



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

2022

APRIL 24, 2022
TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Christ Church Square, Accrington, BB5 2NA

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Agenda

(Annual Church Meeting is part of our morning service)

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Ministers Report

One of the great comforts of the past year is that of knowing the Lord *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8). In all the events of the past two years - expected or unexpected - Jesus remains Lord and King overall. Nothing is a surprise to Him. And so, we can go into this year knowing that Jesus is King, and He will continue to build His Kingdom.

I want to begin by saying thank you.

Thank you to Matt and Joel for their support and hard work as church wardens. I am so grateful for all that they do.

Thank you to the ECC for all their hard work on the council. For Hazel as secretary, stepping in at a time of need and for Andy and all he does keeping our finances in order. Without the wisdom, discernment, maturity, and respect of the ECC, we would not have the direction we do.

Thank you to all those who ensure we can gather on a Sunday morning. For those who lead our music, live stream our service, project the words on the screen, make sure we have heating and a brew after the service. For those who clean, who lead Dot to Tot, those who welcome us as we arrive, those who arrange the flowers. There are probably more people to thank, but I am so grateful for everything that goes on at Trinity.

Finally, thank you all for the way you have responded so graciously to all the changes over the past two years. It has been hard, but we are grateful for the encouragement you all have been. In September 2021, we launch The Generosity Project. What a brilliant course this was as it encouraged us to be generous with all that we have. Thank you for your response to that, especially with your generosity on our gift day at Harvest.

Trinity, at the present time, is going through a season of change. The pandemic has caused us to consider how we do ministry and has provided new opportunities to take the hope of the gospel out into our community. We must not forget that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever*. Alongside the pandemic other factors have played a part in this season of change.

A good number of people have left us at Trinity, and that is hard to go through because of the long-standing relationships we have with them. But, while change is hard, we look with hope to the future. Opportunities have arisen for people to step up and serve in areas of church life that they may not otherwise have. The Lord has blessed us with new people and families joining us. We must continue to trust in the Lord our God during this season of change.

In Accrington, there is a renewed earnestness to work together as churches for the sake of the gospel. Through Accrington Christians Together, we have continued to work with other Christians and Churches to share the hope of Christ at Christmas and in the Foodbank. In March we joined together with ACT and Capernwray Bible school for Hope For Hyndburn 22. What a brilliant week of gospel work across Hyndburn with events such as the Bake Off, and through work with schools and outreach in the town. It was a privilege to join with other Christians in gospel work. There was a real sense of unity.

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What a great day we had in February for our Partnership Sunday service! It was great to sing praises, hear from God's Word, share communion together and commit ourselves to partnering in the gospel. We also welcomed two new partners, who gave testimony to the Lord working in their lives.

The Lord has been at work over the past year, and we are so grateful for His goodness to us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's and Family Work

If you were to look around on a Sunday morning, you will notice a gap in our congregation - families with primary school aged children. We have some brilliant work going on with those families with pre-school children, thanks to Dot to Tot. It is a wonderful ministry to those children, and greatly valued by all who go to Dot to Tot.

Looking over the Sunday records for the past 12 years, the lack of u16's and families in church is nothing new. One of the church ministries that has had an impact on Trinity's work with families has been Messy Church. We are so thankful for Susan and the team, for serving in this way. That ministry continued during the pandemic by providing Messy Church in a bag. It is really exciting to be planning Messy Church being back in person, on a new day, beginning Sunday 1st May 2022 in the afternoon. We pray for that and for many families to come and hear the good news of Jesus.

One area to work on is our link with our local schools. Woodnook Primary school is a place that, over the coming year, I would like us to build links with. Our partnership with St James means that we now have a link with Green Haworth Primary School. I will be going into Green Haworth on a weekly basis to lead whole school worship. I will also be a governor at the school. Some of the parents of the school make up the congregation of St Clements (the daughter church of St James), that meet on two Sundays each month.

If we can get this area of children and family's ministry established and flourishing, then it sets a good foundation for ministry through the ages. Therefore I would like us to consider the following.

