

# The Bridge Church Horwich

England & Wales · Charity number 1070759

## Details

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Other names	AENON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, HORWICH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTRE (HORWICH)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-07-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; ANDC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** We are a Christian Church who are actively involved within our community working with numerous groups including children of all ages and adults from all backgrounds

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BOLTON
- Bolton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£101,838	£111,580	-	-
2023-12-31	£65,001	£58,738	-	-
2022-12-31	£60,705	£22,781	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,833	£15,622	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,430	£8,881	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Payne	Chair	2021-10-21
Andrew Paul Stokes		2022-05-03
RICHARD COOKE		2018-03-28
STEWART PATRICK WILSON		
Sue Stokes		2021-10-21

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# Accounts

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# Accounting Statement

(Receipts and Payments Basis)

The Bridge Church Horwich - Charity Number 1070759

<b>Section A</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>
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## Receipts

### Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>Gifts &amp; Voluntary Receipts</b>	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	72,135		56,036	
	Misc Donations (Coffee Morning etc)	676		1,244	
	Gifts in Kind	0		0	
			72,811		57,280
<b>Receipts earned from assets</b>	Property Rental Income	1,090		605	
			1,090		605
<b>Other Receipts</b>	Sundry Income	1,671		1,681	
	Grants	924		2,640	
	Bank Interest Received	4		4	
	Insurance Claims Received	0		0	
			2,599		4,325
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		76,500		62,210	

## Payments

### Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission Payments</b>	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	27,506		24,733	
	Visiting Ministries and Missions	1,400		350	
	Subs. & Donations to UK. Causes	3,531		1,229	
	Contributions to AoG Funds	1,200		1,937	
			33,637		28,249
<b>Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management</b>	Stationery, Printing & Telephone	531		477	
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	4,904		4,304	
	Repairs & Maintenance	19,179		9,108	
	Legal & Professional Charges	952		1,200	
	Insurance	1,304		2,153	
	Mortgage Interest & Capital	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	4,201		4,282	
			31,071		21,524
<b>Other Payments</b>	Purchases of functional assets	2,644		0	
	Kitchen refurb and fitout	22,650		0	
		25,294		0	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		90,002		49,773	
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		(13,502)		12,437	
<b>Transfer from/(to) Restricted</b>		3,555		(8,369)	
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>		53,254		49,186	
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>		43,307		53,254	

## Receipts

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>Gifts &amp; Voluntary Receipts</b>	Missions Gifts (Incl. Metro)	1,048		351	
	Development Gifts	0		0	
	Youth & Childrens' work	0		0	
	Catering	0		0	
	Other Designated Gifts and Income	200		440	
	Grants	24,090		2,000	
			25,338		2,791
<b>Receipts from Trading Activities</b>		0		0	
			0		0
<b>Receipts earned from assets</b>		0		0	
			0		0
<b>Other Receipts</b>	Grants	0		0	
	Designated Gifts for Assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			25,338		2,791

## Payments

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission Payments</b>	Costs of Ministry Support	1,048		4,000	
	Gifts to Missions & Relief Work	0		0	
	Catering Expenditure	440		440	
	Youth & Children's Work	0		0	
	Donations to UK. Causes	90		751	
	Overseas Missions	0		0	
				1,578	
<b>Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management</b>	Social Events Costs	0		0	
	Stationery & Printing	0		0	
	Rent, Rates Light & Heat	0		0	
	Development Expenditure	0		0	
	Equipment Repairs & Renewals	20,000		3,774	
	Insurance	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0		0	
			20,000		3,774
<b>Other Payments</b> (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of Functional Assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			21,578		8,965
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			3,760		(6,174)
<b>Transfer (to)/from General Funds</b>			(3,555)		8,369
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>			10,939		8,744
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>			11,144		10,939

<b>Section C</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>
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*The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds*

<b>Section D</b>	<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End</b>
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<b>Cash Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Cash in Hand	207	0	0
Balances held in Bank Account	42,724	11,144	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	376	0	0
Till Float	-	0	0
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>43,307</b>	<b>11,144</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	18,651	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>18,651</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Investment Assets</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Term Deposits	General Fund	0	0
Other Investments		0	0
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Assets Retained for Charity's own use</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Land and Buildings	General Fund	295,000	295,000
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	23,762	0
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	43,006	25,294
Computer Equipment	General Fund	0	0
Stock of goods for Resale	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Retained Assets</b>		<b>361,768</b>	<b>320,294</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Amount due within one year (Current)</b>	<b>Balance due after one year (Long Term)</b>
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	0	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	270	0
Mortgage	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>0</b>

# Grace Accounting Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

## Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees / members of : **The Bridge Church Horwich**

Registered Charity number : **1070759**

For accounts covering year ended : **31st December 2024**

Set out on Pages : **One through three above**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees** The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year  
**Independent Examiner :** under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's** 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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.

