

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

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
Ministry & Mission Payments	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
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	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
Other Payments	Purchases of functional assets	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			18,292		12,158
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			32,087		4,484
Transfer from/(to) Restricted			(181)		0
Cash Funds last year end			17,280		12,795
Cash Funds this year end			49,186		17,280

Receipts

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	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
Receipts from Trading Activities		0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets		0		0	
			0		0
Other Receipts	Grants	0		6,190	
	Designated Gifts for Assets	0		0	
			0		6,190
TOTAL RECEIPTS			10,326		6,190

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2022	2022	2021	2021
Ministry & Mission Payments	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		3,464
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	0		0	
	Insurance	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,339		0	
			3,339		0
Other Payments (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of Functional Assets	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			4,489		3,464
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			5,837		2,726
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			181		(0)
Cash Funds last year end			2,726		0
Cash Funds this year end			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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Cash Funds	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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
Total Cash Funds	49,186	8,744	0

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

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

Assets Retained for Charity's own use	Fund to which it belongs	Cost	Current Value
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
Total Retained Assets		336,474	295,000

Liabilities	Fund to which it belongs	Amount due within one year (Current)	Balance due after one year (Long Term)
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
Total Liabilities		125	0

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	Appointed 03 May 2022	
Susan Stokes	Trustee		
Andrew Stokes	Trustee		
Paul Payne	Trustee		
Richard Cooke	Trustee		

Governing document : The objectives, organisation, management and operations of Liberty Christian Centre (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 Liberty Christian Centre (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.

Bridge Church Horwich is regularly open three day a week, on Sundays for the 10.30am Worship Service and Kids Church, every other Tuesday when we host our daytime Life Group and then each Wednesday where we hold Community Cafe and our Mums and Tots group in the mornings and welcome a local dance group rehearsal/practice in the early evening.

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.

We also have regular Men's Nights and Women's Night, which usually involves a meal or similar activity in a setting which allows new members to get to meet church members in a very relaxed and 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 focused 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. There is a CAP debt coach based in Horwich who is present at our Wednesday morning Community Café days. Clients are seen by appointment but there is also opportunity for drop-in clinics as well. We also have regular visits from energy advisors who give practical advice (and sometimes free gifts) to help people reduce their utility bills.

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.

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.

Section 3	Declaration
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The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature :

Full Name :

Position (trustee, secretary, chair etc.)

: Trustee

Date :

26 September 2023