

# HONITON FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1181655

## Details

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**Other names** HONITON BAPTIST CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2019-01-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** Honiton Family Church is a Christian church serving communities in Honiton and surrounding areas by providing opportunities for learning, support to parents and families and others. We are a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Devon

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£44,136	£58,150	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,253	£49,019	-	-
2022-12-31	£49,752	£57,353	-	-
2021-12-31	£55,244	£51,653	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,663	£58,979	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Charters		2021-01-25
Helen Frances Beaven		2024-12-15
Rev Daniel Richard Beaven		2024-11-24
Sarah Joanne Bird		2025-01-19

**HONITON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181655

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# Accounts

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## **ANNUAL REPORT** **Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December** **2024**

**Name of Charity** – Honiton Family Church

**Registered Charity Number** – 1181655

**Registered Address** – High Street, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1LW

**Trustees** – The following individuals served as charity trustees:

- Ellen Batten - Resigned 25.12.24.
- Danny Beaven – (Secretary) Appointed 24.11.24.
- Helen Beaven – (Treasurer) Appointed 15.12.24.
- John Braithwaite – Appointed 24.11.24.
- Helen Charters – Appointed 25.01.21
- Sarah Bird Appointed 19.01.2025

**Property Trustees** – Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT.

**Bankers** – Lloyds, 82 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1JJ.

**Independent Examiner** – Vernon Accounting, Manor House, 143 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LJ.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes**

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that:

- Jesus Christ is the origin, means, and goal of all that we are and do.
- We are family-friendly, committed to everyone; both young and old, rich and poor etc.
- We seek to be grounded, imaginative and relational in our life together.
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### **Activities During the Year**

2024 was another exciting and challenging year for the church. The first 6 months were especially hard due to Rev Judson stepping down at the end of 2023. Numbers attending have gone up and down depending on personal matters. The summer weeks were spent having “fellowship meals”, as well as unfortunately having to cancel one Sunday service in July and having an outside service in August due to building work.

The youth work continued and there are plans to run a Youth Alpha, as well as inviting the youth members to all members meetings to enable their voice to be heard.

We rejoiced in the baptism of one of our young people during the year and were pleased to see them go on to the first stages of youth ministry training in the autumn.

Various community-based groups have been using our building space in different capacities, and our opportunities to be involved in the wider community have increased. We have had some significant building works, including a remodelling of the upstairs office area and renovation of the old toilet and middle corridor.

The church has sought to establish deeper relationships with the wider community. One of the highlights of the year was celebrating our Carols by Candlelight service, as well as a Santa's Grotto which was held in the run up to Christmas.

We have had a team of people looking for a new pastor to fill the pastoral vacancy and a vision day was held where we identified where we are and where we feel that we are called to be. This team will be meeting again in the new year.

The church has also voted to become an incorporated charity (CIO), adopting the model constitution prepared by the Baptist Union Corporation, with provisions to be kept as close to the current constitution as possible. The transition is ongoing.

We also now have a treasurer Helen Beaven, who starts work in January, and the role of church secretary will be shared between Danny Beaven and John Braithwaite.

### **Regular Activities**

**Sunday Services:** As stated above, 2024 involved some flux in our attendance and activity. This was due to a number of factors, some unknown. The youth and children's work has been a real blessing and we have experienced growth again which started in September the year before. Again, the summer weeks were spent having "fellowship meals" where food was prepared to facilitate a renewal in people's relationships, interaction, and a sense of community. We aim for our services to be accessible to seekers as well as both new and mature Christians by having a simple and fluid service structure. A number of

people have joined us, and we are delighted that non-, new and experienced Christians are finding our community helpful for their spiritual growth.

**Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group:** Little Stars runs every week during term time and is attended by, on average, twenty 0–5-year-olds and their carers. It has been encouraging to regularly see new parents attending. Little Stars is a great access point into church, and it is a great way for us to build relationships with our wider community. We have been able to invite the families in attendance to other events including services and family and community events. We have themes, parties, and graduations and at the end of the summer term we hold a “graduation ceremony” during our Sunday Service for those starting school. Throughout 2024 Little Stars continued to meet and continued to go from strength to strength.

**Life Groups:** HFC runs three Life Groups. These groups encourage social fellowship and growth of faith and discipleship. Although our Life Groups are attended mainly by church members, they are open to anyone who would like to contact a group and learn more about the Christian faith. In the last year, the groups have tended to develop their own resources and patterns, some focusing on Bible study, others on sharing food, others on relationships. The groups provide a great opportunity to encourage one another and to pray for those who are struggling or who have things to celebrate.

**Prayer Meetings:** This morning prayer was active on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10am every week. There have been a faithful core of people keeping it going, praying for the community and wider area, as well as the world. We read a Psalm, the Old Testament and New Testament and share the Lord’s Prayer.

**Alpha:** We ran an Alpha course in the spring of this year in partnership with the Anglican church in town and were in partnership with Kilmington Baptist Church. A core of 20 people attended regularly.

### **Other Activities**

**Pastoral Care:** This year, pastoral care has primarily

taken place through the Life Groups (see above). We are still trying to be mindful of those who are part of our community, or who are on the fringes, but who may not be invested in a Life Group. There are a few people who are heavily involved in the support of others, visiting regularly, especially the frail and unwell.

**Repairing the building:** Significant renovations were undertaken in the year by a number of small contractors, organised by Chris Doran. A new toilet was installed, as well as the upstairs office space being reconfigured for fire safety and convenience. Some of the unused parts of the building were renovated to enable their use again. This work will continue in 2025 with further decoration and the installation of a main kitchen.

**Light party:** This was organised as an alternative to the conventional Halloween celebrations that children otherwise become involved in. A large number of children turned out to celebrate the light of the world, with lots of games and excitement. This was a great chance to offer something different to the wider community.

**Santa's Grotto:** We also organised a Santa's Grotto which was, in part, specifically tailored for children with learning difficulties or who were neuro diverse. This was a brilliant opportunity to provide something different for people who had nothing like this nearby.

### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit**

We have continued to run our regular activities and services without the leadership of a minister. Whilst this has been a heavy load for some, it has also provided the opportunity for new people to exercise new skills and gifts. We are looking to consolidate and strengthen the Trustee team during the coming year in order to enable our activities to continue. Our achievements during the year are largely reflected in the activities described above.

As a church, our objectives are for the public benefit and our activities are open to the whole of the local community. The trustees had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance.

### Financial Review

Income reduced somewhat in 2024 to approximately £45,000, but this is not unusual when there is no minister. The vast majority of the Church's income came from donations by the congregation, supplemented by the letting of rooms and the Church manse.

The 2023 accounts included anticipated gift aid tax refunds of £6,000. To date this has not been claimed, and the 2024 accounts are adjusted to exclude this until such time as a valid Gift Aid claim is made and tax refunds received.

