



HOLY TRINITY  
Ashby de la Zouch

Annual Report  
&  
Accounts

For the 2015 APCM

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## CLERGY REPORT

The most far reaching change of 2014 came with Brian Robertson announcing his retirement.

Having come to Trinity and the Ashby and Breedon Team in 2005 we have effectively settled down into a pattern of ministry which saw me mostly working in Trinity and the town, with Brian overseeing S. Helen's and S. Mary's and John Dawson ministering to the four churches of the United Benefice of Breedon and Worthington.

For the last five years or so, I have been leading services in the United Benefice of Breedon and Worthington, on the fourth Sunday of the month.

All this has worked on the basis of John Dawson giving his time as a Self-Supporting Minister (He is not paid by the church of England).

With Brian's retirement the time came for a review, and increasingly I have found myself supporting the churches across the team as we entered into a time of interregnum (a time between Ministers).

I came to Holy Trinity, in no small part, because of what I had heard about Brian Robertson. Again and again, as I lived in Leicester I heard about this man who had ministered in three churches and one mission organisation based in the city. He was someone I wanted to work with. His preaching, love of God's word, care for others and team working were all spoken of warmly.

When an opportunity came to look at the post of Team Vicar in the Ashby and Breedon Team (with special responsibility for Holy Trinity) ministering alongside Brian, I wondered if this was God's leading.

The last nine years, being based primarily at Holy Trinity, have been an amazing season of seeing God's grace at work. We have come to love so many people within and beyond the churches, and said fond farewells to more than a few, but also found a community where we feel more at home than at any other time.

I am profoundly grateful to God for Brian's ministry to me and care for me. When I found myself facing new challenges and uncertainties he was rock-like providing advice and guidance.

In the last couple of years, we have seen God take us beyond the comfort of church services and familiar activities into new ventures, often reaching people in need. Following on from the launch of Street Pastors (led by S. Helen's church), came the CAP Money Course, Debt Help and Job Club with the Ashby foodbank serving so many people in crisis with food. These ventures have drawn us into deeper partnership with neighbouring churches and Christians and many others from across our town.

Towards the end of 2012 and in early 2013, we were joined by Stephen and Stella Brook and Paul and Geraldine Harris. After a good period of settling in following Paul and Stephen's retirement from full-time ministry as Church of England Vicar's, both have taken on an increasing visible role in leading services in 2014.

Alongside the appointment of Adele Adshead as our NSM (Non-Stipendiary Minister) Curate in July we have seen a great increase in the number of clergy who can lead services at Holy Trinity. They have brought with them a wonderful depth of godliness, wisdom, energy and creativity.

In particular, 2014 has seen Stephen and Stella Brook leading (with the Holywell Life Group) an Alpha Course that became the basis for the First Holy Trinity Pastorate. This mid-size group, which meets on alternate Thursday's in church, has added a whole new dimension to our church life. Stella has also taken oversight of our God Rocks Café with Paul Harris leading a new Key Stage 3 Group on Sunday mornings. On Sunday evenings, Paul Marcus-Smith has led our Key Stage 4 Group, alongside his wife Sandy, who started Soul Café at the beginning of the year.

The Autumn of 2014 also saw the first AMG (Ashby Men's Group) event led by Tony Bull. Other groups have also been formed and some of our long-standing ones have, with sadness and gratitude, come to an end.

When Adele was first appointed I spent a lot of time emphasising that her posting with us was for Adele's training rather than being 'an extra pair of hands', or to 'lighten the load of the Vicar'. While this remains the case it has been a joy to see Adele bring creativity, prayerfulness and grace to everything she plays a part in.

The preparations for Brian's successor as Team Rector of a team with seven churches, and just two paid posts, have led me into many new experiences. I have loved taking services and preaching in very different settings, while getting to know many new people. This has meant I have spent less time at Trinity in the morning services, but have also seen with joy a growing number of people attending church and them growing in faith under the ministry of so many others.

To conclude this annual report I want to ask again the question: Why? Why do we do all this?

There is one answer that is simple and profound: The Kingdom.

Jesus came proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was at hand. This kingdom is within reach, and we are seeing God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Bit by bit, we are being changed. Step by step, we are following in his footsteps.

We are the people of the Spirit of God. We are those who carry his presence wherever we go. This is the kingdom. This is the rule and reign of Jesus. And this is, of course, what all Christians are here for. Along the way there is a more particular call that I would like to outline for you. These words have focussed my thinking and praying for some years now:

*To be a community of love  
that shows the way  
enabling generations of servants  
to become the servants of all*

My prayer and my joy is to see us growing as a community of love that reveals something of what following Jesus looks like. We are together nurturing young lives (as well as welcoming and nurturing many older ones), and sending them out - in due time - to serve God where ever he takes them. This is a kingdom vision. This is a ministry that reaches to the far flung areas of the world.

My prayer is that Trinity would be a sending church. Nurturing, teaching, training and growing disciples of Jesus. Equipping the saints to serve our Lord and they then go on to train others to do the same.

This is a kingdom vision, where we all have a part to play. This is an invitation to all, those who are near and those who are far, that in our broken world we may bring the light of Christ.

In the autumn we saw adult baptisms, confirmations and receptions. Members of our family at Trinity being welcomed into the worldwide family of the Anglican communion. God is on the move. We have a part to play. He has much more for us. All we need to do is to keep in step with His Spirit.

*With love in Christ, Tim*



## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

First of all, a big thank you to the many people who have served Trinity during this year in so many ways, such as leading worship, the administration of communion, reading lessons, leading intercessions, sidespersons and stewards, refreshments, operating the audio/visual system, cleaning the brass, compiling and delivering the church magazine, assisting in maintaining the church building, etc. The list is endless and if someone, or something, has been omitted please accept our apologies. Your help, encouragement and prayers have been greatly valued.

We are very grateful to Philip Craner, our vergers and hall caretaker, who has continued to complete his duties to his usual high standard.

As the PCC of Holy Trinity is a registered charity (Reg No 1131178), we are required to submit annual reports to the Charity Commission. Copies of those reports, which include the annual financial report, can be viewed by accessing the Charity Commission website.

### Deputy churchwardens

We are blessed with a wonderful team of Deputy Churchwardens (Frank Bedford, Bob Williams, Janet Onions, Steve Porter and Jean J Harrison) who have served us throughout the year in specific roles.

### Church family and growth

The people making up the congregation of Holy Trinity come from a wide range of Christian backgrounds - some worshipping at their parish church, others drawn by its particular spirituality, but all sharing a sense of Trinity being their spiritual home and place of growth. They are comfortable with the present style of worship, value its bible-based preaching and consider the friendliness and sense of "family" as one of the church's most significant and valuable characteristics.

We have continued to see growth in many areas of our church life, which is covered in detail within the various sections of this Annual Report. Every year we are required to provide certain statistical information to the Diocese relating to church attendance and our worshipping community, and the following brief extracts may be of interest. Figures for the previous three years are included. The figures given for the Worshipping Community should be seen as best indications.

Year	Typical Sunday Attendance*		Electoral Role	Worshipping Community†			
	Adults	Children		0-10 yrs	11-17 yrs	18-69 yrs	70+ yrs
2014	118	32	175	30	14	162	41
2013	110	37	166	30	13	140	28
2012	107	30	184	45	10	148	31
2011	98	20	179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Includes all services held on a Sunday

† Total number of people who regularly worship at Trinity (at least once a month)

## Worship Sunday Services

	<u>9:00 a.m</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Evening</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion

Common Worship liturgy is used for these services, and baptisms are held during the 10:30 a.m. service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

The 9:00 a.m. and Evening Worship is in a “traditional” Anglican style led by organ and/or piano accompaniment.

The 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship is in a modern style led by an amplified band, with organ at the start and end of the service.

Attendance at the following additional services in 2014 was as follows:

<b>Easter:</b>	Total number attending worship:	195
	(Number of communicants:	116)

<b>Christmas:</b>	Total number attending Christmas Eve or Christmas Day:	509
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**Special Services** during **Advent** for the congregation and local community: 454

**Special Services** during **Advent** for schools and other organisations: 883

**Christingle Service** (hosted by Trinity): 230

## Use of the church building

We actively encourage the use of the church as a community building, and the church has been used for many services/concerts throughout the year, including:

- Remembrance Concert
- Ashby Concert Band
- School Harvest Services
- School Carol Concerts

as well as our regular users including Tiny Tots, Mothers’ Union, Trinity Fellowship, Pastorate Group, Boys on Fire, Soul Café and CAP Job Club.

The charges for use (other than worship) of the church by the various organisations who use the building are intended to recoup the costs incurred, for example, heating, lighting, verger’s time, etc., and obtain a donation to church funds for the volunteers from the congregation, without whom the events could not take place. No charges are levied for worship events and there are reduced charges for organisations raising funds for charitable reasons. The concerts are well attended and provide links between the church and the town community and also support a range of charities.

The charges levied remained unchanged from the previous year and were:

Use of the building	£10 per hour
Verger’s costs	£15
Stewards	£25
Refreshments	£25 optional
Sound System	£15 optional

### **God Rocks Café (Junior Church)**

Many thanks go to our team of leaders, headed by Stella Brooks, who have been assisted by helpers from the congregation and have continued to bring our young church members to know Jesus, and learn that you can have fun being a Christian. The members of God Rocks Café once again participated in the Nativity Service and thanks go to them and Sandra Harris who led the team for that event.

### **General Information**

The pages of the Memorial Book were turned weekly, and additions made as appropriate; any such requests to be made via the Churchwardens or Tim.

The insurance policy, which provides cover to Holy Trinity in respect of employer's and public liability, church buildings and contents, was renewed and displayed in the vestry.

Maintenance of the churchyard falls on the Town Council which, since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, has used its own grounds-keeping staff.

Diana Saunders has continued to oversee communications within, and outside, the church. We continue to welcome contributions to the church magazine. Our thanks go to our Vicar and Emma Harris for the production of the magazine, and to Graham Barge for collation and production of this Annual Report which sets out Trinity's mission in Ashby and elsewhere (and other material printed over the year).

Copies of the church magazine are freely available to visitors of the church.

Our thanks go to Emma Harris who has continued to serve as parish administrator. Emma maintains the church diary (also available on our church website [trinityclose.net](http://trinityclose.net)), updates the church pew leaflets on a weekly basis, and runs the parish office on four mornings each week (Monday to Thursday) during school term times. Emma also agreed to serve S. Helen's in the same role as a consequence of the Team Rector's (Rev'd Brain Robertson) retirement during the latter part of 2014.

### **Church building maintenance/improvement**

Many thanks go to the persons involved in carrying out various small repairs within the church building. The church has suffered from water ingress at various points through the roof for some time. New proposals have been drawn up to address the problems posed. However, further funds are required before the work can be carried out.

### **Fund raising**

We have been very fortunate in having a committed team of fund raisers led by Carole Timms, ably supported by her husband Rod.

A Christmas Fayre was held to raise funds for the roof programme and CAP Foodbank.

### **Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults**

Trinity has Safeguarding Policies in place for children and young people and vulnerable adults.

### **Church hall**

Our thanks go to Phyl Hambleton for continuing to liaise with church hall users and bookings and undertake day-to-day management of the hall. The hall is run as a stand-alone facility and as such is a self-funding community asset.

The hall continues to be used on a regular basis by Trinity Play Group (who are not part of Trinity Church), Badminton, Army Cadets, Thursday Ladies (gentle exercise) and Dancing Classes.