**Independent examiner's 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 2011 Act; 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.

Signature :

Name : **M Davis**

Date :

10 October 2025

**Address :** Grace Accounting  
Ryton on Dunsmore  
Coventry

# Trustees' Annual Report

## (Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

### Section 1

### Legal and Administrative Information

**Charity Name :** The Bridge Church Horwich

**Registered charity number :** 1070759

**For financial year commencing on :** 1st January 2024

**For financial year ending on :** 31st December 2024

**Charity's Principal Address :** Rock Street, Horwich, Lancashire, BL6 5QS United Kingdom

**Appointment of Holding Trustees :** The management of the trust is by a church council which has the power, by simple majority vote, to appoint holding trustees who stand possessed of all the property of the trust.

Name	Office	Date acted, if not for whole year	Name of person entitled to appoint trustees
Stewart Wilson	Trustee		
Susan Stokes	Trustee		
Andrew Stokes	Trustee		
Paul Payne	Trustee		
Richard Cooke	Trustee		

**Governing document :** The objectives, organisation, management and operations of The Bridge Church Horwich are governed by a deed of trust, dated 6th September 2006, amended on 21 July 2011 and 20 September 2018.

**Objects of the charity :** The objects of the church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement in such ways and in such parts of the united kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit;
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of the united kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time think fit; and
- c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the united kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

**Trust bankers :** Barclays Bank Plc., Leicester LE87 2BB

**Fellowship relationship :** The Bridge Church Horwich remains in relationship and fellowship with the churches forming Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, whose office is located at The National Ministry Centre, National Ministry Centre, Gf-F12, No 1-2, The Cottages, Deva Centre, Manchester, M3 7BE

**Risks** The Trustees closely monitor the major risks the Charity faces, particularly those related to health and safety, the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and finance. The Trustees are satisfied that systems, policies and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks

**Activities and achievements of the charity during the year in relation to the objects : Activities**

The financial results are set out on pages 1 through 3 above.

Throughout the year under review the principal activities have been those of the Church - the declaration of the Christian gospel and the promotion of Christian mission both nationally and internationally.

The Bridge Church Horwich opens its doors to the public twice a week, on Sundays for our 10.30am Worship Service and on Wednesday mornings where we run our Community Cafe and also our Mums and Tots group. The church also runs 4 Life groups every fortnight (with approx 75% of our regular members signed up to a Life Group) where we come together in a relaxed manner to have fellowship, build relationships and to study God's Word. A fortnightly prayer meeting is held at the church on alternate Monday evenings. We also have regular Men's Nights and Women's Night, usually arranging a meal or similar activity in a setting which allows new members to get to know us in a very informal setting. There are also regular teaching series, which are usually run in conjunction with Bridge Church, Bolton, where we are able to dig a little deeper into scripture. These courses can be aimed at new Christians or those starting to explore their faith (such as Alpha and, more recently, Christianity Explored) with other courses focussing more on certain areas of the Bible, and which are aimed at those who wish to understand the Scriptures better.

The church also runs practical courses to help meet the needs of the community. At present these focus on practical money management through the Money Skills Service (a Bolton Council initiative) which runs when our Community Café is open and which is open to the church and all members of the local community. There are regular visits from Bolton Carers and representatives from National Energy Action offering free help and advice. Our Urban Outreach food hub also operates every Wednesday morning throughout the year and we were a distribution hub for their Christmas Dinner on Jesus again in 2024.

In 2024 we welcomed Slimming World to hold their weekly sessions every Thursday, where the building is used for the whole of the day and early evening. Bridge Counselling now also offers its services to Horwich based clients on many Fridays throughout the year as the need dictates. The building is used by a local dance group (Bolton AllStarz) on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The group regularly participate in a number of church events (Summer Fair, Messy Church, Carol Service etc). Our vision of having the church available to serve the community throughout the week, as well as Sundays, is very much in evidence.

In 2024 we saw a major piece of work undertaken to develop and improve the internals of the building as well as work on the roof. Having been granted £20,000 from the National Lottery Fund, coupled with the continued faithful giving of the congregation, we fully replaced the existing kitchen (and added a serving hatch) as well as installing a coffee bar in the lounge and an overhaul of the storage facilities in the foyer (mainly to improve the Food Hub service). In the main auditorium the ceiling was replastered and the old velux window recesses were filled in and at the same time we replaced the old lighting units in the auditorium for more efficient, modern fittings. Externally we installed new ridge tiles on the church roof and replaced any worn or cracked tiles as well as upgrading all the wooden soffits and fascias with more durable pvc equivalents. This investment into the building structure is a great testament to God's faithfulness during the year.

