

Online Banking for Churches

A number of churches have contacted HEBA to ask about online banking and whether it is considered a reliable method of settling bills for churches.

I have personally used the facility for a number of years without any issues. It is important to have anti-virus software on any machines that are used and that care is taken with spam emails.

The Charity Commission guidelines recommend that bank accounts should require “at least two to sign” to authorise withdrawals but this is not always possible when dealing with online banking. If a church decides to use online banking there are banks that will require “two to sign”, CAF Bank being one example. If your bank only requires one person to authorise online banking payments then the leadership team need to be aware of this issue.

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