*Ken Garner & Diana Saunders*  
Churchwardens

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

The Church Office encounters a number of varied bookings and requests for church use which focus particularly on weddings, baptisms and funerals which are also known as 'Occasional Offices'.

The weekly activities for the office administrator include:-

- Communication with congregation (by post / email / telephone)
- Dealing with a wide variety of queries related to Holy Trinity services, the booking of baptisms, funerals, weddings and concerts
- Entry into registers and production of copy wedding certificates
- Invoicing for church hire, weddings, funerals
- Production of weekly pewsheets
- Preparation of items for the Trinity Life Magazine
- Liaison with Holy Trinity volunteers for additional services
- Ordering of supplies
- Calendar administration
- Ensuring value for money on gas, electricity, phone, broadband and fire equipment servicing
- Rota generation
- Assisting with recruitment
- Policy generation
- Calculation of payments for retired ministers where necessary
- Occasional media (cards, invitations) for Refresh and Hope and Remembrance services.

Following the retirement of Brian Robertson (Rector of S. Helen's), the Administrator of Holy Trinity was approached by the Wardens of S. Helen's to assist in the cover of some of the administrative duties at S. Helen's from October 2014 onwards. This has included being central contact for enquiries via phone, email and post, photocopying of pew sheet and service sheets, all wedding administration (including S. Mary's and S. John's Coleorton). This has led to additional hours being worked (funded by S. Helen's) in order to manage the significant increase in workload.

### Occasional Offices

#### **Baptisms at Holy Trinity**

Baptism year	Boys	Girls	Total
2014	11	6	16
2015*	4	7	11

\* children booked in for baptism at Holy Trinity by 27th February 2015

#### **Weddings at Holy Trinity**

Wedding year	Weddings	Renewal of vows	Wedding out of parish banns read
2014	2	1	6
2015*	8	--	tbc
2016*	2	--	--

### Weddings at S. Helen's

Wedding year	Weddings	Renewal of vows	Wedding out of parish banns read
2015*	5	--	--
2016	2	--	--

### Weddings at S. Mary's Coleorton

Wedding year	Weddings	Renewal of vows	Wedding out of parish banns read
2015*	2	--	--

\* Denotes information available at February 2015

### Funerals at Holy Trinity

Funeral Year	Church service followed by burial	Church Service followed by crematorium	Service held at the crematorium only	Burial of cremated remains in churchyard	Graveside	Total
2014	14	2	21	1	1	39
2015*	1	3	7	3	0	14

\*as at 27th February 2015

### Hire of Holy Trinity Church

This section relates to hire of the church for one off concert bookings (not regular church related bookings) for which a charge of £130 is levied or £70 where funds raised go towards a charitable purpose.

The following table demonstrates 9 occasions where the church has been hired for concerts in 2014:

Name	No. of concerts	Name	No. of concerts
Heavenly Reds Music School	1	Ashbeian Musical Theatre Group "Showtime"	1
Ashby Concert Band in conjunction with:-		Rotary Club Festival of Hymns and Music with Pam Rhodes	1
Christmas Concert	1	Grand Central Chorus	1
Royal British Legion	1		
Ashby Arts Festival NWLDC	1		
Concordia Choir	2	Total	9

Other non-income generating bookings	Number
Schools' Harvest	3
School Carol concerts	4
Christingle	1
Books and Bibles Concert of celebration and thanksgiving	1
Hope and Remembrance	1
Chairman's Civic Carol Service	1
TNT Staff Prayer meetings	weekly (ended Dec 2014)
LENO Shona Services	3 times per year
School's Art Festival	1
Total	15

*Emma Harris*  
Parish Administrator

## ~~~~~ **COMMUNICATIONS**

At Holy Trinity, we all work as a team and we aim collaboratively to communicate clearly to everyone all that is happening in and throughout our church. Our intention is to provide the level of information people feel they need, whether they are internet-able or not. We rely on feedback to improve our communication network - so please do talk to us.

### **Church Office**

The Church Office is the main hub of our communications network. In September 2012 Emma Harris took over the church office. Emma has been in the church office (based in the vicarage) from 09:30 - 11:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday, taking telephone messages, carrying out general administration for the church and managing the church diary. During church office hours Emma can be reached on 01530 412339. We appreciate her efficiency and hard work. She is an excellent communicator! Following Brian Robertson's retirement in the Autumn, Emma took on four hours a week extra work to support S. Helen's church, which S. Helen's pays for.

### **Church Diary**

The church diary shows events taking place in the church building. Other groups taking place can be shown in the diary if requested. The diary is live and can be accessed through [trinityashby.net](http://trinityashby.net) or directly as a Google calendar.

### **Church magazine**

Copies of our monthly magazine, Trinity Life, continue to be available and can be delivered at a cost of £5 per year. Copies of the magazine are freely available for visitors in the church porch and at the back of church. Production of the magazine relies on a dedicated team to whom we are all grateful. We particularly thank all those who deliver the magazines to people in the parish and who, at the same time, provide a link with members of our church community.

### **Pew Sheets**

These are available weekly at all Sunday services. There has been little change in 2014, except for a gradual increase in detail. Large print pew sheets are available for those who need them.

### **Prayer Chain**

This is in regular use and in 2014 has continued to be a valuable communications tool. Requests for inclusion in the prayer chain need to be made to Emma Harris, Adele Adshead or Tim Phillips, through the Church Office on 01530 412339 or by email to [prayer@trinityashby.net](mailto:prayer@trinityashby.net)

### **Information about Leicester Diocese**

'In Shape' magazines, which contain information and articles from the Leicester Diocese, are freely available at the back of church. In Shape is published four times a Year i.e. Winter - December, Spring - March, Summer - June and Autumn - September. More information is available at: [leicester.anglican.org/in-shape-magazine](http://leicester.anglican.org/in-shape-magazine)

### **Notices in Church**

Notices are now given prior to the start or before the last hymn at the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. Please remember that there are usually newcomers and guests in church. If you give a notice, begin by introducing yourself and say which group in church you are representing. Please also start with the subject of the notice (e.g. quiz night or opportunity to volunteer etc.). Verbal notices are important and you may need to give the notice on more than one Sunday. To get your notice into the weekly pew sheet, which is particularly important if it is to reach those attending the 9:00 a.m. or 4:00/6:00 p.m. services, please contact Emma by email in the church office in plenty of time. Your notice is much more likely to be read if given several times, ideally three weeks, two weeks and one week before the event in question. We ask that, except in special circumstances, written notices are under forty words.

We wish to thank members of our church for their help in gradually increasing the clarity of communication. Do please contact me if you feel that there are further improvements that we should consider.

### **Church Insight**

At the end of 2014 the Church Council approved a trial of Church Insight which Adele wrote about this in our church magazine. This cloud-based information system would allow us to have:

- An online address book
- Individual user accounts for those who want to update their own information
- Mailing lists for emails and letters
- Easily accessible Rotas for all our groups managed online
- Electronic reminders for those on rota who want them
- An integrated calendar linking groups, their web pages, and members
- A website that can be maintained group by group, using a web-browser from any computer.

We will keep you updated as the trial progresses. If you would like more information please search on line for 'ChurchInsight'.

*Diana Saunders*  
Church Warden with Responsibility for Communications.

## **PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A brief report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council for the period January to December 2014.

**Meetings:** Meetings were held in January, February, March, May, July, September and November, with an Extraordinary meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**Council Membership:** The PCC had a total of 18 members before the APCM of 2014 and 17 members following.

### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Team Vicar	Rev'd Tim Phillips
Readers	Steve Clowes and Jean Holt
Churchwardens	Ken Garner, Diana Saunders and Iris Holt (Churchwarden Emerita)
Treasurer	Lyn Thomas

### **Other Members:**

Frank Bedford (Deputy Churchwarden), Jean M Harrison, Paul Marcus-Smith, Bob Onions, Steve Porter, Ian Rudin, Carole Timms, Janice Westland, Roy Westland and Jean J Harrison.

### **Deanery Synod Representatives:**

Iris Holt, Frank Bedford and Carole Timms.

### **Members standing down at the 2014 APCM**

Lisa Noon (prior to APCM)

### **Members elected/re-elected at the 2014 APCM**

Bob Onions, Steve Porter, Ian Rudin and Janice Westland.

### **Standing Committee**

A small group of PCC members who can make decisions between PCC meetings, should the need arise. Members are: Team Vicar – Rev'd Tim Phillips, Treasurer – Lyn Thomas, Churchwardens – Ken Garner, Diana Saunders and Iris Holt.

### **Typical Agenda Items**

- Welcome and prayer
- Apologies for absence
- Review of minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising from those minutes
- Specific items for information or discussion
- Reports: Clergy, Treasurer, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod
- A.O.B. and Notices

### **Key Issues and Decisions**

#### January:

Following the Diocesan request that all parishes contribute an additional £200 to address the shortfall in the Parish Offers for 2014 (and a major deficit on the planned Diocesan budget), members agreed that this extra amount be paid.

Members voted to continue with the trial of offering grape juice as a non-alcoholic option to communion wine at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and to review again in July.

#### February:

Proposal accepted to reduce PCC meetings from 9 to 6 per year, in addition to the APCM in April, but to continue holding monthly Standing Committee meetings and extraordinary meetings if necessary.

A re-drafting of the 'Safeguarding Children and Young Persons' policy was completed and considered.



The PCC's prayerful consideration of the changes facing the churches of the Ashby & Breedon Team, prior to Rev'd Brian Robertson's pending autumn retirement, began. A grant application was submitted to 'Porticus' for funding on CAP's behalf.

March:

Details of the new Alpha Course, to begin in April 2014, were publicised.

April:

13<sup>th</sup> April: Annual Parochial Church Meeting held. PCC members and Church Officers appointed.

May:

PCC's introduction and welcome to Adele Adshead, prior to her becoming an SSM Curate at Holy Trinity for a 3 year period, following her ordination in June.

A re-drafting of the 'Policy concerning the Protection of Vulnerable Adults' was completed and considered.

Rev'd Tim confirmed that a meeting of the Archdeacon, the Area Dean, Clergy and Churchwardens for the Ashby & Breedon churches was to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, to consider ways forward for the Team.

Members voted to approve a limit of a 3.5% increase in the Parish Contribution offer for 2015, bearing in mind the monies still required to repair the church roof and to restore the organ.

PCC voted to be supportive of Cheryl Butler in her venture to raise monies for CAP, by opening and running a stall in Ashby Market.

July:

PCC approval given for the treasurer to apply for a £500 grant under Tier I of the Leicester Diocese Growth Fund for the ongoing work of the Soul Café.

'Butler's CAP' stall now running in Ashby Market with all proceeds (and from eBay sales) going towards CAP.

£250 grant awarded from the 'World War I Event Growth Fund' for the purchase of Gospels, for a WWI service on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

'Songs of Praise for Seafarers' evening service held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, led by Iris Holt and Jean Holt.

In view of favourable responses to offering the option of non-alcoholic communion wine at the main Sunday service, members voted for the practice to continue.

Approval given for appointing a Foodbank Centre Manager/Coordinator for 1 day per week, to manage the distribution centre and to support the volunteers.

September:

Presentation by Ian Harris regarding proposed plans for addressing the problem of water ingress through the church roof. Members gave their approval for accepting these proposals, in order that a submission could be made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Members also approved the measure to adopt the 'Living Wage' as a minimum wage for Holy Trinity employees, as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Diana Saunders' proposal for the next Churchwardens' Trip - an outing to Coventry Cathedral on 7<sup>th</sup> November - was warmly welcomed.

