

# GRACE CHURCH MANCHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1108310

## Details

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**Other names** THE PLANT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2005-02-25

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY AMONGST STUDENTS IN MANCHESTER AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST.(B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN MANCHESTER AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** Advancing Christian faith - please see trustees annual report for further details  
Direct relief of need or hardship - please see trustees annual report for further details

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** MANCHESTER AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.
- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£184,146	£180,878	-	-
2024-06-30	£231,823	£206,300	-	-
2023-06-30	£168,043	£187,888	-	-
2022-06-30	£170,624	£179,358	-	-
2021-06-30	£176,915	£186,357	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Irwin		2024-06-24
Dr Sophie Craggs		2019-09-30
Nigel Tate		2022-06-13
Nnamdi Okolie		2021-06-14
Rev Rohintan Mody		2024-06-24

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# Accounts

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# Grace Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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**Trustees** Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Dr. Sophie Craggs	Trustee		
Rev. Stephen James	Trustee	(External to GCM)	(To July 2024)
Nnamdi Okolie	Trustee		
Nigel Tate	Trustee	(External to GCM)	
Clare Fundira	Trustee		(From July 2024)
Ro Mody	Trustee	(External to GCM)	(From July 2024)

**Staff**

Peter Horlock	Senior Pastor	
Jeremy Poyner	Associate Pastor	(To August 2024)
Emily Horlock	Administrator	
Grace Fulford	Ministry Development Worker	

**Bankers** The Co-operative Bank  
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**Independent Examiner** Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA  
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Grace Church Manchester  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 30 June 2025

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## **Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in the governing document

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs (which appears as a schedule in The Declaration of Trust) hereto particularly but not exclusively amongst students in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

The main activities of Grace Church over the 2024-2025 financial year in relation to our charitable objectives are described below.

#### **a) To advance the Christian faith**

##### **Sunday Services and Mid-week groups**

The church does not have its own building and so continues to hire out a local school on a Sunday morning for our weekly meetings. There are around 115 people over the age of 11 attending each week. We have a time of bible teaching, sung worship, prayer and we provide children's ministry for creche age through to year 6. We are a culturally diverse but youthful church (average age range 20-40) with a high turnover due to the transient nature of city living and changes in circumstances in this people group. We see ourselves as a 'sending church' investing in people for a season, aiming to equip believers to then be scattered wherever God takes them.

Our mid-week groups meet in people's homes across the local area. They consist of individuals and families meeting together to encourage one another with mutual support, bible study and prayer. The groups focus on building a day-to-day gospel presence across the city and are based on geographical location or mission affinity. The leaders of these groups are supported with periodic training sessions.

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**Childrens and Youth Ministry**

On Sundays we see on average 25-30 children in Creche, Kids Club and Explorers which are our teaching and activity groups from children aged 6 months to 10/11 years old. These meet during the morning service. We have a youth ministry on a Sunday evening for High School students that now meets in a local community centre as of September 2024 to accommodate the growing numbers (from 6 members to an average 12 per week) The leadership team is made up of our Ministry Development Worker and five volunteers.

**Student Ministry**

Our student ministry continues to encourage and equip students to grow in their knowledge and joy of the faith and to live and speak for Jesus at University. The team has seen some change in leadership this year with three leaders moving on and two new leaders joining the team. All leaders are church members that volunteer their time, and it continues to meet weekly in term time in a home, with an average of 15 students attending. There is food, fellowship, and a bible study. They also offer one-to-one ministry and pastoral care in the week and host a weekend away in January.

**Staff**

The Church employs one full time Minister, one Ministry Development Worker and a part time Administrator. Our Associate Pastor ceased employment in August 2024, moving on to pursue full time theological training.

**Training**

There have been many training opportunities for both Staff and Volunteers over the last year including: safeguarding, youth and children's leaders Fortify day, Crosslands online Intercultural Church course, FIEC National Conference and local church day.

**Mission and Partnership**

The church is involved in a range of local outreach initiatives, including the following:

- Running a weekly toddler group for pre-school children with the aim of providing support and friendship to parents and carers.
- Running a community choir in Fallowfield twice a month. They perform at local events throughout the year including our Christmas Carol Service.
- Meeting regularly to clean up a local park in the Old Moat ward to serve the community.
- Partnering with Friends International's iCafé initiative, providing a conversation cafe for international students and academic visitors.
- The Ministry Development Worker engaged with a local primary school leading a children's choir.
- Women's ministry events which include bible studies, termly breakfasts and social meet ups.
- In May, Friends International, a local mission partner celebrated their 40th Anniversary, our pastor was on the organising committee for the dinner event and several people from GCM attended.

We work closely with a number of local churches to help equip and serve one another sharing resources, training opportunities and wisdom to help further the work of the gospel in Manchester.

We also continue to support 6 overseas mission partners around the world both in prayer and financially. These include a number of church planting and leadership initiatives in France, Pakistan and Turkey. We also support 3 UK mission partners.

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**b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship**

As a church, we had a charity collection for The River Manchester.

Direct relief of hardship has been given to those that have approached the leadership or been referred by members, with two recipients over this financial year.

We have continued to support members of the church with a range of pastoral needs. Our pastoral care structure aims to provide support practically, as well as providing a system for people to refer issues that are more serious than they feel able to deal with, to the elders or other trained members and services.

## **Achievements and performance**

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- 4 new church members joined GCM in Spring 2025. We had new undergraduate and graduate students begin attending the church with the new academic year.
- We have also seen people move on from Grace church with fond farewells and sent with our prayers into their next season of life, including our Associate Pastor and his family and one of our Elders and his family. We installed 4 new volunteer Elders in November 2024
- We continue to have a large team of volunteers who serve both on Sunday morning and throughout the week.
- Monthly prayer meetings, monthly book clubs for both the men's and the women's are well attended.
- We have a Safeguarding team that oversees the documents, training and recruitment needed to keep our volunteers above reproach.
- We have a finance team that oversee the church finances, sharing relevant information with the church family at quarterly church family meetings and also liaising with the Trustees.

A few highlights:

- The Church appointed three new Elders on November 10th 2024 following Eldership training and consultation with church members, who gave unanimous support.
- The Church has received teaching on a number of topics and biblical series including sermon series from: Luke - 'Meals with Jesus', 1Peter - 'Chosen exiles on God's mission,' Advent Series in Micah, Luke and John, Genesis 37-50: God's Plan For Saving Lives, and Acts part 2
- We held a 20th anniversary celebration for the church. John Hindley, an Elder at the time of the church's establishment, came to preach.
- Various church members hosted or attended 'Lunches in homes'.
- Over 60 members of the church family participated in a progressive dinner hosted in different homes for each course.
- Emunah ensemble group put on a Spring evangelistic concert which was jointly supported with another local church and well attended.
- The church held two carol services with attendance of 179 at the traditional service and many at the family carols including a number of guests.
- Women's Christmas bowling social saw many attend with some church members bringing friends. It was a fun and inclusive event.
- The students enjoyed a weekend in Edale, 16 attended. There was time for teaching, fellowship and food.

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## **Financial review**

### Reserves policy

We continue to hold reserve funds of £15,000 which is felt sufficient to meet any unforeseen needs or commitments.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on 10th February 2005 in England and Wales. The charity is constituted under a trust deed which was last amended on 1st June 2014. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily. Those who receive benefits from the charity are outlined in note 5 of the accounts. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

In line with the trust deed, a trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority. This is recorded in the meeting minutes and signed by the new trustee and the meeting chair as evidence of the appointment. We seek to have external and internal trustees as recommended by the FIEC. All trustees declare their agreement with the Statement of Beliefs.

