

HORWICH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1153620

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-09-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: UPON TRUST TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP THE SAME IN PROPER REPAIR, SO FAR AS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH REPAIRS ARE FROM TIME TO TIME RECEIVED BY THE TRUSTEES, AND (UNLESS DEEMED UNNECESSARY) TO INSURE THE SAME AGAINST FIRE, AND TO PERMIT THE SAID PREMISES AND ALL OR ANY BUILDINGS OR BUILDING WHICH NOW ARE, OR IS OR MAY HEREAFTER BE ERECTED ON THE SAME PREMISES OR ANY PART THEREOF, TO BE USED BY BELIEVERS PROFESSEDLY HOLDING THE DOCTRINES APPROVED BY TRUSTEES AS SET FORTH IN FORTH IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO, AND (IF ASSEMBLING AS A CHURCH) OBSERVING THE PRACTICES SET FORTH IN THE SAID SCHEDULE, FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, FOR THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD, FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AND EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS, AND ALSO FOR THE HOLDING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND OTHER MEETINGS CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE FORGOING PURPOSES (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY CALLED "THE PURPOSES AFORESAID") AND APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES

Activities: Worship services (all open to the public), dedication of infants, adult baptism, marriages, funerals Meetings for Bible study and prayer Supporting missionary and evangelistic work Visiting the sick and lonely Weekly luncheon club for the elderly Participating in local inter-church projects which address community needs (eg food bank)

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bolton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£34,574	£33,322	-	-
2024-12-31	£37,539	£31,739	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,352	£29,846	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,768	£35,299	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,825	£22,274	-	-
2020-12-31	£23,021	£18,936	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Eric Kent	Chair	2013-07-16
Christine Savage		2017-07-09
KEITH DOWNHAM		2013-07-16
MICHAEL DEWHURST		2013-07-16
MICHAEL WILLIAM WILSON		2013-07-16
Paul Martin Chapple		2017-07-09
RAY WILLIAM HAUGHTON		2013-07-16
SHAUN COOPER		2013-07-16

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Horwich Evangelical Church Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2025

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The registration of the denomination of the church was officially changed from 'Christian Brethren' to 'Independent Evangelical' on 28 January 2026.

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- Provision of a place of worship, plus adjoining rooms for social activities and religious instruction of children
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- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community, including a food bank

Financial Report

1. Horwich Evangelical Church (excluding the Wright Place Luncheon Club)

The accounts for 2025 show a surplus of £877.35. This reflects the generous giving of our congregation during the year.

Receipts

Total receipts for 2025 were £29,806.20.

The income of the church was derived mainly from donations (Sunday offerings, standing orders and online giving) from members of the congregation. In 2025 this totalled £19,855.40.

In addition, £2,816 was given for other Christian charities, notably our Christmas Fund which is used to help people less fortunate than ourselves. Giving to our Christmas Fund at Christmas 2024 was again generous. By the end of 2024 the Christmas Fund stood at £1,816, and the final amount distributed to charities in January 2025 was £2,200.

We received £1,872.17 in interest from our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond plus our Virgin Money Deposit Account.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2025 was £28,928.85.

As usual, the largest item of expenditure was 'Donations to Christian Work' (£12,655). This represents contributions to Christian workers and agencies engaged in evangelism or relief work in many countries, including the beneficiaries of our Christmas Fund.

Balance Sheet

Of the balance at the end of the year (£67,933.02), £5,543.15 was held in our TSB Business account (including our Christmas Fund), and £42.18 was held in a cash float for catering expenses. Of the remainder, £34,105.77 was held in our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond, and £28,241.92 was held in our Virgin Money deposit account. Some of this money has been set aside to cover events and situations which may arise in future, such as building refurbishment or the employment of staff.

2. Wright Place Luncheon Club

Total receipts of the Luncheon Club for 2025 were £4,768. This was derived from the £4 per week which we charged each diner, as well as a grant from Horwich Town Council towards the cost of our Christmas lunch.

Total expenditure of the Luncheon Club for 2025 was £4,393.23. This included the cost of supplies for the lunches and the cost of entertainment.

The net result was a surplus of £374.77. The balance at the end of the year was £2,171.45. All funds for the Wright Place Luncheon Club are held in our Virgin Money account.

Activities during 2025

Worship, prayer & teaching

All our Sunday morning services begin at 10.30 and are open to the general public. A good number of people attend the services, with several joining us in the past year, including parents & children from our Tea n Tots playgroup.

We invite a number of guest speakers, often representing the various Christian ministries which we support, but we also leave sufficient Sundays free for the Elders and other members to preach.

Our Bible Study & Prayer Meetings are held either in church at 11am on Wednesday mornings or on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday evenings (on alternate weeks).

We ran enquirers classes for people who wished to know more about the Christian faith, and a preparation class for people considering baptism.

We held a baptismal service in November for the baptism (by immersion) of 4 adults.

Pastoral care

The Elders provide pastoral support to the congregation, and we have developed a pastoral plan to try to make sure that everyone is covered.

Building maintenance & refurbishment

The building has been maintained during the last 12 months with regular visual inspections of the premises both inside and outside.

Internal equipment such as boilers, security alarms etc have all had their annual service and are in full working order

Various minor repairs have been carried out as would be expected from the general maintenance of the building.

The rotten barge boards at the rear of the building are still in need of replacing. These are mainly cosmetic and at the moment are not causing any problems with the building structure. Due to the fact that the original quote for the job was over 2 years ago the builder has been asked to re-quote for the job. If accepted he has promised to complete the job within 2 months.

There is also a damp patch inside the luncheon club cupboard which is currently being investigated.

Junior Church

We operate a children's church and crèche during the Sunday morning service.

Tea 'n' Tots Playgroup

Tea n Tots is free of charge and aimed at parents and carers with pre-school children as outreach and support in our local community.

Sessions are well attended and with a free booking system operated through an online platform, the 20-25 places per session are generally full, with a waiting list.

The sessions are well supported by volunteers from the church.

Some families have started attending church after joining Tea n Tots, so this is serving well as outreach in to the community.

Tuesday Fellowship

The Winter & Spring sessions of the Tuesday Fellowship have continued with a steady attendance number. We have a regular group who attend most weeks with lively fellowship, and friendships continue to grow. We have been encouraged by ladies joining us from our Luncheon Club.

