

THE HYMN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

England & Wales · Charity number 248225

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1966-06-10

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH THE STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYMN AS AN EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THAT OBJECT BUT NOT FURTHER OR OTHERWISE THE SOCIETY MAY BRING TOGETHER FOR STUDY, RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIP THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HYMNS, WHETHER IN THEIR WORDS OR MUSIC, AND MAKE INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS TO THIS END. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CONSTITUTION).

Activities: The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, encouraging study and research in hymnody; promoting good standards of hymn-singing; encouraging the discerning use of hymns and songs in worship; sponsoring relevant publications.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£35,570	£32,731	-	-
2023-12-31	£35,780	£35,879	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,928	£37,849	-	-
2021-12-31	£13,188	£12,509	-	-
2020-12-31	£13,961	£12,559	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW PRATT		2024-07-23
Martin Ernest Leckebusch		2023-07-20
REVD DR JANET WOOTTON		2024-07-23
Rev Michael Garland		
Robert Canham Rev		

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

First, some dull but vital statistics. Our membership stands at 382: 276 in the UK and Ireland, 61 in Canada and the USA, 35 in continental Europe and 10 across Australia, Ghana, Japan, Nigeria, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan. This is a reduction of 4.5% over the year. We have 43 subscribing libraries, national deposit libraries and other institutions receiving our publications. These figures include 14 new members and also take account of 11 deaths among our membership. The latter include various friends who have been active in the Society, but particular mention must be made of Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith who died in August 2024 at the age of 97. Timothy had long been a member of, and a great ambassador for, the Society – I am one of many members whose first contact was through him – and for over 20 years he was one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents.

We remain thankful for those who serve the Society in numerous ways. Our Executive Committee met in Birmingham in February, and at Highgate House, Northamptonshire in July, ahead of the annual Conference. We plan to try an online meeting in October, but with a contingency date next February for a meeting in person. The Officers met online in March and June, with a further session scheduled for September.

Among our Officers we appreciate the work done by Michael Garland, our long-serving Treasurer; Anne Harrison, our Executive Vice-President; and Janet Wootton who has settled well into her new role as *Bulletin* editor, ably supported by the Editorial Committee: Michael Garland, Anne Harrison and Phil Price. We continue the process of secretarial transition from Robert Canham to his successors. Part of that is the appointment of Jonathan Buchan as our Archivist; we are working on how best to transfer the core of a physical archive from Robert in Cumbria to Jonathan in Glasgow. In the meantime, we are grateful for extra work by Executive members.

We are grateful that Phil Price has taken on the role of Website and Social Media Co-Ordinator; Ken Cope continues to manage our website, but Phil now provides a valuable focal point for contact with Ken. Thanks are also due to Kay Griffiths, whose pastoral contacts on our behalf are greatly appreciated, and to all who help in other ways: proof-reading, music setting and so on.

Our main event continues to be our annual Conference, whose highlight is obviously our AGM. But there are other high spots: the Festival of Hymns, this year at St Matthew's Church, Northampton, with commentary by Michael Garland and accompaniment by Thomas Moore; lectures by Rosalind Brown, Victoria Johnson, Iain McLarty, Mark Porter, Phil Price, Ian Sharp, Martin Tel and Gillian Warson with Immanuel's Ground Quire; not forgetting sectionals, Short Metre presentations and online demonstrations. The planning group of Michael Garland, Anne Harrison, Gillian Warson, Janet Wootton and myself are grateful for positive feedback, both verbal and written, from participants for this first Conference we have planned; a slightly reconstituted group will shortly look at lessons to be learned and press on with plans for 2026.

Other events in our own name have been rarer. On our behalf John Crothers led the Hymn Festival at the Charles Wood Summer School in Armagh last August. We have been interested in and supportive of the fortieth anniversary celebrations of the Pratt Green Trust in 2024; its hymn competition numbered several of our members among the judges and others among the entrants. Collaborations continue with our sister Societies, IAH in continental Europe (for whom Phil Price is now our representative) and in North America, HSUSC (with whom Gillian Warson keeps in close touch). We are also exploring new ways to partner with the Wild Goose Resource Group, represented at Conference by Iain McLarty.