### Related parties and relationships with other organisations

During the course of this financial year, we were members of two external organisations. The first of these is a national group of churches called the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). The FIEC provides training support for church leaders as well as legal, and governance support for church leadership teams. Pete attended the Leadership conference in November 2024 and both Jez and Pete attended their regional meeting in May. We pay an annual membership support gift to the North West Gospel Partnership. Whilst this is not a subscription, it helps support the work of the partnership which we benefit from throughout the year.

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### Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 23/03/2026 and signed on their behalf by

Name: DR. SOPHIE CRAGGS

Title: Trustee

Independent examiner's report  
to the members of  
Grace Church Manchester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants  
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street  
Manchester, M4 6JG

Date: 02/04/2026

Grace Church Manchester  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	143,888	800	144,688	185,643
Gift Aid Receipts		27,821	-	27,821	36,553
Income from Charitable Activities	4	79	-	79	502
Other Income		11,558	-	11,558	9,125
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>183,346</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>184,146</b>	<b>231,823</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Staff Costs including Pensions and Expenses		101,463	5,370	106,833	129,671
Property Expenses		2,486	-	2,486	10,197
Facilities		16,883	-	16,883	15,958
Ministry Costs		13,975	-	13,975	15,382
Children/Youth Ministry		4,312	-	4,312	840
Admin Costs		10,414	-	10,414	10,069
Professional Fees		4,922	-	4,922	4,129
Grants Payable for Missionary Support		20,483	-	20,483	19,233
Relief of Poverty		570	-	570	821
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>175,508</b>	<b>5,370</b>	<b>180,878</b>	<b>206,300</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>7,838</b>	<b>(4,570)</b>	<b>3,268</b>	<b>25,523</b>
Transfer between funds		(5,370)	5,370	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<b>2,468</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>3,268</b>	<b>25,523</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities  
as at 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	<i>Total funds</i> 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	71,125	-	71,125	45,602
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,468	800	3,268	25,523
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<b>Bank and cash balances at end of year</b>	<b>73,593</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>74,393</b>	<b>71,125</b>
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**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Property: 62 The Gallery	Endowment	Cost £ 139,000
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Approved by the trustees on 30/03/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Sophie Craggs (Trustee)

# Grace Church Manchester

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

### 1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

### 2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

### 3 Income from Donations, Legacies and Grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	143,888	800	144,688
Gift Aid Receipts	27,821	-	27,821
	171,709	800	172,509
		2025 £	2024 £
Restricted income from donations and legacies		800	2,833
Unrestricted income from donations and legacies		171,709	219,363
		172,509	222,196

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

### 4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £
Income from Charitable Activities	79	-	79
Other	11,558	-	11,558
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	11,637	-	11,637
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### 5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

One trustee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £42 (2024: £43).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

**6 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2025 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants:					
JP Support	-	-	(5,370)	5,370	-
Building Fund	-	800	-	-	800
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Total	-	800	(5,370)	5,370	800
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**7 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 30 June 2025 £
General fund	71,125	183,346	(175,508)	(5,370)	73,593
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Alison Collins	Trustee	(To July 2023)
Dr. Sophie Craggs	Trustee	
Clare Irwin	Trustee	(From June 2024)
Rev. Stephen James	Trustee	(External to GCM resigned June 2024)
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Peter Horlock	Senior Pastor
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Joel Madur	International Student Worker (to July 2023)
Emily Horlock	Administrator
Grace Fulford	Ministry Development Worker (from September 2023)

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### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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#### a) To advance the Christian faith

##### Sunday Services and Mid-week groups

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Our mid-week groups meet in people's homes across the local area. They consist of individuals and families meeting together to encourage one another with mutual support, bible study and prayer. The groups focus on building a day-to-day gospel presence across the city and are based on geographical location or mission affinity. We have life groups in Burnage, Fallowfield, Longsight, Moss Side, Old Moat, Rusholme, West Didsbury and Withington. The Leaders of these groups are supported with monthly training sessions which have had a more structured focus on equipping them for leaderships and pastoral care across the ages with a focus on the children and young people connected to the Life groups. In March Jez focused on how to disciple and include students in life groups over the last year.

We have a growing youth ministry that meets on a Sunday evening for High School students. Preparations were made for an influx of youth from September 2024, including securing a local community centre for their meetings from September.

### **Student Ministry**

Our Student ministry continues to encourage and equip students to grow in their knowledge and joy of the faith and to live and speak for Jesus at University. The team of six is led by Jez and meets weekly in term time in a home, with an average of 16 students attending. There is food, fellowship, and a bible study. They also offer one-to-one ministry and pastoral care in the week.

This year they have worked through the book of Luke on a Sunday evening and had a weekend away to Edale in January with teaching on Men and Women in the Church. We have students that are on the executive committee for the Christian Unions at University, and we seek to support them in these roles.

### **Staff Changes**

Grace Fulford began in a paid role as our Ministry Development worker in September 2023.

Joel Madur moved with his family down to London to serve as an assistant Minister at Dagenham Parish Church in August 2023.

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Jez Poyner continued to work as Associate Pastor at Grace Church having deferred his place at Oakhill Theological College until September 2024. Preparations continued to be made for his departure including continued investment in the Eldership Development Group and plans for the ongoing Student Ministry.

Following four years on the board, Steve James stepped down as a Trustee in June 2024. We are incredibly thankful for his wisdom over the last few years, guiding us through a number of staff and structural changes as a church and the Covid pandemic.

We appointed two new Trustees. Clare Irwin is a member of Grace Church, having joined as a student and staying to work in Manchester and start a family. She brings expertise in legal and policy documentation. Rev. Dr. Rohintan Mody has been appointed as a second external Trustee. He is the Director of the North West Partnership and brings valuable expertise in ministry.

### **Training**

There have been many training opportunities for both Staff and Volunteers over the last year.

- Growing young disciples training day was attended by 13 of our youth and children's volunteer leaders.
- External Safeguarding Training for all staff and volunteers
- A small number of men continue to meet regularly to explore the possibility of eldership with an assessment survey completed by all of them and followed up with Jez and Pete.
- Pete attended online Oak Hill lectures and Crosslands seminars
- Care for the Family online 'parenting teens' course organised and attended by a number of families.
- Pete attended training on grief and bereavement support in the church
- Grace began the Growing Young Disciples Fortify youth course in Jan 2024
- Pete attended the FIEC leadership conference
- Grace attended a Growing Young Disciples conference for full time workers.

### **Mission and Partnership**

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- Running a weekly toddler group for pre-school children with the aim of providing support and friendship to parents and carers.
- Running a community choir in Fallowfield twice a month. They perform at local events throughout the year including our Christmas Carol Service.
- Helping with weekly online English conversation and grammar classes with people referred by the City Council and Alexandria Library.
- Meeting regularly to clean up a local park in the Old Moat ward to serve the community.
- Partnering with Friends International's iCafé initiative, providing a conversation cafe for international students and academic visitors.

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- Grace set up a lunchtime choir at a local school.
- One of our church members set up a 6-a-side Mens football team to be part of local league
- Women's ministry events which include a weekly bible study, monthly book club, termly breakfasts and social meet ups.
- Men's events have been held this year including a breakfast which was well attended.
- We co-hosted a Good Friday service and ran a Brephos seminar on abortion awareness with Union Hall.
- We ran an evangelistic course 3-2-1 attended by 5 people in January 2024
- Pete was involved in the Uni of Manchester's Grill a Pastor panel event attended by 50 students.

We work closely with a number of local churches (Union Hall, Redeemer, City Church) to help equip and serve one another sharing resources, training opportunities and wisdom to help further the work of the gospel in Manchester.