- **Employ a full-time children's and family's worker.** This would need a financial commitment from the church. There are grants available that would cover a percentage of the cost, but we would need to find the rest.
- **Apply for a curate** from the Blackburn diocese. It is the intention of the ECC to apply for a curate, who would begin with us, if we are successful in our application, in the summer of 2023. It could be that one of the main areas of responsibility for our curate is children's and family's ministry. The cost to us would be ministers expenses (council tax, water, day to day expenses). Having a curate at Trinity *is about training a new clergy colleague, not getting an extra pair of hands to help in the parish (taken from the diocese description).*
- It could be that we apply for a curate to begin the work with a view to employing a full-time children and family's worker in a couple of years' time.

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- Or it may be that we go for both a children's and family's worker and a curate. 100% of the children and family's workers time would be given over to that work, while a curate could have a focus on starting a new congregation while fulfilling other training/ministry duties.
- Going forward we need to look at what else we can do to grow our ministry to children and young people.

While thinking about children and families, let me say something about 11–16-year-olds. Before the pandemic we had been working with a number of churches associated with ACT to put on some youth events. These were working well and beginning to provide something for our young people. The momentum was stopped when the pandemic came. During the Mission week, we hosted a youth event at Trinity. This gave us a renewed vision to get back on track with youth work, and to do it working as churches together. We are hoping to pursue this together to provide something for our young people and young people across the town, on a regular basis, so that they can hear the good news of Jesus and grow as His disciples.

Please prayerfully consider this and let me have you comments and questions.

St James

I have now been licensed as Curate in Charge of St James. They are currently in the process of dissolving the benefice with St Paul's, as St Paul's and St John's form a new benefice. That is due to be completed in May. Once that has been completed, they will begin the process of joining St James parish with Christ Church parish to form a new benefice.

Having now been licensed to St James, I am able to begin some of the groundwork as we work towards partnering. The congregation know that there will be a need to change, and they are willing and excited for that. A great encouragement to me was taking a service at St Clements and seeing the number of people and families at the service. It seems that God is at work there, and that is so good to see. The two Sunday afternoon services at St Clements will form part of our Sunday afternoon provision and outreach to families.

During our discussions about joining with St James, we as an ECC have heard your concerns around finance. Please be assured that we are currently in talks with the diocese on working out a way forward.

Prayer

We began 2022 as we have for the past couple of years with our *week of prayer*. It is a brilliant way to begin the new year, as we look back and give thanks to God for His goodness to us, and as we look ahead to the year, asking God to be at work for His glory.

All that we do has to be bound up in prayer. Prayer is the engine room of the life and ministry of the church. So, in the coming year, there are two priorities needed to help us continue and grow in prayer.

1. **A prayer coordinator.** Because prayer is so important, we need someone to take on the role of prayer coordinator to help us as a church to keep prayer central to all we do. Further detail about this will be forthcoming.

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2. **Prayer triplets.** Encouraging us to get into threes and form a place to grow in faith and pray for one another. We will launch this soon.

Warden's Report 2022

As the first of these wardens' reports feel free to be critical (but nice).

So myself and Joel have a title, we have a particular responsibility for the church fabric but we are all our brothers/sisters keeper.

Do feel confident approaching us on any matter, feedback on anything, thoughts, concerns ideas.

In the last year, average Sunday attendance was 40 adults and 7 children. Wednesday morning communion 12. What would you want to know more about? We will give you more if you ask for it.

Matthew and Joel.

Secretaries Report 2021-2022

1 Corinthians 10: 31, "whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

This verse has inspired me, and I hope all of us at Trinity, that all we do for the Lord here and in our community, we do indeed do it all for the Glory of God.

I took on the role of Church Secretary in October 2021 and will end my time as Secretary in April 2022 at the ACM. I offered myself to the ECC to take on the role just for this period, as having served the church previously as Church Secretary I could pick up quite quickly. So, my report is for this quarter only.

First, I need to thank Steve Cox who as Secretary and previously Church Warden at Trinity for many years, worked faithfully to serve the fellowship here. It was with such sadness that we received Steve's resignation as a church partner and from the roles he carried out, we have certainly missed him.