Expenditure was slightly higher than income at around £58,000, on account of the Church renovation project spend. Without a minister, the expenditure on staff costs was considerably reduced to the payment of the administrative staff.

The church did not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Helen Charters (a trustee) was employed by the charity during the year to carry out cleaning and, on a temporary basis, for administrative work.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider it necessary to hold approximately £16,000 to cover the expenditure of the Church, should donation income cease for any reason or should the Church have to close. During 2024, this balance was held in a savings account to generate interest.

Signed



Church Secretary – Trustee.

D R BEAVEN.

2/6/25

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Honiton Family Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2024

To

Period end date  
31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Offerings	30,255		-	30,255	48,524
Tax refund on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	14,486
Tax refund on Gift Aid to be received	(6,000)			6,000	6,000
Use of Church	7,428	-	-	7,428	9,096
Little Stars	263			263	
Manse rent	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000
Interest	190			190	148
Grant	-	3,000	-	3,000	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>41,136</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,136</b>	<b>87,254</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,136</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,136</b>	<b>87,254</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	9,039	-	-	9,039	30,752
Minister's Travel				-	50
Visitor Fees				-	127
Manse Costs	266			266	4,232
Light, Heat & Power	3,186			3,186	3,270
Water Rates	717			717	657
Insurance	2,154			2,154	
Church Building Repairs and Mnce	31,600	3,000		34,600	4,426
Administration expenses	2,398			2,398	3,264
Spree	-	-	-	-	1,163
Refreshments & Cleaning	710			710	
CCLI License	866			866	
Outreach	543			543	
Safeguarding	160			160	
training	480			480	
Professional Fees	630			630	
Bookeeping Fees	2,160			2,160	
Other	241	-	-	241	1,079
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,150</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,150</b>	<b>49,020</b>

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	55,150	3,000	-	58,150	49,020
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 14,013	-	-	- 14,013	38,234
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,569	5,000	-	59,569	21,335
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	40,556	5,000	-	45,556	59,569

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	24,388	5,000	-
	Reserve Account	16,168	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	40,556	5,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

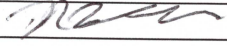
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DR BEAVEN	2/6/25



**HONITON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181655

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## Calendar Year 2023

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**Registered Charity Number** – 1181655

**Registered Address** – High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1LW

**Trustees** – The following individuals served as charity trustees between 1st Jan 2023 and 31 Dec 2023:

- Mr Tim Judson (Pastor) till 25th December
- Miss Ellen Batten from 10th april
- Mr Richard Lucas (Deacon from 1st january to 15th june)
- Mrs Helen Charters (Deacon)

**Property Trustees** – Baptist Union Corporation Ltd  
Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT

**Bankers** –

**General Account:** Lloyds  
82 High Street Honiton  
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**Restricted Account:** Lloyds  
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**Independent Examiner** –

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Various community-based groups have been using our building space in different capacities, and our opportunities to be involved in the wider community have increased. It has been noted that the church building is in need of some significant remedial repairs and our part-time administrators, trustees, and skilled volunteers have been in dialogue regarding how to address these, and we are hoping that the work will begin in mid year 2024.

The church has sought to establish deeper relationships with the wider community. One of the highlights of the year was celebrating our Carols by Candlelight service, This was an encouraging testament to the good standing our church has amongst the wider community.

As intimated above, has one part-time staff this year, who have taken a significant load off the trustees in managing the running of the church. The hours they are paid are limited. Nevertheless, Tim and the trustees have been extremely grateful for the support given in this area.

In October Tim indicated that he was going to step down at the end of December, and a call out for further deacons to replace Tim and support Helen and Ellen in their more expanded roles within the Church. Danny Beaven and Nick Grimson will be joining the Deconante in January.

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**Warm hub:** Inspired by a national initiative, some volunteers in our church arranged a warm hub space on Fridays during the winter. This was an opportunity for people to come and be “warm” amidst the cost of living going up. A few people came along to this, many from beyond the church community itself, and enjoyed activities, refreshments, as well as the chance to build relationships. We hope to continue this when the new year comes around until the weather gets warmer.

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**Prayer Meetings:** After Easter this year, Tim decided to start a morning prayer group for anyone who was able and willing to join him. This morning prayer was active on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 10am every week. Numbers have varied, but there have been a faithful core of people keeping it going, praying for the community and wider area, as well as the world. We read a Psalm, the Old Testament and New Testament and share the Lord’s Prayer. This has been a great opportunity for Tim to touch base with people in the week on a routine level. The church have also continued in our monthly prayer gatherings on the first Sunday of the month. These have varied in style and number but have continued to be an opportunity for a more reflective and less chaotic space for worship.

We are planning to run an alpha group in early 2024, this is a great opportunity to reach out in faith to our local community and reach into our own community.

## Other Activities –

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**Kitchenette:** This has been a real blessing to our Sunday morning services as well as our mid-week groups.

**Repairing the building:** There is a plan to repair the bits of the building to first start with the corridor including adding a new toilet and then move on to the upstairs area, the aim being to bring further blessing to our community and make the building fit for purpose. We thank Chris Doran

**Light party:** This was organised as an alternative to the conventional Halloween celebrations that children otherwise become involved in. A large number of children turned out to celebrate the light of the world, with lots of games and excitement. This was a great chance to offer something different

to the wider community.

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**Safeguarding:** The safeguarding team meet regularly to discuss matters of concern and to update procedures. In order to provide a safe and trusted environment, we ensure that all our volunteers working with children and adults at risk are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We ensure that all volunteers understand and adhere to our Safeguarding policy.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Honiton Family Church**

No (if any)  
**118165**

**CC16a**

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
Gift aided donations	27,230	-	-	27,230	3,410
Tax refund on gift aid	14,486	-	-	14,486	
Tax refund on gift aid to be received	6,000	-	-	6,000	3,521
Use of church	8,502	-	-	8,502	3,550
General Offerings	9,299	-	-	9,299	10,745
Youth Groups		-	-	-	
Donations	11,995	-	-	11,995	20,276
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	594	-	-	594	
Café		-	-	-	
Manse Rent	9,000	-	-	9,000	8,250
Interest	-	148	-	148	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>87,105</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,253</b>	<b>49,752</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,105</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,253</b>	<b>49,752</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	30,752	-	-	30,752	39,250
Minsters travel	50	-	-	50	
Visitor fees	127	-	-	127	
Visitor expenses		-	-	-	
Manse council tax	2,256	-	-	2,256	2,005
manse water		-	-	-	
manse rent		-	-	-	
manse insurance	1,976	-	-	1,976	1,887
manse repairs		-	-	-	
Church electricity	2,813	-	-	2,813	1,443
Church Gas	457	-	-	457	917
Church water	657	-	-	657	589
Church equip repairs & main		-	-	-	339
Church building repair & Main	4,426	-	-	4,426	5,006
Church clean & Housekeeping		-	-	-	1,332
Administration expenses	3,264	-	-	3,264	1,955
Missionary giving		-	-	-	
Youth groups		-	-	-	
Café		-	-	-	
Spree	1,163	-	-	1,163	
Home missions		-	-	-	
Ministry		-	-	-	
Youth worker		-	-	-	
Other	1,079	-	-	1,079	2,630
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,019</b>	<b>57,353</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,019</b>	<b>57,353</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>38,086</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,234</b>	<b>- 7,601</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 81	81	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>15,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,335</b>	<b>28,936</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>43,591</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,569</b>	<b>21,335</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	37,591	-	-
	Reserve account		15,978	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,591</b>	<b>15,978</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
	Gift Aid debtor	6,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		6,000	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Honiton family Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1181655