We also continue to support 6 of mission partners around the world both in prayer and financially. These include a number of church planting and leadership initiatives in France, Pakistan and Turkey.

**b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship**

As a church, we had a charity collection during our Christmas services for The River Manchester.

Direct relief of hardship has been given to those that have approached the leadership or been referred by members, with two recipients over this financial year.

We have continued to support members of the church with illness, including emotional and pastoral needs. Our pastoral care structure aims to provide support practically, as well as providing a system for people to refer issues that are more serious than they feel able to deal with, to the elders or other trained members.

## **Achievements and performance**

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- 28 new church members joined GCM in two inductions in October and December 2023, making a total of 77 church members in 2023. We had new undergraduate and graduate students begin attending the church with the new academic year.
- We have also seen people move on from Grace church with fond farewells and sent with our prayers into their next season of life.
- There were 3 GCM marriages with Pete preaching at one and officiating one.

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- Pete led the funeral for the husband of a long standing member of Grace Church who remarkably accepted Jesus as saviour in the days before his death.
- We were delighted to see two people were baptised in early 2024.
- We welcomed 2 new babies into our church family
- We continue to have a large team of volunteers who serve both on Sunday morning and throughout the week.
- Monthly prayer meetings and the women's monthly book club are well attended.
- We have a Safeguarding team that oversees the documents, training and recruitment needed to keep our volunteers above reproach.
- We have a finance team that oversee the church finances, sharing relevant information with the church family at quarterly church family meetings and also liaising with the Trustees.

A few highlights:

- The 'Joy in Giving' campaign in November 2023 saw the church members raise circa £24k in one off gifts which will fund our Ministry Development worker and a £2500pm increase in regular giving. Our Overseas Mission Partners will receive a 10% increase to their monthly gifts.
- The Church has received teaching on a number of topics and biblical series including cross cultural mission, The Lord's Prayer, Exodus and the doctrine of Christ.
- There was a three part series on 'Being Human. Living in the light of the resurrection' which explored mental health and beginning and end of life issues. The series included interviews with church members with lived experience and was both engaging and encouraging.
- In December, two church members kindly hosted the staff at their home for a valuable planning day which included a discussion of the Gallup Strengthsfinder assessments to help develop our team work. Forward planning included preparations for Jez' departure in July to start theological training in London.
- The church held two carol services with attendance of 162 at the traditional service and 110 at the family carols including a number of guests.
- Women's Christmas craft night which welcomed some members of other outreach groups like the community choir and parent and toddler group.
- Mens Christmas bowling social saw many attend with some church members bringing friends, it was a fun and inclusive event.
- In May a Grace Church couple generously organised and hosted a men's breakfast in the Withington Methodist Church hall which was massively well received and enjoyed by all. There was a feast of cooked food, a time of sung worship and a short talk and reflection.
- The students enjoyed a weekend in Edale in February attended by 22 students and leaders, there was time for teaching, fellowship, food and a very wet walk.

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- Womens ministry continues with termly breakfasts, a monthly book club and social meet ups.
- The Church 'Weekend at Home' took place in June. The progressive dinner on Friday night was attended by around 50 adults. The Fun Day on Saturday at Birchfield Community Centre was attended by 72 adults and 25 0-18yrs and involved crafts, walks, and many games. The weekend concluded with a Church picnic on Sunday. The weekend was intentionally flexible, all-age inclusive, and unhurried - the aim was for church members to deepen their friendships and enjoy fellowship.

## **Financial review**

### Reserves policy

We continue to hold reserve funds of £15,000 which is felt sufficient to meet any unforeseen needs or commitments.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on 10th February 2005 in England and Wales. The charity is constituted under a trust deed which was last amended on 1st June 2014. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily. Those who receive benefits from the charity are outlined in note 5 of the accounts. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

In line with the trust deed, a trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority. This is recorded in the meeting minutes and signed by the new trustee and the meeting chair as evidence of the appointment. We seek to have external and internal trustees as recommended by the FIEC. All trustees declare their agreement with the Statement of Beliefs.

### Related parties and relationships with other organisations

During the course of this financial year, we were members of two external organisations. The first of these is a national group of churches called the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). The FIEC provides training support for church leaders as well as legal, and governance support for church leadership teams. Pete attended the Leadership conference in November 2023 and both Jez and Pete attended their regional meeting in May. We pay an annual membership support gift to the North West Gospel Partnership. Whilst this is not a

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subscription, it helps support the work of the partnership which we benefit from throughout the year.

#### Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 01/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Name: DR. SOPHIE CRAGGS

Title: Trustee

Independent examiner's report  
to the members of  
Grace Church Manchester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants  
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street  
Manchester, M4 6JG

Date: 22/04/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	182,810	2,833	185,643	142,502
Gift Aid Receipts		36,553	-	36,553	24,981
Income from Charitable Activities	4	502	-	502	460
Other Income		9,125	-	9,125	100
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>228,990</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>231,823</b>	<b>168,043</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Staff Costs including Pensions and Expenses		95,237	34,434	129,671	118,088
Property Expenses		10,197	-	10,197	3,406
Facilities		15,958	-	15,958	15,029
Ministry Costs		15,382	-	15,382	14,189
Children/Youth Ministry		840	-	840	698
Admin Costs		10,069	-	10,069	11,349
Professional Fees		4,129	-	4,129	4,009
Grants Payable for					
Missionary Support		19,233	-	19,233	19,345
Relief of Poverty		821	-	821	1,775
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>171,866</b>	<b>34,434</b>	<b>206,300</b>	<b>187,888</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>57,124</b>	<b>(31,601)</b>	<b>25,523</b>	<b>(19,845)</b>
Transfer between funds		(31,601)	31,601	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<b>25,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,523</b>	<b>(19,845)</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities  
as at 30 June 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank and cash balances at start of year		45,602	-	45,602	65,447
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		25,523	-	25,523	(19,845)
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<b>Bank and cash balances at end of year</b>		<b>71,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,125</b>	<b>45,602</b>
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<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				Cost £	
Property: 62 The Gallery		Endowment		139,000	
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Approved by the trustees on 01/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Sophie Craggs (Trustee)

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### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

#### 1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

#### 2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

#### 3 Income from Donations, Legacies and Grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	182,810	2,833	185,643
Gift Aid Receipts	36,553	-	36,553
	219,363	2,833	222,196
		2024 £	2023 £
Restricted income from donations and legacies		2,833	3,424
Unrestricted income from donations and legacies		219,363	164,059
		222,196	167,483
		222,196	167,483

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

### 4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Income from Charitable Activities	502	-	502
Other	9,125	-	9,125
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	9,627	-	9,627
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### 5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

One trustee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £43 (2023: £348).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

**6 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	-	2,833	(34,434)	31,601	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>(34,434)</b>	<b>31,601</b>	<b>-</b>

**7 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 30 June 2024 £
General fund	45,602	228,990	(171,866)	(31,601)	71,125
	45,602	228,990	(171,866)	(31,601)	71,125

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England & Wales - Charity number 1108310

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# Accounts

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Charity Number: 1108310

# Grace Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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Reference and administrative information  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

**Charity number** 1108310

**Registered office and operational address** 247A Wilmslow Road,  
Rusholme  
Manchester  
M14 5LW

**Trustees** Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Alison Collins	Trustee	(To July 2023)
Dr. Sophie Craggs	Trustee	
Rev. Stephen James	Trustee	(External to GCM)
Nnamdi Okolie	Trustee	
Nigel Tate	Trustee	(External to GCM, from June 2022)

<b>Staff</b>	Peter Horlock	Senior Pastor
	Jeremy Poyner	Associate Pastor
	Joel Madur	International Student Worker
	Grace Fulford	Voluntary Intern
	Emily Horlock	Administrator

**Bankers** The Co-operative Bank  
PO Box 101  
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**Independent Examiner** Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA  
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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

## **Objectives and activities**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in the governing document**

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs (which appears as a schedule in The Declaration of Trust) hereto particularly but not exclusively amongst students in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.

a) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

The main activities of Grace Church over the 2022-2023 financial year in relation to our charitable objectives are described below.