Mission

We have continued to support several Christian ministries by regular monthly donations: House of Ants (in Mozambique), Congo Children Trust (Kimbilio, in DCR Congo), Slavic Gospel Association, James Bovenizer (children's evangelist), and now also the Mopane Tree (Namibia). We also make frequent gifts to other charities such as Silk Road Ministries and Urban Outreach. We are continuing to give some support to Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.

Outreach

We offer Good News papers and Life magazines free of charge to members of the church and the Luncheon Club (to read and pass on to friends), as well as distributing newspapers to houses near the church. We also have 2 boxes on the railings outside the church containing leaflets and booklets.

Website & Facebook

The website is modern and well laid out, containing details of our church activities and recordings of our Sunday morning sermons. The Facebook page has also been kept up to date and has been used to advertise events such as Sunday Club and Tea n Tots to the wider community.

Luncheon Club

The Wright Place Luncheon Club meets almost every Monday except Bank Holidays. We have a membership of about 30 diners. Most of our diners are not members of the church, and there is a waiting list of people who would like to join. The Club offers a 2-course meal with a cup of tea or coffee, followed by entertainment.

We have an excellent team of volunteer helpers, mostly members of the church. Feedback from our diners continues to be very positive.

Other activities for the local community

We occasionally hold events on Sunday evenings which are open to the public.

Working together with local churches

We participate in events arranged by Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington, including Covenant and Lent services.

We work with other local churches to address the needs of the local community, including collecting items of food in a 'Grub Tub' for distribution to needy local people by the Storehouse project (part of the Urban Outreach charity).
We also collect Christmas shoeboxes for International Aid Trust.

Public Benefit

- Provision of a place of worship
- Provision of worship services (all open to the general public)
- Preaching of an evangelistic and teaching nature, which helps followers to develop a spiritual relationship with God, offering comfort, peace and a sense of purpose as well as a moral and ethical framework for living
- Provision of dedication, adult baptism, marriage and funeral services
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- Supporting missionary and outreach work
- Giving comfort to the bereaved, and visiting the sick and lonely
- Providing a luncheon club for the elderly
- Providing a Parent & Toddler Playgroup
- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community

Approved by the Trustees on 27 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Eric Kent & Michael Dewhurst

Eric Kent
Michael Dewhurst

Eric Kent
Horwich Evangelical Church
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23rd January 2026

Dear Eric,

This letter is provided in connection with the preparation of the financial statements of Horwich Evangelical Church for the year ending 31st December 2025 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the results and financial position of the Church.

Financial Statements

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the accounts are prepared by volunteers with relevant knowledge and experience and we have carried out an inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that the financial statements reflect an accurate view of the financial position of the Church.

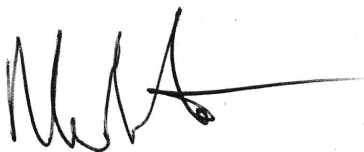
The reserves at the 31st December 2025 were £67,933 (excluding the building or any other assets that have been written off to expenses) plus £2,171 in the Luncheon Club.

Assets and Liabilities

In addition to the financial assets listed in the accounts, the Church also owns the building which has not been reported in the accounts. It would be useful to know the value of the building, or at least the land for the purposes of the accounts in order to give a more accurate reflection of the financial position of the Church. This could be done by a property valuer / estate agent but this may incur a cost.

We are not aware of any liabilities that are due to be paid by the Church.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Horton FCMA
Director

Horwich Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet

Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Reserves		
Starting balance	67,055.67	61,538.29
Income	29,806.20	33,124.16
Expenditure	28,928.85	27,606.78
Surplus / deficit	877.35	5,517.38
Closing balance	67,933.02	67,055.67
Current assets		
TSB Business Account	5,543.15	5,538.23
Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond	34,105.77	32,605.90
Virgin Money Deposit Account	28,241.92	28,869.62
Cash in Hand	42.18	41.92
Total Current assets	67,933.02	67,055.67

Represented by Funds		
General Fund	65,869.42	64,758.65
Christmas Fund	1,816.00	2,040.00
Tuesday Fellowship Fund	247.60	257.02
Delci Santos Fund	0.00	0.00
Total	67,933.02	67,055.67

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Donations		
General Offerings	19,855.40	22,905.46
Tuesday Fellowship Offering	542.50	453.84
Gifts	510.00	715.00
Other Offerings & Gifts	2,816.00	2,735.00
HMRC	4,010.13	4,354.46
Total donations	27,734.03	31,163.76
Investment income		
Interest	1,872.17	1,960.40
Total investment income	1,872.17	1,960.40
Other income		
Funeral fee	200.00	0.00
Total investment income	200.00	0.00
Total Income	29,806.20	33,124.16

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Expenditure	2025	2024
Expenditure for Christian work		
Gifts to Christian Work	12,655.00	9,871.50
Gifts to Members etc	3,080.97	2,800.00
Speakers' Expenses	470.00	490.00
Youth Work	307.97	425.89
Outreach	518.75	573.75
Posters	15.00	0.00
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Total expenditure for Christian work	17,047.69	14,161.14
Admin & maintenance costs		
Heat & Light	3,141.87	3,775.28
Building Insurance	1,518.80	1,432.85
Copyright Licence	299.86	292.72
Maintenance etc	3,593.92	2,821.85
Cleaning	1,225.00	1,250.00
Catering	346.64	286.60
Water Rate	582.21	487.53
Misc Expenditure	681.52	551.69
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Total admin & maintenance costs	11,389.82	10,898.52
Other expenditure		
Church Website	249.60	249.60
Audio/Visual Equipment	0.00	324.72
Other Assets Purchased	241.74	1,972.80
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Total other expenditure	491.34	2,547.12
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Total Expenditure	28,928.85	27,606.78

Wright Place Luncheon Club
(an activity of Horwich Evangelical Church)
Statement of Financial Activity
Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Receipts		
Receipts for Dinners	4,468.00	4,188.00
	4,468.00	4,188.00
Total receipts	4,468.00	4,188.00
Grants		
Council Grant	200.00	200.00
	200.00	200.00
Total grants	200.00	200.00
Other income		
Gifts	100.00	27.00
	100.00	27.00
Total other income	100.00	27.00
	4,768.00	4,415.00