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date:

21-10-2024

Name:

DEAN BARROW

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

OLD FARM HOUSE, OTTER VALLEY PARK  
HONITON, DEVON EX14 4PX

**HONITON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181655

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT Calendar Year 2022

**Name of Charity** – Honiton Family Church

**Registered Charity Number** – 1181655

**Registered Address** – High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1LW

**Trustees** – The following individuals served as charity trustees between 1st Jan 2022 and 31 Dec 2022:

- Mr Tim Judson (Pastor)
- Mr Matthew Clapp (Treasurer)
- Mrs Serena Brooks (Deacon from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> April)
- Mr James Tupper (Deacon from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> March)
- Mr Richard Lucas (Deacon)
- Mrs Helen Charters (Deacon)

**Property Trustees** – Baptist Union Corporation Ltd  
Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway,  
Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT

**Bankers** –

**General Account:** Lloyds  
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**Independent Examiner** – Chloe Reed

## Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes –

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2022 was another exciting and challenging year for the church. Earlier on in the year, the church started to deplete in numbers. This was due to a number of factors, some unknown. However, a significant problem was that many children and young families stopped coming to the church. A decision had been made to try and accommodate all ages on a Sunday, due to the lack of volunteering for this ministry. After Easter, some parents began to take their children out informally, which instigated a sense within the fellowship to reinvigorate our Sunday morning children's work. This formally began in September and the church has gone from strength to strength since then. Before that, the summer weeks were spent having "fellowship meals" where food was prepared to facilitate a renewal in people's relationships, interaction, and a sense of community, having spent so long wrestling with the anxiety and fall out of COVID-19.

Various community-based groups have been using our building space in different capacities, and our opportunities to be involved in the wider community have increased. It has been noted that the church building is in

need of some significant remedial repairs and our part-time administrators, trustees, and skilled volunteers have been in dialogue regarding how to address these.

The church has sought to establish deeper relationships with the wider community. One of the highlights of the year was celebrating our Carols by Candlelight service, which involved participation from the local mayor, the director of Honiton Food Save and the CEO of Parental Minds. This was an encouraging testament to the good standing our church has amongst the wider community.

As intimated above, has paid two part-time staff this year, who have taken a significant load off the trustees in managing the running of the church. The hours they are paid are limited, and it is a challenge ensuring that both are not overworking, given their other commitments. Nevertheless, Tim and the trustees have been extremely grateful for the support given in this area.

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Many of these activities run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

## Regular Activities –

**Sunday Services:** As stated above, 2022 involved some flux in our attendance and activity. This was due to a number of factors, some unknown. However, a significant problem was that many children and young families stopped coming to the church. A decision had been made to try and accommodate all ages on a Sunday, due to the lack of volunteering for this ministry. After Easter, some parents began to take their children out informally, which instigated a sense within the fellowship to reinvigorate our Sunday morning children's work. This formally began in September and the church has gone from strength to strength since then. Before that, the summer weeks were spent having "fellowship meals" where food was prepared to facilitate a renewal in people's relationships, interaction, and a sense of community, having spent so long wrestling with the anxiety and fall out of COVID-19. We aim for our services to be accessible to seekers as well as both new and mature Christians by having a simple and fluid service structure. A number of people have joined us, particularly since September, and we are delighted that non-, new and experienced Christians are finding our community helpful for their spiritual growth.

**Warm hub:** Inspired by a national initiative, some volunteers in our church arranged a warm hub space on Fridays during the winter. This was an opportunity for people to come and be "warm" amidst the cost of living going up. A few people came along to this, many from beyond the church community itself, and enjoyed activities, refreshments, as well as the chance to build relationships. We hope to continue this when the new year comes around until the weather gets warmer.

**Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group:** Little Stars runs every week during term time and is attended by, on average, twenty 0–5-year-olds and their carers. It has been encouraging to regularly see new parents attending. Little Stars is a great access point into church, and it is a great way for us to build relationships with our wider community. We have been able to invite the families in attendance to other events including services and family and community events. We have themes, parties, and graduations and at the end of the summer term we hold a "graduation ceremony" during our Sunday Service for those starting school. Little Stars began meeting together physically again in 2022 and has recovered well from the separation. Volunteers vary in number at times, but there continues to be a hugely committed core that make this happen.

**Life Groups:** HFC runs four life groups. These groups encourage social fellowship and growth of faith and discipleship. Although our life groups are attended mainly by church members, they are open to anyone who would like to contact a group and learn more about the Christian faith. In the last year the groups have tended to develop their own resources and patterns, some focussing on Bible study, others on sharing food, others on relationships. The groups provide a great opportunity to encourage one another and to pray for those who are struggling or who have things to celebrate.

**Prayer Meetings:** After Easter this year, Tim decided to start a morning prayer group for anyone who was able and willing to join him. This morning prayer was active on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 10am every week. Numbers have varied, but there have been a faithful core of people keeping it going, praying for the community and wider area, as well as the world. We read a Psalm, the Old Testament and New Testament and share the Lord's Prayer. This has been a great opportunity for Tim to touch base with people in the week on a routine level. The church have also continued in our monthly prayer gatherings on the first Sunday of the month. These have varied in style and number but have continued to be an opportunity for a more reflective and less chaotic space for worship.

### **Other Activities –**

**Pastoral Care:** This year, pastoral care has primarily taken place through the Life Groups (see above). We are still trying to be mindful of those who are part of our community, or who are on the fringes, but who may not be invested in a Life Group. There are a few people who are heavily involved in the support of others, visiting regularly, especially the frail and unwell.

**Kitchenette:** A hugely significant aspect of our life together has been the development of a kitchenette space in our main hall. This work will be completed in the new year, but has enabled us to have running water and the space to serve refreshments before and after services, as well as during other occasions in the week. This will really serve our desire in the new year to offer hospitality to people in the community, as well as to our own fellowship.