We have had another difficult year as have many churches with the covid pandemic, ensuring the safety of all who worshipped and served at Trinity, some ministries ceased, and new ones began. I want to thank Paul for his encouragement and support, and of so many of you offering to help, thank you. I know I haven't been able to do quite as much as I did previously as Secretary, so thank you for your understanding.

During the year we received resignations from 5 partners. We pray the Lord will lead them to where He wants them to worship and serve. Some partners and worshippers have found it difficult to return after lockdown, we do hope they will feel able to return to worship. We have found that the numbers attending Wednesday Communion have grown, that is so good to see.

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Sadly, also during the year, we have lost 4 partners, faithful servants of the Lord: Ethel Hindle, Barbara Evangeslista, Colin Anson and Joan Gardner. We miss them but know they are with the Lord.

Its been so good to welcome new people and families who have been worshipping with us over the past few months, so encouraging.

We also have had 2 people receive the partnership training, to be received at the Partnership Sunday on the 6th February.

Its been good to read the reports of the church organisations and ministries, to see the `new things the Lord is doing. So, despite being a difficult year we rejoice and praise the Lord for all He has done and will do as we listen to Him. Please take time to speak to the leaders of these ministries and encourage and pray for them. I am sure they would love to share with you.

One new ministry is `Dot to Tot`. It's so good to see the little ones coming back into church with big smiles on their faces, to share what they have done, clutching the craft items they have made. Thank you Susan.

Another new exciting ministry is the `Women's Ministry`. The two events were so well received and we look forward to more. Thanks, Alison, Lara and Sue.

For Woodnook Nights a new trial ministry. Just one so far, the theme was `A thorn in the straw`, the Woodnook main hall was transformed and everyone welcomed. Another evening is planned later in February. Thank you, Jeni and the team.

I was involved along with Alison, Maria and Paul to create memory boxes for those of our fellowship and others we knew of who are suffering with dementia. They were so well received. I often read Tony one of the prayers and read the psalms from his box, and family members helping to decorate the boxes were involved too. The boxes contained, laminated sheets with The Lord's prayer & 23rd Psalm, a chunky wooden palm-held cross, and a picture book of Psalms and/or Hymns. Anyone who knows a family who would appreciate a memory box please let us know. Thank you to all who helped with this ministry.

It was brilliant again to hold the firework event; so many came to enjoy the wonderful display, the refreshments and the children's craft bags. It was challenging to hold the event completely outside and with the number of volunteers less than in previous years. But it worked well, good conversations were had with many who came, the main comments `so good to be back` and `thank you`. More importantly good conversations about faith and church too. A big thank you for all those who came to help, those who helped plan and clear up afterwards.

We were able to still hold the Christmas services, The Nativity service led by Susan and the little ones, The Carol service, Christmas Eve service, and Christmas Day morning services. These were so well received and went well. Thank you to all, especially to Paul. Numbers were down from previous years, but we know many of you were visiting families. A new Christmas ministry was `The Hush before the Rush` an inspiring worship time for ladies followed by refreshments. Thank you to the team.

Please can you pray for the Lord to raise up a partner to take on the role of Church Secretary. Thank you.

Hazel Renton

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Woodnook Community Centre

written March 2022

Staffing and Volunteers

We have one staff member at 13hrs/week, and we have a number of key volunteers. Sheila Parkinson, Julie Adams, Hazel Renton, Andy Toynton, Tash, Andrew Leyland and with very helpful input when needed from Jo-Ann O'Brien. (Thank you to all the prayer support and encouragement from those at Trinity and other churches and support from our guests who access the centre).

Breakfast Club Monday and Tuesday AM

The volunteer numbers have remained stable, and they have persevered through some very difficult times. Numbers of people helped continues to grow so funding was obtained to support that. It is true to say that the key thing is the volunteers themselves. Breakfast and food issued - approx. 1734

Partnerships

We continue to connect with Maundy who provides bread for the breakfast club. Through Hazel and local Hyndburn Borough councillors, the Christmas tree was put up again which was lovely to have.

Centre use

The centre is used for parties, engagements, educational courses, dance groups, breakfast club, Jumble charity sales, the RCCP church, sanctuary, and more recently 'Woodnook nights' which, along with Sanctuary, are excellent events that I would encourage all to attend.

