

# GRACE CHURCH DULWICH

England & Wales · Charity number 1111740

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [05554986](#)

**Registered** 2005-10-19

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH INCLUDING 3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM BY THE FAITHFUL TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURES AT GRACE CHURCH DULWICH AND BY THE RECRUITMENT EDUCATION TRAINING AND SENDING OF GOSPEL MINISTERS AND OTHERS AROUND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD TO ESTABLISH AND RENEW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES RELATED THERETO 3.2 THE RELIEF OF NEED HARDSHIP PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS AMONG ANY PERSONS WITHOUT LIMITATION. 3.3 THE SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE PERSECUTED BY REASON OF THEIR FAITH PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT SUCH SUPPORT SHALL BE NON-POLITICAL IN NATURE 3.4 THE SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE ENGAGED FULL-TIME IN THE MISSIONARY WORK OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND IN BRINGING OTHERS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS TEACHING "THE CHRISTIAN FAITH" IS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 12.1 OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**Activities:** Religious activities

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DULWICH, IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
- Southwark

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£589,577	£328,730	£732,433	4
2024-08-31	£397,907	£305,026	-	-
2023-08-31	£305,571	£346,049	-	-
2022-08-31	£397,247	£284,623	-	-
2021-08-31	£267,800	£227,688	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW NEDEN		2012-11-20
Adrian Paul Butler		2026-02-03
Benjamin Jones		2012-01-31
Marcus David Evans		2023-02-07
Mary Christine Burke		2023-02-07
Rev Philip Christopher Martin		2024-09-20
Warren James Nettleford		2021-02-02

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# Accounts

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**Grace Church Dulwich** (A company limited by guarantee)

**Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2025**



**Grace Church Dulwich**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the year ending 31 August 2025**

**Charity number 1111740**  
**Company number 05554986**

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## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name: Grace Church Dulwich  
Charity registration number: 1111740  
Company registration number: 05554986  
Registered Office 102 Pymers Mead  
London  
SE21 8NJ

### **Directors of the Company and Trustees for the purpose of charity law**

Rev. P Martin Chairman/ Senior Minister (appointed 20 September 2024)  
Mr B Jones Churchwarden  
Professor A Butler Churchwarden (appointed 3 February 2026)  
Mr M Evans Churchwarden till 3 February 2026, Treasurer from 3 February 2026  
Mr A Neden Treasurer till 3 February 2026  
Mrs M Burke  
Mr W Nettleford

### **Secretary**

Mrs V Widdows (resigned 31 December 2025)  
Mrs H Simmons (appointed 9 January 2026)

### **Staff in addition to the minister and secretary**

Mr A Meadows Associate minister with responsibility for youth and children  
Mrs F Neden Volunteer leader of women's team ministry  
Mrs P Evans Women's team ministry

### **Independent Examiner**

Nick Spear ACCA, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

### **Bankers**

NatWest Bank, St Paul's Branch, Juxon House, 98 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 September 2005 and registered as a charity as from that date. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Church Council, Directors of the company and Trustees for the purposes of charity law**

Under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association the greater of (i) two or (ii) one third of the members of the Church Council (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio) shall retire at each Annual General Meeting in rotation. Appointments or re-appointments shall be by election at the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of the Senior Minister and for a fixed period of three years.

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed for a fixed term of three years (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio). The appointment or re-appointment of any Trustee is by the remaining Trustees and requires the prior written approval of the Council of Reference and the Church Council. Trustees are selected from those active within the charity who have the maturity and skills to help guide the charity and their appointment is subject to confirmation on a regular basis at the Annual General Meetings. New trustees are encouraged to take time to understand their fiduciary responsibilities.

Day to day running of the charity and decisions are delegated to staff, within the framework of the weekly and monthly meetings. Trustees are involved through regular meetings in any changes of that structure, in any changes in strategic direction, in decisions on the employment of staff, and on any significant spend. Pay for key management is reviewed annually by the treasurer in conjunction with the wardens, and any changes apart from inflationary increases are confirmed by the trustees. The regular meetings of the Trustees are attended by staff and trustees, but the trustees retain the full decision-making power required by the governing document.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian Faith.

We are an Anglican Evangelical church. People of all ages and stages and backgrounds meet at Grace Church, committed to learning from the Bible as we seek actively to love and serve Jesus Christ. Visitors are always welcome, particularly all those investigating the claims of Jesus or looking for a church family to make their own.

#### *Our mission statement*

Our overall purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

We believe that Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 is the mission of the church: to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, and gathering these disciples into churches that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ both now and in eternity- to the glory of God the Father.

### **Activities and Achievements**

The aim and purpose of the charity, the advancement of the Christian Faith and making disciples of Jesus Christ, are advanced through the activities set out below.

Strategically we regularly review the effectiveness of these activities in reaching friends and neighbours and setting out clearly the claims of Christ. We assess whether we are achieving the objectives by considering the growth of numbers in those attending, and more subjectively (given this is known only by our Lord in heaven) the spiritual growth and understanding of those attending.

The principal activities of the charity are:

- Church meetings each Sunday
- Other mid-week Christian meetings
  - youth group meetings on a weekly basis
  - a programme of mid-week study groups,
- Partnership with other Christians in the UK and overseas
- Proclaiming the Gospel in the local community

These activities are undertaken in and around the Dulwich area of South-East London.

In planning these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All of these activities have welcomed newcomers from the local community throughout the year.

To facilitate the partnerships with other Christians in the UK and overseas the charity makes grants and encourages mutual prayer and practical support. Each partner we support is assessed annually as to the effectiveness and usefulness of those grants.

For the year the principal mission partners were The Church of the Good Shepherd in Doncaster and through Crosslinks, a Minister and his family working in Naples, Italy, an individual working with Calvary Church Castlebar, Eire and Christ Church Soweto, South Africa. Additionally the charity provided support for an overseas student studying at a UK bible college, by paying college fees and sundry travel and visa related expenses.

### **Volunteers**

These financial statements record only the financial transactions – they do not, and it would not be possible to, record all the voluntary work done and resources provided by many to support the charity and its objectives.

Most of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts. The ways that the volunteers assist include but are not limited to

- facilitating the church meetings on Sundays, by setting up the school hall, welcoming and stewarding those who attend, leading the music, leading the services, leading the

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prayers, leading the Sunday Club activities for children, occasional speaking, serving refreshments, and clearing away after the services

- assisting with the youth group meetings on a weekly basis
- hosting and leading mid-week study groups, and monthly prayer meetings
- assisting in managing the administration and finances of the charity running services and bible studies at a local old people's residential property

### **Financial Review**

The charity is dependent for funding solely on donations from members of the Company and other individual donors.

In the year to 31 August 2025, total income was £589,577 and expenditure was £328,730. As a result, the charity recorded a surplus of £34,956 on unrestricted funds from its usual activities (2024: £92,881). A further £229,000 very generous one off giving in response to an appeal to raise funds for the purchase of a house for the minister and family was received plus £6,950 towards the support for an overseas student studying in the UK (2024: both £nil). The net surplus on restricted funds was £225,891, all of which was transferred to the General Fund to support the purchase of the property.

The charity's net assets increased by £260,847 to £732,434, all of which were unrestricted. Net current assets decreased by £137,741 to £20,761.

### **Investments**

Reserves of the charity are kept in interest bearing cash accounts where not imminently required for day to day operations. The trustees periodically consider which institutions to hold these cash funds with – taking into account both the return and the use which the institution will make of the deposited funds.

### **Fundraising**

Funds for the operation of the church and the 10% we aim to use for our partners in the wider church are raised entirely from those who are members of the church, with occasional reminders to the congregation of how those funds are used and for members to consider their levels of giving. As shown this year that can be supplemented by specific requests for extra giving for specific initiatives.

### **Key risks and uncertainties**

The key risk for the charity is not remaining faithful to the biblical ministry we are called to. We aim to reduce this risk by the regular private study and public proclamation of God's word, by properly considered recruitment of trustees and staff members.

Other risks include:

- the continuing effectiveness of the staff team in both the activities of the church and the administration of those activities. We aim to reduce this risk by having a spread of people and skills in that team, and by care in recruitment and mentoring of the team
- the continuing availability of venues for our ministry. We aim to reduce this risk by fostering and maintaining good relationships with the venues

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- loss of assets and resources. For the financial assets we aim to reduce this risk with appropriate financial controls, openness in our reporting and external reviews. For items used in the ministry we aim to keep all locked away when not in use and returned promptly to those locked locations.
- Reputational risks from inappropriate interactions with each other, and particularly young people and vulnerable adults. We aim to reduce these risks by applying safeguarding policies and procedures for reporting any complaints.

### **Plans for the future**

The trustees continue to assess the effectiveness of the ministry and whether additional services or other activities on the current sites or other locations would be beneficial to the overall mission. At present however there are no immediate plans for major changes in the staff team or the range of activities we undertake. Hence apart from a possible extension to improve the usability of the minister's house for meetings and study (which depends on practicality, planning permissions and some future fund raising), no changes are contemplated in the immediate future.

### **Reserves**

Apart from the two residential properties housing respectively the minister and the associate minister, the charity does not own any other building or other significant fixed assets nor is it currently contemplating any longer-term financial projects such as would require the establishment of substantial reserves. Consequently, the Trustees consider that whilst this remains the case, taking into account the assets which would be sellable if absolutely necessary, a prudent readily realisable reserve would be to have at a minimum unrestricted net current assets of over £40,000, enough to cover immediate expenditure.