**Light party:** This was organised as an alternative to the conventional Halloween celebrations that children otherwise become involved in. A large number of children turned out to celebrate the light of the world, with lots of games and excitement. This was a great chance to offer something different to the wider community.

**Santa's Grotto:** We also organised a Santa's Grotto which was, in part, specifically tailored for children with learning difficulties or who were neuro-diverse. This was a brilliant opportunity to provide something different for people who had nothing like this nearby.

**Safeguarding:** The safeguarding team meet regularly to discuss matters of concern and to update procedures. In order to provide a safe and trusted environment, we ensure that all our volunteers working with children and adults at risk are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We ensure that all volunteers understand and adhere to our Safeguarding policy.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Honiton Family Church**

(if any)  
113185

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
Gift aided donations	3,410	-	-	3,410	19,261
Tax refund on gift aid					1,980
Grants	3,521	-	-	3,521	2,875
Use of church	3,550	-	-	3,550	480
General Offerings	10,745	-	-	10,745	5,869
Youth Groups					
Donations	20,276	-	-	20,276	15,029
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals					
Café					
Manse Rent	8,250	-	-	8,250	9,750
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>55,244</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>55,244</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	39,250	-	-	39,250	33,420
Minsters travel					
Visitor fees					
Visitor expenses					
Manse council tax	2,005	-	-	2,005	2,253
manse water					
manse rent					
manse insurance	1,887	-	-	1,887	998
manse repairs					825
Church electricity	1,443	-	-	1,443	672
Church Gas	917	-	-	917	858
Church water	589	-	-	589	672
Church equip repairs & main	339	-	-	339	708
Church building repair & Main	5,006	-	-	5,006	1,250
Church clean & Housekeeping	1,332	-	-	1,332	144
Administration expenses	1,955	-	-	1,955	3,881
Missionary giving					
Youth groups					35
Café					
BM8					
Home missions					1,000
Ministry					
Youth worker					
Other	2,630	-	-	2,630	4,937
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,353</b>	<b>51,653</b>

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	57,353	-	-	57,353	51,653
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	7,601	-	-	7,601	3,591
A5 Transfers between funds	1,200	1,200	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,387	14,549	-	28,936	23,302
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	5,586	15,749	-	21,335	26,893

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	5,586	-	-
	Reserve account	15,749	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

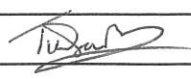
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIM JUDSON	19.10.23
2		19/10/2023



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Honiton family Church.

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1181655

**Set out on pages**

(Number of pages, including the pages numbers of exhibit or schedule)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

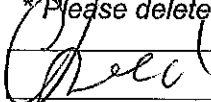
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**Signed:** 

**Date:** 19/10/23

**Name:** Chloe Reed.

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Simon A Martin Accountants.

**Address:**

Wessex House  
66 High Street  
Ex14 1PD.

**HONITON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181655

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# Accounts

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## HONITON FAMILY CHURCH - ANNUAL REPORT For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Name of Charity -** Honiton Family Church

**Registered Charity Number -** 1181655

**Registered Address -** High Street  
Honiton  
Devon  
EX14 1LW

**Trustees -** The following individuals served as Charity Trustees between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:

- Mr Tim Judson (Pastor)
- Mr Jon Millard (Treasurer) (1<sup>st</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> July)
- Mrs Serena Brooks (Deacon)
- Mr James Tupper (Deacon)
- Mrs Becky Kingdon (Secretary) (1<sup>st</sup> January – 22<sup>nd</sup> November)
- Mr Matthew Clapp (Treasurer) (25<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December)
- Mr Richard Lucas (25<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December)
- Helen Charters (25<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December)
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- Kev Hannay-England (25<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> November)

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**Independent Examiner -** Emily Wilkinson

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Our pastor, Tim Judson, has continued to establish good relationships with the wider community, and has encouraged members of the church to develop existing relationships. It has been our intention as a church to build on the connections we have already had with local organisations and individuals, so that we might help serve the needs of the wider community together. Tim has also encouraged people to invest more heavily in the areas of life within which they are currently placed, whether that is in a profession (such as teaching or working in a local shop), being a full-time parent, or through interactions in the neighbourhood and other community initiatives. This has enabled our presence in the wider community to become stronger. The hope for the following year is to develop more structure within the life of the church, particularly in terms of the leadership, so that we can better equip people to serve in the wider community, and, to facilitate ways that we as a church

organisation can work at filling in some of the gaps that exist socially, economically, and spiritually.

HFC continues to pay a part-time cleaner, who is supported by volunteers on an ad hoc basis. Looking ahead to 2022, as finances permit, we are keen to pay for help with administration which will support and strengthen the work we do to serve our church family and our wider community.

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## Regular Activities -

### Sunday Services –

At the beginning of 2021, our Sunday services were held online. As restrictions were lifted, we transitioned from weekly online services to meeting in person. Since September of 2021, we have been meeting on a Sunday morning at 10:30am for worship together. We now meet at the chapel building on the High Street, which is owned by the church, rather than resuming our gatherings at the community college. We aim for our services to be accessible to seekers as well as both new and mature Christians by having a simple and fluid service structure.

The format of our services has been simple, due mainly to the necessary caution because of COVID-19, but also because of the limited number of people able to volunteer on a Sunday. Therefore, we usually meet for an hour, singing, praying, having a short talk, and sometimes some interactive activities for children. This year, we have not had refreshments for people but hope to resume this in due course.

Communion Services have been held less regularly than in previous years, but they have generally been at least once every two months. There are also “seasonal” services at other times. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021, HFC has 43 church members.

As the situation regarding COVID-19 continues to alleviate, we hope to broaden the horizons of what we do together, not just in terms of Sunday mornings, but also in our wider life together.

### Children’s Work –

**Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group** – Little Stars runs every week during term time and is attended by, on average, twenty 0–5-year-olds and their carers. It has been encouraging to regularly see new parents attending.

Little Stars is a great access point into church, and it is a great way for us to build relationships with our wider community. We have been able to invite the families in attendance to other events including services and family and community events. We have themes, parties, and trips and at the end of the summer term we hold a “graduation ceremony” during our Sunday Service for those starting school.

The Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group met online throughout 2021. The online support group enabled parents, carers, and volunteers to stay in touch. While our ‘usual’ activities continued to be limited by the pandemic, we were able to continue to find new and interesting ways to ‘meet’ and offer input and encouragement to local families. Each week, we held an online story-time for our Little Stars community to watch live. We plan to begin meeting in person again in January of 2022.

**Families Events** - Our families events provide outreach for the whole family unit. Due to the pandemic and resulting government restrictions, our usual activities were limited. However, we were pleased to be able to hold a family Nativity service online in December.

**Sunday Mornings** – During 2021, our age group co-ordinators worked to provide content for our children and families to access. The team produced seasonal activity packs for our children and families containing crafts and bible-based learning.

