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Opportunities to Serve

Serving in the life of Trinity is a great way to feel connected to the community, as well as being a biblical part of life as a church. So whether it's on a Sunday morning, during the week in one of the groups and projects we run, or in the background, we're always happy to have new people on teams.

Here are some of the teams that have serving opportunities at the moment. But if you have a certain area you would like to serve in outside these, don't hesitate to get in touch with the team leader.

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Pastor's Report

**God's people,
Living for Jesus,
Filled with his Spirit,
To serve his world.**

I recently had a conversation with one of the visiting speakers who will be coming to preach during my upcoming sabbatical, who was asking if we have a particular focus at present. When I explained our mission statement above, he remarked, "That pretty much takes in the whole Bible, then!" That is encouraging as an observation from outside Trinity, because our mission should always be a participation in God's mission throughout the ages, and it reminds us that we are on the right track. Throughout the difficult year just passed, I am greatly encouraged by the many ways in which I see Trinity embodying this mission in practical reality, day-by-day and week-by-week, not least in the resilience of our youth and their leaders in particular, in the unity of the whole church through tough challenges, and in our recent exceeding generosity in seeking to plug our financial hole for the coming year. I was also cheered when another recent visitor to Trinity remarked of the service, "It's encouraging to see a church that is full of life."

When you read this report, I will be (I sincerely hope) about a month into my sabbatical. I pray that we will all be continuing to seek ways to live out our mission above. There is nothing that our world needs more than Christians who embody the mission of Jesus Christ to bring salvation to the world in all its fullness. I am more confident even than last year that Trinity is well set up for this time. We have a fantastic staff team in Alice Costar (Administrator), Janet Grist (Pastoral Care Assistant) and Debs Harmer (Children's Leader), whose continual hard work and sacrifice remains invaluable in caring for our congregation and in reaching out with the good news to others.

Our deacons have probably worked harder than ever behind the scenes this year, and in more obvious ways to give spiritual leadership and charity oversight to the church. We remain truly blessed to have such a dedicated and godly team! My sincere thanks to Jon French, ETTY Haworth, Jill Holland, Ron Jones, Yohan Keerthiratna, David Linley, Ciku Nyandusi, Isaac Osei-Kwame and Carlton Reid for their care and sacrifice, and of course to Caz Kirby-Smith who stood down from this role in November 2025. I also want to thank Alice Costar, not only for her helpful administration of our diaconate meetings and for continually knocking us into shape in our governance responsibilities, but more generally for her enabling of the smooth running of the church.

Also, often behind the scenes, the Pastoral Care Team have been doing wonderful, committed work to support the pastoral care that Janet and I can offer to the church, particularly among those who can't get to church, or whose needs are greater (whether permanently or temporarily). Our thanks to: Anthony Bamisaye, Elaine Camp, Prisca Cox, Jill Holland, Digna Ibeh, Eileen Jones, Ron Jones, Caz Kirby-Smith, Anne Linley, Pam Mills, Ola Otu, Lorraine Sansom, Martin Sansom, Scilla Stirling and Jason Vaughan. If you know of people in need of additional support, please contact Janet in my absence, or any of the other members of the team if she is not available.

Our Small Groups also continue to be a wonderful source of fellowship, support and enrichment to those who attend, and we thank God for each of the leaders and the time and effort that they give to this work. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please see Jill Holland in my absence. It would be lovely to start some new groups; even so, we currently have four groups running, each with its own distinct flavour. See the [Small Groups](#) section of the report for more details.

One of the most exciting developments for me over the last year has been the growth in engagement with corporate [prayer](#), especially in our monthly After-Church Prayers (on the first Sunday of each month), but also in our midweek Zoom and Gathered Prayers (on the first and third Wednesdays of each month respectively). I firmly believe that there is a strong correlation between many positives we are currently seeing in the life of Trinity and this greater engagement with prayer. God responds and does great things when his people pray. It is also a great encouragement to us in our faith walks to pray with others. So, if you aren't yet regularly attending one of these three meetings per month, I very much encourage you to do so. As C. H. Spurgeon frequently said, "Prayer is the engine room of the Church."

It has been a wonderful privilege to either conduct or preach at three weddings this year (Jonny and Arianna Hyde, Dan and Lou Driscoll, and Emmanuel and Karen Wachira), and we are looking forward to two more weddings in October (Lizzie and Colin, and James and Alice). It is so encouraging to see these young adults choosing to put God first in how they conduct their relationships in the midst of a culture where the institution of marriage is increasingly undervalued.

It is also a great privilege to walk with people during their most difficult times, not least during bereavements. This year, I have taken funerals and/or thanksgiving services for Terry Alliston, Bob Bedwell, Audrey Grizzell, Theresa Okelarin, Kath Richardson, and Dennis Vaughan, and we have also hosted funerals for Wilma Cooper, Roy Harmer and Reg Marriott (conducted by others). I am deeply grateful to Jill Holland and her team who have provided wonderful catering for each event, for the worship team and techies who have provided music and enabled live streaming etc., and for Janet Grist and the Pastoral Care Team who have provided ongoing support for those who are grieving.

My preaching in 2025 was focused on our verse for the year: "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15), and thus far this year we have been exploring what key Old Testament passages reveal about what it means to be God's people.

Trinity's increasing diversity continues to be a glorious foretaste of heaven. It is lovely to see a few families from our Trinity Tots group who have joined Trinity or attended some services. I also agree with the many comments I often hear about how wonderful it is to see so many children and young people leaving the chapel on a Sunday morning each week. However, we want more for our children and youth than just to be here; we want them to encounter Jesus for themselves and to become fully integrated into the church as a whole, so that we can learn from them as much as they learn from us. I believe our all-age services continue to be a vital part of achieving this aim too. That is also why I continue to prioritise attendance at our GodZone and YP camps each year (leading the YP camp this time), which were once again fantastic occasions where we saw real development of friendships and of faith among the campers.

It is also why the deacons and I felt it right that I prioritise supporting the YP during the summer term last year, which was a joy to do. All this does not happen by accident; it is the result of incredible hard work on the part of our Creche, GodZone and YP teams and I encourage you to read their separate reports. However, I do want to single out for thanks Debs Harmer for the brilliant work she does overseeing our children's work and for stepping back up to do more all-age services, and more latterly Helen French for stepping in to oversee our youth with such dedication.

I've continued to enjoy our Cultural Sundays and the celebration of the rich diversity of culture among us. Thank you, especially, to Ciku Nyandusi for continuing to oversee this venture. Equally, I am looking forward to continuing to explore during my sabbatical how we can better serve the discipleship of those among us (or who may come to us) with disabilities or neurodiversity.

