

GRACE TRUST (BRISTOL)

England & Wales · Charity number 1094803

Details

Other names GRACE CHURCH BRISTOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-11-27

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE UNDERWRITTEN FIRST SCHEDULE, THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND ELSEWHERE BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) THE PREACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL AND THE TEACHING OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES AND THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE.

Activities: We are a church charity that exists for the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God in the South West region of the UK. The preaching and proclamation of the Christian gospel and teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people. The relief of persons who are in a condition of need, hardship, distress or who are aged or sick.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY OF BRISTOL AND ELSEWHERE
- Belarus
- Croatia
- Italy
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- South Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£173,879	£176,112	-	-
2023-12-31	£201,660	£181,865	-	-
2022-12-31	£169,289	£144,434	-	-
2021-12-31	£157,596	£137,043	-	-
2020-12-31	£177,658	£158,384	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Sussex	Chair	2019-10-01
Matthew Dylan Chapman		2023-10-01
PETER JOHN BOWLEY		
Timothy James Hacker		2016-04-21
Tom Haigh		2014-10-09

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D. ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:

GENERAL:

2024 enabled us to continue to hold Sunday meetings at the local School.

During this time we discontinued to broadcast online our Sunday services, but provided a recording of the service after the live service.

We have seen a small increase of new people visiting the church during 2024 period.

During the year we welcomed in new members whilst at the same time there were some members who left the church for a variety of reasons.

During the year we were able to host our annual teens summer camp, and continued with our regular outreach activities including, our "Switch" teens outreach group, our food bank collections, our Monday night football outreach.

We also held a weekend retreat at Hill House Christian Centre for two nights at which practically the whole church attended.

In September of 2024 we appointed an Intern with a commitment for one year with a review at the end of the year as to any future employment.

PARTNERSHIPS:

We have continued to develop our links with other churches and pastors in the city of Bristol and surrounding areas; and re-established our interactions with other pastors in our Sovereign Grace Churches denomination, specifically in attending the Sovereign Grace Pastors Conference.

During the year the Pastors attended a meeting of Pastors in Milan with a view to establish closer links with partner churches in Europe.

We continue our partnership with Covenant Mercies; a non-profit organisation based in the USA that seeks to provide spiritual, physical and educational care for poverty stricken orphans in Africa. People from the church have continued to sponsor orphans in either Zambia, Ethiopia and Uganda.

We have continued to support a Sovereign Grace partnership church plant in Italy, and also we have started at the end of the year to support the Oasis church in London. This church is not currently part of Sovereign Grace but the intention is that in time they will be established as a Sovereign Grace church.

Members of our church have also benefitted from the partnership and ongoing work (and conferences) of Biblical Counselling UK.

OTHER:

We again undertook a "Help & Hope" Christmas initiative where people in the church gave donations to allow us to work with two local schools, to give away around 100 gifts bags to disadvantaged pupils and families, and older, vulnerable members of the local community. These gift bags contained supermarket vouchers, food and drinks and a message of hope.

Once again people from the church participated in the "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal" and we were able to contribute more than 40 shoe boxes to the Samaritan's Purse charity for them to deliver gifts to underprivileged children overseas.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary of the charity's policy on reserves:

It is the trust's aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least one month unrestricted payments, or approximately £5,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

Further financial review details:

Our main source of funding this year has been through voluntary donations from members of the church.

The total income for the year was **£173,879.26** with total expenses being **£176,112.63**.

We continued to operate an account for all income and expenditure associated with Sovereign Grace UK. The total income for the year on this account was **£5,424.49** with no expenses.

An account was operated for all income and expenditure associated related to Covenant Mercies UK. The total income for the year on this account was **£8,696.55** which was transferred to Covenant Mercies along with a balance from 2023 totalling **£10,812.76**.

We also opened an account to support a Sovereign Grace church plant in Italy. The total amount given over the year was **£7,232.50** with total expenses of **£110.09**.

F. DECLARATION

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

Signature:

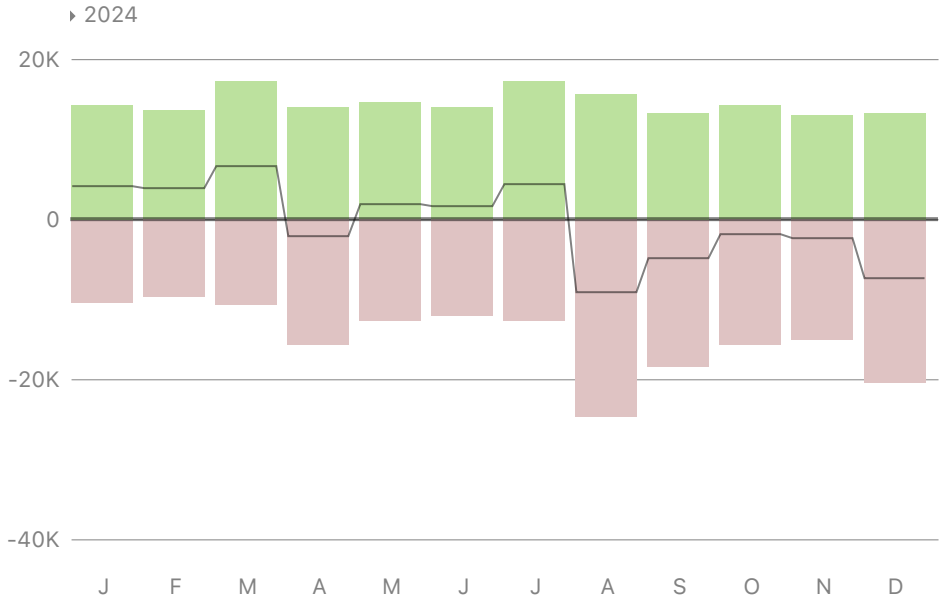
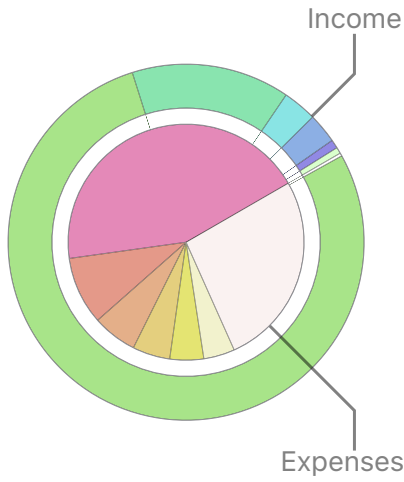


