

Registered Charity No: 1052654

**GRIMETHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
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**Full Name:** GRIMETHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

**Registered Charity Number:** 1052654

**Contact Address:** Brierley Road  
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**Trustees:** J Gascoigne  
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**Chair:** Joy Gascoigne

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Community Accountant  
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# **GRIMETHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 January to 31 December 2023.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Grimethorpe Pentecostal Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commission, governed by its Constitution with Trust Deed, dated 01 July 1993 and most recently amended 24 June 2009.

Membership of the Church is open to any individual who:

- a) by grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) desires to worship and serve God
- c) is committed to promoting the objects of the charity

The management and control of the Church and its property and funds is vested in the Church Council. Council members are the trustees of the charity.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed to the Church Council from the members of the Church and must sign a declaration of willingness to act in the charitable trusts of the Church before appointment.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing these accounts, are listed on page 3 of this report.

### **Related Parties**

The church is a member of the wider network of the Fellowship of Assemblies of God. The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

### **Charitable Objects**

The charity has the following objects for the benefit of the public:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding upon its charitable activities. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT continued**

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### **Report by the Chair of Trustees on the Activities undertaken for the Public Benefit**

2023 began on a positive note. The senior leadership team led a Bible Teaching series around the topic of "Building Again", based on the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. This highlighted key themes necessary to inspire the whole congregation to work together and move forward. It has been pleasing to see some increase in regular and new activity. The regular weekly prayer group has enjoyed considerable growth, and Sunday attendance remains consistent, with the addition of several new attendees.

New activities have included a Picnic Club. This year, thanks to funding from CRT and HSG, we have been able to provide a warm space on a total of 8 school holiday days (February and October half term breaks). During this lunchtime space each day we have provided a craft activity and a picnic lunch for 30 children aged 4 - 11, and a hot drink for parents/carers. Over the course of the year this funding has also provided for 80 families to receive a take home bag containing a wide variety of family foods. This project has been well received, and local schools have promoted this especially to their free school meals children. We place on record our appreciation to these funders, and also Ladywood, Milefield, Brierley CofE School and Shafton Primary Academy for their partnership.

We have also been grateful to receive funding from the Park Spring Community Benefits Grant scheme. This enabled us to substantially upgrade our heating system to provide a zoned system. We are confident that this will reduce our carbon footprint, and reduce our utilities costs. Since our utilities costs have risen from £3,400 in 2021 to £6,800 in 2023 this cost reduction is very welcome, although we note that there has been a small increase in the use of our premises which naturally contributes to increased costs. A further step in improving our response to environmental factors has been the decision of the trustees to move towards a more sustainable method of delivery for our coffee. This was in response to the national directive on 1 October regarding one use catering products.

Other new activity has been around training. This year our Associate Pastor was enrolled on formal Assemblies of God Minister in Training and has made excellent progress towards becoming a fully accredited AOG Minister. The trustees consider the cost of this to be a good investment, which is already paying dividends in the life of the Church.

In addition, members of senior leadership team have conducted Team Days for young people aged 11-17. This year on several school holiday days 5 young people have been trained in project management and community leadership, and gained relevant experience by volunteering in the Picnic Club project and other church and community activities. Each young person has served with excellence, and been given a report to contribute to any school portfolio or other work experience application. We commend them for their outstanding contributions to the work they have been involved in.

Other regular activities have been well supported and well received. The Easter Friday service attracted representatives from several other local churches and provided a key platform for a growing sense of community and partnership. During the summer we held a baby dedication service, and a baptism service, which saw 2 young men baptised by immersion. Throughout the year we supported a considerable number of families through family problems and particularly towards the end of the year a significant number of families, both from the Church and the community, through bereavement, with six funerals in very quick succession. We remain in contact to provide pastoral support for each of these families.

The Christmas period again saw a new initiative, Carols in the Street. In all, 28 people took part over two occasions, visiting parts of the community, singing carols and delivering a small gift to some who were housebound or isolated. Along with the Community Pantomime, Christingle, Family Dinner Day and Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight Grand

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Finale, the Christmas period proved to be a real celebration of faith and an occasion to welcome over 100 people from the community into the Church at various points over the festivities.

Over the course of the year there has been a small increase in regular giving, and we place on record our appreciation to those who give. Thanks to reduced staff costs in 2022 and 2023 and slightly increased and consistent giving this year, the Church is in a stable financial position, which can become a springboard for future growth.

Finally, this report is the ideal opportunity to express appreciation to the trustees, the Pastors and the Core Team for their support and commitment, which enables us to achieve so much. Also, to the many individuals and teams who serve tirelessly, The Welcome Team, Praise and Worship Team, The Catering Team, The Technology AN team, Administrator, Preaching and Prayer leaders and our excellent Cleaner, we record our grateful thanks. Your consistent contributions continue to enable us to make an impact and be a benefit in the community and wider world.