As for the future, I feel we are in good heart despite the continual challenges of adapting to changing church landscapes, finding volunteers, reducing costs, and embracing new technology. Our particular focus going forward is our 90th anniversary year, 2026, with at least half an eye on our centenary ten years later. Janet Wootton is currently coordinating our planning for these areas and I'm sure will welcome your ideas and offers of help.

Martin Leckebusch
(Executive President) July 2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions				
Members	7,400	-	7,520	6,839
Libraries	780	-	780	1,155
Grants	7,300	-	7,300	1,800
Donations	-	-	-	6,158
Occasional papers and books	10	-	10	20
Dividends and interest	1,480	-	1,480	1,361
Gift aid	831	-	831	842
Royalties	43	-	43	-
Copyright payments	120	-	120	-
Regional Day Receipts	370	-	370	-
Armagh Hymn Festival	120	-	-	72
Conference income (Collections; Book sales)	-	17,116	17,116	17,533
Total receipts	18,454	17,116	35,570	35,780
PAYMENTS				
Bulletins	8,518	-	8,518	7,989
Booklet	340	347	687	718
Committee meetings	1,380	-	1,380	1,199
Administration costs	1,239	-	1,239	1,105
Stationery	310	114	424	187
Website	2,160	-	2,160	1,541
Photocopier hire	578	36	614	579
CCLI (Copyright licence)	240	-	240	405
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Dictionary of Hymnology Fee	199	-	199	169
Regional events	452	-	452	-
Amagh Festival	200	-	200	-
Piano hire	-	-	-	750
Insurance	347	-	347	290
BG University	-	-	-	20,091
Coach hire	-	270	270	-
High Leigh Conference Centre	-	13,914	13,914	-
Gifts	-	-	-	50
Lincoln Cathedral tour	-	-	-	286
Book tokens	-	120	120	120
Donation to BGU chapel fund	-	160	160	100
Occasional paper	1,423	-	1,423	-
Copyright fee	-	84	84	-
Total payments	17,686	15,045	32,731	35,879
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	768	2,071	2,839	(99)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Cash funds last year end	14,483	4,911	19,394	19,493
Transfer to/(from)	-	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	15,251	6,982	22,233	19,394

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CASH FUNDS				
Bank accounts	11,152	4,255	15,407	12,535
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	550
Payments in advance	1,800	2,727	4,527	4,505
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
1309 units in M&G Charifund				
Cost £2,599	2,599	-	2,599	2,599
Market Value 31 December 2021 £20,371				
Market Value 31 December 2022 £19,236				
LIABILITIES				
2025 Subscriptions received in advance	-	-	-	495
Accrued expenses	300	-	300	300
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>15,251</u>	<u>6,982</u>	<u>22,233</u>	<u>19,394</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			15,251	14,483
Restricted funds – Conference fund			<u>6,982</u>	<u>4,911</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>22,233</u>	<u>19,394</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by:

M Garland -Trustee

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Since the last Annual Report (2022-2023) there have been 14 new members. We have, sadly, received news of 11 deaths and were particularly saddened by the deaths of our two former Executive Presidents, Revd Alan Gaunt and Miss Elizabeth Cosnett. Membership now stands at 400, comprising 283 members in Great Britain & Northern Ireland, 67 in the USA and Canada, 36 in Europe/Scandinavia, 5 in Australia, 1 in Japan, 1 in South Africa, 3 in Nigeria, 1 in Cyprus, 1 in Mexico, 1 in Taiwan and 1 in South Korea. This represents a further slight reduction as, along with other larger like-minded organizations, maintaining membership remains difficult. We benefit with all our Officers being volunteers receiving no remuneration, but this can place a strain on both time and energy. There remain some 45 subscribing libraries, national deposit libraries, and other institutions and bodies which receive our publications.