Expenditure		
Expenditure for Diners		
Supplies	3,389.32	3,132.49
Entertainment	465.00	250.00
Gifts	416.73	577.49
	4,271.05	3,959.98
Total expenditure for diners	4,271.05	3,959.98
Other expenditure		
Other Expenditure	122.18	171.94
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Total other expenditure	122.18	171.94
	4,393.23	4,131.92

Current assets		
(Virgin Money)		
Starting Balance	1,796.68	1,513.60
Surplus / Deficit	374.77	283.08
Closing Balance	2,171.45	1,796.68

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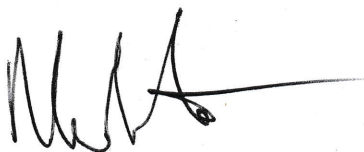
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Financial Report

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The accounts for 2024 show a surplus of £5,517.38. This reflects the generous giving of our congregation during the year.

Receipts

Total receipts for 2024 were £33,124.16.

The income of the church was derived mostly from donations (Sunday offerings, standing orders and online giving) from members of the congregation. In 2024 this totalled £22,905.46.

‘Gifts’ (£715) includes donations totalling £300 from the Luncheon Club towards the cost of gas & electricity, and a contribution of £373 from a neighbour towards the cost of a fence repair.

‘Other Offerings & Gifts’ (£2,735) represents gifts received which were designated for other Christian charities, notably our Christmas Fund which is used to help people less fortunate than ourselves. We also had an appeal for the Leprosy Mission.

‘HMRC’ (£4,354.46) represents money reclaimed from HMRC for donations made under the Gift Aid scheme...

‘Interest’ (£1,960.40) consisted of £1,615.90 from our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond (paying 5.2%) plus £344.50 from our Virgin Money Deposit Account (paying 1.35%).

In October 2024 we re-invested £32,605.90 in a new Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond at 4.6%.

Giving to our Christmas Fund at Christmas 2024 was again generous. By the end of 2024 the Christmas Fund stood at £2,040, and the final amount distributed to charities in January 2025 was £2,200.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2024 was £27,606.78.

As usual, the largest item of expenditure was 'Donations to Christian Work' (£9,871.50). This represents contributions to Christian workers and agencies engaged in evangelism or relief work in many countries, including the beneficiaries of our Christmas Fund. Early in 2024 the Christmas Fund from Christmas 2023 (totalling £2,100) was distributed to four charities working among needy and disadvantaged people either locally or in other parts of the world: Bolton Hospice, Urban Outreach, Mopane Tree (Namibia) and Mary's Meals.

Other significant items of expenditure were:

- 'Gifts to Members' (£2,800), which represents support for Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.
- 'Youth Work' (£425.89), which includes expenditure for Junior Church, Tea n Tots' parent & toddler group, and DBS checks.
- 'Outreach' (£573.75), which includes the cost of Good News papers and Life magazines.
- 'Heat and Light' (£3,775.28) reflects a significant decrease in Gas & Electricity prices due to a change of supplier
- 'Copyright Licence' (292.72) covers display of words, and playing of music and showing of films.
- 'Maintenance' (£2,821.85) includes window replacement (£1500), fence replacement (£815.28), and routine servicing of the alarm and heating boiler.
- 'AudioVisual Equipment' (£324.72) represents the wireless microphone installation.
- 'Other Assets Purchased' (£1,972.80) includes the cost of replacement interior doors (£1,650) and a filing cabinet (£322.80).

Balance Sheet

The net result was a surplus of £5,517.38.

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2. Wright Place Luncheon Club

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Total expenditure of the Luncheon Club for 2024 was £4,131.92. This included the cost of supplies for the lunches (£3,132.49) and £250 for the cost of entertainment. 'Gifts' includes gifts to charities supported by some of our guest entertainers, as well as small Christmas gifts for our diners.

The net result was a surplus of £283.08. The balance at the end of the year was £1,796.68. All funds for the Wright Place Luncheon Club are held in our Virgin Money account (formerly Yorkshire Bank).

Activities during 2024

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On Sunday evenings we have sometimes met to watch recorded talks from the Keswick Convention and Spring Harvest.

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to complete the work as soon as possible. These are mainly cosmetic and at the moment are not causing any problems with the building structure.

Junior Church

We tend to have between two and eight children per week and at the moment we're using the 'All in one' Sunday school material.

There is a crèche and toys for parents and babies. It became difficult with two teaching classes so now there's just one from age 4-14 then the youth will move into main church after that. We still offer guidance and other invites to activities to the teens.

There are three teaching teams of two adults on rotation.

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All our speakers bless us enormously. Although the talks are not always deeply theological, we do see 'seeds' being sown. The Bible (1 Corinthians chapter 3) says: *So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labour.*

We pray that through the Tuesday Fellowship and other activities of the Church, many people will become part of God's family.

Mission

We have continued to support several Christian ministries by regular monthly donations: House of Ants (in Mozambique), Congo Children Trust (Kimbilio, in DRC Congo), Slavic Gospel Association, James Bovenizer (children's evangelist), and now also the Mopane Tree (Namibia). We also make frequent gifts to other charities such as Silk Road Ministries and Urban Outreach. We are continuing to give some support to Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.

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We offer Good News papers and Life magazines free of charge to members of the church and the Luncheon Club (to read and pass on to friends), as well as distributing newspapers to houses near the church. We also have 2 boxes on the railings outside the church containing leaflets and booklets.

Website & Facebook

The website is modern and well laid out containing details of our church activities and recordings of our Sunday morning sermons. The Facebook page has also been kept up to date and has been used to advertise events such as Sunday Club and Tea n Tots to the wider community.

Social activities

We had a church picnic – indoors, as the weather was bad.

Luncheon Club

The Wright Place Luncheon Club met almost every Monday except Bank Holidays. We have a membership of about 30 diners. Most of our diners are not members of the church, and there is a waiting list of people who would like to join. The Club offers a 2-course meal with a cup of tea or coffee, followed by entertainment. We have an excellent team of volunteer helpers, mostly members of the church. Feedback from our diners continues to be very positive.

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We occasionally held events on Sunday evenings which were open to the public, including a showing of the 'Jesus' film.