The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of £20,761, which is below the reserves policy level. The trustees intend and expect to return to the reserves policy level over the coming year. Specifically, the trustees were aware that a donation was promised amounting to a further £120,000 in relation to the purchase of 102 Pymers Mead and therefore were content to operate with the noted level of reserves at the year end and subsequent months. The whole of this promised amount was received by early January 2026, restoring the reserves to more than the minimum required.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and

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expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Stewardship Services were appointed as reporting accountants and one of their employees serves as the company's independent examiner.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on **Mar 20, 2026** and signed on their behalf by:

*Andrew Neden*

Andrew Neden (Mar 20, 2026 12:40:58 GMT)

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025 on pages 9 to 23 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13-15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

*Nick Spear*

Nick Spear (Mar 24, 2026 16:24:24 GMT)

Nick Spear ACCA  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Mar 24, 2026

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	329,153	235,700	564,853	389,061
Charitable activities	4	21,397	-	21,397	7,190
Investments	5	3,327	-	3,327	1,657
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>353,877</b>	<b>235,700</b>	<b>589,577</b>	<b>397,907</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	318,921	9,809	328,730	305,027
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>318,921</b>	<b>9,809</b>	<b>328,730</b>	<b>305,027</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>34,956</b>	<b>225,891</b>	<b>260,847</b>	<b>92,881</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	15	225,891	(225,891)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>260,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,847</b>	<b>92,881</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		471,587	-	471,587	378,706
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<b>732,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>732,434</b>	<b>471,587</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 13-22 form part of these accounts.

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>897,515</u>
		<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>897,515</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	12,473	-	12,473	18,620
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>42,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,192</u>	<u>157,241</u>
		54,664	-	54,664	175,861
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(33,903)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,903)</u>	<u>(17,358)</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>20,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,761</u>	<u>158,502</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,837,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,837,643</u>	<u>1,056,018</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	<u>(1,105,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,105,209)</u>	<u>(584,431)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>732,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732,434</u>	<u>471,587</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
15					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		732,434	-	732,434	471,587
Designated funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>732,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732,434</u>	<u>471,587</u>
Restricted Funds					
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>732,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732,434</u>	<u>471,587</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Neden  
Andrew Neden (Mar 20, 2026 12:40:58 GMT)

MR. A. NEDEN FCA (TRUSTEE)

Date: 20 March 2026

Company number: 05554986

Charity number: 1111740

The notes on page 13-22 form part of these accounts.

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**  
**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	a	<u>271,060</u>	<u>113,098</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		3,327	1,657
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(919,366)	-
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<u>(916,039)</u>	<u>1,657</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayments of borrowing		(10,070)	(9,905)
Cash inflows from new borrowing		540,000	-
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>		<u>529,930</u>	<u>(9,905)</u>
<b>Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(115,049)</u>	<u>104,849</u>
<b>Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	b	<u>157,241</u>	<u>52,391</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	b	<u>42,192</u>	<u>157,241</u>

**Analysis of changes in net debt:**

	At start of year £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
Cash	157,241	(115,049)	42,192
Bank loans:			
Falling due within one year	(9,717)	9,152	(18,869)
Falling due after one year	(584,431)	520,778	(1,105,209)
<b>Total net funds / (debt)</b>	<u>(436,907)</u>	<u>414,881</u>	<u>(1,081,886)</u>

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**  
**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b><i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i></b>	260,847	92,881
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(3,327)	(1,657)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	6,147	20,523
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,393	1,350
<b><i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i></b>	271,060	113,098

**Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	42,147	157,196
Petty cash	45	45
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	42,192	157,241

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Goods donated for resale are recognised as income at the point of sale (as the sale proceeds cannot be estimated reliably before the goods are sold)]. Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

The charity has taken the view that it has only one charitable activity, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, and all income from donations, legacies and charitable activities is in respect of this one activity.

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**2 Accounting Policies (continued)**

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Intangible fixed assets

The cost of software is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, which is expected to be 2 years.

f) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Residential property	Is not depreciated and held at historic cost
Computer hardware	Over 2 years
Fixtures and fittings	Over 5 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

g) Stocks

Stocks of goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value; stocks of goods donated for the charity's own use are valued at an estimate of their value to the charity.

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**2 Accounting Policies (continued)**

h) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

i) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

j) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

k) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

o) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	493,656	333,178
Gift aid recoverable	71,196	55,882
	564,853	389,061

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church retreats and events	18,894	6,781
Book sales	227	410
Other income	2,275	-
	21,397	7,190

**5 Investment income**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest	3,327	1,657
	3,327	1,657

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**6 Charitable expenditure**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Staff salary and directly related costs	89,257	102,587
Staff accommodation costs	86,071	77,476
Venue related costs	29,378	31,013
Other ministry costs	35,342	23,578
Bookstall costs	237	213
	240,285	234,867
Grants payable (note 6c)	34,875	26,500
	275,160	261,367
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	3,000	2,020
Other	1,704	2,283
	4,704	4,303
Other support and administration costs	4,708	4,137
Bank loan interest payable	43,517	33,957
Insurance	641	1,263
	53,570	43,660
<b>Total expenditure</b>	328,730	305,027

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,000 (2024: £2,020 for examination only); in addition the charity paid £889 (2024: £872) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

**c Grants payable**

	Institutions	Individuals	2025
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	25,066	-	25,066
Grants for education, including ministry training	-	9,809	9,809
	25,066	9,809	34,875

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	26,250	250	26,500
	26,250	250	26,500

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Holy Redeemer Streatham (through the Southwark Good Steward Trust)	-	5,000
Crosslinks (re a family working in Naples)	5,750	5,750
Crosslinks (re a church worker in Eire)	6,000	6,000
Crosslinks (re Christ Central Soweto)	4,000	4,000
Church of the Good Shepherd Doncaster	6,000	5,500
Lakeview	3,316	-
	25,066	26,250

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**7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	77,127	87,751
Social security	932	1,187
Pension costs	10,935	13,649
Other employment benefits	263	-
	89,257	102,587

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3.9 (2023: 4.3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2025
				£
Trustees:				
Rev. P. Martin	26,822	-	3,577	30,399
Other members of key management	50,305	263	7,358	57,926
				88,325

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2024
				£
Trustees:				
Rev. P. Martin	5,406	-	1,297	6,703
Other members of key management	82,345	-	12,352	94,697
				101,400

Rev. P. Martin served as the church's Senior Minister and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document. These payments were partly made through another charity which the charity refunded).

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £47,576 (2024: £19,703) in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to Rev. P. Martin, who is a trustee, so that they could better perform their duties. The charity also incurred expenditure totalling £36,506 (2024: £40,321) and £34,243 (2024: £20,344) in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to A. Meadows and P. Evans respectively, so that they could better perform their duties.

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**8 Tangible fixed assets**

	Residential Property £	Fixtures, Fixtures and fittings £	Computer software & hardware £	Total 2025 £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2024	897,515	11,850	2,711	912,076
Additions	919,366	-	-	919,366
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>1,831,442</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 September 2024	-	11,850	2,711	14,561
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>14,561</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 August 2025	<u>1,816,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,816,881</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>897,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>897,515</u>

Residential property comprises used two properties acquired in 2022 and 2025 for a total cost of £897,515 and £913,366 respectively and used for staff accommodation. The residential property used by the charity is held at historic cost as the residual value of each property at the end of its expected useful life is considered to be very high and, as it would not be material, no depreciation is being charged on these assets.

**9 Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift aid recoverable	3,265	6,562
Other debtors	6,308	8,558
Prepayments and accrued income	2,900	3,500
	<u>12,473</u>	<u>18,620</u>

**10 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	42,147	157,196
Petty cash	45	45
	<u>42,192</u>	<u>157,241</u>

**11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	917	2,342
Accruals	6,767	5,300
Loans (note 13)	18,869	9,717
Grant obligations	7,350	-
	<u>33,903</u>	<u>17,358</u>

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**12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loans (note 13)	1,105,209	584,431
	1,105,209	584,431

**13 Loans and finance leases**

The liabilities for loans referred to in notes 12 and 13 fall due for repayment as follows:

	By	Bank loans	
		instalments	2025
		£	£
Repayable:			
Within one year	18,869	18,869	9,717
Between one and five years	86,230	86,230	44,840
After five years	1,018,979	1,018,979	539,591
	1,124,078	1,124,078	594,148

The bank loans referred to in the above notes are two loans from Kingdom Bank taken out in 2022 and 2025, secured by way of a fixed and floating charge on the charity's assets and specifically the properties at 19 and 102 Pymers Mead, Dulwich, London, which is referred to in note 8 above. Interest is payable at a variable rate, which at the balance sheet date was 5.4%. The loans are being repaid in monthly instalments and must be repaid in full by 2052 and 2055 respectively.

**14 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £10,935 (2024: £13,649) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions totalling £917 were owing at the balance sheet date (2024: £2,342).

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**15 Funds**

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Gains and losses 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	471,587	353,877	(318,921)	225,891	-	732,434
Total Unrestricted Funds	471,587	353,877	(318,921)	225,891	-	732,434
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
House Fund	-	228,750	-	(228,750)	-	-
Student Support Fund	-	6,950	(9,809)	2,859	-	-
	-	235,700	(9,809)	(225,891)	-	-
Aggregate of funds	471,587	589,577	(328,730)	-	-	732,434

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- Transfer from the **House Fund** to the **General Fund** of funds raised for the purchase of the property at 102 Pymers Mead
- upon completion and capitalisation of the asset.
  - Transfer from the **General Fund** to the **Student Support Fund** to cover a year-end deficit.