Full Name: Peter John Bowley

Position: Chairman of trustees

Date: 21/09/2025

Income & Expense Report



Net 2024 **-£2,233.37**

INCOME SUMMARY

2024

Total	2024
Total	£173,879.26
Tithes	£136,208.38
Covenant Return	£25,068.95
G2 Camp Income	£5,385.00
Church weekend income	£4,745.00
Auction	£1,366.01
Ukraine	£995.00
Nandy And Petra	£130.00
Gift	£123.00
Short Term Missions	£80.00
Office Income	£80.00
Oasis Church Plant	£47.51
Benevolent Fund	£10.00
Life Weekend	-£359.59

SPENDING SUMMARY

2024

Total	2024
Total	-£176,112.63
Salaries and support	-£77,261.85
Tax & NI	-£16,388.10
Meeting Rent	-£10,784.00
Internship	-£9,058.00
Office Rent	-£8,166.69

Total	-£176,112.63
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<input type="radio"/> Teaching Materials	-£208.31
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<input type="radio"/> Car Expenses & UK Travel	-£85.20
<input type="radio"/> Covenant Mercies	-£20.00
<input type="radio"/> Stationary/Postage	-£3.99

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OTHER:

A new trustee was appointed - Matthew Chapman

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Not applicable.

Further financial review details:

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The total income for the year was £201,660 with total expenses being £181,865

We continued to operate an account for all income and expenditure associated with Sovereign Grace UK. The total income for the year on this account was £240 with total expenses being £165

An account was operated for all income and expenditure associated related to Covenant Mercies UK. The total income for the year on this account was £11,884 with total expenses being £10,605.

We also open-end an account to support a church in Italy.

The total income was £8,501 with total expenses of £17.

F. DECLARATION

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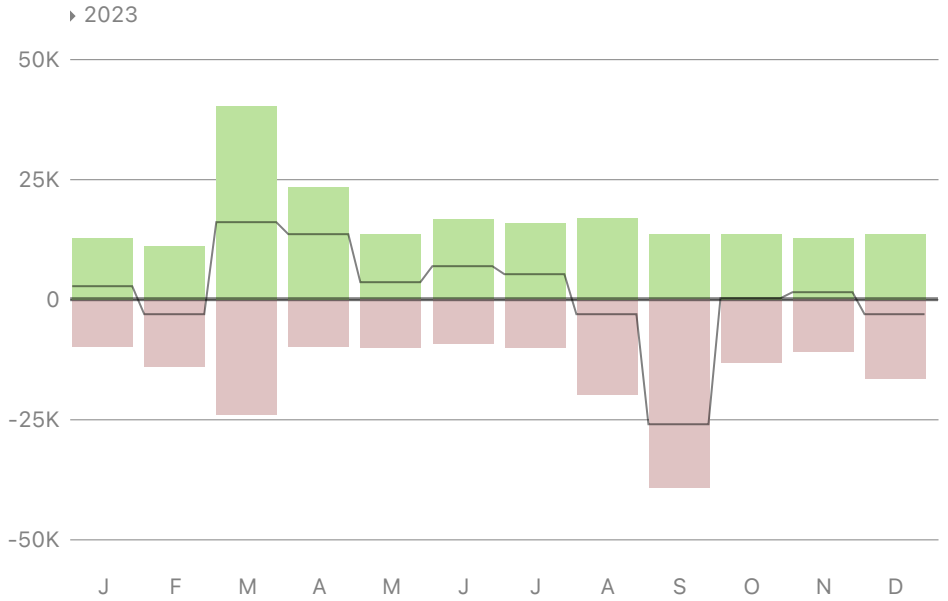
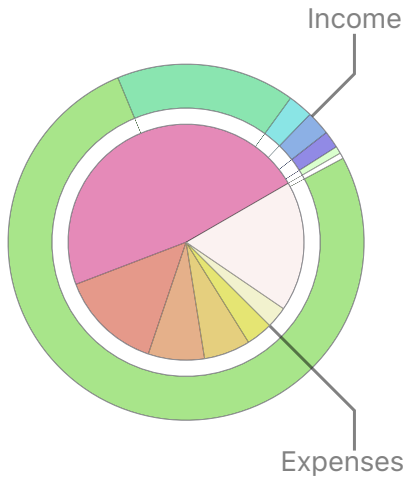
Signature:

Full Name: Peter John Bowley

Position: Chairman of trustees

Date: 4/09/2024

Income & Expense Report



Net 2023
£19,795.75

INCOME SUMMARY

2023

Total	2023
Total	£201,660.79
Tithes	£154,379.76
Covenant Return	£32,768.65
Church weekend income	£4,560.00
G2 Camp Income	£4,415.00
Ukraine	£3,156.00
ITFO	£1,341.00
Benevolent Fund	£570.00
Nandy And Petra	£240.00
Gifts Income	£100.00
Short Term Missions	£70.00
Office Income	£60.00
General Income	£0.38

SPENDING SUMMARY

2023

Total	2023
Total	-£181,865.04
Salaries and support	-£86,349.20
Gifts	-£25,461.31
Office Rent	-£14,000.04
Tax & NI	-£11,582.57
Ukraine expense	-£6,630.13
G2 Camp	-£5,351.22

Total	-£181,865.04
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During the year we welcomed in new members whilst at the same time there were some members who left the church for a variety of reasons.

In February we appointed an Office Administrator on a part time basis.

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We also held a weekend retreat at Hill House Christian Centre for two nights at which practically the whole church attended.

PARTNERSHIPS:

We have following the pandemic re-established our links with other churches and pastors in the city of Bristol and surrounding areas; and re-established our interactions with other pastors in our Sovereign Grace Churches denomination, specifically in attending the Sovereign Grace Pastors Conference.

We continue our partnership with Covenant Mercies; a non-profit organisation based in the USA that seeks to provide spiritual, physical and educational care for poverty stricken orphans in Africa. People from the church have continued to sponsor orphans in either Zambia, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Members of our church have also benefitted from the partnership and ongoing work (and conferences) of Biblical Counselling UK.

OTHER:

In July 2022 Our Lead Pastor Nathan Smith finally completed his notice period and has subsequently has moved to a Sovereign Grace church in Philadelphia P.A.

In September following an earlier church meeting we appointed two Deacons, namely Angela Sussex and Nick Richley.

We again undertook a "Help & Hope" Christmas initiative where people in the church gave donations to allow us to work with two local schools, to give away around 100 gifts bags to disadvantaged pupils and families, and older, vulnerable members of the local community. These gift bags contained supermarket vouchers, food and drinks and a message of hope.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

Further financial review details:

Our main source of funding this year has been through voluntary donations from members of the church.

The total income for the year was £167,755.85 with total expenses being £152,982.06

We continued to operate an account for all income and expenditure associated with Sovereign Grace UK. The total income for the year on this account was £0 with total expenses being £0

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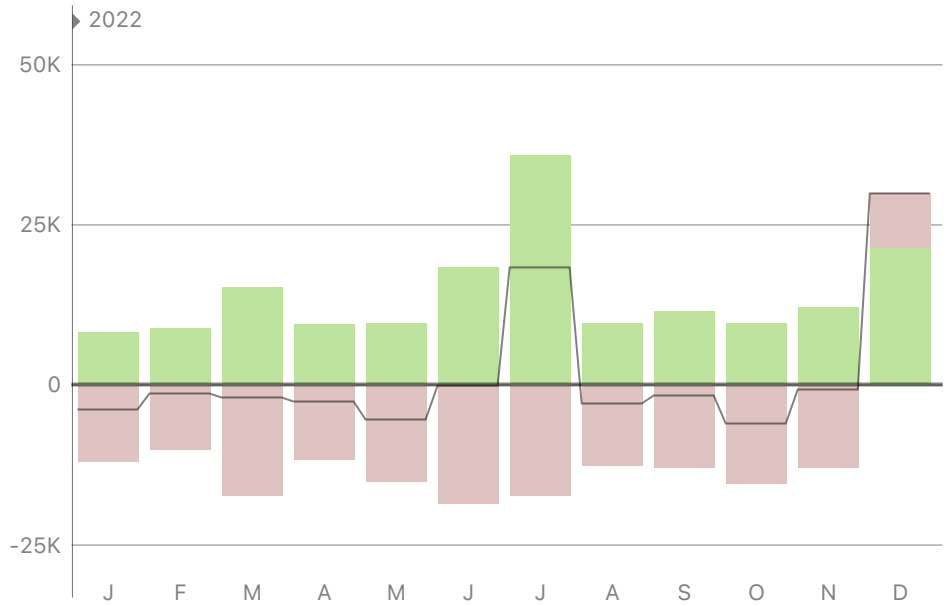
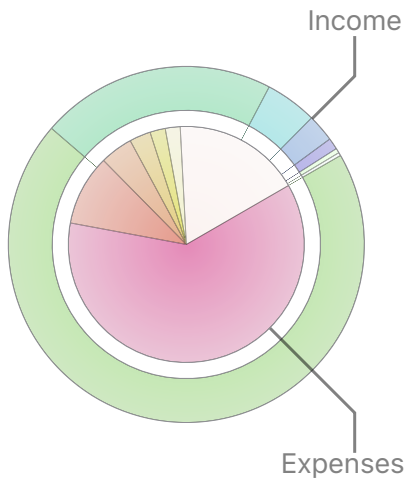


Signature:

Full Name: Peter John Bowley

Position: Chairman of trustees

Date: 7/09/2023



2022
Net £24,855.29

INCOME SUMMARY

2022

Total	2022
Total	£169,289.91
Tithes	£118,075.86
Covenant Return	£36,273.49
Gifts Income	£7,982.01
Ukraine	£4,233.55
G2 Camp Income	£1,765.00
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Gift	-£250.00

SPENDING SUMMARY

2022

Total	2022
Total	-£144,434.62
Salaries and support	-£88,496.52
Office Rent	-£14,000.04
Office Utilities	-£6,498.44
Capital Items	-£4,208.41
Outreach	-£3,040.01
Conference	-£2,952.82
Ukraine expense	-£2,876.33
Professional Charges	-£2,655.03

Total	-£144,434.62
<input type="radio"/> G2 Camp	-£2,383.59
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<input type="radio"/> Conference Fee	-£1,702.06
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<input type="radio"/> Phone	-£115.33
<input type="radio"/> Teaching Materials	-£34.38
<input type="radio"/> Children/Creche	-£33.53
<input type="radio"/> STM	£40.00

GRACE TRUST (BRISTOL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1094803

Accounts



A. REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS:

Charity Name:	Grace Trust (Bristol)
Other names charity is known by:	Grace Church Bristol
Registered Charity Number:	1094803
Charity's Principal Address:	37 Sutherland Avenue Downend Bristol BS16 6QW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Mr. Peter Bowley
Mr. Thomas Haigh
Mr. Timothy Hacker
Mr. Jonathan Sussex

B. STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE:

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The chairman of the trust is elected or reappointed annually (according to Section (10) of the trust deed) at the Annual General Meeting usually held in October.

C. OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES:

Summary of our objects:

The objects of the charity are set out in our governing trust deed and are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the First Schedule of the trust deed; the worship of God in the city of Bristol and elsewhere by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people.
2. The relief of persons who are in a condition of need, hardship, distress or who are aged or sick.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular we try to enable ordinary people to believe, live and represent the truth of God and his gospel to the community in which we reside.

The focus of our activities remains the weekly Sunday Morning Church Service. This regular gathering includes worship and prayer, studying the Bible, the gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ. This church service is aimed at people of all ages and we provide weekly Sunday morning creche activities for children from six months to the age of four, a full Sunday school program for children between five and ten years old, and an additional teaching program for children aged 10 to 12 years old.

In addition to the weekly Sunday morning Church service we offer:

- A weekly Sunday evening gathering for 18-25 year old students and singles.
- A fortnightly gathering called 'G2' designed for teenagers between 12-17 years old, who are part of the church family.
- A fortnightly gathering called 'Switch' designed to reach out to teenagers in the community.
- Weekly small groups for people to connect with each other during the week.
- Pastoral care for people within the community.
- Various missionary and outreach work which include:
 - Weekly Monday Night Football Outreach.

A great contribution is made by church member volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent preparing and participating in all of our activities. Without their valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:

GENERAL:

2021 continues to be an exceptionally unusual and disrupted year due to the deep, lasting and ongoing effects on the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We continued to have "in-person services" but were unable to use the local school to meet, so had to move our public services to another venue. We used this venue until May 2021 at which time we returned to the school. We returned to the school with social distancing and no creche or children work until September 2021 when creche and children's work was restarted on Sunday morning.

During this time we continued to broadcast online-only our Sunday services.

We have seen a small increase of new people visiting the church during 2021 period.

During the year we welcomed in new members whilst at the same time there were some members who left the church for a variety of reasons.

The pandemic stopped us from hosting our annual teens summer camp, and curtailed all of our regular outreach activities including our mothers and toddlers group, our participation in the homeless shelter, our children's holiday clubs, our "Switch" teens outreach group, our food bank collections, our Monday night football outreach.

G2 and Switch recommenced in September 2021.

PARTNERSHIPS:

The pandemic also curtailed our links with other churches and pastors in the city of Bristol and surrounding areas; and limited our interactions with other pastors in our Sovereign Grace Churches denomination.

We did continue our partnership with Covenant Mercies; a non-profit organisation based in the USA that seeks to provide spiritual, physical and educational care for poverty stricken orphans in Africa. People from the church have continued to sponsor orphans in either Zambia, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Members of our church have also benefitted from the partnership and ongoing work (and conferences) of Biblical Counselling UK.

OTHER:

In December 2021 we held a special church meeting where our Lead Pastor, Nathan Smith offered his resignation from his eldership of Grace Church to take effect from July 1st 2022..

We also undertook a "Help & Hope" initiative where people in the church gave donations to allow us to work with two local schools, to give away around 80 gifts bags to disadvantaged pupils and families, and older, vulnerable members of the local community. These gift bags contained supermarket vouchers, food and drinks and a message of hope.

Once again people from the church participated in the "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal" and we were able to contribute more than 25 shoe boxes to the Samaritan's Purse charity for them to deliver gifts to underprivileged children overseas.

Members of our church have also continued to give to our Benevolence Fund, which is designed to financially assist other members of our church who might be in financial hardship. We are grateful for the sacrificial giving and compassion of the members of our church to care and support one another in this manner.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary of the charity's policy on reserves:

It is the trust's aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least one month unrestricted payments, or approximately £5,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

Further financial review details:

Our main source of funding this year has been through voluntary donations from members of the church.

