



*Learning to live with God
and to love like Christ*



HARBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Published for AGM – 27th March 2023



Annual Report for Year ending 31st December 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are presented on a Receipts and Payments basis as allowed under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') provided the charity's gross income is not over £250,000.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

Charity Status

Harborne Baptist Church registered with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2022 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). However, our church was advised by Solicitors acting for us that the church could not officially operate as a CIO until all legal paperwork was in place, including the transfer of assets and liabilities. This all came together a few months later. We began operating as a CIO on 1st March 2023.

We are in membership with the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Managing Trustees

The Church was administered by the following who were the Managing Trustees of the Charity for the 12 months from the AGM in March 2021. All those named below were appointed as the first trustees of the CIO, as listed in the new governing document dated 31st May 2022:-

Minister & Chairman	Revd. Peter Maycock
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Deacons	Sarah Barnett Jill Oldfield Helen Salter Joshua Smith Katie Stafford Roger Thompson Luis Todino Jackie Wheeldon
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Church Secretary	Michael Taylor
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Church Treasurer	Brenda Green
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church's governing document covering the period up to 31st May 2022 was adopted at Church Meeting on Monday 18th May 2009 and set out the objects of the charity. This was replaced by a new governing document for our CIO, and was adopted at a Special General Meeting of church members on 31st May 2022.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Managing Trustees which make up the Leadership Team consist of Minister, Deacons plus Church Secretary and Church Treasurer (if not already a deacon), up to a maximum of 12 trustees. Deacons are chosen from among existing church members and annual elections are held at the Church Annual General Meeting by ballot - postal votes permitted by the constitution. Nominees must secure a vote of at least 60% of eligible votes. The roles of Secretary and Treasurer may be covered by deacons or by additional appointments at Annual General Meeting.

Induction and Training of Trustees

Two church members were newly elected as deacons at our AGM in March 2022, and two retiring deacons were re-elected for a second term. DBS checks for all Trustees are up to date with only one coming up for renewal during 2023. Trustees undertook training on how to deal with pastoral issues.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed and regulated by its own members where all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the approval of the Church Meeting which is normally held every 2 months. (Constitution minimum 4 times per year).

Minister of the Church is a paid Managing Trustee and with the assistance of the Leadership Team, gives leadership to the Church.

The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Heart of England Baptist Association

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Heart of England Baptist Association. The Church will normally promote, encourage, support and advance the work of the Baptist Union, the Association and BMS World Mission through prayer, through financial contributions and, where appropriate, by making personnel available from the membership of the Church. When it is able the Church will also support local Baptist and ecumenical gatherings. The Church pays an annual subscription to BUGB based upon its membership numbers and tithes 5% of the previous year's general giving to the BUGB Home Mission Fund and a further 5% to BMS World Mission.

Relationships between the Charity and other Related Parties

The Church has been an active member of Churches Together in Harborne, with at least one Church Member appointed to attend forum meetings in addition to the Minister. CTH forum meetings have yet to resume after the pandemic, though local ministers meet occasionally and there are still shared activities between the local churches.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the Charity

In fulfilling the purpose the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. The Activities may include but are not restricted to: regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; baptism, as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle; evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; giving and encouraging pastoral care; supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Charity's Aims

Under the BAPTIST UNION DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

The basis of this Union is:

1. That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.
2. That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day."
3. That it is the duty of every disciple to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.

Church Secretary's Report 2022

I headed my report for last year's AGM, with the words....What Next?

As I reflected then, on the way you step up to the various challenges that the church was facing, as we moved forward out of the restrictions of Covid.

Throughout the past 12 months, the leadership team have been greatly encouraged by the willingness of the fellowship to get involved in the various ministries of the church as we have tried to make sure no one is missed out.

I for one was not expecting what came next as we continue to discern the will of God for His Church here in Harborne, through our worship services and our monthly church meetings.