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	1,816,881	-	-	1,816,881
Debtors	12,473	-	-	12,473
Cash at bank and in hand	42,192	-	-	42,192
Creditors falling due within one year	(33,903)	-	-	(33,903)
Creditors falling due after one year	(1,105,209)	-	-	(1,105,209)
	732,434	-	-	732,434

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**15 Funds (continued)**

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	378,706	397,907	(305,027)	-	-	471,587
Total Unrestricted Funds	378,706	397,907	(305,027)	-	-	471,587
Aggregate of funds	378,706	397,907	(305,027)	-	-	471,587

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	897,515	-	-	897,515
Debtors	18,620	-	-	18,620
Cash at bank and in hand	157,241	-	-	157,241
Creditors falling due within one year	(17,358)	-	-	(17,358)
Creditors falling due after one year	(584,431)	-	-	(584,431)
	471,587	-	-	471,587

The **House Fund** was created to receive donations towards to purchase of an additional residential property for staff accommodation. The balance has been transferred to the **General Fund** on completion of the purchase.

The **Student Support Fund** was created to receive donations towards the church's support of an overseas student who is volunteering with the church while training at Bible college.

**16 Operating lease commitments**

The charity has operating leases for staff accommodation and venues, one of which was surrendered during the year. The minimum amount payable (until the next break clause and ignoring the potential effect of future rent reviews) in respect of these leases is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	37,500	78,100
Between one and five years	-	26,400
After five years	-	-
	37,500	104,500

During the year the charity was charged £70,970 (2024: £58,554) for its operating leases.

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**17 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £119,070 (2024: £32,250) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) paid no expenses totalling (2024: £nil) for / to trustees for carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) S. Neden, who is closely related to A. Neden, who is a trustee, received rent totalling £1,800 (2024: £1,800) for providing garage storage to the charity.
- b) Kingdom Bank Limited, for which A. Neden is a director, received interest on mortgage loans of £43,517 (2024: £33,957) in respect of the two properties set out in notes 8 and 13. At the balance sheet date, Kingdom Bank Limited was owed £1,124,078 (2024: £594,148) by the charity.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

**18 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>								
3	329,153	-	235,700	564,853	389,061	-	-	389,061
4	21,397	-	-	21,397	7,190	-	-	7,190
5	3,327	-	-	3,327	1,657	-	-	1,657
	<b>Total income and endowments</b>				<b>397,907</b>			<b>397,907</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>								
6	318,921	-	9,809	328,730	305,027	-	-	305,027
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>				<b>305,027</b>			<b>305,027</b>
	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>				<b>92,881</b>			<b>92,881</b>
15	225,891	-	(225,891)	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Net movement in funds</b>				<b>92,881</b>			<b>92,881</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>								
	471,587	-	-	471,587	378,706	-	-	378,706
15	<b>Total funds carried forward</b>				<b>471,587</b>			<b>471,587</b>

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1111740

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# Accounts

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**Grace Church Dulwich** (A company limited by guarantee)

**Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024**



**Grace Church Dulwich**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements**  
For the year ending 31 August 2024

**Charity number 1111740**  
**Company number 05554986**

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## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2024**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name:	Grace Church Dulwich
Charity registration number:	1111740
Company registration number:	05554986
Registered Office	135 Sydenham Park Road Sydenham London SE26 4LP

#### **Directors of the Company and Trustees for the purpose of charity law**

Rev. P Martin	Chairman/ Senior Minister (appointed 20 September 2024)
Mr B Jones	Churchwarden
Mr M Evans	Churchwarden
Mr A Neden	Treasurer
Mrs M Burke	
Mr W Nettleford	
Mrs H Simmons	(resigned 6 February 2024)

#### **Secretary**

Mrs V Widdows

#### **Independent Examiner**

Ajay Rajani FCIE, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

#### **Bankers**

NatWest Bank, St Paul's Branch, Juxon House, 98 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 September 2005 and registered as a charity as from that date. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

##### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Church Council, Directors of the company and Trustees for the purposes of charity law**

Under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association the greater of (i) two or (ii) one third of the members of the Church Council (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio) shall retire at each Annual General Meeting in rotation. Appointments (other than the initial appointment of the first members of the Church Council) or re-appointments shall be by election at the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of the Senior Minister and for a fixed period of three years.

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The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed for a fixed term of three years (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio). The appointment or re-appointment of any Trustee is by the remaining Trustees and requires the prior written approval of the Council of Reference and the Church Council.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian Faith.

We are an Anglican Evangelical church. People of all ages and stages and backgrounds meet at Grace Church, committed to learning from the Bible as we seek actively to love and serve Jesus Christ. Visitors are always welcome, particularly all those investigating the claims of Jesus or looking for a church family to make their own.

#### *Our mission statement*

Our overall purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 is the mission of the church: to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, and gathering these disciples into churches that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ both now and in eternity- to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Activities and Achievements**

The principal activities of the charity are:

- Church meetings each Sunday
- Other mid-week Christian meetings
  - youth group meetings on a weekly basis
  - a programme of mid-week study groups,
- A weekly parent/carer and toddler group ("Sallywags")
- Partnership with other Christians in the UK and overseas
- Proclaiming the Gospel in the local community

These activities are undertaken in and around the Dulwich area of South-East London.

In planning these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All of these activities have welcomed newcomers from the local community throughout the year.

For the year the principal mission partners were Holy Redeemer Streatham; through Crosslinks, a Minister and his family working in Naples, Italy, an individual working with Calvary Church Castlebar, Eire and Christ Church Soweto, South Africa; and The Church of the Good Shepherd in Doncaster. In the year to 31 August 2023 the church also supported, through Grace Baptist Mission, the principal (and his family) of Proclamation Institute Zambia.

#### **Financial Review**

The charity is dependent for funding solely on donations from members of the Company and other individual donors.

In the year to 31 August 2024, the charity recorded a surplus of £92,881 on unrestricted funds from its usual activities (2023 a deficit of £40,478 on unrestricted funds). This reflects very generous one off giving in response to an appeal to cover the deficit from the previous year,

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2024**

and in the light of concerns that the charity would have to reduce the level of activity if giving levels did not increase.

These financial statements record only the financial transactions – they do not, and it would not be possible to, record all the voluntary work done and resources provided by many to support the charity and its objectives.

#### **Reserves**

Apart from one residential property housing one of the associate ministers, the charity does not own any other building or other significant fixed assets nor is it currently contemplating any longer-term financial projects such as would require the establishment of substantial reserves. Consequently, the Trustees consider that whilst this remains the case, taking into account the asset which would be sellable if absolutely necessary, a prudent readily realisable reserve would be to have unrestricted net current assets of somewhere between £120,000 to £150,000, enough to cover approximately half the rental obligations for the coming year, the repayment obligations on the loans and approximately three months of other usual expenditure. The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of slightly over this amount.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2024**

for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Stewardship Services were appointed as reporting accountants and one of their employees serves as the company's independent examiner.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 9 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*Andrew Frederick John Neden*

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grace Church Dulwich**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 7 to 17 following which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 11.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Stewardship  
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## Grace Church Dulwich

### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ending 31 August 2024

	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations	2	389,060	297,915
Interest receivable		1,657	534
Charitable activities	3	7,190	7,122
Total income and endowments		<u>397,907</u>	<u>305,571</u>
		=====	=====
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>			
Grant payments	4	26,500	26,344
Activities relating directly to the church	5	238,002	283,023
Interest payable		33,957	31,771
Governance costs	6	6,567	4,911
Total expenditure		<u>305,026</u>	<u>346,049</u>
		=====	=====
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		92,881	(40,478)
Total funds brought forward		378,706	419,184
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>471,587</u>	<u>378,706</u>
		=====	=====

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. All of the charity's income during the year to 31 August 2024 and the year to 31 August 2023 was unrestricted.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Residential property	10		897,515		897,515
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	18,620		39,143	
Cash at bank and in hand		157,240		52,391	
		<u>175,860</u>		<u>91,534</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(17,358)		(16,008)	
		<u>158,502</u>		<u>75,526</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	12		(584,430)		(594,335)
			<u>471,587</u>		<u>378,706</u>
Net assets			<u>471,587</u>		<u>378,706</u>
			<u>471,587</u>		<u>378,706</u>
Total funds (all unrestricted)	13		<u>471,587</u>		<u>378,706</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements. The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 February 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

*Andrew Frederick John Neden*

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

Company Number: 05554986, Charity Number: 1111740

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 1 Accounting Policies

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Directors' Report.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a. Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

##### c. Income and endowments

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from events organised by the charity.

#### d. Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It comprises expenditure on activities undertaken directly and by grant funding to other institutions and individuals. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the fees of the independent examiner.

#### e. Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Computer software and hardware	2 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 years

Residential property used by the charity is held at historic cost. The residual value of the property at the end of its expected useful life is considered to be very high and, as it would not be material, no depreciation is being charged on this asset.

#### f. Operating lease commitments

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

g. Pension scheme arrangements

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises (see note 18 'Pension contributions' for further information). The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds.

h. Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i. Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

j. Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

k. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The directors do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 2 Income from donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Monetary donations upon which gift aid was reclaimable (and including this tax)	281,361	230,590
Other monetary donations	107,699	67,325
	<u>389,060</u>	<u>297,915</u>
	=====	=====

During the year the charity received donations totalling £32,250 (2023: £25,750) from related parties (which includes the trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bookstall sales	409	339
Contributions to the cost of events	6,781	6,783
	<u>7,190</u>	<u>7,122</u>
	=====	=====

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 4 Grant payments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to organisations to support UK and overseas mission:		
Holy Redeemer Streatham (through the Southwark Good Steward Trust)	5,000	6,000
Crosslinks (re a family working in Naples)	5,750	5,750
Crosslinks (re a church worker in Eire)	6,000	6,000
Flights for church members assisting this church worker	250	-
Grace Baptist Mission (re Proclamation Institute Zambia)	-	2,000
Crosslinks (re Christ Central Soweto)	4,000	4,000
Church of the Good Shepherd Doncaster	5,500	-
Southwark diocese support	-	2,000
Lakeview camp	-	594
	<u>26,500</u>	<u>26,344</u>

#### 5 Activities relating directly to the church

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff salary and directly related costs	102,587	134,150
Staff accommodation costs	77,476	89,379
Venue related costs	31,013	26,742
Other ministry costs	23,578	28,193
Other costs	3,135	3,646
Cost of items sold on the bookstall	213	913
	<u>238,002</u>	<u>283,023</u>

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 6 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Legal, accountancy and corporate fees and insurance	6,567	4,911

#### 7 Net Incoming Resources for the Period

This is stated after charging:	Year ending 31 August 2024	Year ending 31 August 2023
	£	£
Depreciation	0	0
Independent examiner's fee	2,020	2,000

In addition to the above fee for examining the accounts, the company paid Stewardship £872 (2023: £906) for payroll bureau services.