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- Provision of dedication, adult baptism, marriage and funeral services
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
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- Providing a luncheon club for the elderly
- Providing a Parent & Toddler Playgroup
- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community

Approved by the Trustees on 19 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Eric Kent and Michael Dewhurst

Eric Kent


Horwich Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet

Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
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Reserves		
Starting balance	61,538.29	57,196.21
Income	33,124.16	29,939.52
Expenditure	27,606.78	25,597.44
Surplus / deficit	5,517.38	4,342.08
Closing balance	67,055.67	61,538.29
Current assets		
TSB Business Account	5,538.23	5,731.24
Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond	32,605.90	30,990.00
Virgin Money Deposit Account	28,869.62	24,775.12
Cash in Hand	41.92	41.93
Total Current assets	67,055.67	61,538.29

Represented by Funds		
General Fund	64,758.65	59,645.02
Christmas Fund	2,040.00	1,670.00
Tuesday Fellowship Fund	257.02	223.27
Delci Santos Fund	0.00	0.00
Total	67,055.67	61,538.29

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Donations		
General Offerings	22,905.46	20,284.75
Tuesday Fellowship Offering	453.84	417.88
Gifts	715.00	407.23
Other Offerings & Gifts	2,735.00	4,276.00
HMRC	4,354.46	3,443.76
Total donations	31,163.76	28,829.62
Investment income		
Interest	1,960.40	1,109.90
Total investment income	1,960.40	1,109.90
Total Income	33,124.16	29,939.52

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Expenditure	2024	2023
Expenditure for Christian work		
Gifts to Christian Work	9,871.50	10,202.75
Gifts to Members etc	2,800.00	2,418.00
Speakers' Expenses	490.00	630.00
Youth Work	425.89	100.93
Outreach	573.75	567.40
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Total expenditure for Christian work	14,161.14	13,919.08
Admin & maintenance costs		
Heat & Light	3,775.28	5,164.82
Building Insurance	1,432.85	1,473.21
Copyright Licence	292.72	278.30
Maintenance etc	2,821.85	2,128.19
Cleaning	1,250.00	1,275.00
Catering	286.60	334.92
Water Rate	487.53	447.94
Misc Expenditure	551.69	556.99
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Total admin & maintenance costs	10,898.52	11,659.37
Other expenditure		
Church Website	249.60	0.00
Audio/Visual Equipment	324.72	0.00
Other Assets Purchased	1,972.80	18.99
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Total other expenditure	2,547.12	18.99
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Total Expenditure	27,606.78	25,597.44

Wright Place Luncheon Club
(an activity of Horwich Evangelical Church)
Statement of Financial Activity
Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Receipts		
Receipts for Dinners	4,188.00	3,179.00
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Total receipts	4,188.00	3,179.00
Grants		
Council Grant	200.00	150.00
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Total grants	200.00	150.00
Other income		
Gifts	27.00	83.00
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Total other income	27.00	83.00
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Total Income	4,415.00	3,412.00
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Expenditure		
Expenditure for Diners		
Supplies	3,132.49	3,023.91
Entertainment	250.00	625.00
Gifts	577.49	564.39
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Total expenditure for diners	3,959.98	4,213.30
Other expenditure		
Other Expenditure	171.94	34.96
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Total other expenditure	171.94	34.96
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Total Expenditure	4,131.92	4,248.26
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Current assets		
(Virgin Money)		
Starting Balance	1,513.60	2,349.86
Surplus / Deficit	283.08	-836.26
Closing Balance	1,796.68	1,513.60

Eric Kent
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22nd January 2025

Dear Eric,

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Financial Statements

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the accounts are prepared by volunteers with relevant knowledge and experience and we have carried out an inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that the financial statements reflect an accurate view of the financial position of the Church.

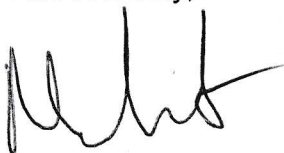
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In addition to the financial assets listed in the accounts, the Church also owns the building which has not been reported in the accounts. It would be useful to know the value of the building, or at least the land for the purposes of the accounts in order to give a more accurate reflection of the financial position of the Church. This could be done by a property valuer / estate agent but this may incur a cost.

We are not aware of any liabilities that are due to be paid by the Church.

Yours sincerely,

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Martin Horton FCMA
Director

HORWICH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1153620

Accounts

**Horwich Evangelical Church
Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1 January – 31 December 2023**

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Structure, governance & management

The charity was set up under a Trust Deed which was adopted on 19 June 1936.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees as required.

Aims and Purposes

The Trustees of Horwich Evangelical Church have the responsibility of ensuring that the church building is kept in proper repair and insured, and permitting the building to be used by believers for the conduct of meetings for the worship of God, for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the fellowship and edification of believers, and for the holding of Sunday school and other meetings, to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Doctrines and Practices appearing in the Trust Deed.

Objectives and Activities

- Provision of a place of worship, plus adjoining rooms for social activities and religious instruction of children
- Conducting worship services (all open to the general public), including preaching of an evangelistic and teaching nature
- Conducting religious ceremonies (dedication of infants, adult baptism, marriages, funerals)
- Conducting meetings for Bible study and prayer
- Arranging activities for local children and young people
- Visiting the sick and lonely, and giving comfort to the bereaved
- Provision of a weekly luncheon club for the elderly
- Supporting missionary and outreach work (by financial support and prayer)
- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community, including a food bank

Financial Report

1. Horwich Evangelical Church (excluding the Wright Place Luncheon Club)

The accounts for 2023 show a surplus of £4,342.08. This reflects the generous giving of our congregation during the year.

Receipts

Total receipts for 2023 were £29,939.52.

The income of the church was derived mostly from donations (Sunday offerings, standing orders and online giving) from members of the congregation. In 2023 this totalled £20,284.75.

'Gifts' (£407.23) includes donations totalling £300 from the Luncheon Club towards the cost of gas & electricity.

'Other Offerings & Gifts' (£4,276) represents gifts received which were designated for other Christian charities, notably our Christmas Fund which is used to help people less fortunate than ourselves. We also had special collections for Silk Road Ministries and Tear Fund earthquake appeal.

'HMRC' (£3,443.76) represents money reclaimed from HMRC for donations made under the Gift Aid scheme...