We have been truly blessed by God as we have seen a significant increase in our numbers in church for our Sunday worship which now average out at around 140, as friends have moved away from the online worship which now have an average of around 14 people watching on the live stream. Within these figures there is a significant number of friends who have newly joined us either by personal invitation that you have put out or who came to us having shared in one of the many activities that take place throughout the week.

Reflecting back over the year.....

We have celebrated with families the birth of 3 babies born in 2022.

We have celebrated in 4 baptismal services and welcomed new members into the fellowship.

Sadly, some of us have had to say final farewells to family members, friends, loved ones who have been called home to be with our Lord.

Within the fellowship, we know many of us are still battling with various difficulties and illnesses which we encounter. I know that the leadership team under the guidance of our minister Peter and with the wider fellowship, have indeed continued to strive to try and ensure that no one is missed out or excluded from the pastoral care and concern we have for one another.

Again this has been highly visible through the various home groups and prayer gathering that is ongoing.

As in previous years the scripture has been powerfully proclaimed in Church as our Minister Peter continues to share the Word of God with us to help us grow stronger in our faith and our understanding of the Bible. I am thankful that we have within our fellowship 3 retired ministers and others in the fellowship, who I can call on when Pete

is away, as well as other outside contacts through HEBA, Birmingham City Mission to enable me to engage a variety of speakers to share with us the Word of God.

To the leadership team I say 'Thank You' for all that you do in so many different areas of church life and for the support and encouragement you give to both Pete and myself. A special thank you to Jackie and Luis, who retire as deacons, for your very valued input which I am sure will continue in other ways as the Lord continues to bless you both.

To Brenda, our Church Treasurer, I don't know where to begin, so let me just say I really don't know how you did all that you did as our Church Treasurer but I, along with the fellowship take this opportunity to say....

'A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID IN THE ROLE OF CHURCH TREASURER AND FOR SO MANY YEARS.'

I also have to thank our Centre Manager Cynthia for the very important part she has played in the day to day running and upkeep of the building. For the overseeing of the many user groups, the organising of the Warm Spaces and securing of the funding. This is just a snapshot of the many things our Centre Manager does.

Our Office Administrator Manjit who looks after the admin side of the office and works alongside our Centre Manager to keep us well informed of the many church activities and meetings.

As with the Oscars, my list of individuals is way too long to list, but what I will say is a

'BIG THANK YOU'

to you all, for all you do in so many different ways, in ensuring that Harborne Baptist Church is open to all and a safe place for us to worship and meet together, building up stronger relationships and long-lasting friendships with God and one another.

Looking forward, I personally am very excited about Youth Alpha currently in progress and constantly praying for our young people taking part and the leaders involved and praying for the vision of what we will invest in to ensure that our youth will continue to grow in fellowship together.

I am also looking to hear from YOU, the fellowship, of what the Lord is saying to you as part of the wider church vision.

My prayer and word of encouragement for us as we journey on throughout the year is drawn from the scripture teaching from Romans 12: 10-13

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.*

MAY OUR LORD ALMIGHTY CONTINUE TO BLESS US AS WE SEEK AND SERVE HIM TOGETHER ON OUR JOURNEY FORWARD.

Michael Taylor
Church Secretary

ACTIVITY DURING 2022

Church Groups

Sunday Services

Sunday Services continued to grow throughout the year, with occasional Shared Lunches, Church Picnics and other events on Sunday afternoons. We continue to live stream our services through YouTube, which has been valued by those unable to attend services onsite.

Church Members' Meetings

These took place onsite, with some members attending via Zoom. Church Members took the decision to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Church Prayer Gathering

On the first Wednesday of each month, we gathered to pray for local, national and international concerns.

Food Bank Collection

In 2022 we changed our Food Bank Collection, inviting church attenders to bring donations of food for our local Food Bank to our Communion Services (usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month). This food is delivered by volunteers to our local Food Bank.