#### 8 Staff costs and trustee remuneration

Staff costs were as follows:

	Year ending 31 August 2024	Year ending 31 August 2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	87,751	108,971
Social security costs	2,252	3,071
Employers pension contributions	12,584	22,108
Total	102,587	134,150

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4.3 (2023: 4); this equates to 3.3 (2023: 3.1) full time equivalent staff. The comparative numbers excluded the then Senior Minister (who was not employed directly by the charity). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

The company's key management comprise its directors.

In the year ended 31 August 2023 total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were to Rev. S Dowdy, who was also a trustee - £27,436 in wages and salaries, £10,023 as employer pension contributions, totalling £37,459. In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £41,973 in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to the Senior Minister so that he could better perform his duties. Rev. S Dowdy served as the charity's Senior Minister and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

For the year to 31 August 2024 before he was appointed as a director Rev P Martin was paid £5,406, and pension contributions of £1,297 were paid or accrued on his behalf. In addition, the charity incurred expenditure totalling £19,703 in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to the Senior Minister so that he could better perform his duties.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment and clergy duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

#### 9 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent totalling £1,800 (2023 - £1,800) to the sister of a trustee (Mr A Neden) for garage storage.

In 2022 the church acquired a property funded in part by a mortgage from Kingdom Bank plc. Subsequent to the loan being secured, Mr A Neden was appointed a director of Kingdom Bank Plc in December 2023. The interest paid to Kingdom Bank Plc of £33,957 (2023 - £31,771) is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and the amounts owing to Kingdom Bank Plc in respect of the loan secured on the property held by the Charity are set out in Note 14.

In the year to 31 August 2023 the then Senior Minister (who was a trustee) and his wife received rent totalling £39,141 for a property owned and occupied by the Senior Minister. The Directors believe this rent to be at or below the market rate.

#### 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Residential property	Fixtures and fittings	Computer software & hardware	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	897,515	11,850	2,711	912,076
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	-	11,850	2,711	14,561
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net book value at 31 August 2024 and 31 August 2023	897,515	-	-	897,515

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

11	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Gift aid recoverable	6,562	21,409
	Other debtors	8,558	16,088
	Prepayments	3,500	1,646
		<u>18,620</u>	<u>39,143</u>
		<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>
12	<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year and After one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
	Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	9,717	8,900
	Trade creditors	-	-
	Taxation and social security costs	-	-
	Accruals	7,641	7,108
		<u>17,358</u>	<u>16,008</u>
		<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>
	<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	584,430	594,335
		<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

The loan from Kingdom Bank is secured against the property in Pymers Mead, currently at a rate of 5.85%. It is repayable by monthly instalments over a term of 30 years from August 2023. Of the amount owed, £9,717 (2023: £8,900) falls due for repayment within one year, £44,840 (2023: £42,586) falls due between one and five years, and the balance of £539,590 (2023: £551,749) falls due over the remaining 22 year term of the loan.

13	<b>Movements in funds</b>	<b>At 1 September 2023</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>At 31 August 2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Total funds – all unrestricted	378,706	397,907	305,026	471,587
		<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

In the previous year the movements on the charity's funds were as follows

	<b>At 1 September 2022</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>At 31 August 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total funds – all unrestricted	419,184	305,571	346,049	378,706
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## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2024

As at 31 August 2024 and 31 August 2023 all of the company's assets and liabilities were in respect of unrestricted funds.

#### 14 Operating lease commitments

The company has entered into operating leases on certain properties. Commitments for future minimum rental payments are shown below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	78,100	52,800
Between one and five years	26,400	36,000

#### 15 Pension contributions

Rev. S Dowdy, who served as Senior Minister until the end of the previous year, was employed by another charitable enterprise and the company made payments to this charitable enterprise for a share of his services. These payments included contributions to the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, which is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme. The company may have a constructive obligation to make contributions towards any funding deficit reported by this scheme however the company is unable to determine the extent of this obligation (if any) and the pension scheme has been treated as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The following pension contributions have been charged to the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for former Senior Minister	-	10,023
Defined contribution scheme for other employees	13,649	12,085
	<u>13,649</u>	<u>22,108</u>

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1111740

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Grace Church Dulwich



**Grace Church Dulwich**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the year ending 31 August 2023**

**Charity number 1111740**  
**Company number 05554986**

**Grace Church Dulwich (A company limited by guarantee)**

**Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023**

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## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2023**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name:	Grace Church Dulwich
Charity registration number:	1111740
Company registration number:	05554986
Registered Office	135 Sydenham Park Road Sydenham London SE26 4LP

#### **Directors of the Company and Trustees for the purpose of charity law**

Rev. S Dowdy	Chairman / Senior Minister (resigned 31 August 2023)
Mr B Jones	Churchwarden
Mr M Evans	Churchwarden – (appointed 7 February 2023)
Mr A Neden	Treasurer
Mrs M Burke	(appointed 7 February 2023)
Mrs L Nelson	(resigned 7 February 2023)
Mr W Nettleford	
Mrs H Simmons	(resigned 6 February 2024)

#### **Secretary**

Mrs V Widdows

#### **Independent Examiner**

Ajay Rajani FCIE, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

#### **Bankers**

NatWest Bank, St Paul's Branch, Juxon House, 98 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 September 2005 and registered as a charity as from that date. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

##### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Church Council, Directors of the company and Trustees for the purposes of charity law**

Under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association the greater of (i) two or (ii) one third of the members of the Church Council (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio) shall retire at each Annual General Meeting in rotation. Appointments (other than the initial appointment of the first members of the Church Council) or re-appointments shall be by election at the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of the Senior Minister and for a fixed period of three years.

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2023**

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed for a fixed term of three years (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio). The appointment or re-appointment of any Trustee is by the remaining Trustees and requires the prior written approval of the Council of Reference and the Church Council.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian Faith.

We are an Anglican Evangelical church. People of all ages and stages and backgrounds meet at Grace Church, committed to learning from the Bible as we seek actively to love and serve Jesus Christ. Visitors are always welcome, particularly all those investigating the claims of Jesus or looking for a church family to make their own.

#### *Our mission statement*

Our overall purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 is the mission of the church: to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, and gathering these disciples into churches that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ both now and in eternity- to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Activities and Achievements**

The principal activities of the charity are:

- Church meetings each Sunday
- Other mid-week Christian meetings
  - a youth group meeting on a weekly basis
  - a programme of mid-week study groups,
- A weekly parent/carer and toddler group (“Scallywags”)
- Partnership with other Christians in the UK and overseas
- Proclaiming the Gospel in the local community

These activities are undertaken in and around the Dulwich area of South-East London.

In planning these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All of these activities have welcomed newcomers from the local community throughout the year.

For the year the principal mission partners were Holy Redeemer Streatham; through Crosslinks, a Minister and his family working in Naples, Italy, an individual working with Calvary Church Castlebar, Eire and Christ Church Soweto, South Africa; and, through Grace Baptist Mission, the principal (and his family) of Proclamation Institute Zambia.

#### **Financial Review**

The charity is dependent for funding solely on donations from members of the Company and other individual donors.

In the year to 31 August 2023, the charity recorded a deficit of £40,478 on unrestricted funds from its usual activities (2022 a total surplus on unrestricted funds of £114,962 – being a surplus of £25,624 from its usual activities, an additional £87,000 by virtue of donations made in order

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2023**

to facilitate the acquisition of a residential property to support the ministry long term and a further gain of £2,338 on the sale of its social investment).

In 2022 a house was acquired in order to house one of the members of staff and his family for the better performance of his duties. The charity used historic reserves, the additional donations referred to above and a loan from Kingdom Bank Limited to fund the purchase.

These financial statements record only the financial transactions – they do not, and it would not be possible to, record all the voluntary work done and resources provided by many to support the charity and its objectives.

#### **Reserves**

Apart from the residential property acquired during the previous year, the charity does not own any other building or other significant fixed assets nor is it currently contemplating any longer-term financial projects such as would require the establishment of substantial reserves. Consequently, the Trustees consider that whilst this remains the case, taking into account the asset which would be sellable if absolutely necessary, a prudent readily realisable reserve would be to have unrestricted net current assets of somewhere between £80,000 to £100,000, enough to cover approximately three months of usual expenditure. The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of just under £76,000, which is just under the range set by the policy for holding reserves.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2023**

for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Stewardship Services were appointed as reporting accountants and one of their employees serves as the company's independent examiner.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 2 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

*Andrew Frederick John Neden*

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grace Church Dulwich**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages 7 to 18 following which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 11.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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3 May 2024

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ending 31 August 2023

	Notes	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
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Interest receivable		534	183
Charitable activities	3	7,122	5,716
Total income and endowments		<u>305,571</u>	<u>397,247</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>			
Grant payments	4	26,344	27,533
Activities relating directly to the church	5	283,023	250,302
Interest payable		31,771	2,000
Governance costs	6	4,911	4,788
Total expenditure		<u>346,049</u>	<u>284,623</u>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>		-	2,338
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<u>(40,478)</u>	<u>114,962</u>
Total funds brought forward		419,184	304,222
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>378,706</u>	<u>419,184</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. All of the charity's income during the year to 31 August 2023 and the year to 31 August 2022 was unrestricted.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Residential property	10		897,515		892,735
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	-		521	
Debtors	13	39,143		68,978	
Cash at bank and in hand		52,391		84,719	
		91,534		154,218	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,008)		(27,528)	
Net current assets			75,526		126,690
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14		(594,335)		(600,241)
Net assets			378,706		419,184
Total funds (all unrestricted)	15		378,706		419,184

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements. The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

*Andrew Frederick John Neden*

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

Company Number: 05554986, Charity Number: 1111740

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

#### 1 Accounting Policies

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Directors' Report.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a. Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

##### c. Income and endowments

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from events organised by the charity.