During the year we have supported a number of missionaries through financial gifts, most notable being gifts to Gillian Saunders at Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Becky Murray's One By One project, ministering to vulnerable children in Africa.

The property of Rock Street, Horwich, Bolton was last valued by Lamb and Swift Commercial on 28 May 2010. The open market value was estimated at £295,000. The mortgage secured against the building was fully repaid in early 2021 and the church is now fully debt free.

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signature :**



**Full Name :**

ANDREW PAUL STOKES

**Position (trustee, secretary, chair etc.)**

: Trustee

**Date :**

25 October 2025

**The Bridge Church Horwich**

England & Wales - Charity number 1070759

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# Accounts

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# **The Bridge Church Horwich**

Rock Street, Horwich, Lancashire, BL6 5QS United Kingdom  
Charity Registration No. 1070759

## **Annual Accounting Statement**

**For the 12 month period ending 31st December 2023**

Prepared by Matthew Davis (FCCA, MSI)

 **Grace Accounting**



# Accounting Statement

(Receipts and Payments Basis)

The Bridge Church Horwich - Charity Number 1070759

<b>Section A</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>
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**Receipts**

**Breakdown Using Own Analysis**

		2023	2023	2022	2022
<b>Gifts &amp; Voluntary Receipts</b>	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	56,036		49,373	
	Misc Donations (Coffee Morning etc)	1,244		0	
	Gifts in Kind	0		0	
			57,280		49,373
<b>Receipts earned from assets</b>	Property Rental Income	605		60	
			605		60
<b>Other Receipts</b>	Sundry Income	1,681		945	
	Grants	2,640		0	
	Bank Interest Received	4		1	
	Insurance Claims Received	0		0	
			4,325		946
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			62,210		50,379

**Payments**

**Breakdown Using Own Analysis**

		2023	2023	2022	2022
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission Payments</b>	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	24,733		0	
	Visiting Ministries and Missions	350		550	
	Subs. & Donations to UK. Causes	1,229		400	
	Contributions to AoG Funds	1,937		368	
			28,249		1,318
<b>Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management</b>	Stationery, Printing & Telephone	477		575	
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	4,304		2,145	
	Repairs & Maintenance	9,108		10,130	
	Legal & Professional Charges	1,200		519	
	Insurance	2,153		1,127	
	Mortgage Interest & Capital	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	4,282		2,478	
			21,524		16,974
<b>Other Payments</b>	Purchases of functional assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			49,773		18,292
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			12,437		32,087
<b>Transfer from/(to) Restricted</b>			(8,369)		(181)
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>			49,186		17,280
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>			53,254		49,186

## Receipts

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2023	2023	2022	2022
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Missions Gifts (Incl. Metro)	351		1,005	
	Development Gifts	0		0	
	Youth & Childrens' work	0		0	
	Catering	0		0	
	Other Designated Gifts and Income	440		3,091	
	Grants	2,000		6,230	
			2,791		10,326
Receipts from Trading Activities		0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets		0		0	
			0		0
Other Receipts	Grants	0		0	
	Designated Gifts for Assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>2,791</b>		<b>10,326</b>

## Payments

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2023	2023	2022	2022
Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	4,000		1,150	
	Gifts to Missions & Relief Work	0		0	
	Catering Expenditure	440		0	
	Youth & Children's Work	0		0	
	Donations to UK. Causes	751		0	
	Overseas Missions	0		0	
			5,191		1,150
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Social Events Costs	0		0	
	Stationery & Printing	0		0	
	Rent, Rates Light & Heat	0		0	
	Development Expenditure	0		0	
	Equipment Repairs & Renewals	3,774		0	
	Insurance	0		0	
Miscellaneous Expenses	0		3,339		
			3,774		3,339
Other Payments (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of Functional Assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>8,965</b>		<b>4,489</b>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			(6,174)		5,837
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			8,369		181
Cash Funds last year end			8,744		2,726
Cash Funds this year end			10,939		8,744

