

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.

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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