Please see my separate Outreach Report for a fuller overview of our outreach and evangelism to the local community. However, I will mention here what a delight it was to reopen our baptism pool on 13th April for Joy Bakundikize and Joel Banks. Please be praying for more baptisms in the coming year. The latest round of candidates led to me reworking the baptism course, which will form the basis for a revised, simplified version that we can use whenever it is more appropriate. Completing this will be incorporated into my sabbatical studies. We need additional volunteers to fill the baptism pool, speak to Carlton Reid to find out more.

Before I close, I think it is important to keep you in the picture of the wider concerns within the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) to inform your prayers. In particular, the sudden closure of Spurgeon's College (where I trained for ministry) in the summer of 2025 has left a considerable hole in the provision of truly evangelical training opportunities for future Baptist ministers. This has been partly plugged by the establishment of a "London hub" to Bristol Baptist College, but the provision that is possible through this venture is nothing like as comprehensive as was previously provided by Spurgeon's. In addition, there is a real lack of candidates coming forward for ministerial training and formation, which the Union is urgently seeking to change to avoid what will otherwise, in the next five to ten years, become a significant discrepancy between the number of churches without ministers and the number of ministers available for those churches. To this end, one of the ideas being explored is the possibility of lower-level entry courses to support Regionally Recognised Leaders, and potentially to provide a platform for further study for some. Lastly, BUGB has been running on a significant deficit for many years and urgently needs to redress this if some of their services to churches are not to be lost. Please pray for our union at this difficult time, and also for our Regional Minister, Claire Nicholls, as she tries to support London churches battling with the impact of these challenges.

Nevertheless, I do believe that God is on the move in our nation, a belief which is supported by far more documentation than just the recent "Quiet Revival" survey commissioned by Scripture Union (the results of which YouGov recently admitted could have been skewed by mistakes they made in the sample selection). The huge increase in baptisms across BUGB are themselves evidence of God at work. I'm also encouraged by the real signs of life and unity within Trinity, as is evidenced by the reports in this booklet. So, I commend these reports for your perusal and prayers of gratitude. Thank you to everyone who has played their part in the life of Trinity this year, whether in small or large ways.

Andy Banks

Pastoral Assistant's Report

“I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with with me; let us exalt His name together.” (Psalm 34:1-3).

I would like to begin by thanking the Pastoral Care Team, who so faithfully and willingly take time supporting and caring for our family members. I am encouraged by your loving and caring hearts. The team consists of: Anthony Bamisaye, Elaine Camp, Prisca Cox, Jill Holland, Digna Ibeh, Eileen Jones, Ron Jones, Caz Kirby-Smith, Anne Linley, Pam Mills, Ola Otu, Lorraine Sansom, Martin Sansom, Scilla Stirling and Jason Vaughan. I am also aware of others that, quietly and humbly, offer support on a more informal basis. A big “thank you” to you all.

Jesus is our perfect example of loving and caring. Let us open our hearts like him and pray that we can reach out to those in need. I would like to encourage you to join us in this pastoral journey. I, and other members of the team, keep in touch with people by phone or with a visit. Sometimes even a card, letting someone know they are in your thoughts and prayers, can be a great boost to them.

I meet with Andy and a deacon weekly to update them and to discuss any ongoing needs or issues. Much of my work is obviously of a sensitive and confidential nature. I use my time at Oasis to catch up on any additional needs I have not heard about. I am also part of the outreach team that conducts monthly services at both St Margaret's and Mountview Care Homes.

My role is also to be alongside team members to offer advice, prayer and encouragement as they develop their gifts in this important area of church life.

On Sunday morning I am usually near the main entranceway to catch up with those I haven't seen; likewise at the end of the service, when I try to speak to any newcomers I missed on their way in.

Please continue to pray for us all.

Janet Grist

Children's Leader's Report

Crèche

Our Crèche is available on a Sunday for our youngest children from birth to preschool age. Sarah Mills leads the team, which includes Hilda Agyeman, Shola Bamisaye, Linda Brady, Anne Linley, Ciku Nyandusi and Cynthia Osei-Kwame. The team have the important role of looking after our youngest children and entertaining them with a selection of toys and activities in the back hall.

GodZone

It has been lovely to welcome several new families to Trinity over the last year and it is great to see how children of all ages have settled in and are enjoying the activities in GodZone each week. On a Sunday morning we split into different groups and meet in the rooms at the back of the building. Alpha and Beta are joined together and led by Catherine Gould and Etty Haworth, with help from Fiona Banks, Elaine Camp, Adam Harmer, and Eileen Jones. Gamma meets in the middle hall and is led by Claire Altman and Sadye Kemp, with help from Hannah Malpass and Angela Roach. Delta meets in the upstairs classroom and is led by Debs Harmer and Gareth Roach with help from Chidi Emodi and Kerry O'Sullivan.

Each week, the leaders plan and prepare age-appropriate and engaging activities for our children, as they explore the Bible and encourage the children to think about what they can learn from the different stories. Alpha and Beta have been looking at Jesus as "Our Superhero", as well as stories from the Old Testament, including Noah's Ark, Joshua, Deborah and Esther. Gamma and Delta have been using Youth For Christ material, which helps to present stories and ideas in a practical and active way. They have looked at many topics, including how the Bible can help us in everyday life with our attitude and how to find peace and forgiveness.

I am sure you will have noticed how the church empties each week when the children go out to their groups, we are incredibly lucky to have such a huge number of fantastic children who attend Trinity. It is a joy to spend time getting to know them and sharing God with them, but this isn't a job I can manage alone! I am supported by a brilliant team, who give up their time each week to prepare and deliver lessons and support me in my role. I am so grateful for each one of them and for the care and effort they put in, as well as being willing to give up their time in the church service. As a parent and leader of the team, a huge thank you for all you do for me and our children. Also, a thank you to Paul Bryant and Mandy Card, who are our emergency helpers and step in to cover at short notice. Thank you too to Arianna Altman, who helped in Gamma until just before she got married.

GodZone camp was a huge highlight of the year for me. We took 19 campers to Carrot Wood in June, where we spent the weekend exploring what it means to "Shine for Jesus". The weekend was full of fun, laughter, water balloons, and great food. The campers were all brilliantly behaved and made the weekend so enjoyable. They were fully engaged in the sessions, as we were challenged about what God thinks of us and how this should impact how we live our lives. God was definitely at work in the hearts of lots of the campers and it was a privilege to be able to chat to them and pray with them, as they considered what they heard. Thank you to Andy and Fiona Banks, Adam Harmer, Ciku Nyandusi, Kerry and Chris O'Sullivan, and Angela Roach for all you did to make the weekend work!