We were also able to begin after-service meetings for our children and young people. These were held once a fortnight and were an opportunity for the church to encourage and support families as well as giving the children and youth a safe environment in which to socialise. These meetings began online but transitioned towards in person meetings as restrictions allowed.

In October of 2021, as children's groups were not restarted straight away, our age-group coordinators produced activity boxes for the children to enjoy during the Sunday services.

### Pastoral Care –

This year, we have continued to try and encourage pastoral care within the Life Groups that operate (there are four of these groups). We are still trying to be mindful of those who are part of our community, but who may not be invested in a Life Group. It is hoped that in the coming year, we may be able to develop a strategy to facilitate pastoral care more effectively, possibly by appointing a team leader to work alongside the pastor.

**The Team** - We hope to provide support for all those who are part of HFC in whatever capacity. This support takes a number of forms and, given our limited resources, is largely based around walking alongside somebody in difficult times, listening and praying with them as well as signposting more practical help in the form of CAB, CAP or Social Services. The relationships that Tim has built with other organisations are proving to be very useful for us in referring people to get help. Organisations such as Parental Minds CLC and Honiton Food Save are working well with us, and they use our building space as they support us. We have certain people in the church who work for these organisations as a result of the relationships being built.

We have a number of families and individuals struggling with mental health issues; depression, anxiety and the effects of living with children with additional needs. Through our Life Groups, specific relationships, as well as the program of church life, we hope to compliment the work done in conjunction with other organisations to support people, as part of our ongoing pastoral care.

**Life Groups** - HFC runs four life groups. These groups encourage social fellowship and growth of faith and discipleship. Although our life groups are attended mainly by church members, they are open to anyone who would like to contact a group and learn more about the Christian faith. In the last year, Tim has produced online videos resources that have been accessible for Life Groups to follow off the back of Sunday sermons. This has meant that people who are not at the service on a Sunday can still catch up with the content (Tim also sends a copy of his sermon to the church).

Our groups currently meet on Mondays, Wednesdays (2) and Thursdays. The groups provide a great opportunity to encourage one another and to pray for those who are struggling with life both within and outside of HFC.

**Prayer Meetings** – We are committed to being a church family that regularly gathers together to pray for our church and for our wider community. Our monthly prayer gatherings have been well attended over the past year and have continued to be so in the lockdown, over video-conferencing. From September, these monthly prayer gatherings have been in the main hall of the church building, and attendance has increased. These prayer gatherings have been a valuable way in which we have been able to support our community while not being able to meet physically. As restrictions continue to lift, we hope to create more opportunities for prayer, not just for people in the church, but for the wider community. Pending vaccination roll outs, we hope to make use of a prayer room space in the building for daily prayer as part of this.

**Safeguarding** - The safeguarding team meet regularly to discuss matters of concern and to update procedures. In order to provide a safe and trusted environment, we ensure that all our volunteers working with children and adults at risk are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We ensure that all volunteers understand and adhere to our Safeguarding policy.

### **Other Regular Activities –**

Throughout 2021 we have had to adjust and find new ways to engage with and support our local community. Many of our usual social events and family events were not able to continue as planned. However, we have been excited to develop new relationships within our local community and learn through the pandemic what areas of need there are in Honiton and the surrounding area.

**Work parties** – Weekly work parties continued in the January of this year, right up until the September, when we began to meet again as a church. We have since organised occasional work parties where we have cleaned up areas or spaces that need to be maintained. A significant work party was the clearing out of the kitchen space, which had been condemned by the EHO in January 2020. We have since discovered numerous structural issues to the building, which are necessary to sort before we refit a new kitchen.

Finances permitting, we hope to establish an order of tasks that need to be done, so that we can eventually fit a new kitchen as part of fulfilling our mission to the wider community.

### Charitable Giving –

In past years we have given to Home Mission and BMS. Due to the changing climate in 2021, we were able to give the reduced amount of £1000 to Home Mission. but look forward to being able to increase our giving in the future.

HFC has a link with Compassion UK. Compassion UK is a Christian charity that seeks to release children from poverty through child sponsorship. Compassion UK provides vulnerable children with food, clothing, education, access to medical care and the care of their local church. We were not able to hold a Compassion service in 2021 as we have in previous years, but we look forward to being able to do this again in the future.

HFC commits itself to supporting missionary work, both local and further afield, through financial giving and in prayer.

During 2021, despite our financial constraints, we were keen to serve the local community in ways that were appropriate, within the limits and potential of our resources in a broader sense. One of the ways we achieved this was by opening up our building to local charities and community-focussed groups that needed a physical space within which to operate, but which had no financial means to achieve this. During the ongoing struggles constituted by the challenge of COVID-19, we approached some key groups who were doing work that we wanted to partner with. Groups like the Honiton Food Save and Parental Minds were given storage or office space free of charge. The geographical location of our church meant that it was a strategic location for these groups to operate out of, and our relationships with others in the town have increased as a result. It is hoped that as these groups begin to accumulate financial means, especially means towards venue hire, that they may in due course be able to contribute to the wider work that we are seeking to do as a church, and in turn, be supporting us as we try to support others.

## 2021 HFC Annual Financial Summary

In 2021, HFC continued to recover from the aftereffects of the Covid pandemic and resultant lockdowns. The ongoing humbling generosity of the church's congregation and membership meant donations and offerings totalled £40,159 and they continue to be HFC's largest source of income. Gift Aid revenue was down at £1,980, but a number of claims for this period should appear in the 2022 figures, owing to administrative issues. Pandemic restrictions meant lettings income for the church building was substantially reduced to just £480 for the twelve months, whilst income from letting the manse generated £9,750 across the year.


Stipend/salaries of £33,520 were the largest single area of expenditure in 2021. Other expenses, totalling just over £17,000, were largely due to repairs and running costs for the church and manse, as well as contributions to the pastor's housing. A donation of £1,000 was made to the Home Mission.

We continued to transfer £100 per month from the General Account into the Reserve fund. The balance at the end of December 2021 was approximately £12,000.

While the 2021 HFC accounts show a return to positive income of £3,591 overall, caution is advisable. Storm damage to the roof and other pressing building issues means funds will be very limited in 2022.

