

## 2022 Annual Reports

# Victoria Road Congregational Church



## From the Church Secretary

I HAVE NOW COMPLETED my fifth year as your Church Secretary. With Covid not being such a problem now 2022 was almost back to normal. Our services are as they were pre-covid, served by our many and varied preachers. We have also been able to hold most of our usual special events.

Sadly, we have lost two dear and loyal members over 2022. Mrs Raffaelina Hill passed away on 8th May. Her funeral service was held at Towcester Road Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at Bethany Homestead. Mrs Joy Heeley passed away on 16th June. Her funeral service was held at Victoria Road on July 5th.

Some of our 'Special' events over the year have included: Mothering Sunday Service on 27th March. Family Quiz on Tuesday April 5th. Good Friday Service at Bethany Homestead on 15th April and Easter Day Service on 17th April.

Our Garden Party was a great success held in our Church Garden on June 25th including our Victoria Road Bugle Band. Thanks Mike and all the band. A great day out to Southend-on-Sea was enjoyed by all of our friends and members on Saturday July 16th.

A Barbecue cooked by John's son Mark was enjoyed by many. Again in the Church Garden on August 13th.

The annual Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 10th September, with our church being open to visitors once again. Thanks especially to Daphne and Ruth for their time as our hosts for the day.

Unfortunately we had another Quiz planned for October 4th but this was cancelled due to lack of support.

A visit from our National Secretary Yvonne Campbell on October 13th was most useful and gave us suggestions of some new ideas to our church.

Our November 13th Remembrance Service was the usual great success and we thank Mike and John for the superb bugle playing.

Our Christmas Tree Coffee Morning was a success and gave a fitting opener to the Christmas period. The three Christmas Services were well attended (including the new venture of a Christingle Service instead of Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve).

Over the year I have depended very much on the support of my fellow deacons.

Nigel for looking after the finances in such trying times and also dealing with all our room hirers. It needs mentioning here my thanks to all these hirers, without their financial support Victoria Road would not be able to keep our wonderful old building running for us to worship in.

The arranging of our weekly services by Jackie and Gez has been completed brilliantly once again. We will however need a new person to take on this demanding job, as Jackie and Gez will be standing down at this year's AGM. All deacons play a valued part in the running of Victoria Road on Sundays and during our Coffee Mornings.

Any member who would like to know more about the deacons' duties should talk to me prior to our AGM as there is always room for more deacons.

I give my thanks also to our three organists, Ian, Sheila and Rita that between them play to enhance our Sunday services.

Lastly, I give thanks to all members for helping to support Victoria Road over this past year.

John Evans, Church Secretary

# VICTORIA ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## Lloyds Working Account Summary 2022

As at 31/Dec/2022

	2022 (Current)	2021 (Full Year)	Difference
B/F From Jan 2022	£ 14,140.31	£ 12,730.34	£1,409.97

### *Income*

Offertory	£ 8,237.32	£ 8,439.67	-£202.35
Funeral / Wedding	£ 95.00	£ 75.00	£20.00
Tax Refund	£ 4,573.98	£ 3,015.53	£1,558.45
5p's	£ 39.65	£ 9.20	£30.45
Concert	£ -	£ -	£0.00
Gift Day	£ 300.00	£ 910.89	-£610.89
Donations	£ 1,124.00	£ 624.26	£499.74
Rooms	£ 9,835.00	£ 2,810.00	£7,025.00
Social	£ 808.85	£ -	£808.85
Charity	£ 1,522.61	£ -	£1,522.61
Misc	£ 339.71	£ 134.00	£205.71

<b>Total inc</b>	<b>£ 26,876.12</b>	<b>£ 16,018.55</b>	<b>£10,857.57</b>
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### *Expenditure*

Organist	£ 1,205.00	£ 495.00	-£710.00
EM Cong	£ 449.00	£ -	-£449.00
Congregational Federation	£ -	£ 435.50	£435.50
Cleaning	£ 2,821.68	£ 1,922.97	-£898.71
Caretakers	£ -	£ -	£0.00
Gardener	£ 1,698.32	£ 1,442.22	-£256.10
Insurance	£ 4,468.98	£ 4,557.39	£88.41
Services	£ 3,552.88	£ 1,862.22	-£1,690.66
Visiting Preachers	£ 1,460.00	£ 1,200.00	-£260.00
Maintenance	£ 2,493.40	£ 1,650.97	-£842.43
CCLI	£ -	£ 68.00	£68.00
Social	£ 785.00	£ -	-£785.00
Charity	£ 50.00	£ -	-£50.00
Misc	£ 1,026.42	£ 974.31	-£52.11

<b>Total Exp</b>	<b>£ 20,010.68</b>	<b>£ 14,608.58</b>	<b>-£5,402.10</b>
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Income	£ 26,876.12
Outgoings	£ 20,010.68
Total in Bank C/F 31/12/21	£ 14,140.31
Total in Bank (Current Cleared Amount)	£ 21,005.75

Social Account Standing		Charity Account Standing	
Carried Forward from 31/12/2021	£ 215.03	Bal fwd	£ 168.41
Income	£ 808.85	Income	£ 1,522.61
Expenditure	£ 785.00	Expenditure	£ 50.00
<b>Balance to Carry Forward</b>	<b>£238.88</b>	<b>Bal fwd</b>	<b>£ 1,641.02</b>

Misc Amounts held pending opening new Savings Accounts	
Deposit Account	£ 18,056.57
Trustees Fund	£ 28,000.18
Trustees Fund - Interest	£ 4,603.96
<b>Total in Lloyds Account</b>	<b>£ 71,666.46</b>

# Charity Account as at 31/12/2022

## Receipts

Opening Balance	£ 168.41
5th Sundays	£ 32.10
Charity Garden Party	£ 310.00
Charity Christmas Fayre	£ 334.79
Christmas Offertory	£ 123.55
Sunday Coffee	£ 341.83
Thursday Coffee	£ 230.44
50% of Church Quiz	£ 44.85
50% of Gift Day	£ 350.00
Ride & Stride Sponsorship	£ -
Interest	£ 0.14
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£ 1,936.11</b>

## Charitable Donations Made

DEC - Ukraine	£ 150.00
Christian Aid	£ 550.00
Congregational Federation	£ 300.00
Bethany Church Donation	£ 300.00
Compassion	£ 450.00
Thomas's Fund	£ 50.00
Church Meeting Choice	£ 123.55
Ride & Stride	£ -
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£ 1,923.55</b>

Balance Carried Forward	£ 12.56
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I certify that I have audited this account to be a true record

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