's Purse and Stand by Me could not happen without your support and for that I thank you.

Finally let me thank everyone for their donations during 2022 and remember God is at work in our Church, in our Community and around the world. Jesus is building his Church and he is calling us in Holy Trinity to participate in his work.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner Michael Jonathan Crooks of Falconer Stewart, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning his re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th October 2023.

Mrs Marjory Edgar MSC, BSC
Trustee
Dated: 2nd February 2023

Carrickfergus/Woodburn/Holy Trinity/Connor/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102642

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under section '65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met or

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
(CONTINUED)**

- (b) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael J Crooks
Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 2nd February 2023