Matthew Clapp, HFC Treasurer 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## 2021 HFC Annual Financial Reports:

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Honiton Family Church	No (if any) 1181655	CC16a
		<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>		
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift aided donations	18,281	-	-	18,281	18,836
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,880	-	-	1,880	6,678
Grants	2,876	-	-	2,876	688
Use of Church	480	-	-	480	3,438
General Offerings	6,888	-	-	6,888	1,913
Youth Groups	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	14,714	316	-	15,028	18,237
Baptisms / Weddings/ Funerals	-	-	-	-	260
Cafe	-	-	-	-	48
Manse Rent	8,000	760	-	8,760	8,000
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>64,178</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,244</b>	<b>66,886</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,178</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,244</b>	<b>66,886</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	33,620	-	-	33,620	38,801
Minister's Travel	-	-	-	-	18
Visitor's fees	-	-	-	-	-
Visitor's expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Manse Council Tax	2,263	-	-	2,263	1,798
Manse Water	-	-	-	-	-
Manse Rent	-	-	-	-	238
Manse Insurance	248	760	-	998	234
Manse Repairs	-	826	-	826	-
Church Electricity	672	-	-	672	646
Church Gas	868	-	-	868	914
Church Water	672	-	-	672	672
Church equip repair / main	708	-	-	708	602
Church bldg. repair / main	1,260	-	-	1,260	2,618
Church clean & housekeep	144	-	-	144	203
Administration expenses	3,881	-	-	3,881	6,898
Missionary giving	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Groups	36	-	-	36	477
Cafe	-	-	-	-	21
BMO	-	-	-	-	-
Home Mission	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Ministry	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Worker	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,685	362	-	4,997	6,844
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,726</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,863</b>	<b>68,978</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,726</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,863</b>	<b>68,978</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,453</b>	<b>- 862</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,591</b>	<b>- 3,314</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 37	37	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,314	4,988	-	23,302	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,730</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>- 3,314</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	14,887	-	-
	Reserve	8,848	-	
	Buildings	-	1,168	
	Manse deposit	-	760	
	Home Mission	-	80	
	Manse refurb	-	2,290	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>22,730</b>	<b>4,163</b>
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift aid rebate still due	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	-
	Sound & Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Chairs Table & Piano	Unrestricted	-	-
	Youth & Children's Toys	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Outstanding Expenses	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

## Achievements and Performance –

HFC does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers (including financial numbers), but also in areas like fellowship, encouragement and the development of people's lives to cope with the difficulties of living in today's world. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure, but believe that 2021 has been a positive year in the life of the church, as it continues to re-invent itself and pursue its mission to:

**'Seek God's kingdom in Devon as in heaven'.**

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities outlined above demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

This Annual Report was approved by the trustees on: 28/09/2022

Signed on behalf of the trustees by: 1- *H. Charters* (Signature)

*Helen Charters* (Name)

*DEACON* (Position)

2- *M. Clapp* (Signature)

*MATTHEW CLAPP* (Name)

*DEACON* (Position)



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Honiton Family Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1181615

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: E. Wilkinson

Date: 30/09/2022

Name: Emily Wilkinson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Address: April Cottage, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RE

**HONITON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181655

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# Accounts

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## HONITON FAMILY CHURCH - ANNUAL REPORT For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**Name of Charity -** Honiton Family Church

**Registered Charity Number -** 1181655

**Registered Address -** High Street  
Honiton  
Devon  
EX14 1LW

**Trustees -** The following individuals served as Charity Trustees between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:

- Mr Jon Millard (Treasurer)
- Mrs Becky Kingdon (Secretary)
- Mrs Serena Brooks (Deacon)
- Mr Tim Judson (Pastor) (9<sup>th</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December)
- Mr James Tupper (Deacon) (25<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> December)
- Mr Richard Lucas (1<sup>st</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> May)

**Property Trustees-** Baptist Union Corporation Ltd  
Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway,  
Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT

### **Bankers-**

**General Account:** Lloyds  
82 High Street  
Honiton  
EX14 1JJ

**Restricted Account:** Lloyds  
82 High Street  
Honiton  
EX14 1JJ

**Independent Examiner -** Emily Wilkinson

## Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes –

Honiton Family Church (HFC) is an unincorporated association with Managing (Charity) Trustees appointed by a meeting of Members.

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which allows open membership so that persons who have not been baptised in the manner described in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle may at the discretion of the members' meeting be accepted for membership based on their own public profession of faith. All members are encouraged to take part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Members meetings take place four times a year and have responsibility for the overall policy of the church. Additional meetings are held as required. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the members), are collectively known as the Diaconate. The Diaconate have overall responsibility for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the members meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in members meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. HFC is governed by a church constitution. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meetings by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

2020 was both an exciting and challenging year in the life of HFC. The arrival of the global pandemic and various government restrictions in March 2020 have required us to adapt and to find new ways to serve and support our church family and wider community over the majority of this past year.

We were very pleased to welcome Pastor Tim Judson and his family into the fellowship in February of 2020. Once our new Pastor was in place, the fixed-term paid role of 'Church Administrative Coordinator' (fulfilled by Sarah Bird) came to its end. The role of 'Church Administrative Coordinator' was created in 2019 to help ensure that church life, our administrative requirements and our outreach were able continue and to develop during the pastoral vacancy. This role ended in March 2020.

Towards the end of 2020, HFC felt the financial impact of the pandemic and the decision was taken to make two paid roles within the church redundant. The role of 'Administrative Support' (fulfilled by Becky Kingdon) ended on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020. The role of 'Pastoral Assistant' (fulfilled by Rose Millard) ended on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. As well as the Pastor, as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, HFC also continues to employ a part-time cleaner but volunteers now fulfil all the other roles in the church.

## Objectives –

HFC is a Baptist Church and is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. HFC is governed by a church constitution which is based on “*20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 Approved Governing Document for BUGB churches*”. This document states that the principal purpose of the charity is “the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.” HFC occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Trust Corporation on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

### **We as a church seek to be:**

- Focused on Christ Jesus, in an ever-deepening relationship with him
- Family-friendly, committed to everyone; both young and old
- Growing spiritually and numerically
- Reaching into the heart of our community
- A spiritual and practical presence throughout Honiton, serving its people
- Developing closer and more meaningful relationships with each other

We aim to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as the Living Lord. Moreover, we aim to be a church that welcomes people of all types and experiences into our church family confident in the transforming power of Jesus in all our lives.

In order to achieve this, HFC provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the wider community. HFC is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church’s activities. Many of these activities run with little or no impact on the church’s expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church’s objectives.

## Regular Activities -

### Sunday Services –

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am in a local school building. We aim for our services to be accessible to seekers as well as both new and mature Christians by having a simple and fluid service structure.

The service begins with an accessible talk and an action song before the children and young people go out to their groups where they engage in Christian learning, activities and games. After the services, attendees are invited to stay for light refreshments.

Communion Services are held during our morning services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in each month. There are also “seasonal” services at other times. All services are advertised within HFC and to the wider community in order to reach the widest possible audience.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March onwards our Sunday services were held online. This decision was taken in light of COVID-19 and the resulting government guidelines. Meeting online enabled us to reach a far wider audience and we have welcomed many new faces to our Sunday services. Our membership and church family has continued to grow over this past year despite the social restrictions. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020, HFC has 47 church members.

