

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 248225

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR

THE HYMN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE HYMN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages two and three.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 18 October 2023

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Hymn Society of Great Britain & Ireland was founded in 1936 for the purpose of encouraging study and research in the field of hymnody, promoting good standards of hymn-singing, encouraging the discerning use of hymns in worship, and sponsoring relevant publications.

Since the last Annual Report (2021-2022) there have been 9 new members. We have, sadly, received news of 8 deaths. Membership now stands at 415, comprising 298 members in Gt Britain & N. Ireland, 74 in the USA and Canada, 32 in Europe/Scandinavia, 2 in Australia, 1 in Japan, 2 in South Africa, 3 in Nigeria, 1 in Cyprus, 1 in Mexico, and 1 in South Korea. There are 45 subscribing libraries, national deposit libraries, and other institutions and bodies which receive our publications. The aftermath of the pandemic continues to cast its shadow as it does over many other societies and charities. Membership continues to suffer an albeit small loss of numbers; ways need to be found of remedying this.

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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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
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