Plans for GodZone camp 2026 are coming along nicely. Please pray for the preparations and for the children attending as we spend the weekend thinking about “Why Worship?”.

As ever, I am so grateful to be in the role of Children’s Leader here at Trinity. You will often hear me talk about how incredible our children are and how they always make me smile and amaze me. However, this year has highlighted to me that our children are growing up facing pressures that were simply not around when many of us were their age. Please pray for them as they grow in their faith, so that their faith would be a firm foundation for them to build on and rely on when they face challenges at school and with friendships.

Trinity Tots

Trinity Tots is our weekly playgroup for preschool children and their parents and carers. We meet every Wednesday during term time in the back and middle halls of the church. My brilliant team is made up of Linda Brady, Anne Linley, Lesley Ndreu, Angela Roach and Irene Woosnam. Helen French is often around to cover when a team member is unable to attend, and I really appreciate her willingness to step in when needed. This year we said goodbye to Nikki Hall – thank you to her for all her help and support since we opened our doors after Covid. Alongside the physical help of setting up and tidying away each week, the team members all work really hard to build and develop relationships with the families who attend Trinity Tots. We have supported people as they faced difficulties and it is lovely to hear how much the children and adults enjoy coming along each week.

Each week the halls are set up with a range of toys and activities to cover all areas of development. We have quiet areas where children can enjoy a book, and areas where children can develop their imagination through role play and small-world play. The back hall is our messy area where children can explore the craft table, sand, water, and other sensory activities such as the rainbow rice, as well as ride bikes and use the slide. Halfway through the session, the children enjoy a drink and a snack, while the adults have a much-needed cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We finish each session with a song time and bubbles!

Every week before we open, we pray for the opportunity to share a little of Jesus with everyone who comes into the building, through our words and actions. Please join us in this prayer.

Debs Harmer

Youth

It has been a year of change for the YP, with the departure of Isaac and changes in the YP Team. The existing team currently consists of myself, Ayesha Dunbar, Angel Osei, Emmanuel Wachira, and Jesse Osei when he is able. We are helped on Friday night sessions by Andy and Fiona Banks, Linda Brady, Paul Bryant, and Angela and Gareth Roach. We are being joined from Easter by Digna Ibeh, Ola Otu and Kerry-Ann Reid.

We enjoyed a brilliant weekend away led by Andy Banks at West Watch in September 2025, looking at what it means to be “Rooted and Fruitful” in our faith. Thank you to all those involved in making the weekend so successful.

Louise Driscoll took the lead with the YP during the autumn 2025 term and we looked at how our faith affects various aspects of our daily lives including our friendships and our work–life balance, as well as reflecting on the Psalms. We also enjoyed an exciting trip to Laser Quest, where Louise beat us all! We thank her for stepping in and wish her well as she starts married life.

Angel Osei joined the team from September 2025, having returned home from university. Emmanuel Wachira took a break during the spring 2026 term as he started married life, and Jack Sydee and Charlotte Kemp are currently taking a break from serving as part of the team.

Since January 2026 we have been following the Prayer Course by Pete Greig and 24-7 Prayer during our Sunday morning sessions. This is a great course covering all aspects of prayer, including prayers of petition and adoration, spiritual warfare, unanswered prayer, and intercessory prayer. It has led to many thoughtful discussions and I hope it has helped the Youth to develop their own prayer lives. My thanks to those members of the Prayer Team who have stepped in to support these sessions.

We have been encouraging the YP to get involved with the church services. You will see the Youth serving during all-age services; please encourage them as they ‘learn the ropes’. A big milestone this year was the YP leading the all-age service on Mothers’ Day in March 2026, focusing on the love of God. Everyone did a wonderful job in preparation and delivery, and my thanks go out to the YP team and all others who helped. My hope is that the YP will become more regularly involved in the all-age services going forward.

During the summer 2026 term, our overall theme will be “Till the whole world knows”, with a focus on mission – in our own homes, in our communities and across the world. We will have guest speakers including Tim Fielder from LCM, Janet and Peter Dallman, and the Azar Team. I am also hoping to take the YP to visit the OM ship Logos Hope, currently touring round the UK.

Please keep praying for the YP and their leaders as we consider the future and how best we can serve. If you would like to join the team, please get in contact.

Helen French

Administration

As Trinity's Administrator, I am responsible for the production of the church newsletter (which goes out to nearly 250 people) and for maintaining the church diary, ChurchSuite and the Trinity website. I also minute the Church Members' Meetings and the Deacons' Meetings, working with the deacons to ensure that agreed actions are carried out. I liaise with the Charity Commission and Baptist Union to ensure we submit all the information they require on an annual basis.

As part of the ongoing communications review, I have worked on adapting ChurchSuite for Trinity's needs. It is our database of members and friends; it provides a central hub for contact details, our calendar, rotas, and registers of attendance for GodZone and YP. I have particularly focused on helping staff and volunteers to use it to facilitate their work and to make it easy to communicate with specific groups and safely store relevant information. It is a really handy system, so if you have any trouble accessing or using it, please let me know and I'll be happy to help you.

Much of my time is taken up by building and maintenance tasks, managing both planned maintenance visits from contractors and responding to issues in the building as they come up. This includes the fire alarm system, automatic doors, boiler, electrics, plumbing and dishwasher. My thanks to Linda Brady, Roy Burman and Simon Davidson, each of whom have volunteered to help me open up the building for contractors on days I do not work.

The staff team continue to meet together every Tuesday morning, starting with a short devotional and time of prayer. This is a good opportunity to check in as a team and allows me to gather items of prayer or notices for the newsletter. If you have something to include in the newsletter, please email me by Thursday afternoon.

Alice Costar

Building and Maintenance

Trinity is an old building (the chapel opened in 1868 and the rear rooms before the Second World War) and naturally requires ongoing maintenance. Over time, much has been done to modernise and improve what we have. The same applies to the two manse buildings, one of which is rented out. This year, the maintenance burden has been manageable, with most work being routine. This has largely been overseen by Alice Costar in her role as Administrator, with some support from Simon Davidson. Work includes organising the testing and servicing of key systems such as fire alarms, extinguishers, plumbing, boilers, and electrical equipment, as well as liaising with contractors and attending when work is carried out.

Recent work has included a full inspection of the building's electrical systems, with all necessary remedial actions now completed. We have replaced the faulty hot water heater serving the front-of-house WC, which also resolved the persistent leak onto the pavement outside. The boiler element supplying hot water to the three middle-hall WCs has been replaced and is now working properly. Other jobs have included replacing faulty window fittings in the upstairs areas and repairing automatic door closures linked to the fire alarm system.