'Interest' (£1,109) consisted of £990 from our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond (paying 3.3%) plus £119.90 from our Virgin Money Deposit Account (paying 1.35%). In October 2023 we re-invested £30,990 in a new Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond at 5.2%.

Giving to our Christmas Fund at Christmas 2023 was again generous. By the end of 2023 the Christmas Fund stood at £1,670, and the final amount distributed to charities in January 2024 was £2,100.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2023 was £25,597.44.

As usual, the largest item of expenditure was 'Donations to Christian Work' (£10,202.75). This represents contributions to Christian workers and agencies engaged in evangelism or relief work in many countries, including the beneficiaries of our Christmas Fund. Early in 2023 the Christmas Fund from Christmas 2022 (totalling £1,900) was distributed to four charities working among needy and disadvantaged people either locally or in other parts of the world: Bolton Hospice, Slavic Gospel Association (Ukraine), Congo Children Trust (Kimbilio), Compassion UK..

Other significant items of expenditure were:

- 'Gifts to Members' (£2,418), which includes £2,400 to support Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.
- 'Youth Work' (£100.93), which includes set-up costs for our new 'Tea n Tots' parent & toddler group.
- 'Outreach' (£567.40), which includes the cost of Good News papers, Life magazines and leaflets.
- 'Heat and Light' (£5,164.82) reflects the significant increase in Gas & Electricity prices.
- 'Maintenance' (£2,128.19.24) includes the cost of decorating and fluorescent light replacement.

Balance Sheet

The net result was a surplus of £4,342.08.

The balance at the end of the year was £61,538.29. Of this, £5,731.24 was held in our TSB Business account (including our Christmas Fund), and £41.93 was held in a cash float for catering expenses. Of the remainder, £30,990 was held in our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond, and £24,775.12 was held in our Virgin Money deposit account. Some of this money has been set aside to cover events and situations which may arise in future, such as building refurbishment or the employment of staff.

2. Wright Place Luncheon Club

Total receipts of the Luncheon Club for 2023 were £3,412.

This was derived from the £3 per week which we charged each diner, as well as a grant from Horwich Town Council towards the cost of our Christmas lunch, plus a few small donations. At the beginning of 2024 we have had to increase the price of meals from £3 to £4 (after holding it at £3 for 13 years!) due to rising costs.

Total expenditure of the Luncheon Club for 2023 was £4,248.26. This included the cost of supplies for the lunches (£3,023.91) and £625 for the cost of entertainment. 'Gifts' includes gifts to charities supported by some of our guest entertainers, as well as small Christmas gifts for our diners.

The net result was a deficit of £836.26. The balance at the end of the year was £1,513.60. All funds for the Wright Place Luncheon Club are held in our Virgin Money account (formerly Yorkshire Bank).

Activities during 2023

Worship, prayer & teaching

All our Sunday morning services begin at 10.30 and are open to the general public. A good number of people attend the services, with several joining us in the past year. We invite a number of guest speakers, often representing the various Christian ministries which we support, but we also leave sufficient Sundays free for the Elders and other members to preach.

On Sunday evenings we have sometimes met to watch recorded talks from the Keswick Convention and Spring Harvest.

Our Bible Study & Prayer Meetings are held either in church at 11am on Wednesday mornings or on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday evenings (on alternate weeks).

We are running a short series of enquirers classes for people who would like to know more about the Christian faith.

Saturday morning prayer meetings are arranged occasionally to pray for the work of the Church.

Pastoral care

The Elders provide pastoral support to the congregation, and we have developed a pastoral plan to try to make sure that everyone is covered.

Building maintenance & refurbishment

The building has been maintained during the last 12 months with regular visual inspections of the premises both inside and outside. The rotten barge boards at the rear of the building were due to be replaced last summer but unfortunately the builder was unable to do the work as promised. This has been scheduled for the spring/summer this year. Due to the high winds in the winter the party fence between ourselves and our neighbour was damaged beyond repair and had to be replaced. Internal equipment such as boilers, security alarms etc have all had their annual service and are in full working order.

Junior Church

We have between 0-10 children at the weekly Junior Church (it fluctuates quite a lot). At the moment we have 2 classes with an age range of 2-16, and a crèche. The teaching rota consists of three groups of two teachers, and we use Scripture Union teaching materials and teenage bible study books.

Tea 'n' Tots Playgroup

Tea n Tots is free of charge and aimed at parents and carers with pre-school children as outreach and support in our local community. Sessions are well attended and with a free booking system operated through an online platform, the 25 tickets per session are generally full, with a waiting list. The sessions are well supported by volunteers from the church. Several families have started attending church after joining tea n tots, so this is serving well as outreach in to the community.

Tuesday Fellowship

The only certainty in life is that nothing remains the same. In the aftermath of the Covid Pandemic the Tuesday Fellowship meeting finally restarted after a lengthy, enforced break, but right from day one we have had a committed and sizeable core of attendees. As always the main reason for us meeting together each Tuesday is to come together to worship our Saviour, to learn something more of His amazing love towards us and to share fellowship with one another.

One of the main areas of our worship has been the singing of God's praises, and we have benefitted greatly in this by the faithfulness of Carol accompanying us on the piano. When Margaret joined the Tuesday Fellowship team, she proved more than willing and able to play the piano for us, as and when the need arose. However, it soon became evident that Carol or Margaret might not always be available. Therefore, this potential problem has now been solved by the introduction of a Video Library where many of our favourite hymns have been recorded so that they can be played as and when the need arises.

Another blessing for us on Tuesday is that members from other churches come each Tuesday and join us in Christian Fellowship.

Our hope and prayer is that the Tuesday Fellowship Group continues for many years in the tradition of all those faithful Leaders who have gone before. Amen.

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Other activities for the local community

Sunday club events which were open to the public included film nights, a quiz for Kimbilio, a concert for motor-neurone disease, and an open mic evening. We hope to resume some of these activities in 2024 once the Keswick series is finished.

