

**Horwich Evangelical Church**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**for the period 1 January – 31 December 2022**

**Reference & administration details**

Horwich Evangelical Church is Registered Charity number 1153620.

The Church is situated on Wright Street, Horwich BL6 7HU.

The correspondence address is 15 Barncroft Drive, Horwich BL6 6NZ

The church was established under a Trust Deed in 1936 under its original name of the Gospel Hall, and was renamed as Horwich Evangelical Church in 1977.

The Trustees of the church are:

Terence John Almond, Paul Martin Chapple, Shaun Cooper, Michael Dewhurst, Keith Downham, Ray William Haughton, Eric Kent (Secretary & Treasurer), Christine Savage, Michael William Wilson.

The Elders, who are responsible for the day-to-day leadership and running of the church, are:

Paul Chapple (appointed April 2023), Shaun Cooper, Michael Dewhurst, Ray William Haughton, Robert Stanley Heath, Eric Kent.

The independent examiner of the church accounts is Martin Horton FCMA, Rivington Accounts, Bank House, 6-8 Church Street, Adlington, Chorley PR6 4EX.

The legal title in the land was transferred to the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for the charity on 21 May 2003.

**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 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 11am 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  
M Dewhurst

# Horwich Evangelical Church

## Statement of Financial Activity

Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
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
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>26,501.54</b>	<b>23,100.36</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest	120.84	70.75
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>120.84</b>	<b>70.75</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,622.38</b>	<b>23,171.11</b>



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	2022	2021
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenditure for Christian work</b>		
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
<b>Total expenditure for Christian work</b>	<b>14,711.60</b>	<b>13,491.97</b>
<b>Admin &amp; maintenance costs</b>		
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
<b>Total admin &amp; maintenance costs</b>	<b>11,084.78</b>	<b>5,119.70</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
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
<b>Total other expenditure</b>	<b>5,726.64</b>	<b>2,402.80</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>31,523.02</b>	<b>21,014.47</b>

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## Balance Sheet Period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
<b>Reserves</b>			
	<b>Starting balance</b>	<b>62,096.85</b>	<b>59,940.21</b>
	Income	26,622.38	23,171.11
	Expenditure	31,523.02	21,014.47
	Surplus / deficit	(4,900.64)	2,156.64
	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>57,196.21</b>	<b>62,096.85</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
	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
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>57,196.21</b>	<b>62,096.85</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,196.21</b>	<b>62,096.85</b>

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

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

**Expenditure**

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

**Current assets**  
**(Virgin Money)**

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



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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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