#### d. Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It comprises expenditure on activities undertaken directly and by grant funding to other institutions and individuals. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the fees of the independent examiner.

#### e. Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Computer software and hardware	2 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 years

Residential property used by the charity is held at historic cost. The residual value of the property at the end of its expected useful life is considered to be very high and, as it would not be material, no depreciation is being charged on this asset.

#### f. Social investments

Social investments are investments where the primary motive is to further the charity's objects, not to generate an investment return. In the previous year social investments comprised an investment in a residential property used by another church to provide accommodation to its senior minister and the charity's interest in this property was measured at fair value. This property was sold in the previous year.

#### g. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

h. Operating lease commitments

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

i. Pension scheme arrangements

The company makes contributions to a defined benefit scheme for its Senior Minister and operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its other employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises (see note 18 'Pension contributions' for further information). The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds.

j. Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

k. Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

l. Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

m. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The directors do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

#### 2 Income from donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Monetary donations upon which income tax was reclaimable (and including this tax)	230,590	309,650
Other monetary donations	67,325	81,698
	<u>297,915</u>	<u>391,348</u>
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During the year the charity received donations totalling £25,750 (2022: £29,775) from related parties (which includes the trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bookstall sales	339	-
Contributions to the cost of events	6,783	5,716
	<u>7,122</u>	<u>5,716</u>
	=====	=====

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

#### 4 Grant payments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants to organisations to support UK and overseas mission:		
Holy Redeemer Streatham (£4,000 of this through the Southwark Good Steward Trust)	6,000	6,000
Crosslinks (re a family working in Naples)	5,750	5,750
Crosslinks (re a church worker in Eire)	6,000	6,000
Grace Baptist Mission (re Proclamation Institute Zambia)	2,000	4,000
Crosslinks central support	-	313
Crosslinks (re Christ Central Soweto)	4,000	4,000
Southwark diocese support	2,000	1,200
Lakeview camp	594	270
	<u>26,344</u>	<u>27,533</u>

#### 5 Activities relating directly to the church

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff salary and directly related costs	134,150	107,169
Staff accommodation costs	89,379	99,037
Venue related costs	26,742	29,629
Other ministry costs	28,193	11,238
Other costs	3,646	3,166
Cost of items sold on the bookstall	913	63
	<u>283,023</u>	<u>250,302</u>

#### 6 Governance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Legal, accountancy and corporate fees and insurance	4,911	4,788
	<u>4,911</u>	<u>4,788</u>

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

#### 7 Net Incoming Resources for the Period

This is stated after charging:	Year ending 31 August 2023	Year ending 31 August 2022
	£	£
Depreciation	0	0
Independent examiner's fee	2,000	2,000

In addition to the above fee for examining the accounts, the company paid Stewardship £906 (2022: £780) for payroll bureau services.

#### 8 Staff costs and trustee remuneration

Staff costs were as follows:

	Year ending 31 August 2023	Year ending 31 August 2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	108,971	86,180
Social security costs	3,071	2,582
Employers pension contributions	22,108	18,564
Other		(157)
Total	<u>134,150</u>	<u>107,169</u>

Excluding the Senior Minister (who was not employed directly by the charity) the average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2022: 4); this equates to 3.1 (2022: 2.5) full time equivalent staff. Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

The company's key management comprise its directors. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages and salaries	Employer pension contributions	Total
To Rev. S Dowdy, who is a trustee:			
In the year ended 31 August 2023	27,436	10,023	37,459
In the year ended 31 August 2022	27,342	9,883	37,225

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £41,973 (2022: £41,279) in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to the Senior Minister so that he could better perform his duties.

Rev. S Dowdy serves as the charity's Senior Minister and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment and clergy duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

#### 9 Related party transactions

During the year:

- the Senior Minister (who is a trustee) and his wife received rent totalling £39,141 (2022: £37,564) for a property owned and occupied by the Senior Minister. The Directors believe this rent to be at or below the market rate.
- the charity paid rent totalling £1,800 (2022 - £1,800) to the sister of a trustee (A Neden) for garage storage.

Subsequent to the end of the year Mr A Neden was appointed a director of Kingdom Bank Plc. The interest paid to Kingdom Bank Plc of £31,771 is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and the amounts owing to Kingdom Bank Plc in respect of the loan secured on the property held by the Charity is set out in Note 14.

#### 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Residential property</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>	<b>Computer software &amp; hardware</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2022	892,735	11,850	2,711	907,296
Additions	4,780	-	-	4,780
At 31 August 2023	<u>897,515</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>912,076</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 September 2022	-	11,850	2,711	14,561
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>14,561</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2023	897,515	-	-	897,515
Net book value at 31 August 2022	892,735	-	-	892,735

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

11 Social investments	Residential property	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Valuation/Cost brought forward	-	125,000
Gain on valuation at fair value	-	-
Disposal	-	(125,000)
Valuation carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====

The social investment referred to above comprised a 15.38% interest in a residential property at 20 Barriedale, London, which was acquired in 2012. The investment was made to help fund the provision of accommodation to the senior minister of Grace Church Brockley; it was sold in January 2022.

12 Stock	2023	2022
	£	£
Books for resale	-	521
	<u>-</u>	<u>521</u>
	=====	=====

13 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	21,409	61,930
Other debtors	16,088	5,642
Prepayments	1,646	1,406
	<u>39,143</u>	<u>68,978</u>
	=====	=====

14 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year and After one year	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	8,900	11,191
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals	7,108	16,337
	<u>16,008</u>	<u>27,528</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>		
Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	594,335	600,241
	<u>594,335</u>	<u>600,241</u>
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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

The loan from Kingdom Bank is secured against the property in Pymers Mead, currently at a rate of 5.85%. It is repayable by monthly instalments over a term of 30 years from August 2022. Of the amount owed, £8,900 (2022: £11,191) falls due for repayment within one year, £42,586 (2022: £40,887) falls due between one and five years, and the balance of £551,749 (2022: £559,354) falls due over the remaining 23 year term of the loan.

#### 15 Movements in funds

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
Total funds – all unrestricted	419,184	305,571	346,049	378,706
	=====	=====	=====	=====

In the previous year the movements on the charity's funds were as follows

	At 1 September 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
Total funds – all unrestricted	304,222	399,585	284,623	419,184
	=====	=====	=====	=====

As at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022 all of the company's assets and liabilities were in respect of unrestricted funds.

#### 16 Operating lease commitments

The company has entered into operating leases on certain properties. Commitments for future minimum rental payments are shown below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	52,800	72,800
Between one and five years	36,000	27,000

#### 17 Pension contributions

The Senior Minister was employed by another charitable enterprise and the company made payments to this charitable enterprise for a share of his services. These payments included contributions to the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, which is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme. The company may have a constructive obligation to make contributions towards any funding deficit reported by this scheme however the company is unable to determine the extent of this obligation (if any) and the pension scheme has been treated as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The following pension contributions have been charged to the Statement of Financial Activities:

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for Senior Minister	10,023	9,883
Defined contribution scheme for other employees	12,085	8,681
	<u>22,108</u>	<u>18,564</u>
	<u><u>22,108</u></u>	<u><u>18,564</u></u>

**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1111740

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Grace Church Dulwich



Grace Church Dulwich  
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ending 31 August 2022

Charity number 1111740  
Company number 05554986

**Grace Church Dulwich (A company limited by guarantee)**

**Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022**

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## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2022**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name:	Grace Church Dulwich
Charity registration number:	1111740
Company registration number:	05554986
Registered Office	135 Sydenham Park Road Sydenham London SE26 4LP

#### **Directors of the Company and Trustees for the purpose of charity law**

Rev. S Dowdy	Chairman / Senior Minister
Mr B Jones	Churchwarden
Mr M Evans	Churchwarden – (appointed 7 February 2023)
Mr A Neden	Treasurer
Mrs M Burke	(appointed 7 February 2023)
Mrs L Nelson	(resigned 7 February 2023)
Mr W Nettleford	(appointed 2 February 2021)
Mrs H Simmons	(appointed 2 February 2021)

#### **Secretary**

Mrs V Widdows

#### **Independent Examiner**

Ajay Rajani FCIE, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

#### **Bankers**

NatWest Bank, St Paul's Branch, Juxon House, 98 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 September 2005 and registered as a charity as from that date. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

##### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Church Council, Directors of the company and Trustees for the purposes of charity law**

Under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association the greater of (i) two or (ii) one third of the members of the Church Council (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio) shall retire at each Annual General Meeting in rotation. Appointments (other than the initial appointment of the first members of the Church Council) or re-appointments shall be by election at the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of the Senior Minister and for a fixed period of three years.

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2022**

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed for a fixed term of three years (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio). The appointment or re-appointment of any Trustee is by the remaining Trustees and requires the prior written approval of the Council of Reference and the Church Council.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian Faith.

We are an Anglican Evangelical church. People of all ages and stages and backgrounds meet at Grace Church, committed to learning from the Bible as we seek actively to love and serve Jesus Christ. Visitors are always welcome, particularly all those investigating the claims of Jesus or looking for a church family to make their own.