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Approved by the Trustees on 22 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by Eric Kent and Michael Dewhurst





Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Donations		
General Offerings	20,284.75	18,745.76
Tuesday Fellowship Offering	417.88	330.34
Gifts	407.23	665.00
Other Offerings & Gifts	4,276.00	3,505.00
HMRC	3,443.76	3,255.44
Total donations	<u>28,829.62</u>	<u>26,501.54</u>
Investment income		
Interest	1,109.90	120.84
Total investment income	<u>1,109.90</u>	<u>120.84</u>
Total Income	<u><u>29,939.52</u></u>	<u><u>26,622.38</u></u>

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Expenditure	2023	2022
Expenditure for Christian work		
Gifts to Christian Work	10,202.75	10,320.00
Gifts to Members etc	2,418.00	2,466.50
Speakers' Expenses	630.00	285.00
Youth Work	100.93	1,081.28
Posters, leaflets etc	0.00	35.12
Outreach	567.40	523.70
Total expenditure for Christian work	13,919.08	14,711.60
Admin & maintenance costs		
Heat & Light	5,164.82	3,416.99
Building Insurance	1,473.21	1,317.51
Copyright Licence	278.30	258.89
Maintenance etc	2,128.19	3,429.24
Cleaning	1,275.00	1,300.00
Catering	334.92	496.39
Water Rate	447.94	340.42
Misc Expenditure	556.99	525.34
Total admin & maintenance costs	11,659.37	11,084.78
Other expenditure		
Church Website	0.00	210.14
Audio/Visual Equipment	0.00	4,950.91
Software	0.00	240.00
Other Assets Purchased	18.99	325.59
Total other expenditure	18.99	5,726.64
Total Expenditure	25,597.44	31,523.02

Horwich Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet

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	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
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Income	29,939.52	26,622.38
Expenditure	25,597.44	31,523.02
Surplus / deficit	4,342.08	(4,900.64)
Closing balance	61,538.29	57,196.21
Current assets		
TSB Business Account	5,731.24	6,500.99
Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond	30,990.00	30,000.00
Virgin Money Deposit Account	24,775.12	20,655.22
Cash in Hand	41.93	40.00
Total Current assets	61,538.29	57,196.21

Represented by Funds		
General Fund	59,645.02	55,719.59
Christmas Fund	1,670.00	1,365.00
Tuesday Fellowship Fund	223.27	91.62
Delci Santos Fund	0.00	20.00
Total	61,538.29	57,196.21

Wright Place Luncheon Club
(an activity of Horwich Evangelical Church)
Statement of Financial Activity
Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Receipts		
Receipts for Dinners	3,179.00	2,922.00
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Total receipts	3,179.00	2,922.00
Grants		
Council Grant	150.00	200.00
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Total grants	150.00	200.00
Other income		
Gifts	83.00	24.00
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Total other income	83.00	24.00
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Total Income	3,412.00	3,146.00

Expenditure

Expenditure for Diners		
Supplies	3,023.91	2,788.92
Entertainment	625.00	435.00
Gifts	564.39	408.49
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Total expenditure for diners	4,213.30	3,632.41
Other expenditure		
Other Expenditure	34.96	143.16
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Total other expenditure	34.96	143.16
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Total Expenditure	4,248.26	3,775.57

**Current assets
(Virgin Money)**

Starting Balance	2,349.86	2,979.43
Surplus / Deficit	-836.26	-629.57
Closing Balance	1,513.60	2,349.86

Eric Kent
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23rd January 2024

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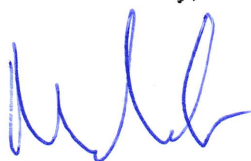
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HORWICH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees as required.

Aims and Purposes

The Trustees of Horwich Evangelical Church have the responsibility of ensuring that the church building is kept in proper repair and insured, and permitting the building to be used by believers for the conduct of meetings for the worship of God, for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the fellowship and edification of believers, and for the holding of Sunday school and other meetings, to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Doctrines and Practices appearing in the Trust Deed.

Objectives and Activities

- Provision of a place of worship, plus adjoining rooms for social activities and religious instruction of children
- Conducting worship services (all open to the general public), including preaching of an evangelistic and teaching nature
- Conducting religious ceremonies (dedication of infants, adult baptism, marriages, funerals)
- Conducting meetings for Bible study and prayer
- Arranging activities for local children and young people
- Visiting the sick and lonely, and giving comfort to the bereaved
- Provision of a weekly luncheon club for the elderly
- Supporting missionary and outreach work (by financial support and prayer)
- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community, including a food bank

Financial Report

1. Horwich Evangelical Church (excluding the Wright Place Luncheon Club)

The accounts for 2022 show a deficit of over £4,900. However, this represents a satisfactory financial and spiritual situation, as the number of activities offered by the church is growing to fulfil our objectives, which have involved set-up costs and increased running costs.

Receipts

Total receipts for 2022 were £26,622.38.

The income of the church was derived mostly from donations (Sunday offerings, standing orders and online giving) from members of the congregation. In 2022 this totalled £18,745.76.

‘Gifts’ (£665) included donations totalling £300 from the Luncheon Club towards the cost of gas & electricity.

‘Other Offerings & Gifts’ (totalling £3,505) represented gifts received which were designated for other Christian charities, notably our Christmas Fund which is used to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

‘HMRC’ represented money reclaimed from HMRC for donations made under the Gift Aid scheme. Gift Aid income totalled £3,255.44.

Interest received on our Virgin Money Deposit Account was only £120.84 because of low interest rates during the year (rising from 0.1% to 0.4%).

In October we transferred £30,000 from our Deposit Account to a Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond paying 3%.

Giving to our Christmas Fund at Christmas 2022 was again generous. By the end of 2022 the Christmas Fund stood at £1,365, and the final amount distributed to charities in January 2023 was £1,900.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2022 was £31,523.02.

As usual, the largest item of expenditure was 'Donations to Christian Work' (£10,320). This represented contributions to Christian workers and agencies engaged in evangelism or relief work in many countries, including the beneficiaries of our Christmas Fund. Early in 2022 the Christmas Fund from Christmas 2021 (totalling £2,100) was distributed to four charities working among needy and disadvantaged people either locally or in other parts of the world: Tear Fund, Urban Outreach, Fort Alice and Sense.