Harborne Community Café

Run in partnership with The Real Junk Food Project Central, the Community Café returned in 2022 on a monthly basis. Providing a hot meal on a Pay As You Feel basis, the Café combats food waste and food poverty, with volunteers from The Real Junk Food Project Central and HBC working together to prepare and serve food.

HBC Fellowship Facebook Page

This is a closed group restricted to people from within the HBC fellowship. We can share news, prayer requests, helpful or informative videos, celebrate birthdays, advertise church events, etc.

HBC YouTube Channel

Videos of services and other online activities are available to watch on YouTube. The link to follow is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HarborneBaptistChurch>

Home Groups

Our three home groups met twice each month on a Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. These groups continued to meet at church, providing a safe and supportive space for those attending to discuss the Bible, pray together and offer pastoral support to one another.

Junior Church

Junior Church caters for primary and secondary school aged children and young people and meets three Sundays each month.

Leadership Team Meetings

The Deacons and other trustees met monthly throughout the year to discuss matters of finance, ministry, pastoral concerns, safeguarding, and practical issues.

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team continued to keep in touch, aware of the ongoing impact of the isolation caused by the pandemic. However, we are once again reminded that it's everyone's responsibility to look out for each other.

Place of Welcome

Open every Thursday, 10.30am-12.30pm, the Place of Welcome offers friendship, conversation and free tea, coffee and biscuits to anyone in our community. In 2022, the Digital Literacy Project began offering monthly advice sessions called 'Digital Drop Ins' at the Place of Welcome too.

WhatsApp Groups

Several WhatsApp groups have been independently created for different purposes, offering support, passing on information, friendship groups, prayer request.

Warm Spaces @HBC Initiative

As the cost-of-living crisis developed during the autumn, we launched our 'Warm Spaces @HBC' initiative. This involved fund raising and volunteer mobilising to expand our provision of free, warm, safe and welcoming activities for our community across the winter. We partnered with other organisations, including some of those listed below. In December, we hosted a Photo Exhibition as part of this initiative.

User Groups

We were pleased to welcome the following user groups in 2022:

Alcoholics Anonymous

A weekly meeting was held in our building throughout the year.

Birmingham Adult Education Service/Lordswood & Ridgeacre Road Surgeries

The Social Prescribers Service from Lordswood Medical Practice, in conjunction with the Birmingham Adult Education Service, ran various courses through the year, including a 'Bounce Back Course' helping people back into social contact after the lockdown. In November, as part of Warm Spaces @HBC, 'Creative Wellbeing Arts and Crafts' was launched – a weekly activity on Friday mornings, providing a drop-in arts and crafts space, with church volunteers helping to host and welcome.

Christian Music Ministries (CMM) Choir

CMM returned to onsite rehearsals, meeting on Monday evenings for the choir to prepare for their performances.

Harborne Dance School

Offering lessons in varying styles of modern dance for children of all ages.

Safe Families

A new user group, Safe Families is a charity that works with 35+ local authorities around the UK to offer hope, belonging and support to children, families and care leavers; we do this primarily, but not exclusively, with and through local churches. Safe Families use our building to run volunteer training courses on a monthly basis.

Southlink Charter Centre

The centre continued to meet, providing a safe haven for people coping with mental health issues.

U3A [University of the 3rd Age] - Harborne/Edgbaston

Various special interest groups met in our building throughout the year – groups meeting in 2022 included Literature, Gardening, and the USA.

Ukrainian Guests and Hosts Coffee Morning

This new coffee morning, for Ukrainian guests and hosts, is organised by members of various local churches. The group began meeting in September and has proved to be a popular and valued community resource.

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HARBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2022

As presented to the AGM Monday 27th March 2023

Introduction to the Accounts: 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

When comparing 2022 figures with those of the previous year it should be noted that 2021 was a year of recovery for Harborne Baptist Church after the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, in some instances, increases in figures for 2022 may simply be a return to normal levels.

