

Market Overton Free Church
CIO 1174840
Annual Report 2022

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Market Overton Free Church is an independent church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). The church is governed by its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, as he has made his will known in the Bible. It operates with a congregational form of church government. The number of members at the end of 2022 is 16. With 15 people having removed from the congregation in recent times, we have commenced a 'revitalisation' process with a view to recovering and rebuilding from this loss.

Church activities Our activities returned to 'normal' operations following the lifting of pandemic restrictions, with compliance with relevant guidance during the transition. Sunday morning meetings were held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year. We post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. Sunday evening meetings were held in Edmondthorpe. Thursday evening meetings alternated between in person and online, before becoming in person only. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. Prayer meetings were held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have held quarterly united prayer meetings with evangelical churches from Newark, Grantham, Melton Mowbray, and Bourne.

Community activities. Our monthly coffee hour meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We hosted a Blue Grass Gospel concert in May. We held a Holiday Bible Club in Cottesmore for children in August and a Time with Friends event with lunch in October. We distributed copies of the magazine 'Life' in Market Overton and surrounding villages. We held various events around Christmas. Our ministry to schools continued with a Bible Times Exhibition in March, and our pastor's regular assembly visits to 10 local primary schools.

Finances. The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts. During the year gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £1,630. Additional gifts to other gospel work makes a total of £2,802. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for support of Ukrainian refugees being supported by a church in Poland.

The overall income for the year was £41,983.58 and expenditure £45,632.31. The year therefore ended with an overall deficit of £3,648.73. With £12,034.29 brought forward from 2021 our balance at the end of the year is £8,385.51 for which we are grateful to God.

Market Overton Free Church CIO
Charity No. 1174840
Accounts 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Receipts	2022	Payments	2022
Balance brought forward from 2021:			
Treasurers Account	2033.54	Admin	525.79
Reserve Account	10000.75	Safeguarding	0.00
Gifts	8390.21	Copyright Licence	87.00
Offerings	29144.34	FIEC Donation	550.00
Other income	0.00	Food/Catering	172.85
Gift Aid refund	4445.50	Insurance	257.23
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00	Literature	206.69
Interest (Reserve Account)	3.53	Missionary Support	1630.00
		Outreach	1672.65
		Publicity	94.50
		Rent	2381.80
		Equipment	634.46
		Speakers	910.00
		Others	75.00
		Employment Costs	36142.94
		Conferences/Training	291.40
		Balance to Carry Forward	8385.56
	54017.87		54017.87

Summary	Current Assets
Receipts in 2022	Lloyds Treasurers Account
Payments in 2022	Lloyds Business Savings Account
Surplus	Cash in hand
Balance brought forward from 2021	
Balance to Carry Forward	
	8385.56

Checked and agreed.

M. Reed

31.1.23

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31 January 2023

Dear Roy

Market Overton Free Church CIO

I am pleased to confirm that I have examined the accounts and supporting documents for the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 and have found everything to be in order.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul'.

Paul Muldoon