Finance

Due to the downturn in use and other factors, the centre had a budget loss of £17k and the actual was a loss of approx. £4.6k. To address this, we are taking various measures one of which is to reduce the hours from 20 to 13 of the member of staff who oversees Woodnook. This year's budget was set at a 13k loss. The aim is to build to be self-financing through grant and project-related work.

To progress we need an oversight team to help set the prices, launch projects, engage in outreach either social or evangelistic and apply for funding. There are bids that have gone in, and some funding has been secured. We also need those handy with a paintbrush or DIY to help maintain the centre. Please come and have a chat, thanks for listening.

Mick, Woodnook Centre Coordinator.

Women's Ministry Report

In November 2021 we launched our new Women's Ministry. The vision was for us to hold regular events where women, both from the church and from the wider community, could share in fellowship with one another, encourage one another and have fun while exploring what it means to be a follower of Jesus today.

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Our first event was a meal which was held in the lounge at Trinity. Twenty-four ladies from Trinity came along on the night. We had pie and peas, followed by a choice of dessert. Questions such as 'What is your favourite holiday destination?' and 'What is your favourite food?' helped to get the conversations started. We also played some games. At the end of the evening, everyone got a goodie bag, containing a book of advent reflections based on the book of Ruth, and a number of other items. We had very positive feedback from the ladies who attended, saying what a lovely evening it had been and how much they had appreciated the goodie bags and the thought that had gone into them.

In December we held our first open event 'Hush Before the Rush'. This was an informal carol service for ladies, to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Our speaker for the event was Heather Henderson. We were delighted to welcome ladies from other churches who came along to join us for the evening. Following the service non-alcoholic wine and other refreshments were served. A number of the ladies who came along commented how lovely it had been to take some time out from the busyness of everyday life, and to be still and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

It is hoped that we can continue this ministry into 2022, with a mixture of social evenings for the ladies from Trinity and larger events every three months to which we can invite the wider community. Sue has organised a get together on February 7th and our first event of 2022 will be held on March 7th at Trinity and will involve a lot of cake! Further details will be available soon.

Thank you to all at Trinity for your continued support.

Lara, Sue and Alison

Ladies Craft Group AGM Report

April 2021-April 2022

It was a joy to finally get together after lockdown. We all appreciated the fellowship and normality.

We continue to knit for charity, mainly supporting the Breakfast club with hats, scarves and mitts, also supporting Accrington Christians Together who need blankets, children's and adult clothing.

Thank you to all those who supply wool and knit items and support us.

Sue Bailey

Messy Church

Messy Church at home has continued over the year with the exception of the Easter Messy Church where we did an Easter Trail around the parish. It was a very blustery day, but several families braved the weather and managed to follow the trail. At the Firework Event over 80 bags were given out to families.

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Some people have been asked about Messy Church resuming 'in person', both families who form our Sunday morning fellowship and people who previously attended Messy Church on a Saturday morning. We hope to be able to restart in May 2022 as part of a new series taking place on a Sunday afternoon. More details will be available nearer the time.

Susan

Dot to Tot

"Connecting toddlers and adults to the Christian Faith"

'Dot to Tot' launched on Sunday 7th November 2021. It was set up to meet the needs of pre-school children on a Sunday morning. Up to 10 children meet each Sunday morning. They have a time to play and then sit down for a short story with actions. The parents receive a **postcard** with a recap of the story and a life application "Here's a thought".

Susan

Fabric Annual Report 2022

Last year we only spent money on the annual gutter clean, boiler service (main church warm air system) and cherry picker for replacing ceiling tiles in the sanctuary. The tiles were donated and extras like paint and glue likewise.

I asked fellow warden Joel, treasurer Andy and previous warden Andrew English to make up the fabric committee although anyone else can join us. We did not meet as a group (pandemic and I did not want to spend big money whilst we were paying for a minister in training).

The committee will decide our priorities, but I am leaning towards looking at the electrics including the outside lighting.