Other significant items of expenditure were:

- 'Gifts to Members' (£2,466.50), which included £2,400 to support Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.
- 'Youth Work' (£1,081.28), which included set-up costs for our new 'Tea n Tots' parent & toddler group.
- 'Outreach' (£523.70), which included the cost of Good News papers, Life magazines and leaflets.
- 'Heat and Light' (£3,416.99) reflected the significant increase in Gas & Electricity prices (also some gas charges were carried over from 2021).
- 'Maintenance' (£3,429.24) included the cost of decorating, fluorescent light replacement, electrical testing and replacement of the fuse box.
- 'Audio/Visual Equipment' (£4,950.91) included the installation of a new PA system (with hearing loop) in the church extension.

Balance Sheet

The net result was a deficit of £4,900.64.

The balance at the end of the year was £57,196.21. Of this, £6,500.99 was held in our TSB Business account (including our Christmas Fund), and £40 was held in a cash float for catering expenses. Of the remainder, £30,000 was held in our Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond, and £20,655.22 was held in our Virgin Money deposit account. Some of this money has been set aside to cover events and situations which may arise in future, such as building refurbishment or the employment of staff.

2. Wright Place Luncheon Club

Total receipts of the Luncheon Club for 2022 were £3,146.

This was derived from the £3 per week which we charge each diner, plus a grant from Horwich Town Council towards the cost of our Christmas lunch, plus a few small donations.

Total expenditure of the Luncheon Club for 2022 was £3,775.57. This included the cost of supplies for the lunches (£2,788.92) and £435 for the cost of entertainment. 'Gifts' includes gifts to charities supported by some of our guest entertainers, as well as small Christmas gifts for our diners.

The net result was a deficit of £629.57. The balance at the end of the year was £2,349.86. We expect to be able to keep the admission charge to £3 for at least the remainder of 2023.

All funds for the Wright Place Luncheon Club are held in our Virgin Money account (formerly Yorkshire Bank).

Activities during 2022

Worship and prayer

All our Sunday morning services begin at 10.30 and are open to the general public. A good number of people attend the services, with a wide age range. We invite a number of guest speakers, often representing the various Christian ministries which we support, but we also leave sufficient Sundays free for the Elders and other members to preach. During 2022 we organised series of sermons on the Parables of Jesus and the Life of David.

Our Bible Study & Prayer Meetings were held either in church at 11 am on Wednesday mornings or on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday evenings (on alternate weeks).

Saturday morning prayer meetings were arranged several times during the year to pray for the work of the Church.

Sarah Cooper was baptised in November 2022.

Pastoral care

The Elders provided pastoral support to the whole congregation by phone or email, and everyone was included on a prayer rota.

Building maintenance & refurbishment

We can report that all the usual safety checks have been undertaken and the regular annual servicing of installed appliances such as the boilers, intruder alarm etc have all been completed.

In addition to this, quite a lot of maintenance work has been undertaken this year. The outside of the building has been repainted, and inside the church ceiling has been repainted to cover up the staining which occurred from when the building was closed down during the covid epidemic.

The legal five-year requirement to have the electrical installation checked has also been done this year. The check resulted in a major upgrade of the system to comply with current IEE regulations for public buildings.

All the portable electrical equipment in the premises has also been checked for electrical safety and our list of these appliances is now up to date.

We have now completed the project to re-lamp the building. All the lighting has been replaced with LED bulbs to reduce our energy costs.

The only outstanding work at the moment is the repairs to the rotting barge boards at the rear of the building. These are scheduled to be done this summer.

Ongoing minor maintenance jobs are completed as they arise.

In due course one of the central heating boilers will probably need replacing. We will keep an eye on the condition of the pews, which are now over 25 years old.

Children's Church

Children's Church continues to be well attended most weeks with regular attendance from 2 pre-school children, 5 primary school aged children and 1 teenager. Materials from the Scripture Union continue to be used and seem effective at helping the children understand the bible better and draw closer to God.

Tea 'n' Tots Playgroup

We have a dedicated team of volunteers, especially Mel who has been every week since we started. Deb, Sarah, Gina, Sue, Lindsey and Margaret have been regular helpers.

We have a time of free play, snack time, sensory play, craft activity and song time in each session.

It's been lovely to get to know mums, dads and grandparents of the children and we have a group of regulars who are happy to lend a hand when needed. We have been able to pray for families when they have shared things they are going through. We aim to introduce people to other parents if they come on their own. We've had some good conversations about church and what the different churches are like and why we offer our group free of charge. Several of the parents have said this is their favourite group of the week.

We have introduced an online booking system recently as we were starting to get 25-30 children coming. We now limit it to a maximum of 25 and usually get about 20 coming.

We have agreed to buy 25 reusable coffee cups with lids as that it is more environmentally friendly than single use ones.

Many thanks for the support (financial and otherwise) and encouragement we have had from church.

The Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work of the volunteers who run the playgroup, and that the building is always left tidy after each meeting.

Tuesday Fellowship

Our meetings continue to provide an opportunity to share friendship and fellowship, whilst also remembering that "As we are gathered, Jesus is here"!

Yet again God has proved faithful to his Word in supplying all that we needed.

We often invite speakers to our meetings, who share in various ways the wonderful truths from God's Word – and we are greatly blessed by them.

Carol has decided to step down for the time being because of health issues, and we would like to express our appreciation and thanks for all she has done and meant to us, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The majority of meetings were organized and led by Christine, but when she has been unable to lead because of health-related issues, God has been faithful in providing Margaret, who kindly offered to step in as co-leader, and the group has been greatly blessed by her gifts and talents (including her piano playing).

Our Christmas buffet has become a very popular and well-attended event, at which we not only share a buffet but we are blessed by the wonderful input of Mike Dewhurst and the Bolton Male Voice Praise Choir.

As we move forward this year we pray that our wonderful Lord and Saviour will continue to guide our group in thought, word and deed as he has done for so many years. Our God is faithful. Thanks be to God!

Mission

We continued to support several Christian ministries by monthly donations: House of Ants, Slavic Gospel Association, CASCOT, James Bovenizer, and we also make frequent gifts to other charities such as Kimbilio, Silk Road Ministries and Urban

Outreach. We are continuing to give some support to Jonathan Kent in his ministry training.

Outreach

We offer Good News papers and Life magazines to members of the church (to pass on to friends) and to members of our Luncheon Club, as well as distributing newspapers to houses near the church. We also have 2 boxes on the railings outside the church containing leaflets and booklets.

