



## 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  
82 High Street Honiton  
EX14 1JJ

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

**Independent Examiner –** Chloe Reed

## 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 six 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 ensuring the successful day to day running of the church's work and witness, as well as 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.

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.

## Objectives –

HFC is a Baptist Church and is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (Baptists Together). HFC is governed by a church constitution that is based on “20th March 2008 Approved Governing Document for BUGB churches.” This document states that the principal purpose of our 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.

As Honiton Family Church are oriented by a vision to “Seek God’s kingdom in Devon as in heaven”. This means 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.
- We aim to embody Christ both inside the church, and within the town and wider area.

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:** 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)  
118185

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2022		31/12/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	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>

### A3 Payments

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

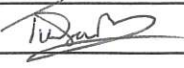
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	5,586	-	-
	Reserve account	15,749	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	21,335	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

  
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TIM JUDSON

19.10.23  
19/10/2023





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### 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

(Indicate the pages of the accounts to which the report relates, including any supplementary pages.)

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.

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:

*Chloe Reed*

Date:

19/10/23

Name:

Chloe Reed.

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

Simon A Martin Accountants.

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