

GRACE CHURCH (SCOTTER & DISTRICT)

REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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 2024

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 morning church coffee morning and prayer group has been started along with a create and chat group in the afternoon, open to all residents.
- 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 serves as a trustee and 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 albeit on a reduced scale 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.
- Open Doors UK and Ireland, a charity for supporting a charity for supporting the persecuted church family.
- A reduced Education service to pastors in Kenya will be maintained on an as required basis in the interest of the four churches in Bungoma, Webeye, Yalusi and Kanduyi.
- To provide financial assistance to selected individuals in Kenya for contributions towards medical costs.
- A Memorandum of Understanding is in place with governing parties both in the UK and Kenya.
- A contact visit by Joseph Wandera on an annual basis remains in place with the latest being in December 2023 for our on-going relationship with the Kenyan Churches.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year totalled £ 61014 and payments were £ 53164 resulting in a surplus for the year of £ 7850. Cash and bank balances at the year end totalled £ 52614.

Trustees working with the Eldership continue to closely monitor ongoing finances and have managed to turn the deficit into a surplus in 2023/2024.

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 20th August 2024
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 2024 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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20th August 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		52897	-	52897	46737
Tax Refunds under Gift Aid		7214	-	7214	8586
		60111	-	60111	55323
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		903	-	903	136
Total Receipts		61014	-	61014	55459
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct Costs	2	49249	-	49249	41741
Grants paid	3	3915	-	3915	20046
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		53164	-	53164	61787
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		7850	-	7850	(6328)
Net Movements in Funds		7850	-	7850	(6328)
Balances at 1 st April 2023		44764	-	44764	51092
Balances at 31st March 2024		52614	-	52614	44764

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Fixed Assets	2024	2023
	£	£
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	52614	44764
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	52614	44764

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

Assets

Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	7863	8336
Employee Loan	8146	8698
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	16009	17034

Liabilities

Unbilled fees for Independent Examination	624	594
PAYE/NIC	1358	1289
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	1982	1883

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 20th August 2024

by

Mr M Verran

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Property costs (Note 5)	4486	5199
Travel & subsistence	4528	2869
Work among the young	-	230
Catering	-	695
Church Materials	570	264
Printing & stationery	1535	2901
Insurance	531	510
CCLI Licence	-	148
Legal & professional	2018	1748
Affiliation	100	100
Salary	32006	26692
Outreach	3475	385
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	49249	41741
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3. Grants Paid

Individuals	700	11103
Institutions	3215	18226
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	3915	29329
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4. Employees

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

Joseph Wandera is a trustee.

	Total 2024	Total 2023
5. Property costs		
Rent/Caretaking	4486	5199
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	4486	5199
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