We are now urgently looking into the problem of heavy things falling from the side of the church. A window protector from the North and south sides and the church sign from the East due to high winds. Apart from replacement, we will have to check the remaining window protectors and possibly refit them.

Matthew

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Report from Sanctuary

Sanctuary is a mid-week interactive time of worship, and we meet each Tuesday at 7 pm at the Woodhook Centre.

The numbers attending vary dependent on the time of year, and weather, but the core of around 8 meet regularly. Some who are seeking, and some come through the Foodbank and Breakfast club and may just attend a couple of meetings, but seeds are sown.

Alison and I are privileged to lead this time of worship and are blessed too by the teaching and comments and prayers shared.

The open prayer time is so powerful at the close of our meeting.

We also send out by e-mail each week, to those who have requested the resources and can't attend each week, and to those regulars who miss through holidays and illness.

We use various resources many from LICC (London Institute of contemporary Christianity) Listed below are the resources and studies we have used this year.

LICC.

Mark- Living the way of Jesus in the world

Ezekiel- Living in the light of God's presence.

1 Thessalonians- Holiness and Hope in a hostile world

We seek Your Kingdom a three-week study from LICC based on Transform, Restore and heal our land.

Other resources:

Advent 3-week study- A time of waiting preparation and Promise,

The next study we will look at is from LICC 'Worshipping the God of all Life' six studies in David's Psalms

Below are some of the comments we have received from those who come regularly.

I look forward to Tuesday evenings at Sanctuary. I find it a peaceful, enriching and uplifting service. The bible studies have been interesting and informative with a useful focus on the application of scripture on our own front lines. I enjoy the music and also the time of prayer when we can bring people and situations to the group for prayer and pray for each other.

I think Sanctuary has been really good throughout the year and thank you both for your hard work in producing it week by week.

The content has been relevant, inspiring and very apt for our group. I think it has been well received too.

I personally feel that Sanctuary offers a safe, quiet time for worship, prayer and reflection on God's Word. Though small in number, people from different walks of life can participate at their own level and take away

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what they need each week. I have been thankful for the PowerPoint/resources sent when I haven't been able to attend! Thank you.

I haven't got to Sanctuary as much as I would have liked, but I have always enjoyed it. It's a relaxed atmosphere and a time to chill out and ponder thoughts about everything. You and Alison always put so much effort into the study and the handouts are really good. The music and the PowerPoint slides are really good and I always learn something. My only criticism is that I would like the evening to be longer haha!

Thank you to all who support Sanctuary and thank you to those who help us each week with setting up and clearing away.

Anyone interested in joining us we would love to see you

Hazel and Alison

Small Group Annual Report

Monday Afternoon Group April 2021-April 2022

At the beginning of the year, we didn't meet due to lockdown, some resources from NWBA were e-mailed out to those who had access to e-mail.

Once lockdown eased we were able to meet in homes, Marguerites and Hazel's homes as appropriate: we had missed the studies and the fellowship. Small Groups are so important to our discipleship journey, we grow in faith and understanding of scripture. We have the opportunity to stand alongside each other, pray for each other, and continue to do that.

After the summer break the Monday morning small group joined us, it grew our group to up to 8 people, and we learn from one another.

As we learn together we find it's so good when the study follows the Sunday teaching, and we can go deeper and gain an understanding of the message.

We particularly enjoyed the Generosity Project; we were challenged in many ways and found the videos and testimonies inspiring. At present we are meeting at Trinity at 1.30 pm to enable safe distancing.

Comments we received below:

Each week gave me different things to think and ponder about. It has helped me try to look at people differently and to try to accept that we all have different ways of doing and thinking.

I love attending the bible studies. It's a very informal and relaxed way to read, learn and discuss the bible. There's ample time to ask questions and everyone gets the chance to share their opinions and views. As a relatively new Christian, I learn a lot from the people who have been Christians for years - they have such a

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wealth of knowledge about the Bible and being a good Christian. The questions within the study are usually easy to understand and if I don't understand the question, then the group explains it properly to me. I particularly like the fact that we always pray at the start and then at the end. It's also good to meet with church people and share fellowship outside the church.