#### **a) To advance the Christian faith**

##### **Sunday Services and mid-week groups**

The church does not have its own building and so hires out a local school on a Sunday morning for our weekly meetings with around 107 people over the age of 11 attending each week. We have a time of bible teaching, sung worship, prayer and we provide children's ministry for 6-month olds in creche age through to year 6 in Explorers. There is also a time for fellowship after the meeting with refreshments provided. We are a culturally diverse but youthful church (average age range 20-40) with a high turnover due to the transient nature of city living and

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changes in circumstances in this people group. We see ourselves as a 'sending church' investing in people for a season aiming to equip believers to then be scattered wherever God takes them.

Our mid-week groups meet in people's homes across the local area. They consist of individuals and families meeting together to encourage one another with mutual support, bible study and prayer. The groups focus on building a day-to-day gospel presence across the city and are based on geographical location or mission affinity. We have life groups in the City Centre, Burnage, Fallowfield, Longsight, Moss Side, Old Moat, Rusholme, West Didsbury and Withington. The leaders of these groups are supported with monthly training sessions led by Jez and Pete which have had a more structured focus on equipping them for leadership and pastoral care.

We also have a friendly and committed youth ministry for high school students aged 11-17 years old. It meets on a Sunday evening for bible study, discussion and social events. There are currently 9 young people connected with the group. Members of the youth group have helped with decorating the school hall for the Christmas Carol service and playing in the youth band.

### **Student Ministry**

Our student ministry continues to encourage and equip students to grow in their knowledge and joy of the faith and to live and speak for Jesus at university. The team of six is led by Jez and meets weekly in term time in a home, with an average of 18 students attending. There is food, fellowship, and a bible study. They also offer one-to-one ministry and pastoral care in the week. This year they have worked through the book of Romans on a Sunday evening and had a weekend away to Edale in January with bible talks by Jez looking at men and women, gender, sexuality and complementarianism.

A number of the students are on the Exec for the Christian Unions at University, and we seek to support them in these roles. Two of our Students have successfully interviewed and been offered jobs with UCCF following their graduation this year which is an encouragement.

Joel continues in his role as International Student Worker, building relationships with international students and academic visitors. He also runs a number of international events to welcome students and offer an opportunity to investigate the Christian Faith. He also works alongside Friends International with the same purpose.

### **Staff Changes**

In September 2022 Grace Fulford began a one-year voluntary internship at GCM. Grace graduated from the University of Manchester with a Music degree in June 2023, she is an active member of the church and student ministry. This is a self-supporting role, with funds raised through family, friends, and the Sola Trust. A GCM family generously offered to accommodate Grace which assists with her living costs. Grace will give four days a week to GCM serving with Monday Monkeys, children's and youth ministry, women's ministry and general church ministry. She is also undertaking the Crosslands foundation course giving her a good basis theological and biblical studies. This is in partnership with City Church Manchester who have offered Grace the opportunity to study ministry formation seminars with their church interns. For two days a week Grace will also volunteer with Image, a Manchester based pregnancy support charity.

Jez Poyner, our Associate Pastor, successfully applied to Oak Hill Theological College to start a fulltime three-year degree in Theology from September 2023. In consultation with the Elders Jez accepted their proposal for him to defer his place at theological college until September 2024. This would be mutually beneficial as Jez continues directing the leadership development group seeking to train new elders and refresh our membership process. It would also give him more time to raise funds for his studies.

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In April 2023, following a very positive appraisal and feedback from the Church family and leadership Pete Horlock moved from Interim Pastor to Senior Pastor.

In April 2023, Joel Madur, our International Student Worker successfully applied for the role of Ministry Assistant at Dagenham Parish Church. This is a great opportunity for Joel to develop his skills especially in preaching and church leadership. He leaves his post as our International Student Worker at the end of July 2023.

Ally Collins stepped down as a Trustee in July 2023 following 7 years of dedicated and excellent service on the board. We are very grateful to Ally for all the work she has invested improving our operational structures, HR and strategic planning as a charity.

Nigel Tate was appointed a Trustee in June 2022 with his first meeting being October 2022. He brings valuable expertise and experience to help oversee the church finances. He is a member of St Mary's Church Cheadle.

### **Training**

There have been several training opportunities for both staff and volunteers over the last year.

- As part of her internship, Grace has been attending weekly theological training provided by City Church Manchester.
- Emily attended the BCUK National conference online accessing lectures throughout the day. The 2023 theme was 'Gospel, Church and Mental Health' an especially relevant need in our church where we have a number of students and adults needing support with poor mental health.
- Jez successfully completed the Certificate in Biblical Counselling. This 3-year course aims to equip students to develop a culture of care in the local church. The course combines material from CCEF's School of Biblical Counselling with new content developed by BCUK for the UK context.
- Joel and Pete attended the FIEC Leader's National Conference in Blackpool which marked FIEC's 100th anniversary. The conference theme reflected the founding principles of the Fellowship that are still at the heart of our gospel work: faithfulness to the truth, a commitment to unity, and mission at the heart of the local church. There were around 1000 delegates from all over the UK representing over 600 churches that are part of the FIEC.
- Jez and Pete attended the FIEC regional leaders' event which is a good opportunity to meet with leaders based in the North West.
- From April 6 men from within the church family began meeting together with Pete and Jez to explore the possibility of an eldership role within the church in the future. The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss chapters and exercises from Timothy Witmer's 'Shepherd Leader' and Bob Thune's 'Gospel Eldership'. The aim is to encourage these men to consider becoming volunteer elders in the future. We are hoping that by Autumn 2024 we can appoint two new elders.

### **Mission and Partnership**

The church is involved in a range of local outreach initiatives, including the following:

- Running a weekly toddler group for pre-school children with the aim of providing support and friendship to parents and carers.
- Running a community choir in Fallowfield twice a month. They perform at local events throughout the year including our Christmas Carol Service.
- Helping with weekly online English conversation and grammar classes with people referred by

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the City Council and Alexandria Library.

- Meeting regularly to clean up a local park in the Old Moat ward to serve the community.
- Partnering with Friends International's iCafé initiative, providing a conversation cafe for international students and academic visitors.
- It has been a pleasure to share in ministry with Union Hall Evangelical Church in Hulme. Pete spoke at one of Union's monthly prayer meetings in which GCM was one of the focuses of prayer. We shared a Good Friday service hosted at Union's building and Joel preached. At the end of April, just after Easter, we co-hosted an evangelistic/apologetic event: "Why would anyone today believe in the resurrection of Jesus?" Two members of GCM - Tym Miara (a Physics Phd student) and Heng Oeng (a Philosophy undergraduate), spoke on reasons for believing the resurrection for Jesus is true and trustworthy. Finally, in May we had a midweek teaching session with guest speaker Pastor Conrad Mbewe from Kabwata Baptist Church, Lusaka, Zambia. He is an internationally renowned bible teacher and his daughter and son-in-law were part of GCM during their MA studies at the University.