Considerable maintenance work had been carried out in the church hall during the summer break.

LED floodlights and LED spot lights were installed in the chancel and over the raised dais. An additional fire extinguisher was installed in the Tower Room.

November:

Proposal from Rev'd Adele and Rev'd Tim for adopting a Church website and information management system – 'Church Insight'. Members agreed to a one year trial, beginning January 2015.

## December:

1<sup>st</sup> December: Advent Carol Service

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair

Local community welcomed as they held Christmas activities at Holy Trinity, including Carol Services for Ashby C of E, Ashby Hill Top, Willesley and Woodcote schools.

*Jean J Harrison (PCC Secretary)*

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## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The church's Electoral Roll is a register of its voting members. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the membership of the Church. At the 2014 Annual General meeting it was reported that we had 175 names on the electoral roll.

If you would like to know more or would like to apply to be on our electoral roll please contact the Electoral Roll Officer:-

Janet Onions  
5 Canterbury Drive  
Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2QQ Tel:- 01530 454153

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## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Generally ranging from four to six men in 2014, the Men's Bible Study meets at 1 Trinity Close at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. We meet over a cup of coffee and often there are times of silence. Again and again we leave sensing that God has spoken to us. During 2014 we've had Tony Watson, Steve Clowes, Vernon Bayliss and Paul Lees as our most regular members with others joining us when they are able.

*Tim Phillips*

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## **AIDS SUPPORT ASHBY**

Aids Support Ashby continues to meet weekly. During 2014 we have been meeting at 1 Trinity Close to pray for those in the area living with HIV/AIDS as well as for a large teenage youth work to bring the light of Christ to a generation.

Joyce Weir, Esther Lewis, Jennifer Swainston, Pat Goldsmith and myself gather over a cup of tea to catch up and bring our praises and prayers to God. During the time we have been praying we have seen the youth work at Trinity grow and many people help care for our young people. We pray for more.

*Tim Phillips*

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## **BOYS ON FIRE**

Boys on Fire (BoF) continues to meet weekly during term-time. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, our key age range is KS2 (Key Stage Two, roughly 7-11 years), with many helpers being older. Phil Taber and myself led the group, ably supported by our teenage assistants. Each evening includes plenty of games in the church building. Games such as, Capture the Flag, Hide and Seek Tigg, Sleeping Lions and 'Red Board – Fair Trade'. The origins of this last game will soon be lost in the mists of time, but it is something like 'Port and Starboard'.

Each evening the boys dine on carrots batons and apple slices, followed by a packet of crisps and a hotdog in baguette. After the meal there is a story, normally told by Phil Taber, either from the Bible or more recent events, drawing out something of God's character. The meal is a key part of the evening where the boys talk and listen to each other. BoF has now completed its eighth year.

*Tim Phillips*

## GOD ROCKS CAFE

God Rocks Café continues to serve as Holy Trinity's **Junior Church**, meeting in the church hall (on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) at the same time as our 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. It caters for school aged children from 5 -14 years with a mixture of activities which range from games, worship, prayer and bible teaching to group work with activity sheets. It aims to be very much a part of the church family, joining the congregation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday for the Family Service as well as on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and during some school holiday periods.

Both the 5 - 8 year old and the 8 - 11 year old groups use the Scripture Union teaching programme. These two groups meet together for the first thirty minutes when the theme of the week is introduced, followed by bible teaching and worship and games played. After a short break the two groups then meet separately in order to do some group work and complete their age-related activity sheets. We have continued to work as three teams, with each team being responsible for one Sunday a month, thus enabling leaders to worship with the main congregation on the Sundays when they are not on duty. For much of the year we have struggled to recruit new leaders/helpers but thankfully our prayers and appeals have begun to be answered and people are beginning to step forward. This should enable us to continue to run God Rocks Café for the 3 Sundays a month that we currently offer.

The group for 11-14 year olds is led by Rev'd Paul Harris and Phil Taber. The bible study and teaching done in this group is aimed at helping these youngsters grow in their relationship with Jesus and apply their faith in their everyday situations. I would particularly like to commend this group for organising the cake sale which took place in church after the service on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was very much their own idea and they raised a total of £204.09 for the Audio fund. Well done!

In December God Rocks Café was once again very much occupied with rehearsals for the annual **Christmas Nativity** which was staged in church on Christmas Eve in front of a full church. Under Sandra Harris's organisational skills it was a great success and it was particularly encouraging to see our 11-14 year olds stepping up and taking the lead, both in terms of acting/narrating, as well as on the sound desk

God Rocks Café ministers to an average of thirty children and young people each Sunday. The **vision** that drives the leaders is to see each one come to a living faith in Jesus that is lived out on a daily basis and which can impact their families and friends. Please continue to pray for our work, especially that those who have offered their help will enable our teams to be strengthened.

*For more information please contact Stella Brook: 07793750727 [brookstella@gmail.com](mailto:brookstella@gmail.com)*

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## CoT – COFFEE ON THURSDAYS

CoT (Coffee on Thursdays) started in September 2014 on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Wetherspoons. Several people have 'dropped in' over the last five months, some of whom come on a regular basis, while others join us occasionally. Although it is mainly folk from Holy Trinity who join us, we have been pleased to welcome a member of the Baptist Church too. If it is possible, we are hoping to visit other Churches in Ashby to introduce CoT to their congregations as well. Members of the public also chat to us while waiting to be served and the staff have become accustomed to our presence, so maybe in time there will be scope to develop an outreach aspect to our work.

*Kathy Hart and Jackie Ellett*

## REFRESH

Through Refresh, we aim at Holy Trinity Church to keep in touch with those of our congregation and friends who only manage to come to church occasionally.

Refresh takes a leading role in three services each year;

**Mothering Sunday.** We provide plants for all the ladies in church and also encourage members of the congregation to take plants out to family and friends. There is a gift card with each plant that gives our good wishes from Holy Trinity. The younger members of the congregation usually help us with distribution.

**Harvest Festival.** We encourage the congregation to bring family and friends to this familiar service where we provide a glass of wine/juice and nibbles at the end. We also encourage the congregation to bring harvest gifts to which we add a gift card. We then ask people to distribute their own gift after the service to anyone who would appreciate it.

**Christmas Carol Service.** Again we encourage the congregation to bring family and friends along to this service. Drinks and mince pies are served at the end.

Refresh Cards are now available at the back of church. Members of the congregation are invited to take them freely and give them out in the community as they feel they are needed: to anyone ill, bereaved or moving house for example.

'We' are the Church and together we want to take the love of Holy Trinity out into our community.

*Diana Saunders*  
Churchwarden

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## CHURCHWARDEN TRIPS

As Church Wardens we aim to offer about three trips each year, to enable our church members and their friends to spend a relaxing day together. The trips are generally non profit making so that we can keep the cost as low as possible.

We have had two trips since the last AGM. We visited Tissington Well dressings and Bakewell. On a very wet day in November we had a wonderful visit to Coventry Cathedral. The theme of the day was Remembrance and Forgiveness. We spent the whole day there and were all able to take communion together.

We hope to offer different trips this year and we are always open to your suggestions and requests.

*Diana and Ken, Churchwardens*

# MUSICAL WORSHIP

## **Review**

At the beginning of 2014, while spending time together waiting on God, Sandy shared a bible verse given to her:

***“See, I am doing a new thing!”***

*Isaiah 43:19*

Reflecting on 2014, we are excited that God did not disappoint us. We gathered many new people into the musical worship community during the year; bringing new talents and new instruments. Yogi came to play the keyboard, Ivan joined as a drummer, Emma was enabled to become more regular by singing and playing guitar and Tim brought his violin, guitar and amazing harmonies. Paul and Beth gladly accepted their role as new fulltime parents and handed the responsibility of leading the technical team to Tony. New ideas, new relationships and new ways of working together have flowed from this growth.

We engaged with each other and with our church family in new ways. At the end of February we joined with many from our church family for an inspiring evening of worship led by Matt Redman in Birmingham. As worship leaders, we joined together in community over meals and at our sixth monthly review and planning retreats. We led musical worship for a number of one-off church events including the confirmation service hosted at HTA last year and at various small groups. Lisa has supported the Pastorate with music and Sandy has established the very successful Soul Café with a strong musical identity drawn from the worship team and other friends.

## **The year ahead**

All of our worship and musical response to God’s glory and love is borne from a desire to glorify Him. The phrase we most commonly use amongst ourselves to express this our desire is to be “*passionate and authentic*” worshippers. That will remain.

**Music:** We remain ready and committed to serve as required on Sundays, bringing a blend of old and new music - to serve God passionately and authentically in a season of change for our church.

**Sound:** We have a small and hard working sound team. However, there is little robustness in the current system without overloading individuals. We are at capacity with our current mixing desk and now regularly have to omit instruments or singers we would like to include due to lack of capacity. Our remedy is a new digital desk that will reduce burdens and add capacity. The enthusiasm and response to fundraising for this has really touched us.

**Collaboration:** We have a vision of closer collaboration with those people, both clergy and laity, leading services. We are currently working together to seek new ways to give our church an ever more creative, expressive, and responsive voice in worship.

**Not Sundays:** We have long considered that a musical response to worship should not just be confined to Sunday mornings. We have started to serve more small groups and “not Sunday” events but would love to be invited to do more.

*Ian Harris*

## **MINISTRY TO LYNDHURST LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE ELDERLY**

A service is held at Lyndhurst Lodge on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

The service takes place in the lounge and the residents are always pleased to see us.

The team consists of Chris Sturgess, Sharon Ward, Ann Parker, Billie Maybury and myself.

The service lasts about 30 minutes and includes well known hymns, a bible reading, a short talk and prayers. We also spend time chatting with the residents both before and after the service and visit any residents who are bedridden and have requested a visit.

If you would like to join us in this ministry please let me know. You will always be very welcome.

*Glenis Garner*

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## **MINISTRY TO LOUDOUN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME**

The service at Loudon House takes place on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 11:00 a.m. We usually have a chat and ask for any prayer requests before we start the service which starts with a prayer for the day. Then we have hymns, readings, a talk and intercessions. The residents receive communion around three or four times a year conducted by Tim. The staff and residents always make us feel very welcome.

Sadly Brenda, who had been attending the services for many years, passed away last year and we do feel her loss; she would always request 'Abide with me'. Some residents become too frail or unwell to attend but, of course, we can still pray for them and visit them in their rooms. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming many new residents over the year.

The service is conducted by myself, Jennifer Swainston, Sharon Ward and Lorna Shattock, who plays the keyboard. We are grateful to Adele who has stepped in to play when Lorna has had another commitment and also to Barbara Bingley and Bob Onions who have also helped out.

Many of the residents who attend will have had connections with different churches in the past. We feel that through this ministry we can bring the church to them and hopefully re-acquaint them with Jesus. We also try and give the message that you can give your life to Jesus at anytime no matter what your age is and that He will always 'Abide with them'.

If anyone would like to join us on a Wednesday morning please do let one of us know. We have been told that there is a positive difference in some of the residents after the service, no doubt this is the work of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

*Janet Onions, Jennifer Swainston, Sharon Ward and Lorna Shattock*

## TRINITY LINK PEOPLE

At Holy Trinity we have a group of TLP who work to support the many groups who are linked with our church. They are there to support their group in any way they can - offering a trusted confidential ear, if needed, or a word of encouragement or advice.