Money in the following funds are spread over several bank accounts held with Lloyds Bank and Santander, and respective figures brought together here.

General funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds – these are funds set aside for specific purposes or projects but which can be called on for general purposes if needed.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for specified purposes within the objects of the charity.

For information:

PCC = Prince's Community Centre, also known as [Southlink] Charter Centre

CHURCH OWNED MANSE = 131a Lordswood Road, Harborne. Since 2009, Ministers have opted to live in their own property so the church manse has been let out to tenants through a letting agent, currently Dixons/Countrywide.

MINISTER'S ACCOMMODATION = Baptist churches are responsible for the accommodation expenses of their minister(s), whether living in a church-owned manse or living in their own property.

'LEASEBACK' = In the case of a Baptist minister living in their own property, the minister's home is also a work-place so the church agrees to pay 'rent'.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS = valuations given are insurance valuations not sale values.

HARBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUNDS		2022		2021
RECEIPTS				
1 Regular giving and GA refunds		62,284.80		42,782.49
2 Donations & other income		12,601.89		12,933.64
3 Investment income		10.72		2.25
5 Rents & contributions		60,977.58		56,113.25
TOTAL IN		135,874.99		111,831.63
PAYMENTS				
6 Ministry: Including pension deficit contributions		45,042.12		46,049.03
7 Mission		10,001.80		8,787.23
8 Upkeep		32,737.84		33,174.03
9 Staff, Office and Administration		34,265.81		27,702.40
TOTAL OUT		122,047.57		115,712.69
Surplus/Deficit for the year		13,827.42		-3,881.06
Balance b/f from previous year: Lloyds		6511.96		23,076.75
Balance b/f from previous year: Santander		34148.5		31,104.15
General Funds balance		54,487.88		50,299.84
less Gift Aid refunds reassigned to designated funds				-9,498.89
less shortfall restricted funds covered by general funds		-310.60		-140.49
GENERAL FUNDS c/f to next year		54,177.28		40,660.46
GA monies transferred to Space Hive (to be returned to HBC)		2,331.05		
Held in bank		51,846.23		40,660.46
Total general funds held at 31.12.22		54,177.28		40,660.46

NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUNDS prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis				
RECEIPTS		2022		2021
1 Regular giving and Gift Aid refunds				
Regular offerings (blue bag & direct giving)	47,493.31		42,782.49	
Gift Aid refunds	14,791.49		0.00	
		62,284.80		42,782.49
2 Donations & other income				
Donations/legacies	263.31		6,109.00	
Refunds various	1,136.31		0.00	
Income from photocopying	23.00		25.00	
Sundries 'other'	711.28		854.22	
Sundries catering	197.89			
Furlough grants	0.00		3,603.42	
Grants	5,163.00			
Gift Day	5,107.10		2,342.00	
		12,601.89		12,933.64
3 Investment income				
Bank interest Lloyds	4.77		1.54	
Bank interest Santander	5.95		0.71	
		10.72		2.25

Receipts cont'd

5 Rents & contributions for use of premises		2022		2021
Gross rent from church owned manse	15,900.00		15,675.00	
Room hire	8,025.58		3,950.25	
Rental of Princes Community Centre	25,140.00		25,140.00	
Car Park Rental	11,912.00		11,348.00	
		60,977.58		56,113.25
TOTAL IN		135,874.99		111,831.63

