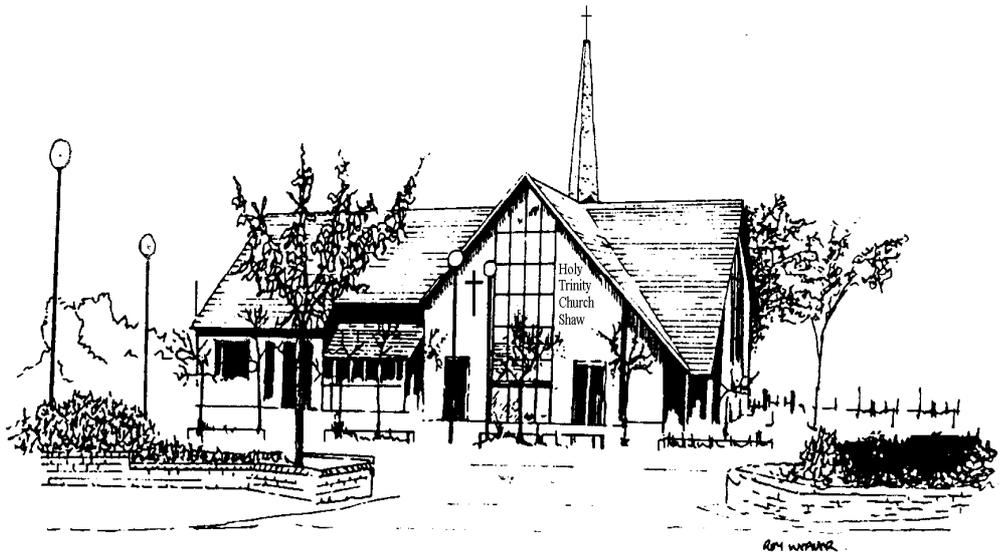


# **Holy Trinity Church, Shaw**

in the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church  
Partnership

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**



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## Administrative Information

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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 2021

Chair	Clive
Church Wardens	Wendy Dukes
Treasurer	Steve Kershaw (Sue Green Jan and Feb)
Secretary	Janet Clarke
Other Elected Members	Mark Taylor Angela Mak Peter Rogers
PC Representatives	Janet Clarke Angela Mak

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## Structure, Governance and Management

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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.

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## Objectives and Activities

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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.

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# Achievements and Performance

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## **Church Attendance**

For the first half of 2021 we were worshipping on zoom. We opened for services on Pentecost Sunday. We all wore masks, seating was on plastic chairs suitably distanced and a one way system was installed. The building was ventilated for at least half an hour before services. Communion changed during the year , at first only the minister took the elements, then everyone could have a little bread, then everyone could have a little bread and a small cup of wine. We did not use the common cup in 2021. Some services on zoom were very pleasant, communion on zoom using our home bread and wine was pleasant and we felt part of a community.

The number of members as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was 26

## **Review of 2021**

**One big Thank you!**

There has been continued uncertainty over the past year, particularly in relation to the pandemic and the future of the Partnership. However, on both counts with a new Methodist Superintendent and vaccines, progress seems to have been made.

Sincere thanks need to go to Sue (until February) and Wendy as Wardens, the members of the Committee and for all those who have ensured communications between the various aspects of the daily life of the church have continued.

My specific thanks to goes Steve Kershaw for being our Treasurer, Rebecca Kershaw for being our safeguarding officer and booking clerk.

I thank Angela, Mark, Janet, Teresa, Trevor, Pete and all who have led services over the past year, both in church, and through the At Home services and online Zoom services.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding when we have had to close and go online. Thanks also go to those like Teresa, Wendy, Steve and Rebecca involved in ensuring the Risk Assessments have been completed so the church is ready for worship, and the building is available for those who let our building the nursery in particular. Thanks to my family, and yourselves to supporting me as I work with and understand the condition I now have.

My final thanks this year goes to those who have maintained fellowship groups in difficult times, so for maintaining “Day group for Jesus” Angela, Pete and Edward from Westlea, Thank you!!! This group has enabled people to meet learn and grow in their faith. But also to those stepping down to Ed and Mary Poole as they stepped away from Messy Church, based here in HTS. Thank you to them for their passion and commitment, most of all for using the gifts God gave them for building his

Kingdom. I pray that we to might continue to reflect on how we might use the gifts God has given us in the future.

**Clive Deverell**

**Chairperson of HTS committee**

Our users have mainly returned by the end of 2021, and so have the Portuguese church that use our premises. The Brazilians have moved to new premises. The one user that has continued just about throughout is the pre-school. We now have two Guide groups, one Brownie pack, Slimming group, young people's dance group, WI and more. Thanks must go to Rebecca for keeping the bookings and collecting new ones.

## **Building Report**

This year's building work has been predominately repairs and maintenance. Beading has been replaced on some of the windows as was required by the quinquennial report. The cooker in the kitchen has been replaced with a smart model given by a member. Plastic chairs were used for worship from the May reopening as they could be easily disinfected regularly. More building repair is required, the door by the Nursery for example will be mended in 2022

**Worship** We started 2021 following the Roots lectionary based readings. Worship at home leaflets were produced in the partnership and distributed by email and in a few cases by home visits.

We printed the children's leaflet each week and placed them at the front of church with pens and crayons in case any children came to the service

**Junior Church** This has not run at all in 2021. Children's sheets have been produced. Easter eggs were given out to the few church children.

**God.com** This ran on a Sunday evening twice a month by zoom led by Angela Mac until July 2021.

## External Mission Links

**BMS World Mission**

**SYFC**

**Filling Station**

Filling Station was back eventually in 2021 and we helped out in producing sandwiches, snacks, fruits, toiletries etc. There is great need for this service. We expect to be helping out in 2022 and further.

BMS has numerous projects internationally. Several Baptist churches have been running food banks. Gorse Hill Baptist has acquired a fridge to help with this.

SYFC sends regular newsletters to church.

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## Financial Review

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- We finally had the quinquennial work done. This wiped out our savings. Cost including VAT was £9324.
- We would have been in a little of financial difficulty if it was not for the generosity of the membership when we got in a total of £2160 in response to our gift day.
- Planned giving was down, due to people moving away and covid in general.
- Rentals were almost back to what we expected / hoped for.
- We have yet to give our 10%--this hopefully will be done by the end of April—about £1350
- Rubbish disposal seems high but we paid promptly and are slightly ahead of the game
- Church rents (Guides) were down but they have now started to return and we are hopeful this will be back to budget in 2022

Challenges for 2022:-

- The obvious is Gas / Electric/ Water—there is the obvious increases that we all know about and we have a combination of standard and fixed contracts but the latter are due to expire before the year end
- Cleaning charges have gone up and ours are slightly more than the increase in the National Living wage
- Expecting Council charges / BIFFA to increase above inflation rates
- Building costs will be increasing substantial—the building is older and is cost more to keep things neat and tidy. We have already spent substantial

amounts on repairs to the pre school door and repairs / changes to our emergency lighting.

Actions taken:-

- We have increased our tariffs for users—this is between 5-10% depending on the user
- We applied for funds from Wiltshire Historic Churches and received £1000

Overall our General funds have reduced by over £4200, however this was less than we had expected at £7440. At present we have no Building funds, but this is as expected. We are hoping that in 2022 we will basically breakeven, however this is dependant on 3 factors. First is the continued hard work of Rebecca Kershaw to keep our rentals up, second is the work required to maintain the structure of the building and finally the cost of utilities and our cleaners—which I believe at present are needed and their charges reasonable.

Stephen Kershaw  
Treasurer.