A TLP will help a group sort out minor problems if that is helpful and be there to help the group celebrate all that is going on. If a group needed financial help, for example, their TLP would take their issue to the PCC. Through regular contact, by way of a phone call or a quick word in church, TLPs aim to build up a relationship with their groups and will encourage their groups to write the occasional short report in the church magazine and to write a brief yearly report for the Church Annual Report.

TLPs will never want to intrude on a group - but simply wish to be there to support their group as and when they are needed.

Group coordinators are invited to contact their TLP at any time when they feel they could be helpful. As churchwarden it is my role to co-ordinate the work of the Trinity Link People. I am always very grateful for your comments on how you feel this system is working in church. We work to love and support each other in His name.

A list of groups and their TLPs is shown below.

*Diana Saunders*

Group Name	Group Contact(s)	TLP	Group Name	Group Contact(s)	TLP
Aids Support Ashby	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips	Loudoun House Group	Janet Onions	Bob Onions
Alpha	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips	Lyndhurst Lodge	Glenis Garner	Glenis Garner
Ashby CofE Primary School Governors	Glenis Garner	Glenis Garner	Men's Bible Study	Tim Phillips	Steve Clowes
Ashby Foodbank Board	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips	Mini Communion	Chris Sturgess	Bob Onions
Ashby Foodbank Volunteers	Helen Child	Lyn Thomas	Monday Night Fellowship	Frank Bedford	Iris Holt
BoF (Boys on Fire)	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips	MOP (Mums of Purpose)	Sandy Marcus-Smith	Glenis Garner
CAP Board	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips	Mothers' Union	Carole Timms	Carole Timms
CAP Debt Help	Lisa Noon	Tim Phillips	PCC	Tim Phillips	Jean Harrison
CAP Job Club	Steve Clowes	Steve Clowes	Paul & Sandy Group	Paul & Sandy Marcus-Smith	Tim Phillips
CAP Money Course	Geoff Bull	Bob Onions	Refreshments after Church	Wilma Mulgrew	Jean Harrison
Coffee on Thursday	Kathy Hart	Diana Saunders	Sound Team	Tony Bull	Tim Phillips
Deanery Synod	Iris Holt	Iris Holt	Street Pastors	Vanessa Bayliss	Iris Holt
Flowers in Church	Carole Timms	Carole Timms	The Book Club	Tim Phillips	Tim Phillips
Fund Raising	Carole Timms	Carole Timms	Tiny Tots	Janet Onions	Glenis Garner
Go Deeper Bible Study	Jean Holt & Marion Richman	Jean Harrison	Trekkers	Ed Holbrook	Bob Onions
God Rocks Café (3 teams)	Stella Brook with Elizabeth Gevarghese & Sue Mason	Tim Phillips	Trinity Fellowship	Margaret Weston	Iris Holt
Holywell Life Group	Stephen & Stella Brook	Glenis Garner	Trinity Walkers	Rosemary Whyatt	Bob Onions
Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers	Kathy Hart	Tim Phillips	Tuesday Bible Study	Olwyne Bennet	Iris Holt
Jam Club (crèche)	Gemma Barber	Jean Harrison	Worship Group	Ian Harris	Steve Clowes

## NW LEICESTERSHIRE DEANERY SYNOD

Holy Trinity Synod representatives remain unchanged and are: - Tim Phillips, Iris Holt, Frank Bedford and Carole Timms. Vivien Elphick is our area Dean.

Synod met three times last year in February, June and November. Our venues are spread out amongst the deanery and we met last year at:

- S. Denys Church, Ibstock,
- Broom Leys Church Hall, Coalville
- S. Margaret's School, Blackfordby

The meetings are well attended with a full agenda; most of the items on the agenda are linked with developing the 2020 vision plan. During our quarterly meetings last year we had the following items on our agendas to discuss:-

- Safeguarding policies and promoting a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults.
- Strategy focus areas of our 2020 plan to include buildings, working across boundaries (mission partnerships and the development of parish gift offers)
- Whole church ministry.
  - a) Patterns of baptism, confirmation and nurture and allied to that our deepening of discipleship in the area of our financial giving.
  - b) Development of the parish gift process, and allied to that our deepening of discipleship in the area of our financial giving.
- Women and the Episcopate - Background notes.
- Adrian Plass weekend.
- Moving from vision to reality - managing change.
- Growth fund, three million pounds that has been set aside by the Diocese to be used for church growth.
- Outing to Leicester Cathedral - Sunday May 10th 2015.
- Non Stipendiary Ministry.
- A Christian presence in every community.

At each of the meetings we were divided into small groups which included synod members from different benefices. We were then given relevant topics from the agenda to debate; the content of the discussion was recorded by a facilitator. The synod members then regrouped for feedback and the facilitator's relayed back the information gathered. These sessions have proved to be very useful and informative, especially so for the smaller village churches, a helpful exercise to all members as we are able to pool ideas, the information was collated then sent out to synod representatives to take back to our respective PCCs for discussion.

The minutes of each of the three synod meetings, (along with any supporting notes) will be available in Holy Trinity Church if you would like more information.

*Carole Timms*



## HOLYWELL FIRST PASTORATE

What is now referred to as the **HTF PASTORATE** started in September 2014 - meeting fortnightly in Church on Thursday evenings. The Pastorate grew out of the **Holywell Life Group** which aimed to be local expression of Holy Trinity Church at 'small group level' with a membership of 14 people. This group was asked to provide the team to lay on an **Alpha Course** which was held from Easter to July in 2014. Through this course a number of people came to a new place in their relationship with Jesus and the church. The Pastorate was established as a 'post Alpha' group drawing on the experience of the home church of Alpha: Holy Trinity, Brompton.

The Pastorate aims to be, '**A Community of Disciples making Disciples**' and recognises the advantages of being a 'mid sized group' of 25 to 35 members which can provide easy access into the fellowship life of our church for both newcomers and longer-standing church members. Particular concerns of the Pastorate are:

1. To promote strong **friendships** by creating informal spaces for sharing (and eating) as well as for participating in small ad hoc groups.
2. Helping people to **grow as disciples** of Christ through life related Bible talks and group sharing along with different approaches to prayer and worship. An important aspect of this is creating opportunities for each one to discover and exercise their **gifts and ministries**. We have identified over ten different tasks and roles which are needed to enable the meetings and activities to function well (from catering to giving talks and from technical support to leading different kinds of worship). The aim is to help as many different people as possible to 'have a go' at as many different tasks as possible over a period of time.
3. Developing a focus for **mission and service**. The Pastorate aims to be a resource group for staffing nurture courses such as Alpha and Emmaus. In addition we are looking to encourage a culture of welcome and invitation as we provide a place where people within the orbit of Holy Trinity can find and follow Christ.
4. Fostering **smaller groups** to meet on the alternate weeks to the main pastorate gatherings. In this respect we have been glad to welcome the 'Go Deeper Bible Study' group to become part of our Pastorate and other members have started a group for prayer and listening.

One highlight for the Pastorate was to provide support and encouragement for several of our members who made a confession of faith at the **Adult Baptism and Confirmation/Reception Services** held at our church in November.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who is looking to 'belong' in a deeper way to give us a try one Thursday evening.

*For further details please contact Stephen & Stella Brook or Bob & Janet Onions.*

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## RIDE AND STRIDE

The Ride and Stride took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. The weather was good during the 40 mile ride and there were visits to 20 churches, getting as far as Stoke Golding.

It has been 25 years since Ride and Stride began in Leicestershire and to mark the occasion the path to Swepstone church was lined with decorated bike wheels.

One of our young people, Rachel Pacey, rode and visited 13 churches: Well done Rachel.

Altogether we raised £418, half of which comes back to Holy Trinity and the other half goes to the Historical Churches Trust. Many thanks to all who helped with the signing in during the day.

*Bob and Janet Onions*

## **ASHBY FOODBANK**

The aim of Trussell Trust/Ashby foodbank is to show the love of Jesus reaching out to others by providing emergency food and support for people in crisis.

Ashby foodbank is committed to staying in partnership with Trussell Trust until May 2016. Training continues to be provided for the Management Board, volunteers, and referring agencies as required. We now pay the reduced fee of £350 per year for these services.

Housed in the Congregational Church the foodbank is open on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and on Fridays from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Information about the foodbank can be found at [www.ashby.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.ashby.foodbank.org.uk)

The extent of our area is roughly everywhere within a boundary formed by the A42/A50 and A444; we are looking to extend our reach by contacting possible referral agencies within Burton upon Trent.

The Management Board continues to be chaired by Rev'd Tim Phillips and meets every four to six weeks. Changes to the board during the past year included Helen Child stepping down as Project Manager due to illness and pressure of work. We are thankful that she has remained a board member and that we are still able to draw on her extensive expertise. Jean M Harrison has taken over as Treasurer and Jean J Harrison joined as Minute Secretary. With regret we said goodbye to Polly Sherriff who helped to set up the foodbank and has given many hours service to the board and as an active volunteer. We thank Polly sincerely for her time with us. Finally, towards the end of the year, we were delighted to welcome Rev'd Catherine Booton as a board member.

We were fortunate to secure the services of Mick Redfern for three months as Foodbank Coordinator and were very sad when this job came to an end. The board and volunteers very much enjoyed the time that Mick was with us and thank him sincerely for the time he spent working for foodbank.

As we approach our second anniversary in May 2015, the foodbank continues to be well supported by all of the Churches in Ashby, as well as many in the immediate surrounding area, all of which provide a plentiful supply of donated food items and toiletries.

We are blessed with a good team of volunteers of many different faiths and none.

During each session we need six volunteers, two or three will work in the stock room where jobs include rotation of stock so that it is used in date order, weighing in any new stock that has been donated, and updating the in house records. In addition, when a client arrives with a voucher, volunteers will make up food parcels, weigh the food out, and again update the stock record. This data is also recorded on the confidential Trussell Trust Cloud Data System by Nikki Eccersley, the Distribution Manager.

Each food package will be made up of tinned or dried food and UHT milk, enough to feed each family member well balanced meals for three days. In addition, other goods such as toilet roll, toothpaste, soap and other essentials are included if they are available, and baby milk is bought as and when required if not in stock or if a special brand is requested.

We are now welcoming many more local families who, through little or no fault of their own, are living below the poverty line or struggling to feed their families mostly because of debt, illness, delays to benefits, family breakdown or redundancy.

Anyone visiting the foodbank will have been referred by a professional agency and issued with a voucher. This, when presented at the foodbank, will be exchanged for three days food (ten balanced meals) per family member.

Tim Abbott continues as our Referrer Relationship Manager and is increasing the number of agencies holding referral vouchers, keeping in contact with them to ensure that the system continues to work well.

During the year 412 adults and 409 children were fed equating to 8210 meals being distributed.

No major fundraising events took place in 2014 but we have continued to receive the top-up donation from Tesco based on the weight of goods collected in Tesco Extra Ashby. We share the in-store permanent collection box and National Collection (twice a year) with Coalville foodbank which works well for both foodbanks.

Thanks to the generosity of the Congregational Church we now have a permanent warehouse making management of the stock much easier and we still have a surplus of some goods which will be distributed to other local foodbanks. The warehouse is managed by Wendy Fielding who has a very loyal and efficient team of volunteers.

The present food stock stands at 6345.9kg (approx. £10,000) we are grateful for the regular donations received from individuals, churches and corporate organisations which maintains the stock level fairly constant.

In July 2014 Susannah Brook, East Midlands Area Manager for Trussell Trust, carried out our first Annual Quality Assurance Review and we achieved a very high standard with only minor details to follow-up on.