A few issues have arisen more recently. The wall in the chapel behind the stage is showing signs of rising damp, with discolouration to the paintwork. This is currently being assessed and quotes are being obtained. There are also patches of damp in the catering cupboard; this appears unrelated to the rising damp and is being resolved.

While much of the church has been upgraded over time, the back hall will eventually require more substantial work. Improvements to the flooring, dividing screen and decoration would be beneficial but, as this will be disruptive, it will need careful planning. We will also need to consider replacing the conservatory at 75 Standard Road, and some work will be required on the heating at 75A Standard Road in due course.

Progress has been made in upgrading the church's internet and IT connections, with benefits both for staff and live streaming. Our thanks to Leo Beaumont for his hard work and guidance.

Thanks again to Alice for her support and thanks to Linda Brady who sets up the church boiler timers each week during the winter. Thanks also to Paul and Tracy Sydee, who monitor issues on the outside of the building. Finally, thanks to Jon French who is the deacon responsible for building issues.

Simon Davidson

Health and Safety

This has been another steady year in terms of health and safety, with no significant incidents to report - thankfully! We continue to monitor our policies and day-to-day practices to ensure the building remains a safe environment for everyone who uses it. All users are encouraged to raise any concerns the notice - maintaining good standards is something we achieve collectively, and I'm grateful to all who play their part throughout the year.

A fire drill was carried out in September, which proved valuable. The evacuation itself went smoothly, but it did highlight a few practical improvements which we are now acting on. One of these improvements is the installation of additional fire alarm sounders to ensure the alarm can be clearly heard throughout the building, particularly when music is playing. In terms of repairs, we replaced several faulty door closures as part of our ongoing maintenance and fire safety work. We commissioned a new fire risk assessment, in keeping with best practice, and are working through the actions identified. I would like to thank both Alice Costar and Rob Ives for their help with this work and for the fire warden training Rob provided for the church. We are looking to run further fire warden training this year. If you are a fire warden and were not able to make the first training session, please make every effort to attend the next.

Our thanks to Paul Bryant for supporting the church with an updated Asbestos Management survey of the church building.

If you have any concerns or suggestions relating to health and safety, please speak to me.

Jon French

Safeguarding

At Trinity, we take safeguarding very seriously to ensure the safety of our children, young people, and adults at risk from harm to the best of our ability. This commitment extends to all activities within the church, during trips, and through any social media communications.

Policy and Practice

Our comprehensive Safeguarding Policy, which encompasses both children and adults at risk, is regularly monitored and updated in line with the latest guidance from the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). These safeguarding practices are becoming increasingly embedded in our day-to-day lives and culture here at Trinity. To ensure visibility and transparency, Trinity safeguarding posters are displayed in every room, providing clear advice on who to contact if you have concerns.

Training and Development

We continue to invest in high-quality training to ensure our team is well equipped. This year BUGB Level 2 Safeguarding training has been rolled out for all staff, deacons, and key volunteers working with children. Specific milestones include:

- Martin Sansom has successfully updated his Level 3 Safeguarding training
- Andy Banks has completed the specialist BUGB Safeguarding training for ministers
- Awareness of our collective responsibility is also shared with the wider church during our annual commissioning service.

Improved Access and Communication

To make reporting and support more accessible, we have improved our routes of contact. We now have a dedicated Safeguarding mobile phone number and a specific email address, ensuring that the Safeguarding Team can be reached promptly and discreetly.

Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team is currently led by Angela Roach and Martin Sansom, with valued support from Debs Harmer. We actively seek support and advice when needed from the London Baptist Safeguarding Team to ensure we are following best practices. We reiterate that the safety of our community is a collective responsibility; if you have any concerns, please contact a member of the team via the designated channels.

DBS checks

Andy Banks and Alice Costar continue to manage our Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all our children's and youth workers. This process is conducted both in person and via video call to maintain rigorous standards. All current leaders and helpers hold up-to-date DBS clearances.

Safeguarding Trustee

Etty Haworth continues to be the Safeguarding Trustee on the diaconate. She has extensive experience in school safeguarding, where she is trained as a Designated Safeguarding Lead holding a Level 3 Safeguarding for Education award.

Etty Haworth

Outreach and Evangelism

“I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.” (Acts 26:16).

With these words, Jesus appointed Saul (later Paul) to become his Apostle and Evangelist to the Gentiles. But his words are just as applicable for all of us. We are all called to be witnesses to what we have seen of who Jesus is and what he came to do, and to grow in our understanding of him so that we can share a fuller revelation as our Christian years progress. It means that we need not wait to start until we “know the gospel well enough”; wherever we are in our journey of faith, we can be witnesses of what we have seen of Jesus.

This is the joy of participating in the Alpha Course – the course does most of the work for you; all you have to do is invite someone to come to it with you. On our current Alpha Course, we now have four regular guests at different stages of their journey to faith. They are from different backgrounds, of different ages, and even have different first languages. Yet they enjoy one another’s (and the team’s) company, they are deeply reflecting on the video talks they hear, and they are talking freely about their real-life experiences. At least one of them has already started “evangelising” to his friends about how much he is enjoying the course! Please keep praying for each one to come to a personal living faith in Jesus. And I encourage you also to be praying about who you could invite to a future Alpha Course.

During summer 2025 we held another Try Church Sunday, which saw a few new people come for the first time. We had hoped to run another such event last Christmas but ran out of time to organise it with all that was going on at the time. It would be wonderful to hold another Try Church Sunday this coming summer, but it will need willing people to help make it happen. Please speak to a deacon if you could be a part of such a team.

Other corporate outreach ventures continue through our services in St Margaret’s and Mountview Residential Homes, Trinity Tots, Oasis, Foodbank, Bexley Winter Shelter, Street Pastors, and Operation Christmas Child (see separate reports, where given). As mentioned in my main report, we have started to see a small trickle of families coming to Sunday services at Trinity, having first encountered us through Trinity Tots. This is a testimony to Debs and her wonderful team’s ability to really get to know the parents and children who come. Audrey Grizzell was our main point of contact at St Margaret’s, but because of our regular monthly presence there, Janet is still finding that residents want her to visit at other times, and (where they are able), she has had some meaningful conversations with them.

It is a delight to have baptised Joy and Joel this year. Joy completed the baptism course last year and, as many do, took some time afterwards to consider before making this step. So, please pray for fruit also from the two courses I have run recently.

It is always encouraging to hear from our mission partners during our Sunday services and through the prayer letters that Alice sends out.