Anyone who wishes to join us, you would be most welcome, please speak to Hazel or Marguerite. Thank you.

Toddler Report

Thursday is toddler group at Trinity, and we are open from 9.15 to 11.15 term time only.

We are a friendly group with parents, childminders, grandmas, and sometimes grandads, everyone is welcome.

My helpers are Jackie, Justine, Anne and Barbara all from our church congregation; even our Vicar Paul kindly helps out when we are short of helpers, he is a great substitute to call on. Toddler Group must also mention Matthew our churchwarden who kindly lays out all the toys on Wednesday evening ready for Thursday morning.

We average between 25-32 children most weeks and we have had some success with families attending Trinity on a Sunday as a result of attending Toddler Group.

Susan Hindle 26-3-2022

Breakfast Club Report 2021/2022

As we all know this last year has been hard for all of us. Our friends whom we serve at Breakfast Club have attended in all weathers, keeping us going, we've shared laughter and tears with them.

Breakfast club is open on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9.30 till 10.30 am. Numbers each week fluctuate, the least being 9 and the most 30, at the moment we are serving over 20 per week.

Julie, Tasha and myself kept going with breakfast club. Then when Tasha went on with her studies, we were blessed to have returning, Hazel on Tuesdays, and Andy and James from Inspire on Mondays.

Sadly, both Julie and Andy lost their mums before Christmas; Julie's mum passed on the Sunday night and Julie was at breakfast club Monday morning.

During the last year, we held each other together and felt God guiding us. We want to thank everyone involved in helping breakfast club; Neil and others for the donations of socks, our friends are given socks for Christmas and other times. The knitting club for the hats, and kind gifts of deodorants and chocolates. And most of all the prayer support we receive, strengthening us when times are tough.

Over the last 2 weeks Dan from Inspire has joined us and has fitted in well.

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We miss having our chief bacon fryer Tony, but he is never more than a thought away and is spoken about often.

The thing that has struck me most over this last year is that guys who did not want to know about prayer are now asking openly for someone to pray with them.

As a team, we work well together and will continue to do so in the future. Thank you to everyone.

Love from myself Sheila and the team, Andy, Dan, James, Hazel Tasha Julie and Mick.

Finance

Annual General Meeting: Trinity Community Church

held on 24th April 2022

Finance: reported by Ciaran Andrew Leyland, Treasurer

Financial position on 31st December 2021.

The Accounts

The accounts for 2021 have been prepared using Sage, this reflects the financial situation that has been outlined in my end of year report. These will have been reviewed by an independent examiner who will produce a letter to join the accounting records. Roger Longworth from St Johns Baxenden was elected in one of our previous church meetings to conduct the exam of our accounts.

These are the figures that were used for the Parish Finance return for 2021 which has been submitted to the Diocesan Board of Finance. Going into 2022 we have elected to use a new system called Expense Plus, which will reduce workload and allow for an easier transferal to a successor in the future. It will hopefully also make it easier for our independent examiner when reviewing 2022 accounts.

In detail, the accounts show that our expenditure is £94,475 and our income is £94,944. £15,400 was received in 2020 from the draw down from the CBF fund for the student minister. This means that we have made a surplus on the year of £475. This year has been difficult with the pandemic, our income has decreased a lot, mainly due to Woodnook room hire. We are still trying to reduce expenditure in Woodnook which is where we are currently seeing a loss from.

Cash funds held by the church as of 31st December was £8,941.38. £6,000 of this is restricted for other activates and £2,941.38 is not restricted.

On the balance sheet we have cash tin and cash collection. The cash tin is the petty cash tin and the amount of money in at the end of the year. The cash collection is from the banking not yet banked which was accounted for at the end of the year. This change was added once Barclays, our local bank branch, has closed and we started using the Post Office which does not take loose coins. SumUp is unpaid donations into the account yet.

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Freewill Offerings

Offerings have increased over the last year. This has increased year on year by 1.2%.

Accrued Income

This is to show the drawdown from 2021 for the student minister. This is from Other Income.