The Management Board would like to thank everyone for their on-going support and we look forward to another successful year in 2015.

*Noreen Mewies*

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## **CHRISTIAN AID**

The total amount raised by the Ashby and District churches in 2014 was £10,587.23, a small decrease of £308 compared to last year's best ever result.

The house-to-house collection was £7,846.86, a £360 increase on last year. £3,198.42 of this sum was gift-aided, which will result in a further £800 towards the work of Christian Aid.

Holy Trinity's thirty two collectors, a really encouraging increase from the twenty four in 2013, collected £1,534.41, an increase of £274. With the permission of Willesley School, two pupils Grace Cheriyan and her friend Nancy Rose Smith organized a collection at the school, boosting our total by a further £36.15.

The quiz evening, organized by Holy Trinity and held in the Church Hall, was an enjoyable event, raising £460.

The paper quiz sheets, organized for the first time, based on shops and businesses in Ashby, raised a total of £192.

The coffee morning and soup lunch held by the Baptist Church raised £214 and the Congregational Church held a coffee morning, raising £68. The mid-week lunch held during Christian Aid week at the Methodist Church was again well supported, raising £585. The plant stall at the Lunch and organized by Holy Trinity raised £71. The Methodist Church also raised £600 through the sale of cards and crafts throughout the year. Lent boxes raised £99.

Christian Aid Week ended with a Spring Concert at S. Helen's Church, organized by musical director and organist Andrew Chapman, which involved the various S. Helen's Church choirs, Burton Road School choir and Jessica Warrey from the CA office, Loughborough. Our thanks go to all who contributed to this pleasant evening of entertainment, which raised £365.

Christian Aid Week 2015 will be 10 -16 May and is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. For thousands of people throughout the country, it's a way of answering Jesus's call to help people in need, and showing the community just how much good the church is doing in the world.

Will you play your part this year?

*Frank Bedford*

2014 was bittersweet for members of Holy Trinity. Dear Edna German sustained a fall at her home which ultimately led to her moving into a nursing home. She is our longest standing member to date and her presence at meetings is sadly missed, along with her prayerful presence and great wisdom. Josie Renshaw and Iris Curtois also have had to stand down from membership due to caring for family members.

We continue to pray for them and ask for God's blessings to shine down upon them and to give them strength.

Margaret Weston, Betty Drabble and Heather Chandler also had health issues during 2014 but we are delighted that Margaret and Betty have returned home from hospital and they both joined us at our AGM. Hopefully, Heather will return to us soon. Our good wishes extend to them too.

Holy Trinity Mothers' Union was responsible for the co-ordination of Women's World Day of Prayer (with assistance from the Ashby churches) and the MU Lady Day Service which took place during March. Both of the events were well attended and enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Trevor Parkerson and Jean Holt for the parts they played at these two services.

Our programme for last year was varied. We engaged in two social afternoons and also encompassed sessions centred on our theme for 2014 which was "Sowing the Future Together". These sessions expanded on last year's theme "Help us Grow" encouraging us to look inwards and build up our strengths that tie in with MU aims and objections. Our guest speakers included Trevor Parkerson, who gave us a talk centred on his trip to Tanzania and Geoff Bull who spoke to us about the CAP money course. We also had council members who came to speak to us on matters concerning Fundraising and Communication, Literacy and Social Education.

Our annual tea with friends in December was a scaled down affair from what we have been used to owing to our decrease in members but, nevertheless, it was a lovely afternoon which culminated in the singing of our favourite carols.

I made the decision to stand down as branch leader after my third year last September, so it was a great delight to me that at our AGM Noreen Mewies had agreed to take up the position for one year. Rachael Bull will shadow her with the view to becoming branch leader in 2016. The prospect of having a younger member join our branch is exciting indeed and I know that I can speak on behalf of all our members in wishing her every success.

If you have ever considered joining Mothers' Union - we are always looking to increasing our branch membership - I recommend it and you will always be warmly received.

*Carole Timms*

## **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - MIDLANDS NATIONAL FOREST FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATION**

The fundraising and communication group was busy during 2014 holding several small but profitable events while at the same time promoting the work of CAP MNF Debt Help, CAP Money Course and CAP Job Clubs.

In addition to the information on the website, an Advent Letter was sent out to churches, schools, civic groups and individuals, to make as many people as possible aware of the work of CAP MNF and also to encourage people to support the work financially. This had a small but significant response and we are extremely grateful to the individuals, schools and civic groups who supported our work.

During the summer Cheryl Butler established Butlers CAP, the original idea being to sell good quality clothes on eBay, this expanded to a charity stall based in Ashby Market, also giving us the opportunity to promote the work of CAP MNF to the general public. Staffed by Cheryl and a few regular volunteers this continued until the end of the year when it became impractical to continue. This is now continuing as eBay sales only operating out of an office in Market Street. Grateful thanks go to Cheryl and Neil Butler for their hard work and enthusiasm, the regular volunteers who worked at the stall, and for the money raised by the project.

Several fundraising events were held during the year including a pub quiz, a quiz in Holy Trinity Church Hall, the Marathon with a Difference at Jim's Tractor Run on the Bath Grounds, and Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre held jointly with Church Roof Fund. We thank everyone who helped to make these events possible and for the support of the church family and local community.

We hope to establish a timetable of regular events during 2015.

Additional fundraising was carried out by Ashby Baptist Church who held several very enjoyable events during 2014. We sincerely hope that this partnership will continue with a joint diary so that our churches can support each other.

The opportunity to promote CAP MNF arose when we were offered a stand at Ashby Statutes Fair in September; much literature was handed out along with balloons for the children. Thanks go to Ashby Town Council and Mr Harris of Pat Collins fair and we hope to repeat this in 2015.

In 2014 we were grateful to acknowledge the financial support of:

- Comic Relief – Leicestershire and Rutland Community Fund (LRCF)
- Leicestershire County Council - Big Society Grant Fund
- North West Leicestershire District Council

The group hopes that these events will continue to be successful in 2015 and will include something for everyone to participate in and enjoy as, together, we work to make CAP MNF as successful in the future as it is at present.

*Noreen Mewies*

## **CAP DEBT HELP**

This has been a great year of change, and challenges, not only for myself but also for CAP.

With Lisa Noon stepping down from the post of Centre Manager after three and a half years of dedicated service to God and the church, I have found myself with a God given opportunity to carry on the awesome work that Lisa and the rest of the CAP team started those years ago by taking on the role of Centre manager.

Having worked for the CAP debt centre now for just over 15 months I can, with hand on heart, say that we do genuinely save lives. Not only physically, but also spiritually. Many of the clients we see, cannot see a way out of the situation they find themselves in and 40% of the clients we see have thought about suicide.

2500 families went debt free last year, that's 10 families every working day (Praise God). Debt Coaches and Centre managers walked into 6,169 homes in 2014 to give our clients hope, and the support they needed to get out of the unmanageable debt they found themselves in.

Above all, 792 made a commitment to start a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We genuinely cannot do what we do without the support of the churches and we now have an amazing 270 Debt Centres working out of churches all over the country.

This is thanks to all the amazing people that support the work we do, whether it be financially, prayerfully or voluntarily, we cannot do it without you.

If you would like to know more about CAP, or get more involved with the work we do, then please get in touch either with myself or any member of the CAP team.

We do indeed serve an awesome God, and it is a privilege for me not only to serve God in this way but also the church, Thank you.

Mick Redfern, Centre Manager CAPMNF

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## **CAP JOB CLUB**

God has been at work throughout this second year of Holy Trinity opening our weekly Job Club. The commissioning prayer was from Isaiah 58:11 - *'You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail'*. Come and visit us between 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursday mornings and meet our community of members and volunteers and you will experience the answers to this prayer. You may not be able to distinguish between members and helpers, because our members are supporting each other in such an incredible way. Our blind friend is being taught to play the piano by someone who has discovered a God-given gift of teaching musical skills. His new Guide Dog is enjoying the music as much as we do! Some of our 'regulars', who are not available to work because of ill health, are updating skills in IT, Reading, English and Maths and one member regularly tutors another on the homework.

Christians Against Poverty encouraged us to establish a club where people could 'be themselves' and regain confidence which can be knocked through unemployment, redundancy, illness, disabilities and isolation. We offer prayer ministry and a confidential ear too. God sees the person He created in His likeness and we have the privilege of building up relationships of trust and love with His people.

As a Job Club we offer the full range of job seeking skills (CV's, online applications, interview practice, self-employment). Since opening on 11 April 2013 we have had 61 people through the door and seen a third of these into some form of paid/voluntary employment which suits their needs. One has set up a successful venture upcycling clothes vintage-style (we have their business card if anyone is interested). We have also found ourselves assisting with completing the lengthy forms for benefit assessments and 'Fit for Work' medicals.

Continued

The club has just celebrated the safe arrival of a healthy baby boy, with Mum working with us to assess her skills and suitability for jobs after maternity leave. Another has started to write her life story with the intention of seeking some way of publishing it. God is full of surprises for us and one meeting is never the same as the next, though the kettle is always on! Please encourage people to join us.

The words 'unemployed' and 'redundant' don't feature in The Bible. Similarly, they don't feature in our vocabulary in the CAP Job Club.

*Steve Clowes, Job Club Manager; Alison Hayes and Steve Porter, Job Club Coaches; Gerri and Bill*

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## **TRINITY FELLOWSHIP**

*The aim of our group is to offer its members a practical Christian faith and to draw them into the life and fellowship of the Church.*

Trinity Fellowship continues to meet on the last Tuesday of each month, with the exception of August, either in the vestry or at the back of church at 8:00 p.m.

We are open to all, young and old, male or female.

Our meetings are always opened with worship led by a member of the group.

We have enjoyed a 'Memories Evening' at which someone brought along something that had a special meaning or memory for them and told us all about it. During the year we have welcomed the Rev'd Trevor Parkerson who shared with us about his trip to Tanzania. The Rev'd Stephen Brook came to speak to us about his and his family's life and ministry in Portugal. A quiz night was held in November, followed by the singing of some Advent hymns. We also welcomed Chris Knight back to give us the second half of his 'Olympic Dream'.

We had a meal out together in June and had a fish and chip supper at the back of church in July. On both of these occasions many of the church family joined us. As a group, we attended the Women's World Day of prayer and the Mothers' Union Lady Day Service, and also enjoyed a Christmas tea with the Mothers' Union.

The Advent Carol Service was held in December and our speaker was the Rev'd Sue Bradley. Once again a good number of people attended from groups within the town and beyond and members of groups from within the church read a lesson. Some of the residents from Newlands House joined us. A collection was taken for Newlands House Cheshire Home.

We have a bring and buy table at our meetings and the proceeds are given to a different charity each year. Last year we supported Macmillan Nurses ([www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk))

If you would be interested to come along and see if Trinity Fellowship might be for you please do contact us on the numbers below, you would be most welcome. Lifts can be arranged. We have a full and varied programme planned for the year ahead. If you would like a copy of the programme they are available from:

Margaret Weston, Tel. 01530 413927 or  
Janet Onions Tel. 01530 454153

*Janet Onions  
Secretary*

# TINY TOTS

***‘From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise’***

Tiny Tots continues to meet every Monday during the school term at 2:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church.

We are a group that welcomes children from birth to school age, along with their parents, grandparents or carers.

We begin with a time of praising God with flags as we march around the church. We then give thanks for birthdays and special occasions with the lighting of candles. It is lovely to see their little faces aglow in the candlelight as they sing ‘Thank you Jesus’ before they blow them all out. Some are able to sing by themselves too.