Once again, there have been few extraneous activities during the year, but this does not diminish our zeal for hymns and curiosity about hymnody.

The Officers have met on two occasions in Birmingham, in October 2023 and April 2024. The Executive Committee have met, also in Birmingham, in February 2024 and immediately prior to this Conference in High Leigh. Apart from the Officers, the Executive Committee, normally numbering 9, has been running with a reduced number of 7, but we look forward to a full complement at this AGM. We are still lacking an RSCM nominee on the Executive which, at present, shows little sign of resolution. The Officers and Executive are continuing their work seeking to streamline the Society, exploring archiving, digital resources, and spreading workload to alleviate the Secretary.

We are grateful for the empathetic responses by our new Pastoral Link Person, Kay Griffiths, and for Claire Wilson continuing to assist when needed.

We remain grateful to Bulletin Editor, Andrew Pratt, standing down at the AGM after 20 years in post, and to his team who continue to produce our quarterly Bulletin. Printing and, especially, postal charges continue to rise unremittingly, and we remain diligent in seeking ways of mitigating these. The small number who opt to receive online mailings remains stable, the majority still preferring to receive mailings by post.

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With the addition of *Presenting and Responding to Hymns*, there are now thirty Online Short Guides and the long-awaited Occasional Paper, *The Life and Hymns of James Montgomery (1771-1854)* by James Dickinson, is now printed and shortly to be mailed to members. Our presence on Twitter and Facebook continues and the Society is thankful to John Crothers and Ken Cope who facilitate this and to Ken for all his work on the website. We are grateful to Terence Atkins, and Michael and Viv Garland who continue their work on Indexing (presently Volume XXIII).

Regional Events are always encouraged. Last August, Janet Wootton presented a *Festival of Hymns* at the Charles Wood Summer School in Armagh; this April, there was a further successful regional 'London Day,' on this occasion at Union Chapel, North London.

The rising cost of Conferences continues to be challenging, with numbers tending, inevitably, to continue to reduce. We are grateful to High Leigh, Hoddesdon for their hospitality this year at what we hope is proving to be another successful Conference.

We are grateful to our lecturers Godfrey Butland (*Musical Celts and their Influence: then and now*); Michael Garland, Ian Sharp and Robert Canham (*Celebrating the lives of Alan Luff, Elizabeth Cosnett and Alan Gaunt*); Daniel Johnson (*Isaac Watts at 350: Then and Now*); Gordon Giles (*Introducing The Revised English Hymnal*); Martin Leckebusch (*One-Hit Wonders: Unique and Solitary Contributions to Hymnody*); Benjamin Brody (*At The Weaving of Creation: Fifty New Tunes by Benjamin Brody*); and Anne Harrison (*My Desert Island Dudley-Smith*). We are grateful to Janet Wootton, Andrew Pratt, Benjamin Brody and Michael Garland for their Sectionals; our twelve participants in Short Metre; and also Janet Wootton, Andrew Pratt and Gillian Warson for the Workshops. We are grateful to our chaplain Gordon Giles for his thoughtful and diverse worship and to all who, during the week, are contributing music accompaniments both in worship and in Conference sessions. Also, to Andrew Pratt, Ian Sharp and Philip Price in anticipation of an excellent *Festival of Hymns* and to St Augustine's, Broxbourne for their hosting the Festival. We are grateful to those overseeing the technical facilities and to Terence Atkins for managing our book sales.

As always, thanks to the Secretary's wife, Jenny Canham, who continues in her unstinting support and for once again handling the Conference bookings.