Other Income Lines

We have not claimed by the end of 2021 for all our Gift Aid which has been claimed at start of 2022. Flower donations have not been coming through the church books. We ask that people do make their donations to the church instead of the person who is buying the flowers. This is especially important for those who gift aid can be claimed. We received a legacy in the last year for £1000 for a person who passed away. We also raised £3,930 from our gift day in October.

CBF Fund

The church voted to draw down on the CBF fund £23,400 to support in financing of a student minister to work in our church in 2020 and was decided as a ECC it was not needed for 2021 when the Student Minister left. The funds market value increased £43,464.64. This ended the year on the funds value being £347,294.64. The total shareholding is 14,830 with each share worth £23.42 each which compared to last year was 14,830 with each share worth £19.56.

Banking

Trinity banks with Barclays. For those that wish to give to the church on a regular basis, then a standing order is an easy option. The bank details are:-

Trinity Community Church
Sort code 20-55-41
Account no. 63874672

Grants

In 2021 we received grants of £7,334. We received 2 grants from Maundy of £4,500 and £1,900 from Maundy for Breakfast Club. We also received a grant from the Church Commission which was used to decrease our parish share by £20,399 to £32,260. Also, in 2020 we received £1,342 from LICF Offset unused which went was brought forward towards our parish share bringing our total owed to £30,918.

Minister Expenses

There were expenses that were from 2020 claimed in 2021. One of the reasons for the move to Expense Plus was to allow our Minister to upload his expenses as and when they are occurred to allow a faster payment to Paul for them. Also, some of the expenses were for teaching aids and have been recorded as Minister Expenses.

Tithes

We have donated to 6 charities this year which are BMS, CMS, Baptist Home, Compassion UK, Maundy and Bethany Project. These have not been reviewed as they normally would in 2020 and 2021 so we plan to do so this year. In total we have donated £3,276 to these Charities.

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Other Donations

This was donations made towards our student minister's tuition that were done anonymously through church and then paid to the student minister.

Tech Expenses

There was a donation made for replacing some of the computer equipment at church which was the reason for the overspend.

Woodnook Centre

The total income from room hires for 2021 is £5,561.39. This is up from the previous year (2020) which brought in £4,983. The main reason for this is losing a lot of room hire from the pandemic. Michael Whittaker 4 now looks after invoicing for the centre since he looks after the bookings for the centre.

There were 2 other Income streams for Woodnook which were Grants and Furlough. The grants were covering the costs of breakfast club and furlough was for helping to cover Mick's wage while the centre was shut and not running at full capacity.

Originally, we expected Woodnook centre to have a loss of £17,131 but the loss was reduced to £4,639 from our budget plan from the beginning of the year. We are currently following options that will help with centre costs, and we are hopeful that we will get to a workable conclusion for the centre.

There was a security retainer that was paid in 2021 that was related to 2020 of £300 and there were more false alarms for Security that lead to being overspent on this expense.

Reserves policy

We have not previously set a Reserves policy and at the time of writing this report has not been agreed as ECC. This has been raised as an agenda item for our April meeting and will be discussed in the church meeting.

The value of share equal to £204,000 is a designated fund with the purpose of the fund to be if Canon Street wishes to form its own church again. We currently have £6,000 which is restricted: £5,000 towards Woodnook and £1,000 towards Church which was received from legacies.

Utilities

For utilities we have done our best with reducing costs and looking at our supplies. We got some credit back on the previous year's reading with Woodnook when we swapped to a smart meter. The plan to change water supplier took 3 months longer than planned which is why it is showing as a negative.

We changed our gas supplier at church to Crown Gas and power from EDF. At Church we under anticipated the actual cost of the energy increase as we discovered the actual usage of Sure Start which meant we underestimated in this line.

We have had a saving in the rates for manse and water rates due to us not having to pay for a student minister from September.

Utilities is a major concern for us all as we move in 2022 with the threat of price rises and with the wardens and me monitoring usage and working our best to keep our usage to the minimum we need to operate.