PAYMENTS		2022		2021
6 Ministry				
Minister: Tax, stipend, NI, travel, pension, employer contrib.	29,331.03		28,779.19	
Manse expenses	2,638.95		2,516.88	
Leaseback arrangement	10,500.00		10,100.00	
Pulpit expenses	180.00		620.00	
Pension deficit contributions	2,392.14		4,032.96	
		45,042.12		46,049.03
7 Mission				
Gifts/donations to others	187.11		64.95	
Tithes to BMS & HM	4,440.00		4,530.00	
HM & Pastoral Fund (equivalent to 50% pension deficit cont)	510.00			
Junior Church	1,319.45		335.17	
Home group, UCB notes, worship supplies	991.69		2,686.11	
Safe Families 2022 B'ham Children's Hospital (2021)	2,553.55		1,171.00	
		10,001.80		8,787.23
8 Upkeep of church premises				
Repairs/maint'ce/replacements HBC/PCC	8,179.98		13,296.05	
Gas / electricity HBC/PCC	6,000.16		4,047.20	
Cleaner/cleaning, cleaning supplies HBC/PCC	11,228.94		11,158.93	
Sundry: incl baptistry heater £1170	2,420.87		299.00	
Insurance: HBC & Princes Community Centre	3,961.44		3,451.46	
Church owned manse: Insurance	460.13		421.98	
Boiler contract	400.82		397.41	
Maintenance	0.00		102.00	
Maint'ce via Dixons	85.50			
		32,737.84		33,174.03
9 Administration				
Printing, stationery, certs, posters etc	2,140.91		2,208.32	
Telephone / internet and postage	1,317.60		755.21	
Office & website	589.81		893.58	
Subscriptions / licences	2,005.77		1,616.98	
Staffing	20,089.63		18,181.27	
Conferences / training courses	1,766.60		274.99	
Fees/sundries to letting agent of manse	2,029.20		1,895.70	
Sundries: refunds of rental (cancelled due to Covid)	0.00		891.00	
Sundries - Solicitors	1,882.20			
Sundries - Catering	1,561.67			
Sundries: other	882.42		985.35	
		34,265.81		27,702.40
TOTAL OUT		£122,047.57		£115,712.69

4 RESTRICTED FUNDS		2022		2021
<i>Money given for specified causes</i>				
RECEIPTS				
Home Mission		70.00		67.00
BMS		589.10		590.99
World Vision 5ps		289.31		47.00
Pastoral fund		62.00		60.00
Special collections	Ukraine	601.50	358.02	(Macmillan)
	Christian Aid	65.00	285.00	
	BCT Restore 2021	0.00	260.60	
	Thai Church 2022	165.00	831.50	0.00
				903.62
	TOTAL IN	1,841.91		1,668.61
PAYMENTS				
Home Mission		70.00		67.00
BMS		579.10		590.99
World Vision		327.80		357.60
Pastoral fund		62.00		60.00
Special collections	Ukraine	601.50	358.02	(Macmillan)
	Christian Aid	65.00	285.00	
	BCT Restore 2021	0.00	260.60	
	Thai Church 2022	165.00	831.50	0.00
				903.62
	TOTAL OUT	1,870.40		1,979.21
Deficit for the year		-28.49		-310.60
Balance b/f from last year		0.00		0.00
Shortfall covered by general funds (World Vision)		-38.49		-310.60
Balance to carry forward (BMS World Mission)		10.00		0.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS (Ongoing Building Fund)		2022		2021
RECEIPTS				
Standing orders		1,200.00		1,200.00
Gift Aid		120.00		0.00
		1,320.00		1,200.00
PAYMENTS				
None		0.00		0.00
		0.00		0.00
Surplus for the year		1,320.00		1,200.00
2021 Gift Aid refunds from 2020 re-assigned from General Funds				9,498.89
Building Funds brought forward		21,155.35		10,456.46
Building Funds carried forward to next year		22,475.35		21,155.35

DESIGNATED FUNDS (Flower Ministry - cash fund)		2022		2021
RECEIPTS				
Donations		432.00		256.50
		432.00		256.50
PAYMENTS				
Fresh flowers		394.35		265.63
Accessories		46.62		15.75
		440.97		281.38
Surplus/Deficit for the year		-8.97		-24.88
Donations c/f in advance		0.00		30.00
Balance b/f from previous year		58.80		53.68
Balance carried forward to next year		49.83		58.80