Likewise, thank you to Jill Holland and others who enabled us to host the BMS World Mission breakfast on Good Friday 2026. Please continue to pray for all our mission partners, as I know many of you do faithfully. On a personal note, thank you to those who have financially and prayerfully supported Erin in her gap year with Yorkshire Camps this year, through which her faith has grown significantly. It would be lovely to send others on similar ventures in the future, or even as missionaries for the longer term!

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee has lost some members and, due to this and my own lack of time, has not met as often this year. It would be really helpful to have some new members of this group, who are passionate about developing our outreach and are willing to get involved in planning our corporate outreach initiatives. I'd love to speak to you if you are interested.

Finally, to paraphrase Colossians 4:2-4, my prayer for all of us, individually and together, continues to be: that we will devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful; that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ; and that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should. Let us also strive to make this an increasing reality among us.

Andy Banks

Oasis

Oasis Coffee Morning meets on a Tuesday from 10:30am to 12noon in the middle hall.

We have a stalwart team consisting of bakers, servers, washer-uppers, and clear-aways: Geraldine Alliston, Claire Altman, Roy Burman, Simon Davidson, Jill Holland, Eileen Jones, Anne Linley, Kim McColl, Pam Mills, Sarah Mills, Angela Roach, Bryn Roach, Gareth Roach, Scilla Stirling, Paul Sydee, Tracy Sydee, Jason Vaughan and Irene Woosnam. We would also like to extend our thanks to Monica Benson, who recently stepped down from the team.

Our regulars are mainly Trinity members, but there are a number not from the Church. Oasis provides an opportunity to catch up with everyone's news and any items for prayer. Janet Grist, in her role as Pastoral Care Assistant, uses Oasis as a means of informally discovering any needs she may not have heard about.

Money raised at Oasis is given to the Bexley Foodbank. This last year, due to the amazing generosity of our customers, we have donated £1,945.

There is always a need for more help. If you feel able to bake for us that would be great. Cakes can be left in the kitchen on a Sunday. If baking isn't your thing but you would be willing to help with serving, washing up or clearing away, speak to Janet or Elaine and we would be delighted to add your name to the rota.

Please continue to remember Oasis in your prayers.

Janet Grist and Elaine Camp

Foodbank

This has been a great year of change for the Bexley foodbank. Gill Bates, our manager, is leaving us at the end of April 2026 and her role will be taken on by Kate Harris. As a consequence, we have changed many of our ways of working. Each of our centres now opens just once a week and all supermarket donations are being delivered directly to our main storage facility at Crook Log. This means we are now sorting fewer goods at our centres. We have noticed the amount of goods received from the supermarket donations, churches and other groups has diminished. We have managed to obtain grants from various bodies, though, including the Government's household support scheme. We are also finding that individuals are preferring to make monetary donations rather than goods.

At Trinity, we are open on a Friday from 9:00am to 11:30am. We are using the middle hall to welcome our clients with hot drinks and biscuits. There is a team of volunteers who are available to chat with them, including Anne Linley and Jean Nixon, which many appreciate. We also offer the opportunity to meet with Irma, a Citizens Advice financial officer. She has already helped many people to claim benefits they did not realise they were entitled to, as well as helping them to reschedule debts and organise their money. Many clients have now become independent of the foodbank or have managed to reduce their reliance upon it.

The foodbank operates a voucher phonenumber five mornings a week. David Bingham takes calls for it once a week.

This year, the fellowship at Trinity donated 231kg of goods and £2,826 in gifts from Oasis and individuals. We distributed 1,220 food parcels, helping 1,628 adults and 1,063 children.

We are grateful for the continuing support, encouragement, and prayers from the fellowship at Trinity. I would like to express my appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that Gill Bates has given us over the past 11 years, and our thoughts and prayers go with her on her move to rural Kent.

Martin Sansom

Bexley Winter Shelter

From January to March 2025, as in previous years since Covid, Trinity joined other churches in the borough to support Bexley Winter Shelter (BWS) by making its facilities available three evenings a week for volunteers to cook for guests. The guests were put up in emergency accommodation. In 2025, BWS supported 33 in this way - the vast majority having been evicted from previous accommodation, some having suffered family breakdown and others who had even been found "living" in cars. Many of the guests were supported by the Guest Case Worker to find positive and stable accommodation. Others were in positive, though not stable, accommodation such as 'sofa surfing'; and there were a small number who we sadly lost contact with.

Many needed support with poor mental health – hardly surprising in anyone who has been forced to sleep rough – and we now work with Oxleas NHS Rough Sleeping and Mental Health Programme in this regard. Amongst them was a young man who had arrived in the UK as a child fleeing religious persecution and, very likely, death – a fate already suffered by others of his family. I recall him at our evening meals; he was nervous and mistrustful at first, but over time we gained his trust and accommodation was found for him. He now has employment and is thankful to BWS in helping him escape such an unimaginable start in life.

This year, a significant change was made in how BWS operates. The currently increasing incidence in homelessness is a fact of life, yet grant-funding for projects like ours was reined in for the 2025/26 financial year. Consequently, the Trustees decided to make the charity's focus its new Drop-In Centre, so as to reduce the significant resources allocated to hotel accommodation in the post-Covid years. There we meet, feed and advise those either experiencing – or fearing – homelessness. I volunteer there and have witnessed the struggles faced but also the hope many have experienced by visiting.

Thank you, if you have supported us with a donation of money or time. If you have not yet done so but are interested in supporting BWS, please do let me know!

Sean Knights

Trinity Mission Team

When Janet and Peter Dallman were here visiting from Japan in 2021, we discussed the idea of a Mission Prayer Meeting. This was set up in order to pray for the missionaries serving abroad and people serving in the UK who are linked with Trinity – and it is still going. A small group of us meet on a Tuesday afternoon to pray and to share updates from our missionaries. Our contacts span the world, from South America to Kosovo, the UK and Japan.

Particularly this year, there have been problems in the places where our missionaries serve, with unrest in Peru and flooding in Kosovo. They continue to need our prayers. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

As a Church we support the BMS Birthday Scheme. On your birthday you can make a donation, giving the blue envelope to me. Much of that money goes to support the running of a maternity hospital in Chad, the only one for miles around. Women walk miles to reach it to receive safe treatment when their babies are born. Again, please see me if you would like to bless someone else on your birthday. Thank you.

