



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period**

**From: 1 Jan 2023 Period start date**

**To: 31 Dec 2023 Period end date**

**Charity name: Horam Chapel**

**Charity registration number: 1148895**

**Company number: 08163391**

## **Objectives and activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity's objects for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of beliefs.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Charity's objects are achieved by regular activities including Sunday morning services, children's clubs, social events for the local community and supporting other Christians and Christian organisations throughout the United Kingdom and the rest of the world.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The regular activities not only achieve public benefit through the advancement of the Christian faith, but through the encouragement of congregational members and others to positively and actively contribute to their local community.

### **Additional information:**

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees apply the funds of Horam Chapel at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purpose and objectives of the charity.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers enable all of the Horam Chapel's faith and community activities to function and all the Trustees give their time freely.

## Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Sunday Services</b> Through 2023 we were able to hold a Sunday Morning Service every week. Average attendance at these services was between 25 – 30 people joining together each week. The worship, Bible teaching and sharing together has been effective in supporting many in their journey of faith.</p> <p>We continued to utilise web-based streaming technology to make Sunday morning services available to people who could not attend the Chapel in person.</p> <p><b>Life Groups</b> Smaller groups met in person and online to have bible study and to pray together for the building of faith and mutual support.</p> <p><b>H2O</b> Throughout 2023 we continued with our family ministry once a month on a Saturday where activities are based around a biblical theme. This has been well received been helpful in introducing the Bible and the Christian faith to families in a fun and creative way.</p> <p><b>Supporting the Wider Community</b> The Chapel was able to provide financial support to other Christians and Christian Organisations as part of its objective to advance the Christian faith for public benefit.</p> <p>Through collections of food, we were able to pass these on to the local Foodbank for distribution to those in need in the local community.</p> <p>Horam Christian Care Group, which includes Chapel members, runs a Tea Club every two weeks at the Chapel specifically to support senior citizens. Good numbers of people attend, enjoying a time of socialising, afternoon tea and a short Bible based talk.</p> <p>Once a month, Christians from different local churches come together to pray for specifically for the village of Horam.</p>
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### Additional information:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Through the regular activities described above the objectives of advancing the Christian faith can be demonstrated.</p>
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## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income remained consistent over the course of the year however having a salaried minister for the first 6 months of the year did mean that expenditure was greater than income for the year.</p> <p>At the end of the financial period, the financial position was very close to the budget set agreed by the members. This was despite energy costs being higher than anticipated over the course of 2023 and the purchase of a new piano.</p> <p>Overall, there was a deficit between income and expenditure, but this was managed over the course of the year and there were sufficient reserves built up in previous years that ensured our financial position at the end of the year was still healthy.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees seek to exercise faith in the sufficiency of God, however as good stewards we aim to keep a reserve to cover any unexpected costs that may arise.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover at least 3 months running costs for the Chapel and its activities.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The Trustees recognise and acknowledge that the regular income does not cover the regular expenditure. This is managed through monitoring on a regular basis and budget planning and when required, church members are made aware of the financial position and the implications of a deficient income.

## Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funding is through member donations which cover running costs associated with the Chapel.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks for the charity are related to income and volunteers, both of which are totally reliant on a good church membership. As a church, the aim of advancing the Christian faith should as a direct consequence maintain and grow a healthy number of members to enable the charity to continue.

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of charity's trusts

Type of governing document:	Para 1.25	Memorandum and Articles of Association for a Charitable Company
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The process for appointment of Trustees is detailed in the sections 31 – 35 of the Articles of Association.

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Horam Chapel
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1148895
Charity's principal address	High Street, Horam, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 0ER

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

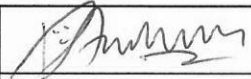
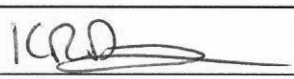
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Anderson	Chair		
2	Keith Delves	Secretary		
3	Simon Cottingham			

### Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DAVE ANDERSON	KEITH DELVES
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Secretary
Date	13/10/24	13/10/2024

# END OF YEAR SUMMARY

Horam Chapel Accounts Update as at: December 2023

Enter Year: 2023

End of Month: 12

INCOME	Actual to Date	Budget to date	Budget - Year	EXPENDITURE	Actual to Date	Budget to date	Budget - Year
Planned Giving(STO/DD etc)	18,890.00	17,400.00	17,400.00	Children's Groups(Toddler/BIF/TS)	-	450.00	450.00
Weekly Collections	3,459.10	4,200.00	4,200.00	Youth Group	-	400.00	400.00
Gift Day	740.00	-	-	Staff Salaries etc	18,097.23	8,700.00	8,700.00
Other Donations/Income from CR	650.00	-	-	Minister expenses	-	-	-
Schools work				Preaching Fees	1,900.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Gift Aid Recovered	8,544.91	4,500.00	4,500.00	Cost of Ministry	80.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Total giving :</b>	<b>32,284.01</b>	<b>26,100.00</b>	<b>26,100.00</b>	Giving to Others & Mission(ary) Giving	5,830.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
				Utilities	4,517.52	2,300.00	2,300.00
Holiday Club	-	-	-	Insurances	1,216.61	850.00	850.00
Bank Refund	-	-	-	Annual Licences/Memberships	877.30	600.00	600.00
Legacies	-	-	-	Holiday Club	-	600.00	600.00
Interest	-	-	-	Social Action & Community	612.88	600.00	600.00
Horam Christian Care	330.00	200.00	200.00	Materials & Resources	415.89	700.00	700.00
Hall/Room Hire	-	600.00	600.00	Training	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00	200.00	Office Supplies	-	200.00	200.00
Youth Work	-	-	-	Church Cleaning	-	240.00	240.00
Spring Harvest	-	-	-	Refreshments (for all activities)	75.41	200.00	200.00
				Miscellaneous	300.47	500.00	500.00
<b>TOTALS =</b>	<b>£ 32,814.01</b>	<b>£ 27,100.00</b>	<b>£ 27,100.00</b>	<b>TOTALS =</b>	<b>£ 33,923.31</b>	<b>£ 23,940.00</b>	<b>£ 23,940.00</b>
				Routine Annual Maintenance	1,808.40	380.00	380.00
				Maintenance 'Projects' (funded from Legacy)	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
				Maintenance 'Projects' (funded from Gen Funds)	3,299.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
				<b>TOTALS =</b>	<b>£ 39,030.71</b>	<b>£ 41,270.00</b>	<b>£ 41,270.00</b>

Note 2

Note 1



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12 July 2024

The Elders  
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FAO: Wendy Kingshott

Dear Elders

**Horam Chapel**

I confirm that I have carried out my Independent Examination of the Income & Expenditure of the Chapel for the year ended 31 December 2023 as requested and confirm that they are in accordance with supporting information.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Thomas FCA