It is then prayer time when we say thank you to God for all He does and gives to us. When you are aged two, three or four, parties, visits to the zoo and visits from Granny and Grandpa are very special along with the important ‘new shoes’. We then ask God for help for ourselves or for other people. During this time the children and adults hold a ‘prayer bear’. Mums and carers also bring along their prayer requests and it is lovely that they are able to talk to God along with their children and we hope this will lead to prayer being a natural thing in their daily life.

We have kept to the same format at Tiny Tots for a few years as we know the children feel safe and at home with this. One of the favourite things they like to do is dance to the ‘Wiggle Wiggle’ song which we have before the story. Even the young babies react to this. Our stories are always from the Bible and are told in various ways. We then have a song, usually to a CD but sometimes Lorna plays the piano and the children love to watch her playing. We do craft and colouring each week which ties in with the story. After our final prayer ‘Jesus friend of little children’ we go and do our craft and have a well earned drink and biscuit. We have an area for the children to play and for mums and carers to have a chat and get to know each other and us better. The church aisle has proved to be a good place to practise walking and crawling.

Once again at Harvest Time we collected biscuits to take to one of the local care homes. This year we took some to Ashby Court in a box decorated by the children.

In December we were invited to join Smisby Day Nursery at their annual Christingle Service and to take part in some of the singing. It was a lovely occasion and some of the Tiny Tots team provided refreshments afterwards.

Thanks go to all the team for giving their time to this very special and fun ministry when we try to share Jesus and His great love for us with the little ones and their families. Thanks also go to Philip Craner for all his help setting up.

We were given a very generous gift of money during the year in appreciation for what we do by one of our families. Thank you to them for their appreciation. Thanks also to all who pray for us.

We welcome anyone who wants to come along and if they don’t feel they want to take part in the service they are very welcome to come and just enjoy the company. We would also be glad of some new team members so, if you feel this might be a ministry that you might be able to help with, do come along any Monday and see what we do, you would be most welcome. If you would like more information please do ring me on 01530 454153.

*Janet Onions*

On behalf of the team:- *Barbara Bingley, Glenis Garner, Richard Parker, Lorna Shattock, Chris Sturgess, Jennifer Swainston & Sharon Ward.*



## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNTS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL						
Accounts for the year to 31st December 2014						
Receipts	2014	2013		Expenditure	2014	2013
Playgroup	6716.50	6671.00		Caretaker	4684.68	4350.09
Badminton	408.00	344.00		Gas	2537.09	2234.09
Dancing – Colin Lang	3184.00	3252.00		Electricity	1066.42	1535.64
Army Cadets	940.00	940.00		Water Rates	152.02	148.66
Pat Cafferty (Thursday Ladies)	344.00	344.00		Insurance	769.79	762.72
Miscellaneous Lettings	180.00	151.00		Window Cleaning	120.00	180.00
Interest				Cleaning Materials, Consumables	690.34	287.17
Telephone refunds	11.38	439.45		Repairs – General	1674.35	477.26
Electricity Refund PCC				Repairs – Decorating	315.00	405.00
Donations	50.00	20.00		Repairs - Roof		1688.00
Hire of Chairs		90.00		Telephone		519.45
				Dustbin Hire	299.00	285.48
				Fire Extinguishers		120.00
				Refund to Playgroup re closure		59.00
				Piano Tuning	43.00	
Total Income	11833.38	12251.45		Total Expenditure	12351.69	13052.56
Current Account				Current Account		
Balance B/Fwd	11464.61	12265.72		Balance C/Fwd	10946.80	11464.61
	23298.49	24517.17			23298.49	24517.17
			I certify that the accounts for Holy Trinity Church Hall give a true and fair view of the finalised position at 31st December 2014.			
			S. Clowes 4th March 2015			



# Trinity Walkers

*2004-2014: 10 years of walks & friendship*

Last year was our anniversary year when we celebrated 10 years of Trinity Walkers by revisiting some of our favourite walks - the snowdrops at Dimminsdale; Lathkill Dale & the Magpie Mine; the bluebells in Hartshill Country Park; Launde Abbey; The Roaches; Baslow & Curbar Edges. As usual our walks took place on the third Saturday of the month and we ended the year with a local walk around the new National Forest trail along the Calke tramways and met afterwards for lunch at our house. In September, Chris and Kevin Green organised a weekend in Ross-on-Wye. Our walk on the Saturday took us along the River Wye crossing by the ferry to climb Yat Rock. In the evening we had a fantastic meal, to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at The Moody Cow restaurant at Upton Bishop and, for those who were able to stay, we walked to a Cider Farm on Sunday. We have welcomed 3 new members on our walks this year.

We are a friendly group of all ages and new members are very welcome - either regularly or for the 'one off' walk. The fellowship is great with all of us having the opportunity to chat with each other during the day especially when we stop for lunch - either a picnic or at a local hostelry along the way and during our post-walk refreshments. The walks are between 8 and 10 miles and are led by ourselves or other members of the group. We meet at the start point of the walk and where possible we share transport as car parking is often limited. The terrain is varied - mainly on field paths and farm tracks and we do like to include some hill walking - which can be challenging. We rarely cancel a walk because of the weather (unless it is unsafe to travel) but a walk will be postponed until the following month if there are less than 6 of us able to attend. It is **essential** that everyone has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather conditions. The conditions underfoot can often be very muddy or uneven so you may find a walking pole useful - handy too for clearing a path through nettles and brambles or to discourage the occasional inquisitive livestock!!

Following our walks we enjoy a well-earned cuppa and home-made cake (donations welcomed for the work of Ashby Youth for Christ) before making our way home. This year we are planning to revisit more of our favourite walks and will also be trying out some new ones too.

**For more information see the Trinity Walkers'  
notice board in church or contact:**

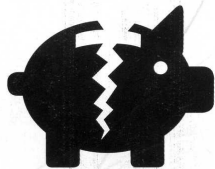
**Mick and Rosemary Whyatt**

**☎ 01530 467682    ✉ [rosemary.whyatt@ntlworld.com](mailto:rosemary.whyatt@ntlworld.com)**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

'We rest on Thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude' 2 Chron. Ch 14 v. 11

# THE HARD TRUTHS ABOUT DEBT



**50%**

of children aged 10-17 in families with problem debt say the lack of money causes arguments in the family

**More than 50%**

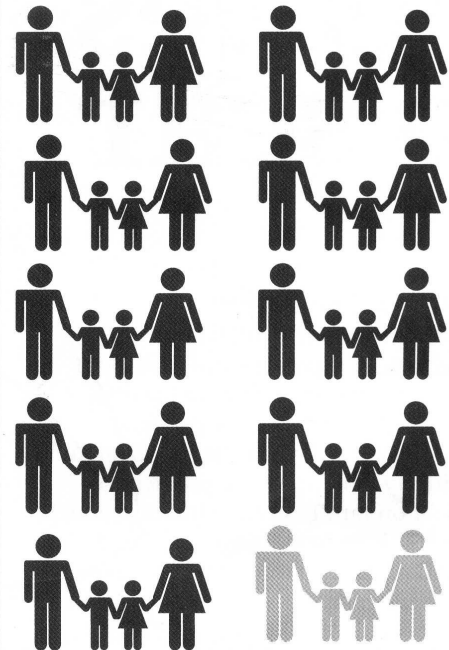
of children aged 10-17 in families with problem debt worry about their family's financial situation



Only 1 in 5 children aged 10-17 said their school taught them about money management and debt



**2.4** million children live in families with problem debt...



**9 out of 10**

families in problem debt say they have had to cut back on essentials like food or heating for their children, in order to keep up with repayments

**32%** of parents in problem debt who sought help from their council said that they were not helpful at all

...A further 5 million children are in families that are struggling to keep up with repayments and risk falling behind



Children aged 10-17 in families with problem debt are more than twice as likely to be unhappy at school and bullied because they don't have the same things as their peers



**More than 50%**

of children aged 10-17 said they saw advertising for loans 'often' or 'all' of the time

**How you can donate**

Every penny you donate means we can provide more vital support to young families like Latasha's. To find out how to donate,

**42%**

of parents struggling with repayments on a payday loan said their lender treated them 'badly' or 'very badly'

Donations from Holy Trinity in 2014:

Nativity service: £395.20

Boxes £ 69.08

Total £464.28

Monies collected at Christingle

service organised by

Smisby Day Nursery:

£294.50

continued

# HARD TRUTHS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK



The charity found that in 2011 only one in three runaways were reported to the police



**16,500**

In a year, 16,500 children and young people in England are at a high risk of sexual exploitation



**89%**

**11%**

Where gender of the victims was known, 89% were girls, and 11% were boys



As many as 70% of victims of child sexual exploitation in England had gone missing from their home

**8**

The Children's Society has eight services supporting victims, and those at risk of child sexual exploitation



One in four young runaways has slept rough, been hurt, begged, stolen or stayed with someone they've just met

**100,000**

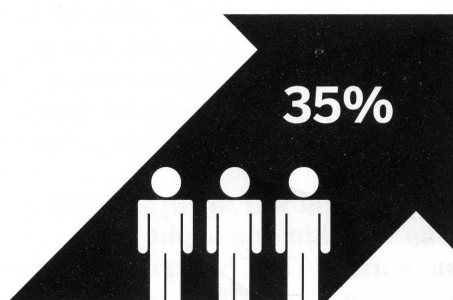
An estimated 100,000 children go missing from home or care every year in the UK



In England, the 14-16 age group is the most likely to be at a high risk of child sexual exploitation

**2,409**

In England, 2,409 children and young people were confirmed victims of child sexual exploitation from August 2010 to October 2011. The true figure is likely to be much higher



In 2012, the Children's Commissioner's Inquiry found that a third (35%) of children at a high risk of sexual exploitation were children in care

**Donate today**

**£30** could pay for us to support a young runaway and help keep them safe from sexual abuse

Your donation makes a difference

[childrenssociety.org.uk](http://childrenssociety.org.uk)

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who wast found in the temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions, be with the children who are looked after by the Children's Society and grant them a right understanding of Thy holy word, and a readiness to do Thy will; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

*N.I. Holt*

# THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

*'These men see the work of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep'*

**News of just four of the ports served by the mission.**

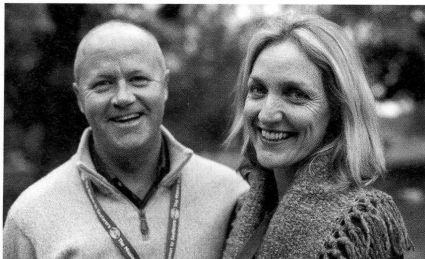
## Port news

### Auckland, New Zealand:

Port chaplain, Revd Khaw Cheng Cheen, has started to build a community in the Port of Auckland. During his time with the Mission, he has had the opportunity to get to know some of the seafarers, whose ships dock at the Port of Auckland on a regular basis. This has in turn created a sense of community in the seafaring centre and aboard the ships Revd Cheen visits. He said it has been a "delight" to foster those friendships and trust during his months at the port, where he has come to know many of the seafarers he is serving. This leads to open communication between the chaplain and the seafarers. It can be difficult for most chaplains to build a community in their port due to the fast turnaround of ships, but when the opportunity to form those relationships arises it can greatly benefit the seafarers and the chaplain. ■