Beryl Hutson

Student Liaison

This year, I have taken over the role of student liaison from Gareth and Angela Roach, who have done a wonderful job for the last four years. Please join me in thanking them for all they have done for our students – I myself am very grateful given that the year they took over was my last year as a student. I have made some small changes to the liaison. The first is including any young people who are in their first year out of school, whether that be they are on a gap year, on an apprenticeship or looking for work. I think it is important that these young people are not left out of our prayers, as coming out of school can be quite a daunting time. This year, we have one gap year student in Erin Banks, who is enjoying her time working for Yorkshire Camps. I am sure you have enjoyed watching her update videos as much as I have.

I have also reintroduced photos of our students to the Student Map at Trinity. Having continued Gareth and Angela's tradition of asking the church to pray for a student, I hope it has been useful to the fellowship to see the lovely faces of our students – one student is even upside down in their picture! If you know a student who isn't on the map, please let me know and I will add them.

In total, we have 15 students (16 including our gap year student), and I have been keeping in contact with them through email. I hope to be able to arrange a gathering for all the students, and those who graduated last year, so that they can discuss their studies with others of a similar age and encourage each other in their faith journey. My prayer for the students is that they recognise the presence of Jesus in their lives and grow in their faith alongside their studies and student life. Please continue to pray for all our students and young people, that they will indeed grow in their faith and in their love of God and of each other.

Beth Kemp

Worship

The only way we can start this report is to thank James Martin for all his hard work with the Worship Team over the years. He will be sorely missed, not only for his musical talents but for his infectious passion for worship and his unwavering commitment. He really has left a huge hole in the team. We wish him well with whatever God calls him into next, already knowing that he will be fabulous!

Leading Trinity in worship and serving as part of the worship team is such a privilege. When we praise God together, we join the praises of all his people across time, on Earth and in heaven. How amazing! We are passionate for the worship at Trinity to be truly intercultural, reflecting and embracing the many different ages, backgrounds, and cultures of our congregation and community. We are One People under One God, so let us praise him together on earth as in heaven (Revelation 7:9-10). Looking ahead, the team will be trying to learn more about the various worship styles, elements, songs, instruments, prayers etc. of our wonderfully diverse congregation. Please speak to us if you have an idea of something we could incorporate or just want to chat about what we could do, and bear with us as we go on this journey.

Members of the worship team serve as part of the teams visiting St Margaret's and Mountview residential homes. This ministry is so important and the music is an integral part of the services we conduct there. Thank you to all those who have served in this way over the past year and to those currently serving. We could always do with more volunteers. Mountview is very relaxed and we often worship using music on CD or streamed without any live instruments; it's all about the joy of the Lord as our strength. The residents at St Margaret's enjoy more traditional hymns and songs, many of which they would have sung in their youth. So, if you are a musician or singer, or even 'just' an enthusiastic worshipper with a flag, this could be a ministry for you.

We have had a few new faces join the band recently. Look out for Jeremy Bakundukize on the drums, Isaac O'Sullivan on the acoustic guitar, and Jinmi Feyisetan on keyboard. We are hoping for a few more new faces joining over the next year. Please be kind and give them plenty of encouragement, it's not easy standing up to play in front of a crowd!

Do you have instrumental or vocal skills? Can you use a computer and follow a simple step-by-step guide? Are you good at multitasking? And most importantly, do you have a heart for worship and a desire to serve the church? If this is you, or someone you know, then please come and speak to us about serving in the Worship Team in some way, even if you aren't sure what you can do and just want to find out more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served and continue to serve in the Worship Ministry and for the encouragement we receive from the congregation. It is such a blessing to hear when people have met God through the worship. This is what we want; this is why we do what we do. For the name of the Lord to be lifted high and for everyone to encounter our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for themselves.

Jon and Helen French

Prayer

First of all, I want to encourage us all to give God the praise and glory for the many ways he has answered prayers in the last year at Trinity, both on a fellowship level and a personal level. We are deeply grateful for all his solutions and kind attention to us.

It's been very encouraging to see a greater number of people joining the various prayers sessions throughout each month. As we seek God together, particularly through the once-a-month Sunday Prayers, God has spoken as we turn to him for answers. This has helped us to discern what God is saying to help shape our fellowship for the present and the future.

A big thank you to all who are involved in praying at every level. The prayer team are privileged to serve the fellowship by facilitating different prayer times. There are small groups who regularly engage with the Zoom Prayers and Gathered Prayers. These happen on the first Wednesday of the month and third Wednesday of the month, respectively. The newsletter gives dates and times for prayers, or you can find them on the ChurchSuite calendar.

I know we are all blessed by the private prayers sent up during our individual times spent in prayer. Nothing is impossible for our God, so we will pray on and give him the glory!

Prayer Opportunities

SUNDAYS: Prayers before the service at 9:30am to 10am in the lounge upstairs.

WEDNESDAY: Twice a month at 8pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month: Zoom Prayers (Week 1) and Gathered Prayers (Week 3). See the Trinity newsletter for details. Please note, the Zoom link is the same each month.

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM: the team members are available to pray with anyone who would like prayer at the end of the Sunday morning service. Please sit in the seats at the front beside the organ to indicate that you would like someone to pray with you. If you have a sensitive prayer request, please contact me in person or on ckirbysmit@aol.com, and the team (10 people) will be asked to pray confidentially.

The Prayer Ministry Team is always happy to welcome new members. Please speak to me or Scilla Stirling if you would like to get involved.

Caz Kirby-Smith

Prayer Vine

The Prayer Vine continues to be a blessing and support, both for those who have prayed and for those who have received blessing as a result of prayer. There are about 70 people on the Prayer Vine, but there is always room for more! If you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, then please let Alice Costar or Scilla Stirling know, and you will be added to the list. Those of us who pray are constantly encouraged by answers to prayer as well as the knowledge that we can support each other in this way.

The Prayer Vine has its own dedicated email address (prayer@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk), which is also always on the Trinity Newsletter. It is always best to use this email address rather than my personal email.

Please may I also remind you to delete emails once you have read them in order to conform with data protection. If you are sending a prayer request, always make sure you have the recipient's permission and please do not include any sensitive or confidential information.

It is always good to get updates on the prayer requests, to encourage us to praise God and pray more. We thank God that he has been very good to us, and we also thank you for showing your Christian love by praying in this way.

Scilla Stirling

Small Groups

Small Groups, or House Groups as they are often known, form an essential part of any healthy, thriving church fellowship. They provide a safe place for friendships to be formed and deepened and for pastoral care at grass roots level. A group will typically have around 10–12 members, and joining is open to anyone who attends Trinity regularly.

We currently have four Small Groups meeting on different days and at different times. They all follow a similar pattern, allowing time for fellowship, Bible study and prayer.