We continue to work closely with our church plant Redeemer Church in Chorlton supporting them prayerfully and financially. We shared Christmas Day and New Years Day services together, hosted at The Royal Oak Pub. Pete had the privilege of preaching at their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service in June.

Other partnerships include the North West Gospel Partnership and Northern Gospel Project which both help equip and serve the local church through prayer meetings, training days, and informal networks of support offering resources and wisdom to help further the work of the gospel in Manchester and the North West.

We continue to support 6 overseas mission partners both in prayer and financially (£13,523 pa). These include bible translation work and church planting initiatives in France, India, Pakistan and Turkey. Our UK mission partner support includes the Alexandria Lighthouse, Redeemer Church, Friends International, Acts 29 and North West Gospel Partnership (£5,866pa).

The Elders carefully reviewed our longstanding membership with Acts 29 which as an organisation has been addressing its vision and offering to member churches after some significant ministry challenges. We were grateful that Steve Robinson, the Acts 29 UK Director, was able to join one of our elders meetings in September 2022 to answer questions and share the vision for assessing church planters. After careful consideration we decided that we would not renew our membership with the financial commitments entailed from January 2023. However, we continue to support Antalya Protestant Church in Turkey and Redeemer Church Manchester (both Acts 29 churches). We parted on very positive terms and would consider re-joining Acts 29 if we wanted to have a church planter assessed.

**b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship**

As a church, we support the Compassion Food Bank run by the Church of God of Prophecy in Moss Side, co-ordinating donations on a monthly basis. At Christmas we supported The Oasis Centre, Gorton collecting over £1000 worth of toys and gifts for their Christmas present initiative for local families. Our Carol service donations (total of £700) went to support the work of Barnabus Manchester (working to alleviate homelessness) and The River Manchester (supporting survivors of domestic abuse).

Direct relief of hardship has been given to those that have approached the leadership, or been referred by church members. We have continued to support members of the church with illness, including emotional and pastoral needs. Our pastoral care structure aims to provide support practically, as well as

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providing a system for people to refer issues that are more serious than they feel able to deal with to the elders or other trained members.

## Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- Grace Church continues to welcome new people to the church. In October 2022 we hosted a welcome to GCM morning attended by 8 people. Another 6 people started attending church regularly in the last quarter of the year. Several undergraduate and post graduate students have also begun attending church. There continues to be an encouraging diversity of people from different ethnic groups. Our average Sunday service attendance between January to March 2023 was 107 (11-year olds to 80+ year olds).
- There were 5 GCM marriages during summer. Pete was able to preach at two of the weddings and lead one. 3 out of the 5 couples have moved to different churches all for very positive reasons but again highlighting the movement and 'churn' that GCM lives with due to a younger demographic.
- We have had the joy of seeing 3 people baptised in October 2022.
- We're grateful for the people who continue to volunteer in service teams on Sunday and throughout the week.
- The monthly prayer online meeting and monthly women's book club are well attended.
- The pastoral care team was operational from March 2023 and helps to make sure that as a community we're attending to, caring for and meeting the spiritual and practical needs of the church family.
- There is a Safeguarding team that oversees the relevant documents, training and safer recruitment necessary to keep our staff and volunteers above reproach.
- The finance team continues to oversee and manage church finances well and together with Pete are planning a formal stewardship campaign to re-engage people with the need for an increase regular giving.
- We continue to publicly pray for and celebrate peoples' contributions to GCM who are moving on from the church for various reasons.

A few highlights over the course of the year:

- Grace Fulford joining the team as a volunteer intern.
- We held two carol services, one traditional service with Fallowfield Choir performing which Jez Poyner preached at. Unfortunately, our family carol service had to move online due to an issue at the school. However, it was still an engaging and creative service with the gospel talk given by our Explorers Group Leader – Matthew Annett. The service was led by our children's and youth Deacon Katie Luscombe and Associate Pastor Jez Poyner.
- The students had a weekend away in January at the Peak Centre in Edale. Attended by 24 students and a team of helpers. The bible talks that Jez did looked at men and women, gender, sexuality and complementarianism.
- In the summer term we had a thematic sermon series on church membership which launched our refreshed membership process. Following a well-attended membership course there were 16 wanting to become members which will happen in Autumn 2023.
- The evangelistic event co-hosted with Union Hall in April: "Why would anyone today believe in the resurrection of Jesus?"
- We enjoyed our second Church Big Weekend in June. The Friday evening included a progressive dinner with over 50 adults going to different homes for each course of three course meal. This was a fun and collaborative way of getting to know more people from church. The Saturday Big day was hosted at the Academy School. Over 70 adults and children attended. We had two practical seminars in the morning led by Chris and Zena Schofield on what it means to love one

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another as a church family. On the Sunday after the service we enjoyed a picnic in Whitworth Park.

- Women's ministry events which include a weekly bible study, monthly book club, termly breakfasts and social meet ups.
- Men's events have been held this year including a breakfast where Edem Edifor (one of our church elders) gave his testimony. It was a good opportunity for men to meet and get to know new people in the church. It was attended by 28 men.
- Christmas events – 173 people attended our Carol service and we held a Women's Craft Night with parents from the toddler group attending.

## Financial review

At the end of the reporting period, the charity held cash funds of £45,602. There were no funds in deficit on 30 June 2023.

### Reserves Policy

In June 2023, following a financial review, the trustees elected to decrease the level of cash reserves maintained from £30,000 down to £15,000. It is felt this is sufficient to meet any unforeseen commitments. We are above the level of reserves as stated in our reserves policy, although the trustees continue to monitor the financial situation carefully.

## Structure, governance and management

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on 10th February 2005 in England and Wales. The charity is constituted under a trust deed which was last amended on 1st June 2014. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily. Those who receive benefits from the charity are outlined in note 5 of the accounts. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

In line with the trust deed, a trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority. This is recorded in the meeting minutes and signed by the new trustee and the meeting chair as evidence of the appointment. We seek to have external and internal trustees as recommended by the FIEC. All trustees declare their agreement with the Statement of Beliefs.

## Related parties and relationships with other organisations

During the course of this financial year, we were members of two external organisations. The first of these is a national group of churches called the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). The FIEC provides training support for church leaders as well as legal, and governance support for church leadership teams. Pete and Joel attended the national conference in November 2022, both Jez and Pete attend the regional meetings. The second of these is a church planting network called Acts 29, which we joined formally in January 2012. As noted above we concluded our membership in December 2022.

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Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

## Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 22/04/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sophie Craggs

Trustee

Independent examiner's report  
to the members of  
Grace Church Manchester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants  
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street  
Manchester, M4 6JG

Date 24/04/2024.