Auckland International Seafarers Centre, New Zealand



Revd Stephen Miller and his wife, Catherine

### Hong Kong, China:

The Revd Stephen Miller, Regional Director for East Asia, was invited to give an introductory course on the MLC 2006 to the Vietnamese Flag State Control (FSC) and Port State Control (PSC) inspectors. The course, which ran between 17 and 22 November in Da Nang, Vietnam proved very successful and Revd Miller has been invited back again in 2015. He hopes to build on recently formed relationships and move forward with providing welfare provision in Vietnam in the near future. ■

### Busan, South Korea:

The fishing trawler Oryong 501 sank off Russia's far eastern Chukotka peninsula after it encountered rough seas on 1 December. 60 men were on board the vessel, comprising of 35 Indonesians, 13 Filipinos, 11 South Koreans and one Russian. The search for survivors was been hampered by difficult weather and water conditions, and so far at least 35 bodies have been recovered since an initial seven people were rescued. Mission Chaplain, The Revd Simon Ro contacted his chaplaincy team to discuss the matter and they visited Sajo Industries' office in Busan to offer crew's families counselling, comfort and spiritual support. ■



The search for missing Oryong 501 crew members. Photo: Coast Guard News/Flickr



CSCL Globe arriving in Felixstowe  
Photo: capnkeith/Flickr

### Felixstowe, UK

The biggest container ship ever built arrived in the Port of Felixstowe in January. China Shipping Container Lines (CSCL)'s giant box ship, the CSCL Globe has an overall length of 400m, a beam of 58.6m and a depth of 30.5m. The vessel began its maiden voyage at Tianjin Port and called at Qingdao and Dalian. After Felixstowe, it headed to Rotterdam in the Netherlands and Hamburg in Germany for the 70-day voyage. Felixstowe Port Chaplain, Simon Davies, said: "...there has been a media frenzy here about the CSCL Globe, with VIPs, champagne receptions, guided tours and even drones with cameras flying around. Unfortunately it was not possible for any of the local chaplains to visit the ship. The security was really tight, and no-one was getting on board unless they had their names on the list. But the crew members visited the seafarers' centre in the evening, so their needs were met." ■

## Find out more about our work around the world

To read more about the work of our welfare teams around the world, and to support The Mission to Seafarers, please visit our website at [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org) or contact us at [fan@missiontoseafarers.org](mailto:fan@missiontoseafarers.org).

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Our support from Holy Trinity in 2014

Tithe donation: £250

### **Pray in the heart of the storm**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You calmed the storm and comforted the fearful.

We pray for seafarers today and the work of The Mission to Seafarers.

In the storms that come from loneliness,  
from being ill-treated or cheated of fair wages:

In the storms that come from the ravages of the wind and sun,

Jesus, friend,

Be the seafarers' companion and protector.

In the storms that may face the Mission in the coming years,

In this country and in centres around the world;

In the storms that may face each chaplain,

Jesus, saviour

Be the Mission's guide.

Lord, you ask us to be at the heart of the storm alongside seafarers: May your will be done.

Amen.

In August 2013 about thirty woolly hats were sent to the mission, knitted by members of our evening congregation.

Sea Sunday in 2015 will be on Sunday 12th July, 2015.

*N.I. Holt*

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you goes to all the people who contributed to this report.

If anybody has any suggestions on how to improve next year's report  
please drop a note to me.

Thanks.

*Graham Barge*

*[grahambarge@btopenworld.com](mailto:grahambarge@btopenworld.com)*

## PLANNED GIVING

ONCE AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN  
SO GENEROUSLY TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

The total amount given to the church within the Planned Giving scheme and gift aided donations in 2014 was £75,214.94. The total amount on which Gift Aid tax could be claimed was £67,890.28, which includes Planned Giving, CAP and other funds such as the Church Roof, which resulted in cheques received from HM Revenue and Customs totalling £16,972.59. We were also able to claim on our small donations (GASDS), which totalled £1193.12 for the year.

1<sup>st</sup> claim – Tax claimed for period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31 December 2014: £ 4,308.51.

2<sup>nd</sup> claim – Tax claimed for period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31 December 2014: £ 6,692.74

3<sup>rd</sup> claim – Tax claimed for period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31 December 2014: £ 5,971.34

Total tax claimed for Year 2014: £ 16,972.59, GASDS: £ 1193.12; Total: £ 18,165.71

Total non-tax efficient donations for 2014: £ 7,308.66

**Please note that this total includes tax claimed on behalf of the CAP Fund.**

For comparison, the total amount of donations on which tax could be reclaimed in 2013 was £62,207.06, and the cheques received from HMRC totalled £16,850.93, including £1,250.00 GASD.

These figures reflect the church accounts year (1 January to 31 December) rather than the tax year (6 April to 5 April).

There are several ways in which gifts can be given within the Planned Giving Scheme, and I encourage everyone who is a regular member of the congregation to do so using one of the following methods:

1. Weekly envelopes
2. Monthly, quarterly or yearly standing orders
3. Regular cheques put into the white envelopes, please state on the envelope the church fund you wish to donate to (general, church roof, organ fund, etc.).

Forms for setting up standing orders, making one-off donations and making Gift Aid declarations are available at the back of the church, and can also be downloaded from the church website: [www.trinityclose.net](http://www.trinityclose.net) (please click on Giving).

I would also encourage everybody to use the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church when making donations for flowers or for any church fund, to enable the church to reclaim Gift Aid on them.

It is the responsibility of individual givers to ensure that the amount of tax they pay on their income covers the tax reclaimed as Gift Aid by the charities they contribute to. A further reminder of this will be included in the April 2015 magazine.

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2Cor 9:7-8)*

*Ian Rudin*

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ACCOUNTS



## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ASHBY DE LA ZOUC

Registered Charity Number 1131178

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,  
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church,  
Ashby de la Zouch, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not  
required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an  
Independent Examination under section 145(1) of the Act is needed.

It is my responsibility to


- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act in accordance with directions given  
by the Charity Commission.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity  
Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a  
comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any  
unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from you, the PCC, concerning  
such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required  
in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and  
fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

**Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting  
requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding  
of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  .....

Date: 17 MARCH 2015

Name: ALEX ERNEST WAYTE .....

Relevant professional qualification: A C I B .....

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**Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch**

**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice :Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, Accounting Practice, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The activities of the Church Hall, the CAPMNF Debt Counselling Centre and of the Ashby food bank have been aggregated with the PCC accounts. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted.

**FUNDS**

**Endowment funds** are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established. No endowment funds existed at the balance sheet date.

**Restricted funds** represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object. or invested by the PCC for specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

**Unrestricted funds** are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

**Designated funds** are sums set aside out of General Funds by the PCC for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time if the PCC so decides..

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

Planned giving, offertories, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds on the planned giving are recognized as soon as the amounts are claimable. Thus the amount receivable is shown under debtors. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. The PCC has not included the Church Hall and associated land in the accounts as it is unclear to establish the ownership of the property and the valuation at the time of preparation of the 2014 financial statements.

Equipment used within the church and the parish office is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life as disclosed under note 7 of the financial statements. It is the policy of the PCC to capitalize assets whose value is £500 or above. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of less than £500 are written off when the asset is acquired.

**ROOF AND ORGAN REPAIRS**

Repairs to the roof and the organ of approximately £70,000 and £36,000 respectively are required, but these amounts have not been included in these Financial Statements as liabilities as the precise costs and their possible funding is not yet known.

**Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2014**

	Note	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	£ -	£ -
		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock		£ -	£ -
Debtors	9	£ 6,653	£ 5,032
Short term deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank	10	£ 62,750	£ 54,390
		<u>£ 69,403</u>	<u>£ 59,422</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	£ 8,320	£ 6,478
Agency collection		£ -	£ -
		<u>£ 8,320</u>	<u>£ 6,478</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>			
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>£ 61,083</u>	<u>£ 52,944</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>£ 61,083</u>	<u>£ 52,944</u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		£ 103	£ 3,361
Restricted	12	£ 55,405	£ 47,035
Designated	13	£ 5,575	£ 2,548
Endowment		£ -	£ -
		<u>£ 61,083</u>	<u>£ 52,944</u>

**Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**For the year ending 31 December 2014**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2014 £	TOTAL 2013 £
	Note	£	£	£	£		
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>							
Voluntary income	1	87,093	33,698	3,027	-	123,818	107,296
Activities for generating funds	2	3,518	11,834	-	-	15,352	18,649
Income from Investments	3	165			-	165	157
Church activities	4	11,079	-	-	-	11,079	16,497
Other incoming resources		-			-		
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>101,855</b>	<b>45,532</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,414</b>	<b>142,599</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>							
Cost of generation voluntary income							
Fund raising trading costs	6		12,352		-	12,352	13,390
Church activities	7	101,404	28,519	-	-	129,923	122,060
Governance cost		-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>101,404</b>	<b>40,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,275</b>	<b>135,450</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNIZED GAINS &amp; LOSSES</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>4,661</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,139</b>	<b>7,149</b>
Gain on Investment assets:							
on disposal		-	-		-		
on revaluation		-	-		-		
Transfer to Organ Fund re Donated Fees	-	100	100				
Transfer to CAPMNF re Tithe	14 -	2,000	2,000				
Transfer to CAPMNF re Christmas Fayre	-	824	824				
Transfer Roof re Christmas fayre	-	785	785				
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	-	<b>3,258</b>	<b>8,370</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,139</b>	<b>7,149</b>
<b>BALANCE B /FWD 1 JANUARY 2014</b>		<b>3,361</b>	<b>47,035</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,944</b>	<b>45,795</b>
Prior Year Adjustment	13	-	-	-			
<b>BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2014</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>55,405</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,083</b>	<b>52,944</b>

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. Voluntary income:**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Planned giving	£ 63,689	£ 61,062
Income tax	£ 15,230	£ 13,818
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	£ 1,193	£ 1,250
Offertories	£ 3,201	£ 4,828
Collections	£ 21	£ 200
Donations	£ 3,509	£ 1,952
Restricted Donations	£ 1,609	£ 99
Grants (Note 5)	£ 1,777	£ 217
Bequests	£ 2,000	£ -
Ashby Foodbank Inc Paypal Income	£ 4,538	£ 6,532
CAPMNF - Restricted (including PayPal amounts but excluding £2000 for Church tithe & £824 from Christmas Fayre treated as transfers between internal funds - see SOFA	£ 27,051	£ 17,338
	<b>£ 123,818</b>	<b>£ 107,296</b>

### **2. Activities for generating funds:**

Church Hall income	£ 11,834	£ 12,251
Non-church income	£ 1,713	£ 2,199
Miscellaneous Sales	£ 196	£ 343
Income for Christmas Fayre/Evening Concert	£ 1,609	£ 1,229
Income Ann Boleyn Evening	£ -	£ 2,627
	<b>£ 15,352</b>	<b>£ 18,649</b>

### **3. Income from investments:**

Interest received on CBF Deposit Fund	£ 165	£ 157
Bank interest on current account		
	<b>£ 165</b>	<b>£ 157</b>

### **4. Church activities Income:**

Refund of Photocopier charges	£ -	£ 2,548
Fees	£ 9,556	£ 12,610
Magazine sales	£ 479	£ 499
Church Trip (two trips 2014)	£ 1,044	£ 840
	<b>£ 11,079</b>	<b>£ 16,497</b>

### **5. Grants**

Ashby Educational Trust	£ -	£ 217
Mission Partnership Grant (Youth Work Designated Fund).	£ 1,027	£ -
WW1 Commemoration Grant (Growth Fund Grant).	£ 250	£ -
Soul Café Restricted (Growth Fund Grant).	£ 500	£ -
	<b>£ 1,777</b>	<b>£ 217</b>