If you would like to join a Small Group, please contact the hosts directly or speak to Jill Holland. If you would prefer a different day or would be willing to lead a new group, please also speak to Jill; we will be pleased to start further Small Groups if enough interest is shown.

Day	Frequency	Time	Where	Leaders	Space
Tuesdays	Fortnightly	7:30pm – 9pm	Bexleyheath	Ron & Eileen Jones	Some spaces
Thursdays	Twice a month	2pm – 3:30pm	Trinity	Jill Holland & Caz Kirby-Smith	Some spaces
Thursdays	Weekly	7:30pm – 9pm	Welling	Steve & Jayne Furber	Currently full
Thursdays	Weekly during term time	8pm – 9:30pm	Belvedere	Matt & Steph Harris	Some spaces

Jill Holland

Women's Ministry

We had another successful Advent for Women event this year, in December 2025. Kerry O'Sullivan took the lead in organising it and we are very grateful for all her hard work. Our theme was "A thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices", taken from the great carol "O Holy Night".

Claire Nicholls spoke from the perspective of Elizabeth (and Zechariah a bit) – focusing on Luke 1:5–25, 39–45. When life isn't what you expected it to be, Jesus is still here and so we can rejoice. We had a great time of worship and prayer, very powerful testimonies, fellowship over the traditional mulled punch and got stuck into some card craft. Many thanks to all those who helped make the event successful, including Jill Holland and Nikki Hall who led on the refreshments and craft respectively.

It would be great to further grow the women's ministry at Trinity, outside the Women of Faith events. Mandy Card and Ciku Nyandusi once again spoiled us with a wonderful Ladies' Brunch. Shout out to Geraldine Alliston for winning the quiz and we are hoping she will turn quiz master next time. If you feel like this is an area of ministry you would like to get involved with, organising social events, a women's Small Group or anything else you feel inspired about, please get in touch with one of the Trinity deacons.

Helen French and Louise Driscoll

Catering

Trinity has many talented people who are willing to help with catering in a variety of ways, the most noticeable being refreshments after the Morning Service. This is a great way to get to know people and only takes around 45 minutes. If you would like to serve in this way, please get in touch with Jill Holland. Currently, there are four teams, which means a volunteer would only be called upon once a month. Others help by 'Taking a Meal' to church folk after hospital treatment or a new birth. They also bake cakes for the GodZone and YP yearly camps. There are also those who serve behind the scenes, perhaps by vacuuming the middle hall or mopping the floor after events.

There was one 'Meet and Greet' event this year to welcome newcomers. This took around an hour. Leaders and Staff were briefly introduced and mingled with the guests to chat while enjoying quality snacks. More detailed information about Trinity was available in the form of a booklet. As reported above, Trinity held another Try Church Sunday, when hot and cold drinks were served in the streets outside the building. We also held our second 'Church Lunch at Home' event. Instead of a large communal gathering, folk signed up to host – or to be a guest! They were then placed into groups and enjoyed some fellowship in someone's home – perhaps with others they did not know so well.

It was a privilege to offer refreshments after five funeral services, some in relation to church members and others supporting those who had lost relatives. Trinity folk expressed their love by making delicious home-made cakes.

Trinity again hosted Advent for Women in December 2025, on behalf of Women of Faith, Bexley. Helpers, including one gent, offered tea and coffee and seasonal treats. This event also meant mince pies and the legendary mulled fruit punch (non-alcoholic) were provided. Mince pies were also required for the GodZone Nativity, Carols by Candlelight, and Christingle services. In total we munched our way through nearly 200! A special highlight of December was the wedding of one of our members. We were delighted to offer refreshments after the event, before their guests moved on to the formal reception.

We held an International Fellowship Lunch, to host visiting missionaries from Japan. Once again the food was amazing, with many cultural dishes being offered. Some of our ladies were treated to a delicious brunch, prepared and served by their friends. It was a treat to be spoiled in this way. We are currently hosting an Alpha Course. Once again church folk help by supplying delicious meals, which are such an important part of each evening session.

We are always so grateful to all those who just swing into action to make the bigger events possible, from setting up tables to preparing and serving food and then clearing up afterwards. A special mention must go to those trojans who operate the dishwasher and get through mountains of washing-up without complaint. Thank you to everyone who has helped in whatever capacity; you make it a pleasure to serve in this way.

Jill Holland

Book Club

The Book Club has been meeting for over ten years now, having been founded by Lou Brady, Helen French and Beth Erian. It is a social gathering and anyone who enjoys reading is welcome. We meet in someone's house on Monday evenings every 4–5 weeks. There are usually around ten people, men and women, whose ages range from the late 30s to over 80.

Over the years we have read well over 80 books. We take it in turn to suggest three titles and vote on which is preferred; the decision is often close, in which case we just read our favourite! Our first book was "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee and over the years authors have ranged from Agatha Christie through John Grisham, Victoria Hislop, John Le Carré, Alexander McCall Smith, Alan Titchmarsh and many others.

The discussion is not at all highbrow and we often wander off the point! The books are eventually awarded points out of five. We gather at around 7:30pm for a cuppa and a chat over the cake someone has provided and we aim to start our discussion at around 8pm. We usually finish before 9pm. If you are interested in joining us, speak to Jill Holland or anyone else who comes along.

Jill Holland

Classical Music Appreciation Group

Our group's existence must still be Trinity's best kept secret. It is now slightly smaller because of continuing illness or moving away, and no new people have joined. All meetings are at my home in Bexley Village. There's room for four cars on the drive and four bus routes are only three minutes' walk away. Some members bring others, and Janet Grist and Elaine Camp regularly provide lifts. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, between 2pm and 4pm. It is not a highbrow gathering and there is no academic analysis of excerpts played. We come to listen and we are free to make comments if we wish. No one is quizzed on their opinions. The aim of the afternoon is social and not outreach, but this could become an aim.

We don't listen to complete symphonies or concertos, but we have occasionally listened to one movement of such. Most items are less than four minutes. The programme is chosen by me, usually on a relevant theme – time of year, special events, type of music, particular soloists, music of a particular period, etc. In January 2026 we held our 50th meeting, so the theme was "Jubilee". Requests can also be made. As I mentioned in last year's report, we all know what we like and we like what we know. Sometimes our afternoons can reveal that we liked what we didn't know. These afternoons are times to relax and sometimes learn. Why not come for tea and biscuits in the interval (and maybe stay)? All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Bryn Roach
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Finance

Financial Year 2025/26

We give thanks to God for his continued provision throughout the year and remain wholly dependent on him to supply all our needs as a church. A full financial break down can be found on page [27](#).