Grace Church Manchester  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	139,078	3,424	142,502	150,795
Gift Aid Receipts		24,981	-	24,981	18,876
Income from Charitable Activities	4	460	-	460	893
Other Income		100	-	100	60
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>164,619</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>168,043</b>	<b>170,624</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Staff Costs including Pensions and Expenses		82,759	35,329	118,088	100,618
Property Expenses		3,406	-	3,406	3,434
Facilities		15,029	-	15,029	24,360
Ministry Costs		14,189	-	14,189	7,320
Children/Youth Ministry		698	-	698	1,029
Admin Costs		11,349	-	11,349	8,780
Professional Fees		4,009	-	4,009	4,991
Grants Payable for					
Missionary Support		19,345	-	19,345	28,310
Relief of Poverty		1,775	-	1,775	516
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>152,559</b>	<b>35,329</b>	<b>187,888</b>	<b>179,358</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>12,060</b>	<b>(31,905)</b>	<b>(19,845)</b>	<b>(8,734)</b>
Transfer between funds		(31,905)	31,905	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<b>(19,845)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,845)</b>	<b>(8,734)</b>

Grace Church Manchester  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
as at 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank and cash balances at start of year		65,447	-	65,447	74,181
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		(19,845)	-	(19,845)	(8,734)
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<b>Bank and cash balances at end of year</b>		<b>45,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,602</b>	<b>65,447</b>
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<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				Cost £	
Property: 62 The Gallery		Endowment		139,000	
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Approved by the trustees on 22/04/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Sophie  
Craags (Trustee)

## Grace Church Manchester

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

#### 2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

#### 3 Income from Donations, Legacies and Grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	139,078	3,424	142,502
Gift Aid Receipts	24,981	-	24,981
	164,059	3,424	167,483
		2023 £	2022 £
Restricted income from donations and legacies		3,424	2,243
Unrestricted income from donations and legacies		164,059	167,428
		167,483	169,671
		167,483	169,671

## Grace Church Manchester

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

#### 4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £
Income from Charitable Activities	460	-	460
Other	100	-	100
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	560	-	560
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#### 5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

Three (three) trustee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £348 (2022: £542).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

Grace Church Manchester

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

**6 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	-	3,424	(35,329)	31,905	-
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Total	-	3,424	(35,329)	31,905	-
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**7 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 30 June 2023 £
General fund	65,447	164,619	(152,559)	(31,905)	45,602
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	65,447	164,619	(152,559)	(31,905)	45,602
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**GRACE CHURCH MANCHESTER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1108310

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# Accounts

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Charity Number: 1108310

# Grace Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Grace Church Manchester  
Reference and administrative information  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Charity number** 1108310

**Registered office and operational address** 247 Wilmslow Road,  
Rusholme  
Manchester  
M14 5LW

**Trustees** Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Alison Collins	Trustee
Dr. Sophie Craggs	Trustee
Rev. Stephen James	Trustee
Nnamdi Okolie	Trustee
Nigel Tate	Trustee (from October 2022)
Michael Tindall	Senior Pastor (to August 2021)

**Staff**

Michael Tindall	Senior Pastor (to August 2021)
Pete Horlock	Interim Pastor (from November 2021)
Jeremy Poyner	Assistant Pastor
Joel Madur	International Student Worker
Emily Horlock	Administrator

**Bankers** The Co-operative Bank  
PO Box 101  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester  
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**Independent** Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

**Examiner** Slade & Cooper  
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Grace Church Manchester  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

## **Objectives and activities**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in the governing document**

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs (which appears as a schedule in The Declaration of Trust) hereto particularly but not exclusively amongst students in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
- a) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

The main activities of Grace Church over the 2021-2022 financial year in relation to our charitable objectives are described below.

#### **a) To advance the Christian faith**

##### **Sunday Services and Mid-Week Groups**

The church met weekly for a Sunday service. Our services included Bible teaching, a time of sung worship, prayer and a children's ministry.

The church runs mid-week groups which form a significant part of church life. We have groups meeting in Burnage, Fallowfield, Moss Side, Old Moat and Withington. Group leaders are supported and equipped through monthly training sessions.

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### **Ministry to Students**

Our student leadership team host and run a weekly Sunday evening meeting involving teaching and fellowship. Pastoral discipleship work is done on a 1 to 1 basis throughout the week. We have been encouraged to see our students grow in maturity and many are involved in serving at Grace Church and in their CUs. We also work in partnership with CUs at the Manchester universities to help them reach students with the gospel.

We have an International Student Worker who has been involved in running a variety of events aimed at welcoming international students and adults, providing opportunities to support them with English language learning as well as exploring the Christian faith. Over the five years Joel has been in this post, a number of good relationships with international visitors have been built with a smaller proportion engaging with Grace Church.

### **Mission & Partnerships**

The church is involved in a range of local outreach initiatives, including the following:

- Running a weekly play group for pre-school children with the aim of providing support and friendship to parents and carers
- Running a community choir in Fallowfield
- Helping with weekly online English conversation and grammar classes with people referred by the City Council and Alexandria Library
- Meeting regularly to clean up a local park in the Old Moat ward to serve the community
- Partnering with Friends International's iCafé initiative, providing a conversation cafe for international students and academic visitors
- Women's ministry events which include a weekly bible study, book club, breakfasts and social meet ups

In addition, an online Hope Explored course ran in January 2022 and a Christianity Explored from April to May 2022 with a total of 6 participants.

We support and pray for several mission partners in a variety of ministries around the world: one leads and develops a website service distributing Scriptures to unreached language communities; a former member and his wife working amongst students in Athens; a church planter in North India. We have also been supporting church planting and leadership initiatives in France, Pakistan and Turkey.

### **Staff Changes**

In August 2021, Mike Tindall moved on to take up a Senior Pastor position at a church in London. In November 2021, Pete Horlock started his role as Interim Pastor for Grace Church.

Landon Nicholls worked as a full-time intern at Grace Church until January 2022, on a Tier 2 Religious Worker visa coordinated and monitored by GEM in partnership with IGO (International Gospel Outreach). In January 2022, Landon's internship transferred to Trinity Community Church to enable him to focus specifically on outreach to Iranians and have the opportunity to learn Farsi.

### **To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship**

As a church, we support the Compassion Food Bank run by the Church of God of Prophecy in Moss Side, co-ordinating donations on a monthly basis. We also supported The Oasis Centre, Gorton and Barnabus Manchester with financial support from our Christmas service donations.

Direct relief of hardship has been given to those that have approached the leadership, or been referred by church members. We have continued to support members of the church with illness, including emotional and pastoral needs. Our pastoral care structure aims to provide support practically, as well as

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providing a system for people to refer issues that are more serious than they feel able to deal with to the elders or other trained members.

## **Achievements and performance**

- Grace Church has welcomed new people over the course of the year. There is an encouraging diversity of people from different ethnic groups, age ranges and a wide social/economic demographic
- We have had the joy of seeing 5 people baptised in March 2022
- We have been rebuilding service teams following the pandemic, with many people involved in serving in some capacity
- Mid-week group leaders have been supported and developed through monthly training sessions
- Mid-week groups have engaged in evangelism training through A Passion for Life resources
- A weekly daytime women's Bible study was started, as well as a monthly women's book club
- A pastoral care team is being formed to develop the pastoral care provision
- We have established a finance team to oversee and manage church finances
- We have seen a number of church family members get married over the course of the year, as well as families welcoming babies
- A number of members have moved on for various reasons and have been prayed for on their final Sunday

A few highlights over the course of the year:

- In September 2021, we saw a large influx of people coming to the online conversation class and growth in the Internationals Bible study
- Pete Horlock was appointed as Interim Pastor in November 2021
- We held two carol services, one traditional service with Fallowfield Choir performing and one family service with a talk and activities for young people
- Landon Nicholls was commissioned and had a positive send off to Trinity Community Church in January 2022
- The students had a weekend away in January which included Bible teaching, fellowship and fun
- The church responded generously to a stewardship season in February 2022
- In March, the women met for a breakfast and had time together to read a Bible passage, pray and enjoy fellowship
- The children's ministry team held a training morning and a new children's ministry leader was appointed in May
- We enjoyed a big church weekend in June

## **Financial review**

At the end of the reporting period, the charity held cash funds of £65,447. There were no funds in deficit on 30 June 2022.

### **Reserves Policy**

In 2021, the trustees elected to increase the level of cash reserves maintained to £30,000 in order to meet any unforeseen commitments. We are above the level of reserves as stated in our reserves policy, although the trustees continue to monitor the financial situation carefully.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005 in England and Wales. The charity is constituted under a trust deed which was last amended on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no

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beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees who receive benefits from the charity are outlined in note 3 of the accounts.