#### *Our mission statement*

Our overall purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 is the mission of the church: to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, and gathering these disciples into churches that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ both now and in eternity- to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The principal activities of the charity are:

- Church meetings each Sunday
- Other mid-week Christian meetings
  - a youth group meeting on a weekly basis
  - a programme of mid-week study groups,
- A weekly parent/carer and toddler group ("Scallywags")
- Partnership with other Christians in the UK and overseas
- Proclaiming the Gospel in the local community

These activities are undertaken in and around the Dulwich area of South-East London.

In planning these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All of these activities have welcomed newcomers from the local community throughout the year.

For the year the principal mission partners were Holy Redeemer Streatham; through Crosslinks, a Minister and his family working in Naples, Italy, an individual working with Calvary Church Castlebar, Eire and Christ Church Soweto, South Africa; and, through Grace Baptist Mission, the principal (and his family) of Proclamation Institute Zambia.

#### **Financial Review**

The charity is dependent for funding solely on donations from members of the Company and other individual donors.

In the year to 31 August 2022, the charity recorded a surplus of £25,624 (2020: £41,157) on unrestricted funds from its usual activities, with an additional £87,000 being added to reserves by virtue of donations made in order to facilitate the acquisition of a residential property to support the ministry long term. In addition in 2022 the charity reported a gain of £2,338 on the

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2022**

sale of its social investment (in 2021 the charity reported a gain of £55,000 on revaluing that social investment). Hence 2022's total surplus on unrestricted funds was £114,962 (2021-£96,157). The surpluses in 2022 and 2021 have continued restoring the historic reserves. Supporters continued to give generously, in anticipation of increased ministry costs in 2021/22.

In 2022 a house was acquired in order to house one of the members of staff and his family for the better performance of his duties. The charity used historic reserves, the additional donations referred to above and a loan from Kingdom Bank Limited to fund the purchase.

In 2021 the Senior Minister of the charity spent a proportion of his time in respect of St Botolph's Aldersgate and a proportion in respect of the charity. During the financial year ended 31 August 2021 the agreed split was 15%/85% until 11 July 2021 at which point he stepped down from St Botolph's to dedicate all of his time to Grace Church Dulwich. The costs associated with the Senior Minister were shared in approximately the same proportion between St Botolph's and the charity. Apart from the historic involvement of the senior minister in both ministries there were no other connections or formal relationships between the charity and St Botolph's.

These financial statements record only the financial transactions – they do not, and it would not be possible to, record all the voluntary work done and resources provided by many to support the charity and its objectives.

#### **Reserves**

Apart from the residential property acquired during the year, the charity does not own any other building or other significant fixed assets nor is it currently contemplating any longer-term financial projects such as would require the establishment of substantial reserves. Consequently, the Trustees consider that whilst this remains the case, taking into account the asset which would be sellable if absolutely necessary, a prudent readily realisable reserve would be to have unrestricted net current assets of somewhere between £100,000 to £150,000, enough to cover approximately annual interest and rental obligations and three months of expected other expenditure. The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of just under £127,000, which is within the range set by the policy for holding reserves.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2022**

expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Stewardship Services were appointed as reporting accountants and one of their employees serves as the company's independent examiner.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 7 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

ANDREW NEDEN

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grace Church Dulwich**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022 on pages 7 to 18 following which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

AJAY RAJANI

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8 March 2023

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ending 31 August 2022

	Notes	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations	2	391,348	266,321	50	266,371
Interest receivable		183	75	-	75
Charitable activities	3	5,716	1,354	-	1,354
Total income and endowments		<u>397,247</u>	<u>267,750</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>267,800</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>					
Grant payments	4	27,533	28,500	1,095	29,595
Activities relating directly to the church	5	250,302	193,442	-	193,442
Interest payable		2,000			
Governance costs	6	4,788	4,651	-	4,651
Total expenditure		<u>284,623</u>	<u>226,593</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>227,688</u>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>		2,338	55,000	-	55,000
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<u>114,962</u>	<u>96,157</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>	<u>95,112</u>
Total funds brought forward		304,222	208,065	1,045	209,110
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>419,184</u>	<u>304,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,222</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. All of the charity's income during the year to 31 August 2022 was unrestricted.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Residential property	10		892,735		
Social investments	11		-		125,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	521		521	
Debtors	13	68,978		53,011	
Cash at bank and in hand		84,719		135,289	
		<u>154,218</u>		<u>188,821</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(27,528)		(9,600)	
Net current assets		<u>126,690</u>		<u>179,222</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	(600,241)			
Net assets		<u>419,184</u>		<u>304,222</u>	
Unrestricted funds					
Fair value reserve arising on revaluation of social investment	11	-		55,000	
Balance of unrestricted funds		<u>419,184</u>		<u>249,222</u>	
		419,184		304,222	
Restricted funds		-		-	
Total	15	<u>419,184</u>		<u>304,222</u>	

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements. The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

ANDREW NEDEN

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

Company Number: 05554986, Charity Number: 1111740

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 1 Accounting Policies

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Directors' Report.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a. Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

##### c. Income and endowments

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from events organised by the charity.

#### d. Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It comprises expenditure on activities undertaken directly and by grant funding to other institutions and individuals. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the fees of the independent examiner.

#### e. Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Computer software and hardware	2 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 years

Residential property used by the charity is held at historic cost. The residual value of the property at the end of its expected useful life is considered to be very high and, as it would not be material, no depreciation is being charged on this asset.

#### f. Social investments

Social investments are investments where the primary motive is to further the charity's objects, not to generate an investment return. Social investments comprise an investment in a residential property used by another church to provide accommodation to its senior minister. The property was under offer in January 2022 and this made it possible to reliably assess the fair value of the charity's interest in the property in the previous year's accounts. The sale of the property was completed during the year.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

- g. Stock  
Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- h. Operating lease commitments  
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).
- i. Pension scheme arrangements  
The company makes contributions to a defined benefit scheme for its Senior Minister and operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its other employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises (see note 18 'Pension contributions' for further information). The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds.
- j. Taxation  
The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.
- k. Financial instruments  
The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).
- l. Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement  
The company has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.
- m. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement  
The directors do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 2 Income from donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Monetary donations upon which income tax was reclaimable (and including this tax)	309,650	231,625
Other monetary donations	81,698	34,746
	<u>391,348</u>	<u>266,371</u>
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During the year the charity received donations totalling £29,775 (2021: £9,352) from related parties (which includes the trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bookstall sales	-	-
Contributions to the cost of events	5,716	1,354
	<u>5,716</u>	<u>1,354</u>
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## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 4 Grant payments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants to organisations to support UK and overseas mission:		
Holy Redeemer Streatham	6,000	5,000
Crosslinks (re a family working in Naples)	5,750	5,750
Crosslinks (re a church worker in Eire)	6,000	6,000
Grace Baptist Mission (re Proclamation Institute Zambia)	4,000	4,000
Crosslinks central support	313	-
London City Mission – Webber Street day centre	-	1,095
Crosslinks (re Christ Central Soweto)	4,000	4,000
Southwark diocese support	1,200	2,000
Lakeview camp	270	-
Grants to individuals to support UK and overseas mission:		
Roger Carswell talks	-	1,750
	<u>27,533</u>	<u>29,595</u>

#### 5 Activities relating directly to the church

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff salary and directly related costs	107,169	92,598
Staff accommodation costs	99,037	69,605
Venue related costs	29,629	18,536
Other ministry costs	11,238	8,842
Other costs	3,166	3,861
Cost of items sold on the bookstall	63	-
	<u>250,302</u>	<u>193,442</u>

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 6 Governance costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Legal, accountancy and corporate fees and insurance	4,788	4,651

#### 7 Net Incoming Resources for the Period

This is stated after charging:	Year ending 31 August 2022	Year ending 31 August 2021
	£	£
Depreciation	0	0
Independent examiner's fee	2,000	1,500

In addition to the above fee for examining the accounts, the company paid Stewardship £780 (2021: £688) for payroll bureau services.

#### 8 Staff costs and trustee remuneration

Staff costs were as follows:

	Year ending 31 August 2022	Year ending 31 August 2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	86,180	78,424
Social security costs	2,582	-
Employers pension contributions	18,564	14,174
Other	(157)	-
Total	107,169	92,598

Excluding the Senior Minister (who is not employed directly by the charity) the average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2021: 3); this equates to 2.5 (2021: 1.9) full time equivalent staff. Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

The company's key management comprise its directors. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages and salaries	Employer pension contributions	Total
To Rev. S Dowdy, who is a trustee:			
In the year ended 31 August 2022	27,342	9,883	37,225
In the year ended 31 August 2021	29,546	6,843	36,389

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £41,279 (2021: £33,134) in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to the Senior Minister so that he could better perform his duties. There is an increase because Rev. S Dowdy is now employed for 100% of his time by Grace Church Dulwich. Up until 11 July 2021 these payments represented the charity's 85% share of the employment costs, which until that time were paid by St Botolph's Aldersgate who benefited from the remaining 15% of his time.

## Grace Church Dulwich

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Rev. S Dowdy serves as the charity's Senior Minister and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment and clergy duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

#### 9 Related party transactions

During the year:

- the Senior Minister (who is a trustee) and his wife received rent totalling £37,564 (2021: £37,041) for a property owned and occupied by the Senior Minister. As noted above, in the previous year the charity was reimbursed 15% of this expense by St Botolph's Aldersgate until 11 July 2021. The Directors believe this rent to be at or below the market rate.
- the charity paid rent totalling £1,800 (2021 - £1,800) to the sister of a trustee (A Neden) for garage storage.

