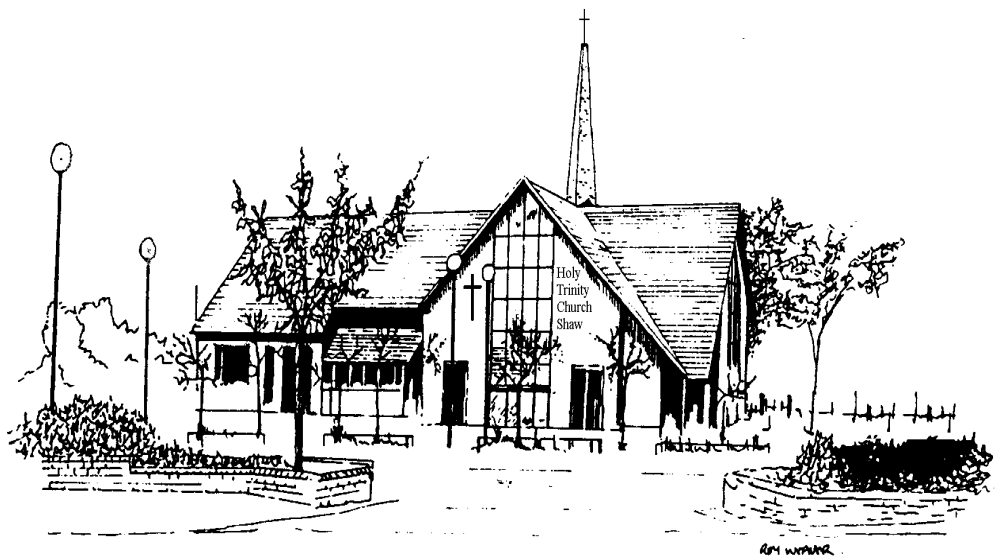


Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

in the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church
Partnership

Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st December 2019



Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church, Shaw is one of four churches in the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership, which comprises Baptists, Methodists, URC and Church of England.

The address is

Holy Trinity Church, Shaw Village Centre, Ramlease Drive, Swindon SN5 5PY

In accordance with the constitution of the Church Partnership, the government of the Church is the responsibility of the Church Committee.

Church Committee for 2019

Chair	Steve Kershaw
Church Wardens	Steve Kershaw & Sue Green
Treasurer	Sue Green
Secretary	Sue Green
Other Elected Members	Janet Clarke Ian Bryon Moira Webster
PC Representatives	Janet Clarke Sue Green Steve Kershaw

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is a charity as part of the Church Partnership which is registered with the Charity Commission (1141341). The church committee members are elected as specified in the Church constitution.

Objectives and Activities

The aims and objectives of Holy Trinity Church, Shaw are to build a community of God's people to take the love of God in action and God's word to the community. It is also to provide a facility for groups serving the community in Shaw.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

The average Sunday attendance over 2019 was 31 adults and 8 children. These figures include Partnership Services, Encounter and Messy Church. There was Morning Prayer held on Fridays in term time which had an average attendance of 6. The number of members is 33.

Review of the Year

Review of 2019

Our membership numbers have remained constant throughout the year for which I am grateful, but at the same time it would be nice if the Church was fuller and the recent experience of having people from St Mary's with us while they have their renovation has been wonderful.

Being small and keeping things ticking over there are a lot of people to thank. We all take for granted the services on Sunday, but it does take a lot of planning and all our thanks I am sure go to "WEG" (Worship Enabling Group), which I believe consists of Gayle, Ian, Mark, Sarah, Janet, Angela and Val.

During the year Angela finished her training and we have now seen her leading Worship more frequently here and elsewhere in the Partnership and further afield. Ian and Gayle are also nearing the completion of their training and they continue to take services at Shaw, the Partnership and wherever the Methodist circuit tells them. Also do not forget that a lot of these individuals are also involved in the Youth work within the Partnership and in our surrounding schools. It is therefore in my opinion amazing at what they accomplish and as stated our heartfelt thanks to them.

Holy Habits has been the main thread of our Worship during the year and the knowledge it has given us I believe continues to bring us closer to God, to each other, and to the people we come into contact with. Accordingly I look forward to the continuation of my own, and I am sure all of your, Christian Growth in 2020 and to see how God uses us.

Sue continues in her role as Treasurer and ensures that we do not overspend our funds and sends invoices out to our regular users.

As you know a lot of people use our Church and our thanks goes to Rebecca who ensures that the building is not double booked and that Ivan is given the right times to set the heaters, and the money that comes in from the users helps a lot with our upkeep.

It is good to see our Church continued to be used by the Portuguese Church and more recently the Brazilian Baptist Church—they had 10 baptisms in early January 2020 an event for us all to celebrate. There is also the Pre School club as well as Zumba, local vets, Martial Arts, WI, Guides, Weightwatchers, Slimming World, to name but a few. The Church is part of its community and for me it is great to see the community using the Church.

The Church is used by various Partnership groups, especially in the area of Children's and Youth work of all ages. This would include Messy Church, Gayle's schools work including Open the Book as well as Emerge. Once again numerous people from Shaw are involved, such as Gayle, Ian, Sarah, Mark, Janet, Wendy, Marie, Chris, Sue, Rebecca, Freda and Mavis—if I have forgotten someone then please forgive me. There has been some great successes this year in all areas and the actual number of children we interact with continues to grow.

Once again my thanks to Val who is at Church week after week playing the organ, even though this was not a good year for her health. In addition I would like to thank Moira again, a person who keeps quiet, remains under the radar, but if someone has a need, be that to be taken to the hospital or simply needing a friendly ear then she is there—so thank you Moira for your love and care of us all.