In line with the trust deed, a trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority. This is recorded in the meeting minutes and signed by the new trustee and the meeting chair as evidence of the appointment. All trustees declare their agreement with the Statement of Beliefs.

**Related parties and relationships with other organisations**

During the course of this financial year, we were members of two external organisations. The first of these is a church planting network called Acts 29, which we joined formally in January 2012. Mike Tindall was a trustee of Acts 29 Great Britain. The second is a national group of churches called the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches).

**Statement of responsibilities of the trustees**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 08/02/2023 and signed on their behalf by

Alison Collins

Trustee

Independent examiner's report  
to the members of  
Grace Church Manchester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants  
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street  
Manchester, M4 6JG

Date 14/02/2023

Grace Church Manchester  
 Receipts and Payments Account  
 for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	3	148,552	2,243	150,795	165,199
Gift Aid Receipts		18,876	-	18,876	11,086
Income from Charitable Activities	4	893	-	893	550
Other Income		60	-	60	80
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>168,381</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>170,624</b>	<b>176,915</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Staff Costs including Pensions and Expenses		98,375	2,243	100,618	112,949
Property Expenses		3,434	-	3,434	2,513
Facilities		24,360	-	24,360	10,224
Ministry Costs		7,320	-	7,320	6,540
Children/Youth Ministry		1,029	-	1,029	166
Admin Costs		8,780	-	8,780	8,157
Professional Fees		4,991	-	4,991	3,955
Grants Payable for					
Missionary Support		28,310	-	28,310	27,703
Relief of Poverty		516	-	516	14,150
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>177,115</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>179,358</b>	<b>186,357</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(8,734)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,734)</b>	<b>(9,442)</b>
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<b>(8,734)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,734)</b>	<b>(9,442)</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities  
as at 30 June 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank and cash balances at start of year		74,181	-	74,181	83,623
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		(8,734)	-	(8,734)	(9,442)
		65,447	-	65,447	74,181
<b>Bank and cash balances at end of year</b>		<b>65,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,447</b>	<b>74,181</b>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				Cost £	
Property: 62 The Gallery	Endowment			139,000	

Approved by the trustees on 08/02/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Alison  
Collins

(Trustee)

# Grace Church Manchester

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022

### 1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

### 2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

### 3 Income from Donations, Legacies and Grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Donations, Legacies and Grants	148,552	2,243	150,795
Gift Aid Receipts	18,876	-	18,876
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	167,428	2,243	169,671
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		2022 £	2021 £
Restricted income from donations and legacies		2,243	4,099
Unrestricted income from donations and legacies		167,428	172,186
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		169,671	176,285
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## Grace Church Manchester

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

#### 4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Income from Charitable Activities	893	-	893
Other	60	-	60
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	953	-	953
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#### 5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

3 trustee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £542 (2021: £129).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

Grace Church Manchester

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 (continued)

**6 Analysis of movements in restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Donations, Legacies and	-	2,243	(2,243)	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>(2,243)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Name of fund** **Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

**7 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 30 June 2022 £
General fund	74,180	168,381	(177,115)	-	65,446
	74,180	168,381	(177,115)	-	65,446

**Name of fund** **Description, nature and purposes of the fund**

**GRACE CHURCH MANCHESTER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1108310

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# Accounts

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# Grace Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Grace Church Manchester  
Reference and administrative information  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

**Charity number** 1108310

**Registered office and operational address** 247A Wilmslow Road  
Rusholme  
Manchester  
M14 5LW

**Trustees** Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Alison Collins	Trustee
Dr. Sophie Craggs	Trustee
Rev. Stephen James	Trustee
Nnamdi Okolie	Trustee (appointed 14th June 2021)
Michael Tindall	Senior Pastor

**Staff** Staff employed by Grace Church during the year were as follows:

Michael Tindall	Senior Pastor
Dan Collins	Associate Pastor
Jeremy Poyner	Assistant Pastor
Joel Madur	International Student Worker
Emily Horlock	Administrator

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Grace Church Manchester  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

## **Objectives and activities**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in the governing document**

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs (which appears as a schedule in The Declaration of Trust) hereto particularly but not exclusively amongst students in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
- a) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Manchester and in such other parts of the UK or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

The main activities of Grace Church over the 2020-2021 financial year in relation to our charitable objectives are described below. It is worth noting that over the course of this financial year, the charity took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of COVID-19. This included the temporary suspension of physical gatherings from March 2020 to March 2021. During this time, the charity was able to continue some of its activities using online platforms.

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**a) To advance the Christian faith**

**Sunday Services and Life Groups**

The church met weekly for a Sunday service. This took place online until March 2021, from which point we also met in person at the Edgar Wood building in South Manchester. Our services included Bible teaching, a time of sung worship and prayer. On average, online services were attended by 70 viewers (one viewer being an individual or a family). 30-40 people attended in-person services, with places restricted to enable social distancing. Our children's ministry, made up of four groups - creche, kid's club, explorers and a youth group, continued to meet either online or in person (in line with government guidelines).

The church runs a network of life groups which meet throughout the week for fellowship, mutual support, Bible study and prayer. These groups form a very significant part of church life and most church members are in a life group. The groups focus on building a day-to-day gospel presence across the city and are based on geographical location or mission affinity. We have life groups in Burnage, Fallowfield, Longsight, Moss Side, Old Moat, Rusholme, West Didsbury and Withington. We support life group leaders by equipping and encouraging them in leadership, practical skills, vision and teaching the Christian faith to others.

**Ministry to Students**

We work in partnership with the Christian Unions at Manchester and Salford's universities to help them in the work of promoting the Christian faith amongst students. Our student ministry has been growing under the leadership of Jez Poyner and his team, with a weekly Sunday evening meeting involving teaching and fellowship as well as pastoral discipleship work done on a 1 to 1 basis throughout the week. All student work took place online during the 2020-21 academic year, with an average attendance of 18 students.

Joel Madur, our International Student Worker, has been involved in running a variety of events aimed at welcoming international students and providing opportunities to look into the claims of the Christian faith. Joel has built good relationships with international students and academic visitors and, as a result, several are regularly attending Grace Church.

**Training**

In partnership with Redeemer Manchester and Emmanuel Community Church, a Crosslands Learning Site has offered church members the opportunity to study theology in a local context. A number of students from Grace Church attended the course over the academic year, either studying year 1 or year 2.

**Mission & Partnerships**

Landon Nichols has been working as a full-time intern at Grace Church. He raises all of his support and is on a Tier 2 Religious Worker visa coordinated and monitored by GEM in partnership with IGO (International Gospel Outreach). Landon's focus is on outreach to the local community as well as supporting ministry in the church.

Our life groups are involved in a wide range of local outreach initiatives, including the following:

- Running an online baby group with the aim of providing support and friendship to new parents and carers
- Running a community choir in Fallowfield
- Helping with weekly conversation classes through the Alexandria Library
- Meeting regularly to clean up a local park in the Old Moat ward to serve the community
- Partnering with Friends International's iCafé initiative, providing an online conversation cafe for international students and academic visitors

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Some of these ministries started the year online but were able to continue to meet in person when restrictions were lifted.

In addition to Life Group missional activities, an online Life Explored course ran from January to March 2021, with 5 participants.

We support and pray for several mission partners in a variety of ministries around the world, some of whom are present or former members: one leads and develops a website service distributing Scriptures to unreached language communities; a former member and his wife working amongst students in Athens; a church planter in North India. We have also been supporting church planting and leadership initiatives in France, Pakistan and Turkey.