#### 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Residential property	Fixtures and fittings	Computer software & hardware	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2021	-	11,850	2,711	14,561
Additions	892,735	-	-	892,735
At 31 August 2022	<u>892,735</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>907,296</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 September 2021	-	11,850	2,711	14,561
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>14,561</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2022	892,735	-	-	892,735
Net book value at 31 August 2021	-	-	-	-

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 11 Social investments

	Residential property	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Valuation/Cost brought forward	125,000	70,000
Gain on valuation at fair value	-	55,000
Disposal	(125,000)	-
Valuation carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>125,000</u>

The social investment referred to above comprised a 15.38% interest in a residential property at 20 Barriedale, London, which was acquired in 2012. The investment was made to help fund the provision of accommodation to the senior minister of Grace Church Brockley; it was sold in January 2022.

#### 12 Stock

	2022	2021
	£	£
Books for resale	521	521

#### 13 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	61,930	46,325
Other debtors	5,642	-
Prepayments	1,406	6,686
	<u>68,978</u>	<u>53,011</u>

#### 14 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year and After one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	11,191	-
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals	16,337	9,600
	<u>27,528</u>	<u>9,600</u>
<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>		
Repayments on loan from Kingdom Bank	600,241	-

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The loan from Kingdom Bank is secured against the property in Pymer's Mead, currently at a rate of 4.05%. It is repayable by monthly instalments over a term of 30 years from August 2022. Of the amount owed, £11,191 falls due for repayment within one year, £40,887 falls due between one and five years, and the balance of £559,354 falls due over the remaining 25 year term of the loan.

#### 15 Movements in funds

	At 1 September 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
Total funds – all unrestricted	304,222	399,585	284,623	419,184
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In the previous year the movements on the charity's funds were as follows

	At 1 September 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Christmas appeal	1,045	50	1,095	-
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	208,065	322,750	226,593	304,222
Total funds	<u>209,110</u>	<u>322,800</u>	<u>227,688</u>	<u>304,222</u>
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As at 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2021 all of the company's assets and liabilities were in respect of unrestricted funds.

#### Purpose of Restricted Funds

**Christmas Appeal** As a result of appeals over Christmas 2020, donations were received for London City Mission for the work of the centre in Webber Street working with the homeless. A similar appeal was made over Christmas 2021, but donors were encouraged to give directly and electronically to this appeal.

#### 16 Operating lease commitments

The company has entered into operating leases on certain properties. Commitments for future minimum rental payments are shown below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	72,800	98,364
Between one and five years	27,000	51,750

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2022

#### 17 Pension contributions

The Senior Minister is employed by another charitable enterprise and the company makes payments to this charitable enterprise for a share of his services. These payments include contributions to the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, which is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme. The company may have a constructive obligation to make contributions towards any funding deficit reported by this scheme however the company is unable to determine the extent of this obligation (if any) and the pension scheme has been treated as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The following pension contributions have been charged to the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for Senior Minister	9,883	6,842
Defined contribution scheme for other employees	8,681	7,332
	<u>18,564</u>	<u>14,174</u>
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**GRACE CHURCH DULWICH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1111740

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# Accounts

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Grace Church Dulwich



**Grace Church Dulwich  
(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ending 31 August 2021**

**Charity number 1111740  
Company number 05554986**

**Grace Church Dulwich (A company limited by guarantee)**

**Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021**

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## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name:	Grace Church Dulwich
Charity registration number:	1111740
Company registration number:	05554986
Registered Office	135 Sydenham Park Road Sydenham London SE26 4LP

#### **Directors of the Company and Trustees for the purpose of charity law**

Rev. S Dowdy	Chairman / Senior Minister
Mr B Jones	Churchwarden
Mr A Neden	Treasurer
Mr A Burke	(resigned 2 February 2021)
Dr N Hallett	(resigned 2 February 2021)
Mrs L Nelson	
Mr W Nettleford	(appointed 2 February 2021)
Mrs H Simmons	(appointed 2 February 2021)

#### **Secretary**

Mrs V Widdows

#### **Independent Examiner**

Ajay Rajani FCIE, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

#### **Bankers**

NatWest Bank, St Paul's Branch, Juxon House, 98 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 September 2005 and registered as a charity as from that date. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

##### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Church Council, Directors of the company and Trustees for the purposes of charity law**

Under the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association the greater of (i) two or (ii) one third of the members (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve ex-officio) shall retire at each Annual General Meeting in rotation. Appointments (other than the initial appointment of the first members of the Church Council) or re-appointments shall be by election at the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of the Senior Minister and for a fixed period of three years.

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed for a fixed term of three years (aside from the Senior Minister and Wardens who serve *ex-officio*). The appointment or re-appointment of any Trustee is by the remaining Trustees and requires the prior written approval of the Council of Reference and the Church Council.

#### Objectives and Activities

The objects of the company are the advancement of the Christian Faith.

We are an Anglican Evangelical church who meet in different locations in South East London. People of all ages and stages and backgrounds meet at Grace Church, committed to learning from the Bible as we seek actively to love and serve Jesus Christ. Visitors are always welcome, particularly all those investigating the claims of Jesus or looking for a church family to make their own.

#### *What sort of church are we?*

We are Christian - Grace Church Dulwich is a mainstream Christian church, teaching what the vast majority of Christians throughout the world have believed for centuries. That is we believe in one God who has revealed Himself supremely in His Son, Jesus Christ. We can know God as our Father by placing our trust in Christ's death on the cross which is the only way we can be reconciled to God. The work of God the Holy Spirit is to draw people to faith in Christ, giving us new birth, and new spiritual life as He makes us more like Christ.

We are Evangelical - We believe that the Bible is God's word and is our final authority in all matters of faith and life. We seek to listen to and obey God's word, applying it to every part of life. Clear and relevant Bible teaching is at the heart of all our main meetings. We seek to build networks and friendship with other churches who share our convictions about the Bible and about the gospel.

We are Anglican - We affirm with the 16th century Anglican Reformers the great truths which were rediscovered at the time of the Reformation, as expressed in the 39 Articles and Book of Common Prayer: the sovereignty of God in salvation, justification by faith alone, salvation in Christ alone. We are a Church of England church with a Bishop's Mission Order. But our unity is in Christ not in any one denomination and as such people from any denomination or none are welcome.

#### *Our mission statement*

Our overall purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 is the mission of the church: to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, and gathering these disciples into churches that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ both now and in eternity- to the glory of God the Father.

We seek to achieve this overall purpose of making disciples as we;

- *build up*- we want to help one another grow in our relationship with God, so that we know Jesus better and prayerfully shape our lives in the light of his will. We want to encourage and train every Christian to use their God given gifts to serve Jesus.
- *reach out*- we want to tell everyone the good news of Jesus Christ. To that end we want to send people out to proclaim His word throughout the world and in their everyday lives.

This leads to 3 essentials around which the ministry of Grace Church Dulwich is built;

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021

- *Prayer.* Jesus said ‘And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20). Our priority is to pray that God would be powerfully at work making disciples and so building his church.
- *Proclamation.* Jesus said ‘Go therefore and make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you’ (Matthew 28:19-20). Our priority is the teaching of the Bible as the means of making disciples- God’s voice is heard as the Bible is taught in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- *People.* Jesus said ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations’ (Matthew 28:19). As we ‘build up’ and ‘reach out’ our priority is to love and serve people regardless of culture or background, not to run buildings, structures or programmes for their own sake.

### Achievements and Performance

The principal activities of the company are:

- Church meetings each Sunday
- Other mid-week Christian meetings
  - a youth group meeting on a weekly basis
  - a programme of mid-week study groups,
- A weekly parent/carer and toddler group (“Scallywags”)
- Partnership with other Christians in the UK and overseas
- Proclaiming the Gospel in the local community

These activities are undertaken in and around the Dulwich area of South-East London.

In planning these activities the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All of these activities have welcomed newcomers from the local community throughout the year.

For the year the principal mission partners were Holy Redeemer Streatham; through Crosslinks, a Minister and his family working in Naples, Italy, an individual working with Calvary Church Castlebar, Eire; and, through Grace Baptist Mission, the principal (and his family) of Proclamation Institute Zambia.

### Financial Review

The Company is dependent for funding solely on donations from members of the Company and other individual donors.

In the year to 31 August 2021, the Company recorded a surplus of £41,157 (2020: £40,962) on unrestricted funds from its usual activities. In addition the charity has reported a gain of £55,000 on revaluing its social investment and so this year’s total surplus on unrestricted funds is £96,157. The surpluses in 2021 and 2020 have continued restoring the historic reserves. Supporters have continued to give generously, partly in anticipation of increased ministry costs in 2021/22. Although there were periods due to COVID 19 restrictions which impacted our ability to meet physically this did not impact our income. At the same time our venue costs reduced, more than covering the relatively small additional costs of meeting on line.

In 2021 the Senior Minister of the Company spent a proportion of his time in respect of St Botolph’s Aldersgate and a proportion in respect of the Company. During the financial year ended 31 August 2021 the agreed split was 15%/85% until 11 July 2021 at which point he stepped down from St Botolphs to dedicate all of his time to Grace Church Dulwich (2020 - 15%/85%). The costs associated with the Senior Minister were shared in approximately the

## **Grace Church Dulwich**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021**

same proportion between St Botolph's and the Company. Apart from the involvement of the senior minister in both ministries there are no other connections or formal relationships between the Company and St Botolph's.

These financial statements record only the financial transactions – they do not and it would not be possible to record all the voluntary work done and resources provided by many to support the charity and its objectives.