We feel blessed to have been able to continue to support and encourage people through our Sunday services. We hope to begin meeting in person once it is safe to do so in 2021 but will continue to look at how we can make our Sunday services more accessible online for those who cannot meet in person, who are further afield or who prefer attending online.

### Children’s Work –

**Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group** – Little Stars runs every week during term time and is attended by, on average, twenty 0-5 year olds and their carers. We are encouraged to regularly see new parents attending. We have themes, parties and trips and at the end of the summer term we hold a “graduation ceremony” during our Sunday Service for those starting school.

Little Stars is a great access point in to church and it is a great way for us to build relationships with our wider community. We have been able to invite the families in attendance to other events including services, family and community events as well as the ‘Kidsmatter’ parenting course which continues to be a great success.

From March 2020 onwards, the Little Stars Parent and Toddler Group began meeting online. This was again due to the pandemic. We set up an online support group for parents, carers and volunteers to stay in touch. Each Monday, we held an online story-time for our Little Stars community to watch live. Meeting online meant that we were able to continue to reach out to local families and offer input and encouragement during a time when toddler groups were not able to meet safely. We look forward to opening our doors and meeting in person in 2021 when it is safe to do so.

**Families Events** - Our families events provide outreach for the whole family unit. Due to the pandemic and resulting government restrictions, our usual activities were limited. However, we were pleased to be able to hold a family Nativity service online in December.

**Sunday Mornings** - Our Sunday morning youth and children’s groups are formed into – First Steps for 0-5’s (5 regulars), Strides for KS1 (11 regulars), Leaps for KS2 (11 regulars) and Youth (with up to 7 attendees). We use age specific teaching materials and our volunteers are formed into teams and are overseen by age group co-ordinators. We follow

Scripture Union's resources Tiddlywinks, Splash and X-Stream notes, giving the children an overview of the Bible as well as every day application. From the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March onwards, our age group co-ordinators worked to make weekly online videos available for our children and families to access. The team also produced seasonal activity packs for our children and families containing crafts and bible-based learning.

**Youth Work** - A couple of online events were held during the pandemic to enable the young people to connect. These were primarily in a social capacity. We were also able to hold a 'bonfire and smores night' in person when restrictions allowed it. All activities were carried out with appropriate safeguarding procedures in place. The struggle of COVID-19 has prompted reflection in terms of how we might best serve youth and families in the long-term, and discussions have been going on to draw from the Kitchen Table Project for both children and youth, to help facilitate discipleship within the family unit.

**Bricks4Kids** is an after-school club held each Wednesday during term-time for primary school-aged children with autism and similar difficulties. We provide structured activities based around Lego, a story and sensory toys. This group is open to families in Honiton and surrounding areas. This group was put on hold when the pandemic began in March of 2020. We have a small online support group so that parents and carers can stay in contact and support each other. We look forward to restarting this group once we are able to meet in person in 2021.

### Pastoral Care –

The pastoral team faced an interesting challenge in 2020 as social restrictions were put into place in March and face-to-face meetings were no-longer possible. While we were limited with regards to social interaction, the need for pastoral support within our church community and wider community was still very much present. Many of our usual activities were able to continue online or over the telephone including, mentoring, life groups, prayer meetings, Kidsmatter and Babiesmatter. We were also able to host an online Marriage Course using resources from Care for the Family which was a great success.

Due to the 'Pastoral Assistant' role regrettably being made redundant in December 2020, we have begun to draw life group leaders in a bit more intentionally to take greater responsibility for those they are overseeing. Going forward, those who are on the fringes of the church will be unofficially adopted by life groups so as to ensure that no one is isolated in the support they are offering or receiving.

**The Team** - The Pastoral Care team (a team of staff and volunteers) meets regularly to discuss pastoral issues and specific individuals in a confidential and supportive environment and, prayerfully, forge the best way forward. Once a term we invite the life group leaders to gather their input and make sure they know what we are up to in terms of support and visits. In this way, we hope to provide support for all those who are part of HFC in whatever capacity. This support takes a number of forms and, given our limited resources, is largely based around walking alongside somebody in difficult times, listening

and praying with them as well as signposting more practical help in the form of CAB, CAP or Social Services.

We have a number of families and individuals struggling with mental health issues; depression, anxiety and the effects of living with children with additional needs. Through life groups, mentoring (with tailored plans) and preaching series on a Sunday as well as on-going pastoral care and prayer, we help deal with these issues.

**Life Groups** - HFC runs a number of life groups. These groups encourage social fellowship and growth of faith and discipleship. Although our life groups are attended mainly by church members, they are open to anyone who would like to make contact with a group and learn more about the Christian faith.

Our groups meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They are informal social events with part of the meeting dedicated to Christian learning and prayer. The groups provide a great opportunity to encourage one another and to pray for those who are struggling with life both within and outside of HFC.

**Mentoring** - Spiritual mentoring is a way of accompanying one another through a spiritual journey; two people become "soul friends", studying the Bible together, praying, sharing life and faith, and being spiritually accountable. We currently have 23 such relationships, some of which are formal, with a written agreement to be mentors to one another, that the church agrees to support. Other relationships are more fluid and informal. The Youth of the church have also been taking part in this system of spiritual guidance. Whilst the pandemic has made it difficult for some partnerships to continue in the same way as before, those that have flourished have found great blessing and encouragement in being companions, and we hope to build on our mentoring in the future.

**Prayer Meetings** – We are committed to being a church family that regularly gathers together to pray for our church and for our wider community. Our monthly prayer gatherings have been well attended over the past year and have continued to be so in the lockdown, over video-conferencing. In addition, there is an ongoing prayer office, three days a week and weeks of prayer have been held to mark important events in the calendar. These prayer gatherings have been a valuable way in which we have been able to support our community while not being able to meet physically.

**Kidsmatter and Babiesmatter** - The Kidsmatter Parenting Group covers a range of topics from how we give and share love within a family to routines and rewards. The Babiesmatter Parenting Group aims to support and equip new parents. Both courses provide an opportunity to share experiences and to find solutions and new ideas for issues together. These courses have been a positive way to reach out into the community to non-Christians and Christians alike.

**Safeguarding** - The safeguarding team meet regularly to discuss matters of concern and to update procedures. In order to provide a safe and trusted environment, we ensure that all our volunteers working with children and adults at risk are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We ensure that all volunteers understand and adhere to our Safeguarding policy.

### Other Regular Activities –

Throughout 2020 we have had to adjust and find new ways to engage with and support our local community. Many of our usual social events and family events were not able to continue as planned. However, we have been excited to develop new relationships within our local community and learn through the pandemic what areas of need there are in Honiton and the surrounding area.

**Work parties** – From June 2020 onwards, a small group of church volunteers met once a week (in line with government restrictions) to repair and redecorate our church building. This work was carried out in order to prepare the building for reopening. We look forward to reopening and being able to use our building to serve our church, our town and our community in 2021.