**b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship**

We have encouraged and facilitated church members in getting involved with helping needy people in the community. This has been seen especially through the work of our life groups, and continues to be an on-going project. As a church, we support a local food bank. Whilst the foodbank was not able to accept food donations during the pandemic, we encouraged church members to continue their support through financial donations.

Direct relief of hardship has been given to those that have approached the leadership, or been referred by church members. We have continued to support members of the church with illness, including emotional and pastoral problems. Our pastoral care structure aims to provide support practically, as well as providing a system for people to refer issues that are more serious than they feel able to deal with to the elders or other trained members.

## **Achievements and performance**

Grace Church has welcomed new people coming to in-person and online services and events. There is an encouraging diversity of people from different ethnic groups, age ranges and a wider social/economic demographic.

Developing leaders and a team approach to leading ministries has been a priority over recent years and we were encouraged to see new people step into leadership. Although the pandemic impacted some of the activities and plans for 2021, we are encouraged to have seen people grow in faith and love for one another during a difficult season.

The ministry to international students continues to grow. Good relationships are developing with Manchester City Council, enabling us to connect with and support international students in new ways. We are encouraged by the opportunity we've had to connect with dozens of people through weekly conversation classes, and the engagement of a number of life groups in supporting this work.

We are encouraged to have seen community continue to thrive during the year despite not being able to meet in person for the majority of that time. We have found new ways to connect and support one another through an unusual time. Monday Monkey's online baby group has been a great opportunity to support new mums in the local area. Several members of the church continue to be involved with and run a choir for the local community in Fallowfield. We continued our support for Compassion Food Bank in Moss Side.

During the Christmas period, we held an online nativity service for children, with a number of visitors attending. Our online carol service included a talk, performance from Fallowfield Choir and a spoken word piece written and produced by church members. The Christmas service included a fundraising initiative to raise support for the food bank, with the church matching individual donations. Through this, Grace Church donated £1000. We received positive feedback for both events.

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Financial support through the Hardship Fund has been given to several individuals at Grace Church in the last year.

Grace Church has eight mission partners and we are regularly supporting them both in prayer and financially. Our monthly online prayer gatherings have been visited by mission partners and have been a particular highlight.

We have appointed a single trustee to oversee safeguarding and they have set up a safeguarding team which includes the Safeguarding Lead, the leader of children's work and an Elder. The role of the team is to oversee policy writing and reviews, run internal safeguarding training and ensure all relevant parties are DBS checked and have undergone relevant safeguarding training. Grace Church is also a member of the safeguarding organisation 31:8, who we use for external training and advice.

## **Financial review**

During the year, the charity received £176,915, primarily through donations, and spent £186,357 giving a net deficit of £9,442. At the end of the reporting period, the charity held cash funds of £74,180. Any restricted fund deficits relating to salaries are covered by the charity's unrestricted reserves. Therefore, there were no funds in deficit at 30 June 2021.

### **Reserves Policy**

From 2021, the trustees elected to increase the level of cash reserves maintained to £30,000 in order to meet any unforeseen commitments, with a view to further increasing the level of cash reserves in due course so that the charity holds a reserve of at least 3 months' running costs.

### **Financial Impact of COVID-19**

The trustees have monitored income and expenditure and have not had to take measures thus far to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's free reserves. A number of donors have had to decrease or stop their giving, although we also saw a decrease in expenditure as activities were operating online. We are above the level of reserves as stated in our reserves policy, although the trustees continue to monitor the financial situation carefully.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005 in England and Wales. The charity is constituted under a trust deed which was last amended on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees who receive benefits from the charity are outlined in note 3 of the accounts.

In line with the trust deed, a trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority. This is recorded in the meeting minutes and signed by the new trustee and the meeting chair as evidence of the appointment. All trustees declare their agreement with the Statement of Beliefs.

### **Related parties and relationships with other organisations**

We are members of two external organisations. The first of these is a church planting network called Acts 29, which we joined formally in January 2012. Mike Tindall is a trustee of Acts 29 Great Britain, helping to support the planting of churches across GB and into Europe. The second is a national group of churches called the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches). Both of these membership organisations enhance our ability to fulfil our objective to advance the Christian faith.

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Mike Tindall is also on the board of Union School of Theology which seeks to train and resource church leaders and church planting initiatives and has built a number of strong links with churches in other countries.

**Statement of responsibilities of the trustees**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 7/12/2021 and signed on their behalf by



Alison Collins

Trustee

Independent examiner's report  
to the trustees of  
Grace Church Manchester

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

**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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commissioners. 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 statement below.


**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of 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 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 07/12/2021

**Grace Church Manchester**  
**Receipts and Payments**  
for the year ended 30th June 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	<i>Prior year funds £</i>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	161,100	4,099	-	<b>165,199</b>	196,225
Gift aid receipts	11,086	-	-	<b>11,086</b>	19,052
Income from charitable activities	550	-	-	<b>550</b>	1,093
Other	80	-	-	<b>80</b>	30
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>172,816</b>	<b>4,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,915</b>	<b>216,400</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>					
Staff costs including pensions and expenses	85,723	27,226	-	<b>112,949</b>	128,572
Purchase of 62 The Gallery	-	-	-	-	-
Property expenses	-	-	2,513	<b>2,513</b>	3,392
Facilities	10,224	-	-	<b>10,224</b>	17,187
Ministry costs	3,959	2,581	-	<b>6,540</b>	19,443
Children/youth ministry	166	-	-	<b>166</b>	364
Admin costs	8,002	155	-	<b>8,157</b>	9,243
Professional Fees	3,955	-	-	<b>3,955</b>	4,216
Annual conference	-	-	-	-	76
Other costs	-	-	-	-	221
	<b>112,030</b>	<b>29,962</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>144,504</b>	<b>182,714</b>
<b>Grants Payable for:</b>					
Missionary support	27,703	-	-	<b>27,703</b>	27,737
Relief of poverty	14,150	-	-	<b>14,150</b>	2,000
	<b>41,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,853</b>	<b>29,737</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>153,883</b>	<b>29,962</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>186,357</b>	<b>212,451</b>
<b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>	<b>18,934</b>	<b>(25,863)</b>	<b>(2,513)</b>	<b>(9,442)</b>	<b>3,949</b>
Transfers between funds	(17,691)	15,179	2,513	-	-
Cash funds last year end	72,938	10,685	-	83,623	79,674
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>74,180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,180</b>	<b>83,623</b>

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Note	Details	Total funds £	Prior Year funds £
<b>1</b>	<b>Cash Funds</b>		
	Cash in Bank	44,041	53,544
	Cash in Deposits	30,139	30,079
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>74,180</b>	<b>83,623</b>
		<b>Funds to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional) £</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	Property: 62 The Gallery	Endowment	139,000
	<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>139,000</b>

**3 Related Party Transactions**

Michael Tindall, trustee, received a salary of £18,375 (2020: £18,193), plus a housing allowance of £18,180 (2020: £18,000) during the year in his capacity as minister of the church, as permitted by the governing document.

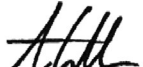
Daniel Collins, the spouse of Alison Collins, trustee, received a salary of £7,575 (2020: £15,000) plus a housing allowance of £7,575 (2020: £16,250) in his capacity as associate minister, as permitted by the governing document.

During the year, one trustee also received travel expenses totalling £129 (2020: £44) in line with their role as a trustee.

**Notes**

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts & Payments basis.
  
- b) All restricted funds relate to Staff Support which are funds raised by the Assistant and Associate Pastor to support their work for the church.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	ALISON COLLINS	7/12/21