The total income for the year was £148,179.48 with total expenses being £137,825.72

We continued to operate an account for all income and expenditure associated with Sovereign Grace UK. The total income for the year on this account was £240.25 with total expenses being £0

An account was operated for all income and expenditure associated related to Covenant Mercies UK. The total income for the year on this account was £8,884 with total expenses being £4,578.78

F. DECLARATION

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

Signature:

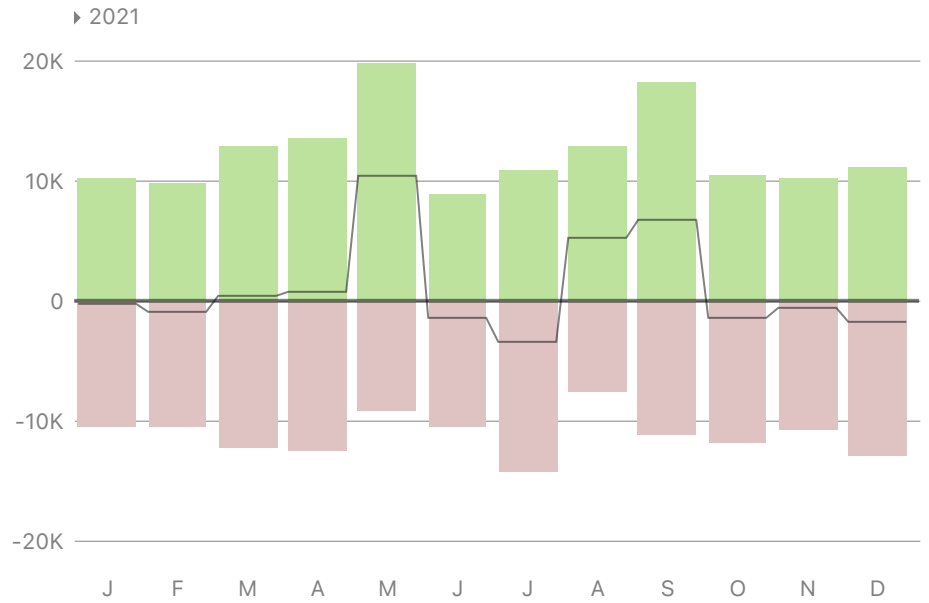
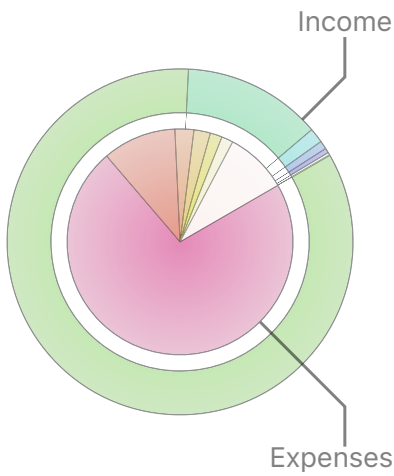
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Full Name: Peter John Bowley

Position: Chairman of trustees

Date: 13 October 2022

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2021
Net £16,007.81

INCOME SUMMARY

2021

	2021
Total	£148,472.43
Tithes	£124,993.44
Covenant Return	£19,306.98
Nandy And Petra	£2,060.00
ITFO	£1,150.00
Benevolent Fund	£660.00
Short Term Missions	£350.00
Office Income	£90.00
Gift	-£137.99

SPENDING SUMMARY

2021

	2021
Total	-£132,464.62
Pastoral Support	-£95,772.00
Office Rent	-£14,000.04
Office Utilities	-£3,602.85
IT Web/Hardware/Software	-£3,130.08
Gifts	-£2,289.00
Professional Charges	-£2,210.04
Capital Items	-£1,958.35
Meeting Rent	-£1,815.76

Total	-£132,464.62
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<input type="radio"/> Life & Students	£10.26
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Mr. Jonathan Sussex was appointed as a trustee in October 2020 to replace Mr John O'Driscoll who voluntarily resigned as a trustee, and relinquished his duties related to the trust in October 2019.

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- Weekly small groups for people to connect with each other during the week.
- Pastoral care for people within the community.
- Various missionary and outreach work which include:
 - i) Weekly Wednesday morning mothers & toddlers group.
 - ii) Weekly Monday Night Football Outreach.

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D. ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:

GENERAL:

2020 has been an exceptionally unusual and disrupted year due to the deep, lasting and ongoing effects on the Covid-19 Pandemic.

For the first 10-12 weeks of the year, our operations and activities remained broadly similar to previous years with regular Sunday services, midweek activities, and outreach events.

In addition to the regular activities of the church, in January we held a Saturday Women's Seminar with a guest speaker, addressing the topic of anxiety; and in March we hosted our first singles weekend retreat.

However, from March 2020, and the first lockdown all our regular activities and initiatives came to a complete standstill.

We invested in new technology to allow us to take our Sunday services online, which we did every week from mid-March until the end of August. We also used Zoom for midweek meetings and gatherings such as our small groups, teens and singles meetings, and prayer meetings.

From September 2020 we restarted "in-person services" but were unable to use the local school to meet, so had to move our public services to another venue. We used this venue from September 2020 through to the end of the year, except for 4 Sundays (during the second lockdown) where we once again broadcast online-only our services.

We have seen a small increase of new people visiting the church during the September-December 2020 period.