Website & Facebook

The website is modern and well laid out containing clear details of all church activities. It has received good feedback. The Facebook page has also been kept up to date and has been used to advertise events such as Sunday Club and Tea n Tots to the wider community. This has led to a huge increase over the year in the number of viewings received.

Social activities

We held a church picnic (indoors!) in July.

Luncheon Club

The Wright Place Luncheon Club met almost every Monday except Bank Holidays. We have a membership of about 29 diners. Most of our diners are not members of the church, and there is usually a waiting list of people who would like to join. The Club offers a 2-course meal with a cup of tea or coffee, followed by entertainment. We have an excellent team of volunteer helpers, mostly members of the church. Feedback from our diners continues to be very positive.

Other activities for the local community

2022 saw the introduction of a new Sunday evening activity named Sunday Club.

Activities included film and music nights, open mic and quizzes. Facebook and the church website have been used to advertise events to the wider community.

Attendance has been good at each event (typically around 25 people) although it has mainly been people who already attend a church. It is expected that Sunday club will continue to evolve based on feedback received.

Working together with local churches

We attend Covenant services and Lent services arranged by Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington.

We collect Christmas shoeboxes for International Aid Trust. We work with other local churches to address the needs of the local community, including collecting items of food in a 'Grub Tub' for distribution to needy local people by the Storehouse project (part of the Urban Outreach charity).

Public Benefit

- Provision of a place of worship
- Provision of worship services (all open to the general public)
- Preaching of an evangelistic and teaching nature, which helps followers to develop a spiritual relationship with God, offering comfort, peace and a sense of purpose as well as a moral and ethical framework for living
- Provision of dedication, adult baptism, marriage and funeral services
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- Supporting missionary and outreach work
- Giving comfort to the bereaved, and visiting the sick and lonely
- Providing a luncheon club for the elderly
- Providing a Parent & Toddler Playgroup
- Participating in local inter-church projects which address the needs of the community

Approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by Eric Kent and Michael Dewhurst

Eric Kent

Michael Dewhurst

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Donations		
General Offerings	18,745.76	16,639.39
Tuesday Fellowship Offering	330.34	95.20
Gifts	665.00	150.00
Other Offerings & Gifts	3,505.00	3,295.00
HMRC	3,255.44	2,920.77
Total donations	26,501.54	23,100.36
Investment income		
Interest	120.84	70.75
Total investment income	120.84	70.75
Total Income	26,622.38	23,171.11

Horwich Evangelical Church

Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Expenditure		
Expenditure for Christian work		
Gifts to Christian Work	10,320.00	11,683.00
Gifts to Members etc	2,466.50	800.00
Speakers' Expenses	285.00	160.00
Youth Work	1,081.28	407.28
Posters, leaflets etc	35.12	65.94
Outreach	523.70	375.75
Total expenditure for Christian work	14,711.60	13,491.97
Admin & maintenance costs		
Heat & Light	3,416.99	1,218.24
Building Insurance	1,317.51	1,222.45
Copyright Licence	258.89	207.72
Maintenance etc	3,429.24	492.67
Cleaning	1,300.00	1,162.50
Catering	496.39	147.85
Water Rate	340.42	305.72
Misc Expenditure	525.34	362.55
Total admin & maintenance costs	11,084.78	5,119.70
Other expenditure		
Church Website	210.14	248.33
Audio/Visual Equipment	4,950.91	0.00
Software	240.00	0.00
Other Assets Purchased	325.59	2,154.47
Total other expenditure	5,726.64	2,402.80
Total Expenditure	31,523.02	21,014.47

Horwich Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet

Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Reserves			
	Starting balance	62,096.85	59,940.21
	Income	26,622.38	23,171.11
	Expenditure	31,523.02	21,014.47
	Surplus / deficit	(4,900.64)	2,156.64
	Closing balance	57,196.21	62,096.85
Current assets			
	TSB Business Account	6,500.99	6,839.33
	Cambridge & Counties 1-year Bond	30,000.00	0.00
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	20,655.22	55,234.38
	Cash in Hand	40.00	23.14
	Total Current assets	57,196.21	62,096.85

Represented by Funds

General Fund	55,719.59	60,249.18
Christmas Fund	1,365.00	1,625.00
Tuesday Fellowship Fund	91.62	222.67
Delci Santos Fund	20.00	0.00
Total	57,196.21	62,096.85

Wright Place Luncheon Club
(an activity of Horwich Evangelical Church)
Statement of Financial Activity
Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Receipts		
Receipts for Dinners	2,922.00	1,335.00
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Total receipts	2,922.00	1,335.00
Grants		
Council Grant	200.00	300.00
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Total grants	200.00	300.00
Other income		
Gifts	24.00	19.00
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Total other income	24.00	19.00
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Total Income	3,146.00	1,654.00

Expenditure

Expenditure for Diners		
Supplies	2,788.92	1,031.95
Entertainment	435.00	0.00
Gifts	408.49	157.35
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Total expenditure for diners	3,632.41	1,189.30
Other expenditure		
Other Expenditure	143.16	70.43
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Total other expenditure	143.16	70.43
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Total Expenditure	3,775.57	1,259.73

**Current assets
(Virgin Money)**

Starting Balance	2,979.43	2,585.16
Surplus / Deficit	-629.57	394.27
Closing Balance	2,349.86	2,979.43

Eric Kent
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24th January 2023

Dear Eric,

This letter is provided in connection with the preparation of the financial statements of Horwich Evangelical Church for the year ending 31st December 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the results and financial position of the Church.

Financial Statements

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the accounts are prepared by volunteers with relevant knowledge and experience and we have carried out an inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that the financial statements reflect an accurate view of the financial position of the Church.

The reserves at the 31st December 2022 were £57,196 (excluding the building or any other assets that have been written off to expenses) plus £2,350 in the Luncheon Club.

Assets and Liabilities

In addition to the financial assets listed in the accounts, the Church also owns the building which has not been reported in the accounts. It would be useful to know the value of the building, or at least the land for the purposes of the accounts in order to give a more accurate reflection of the financial position of the Church. This could be done by a property valuer / estate agent but this may incur a cost.

We are not aware of any liabilities that are due to be paid by the Church.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Horton FCMA
Director