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER				
10 ASSETS		2022		2021
TOTAL Bank and cash balances		£76,673.97		£61,564.01
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS				
General Funds		54,177.28		40,660.46
Designated Funds (Building Fnd & Flower Min)		22,525.18		21,214.15
Restricted Funds		-28.49		-310.60
		76,673.97		61,564.01
11 LIABILITIES				
Baptist Pension Scheme	See next page	0	as at 31/12/21	18,148.00

10 NON-MONETARY ASSETS (buildings + church owned contents)					
a) Held for investment purposes					
Princes Community Centre insured for	Sep-22	£399,629	Sep-21	£355,222	
Church owned manse 131a Lordswood Rd insured for	Feb-23	£353,315	Feb-22	£295,907	
b) Held for the Church's own use					
Harborne Baptist Church insured for	Sep-22	£2,024,784	Sep-21	£1,799,787	
The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the 3 assets in item 10, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee [the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd]. The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with a total insured value of:					
		£175,856		£156,415	

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relate to the year ending 31 December 2022, are as approved by the deacons.

Signed: Brenda Green

Position: Church Treasurer

Date: 13th March 2023

Pension Scheme Liabilities

The Church is a participating employer the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. Since 1 January 2012, benefits have been provided through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan as at 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. At the valuation date the market value of the DB Plan assets was £298 million, whilst the level of assets needed to pay benefits was £316m, giving a deficit of £18m (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit. The next actuarial valuation of the DB Plan within the Scheme is due to take place not later than as at 31 December 2022.

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

Treasurer's Report for the Church Financial Year 2022

The total general funds held at the end of 2022 was £54,177.28, an increase of approx. £13,516.82 on the previous year, due in part to an increase in bookings rental, receipt of grants and Gift Aid refunds and an increase in numbers attending on Sundays.

I am happy to report that in 2022 the average monthly regular giving, through direct giving and blue bag offering, increased by over 9% from 2021. Thank you to everyone who regularly supports Harborne Baptist Church in this way.

During 2022 Harborne Baptist Church paid the appropriate fees to Baptist Union of Great Britain. Annual tithes of £2,220 were sent to each of Home Mission and BMS World Mission. Since October, a further £85 monthly has been sent to Home Mission from the amount now saved by not having to pay pension deficit contributions.

All buildings and contents insurances have been renewed. There are no claims outstanding.

I am extremely grateful to Hilton Magwenzi, our Independent Examiner, who has examined all the many and varied accounts.

As 2022 progressed our church building became gradually busier mid-week, with increased activity from community groups from whom little or no rent was expected. Our Centre Manager Cynthia spent a huge amount of time in successfully applying for grants towards general running costs and materials needed to run a programme of Warm Spaces activities which has taken off really well here. Half our Gift Day total was also allocated to fund Warm Spaces, plus Cynthia set up a Crowd-funding appeal which raised further donations. With grants covering Warm Spaces during the winter months, Cynthia has been busy applying for further grants to extend the period for which our church can provide these same facilities.

Harborne Baptist Church began tentative steps in December 2019 towards becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which includes registering with the Charity Commission as part of the process; registration had been a concern for some time so we were eager to progress but Covid-19 delayed the application process. Harborne Baptist Church became a CIO at the end of June 2022 and was registered with the Charity Commission but church could not operate as a CIO till all other legal requirements had been undertaken and a new bank account opened (NB all bank accounts previously held will close). For various reasons this took another 8 months. At the time of writing this report Harborne Baptist Church has been operating as a CIO for less than one month.

So, with changes already underway in 2023, after 10 years as church treasurer I'm stepping down at the AGM. Many thanks for support given, and best wishes to those who take on the mantle.

Brenda Green
Treasurer

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Charity Registration 1199474 (registered 28th June 2022)*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HARBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1199474
CIO REGISTERED
28/6/22

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022 SECTION - ACCOUNTS

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:

- 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:

21 March 2023

Name:

HILTON T MAGWENZU

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

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF
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% CHURCH ADDRESS