The pandemic stopped us from hosting our annual teens summer camp, and curtailed all of our regular outreach activities including our mothers and toddlers group, our participation in the homeless shelter, our children's holiday clubs, our "Switch" teens outreach group, our food bank collections, our Monday night football outreach, and our Easter outreach events.

PARTNERSHIPS:

The pandemic also curtailed our links with other churches and pastors in the city of Bristol and surrounding areas; and limited our interactions with other pastors in our Sovereign Grace Churches denomination.

In February 2020, we launched a fund to allow people from the church to make donations to support members of our church going on future short-term missions trips, and also a fund to collect donations to support church planting efforts in Hungary. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic all short-term missions trips planned were cancelled, and the church plant in Hungary was postponed.

We did continue our partnership with Covenant Mercies; a non-profit organisation based in the USA that seeks to provide spiritual, physical and educational care for poverty stricken orphans in Africa. People from the church have continued to sponsor orphans in either Zambia, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Members of our church have also benefitted from the partnership and ongoing work (and conferences) of Biblical Counselling UK, and Ligonier Ministry.

Finally, we continued our partnership with Union School of Theology, to provide the Bristol Union Learning Community, a distance-learning scheme that provides formal theological training to men pursuing pastoral ministry. This is the fourth year we have partnered with Union to train men for ministry. Again, because of the pandemic, this training was carried out online via Zoom.

OTHER:

2020 and the pandemic allowed us to think about new initiatives and ways of reaching out to the community. We were unable to hold our usual Christmas services, but in lieu of this, members of the church wrote, filmed, produced, edited and published two outreach videos, one aimed at children in the community, and one a "songs of praise" type production aimed at all ages. The videos were well-received and shared widely by people in the church, and we received hundreds of hits/views on our YouTube channel.

We also undertook a "Help & Hope" initiative where people in the church gave donations to allow us to work with two local schools, and some local old people's homes, to give away over 100 gift bags to disadvantaged pupils and families, and older, vulnerable members of the local community. These gift bags contained supermarket vouchers, food and drinks and a CD of Christmas music, and a message of hope.

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Summary of the charity's policy on reserves:

It is the trust's aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least one month unrestricted payments, or approximately £5,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

Further financial review details:

Our main source of funding this year has been through voluntary donations from members of the church.

The total income for the year was £164,257.45 with total expenses being £142,747.44

We continued to operate an account for all income and expenditure associated with Sovereign Grace UK. The total income for the year on this account was £2,210.94 with total expenses being £218.77

An account was operated for all income and expenditure associated and related to Covenant Mercies UK. The total income for the year on this account was £11,191.75 with total expenses being £15,419.24

F. DECLARATION

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

Signature:



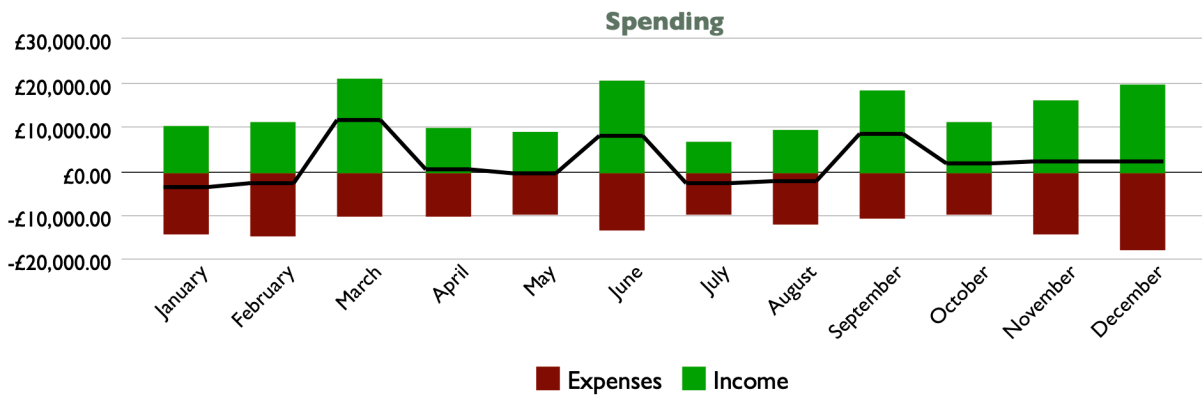
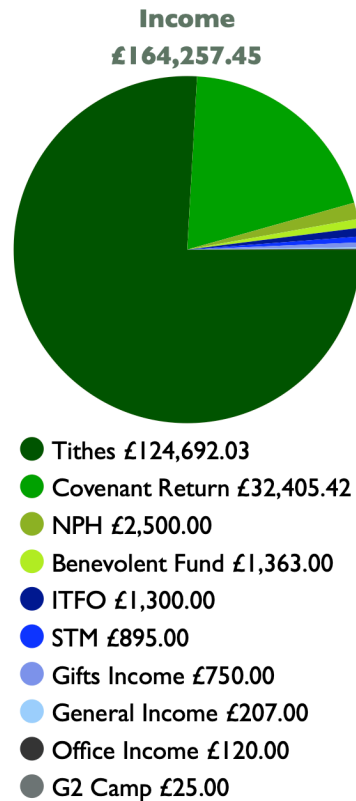
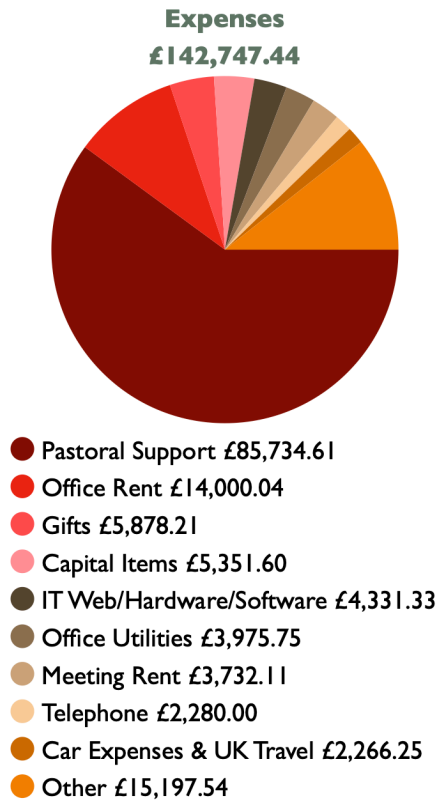
Full Name:

Position: Chairman of trustees

Date: 25 October 2021

2020 - Income & Expense Report

Summary Between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2020



Income & Expenses by Category

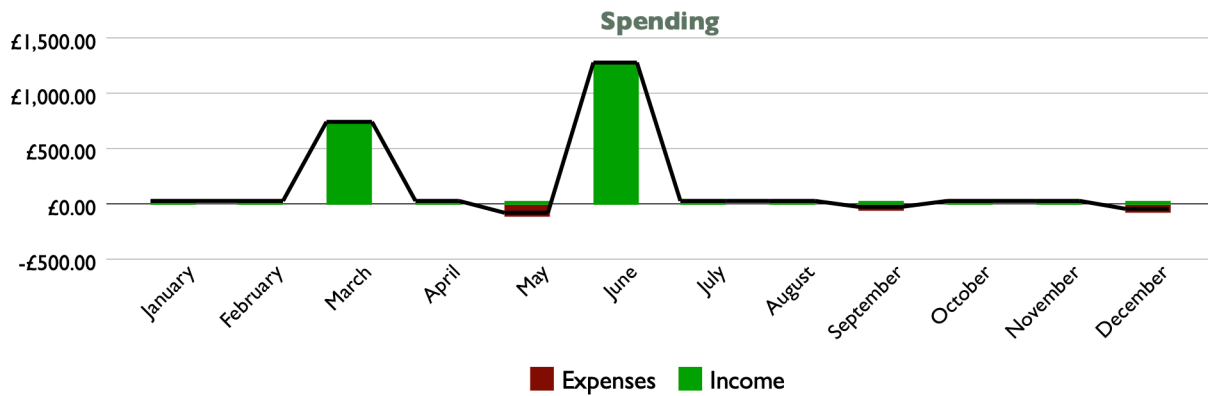
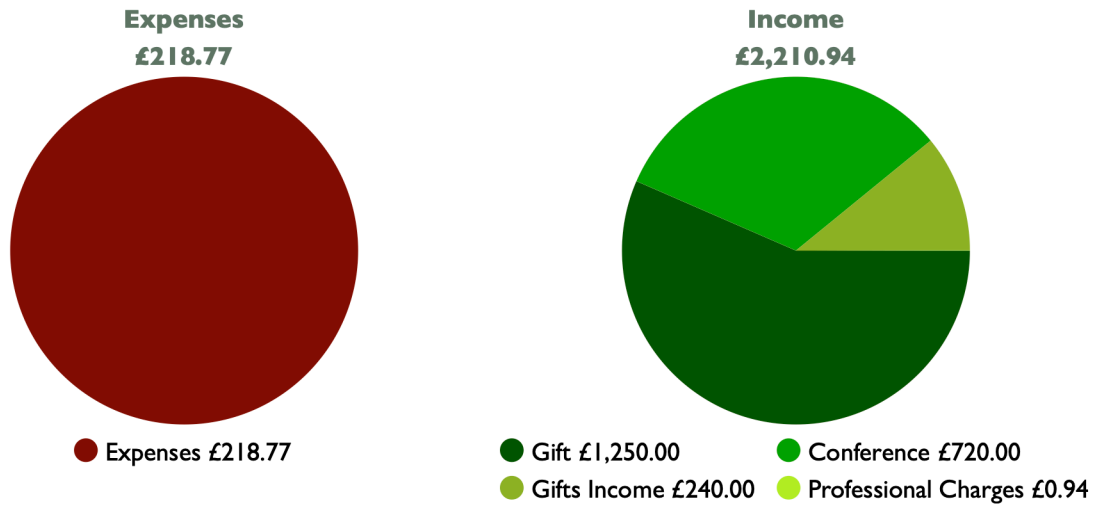
Category	Total
Income	
Benevolent Fund	£1,363.00
Covenant Return	£32,405.42
G2 Camp	£25.00
General Income	£207.00
Gifts Income	£750.00
ITFO	£1,300.00
NPH	£2,500.00
Office Income	£120.00

Income & Expenses by Category (Continued)