### **6. Fund Raising Trading Costs**

Church Hall Expenditure (see Church Hall account)	£ 12,352	£ 13,052
Expenses Christmas Fayre/evening concert	£ -	£ -
Expenditure Ann Boleyn Evening	£ -	£ 338
	<b>£ 12,352</b>	<b>£ 13,390</b>

<b>7. Church activities:</b>		<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>	
<b>a. Charitable giving</b>	See note 15	£	6,191	£	4,333
<b>b. Directly for use of church</b>					
Parish Contribution		£	56,438	£	55,135
Expense/Mileage		£	2,361	£	725
Insurance		£	4,251	£	4,356
Gas, water and electricity - Church		£	4,361	£	5,658
Upkeep of Churchyard/Clock & Security		£	34	£	217
Church Roof Expenditure		£	-	£	700
Repairs & maintenance		£	2,348	£	1,822
Salaries & HMRC (Church).		£	8,587	£	7,967
Magazine production		£	15	£	35
Purchases		£	714	£	384
General running costs		£	777	£	739
Sundry items		£	1,088	£	1,210
Bank Charges		£	408	£	408
God rocks café		£	525	£	507
Creche expenditure		£	74	£	12
Soul Café		£	359	£	-
Church Organ		£	248	£	241
Wedding & Funeral Fees payable to LDBF		£	3,697	£	4,620
Hospitality		£	567	£	772
Cards/presentations		£	335	£	396
Ashby foodbank expenditure inc PayPal		£	5,584	£	3,004
CAP Expenditure see CAPMNF account inc PayPal		£	22,899	£	21,799
New Wine (Restricted)		£	-	£	-
Church Trip (Two trips 2014)		£	1,038	£	836
<b>c. Upkeep of Church/Administration</b>					
Parish office		£	178	£	126
Telephone and internet		£	1,180	£	1,068
Stationery		£	439	£	320
Postage		£	67	£	37
Photocopier		£	1,480	£	1,574
Licence fees		£	551	£	512
Deputising Minister and Organist fees		£	2,751	£	2,547
<b>d. Depreciation of fixed assets</b>		£	-	£	-
<b>e. Alpha Group Expenses</b>		£	378	£	-
		<b>£</b>	<b>129,923</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>122,060</b>

## 8. Fixed Assets

At 1st January 2013	zero fixed assets
Additions	zero fixed assets
At 31st December 2013	zero fixed assets
At 1st January 2014	zero fixed assets
Additions	zero fixed assets
At 31st December 2014	zero fixed assets

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life.  
Full year depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition and no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.  
The following depreciation rates are used on each class of fixed asset:

	%
Computer & Accessories	33.33
Projector & Accessories	25.00
Catering Oven & Containers	20.00

## 9. Debtors

	2014	2013
Tax refunds receivable	£ 6,653	£ 5,032
	<u>£ 6,653</u>	<u>£ 5,032</u>

## 10. Cash at bank

	2014	2013
PCC Deposit a/c with CCLA	£ 37,629	£ 31,093
PCC Current a/c	£ 1,769	£ 5,359
Ashby Foodbank a/c	£ 2,397	£ 3,432
Ashby Foodbank PayPal a/c	£ 86	£ 96
CAPMNF a/c	£ 9,514	£ 2,945
CAPMNF PayPal a/c	£ 55	
Butlers CAP PayPal a/c	£ 353	
Church hall current a/c	£ 10,947	£ 11,465
	<u>£ 62,750</u>	<u>£ 54,390</u>

**11. Creditors - amounts falling due in one year**

	2014	2013
Diocese re Parish Share	£ 1,000	£ -
Accrual Tithe	£ 5,450	£ 4,250
Roof Inspection	£ -	£ 700
Gutter Clearing	£ -	£ 200
Gas & Electricity (Church)	£ 687	£ 1,214
Bank charges (Inv 134673112 )	£ 36	£ 39
Photocopier	£ 574	£ 75
Mileage	£ 466	
Training expenses	£ 91	
Church portion Talk Talk Inv 12858393	£ 16	
	<b>£ 8,320</b>	<b>£ 6,478</b>

The PCC set a Church tithe of £8,500 in 2014 to be paid in 2015. £50 of this was paid to Ashby Churches Holiday Bible Club in 2014 leaving a total of £8,450 to be paid in 2015

The £1,500 payment allocated to CAPMNF is treated as a transfer from the General Unrestricted Fund to the CAPMNF Restricted Fund and the £1,500 allocated to Ashby Foodbank is treated as a transfer from the General Unrestricted Fund to the Food bank Restricted Fund. These transfers are to be made in 2015 as part of the Church Tithe, hence an accrual of £5,450 was entered.

**12. Restricted Funds:**

	2014	2013
Church Hall	£ 10,947	£ 11,465
Organ	£ 9,451	£ 9,335
Roof	£ 21,592	£ 19,488
CAPMNF	£ 9,921	£ 2,945
Ashby Foodbank	£ 2,483	£ 3,591
New Wine	£ 211	£ 211
Soul Café	£ 400	
Tiny Tots	£ 400	
	<b>£ 55,405</b>	<b>£ 47,035</b>

**13. Designated Funds:**

	2014	2013
Photocopier Fund	£ 2,548	£ 2,548
Roof Fund (Bequest by Mr Hurst).	£ 2,000	
Youth Work	£ 1,027	
	<b>£ 5,575</b>	<b>£ 2,548</b>

The Balance in the CAPMNF bank account is a Restricted Fund and is to be used solely for CAP purposes

The Balance in the Ashby foodbank account is a Restricted Fund to be used solely for foodbank purposes.

Ashby foodbank's stock of donated food has not been included as an asset as the food was donated and is to be given away to referred foodbank clients not sold.

The Balance in the Hall account is a Restricted Fund to be used for Hall repairs.

The net income from the Christmas Fayre and evening concert was transferred to the Roof Fund and CAPMNF.

Donations at Harvest lunch (£155) were treated as Reserved Donations for the Ashby Foodbank and transferred to the Foodbank account. Donated Organist Fees were allocated to the Organ Fund

**14. Prior Year Adjustments**

£ -

**15. Charitable giving includes the following:**

	2014	2013
Tithe, excluding £2,000 to CAPMNF	£ 5,950	£ 4,190
Missionary & Charitable giving	£ 241	£ 143
	<b>£ 6,191</b>	<b>£ 4,333</b>

The £2,000 donation to CAP MNF in 2014 is deemed an internal transfer from Unrestricted to Restricted Funds.



## **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT CAP Midlands National Forest at 31.12.2014**

### **RECEIPTS**

Monthly Giving	£ 4,958.50
Donations	£ 8,984.23 (note 1)
Church Donations	£ 4,415.51 (note 2)
Gift Aid	£ 2,037.69
Grants	£ 3,862.66 (note 3)
Fund raising	£ 4,626.39 (note 4)
Repayment of CAP Centre Manager's Float	£ 500.00
Recipe Book Donations CAPMNF PayPal	£ 58.20
Butler's CAP Internet Sales PayPal	£ 432.12
<b>Total Receipts 2014</b>	<b>£ 29,875.30</b>

### **PAYMENTS**

CAP Headquarters Charges	£ 6,996.00
CAP Headquarters Charges for Job Club	£ 200.00
Salaries & HMRC payments	£ 12,940.85
Office Manager's Expenses	£ 747.10
Debt Coach Expenses	£ 1,043.19
General Expenses	£ 147.42
CAP Job Club expenses	£ 160.30
CAP Money training and Expenses	£ 581.15
Fees CAPMNF PayPal account	£ 3.57
Butlers CAP PayPal Fees & Operating Costs	£ 79.31
<b>Total Payments 2014</b>	<b>£ 22,898.89</b>

### **Balance at 31.12.2014**

Balance b/f 01.01.2014	£ 2,944.79
Receipts 2014	£ 29,875.30
Total Receipts 2014	£ 32,820.09
Payments 2014	£ 22,898.89
<b>Balance c/f 31.12. 2014</b>	<b>£ 9,921.20</b>

### **Bank Balances at 31.12.2014**

Lloyds Bank	£ 9,513.76
CAPMNF PayPal account	£ 54.63
Butlers CAP PayPal account	£ 352.81
<b>Balances c/f 31.12.2014</b>	<b>£ 9,921.20</b>

## **NOTES TO ACCOUNT CAP Midlands National Forest at 31.12.2014**

### **Note 1**

#### **Donations**

Ashby & Coalville Lions	£ 900.00
Ashby C of E School Harvest	£ 158.23
Ashby Rotary Club	£ 1,000.00
Hill Top School Harvest	£ 200.00
National Forest EANFE Circuit Gift	£ 100.00
Willesley School	£ 50.00
Donations from Individuals	£ 6,576.00
	<b>£ 8,984.23</b>

### **Note 2**

#### **Church Donations**

Ashby Alliance Evangelical Church	£ 300.00
Ashby Baptist Church	£ 525.00
Ashby Baptist Church Offertory	
Christmas by Candlelight Service	£ 212.01
Ashby Congregational Church	£ 100.00
Christ Church Coalville	£ 1,000.00
Hill St Baptist Church	£ 223.50
Holy Trinity Church Tithe	£ 2,000.00
Holy Trinity Mothers Union	£ 25.00
Hugglescote Churches Together	£ 30.00
	<b>£ 4,415.51</b>

Margaret St Church Coalville is included in monthly donations (£360.00)

### **Note 3**

#### **Grants**

Ashby Town Council	£ 500.00
Leicestershire County Council	£ 3,362.66
(reimbursement for money spent for CAP Money)	<b>£ 3,862.66</b>

### **Note 4**

#### **Fundraising**

Ashby Baptist Church (Coffee, lunch, Recipe Evening	£ 648.29
Ashby Baptist Lunches/Remembrance concert/Bangers and Auction Night	£ 439.92
Ashby C of E School Fundraising	£ 392.20
Ashby Methodist Church Coffee Sales	£ 281.00
Butler's CAP in the Market	£ 603.83
CAPMNF at the Statutes	£ 53.20
Ebenezer Chapel Coalville Concert	£ 389.95
Holy Trinity Fayre and Concert	£ 785.00
Holy Trinity Quiz Night	£ 241.00
Marathon with a Difference	£ 656.00
Pub Quiz at the Plough	£ 136.00
	<b>£ 4,626.39</b>

## Ashby Foodbank

### Receipts and Payments as at 31st December 2014

Balance brought forward 1 Jan 2014 Lloyds Bank	£3,432.09
Balance brought forward 1 Jan 2014 PayPal Account	<u>£96.17</u>
Total Balance brought forward 1 Jan 2014	<u>£3,528.26</u>

#### Receipts

Donations	£1,195.83	
Fund Raising	£180.00	
Trussell Trust	£3,119.77	
Gift Aid	£32.50	
PayPal income	£10.00	
Total Receipts		£4,538.10

#### Payments

Franchise	£550.00	
Warehouse	£571.34	
Rep & Ren	£570.18	
Congragational Church	£100.00	
Build Work	£2,340.00	
Rent	£180.00	
Sundries	£41.60	
Petty Cash	£50.00	
Salary	£1,160.10	
PayPal Expenditure	£20.54	
Total Payments		£5,583.76

Balances carried forward 31.Dec.2014		£2,482.60
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Bank Balances 31.Dec.2014	Lloyds	£2,396.97
	PayPal	<u>£85.63</u>
	Total	<u>£2,482.60</u>

Petty Cash	£29.26
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