Robert A. Canham - Honorary Secretary
25 July 2024

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

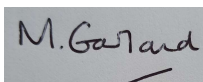
		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Subscriptions	Members	6,839	-	6,839	8,097
	Libraries	1,155	-	1,155	868
Grants		1,800	-	1,800	2,450
Donations		118	6,040	6,158	25
Occasional papers and books		20	-	20	50
Dividends and interest		1,361	-	1,361	1,149
Gift aid		842	-	842	954
Armagh Hymn Festival		72	-	72	
Conference income (Collections; Book sales)		-	17,533	17,533	17,335
Total receipts		12,207	23,573	35,780	30,928
PAYMENTS					
Bulletins		7,989	-	7,989	7,229
Booklet		718	-	718	1,018
Committee meetings		1,199	-	1,199	975
Administration costs		1,105	-	1,105	1,161
Stationery		187	-	187	684
Website		1,541	-	1,541	2,483
Photocopier hire		579	-	579	654
CCLI (Copyright licence)		375	30	405	357
Accountancy		300	-	300	300
Dictionary of Hymnology Fee		169	-	169	169
Regional events		-	-	-	400
Small grants		-	-	-	600
Piano hire		-	750	750	312
Insurance		290	-	290	290
University of Lancaster		-	-	-	17,968
BG University		-	20,091	20,091	-
Coach hire		-	-	-	495
Postage		-	-	-	206
Blackburn Cathedral		-	-	-	684
Grants for Washington conference		-	-	-	1,500
Book tokens		-	120	120	120
Donation to BGU chapel fund		-	100	100	244
Gifts		-	50	50	-
Lincoln Cathedral tour		-	286	286	-
Total payments		14,452	21,427	35,879	37,849
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		(2,245)	2,146	(99)	(6,921)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Cash funds last year end		16,728	2,765	19,493	26,414
Transfer to/(from)		-	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		14,483	4,911	19,394	19,493

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	31.12.23 Total funds	31.12.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Bank accounts	10,329	2,206	12,535	16,219
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Debtors	550	-	550	-
Payments in advance	1,800	2,705	4,505	1,800
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
1309 units in M&G Charifund	2,599	-	2,599	2,599
Cost £2,599				
Market Value 31 December 2022 £19,236				
Market Value 31 December 2023 £18,784				
LIABILITIES				
2024 Subscriptions received in advance	495	-	495	825
Accrued expenses	300	-	300	300
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Once again, there have been few extraneous activities during the year but that does not diminish our zeal for hymns and curiosity about hymnody. The Officers have met on two occasions in Birmingham, in September 2022 and February 2023. The Executive Committee met, also in Birmingham, in October 2022 and May 2023 and in Lincoln immediately prior to Conference. Executive Committee elections resume with the 2023 AGM. Resignations during the year for various reasons are regretted, especially that of our RSCM nominee, Canon Chris Moorsom, due to RSCM financial constraints. Chris provided an invaluable link which we hope may resume in the not-too-distant future. During the year the Officers and Executive agreed on the need to make provision within the Constitution for holding hybrid meetings, should a future occasion arise to make it desirable.

We are grateful to our Pastoral Link Person, Claire Wilson who has relinquished her role after many years, but pleased that our long-standing member Kay Griffiths is now undertaking this task.

We remain grateful to Bulletin Editor, Andrew Pratt and his team who continue to produce our quarterly Bulletin. That it has not always been mailed with its usual regularity is largely the responsibility of the Secretary and issues outside our control. Our printing and mailing facilities have changed during the year but continue efficiently. With printing and postal charges ever increasing, we remain vigilant in exploring ways of mitigating these where possible. The small number who opt to receive online mailings only has remained static with the majority still preferring to receive the mailings by post.

There are now twenty-nine Online Short Guides but there have still been no further Occasional Papers. Our presence on Twitter and Facebook continues and the Society is thankful to John Crothers and Ken Cope who facilitate this and to Ken for all his work on the website. We are grateful to Terence Atkins, and Michael and Viv Garland for their work on Indexing: Volume XXII of the Bulletin having been mailed to members during the year.

The resumption of Regional Events is to be encouraged. Last November, a Vintage Hymns and Carols event took place in Hampstead. In January, the 250th Anniversary of *Amazing grace*, was marked in several places. Planning is underway for a Regional Event at Union Chapel, North London in April 2024. Further afield, a few of our members attended and contributed to the International Hymn Societies' Conference Washington DC.