Category	Total
STM	£895.00
Tithes	£124,692.03
<i>Income Total</i>	<i>£164,257.45</i>
Expenses	
Benevolent Fund Withdrawal	-£1,563.08
Books/Pastors	-£995.70
Bookshop	-£817.95
Capital Items	-£5,351.60
Car Expenses & UK Travel	-£2,266.25
Catering	-£476.98
Children/Creche	-£408.33
Conference	-£518.48
Covenant Mercies	-£942.90
G2	-£126.51
General Expenses	-£221.35
Gifts	-£5,878.21
Hospitality	-£428.17
IT Web/Hardware/Software	-£4,331.33
Life & Students	-£74.46
Marriage	-£2,162.40
Meeting Rent	-£3,732.11
Mothers & Toddlers	-£1,061.41
Music/Worship/PA	-£113.01
Office	-£313.39
Office General	-£11.99
Office Rent	-£14,000.04
Office Utilities	-£3,975.75
Outreach	-£1,325.44
Pastoral Support	-£85,734.61
Professional Charges	-£1,884.40
Publicity	-£737.98
Stationary/Postage	-£484.17
Switch	-£34.44
Teaching Materials	-£495.00
Telephone	-£2,280.00
<i>Expenses Total</i>	<i>-£142,747.44</i>
TOTAL	£21,510.01

Sovereign Grace - Income & Expense Report

Summary Between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2020

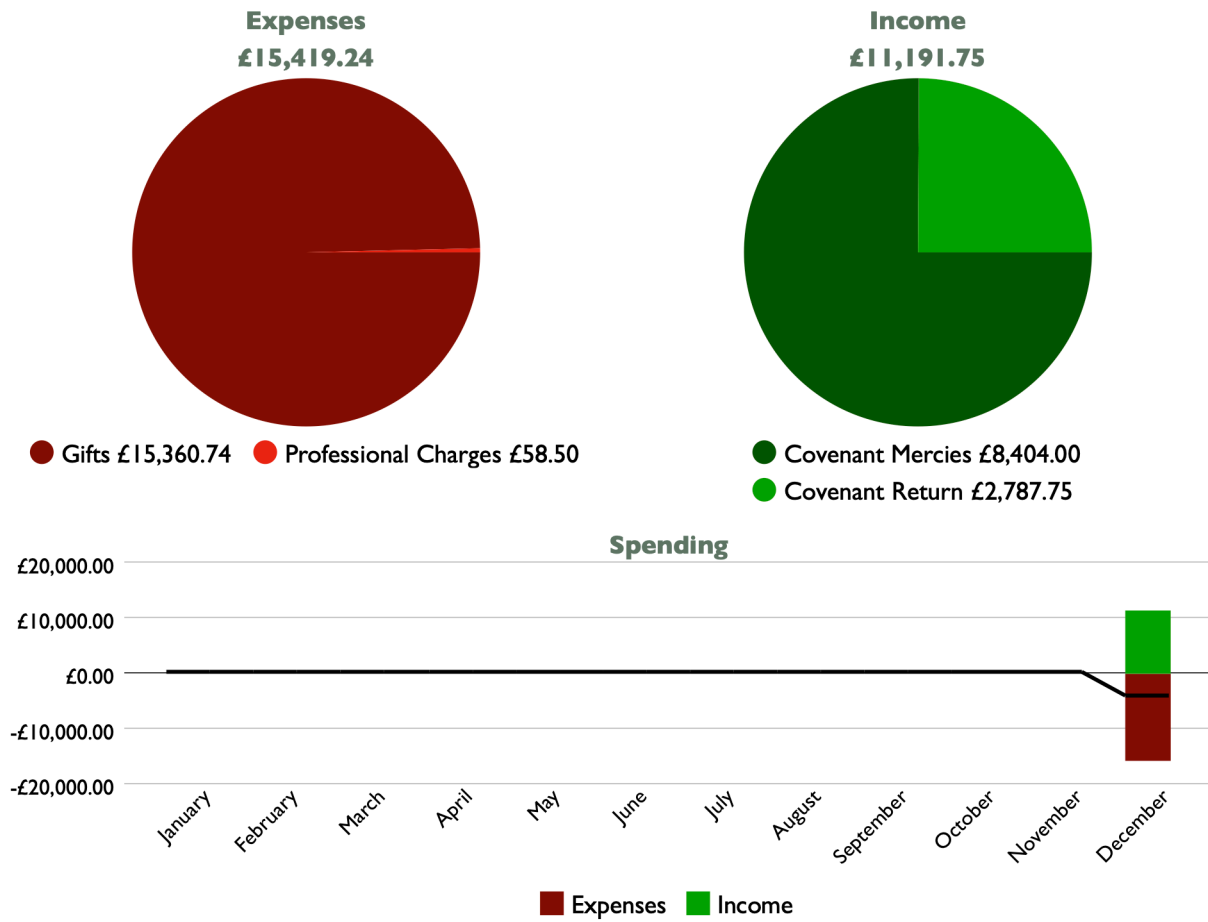


Income & Expenses by Category

Category	Total
Income	
Conference	£720.00
Gift	£1,250.00
Gifts Income	£240.00
Professional Charges	£0.94
Income Total	£2,210.94
Expenses	
Expenses	-£218.77
Expenses Total	-£218.77
TOTAL	£1,992.17

Cov Mercies 2020 - Income & Expense Report

Summary Between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2020



Income & Expenses by Category

Category	Total
Income	
Covenant Mercies	£8,404.00
Covenant Return	£2,787.75
Income Total	£11,191.75
Expenses	
Gifts	-£15,360.74
Professional Charges	-£58.50
Expenses Total	-£15,419.24
TOTAL	-£4,227.49