*Respectfully submitted – Pastor Joy Gascoigne*

### Financial Review

#### Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

#### The Charity's policy on reserves

The work of the charity is reliant upon the ongoing support from the Tithes and Offerings of members and friends. The Trustees review the financial situation on a regular basis in order to ensure that the charity can meet its liabilities as they fall due and ensure the ongoing work of the charity. The Trustees aim to build a reserve equivalent to six months running costs which is calculated to be approximately £20,000 at the usual level of activity. The actual level of reserve held at 31 December 2023 was £48,023 (2022: £32,219).

It is anticipated that reserves may be needed to cover increasing energy prices that will have an impact on the finances in the coming months.

#### Financial Review of the Year

The financial statements are set out in pages 8 to 11. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £18,379 (2022: £15,497). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £50,598 (2022: £32,219). The financial position has improved significantly since the end of the previous year, due to the cost cutting measures that have been put into place.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

***Pastor Joy Gascoigne, Chair of the Church Council***

**GRIMETHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and I 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.

Signed  Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Steph Tolson  
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# GRIMETHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
General Offerings	17,398	-	17,398	16,880
Gift Aid Offerings	20,663	-	20,663	19,091
Gift Aid Credits	6,485	-	6,485	6,964
Mission Offerings	331	-	331	1,018
Mortgage Donations	-	-	-	1,850
Grants	-	10,538	10,538	-
Donations & Special Gifts	792	-	792	579
Buildings fund	-	-	-	240
Buildings Hire	694	-	694	815
Insurance Claim	3,959	-	3,959	195
Other Income	47	-	47	230
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>50,369</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>60,907</b>	<b>47,862</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries Cost	8,785	-	8,785	8,746
Mortgage Payments	-	-	-	5,656
Utilities	6,825	-	6,825	4,758
Cleaning	1,222	-	1,222	1,016
Insurance	1,525	-	1,525	1,444
Admin & Office Expenses	831	-	831	582
Accountancy & Bookkeeping	1,100	-	1,100	798
Telephone	352	-	352	349
AV/Technology	388	-	388	1,543
Repairs, Maintenance & Redecoration	6,344	3,060	9,404	2,190
AOG Subscriptions	960	-	960	1,010
Mission expenditure	1,462	-	1,462	1,761
Outreach costs	-	5,263	5,263	301
Special Guests & Events	447	-	447	150
Training & Conferences	2,931	-	2,931	591
Safeguarding	145	-	145	191
Catering & Hospitality	422	-	422	414
Ministry Gifts	450	-	450	555
Other	16	-	16	310
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,205</b>	<b>8,323</b>	<b>42,528</b>	<b>32,365</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>16,164</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>18,379</b>	<b>15,497</b>
Fund Transfers	(360)	360	-	-
Balance brought forward	32,219	-	32,219	16,722
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>48,023</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>50,598</b>	<b>32,219</b>



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
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	<b>Total 2023</b>	Total 2022
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Virgin Money Current Account	£50,598	£31,099
Santander Deposit Account	-	£1,120
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<u><b>£50,598</b></u>	<u><b>£32,219</b></u>

**Fixed Assets retained for the charity's own use:**

The charity owns the property on Brierley Road, Grimethorpe, S72 7EH.

A list of other assets retained for the charity's own use is kept at the principle office.

Items include furniture & fittings, computer & media equipment, musical instruments and kitchen appliances.

**Liabilities:**

Accountancy fee	£450	£350
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The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Date: 15t March 2024

***Pastor Joy Gascoigne, Chair of the Church Council***

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**1. Accounting policies**

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, grants of a general nature, fees for service provision and payment for service delivery contracts.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

**2. Bank Reconciliation**

	Virgin Money Current A/C £	Petty Cash £	Total £
Statement Balance 31.12.23	49,658.41	-	49,658.41
Add uncleared income:			
Offerings 24/12/23	254.24	-	254.24
Offerings 31/12/23	685.09	-	685.09
	<u>50,597.74</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,597.74</u>

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**3. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses**

No Trustee claimed any remuneration in connection with their duties as a Trustee.

During the financial period, Pastor Joy Gascoigne was an employee of the charity and received a monthly salary. Such salary payments to trustees are permitted within the provisions of the governing document of the Church.

The trustees did not claim expenses and, other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the Church, there were no further payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during the year.

**4. Related Party payments**

Subscriptions of £960 were paid during the year for membership of the Fellowship of Assemblies of God (2022: £1,010). There were no other related party payments.

**5. Restricted Funds**

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Bauer Media Cash for Kids grant	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Harry Bottom Trust	-	600	(600)	-	-
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	-	2,700	(3,060)	360	-
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	1,580	(1,117)	-	463
BMBC Household Support Grant	-	4,158	(2,046)	-	2,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>(8,323)</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>2,575</b>

The restricted grant from the South Yorkshire Community Foundation was from the Park Springs wind farm community benefits programme and was a grant towards new heating controls.

All other grants received in the year provided funding for the picnic club holiday hunger project.