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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The rising cost of Conferences is troubling. We are, however, grateful to Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, for their hospitality at what we hope is considered another successful Conference. We are grateful to our lecturers Nancy Graham (*Erik Routley for the 21st Century*); Robert Canham (*'A short but merry life' – celebrating the life and hymns of Joseph Addison*); Adam Carlill and Gillian Warson (*'This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold': Hymnody and the essential unity of survivor spirituality and mystical theology*); Andrew Pratt (*Visual images in hymnody*); Polly Falconer (*Calypso in hymnody and worship*); Phil Price (*'Hymns for the Little Flock': The Hymn tradition of the Plymouth Brethren*); and yet to come: Jeremy Dibble (*The Hymns of W. H. Monk and J. B. Dykes: Different Perspectives of High Victorian Hymnody*). We are grateful to Ian Bradley for contributing a Sectional, to our eight participants in Short Metre, to Ifunanya Anekwe and Abiodun Falode for insights into Nigerian hymn writers, and to those who will be sharing favourite hymns. We are grateful to our chaplain James Dickinson for his thoughtful preparation, to those delivering our worship and to all those who during the week are contributing music accompaniments both in worship and in Conference sessions. Also to Adam Carlill, Terence Atkins and Sue Gilmurray in anticipation of an excellent *Festival of Hymns* and to the University Chaplain for generously permitting the use of his facilities. We are also grateful to Andrew Pratt for overseeing the technical facilities and to Terence Atkins for managing our book sales. As always, thanks to the Secretary's wife, Jenny Canham, who continues in her unstinting support and for once again handling the Conference bookings.

Robert A. Canham - Honorary Secretary

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Subscriptions	Members	8,097	-	8,097	7,478
	Libraries	868	-	868	1,661
Grants		2,450	-	2,450	1,800
Donations		25	-	25	383
Occasional papers and books		50	-	50	-
Dividends and interest		1,149	-	1,149	973
Gift aid		954	-	954	893
Conference income (Collections; Book sales)		-	17,335	17,335	-
Total receipts		13,593	17,335	30,928	13,188
PAYMENTS					
Bulletins		7,229	-	7,229	6,507
Booklet		565	453	1,018	286
Committee meetings		975	-	975	583
Administration costs		979	182	1,161	816
Stationery		684	-	684	333
Website		2,483	-	2,483	2,064
Photocopier hire		578	76	654	550
CCLI (Copyright licence)		357	-	357	346
Accountancy		300	-	300	300
Dictionary of Hymnology Fee		169	-	169	169
Regional events		400	-	400	275
Small grants		600	-	600	-
Piano hire		-	312	312	-
Insurance		-	290	290	280
University of Lancaster		-	17,968	17,968	-
Coach hire		-	495	495	-
Postage		-	206	206	-
Blackburn Cathedral		-	684	684	-
Grants for Washington conference		-	1,500	1,500	-
Book tokens		-	120	120	-
Speaker's expenses		-	244	244	-
Total payments		15,319	22,530	37,849	12,509
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		(1,726)	(5,195)	(6,921)	679
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Cash funds last year end		18,454	7,960	26,414	25,735
Transfer to/(from)		-	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		16,728	2,765	19,493	26,414

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CASH FUNDS				
Bank accounts	13,454	2,765	16,219	23,030
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Payments in advance	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
1309 units in M&G Charifund Cost £2,599	2,599	-	2,599	2,599
Market Value 31 December 2021 £20,371				
Market Value 31 December 2022 £19,236				
LIABILITIES				
2022 Subscriptions received in advance	825	-	825	715
Accrued expenses	300	-	300	300
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>16,728</u>	<u>2,765</u>	<u>19,493</u>	<u>26,414</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			16,728	18,454
Restricted funds – Conference fund			<u>2,765</u>	<u>7,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>19,493</u>	<u>26,414</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18/10/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

M. Garland

M Garland -Trustee