**Section C****Endowment Funds**

*The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds*

**Section D****Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End**

<b>Cash Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Cash in Hand	1,707	0	0
Balances held in Bank Account	51,175	10,939	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	372	0	0
Till Float	-	0	0
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>53,254</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	20,233	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>20,233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Investment Assets</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Term Deposits	General Fund	0	0
Other Investments		0	0
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Assets Retained for Charity's own use</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Land and Buildings	General Fund	295,000	295,000
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	23,762	0
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	17,712	0
Computer Equipment	General Fund	0	0
Stock of goods for Resale	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Retained Assets</b>		<b>336,474</b>	<b>295,000</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Amount due within one year (Current)</b>	<b>Balance due after one year (Long Term)</b>
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	0	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	250	0
Mortgage	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>

**Receipts and Payment Accounts**

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Signature : 

Name : **M Davis**

Date : **08 October 2024**

**Address** : Grace Accounting  
Ryton on Dunsmore  
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# Trustees' Annual Report

## (Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

### Section 1

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**the objects : Activities**

Throughout the year under review the principal activities have been those of the Church - the declaration of the Christian gospel and the promotion of Christian mission both nationally and internationally.

The Bridge Church Horwich regularly opens its doors twice a week, on Sundays for our 10.30am Worship Service and on Wednesday mornings where we run our Community Cafe and also our Mums and Tots group. The church also runs Life groups every fortnight where we come together in a relaxed manner to have fellowship, build relationships and to study God's Word. We also have regular Men's Nights and Women's Night, usually arranging a meal or similar activity in a setting which allows new members to get to know us in a very informal setting. There are also regular teaching series, which are usually run in conjunction with Bridge Church, Bolton, where we are able to dig a little deeper into scripture. These courses can be aimed at new Christians or those starting to explore their faith (such as Alpha) whereas others can be much more focussed on certain areas of the Bible, and which are aimed at those who wish to understand the Scriptures better.

The church also runs practical courses to help meet the needs of the community. At present these focus on practical money management through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) who partner with us when our Community Café is open and which is open to the church and all members of the local community.

The building is used by a local dance group (Bolton AllStarz) on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The group have participated in a number of church events (Summer Fair, Messy Church, Carol Service etc).

The development of the outdoor space over the last 12 months has been highly successful and is regularly used for social events (BBQ etc) as well as the usual post Sunday service fellowship (weather permitting).


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**Section 3**

**Declaration**

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature :



Full Name :

ANDREW PAUL STOKES

Position (trustee, secretary, chair etc.)

: Trustee

Date :

14 | 10 | 2024



**The Bridge Church Horwich**

England & Wales - Charity number 1070759

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# Accounts

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# **The Bridge Church Horwich**

Rock Street, Horwich, Lancashire, BL6 5QS United Kingdom  
Charity Registration No. 1070759

## **Annual Accounting Statement**

**For the 12 month period ending 31st December 2022**

Prepared by Matthew Davis (FCCA, MSI)

 **Grace Accounting**

for and on behalf of Liberty Christian Centre

# Accounting Statement

(Receipts and Payments Basis)

The Bridge Church Horwich - Charity Number 1070759

Section A	Unrestricted Funds
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## Receipts

### Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
<b>Gifts &amp; Voluntary Receipts</b>	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	49,373		16,590	
	Income Tax Recovered on DoC's	0		53	
	Gifts in Kind	0		0	
			49,373		16,643
<b>Receipts earned from assets</b>	Property Rental Income	60		0	
			60		0
<b>Other Receipts</b>	Sundry Income	945		0	
	Grants	0		0	
	Bank Interest Received	1		0	
	Insurance Claims Received	0		0	
			946		0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		50,379		16,643	

## Payments

### Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission Payments</b>	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	0		0	
	Visiting Ministries and Missions	550		450	
	Subs. & Donations to UK. Causes	400		300	
	Contributions to AoG Funds	368		368	
			1,318		1,118
<b>Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management</b>	Stationery, Printing & Telephone	575		622	
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	2,145		1,665	
	Repairs & Maintenance	10,130		3,642	
	Legal & Professional Charges	519		413	
	Insurance	1,127		1,059	
	Mortgage Interest & Capital	0		1,830	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	2,478		1,810	
			16,974		11,041
<b>Other Payments</b>	Purchases of functional assets	0		0	
		0		0	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		18,292		12,158	
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		32,087		4,484	
<b>Transfer from/(to) Restricted Cash Funds last year end</b>		(181)		0	
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>		17,280		12,795	
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>		49,186		17,280	

## Receipts

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
<b>Gifts &amp; Voluntary Receipts</b>	Missions Gifts (Incl. Metro)	1,005		0	
	Development Gifts	0		0	
	Youth & Childrens' work	0		0	
	Catering	0		0	
	Other Designated Gifts and Income	3,091		0	
	Grants	6,230		0	
			10,326		0
<b>Receipts from Trading Activities</b>		0		0	
			0		0
<b>Receipts earned from assets</b>		0		0	
			0		0
<b>Other Receipts</b>	Grants	0		6,190	
	Designated Gifts for Assets	0		0	
			0		6,190
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			10,326		6,190