**Christmas Market** - In December 2020, we hosted an outdoor Christmas market coordinated by a local community organisation named 'Honiton Forward'. This three-day market aimed to support local small businesses and give them some much needed income during the pandemic. This market was widely advertised throughout our local community and was a great success.

### Charitable Giving –

HFC has a link with Compassion UK. Compassion UK is a Christian charity that seeks to release children from poverty through child sponsorship. Compassion UK provides vulnerable children with food, clothing, education, access to medical care and the care of their local church. In January 2020, HFC hosted a 'Compassion Sunday' service during which the church congregation heard about Compassion UK's work and specifically the contribution HFC has been able to make to children around the world through Compassion UK. This service also gave those attending the opportunity to sponsor a child.

In past years we have given to Home Mission and BMS. Due to the changing climate in 2020, we did not donate financially to Home Mission or BMS but look forward to being able to give again in the future.

HFC commits itself to supporting missionary work, both local and further afield, through financial giving and in prayer.

## 2020 HFC Annual Financial Summary

Despite the challenges of lockdown and changes in way the church operated in 2020, we were able to continue operating, mainly due to the generosity of our members and occasional other kind donations. The bulk of our income was from donations (£36,000) and associated gift aid (£5,600). Lettings was the other main source of income, from both the church building in the first quarter (£3,400) and the manse (£9,000) throughout the year.

Due to the lockdown in March and restrictions throughout the rest of the year, only the first quarter saw the 'normal' operating procedures from 2019 continuing. The church was closed from March and has still not re-opened (at time of writing), so while running costs were reduced and on-line services meant we weren't renting a hall and various classrooms from a local school for a Sunday morning, there was no lettings income from the church after March (expected income would be around £10,000).

The main expenses in 2020 were stipend/salaries (£39,600). We were pleased to welcome our new pastor in late February and he has been working part-time (on an 85% stipend) since then. After much prayer and thoughtful discussion with church members the decision was made to make two part-time staff redundant in the Autumn. Having to fund our new pastor, changing church needs, reduction in income due to lockdown and the expectation of costs for building repairs in the near future necessitated this difficult decision to be made.

Other expenses were largely due to running costs for the church building and pastor's house (£4,500 in all) as well as helping our new pastor move to Honiton and settle in (£2,200). There was little capital expenditure on the church building in 2020 with the main expense being to 'make safe' and improve the electrics (£1,400).

We continue to transfer £100 per month from the General Account into a Reserve to build-up a 'rainy day' fund, as is good practice. There is now around two months' worth of regular expenditure in this account (£7,000).

In 2020, significantly more transactions were completed electronically and most donors and creditors are now comfortable with on-line banking, making treasuring more efficient with less physical counting of money. There is still the requirement for authorisation of payments by two trustees (both for physical and on-line banking) before any funds can be paid out. Three deacons are able to authorise any payments.

Even though the 2020 HFC accounts show a £3,300 deficit overall, there is still a healthy balance available for continued running of the church in 2021.

The accounts (on pages 9 and 10) have been agreed with the external examiner.

Jon Millard, HFC Treasurer 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021

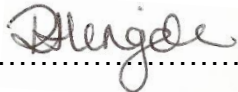
## Achievements and Performance –

HFC does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers (including financial numbers), but also in areas like fellowship, encouragement and the development of people's lives to cope with the difficulties of living in today's world. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure, but believe that 2020 has been a positive year in the life of the church, as it continues to re-invent itself and pursue its mission to:

**'Love God, Love People, Love Honiton'.**

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

This Annual Report was approved by the trustees on: ...17/05/2021

Signed on behalf of the trustees by: 1-  ..... (Signature)  
.....R Kingdon..... (Name)  
.....Church Secretary.... (Position)

2-  ..... (Signature)  
.....J Millard..... (Name)  
.....Treasurer..... (Position)




## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift Aided Donations	18,634	—	—	18,634	21,535
Tax refund on Gift Aid	5,576	—	—	5,576	4,436
One-off Grants (Furlough)	569	—	—	569	—
Use of Church	3,439	—	—	3,439	13,597
General Offerings	1,913	—	—	1,913	10,805
Youth Groups	—	—	—	—	2,005
Donations	15,737	500	—	16,237	15,179
Baptism/marriage/funerals	—	—	—	—	195
Club 30 donations	250	—	—	250	360
J Tots room rental	—	—	—	—	130
Café	—	46	—	46	2,353
Manse rent	9,000	—	—	9,000	—
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,118</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>55,663</b>	<b>70,595</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,118</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>55,663</b>	<b>70,595</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	39,601	—	—	39,601	21,704
Minister's travel	19	—	—	19	284
Visitor's fees	—	—	—	—	692
Visitors expenses	—	—	—	—	69
Manse council tax	1,796	—	—	1,796	466
Manse water	—	—	—	—	99
Manse rent	236	—	—	236	2,400
Manse insurance	234	—	—	234	0
Manse repairs	—	—	—	—	436
Church electricity	545	—	—	545	912
Church gas	914	—	—	914	1,324
Church water	572	—	—	572	829
Church equip repair/main	502	—	—	502	602
Church bldg repairs/main	2,519	—	—	2,519	701
Church clean & housekeep	203	—	—	203	616
Administration expenses	5,696	—	—	5,696	8,659
Missionary giving	—	—	—	—	2,260
Youth Groups	477	—	—	477	4,578
Cafe	—	21	—	21	808
BMS	—	—	—	—	100
Home Mission	—	—	—	—	90
Ministry	—	—	—	—	1,210
Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	12,000
Other	5,644	—	—	5,644	13,380
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>58,958</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>58,979</b>	<b>74,219</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>58,958</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>58,979</b>	<b>74,219</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(3,840)</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(3,315)</b>	<b>(3,624)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>22,154</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,617</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,314</b>	<b>4,988</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23,302</b>	<b>(3,624)</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	11,352	-	-
	Reserve	6,962	-	-
	Buildings	-	1,153	-
	Manse Deposit	-	750	-
	Home Mission	-	30	-
	Manse refurb	-	3,055	-
	Ministry	-	-	-
	Youth Worker	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>18,314</b>	<b>4,988</b>
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>		OK	OK	#VALUE!
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift aid rebate Sep to Dec - approx	1,115	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			0	0
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	Unrestricted	0	0
	Manse	Unrestricted	0	0
	Computers and sound equipment	Unrestricted	0	0
	Chairs, tables and piano	Unrestricted	0	0
	Youth and Childrens toys	Unrestricted	0	0
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Outstanding Expenses	Unrestricted	(80)	
<small>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</small>		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			J Millard	08/04/2021



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Honiton Family Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1181615

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 05/05/2021

**Name:** Emily Wilkinson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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