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Overheads

I have been able to negotiate a better deal for our internet connection seeing a reduction in cost for 2022 for next 2 years. This did mean we had paid a little extra at the end of 2021 to get out of the deal with Woodnook, but it means now we have a combined bill instead of 2 separate bills to pay. The maintenance costs break down for last year is £781 on cleaning Materials which includes window hygiene bins this year, £175 on facility servicing which is mainly the window cleaning, £911 on fabric expenses covering £114 on cleaning of the ACO Drains at church, £360 for cleaning of gutters at church, £127 on gas service and temporary repairs, £18 for a new light bulb in church which was refunded at the start of 2022 and £291 for some repairs at Woodnook and £545 on tech equipment which money was donated for.

Notes

One of our 2nd approvers was subject to an Internet Scam which meant we received a payment into our account but they unable to transfer the funds back at time in happened, so a refund was done later in the year once the account was secured. Our student minister has left in 2021 and where we previously were going to do a drawdown for the third year, we decided it was best not to and leave the funds in the CBF Fund. We have also not been recording our Sexton from the dioceses in previous records which has been corrected in these accounts this year. Our payroll company has been taken over in the last year it now been run by PM+M Chartered accounts from Haworth's. There was an overpayment to HMRC for Income Tax of £872.83. This would be due to pay in 2022 over the year so was left with HMRC this has been recorded in 2021 accounts. When the Petty Cash tin was setup in 2019 it was not recorded correctly so actually made the accounts out in the receipts and payments to cash by £75. So, therefore start of year 2020 does not match with the previous record accounts.

A copy of the 2021 accounts is displayed on the Trinity notice board and is available with this report from next week after this meeting.

**TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
ACCRINGTON**

**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH, ACCRINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
<u>Receipts / Income</u>		
Offerings	40,525	35,824
Donations to us and other charities	2,637	7,258
Gift Aid	7,885	8,340
Toddler Group	464	1,470
Flowers	21	55
Room Hire	5,561	4,983
Magazine & Refreshments	895	2,690
Fees Payable Received	426	
Grants/Legacies/Gifts	12,316	3,761
Investments/Other Income	8,814	33,762
Accrued Income	15,400	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>94,944</u>	<u>98,142</u>
<u>Payments / Outgoings</u>		
Activities		
Grants Payable	5,910	-
Activities Junior/Messy/Toddlers/Outreach/CIL	1,760	2,049
<u>Total Activities</u>	<u>7,670</u>	<u>2,049</u>
Expenses		
Minister Expenses	1,862	292
Donations to other Charities and other causes	4,676	4,597
Advertising	-	10
Wages	23,647	30,666
Miscellaneous	1,915	2,350
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>32,100</u>	<u>37,915</u>
Overheads		
Parish Share and BU Fee	30,918	31,895
Utility Bills -water, gas, power	13,111	16,774
CCLI	838	789
Telephone and Broadband	1,586	1,421
Maintenance Costs	2,411	6,730
Printing and Stationery	432	424
Insurance	4,615	4,576
Fees	360	482
Management & Admin - Bank Charges and Interest	3	14
Fee Payable to Dioceses	426	-
<u>Total Overheads</u>	<u>54,700</u>	<u>63,106</u>
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>94,470</u>	<u>103,069</u>
Excess receipts over payments	474	-
Excess payments over receipts	-	4,927
Excess Payments over Receipts - Accrued Income	<u>- 14,926</u>	

**TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH, ACCRINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Cash funds at 1 January 2020	23,857	28,784
Excess receipts over payments	-	-
Excess payments over receipts	14,926	4,927
Cash funds at 31 December 2021	<u>8,931</u>	<u>23,857</u>

**TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH, ACCRINGTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Investments		
Investments	303,830	307,307
Sexton	197	-
Withdrawal	-	23,400
Change in Market Value	43,465	3,477
	<u>347,492</u>	<u>303,830</u>
Assets		
Debtors	-	646
Cash Tin	112	105
Cash collection	-	362
Paypal	485	-
Sumup	12	49
Community Account	9,122	23,999
	<u>9,732</u>	<u>25,161</u>
Liabilities		
Charge card	801	659
Money set aside for Student MIT	-	15,400
	<u>801</u>	<u>16,059</u>
Notes		
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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Signature

Name

	P McNally - Minister
	C Leyland - Treasurer
	M Embra - Church Warden

Dated: _____