#### **Reserves**

The company does not currently own any building or other significant fixed assets (aside from the investment in a residential property in the Brockley area) nor is it currently contemplating any longer term financial projects such as would require the establishment of substantial reserves. Consequently the Trustees consider that whilst this remains the case, a prudent readily realisable reserve would be to have unrestricted net current assets of somewhere between £140,000 to £200,000, enough to cover approximately rental obligations, six months of expected other expenditure, and potential expansion of ministry. The charity ended the year with unrestricted net current assets of just under £180,000, which is within the range set by the policy for holding reserves.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

The directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 August 2021**

for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Stewardship Services were appointed as reporting accountants and one of their employees serves as the company's independent examiner.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 30 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grace Church Dulwich**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages 8 to 19 following which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Stewardship  
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31 January 2022

## Grace Church Dulwich

### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ending 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations	2	266,321	50	266,371	240,981	1,045	242,026
Interest receivable		75	-	75	121	-	121
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3	1,354	-	1,354	3,476	-	3,476
Total income and endowments		<u>267,750</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>267,800</u>	<u>244,578</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>245,623</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>							
Grant payments	4	28,500	1,095	29,595	26,982	-	26,982
Activities relating directly to the church	5	193,442	-	193,442	171,772	-	171,772
Governance costs	6	4,651	-	4,651	4,862	-	4,862
Total expenditure		<u>226,593</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>227,688</u>	<u>203,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,616</u>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>		<u>55,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		96,157	(1,045)	95,112	40,962	1,045	42,007
Total funds brought forward		208,065	1,045	209,110	167,103	-	167,103
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>304,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,222</u>	<u>208,065</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>209,110</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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### Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Social investments	11	125,000		70,000	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	521		521	
Debtors	13	53,011		46,886	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,289		99,002	
		<u>188,821</u>		<u>146,409</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(9,600)		(7,299)	
Net current assets		<u>179,222</u>		<u>139,110</u>	
Net assets		<u>304,222</u>		<u>209,110</u>	
		<u>304,222</u>		<u>209,110</u>	
Unrestricted funds					
Fair value reserve arising on revaluation of social investment	11	55,000		-	
Balance of unrestricted funds		<u>249,222</u>		<u>208,065</u>	
		<u>304,222</u>		<u>208,065</u>	
Restricted funds		-		1,045	
Total	15	<u>304,222</u>		<u>209,110</u>	
		<u>304,222</u>		<u>209,110</u>	

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Neden FCA (Trustee)

Company Number: 05554986, Charity Number: 1111740

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### **Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021**

#### **1 Accounting Policies**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Directors' Report.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### **a. Going concern**

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### **b. Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

##### **c. Income and endowments**

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

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Income from donations includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from events organised by the charity.

#### d. Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It comprises expenditure on activities undertaken directly and by grant funding to other institutions and individuals. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the fees of the independent examiner.

#### e. Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Computer software and hardware	2 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 years

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f. Social investments

Social investments are investments where the primary motive is to further the charity's objects, not to generate an investment return. Social investments comprise an investment in a residential property used by another church to provide accommodation to its senior minister. Previously the company was unable to reliably determine the fair value of its interest in the above residential property and the property was included at cost less impairment. However this property was under offer in January 2022 and, in these accounts, the charity's share of the expected proceeds have been used to estimate the property's fair value at 31 August 2021.

g. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

h. Operating lease commitments

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

i. Pension scheme arrangements

The company makes contributions to a defined benefit scheme for its Senior Minister and operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its other employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises (see note 18 'Pension contributions' for further information). The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds.

j. Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

k. Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

l. Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

m. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

The directors do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

#### 2 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Monetary donations upon which income tax was reclaimable (and including this tax)	231,625	-	231,625	212,249
Other monetary donations	34,696	50	34,746	29,777
	<u>266,321</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>266,371</u>	<u>242,026</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====

During the year the charity received donations totalling £9,352 (2020: £15,800) from related parties (which includes the trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Bookstall sales	-	144
Contributions to the cost of events	1,354	3,332
	<u>1,354</u>	<u>3,476</u>
	=====	=====

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

#### 4 Grant payments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants to organisations to support UK and overseas mission:		
Holy Redeemer Streatham	5,000	3,000
Crosslinks (re a family working in Naples)	5,750	5,750
Crosslinks (re a church worker in Eire)	6,000	6,000
Grace Baptist Mission (re Proclamation Institute Zambia)	4,000	4,000
UCCF (re an individual working with local colleges)	-	-
Crosslinks central support	-	1,232
Catford Christian association	-	-
London City Mission – Webber Street day centre	1,095	-
Proclamation Trust (re a bursary supporting Bridge Church Peckham)	-	3,000
Crosslinks (re Christ Central Soweto)	4,000	4,000
Southwark diocese support	2,000	-
Grants to individuals to support UK and overseas mission:		
Roger Carswell talks	1,750	-
	<u>29,595</u>	<u>26,982</u>

#### 5 Activities relating directly to the church

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff salary and directly related costs	92,598	89,421
Staff accommodation costs	69,605	54,870
Venue related costs	18,536	15,334
Other ministry costs	8,842	8,762
Other costs	3,861	2,892
Cost of items sold on the bookstall	-	493
	<u>193,442</u>	<u>171,772</u>

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#### 6 Governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Legal, accountancy and corporate fees and insurance	4,651	4,862

#### 7 Net Incoming Resources for the Period

This is stated after charging:	Year ending 31 August 2021	Year ending 31 August 2020
	£	£
Depreciation	0	0
Independent examiner's fee	1,500	1,500

In addition to the above fee for examining the accounts, the company paid Stewardship £688 (2020: £659) for payroll bureau services.

#### 8 Staff costs and trustee remuneration

Staff costs were as follows:

	Year ending 31 August 2021	Year ending 31 August 2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	78,424	74,875
Social security costs	-	-
Employers pension contributions	14,174	14,546
Total	92,598	89,421

Excluding the Senior Minister (who is not employed directly by the charity) the average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 3); this equates to 1.9 (2020: 1.9) full time equivalent staff. Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

The company's key management comprise its directors. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages and salaries	Employer pension contributions	Total
To Rev. S Dowdy, who is a trustee:			
In the year ended 31 August 2021	29,546	6,843	36,389
In the year ended 31 August 2020	25,996	7,464	33,460

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Rev. S Dowdy served as the charity's Senior Minister and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document. These payments represent the charity's 85% share of the employment costs paid by St Botolph's Aldersgate, up until 11 July 2021, from which date the charity is bearing 100% of the employment costs.

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £33,134 (2020: £31,936) in respect of the customary provision of accommodation to the Senior Minister so that he could better perform his duties.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment and clergy duties, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

#### 9 Related party transactions

During the year:

- the Senior Minister (who is a trustee) and his wife received rent totalling £37,041 (2020: £36,283) for a property owned and occupied by the Senior Minister. As noted above, the charity was reimbursed 15% of this expense by St Botolph's Aldersgate until 11 July 2021. The Directors believe this rent to be at or below the market rate.
- the charity paid rent totalling £1,800 (2020 - £16,870) to the sister of a trustee (A Neden) for garage storage. The payments in 2020 related to a residential property occupied by the charity's youth and children's minister.

#### 10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>	<b>Computer software and hardware</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2020	11,850	2,711	14,561
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>14,561</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
At 1 September 2020	11,850	2,711	14,561
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>11,850</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>14,561</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2021 and at 31 August 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

#### 11 Social investments

	<b>Residential property</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost brought forward	70,000	70,000
Gain on valuation at fair value	55,000	-
Valuation carried forward	<u>125,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>

The social investment referred to above comprises a 15.38% interest in a residential property at 20 Barriedale, London, which was acquired in 2012. The investment was made to help fund the provision of accommodation to the senior minister of Grace Church Brockley; no rent is receivable on the investment. Previously the company was unable to reliably determine the fair value of its interest in the above residential property and the property was included at cost less impairment. However this property was under offer in January 2022 and, in these accounts, the charity's share of the expected proceeds have been used to estimate the property's fair value at 31 August 2021.

#### 12 Stock

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Books for resale	521	521

#### 13 Debtors

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income tax recoverable	46,325	42,450
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments	6,686	4,436
	<u>53,011</u>	<u>46,886</u>

#### 14 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals	9,600	7,299
	<u>9,600</u>	<u>7,299</u>

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

#### 15 Movements in funds

	At 1 September 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Christmas appeal	1,045	50	1,095	-
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	208,065	322,750	226,593	304,222
Total funds	<u>209,110</u>	<u>322,800</u>	<u>227,688</u>	<u>304,222</u>

In the previous year the movements on the charity's funds were as follows

	At 1 September 2019	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Christmas appeal	-	1,045	-	1,045
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	167,103	244,578	203,616	208,065
Total funds	<u>167,103</u>	<u>245,623</u>	<u>203,616</u>	<u>209,110</u>

As at 31 August 2021 all of the company's assets and liabilities were in respect of unrestricted funds. As at 31 August 2020, except for cash of £1,045 held by the restricted Christmas appeal fund, the company's assets and liabilities were entirely in respect of unrestricted funds.

#### Purpose of Restricted Funds

**Christmas Appeal** As a result of appeals over Christmas, donations were received for London City Mission for the work of the centre in Webber Street working with the homeless.

#### 16 Operating lease commitments

The company has entered into operating leases on certain properties. Commitments for future minimum rental payments are shown below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	98,364	73,728
Between one and five years	51,750	24,500

These amounts represent the gross rental commitments.

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### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2021

#### 17 Pension contributions

The Senior Minister is employed by another charitable enterprise and the company makes payments to this charitable enterprise for a share of his services. These payments include contributions to the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, which is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme. The company may have a constructive obligation to make contributions towards any funding deficit reported by this scheme however the company is unable to determine the extent of this obligation (if any) and the pension scheme has been treated as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The following pension contributions have been charged to the Statement of Financial Activities:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for Senior Minister	6,842	7,464
Defined contribution scheme for other employees	7,332	7,082
	<u>14,174</u>	<u>14,546</u>
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