Again for the normal running of the Church, there are the quite "others" who help out, be that doing the coffee, the welcoming, the readings, doing intercessions, helping out in the children's group during service. There is hardly anyone on the membership who does not do something—so my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you—if for any reason you feel called to do more or in different areas then please do not hesitate to let me know.

In respect of the upkeep of the Church we should in the first quarter of 2020 start the work that was "essential" under the Quinquennial report. This means repairing the beading on the South gable wall, clearing the guttering and replace broken tiles—this in total will cost around £9500 (assuming no problems). We did look at the same situation in respect of the windows overlooking the shops and George Tweed and that would cost another £12k. If we wanted to change all the windows themselves and do some small remedial work then the total cost would have been

near £50k!! As can be seen in Sue's notes—the work we will be doing will greatly reduce our savings—so if anyone has any spare cash then let me know!!

2020 will in my opinion be a difficult year, there will I am sure be challenges in respect of the Partnership, our own finances, the assistance we need to give to the Schools work to name but a few. But if we keep focused on God, what God wants us as individuals to do and what he wants for Shaw and the Partnership then I am sure we can cope and I pray grow.

So God Bless to you all and again my thanks for all that you have done throughout the year.

God Bless

Stephen Kershaw
Chairperson of HTS Committee

Partnership Report

A year of Holy Habits has helped us realise the great number of gifts that are present within Holy Trinity Shaw and our desire to serve the community. We are extremely grateful to Ian Bryon in particular for his leading us in developing our understanding of the Holy Habits. There has been a steady attendance in services with an increase in the number of attendees at Friday morning prayers.

Holy Trinity Shaw is more financially secure due to the greater number of bookings for community lettings, with our grateful thanks to Sue for overseeing the financial side of the church and partnership.

Our relationships with the Royal British Legion and Lydiard House continues to flourish and we had large number of visitors over the remembrance period at our services, school's activities and the Garden of Remembrance in the Walled Garden. We continually give thanks for the work that Gayle undertakes with the school's work and especially in enabling young children from the parish to learn and understand about the key festivals.

We shared the excitement of Teresa's ordination to the priesthood and her first celebration of Holy Communion, Angela's licensing at the Cathedral as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM – it's great to see her in a blue scarf) and sent Hazel off with our love and prayers to begin her ordination training in Cambridge.

Trevor's ministry has also taken a new route, since his full laryngectomy in October. He will return to more active ministry in the partnership and with the various chaplaincies with which he is involved after Easter ... and with a slightly differently

sounding voice. He thanks everyone for the support and prayers, during this time, that have certainly helped him on this new journey.

We would like to give our thanks to all those who work tirelessly in so many ways to enable the life of Holy Trinity Shaw to continue to grow; with special thanks to our wardens and our families.

Clive Deverell

Worship Enabling Group report 2019/20

This group has not met in person for most of the year since we have been following Holy Habits. Ian Bryon has co-ordinated the Bible readings. Mark Taylor has communicated with the organist, readers etc each week. We plan to meet regularly in 2020 as Holy Habits comes to an end. We will probably combine the HTS committee and the worship group meetings as several of us are on both.

Building Report

This year's building work has been predominately repairs and maintenance. We continue to pay for the fire alarm, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, boiler & lightning conductor services & inspections. We finished off the electrical repairs started last year and repaired the leaking problem in the gent's & ladies' toilets. There were some hot water heater repairs in the kitchen and a replacement to a glass unit in the worship area that was not covered by the insurance. We only had to repair the front lettering once.

The main quinquennial repair to the beading is still outstanding and will be carried forward into 2020.

Sue Green

Across the Years

Junior Church

There has not been much demand this year, but Janet & Marie have provided resources in case it is needed. We are looking forward to St Mary's coming to Holy Trinity in 2020 and hopefully we will be able to keep Junior church running when they leave as Joshua will be 3.

God.com

God.com has provided a Sunday morning group for young people twice a month, with 2-3 attending each session. This was led by Angela and Mavis with Marie and Janet helping occasionally as Angela had more services to run towards the end of the year.

External Mission Links

BMS World Mission

SYFC

Filling Station

We have continued to make sandwiches around 3 times a year to be handed out to the homeless on a Thursday evening at a local town centre car park. We also donated the gifts from our Harvest service.

All 3 charities received £665 each as our 10% giving to further God's work locally, nationally & internationally.

BMS has a special project going on South Sudan's Conflict Survivors. We will be visiting this topic in 2020.

SYFC sends regular newsletters to church.

Financial Report

Church giving was stable this year. Rental income was up quite a bit due to a couple of new users however this figure does include a debt of £1,394 which we are making attempts to recover.

Our plan continues for all our church giving to go in tithing, Partnership share and essential church related items and building costs including utilities and increased maintenance etc to come out of rental income. We didn't complete all the planned building repairs that came out of the quinquennial so they will be carried over into 2020. We did manage to increase our Partnership share as planned.

Spending plans for 2020 include further maintenance work and there are still desires to improve the worship area entrance and the general building appearance.

Summary of Accounts

	Forecast 2019	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020
General Fund Income			
Planned Giving plus tax	18,175	19,084	18,980
Collections etc	1,000	896	900
Rental	16,875	20,638	21,100
General Fund Outgo			
Partnership Share	16,500	16,500	17,000
Tithing	1,900	1,998	2,000
Church outgo	770	758	770
Building outgo	22,500	17,044	28,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,620)	(6,664)	(6,790)
General Fund at year end	7,565	17,502	10,712
Building Fund Income	0	0	0
Building Fund Outgo	0	0	0
Building Fund at year end	0	0	0

Reserves Policy

Budgets are set so as to allow for some unforeseen maintenance costs. The committee have agreed that it would not want the general fund to drop below £4500 and so would reduce the Partnership share if this were to happen.