Trinity Baptist Church finished the financial year to 31st March 2026 in a stronger position than budgeted, with total income of £281,553 against a budget of £274,511, and increase of £7,042 (3%) above budget. Total expenditure was £268,192 compared with the budgeted £274,511, resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £13,361. The main reason for the positive result was the continued faithfulness and generosity of church family. Gifts and offertories totaled £200,740, which was £5,136 above budget, while Gift Aid tax recovery was also ahead of expectations at £49,559, exceeding budget by £3,102. Rental income was slightly below budget, but overall income remained healthy and stable throughout the year.

Ministry and Evangelism expenditure totaled £109,440, which was £1,637 above budget. Staff-related ministry costs were broadly in line with expectations, although there were some increases due to salary and associated costs. Evangelism and Special Events expenditure was below budget at £1,039 against a budget of £2,000, while Pulpit and Guest Speakers were also lower than expected.

Giving and Support expenditure totaled £57,867, which was £2,246 above budget. This was mainly due to increased support through the Appeal Response Fund and slightly higher support for certain mission partners. Nevertheless, the church maintained its commitment to missionary and charitable giving both locally and internationally, with approximately 20.5% of church income directed towards Giving and Support. Operating Expenses were considerably lower overall than budget, coming in at £69,693 compared with the budgeted £79,735, a saving of £10,041 (13%). The largest under spend related to Building Maintenance and Repairs, repair works which were delayed while we wait for several quotes to come in, given the size of the works involved. There were also savings in IT Support, Training, Stationery and Postage, and Website costs. However, these savings were partially offset by higher-than-budgeted Utility costs, Cleaning costs, Subscriptions and Licenses, and Sundry expenditure. Loan and interest payments were in line with budget at £31,192.

Overall the church remains in a stable financial position at year end. We give thanks to God for his continued provision through the generosity of the fellowship and careful stewardship of church resources during the year.

Looking Ahead to 2026/27

Following the Church Meeting's request to advertise for a paid Youth Leader, and taking into consideration the reduction in income due to members moving on from Trinity, an in-faith budget of £198,014 from gifts and offertories was set.

Gift Aid

Many members of our congregation already give under the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer and are not currently giving under Gift Aid, please do speak to me. Gifts made under this scheme allow us to claim an additional 25% from HMRC at no extra cost to the giver. We are pleased to report that at least 98% of our income is currently Gift Aided.

Acknowledgments

Our sincere thanks go to those who faithfully serve behind the scenes to manage the church's finances. Your diligence, time, and dedication are greatly appreciated. They are:

- **Isaac Osei-Kwame** – Payroll (Ensures that all payroll obligations are met)
- **Daniel Kwalombota** – Independent Examiner (Provides independent oversight and review of our accounts)
- **Ron Jones** – Gift Aid / Banking (Now overseeing all Gift Aid matters and managing our relationship with the Co-operative Bank)
- **Jon French** – Pensions and Payroll Adviser (Advises on pension schemes and payroll matters)
- **Isaac Amoateng** – Deputy Treasurer (Assisting with statutory accounts and monthly financial analysis, working closely with the Treasurer)
- **Pastor and deacons** - (Continued oversight, support and assistance in managing the church's finances).

We give thanks for God's provision and for each person who has played a part in stewarding our resources wisely. May we continue to be faithful with all that is entrusted to us, as we seek first his kingdom. Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in the work of the church.

Yohan Keerthiratna

Financial Statement

Trinity Baptist Church, Bexleyheath			
Financial Year to 31 March, 2026			
Mar-26			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	£
CATEGORIES	25/26	YTD 25/26	Var to Bgt 25/26
SUMMARY			
INCOME	274,511	281,553	7,042
EXPENDITURE			
Ministry & Evangelism	107,803	109,440	(1,637)
Giving & Support	55,621	57,867	(2,246)
Operating Expenses	79,735	69,693	10,041
Balance Sheet Items	31,352	31,192	160
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	274,511	268,192	6,319
PROFIT / (LOSS)	-0	13,361	13,361
INCOME ANALYSIS			
Gifts and offertories	195,604	200,740	5,136
Tax Recoverable	46,457	49,559	3,102
Rental Income - Manse	27,120	26,174	(946)
Rental Income - BCU	5,000	5,000	0
Other Income (deposit interest)	130	80	(50)
Other Income	200	0	(200)
Total Income	274,511	281,553	7,042
EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS			
Pastor & Expenses	43,821	45,480	(1,660)
Children's Worker	12,954	13,936	(982)
Church Administrator	17,183	17,524	(341)
Pastoral Assistant	14,691	14,705	(14)
Youth Leader	10,642	10,880	(238)
Pension Deficit Contributions	12		12
Evangelism & Special Events	2,000	1,039	961
God Zone & YP	5,500	5,725	(225)
Pulpit & Guest Speakers	1,000	150	850
Ministry & Evangelism - subtotal :	107,803	109,440	(1,637)
Appeal Response Fund	3,600	5,669	(2,069)
AZAR	2,396	2,400	(4)
Baptist Missionary Society	3,808	3,804	4
CRIBS	8,688	8,688	0
Wearside Youth for Christ - Andy Osenton	2,400	2,400	0
LBA - Home Mission Fund	3,237	3,240	(3)
Operation Mobilisation - Andrew Harwood	12,979	12,984	(5)
Overseas Missionary Fellowship - J & P Dallman	14,094	14,100	(6)
International Justice Mission UK - Steph Harris	1,241	1,236	5
Helen & Ilir Dervishi	1,339	1,461	(122)
Healing Waters	500	540	(40)
LCM - L.Brady Support	1,339	1,344	(5)
Giving & Support - subtotal :	55,621	57,867	(2,246)
	20.26%	20.55%	
2nd Manse (75a) rates & utilities	5,397	5,645	(247)
Building maintenance & repairs	27,767	14,334	13,433
Catering	300	640	(340)
Chapel cleaning & upkeep	5,320	6,419	(1,099)
Chapel rates & utilities	13,000	15,426	(2,426)
Eqpt Maintenance / Repairs / Additions	10,000	8,802	1,198
Governance	600	800	(200)
Insurance	5,500	5,279	221
IT Support	2,200	1,825	375
Manse rates & utilities	385	415	(30)
Stationery & Postage	1,100	349	751
Subscriptions & Licences	6,165	7,655	(1,490)
Sundries	500	1,551	(1,051)
Training	1,000	338	663
Web-site	500	215	285
Operating Expenses	79,735	69,693	10,041
Loan And Interest Repayments	31,352	31,192	160
Balance Sheet Items	31,352	31,192	160
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Please note: Andy is on
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