

GRACE CHURCH (SCOTTER & DISTRICT)

REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	18 South Street Roxby Scunthorpe North Lincolnshire DN15 0BP
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 31st March 2005, as amended by supplemental deed dated 19th February 2006 Registered charity No: 1109661
TRUSTEES	Jonathan Wesley Billingham Michael Verran Jared Joseph Wandera
BANKERS	Lloyds TSB Bank plc 25 Gresham Street London, EC2V 7HN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Rachel Gravina MAAT Stuart Armstrong & Co (Scunthorpe) Limited Accountants & Taxation Consultants 25 Wells Street SCUNTHORPE North Lincolnshire DN15 6HL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

A) To advance the Christian faith in Scotter 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 the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

New Trustees are appointed by the Trustees.

Review of Activities

The Church is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, whom by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they lived. Grace Church, its trustees, elders and members are committed to the restoration of those New Testament principles. It is not alone in this, it is one of many Churches in the area, country and all over the world that is re-discovering the excitement of knowing Jesus Christ. The vision is to see the people of the Scotter District come into this experience of knowing Jesus as their Lord, Saviour and friend.

During the year there has been a demonstration of the Christian faith in action by serving the community at home and abroad in the following ways.

Local Ministry

- To distribute love gifts to individuals, ministering and travelling many miles to encourage the local work of Grace Church.
- The Thursday Youth Church activity is currently suspended until more volunteer leaders are found.
- To continue to promote initiatives for broken families where children are at risk in the village.
- A Friday morning drop in centre for adults in association with all Scotter churches continues.
- Joseph Wandera continues to be employed as a full time elder. His duties are to visit the sick in hospital and the home and to preach, teach and lead within the total working of Grace Church as required by the trustees.
- The trust seeks to keep contact with households in the village of Scotter and surroundings by various means including summer outreach and Christmas meals each year.
- Increasingly, Grace Church Scotter meets with the leaders and members of the Churches. At present regular meetings take place four times per year.

Overseas Ministry

- Grace Church continued to support the Way of Hope charity based in Budapest. This charity relies on donations from churches and individuals throughout the UK and Grace Church is pleased to support it's work which is among orphans and disadvantaged youngsters in Hungary, Ukraine and Croatia.
- Education service to pastors in Kenya continued particularly in the interest of four new planted churches in Bungoma, Webeye, Yalusi and Kanduyi.
- To provide financial assistance to selected individuals in Kenya for contributions towards medical costs.
- To support four pastors in Kenya on a monthly basis. A Memorandum of Understanding has been obtained with governing parties both in the UK and Kenya.
- A visit has taken place by members of Grace Church to encourage Kenyan pastors and their congregations.

During the accounting year 2022/23 Grace Church has itself had to focus on financial constraints. This has led to discussions regarding reduced support to the Kenyan churches and Way of Hope. The effect of which will be realised in successive years accounts.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year totalled £ 55459 and payments were £ 61787 resulting in a deficit for the year of £ 6328. Cash and bank balances at the year end totalled £ 44764. 2021/2022 has been a challenging year due to the cost of living crisis and Grace Church has done well to close the year with a deficit of £ 6328. Trustees working with the Eldership continue to closely monitor ongoing finances.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 21st August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr M Verran

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GRACE CHURCH (SCOTTER & DISTRICT)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 7 to 9 which have prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners made under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rachel Gravina MAAT
For and on behalf of:
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21st August 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		46737	-	46737	55614
Tax Refunds under Gift Aid		8586	-	8586	17618
		55323	-	55323	73232
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		136	-	136	185
Total Receipts		55459	-	55459	73417
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct Costs	2	41741	-	41741	45780
Grants paid	3	20046	-	20046	29329
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		61787	-	61787	75109
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		(6328)	-	(6328)	(1692)
Net Movements in Funds		(6328)	-	(6328)	(1692)
Balances at 1 st April 2022		51092	-	51092	52784
Balances at 31st March 2023		44764	-	44764	51092

The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Fixed Assets	2023	2022
	£	£
The value of the assets owned are:		
PC & Audio Equipment	650	650
Piano	500	500
Portable baptistery	2150	2150
TV for youth	350	350
Sat Nav	90	90
PA Equipment & Storage	750	750
Computer	650	650
Video Projector	750	750
Printer	400	400
DVD Player x 2	350	350
Adaptors, lighting, transformers	150	150
Cable for PA System	300	300
Drums	719	719
Graphic equaliser and mixing console	180	180
Music stands	100	100
PA system	2500	2500
Speaker stands	80	80
Microphone stands	100	100
Mixing Desk & Cabinet	850	850
5 x Communion sets with glasses	275	275
150 cups and saucers	250	250
2 Portable electrics boilers	150	150
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	12294	12294
 2. Bank & Cash Balances		
Held at Bank	44764	51092
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	44764	51092

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

Assets

Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8336	8336
Employee Loan	8698	9250
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	17034	17586

Liabilities

Unbilled fees for Independent Examination	594	540
PAYE/NIC	1289	-
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	1883	540

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 21st August 2023

by

Mr M Verran

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Direct costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Property costs (Note 5)	5199	3302
Travel & subsistence	2869	3154
Work among the young	230	-
Catering	695	1237
Church Materials	264	203
Printing & stationery	2901	1505
Insurance	510	590
CCLI Licence	148	319
Legal & professional	1748	2548
Affiliation	100	856
Salary	26692	30966
Outreach	385	1100
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3. Grants Paid

Individuals	1949	11103
Institutions	18097	18226
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4. Employees

The charity has one employee, Joseph Wandera a full time pastoral assistant.

Joseph Wandera is a trustee.

	Total 2023	Total 2022
5. Property costs		
Rent/Caretaking	5198	3302
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	5198	3302
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