## Payments

## Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission Payments</b>	Costs of Ministry Support	1,150		3,464	
	Gifts to Missions & Relief Work	0		0	
	Catering Expenditure	0		0	
	Youth & Children's Work	0		0	
	Donations to UK. Causes	0		0	
	Overseas Missions	0		0	
				1,150	
<b>Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management</b>	Social Events Costs	0		0	
	Stationery & Printing	0		0	
	Rent, Rates Light & Heat	0		0	
	Development Expenditure	0		0	
	Equipment Repairs & Renewals	0		0	
	Insurance	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,339		0	
			3,339		0
<b>Other Payments</b> (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of Functional Assets	0		0	
			0		0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			4,489		3,464
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			5,837		2,726
<b>Transfer (to)/from General Funds</b>			181		(0)
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>			2,726		0
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>			8,744		2,726

Section C	Endowment Funds	
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***The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds***

Section D	Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End	
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<b>Cash Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Cash in Hand	315	0	0
Balances held in Bank Account	48,503	8,744	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	368	0	0
Till Float	0	0	0
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>49,186</b>	<b>8,744</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	0	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Investment Assets</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Term Deposits	General Fund	0	0
Other Investments		0	0
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Assets Retained for Charity's own use</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Land and Buildings	General Fund	295,000	295,000
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	23,762	0
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	17,712	0
Computer Equipment	General Fund	0	0
Stock of goods for Resale	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Retained Assets</b>		<b>336,474</b>	<b>295,000</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>	<b>Amount due within one year (Current)</b>	<b>Balance due after one year (Long Term)</b>
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	0	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	125	0
Mortgage	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>

# Grace Accounting Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

## Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees / members of : **The Bridge Church Horwich**

Registered Charity number : **1070759**

For accounts covering year ended : **31st December 2022**

Set out on Pages : **One through three above**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees** The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year  
**Independent Examiner :** under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's** 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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.

**Independent examiner's 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 2011 Act; 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.

Signature :



Name : **M Davis**

Date :

20 October 2023

**Address :** Grace Accounting  
Ryton on Dunsmore  
Coventry

# Trustees' Annual Report

## (Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

### Section 1

### Legal and Administrative Information

**Charity Name :** The Bridge Church Horwich

**Registered charity number :** 1070759

**For financial year commencing on :** 1st January 2022

**For financial year ending on :** 31st December 2022

**Charity's Principal Address :** Rock Street, Horwich, Lancashire, BL6 5QS United Kingdom

**Appointment of Holding Trustees :** The management of the trust is by a church council which has the power, by simple majority vote, to appoint holding trustees who stand possessed of all the property of the trust.

Name	Office	Date acted, if not for whole year	Name of person entitled to appoint trustees
Stewart Wilson	Trustee		
Susan Stokes	Trustee		
Andrew Stokes	Trustee	Appointed 03 May 2022	
Paul Payne	Trustee		
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Once a quarter we hold a Messy Church service, which is a very family-oriented service and attracts many local families with children. These services are followed by food and have proven to be a great success.

As well as the Tuesday Life Group, we also have Tuesday night and Wednesday night groups. Life groups meet fortnightly and are an ideal place where members can come together in a relaxed manner, have fellowship, build relationships, share life together and to study God's Word.

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## Achievements

2022 has seen a very significant period of growth at Bridge Horwich. Congregation numbers have risen steadily throughout the year and regularly reach 50+ (and have been as high as 100 for certain events). We now make provision for any children attending church by holding Kids Church whilst the main service is taking place.

As a result of the increase in congregation size there has been a marked rise in the level of giving. Total Income rose from £22.8k in 2021 to £60.7k in 2022. This income has allowed us to make some much need repairs and improvements to the building, including replacement of the boiler system (along with upgrade of a good deal of pipework), new emergency lighting and a full overhaul of the electrics in the building.

Plans were started in 2022 to redevelop the outside space following some designated giving received in June and two grants. The vision for how this outdoor space would look was brought to the trustees and during 2023 all elements of the transformation were completed with planters, an archway, seating areas, artificial grass and decorative fence coverings. As at the time of this report the community garden has been officially opened and being enjoyed by all.

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<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Declaration</b>
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Signature :

Full Name :

Position (trustee, secretary, chair etc.)

: Trustee

Date :

26 September 2023