

**Trustees' Report and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
Amazing Grace Parish Church**

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

TRUSTEES

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Miss J Bwire (deceased 22.6.24)
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Dr O A Kehinde

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1112168

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Amazing Grace Parish Leicester is a community-based charity fostering the Christian experience among both young and old. The charity is part of RCCG worldwide; with which it has an agreement of common purpose. In pursuance of its objectives, the charity trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The church has a mixed population of families and university students mainly from one of the two local universities (University of Leicester and De Monfort University). As such, the membership often experiences fluctuations in relation to the university calendar and activities are prepared to account for the core members who are based in Leicester as well as transient members.

The principal activities of the church are Christian worship, outreaches to increase Christian awareness and spread Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as engaging in community-related activities. Essentially, the church has a vision to promote excellence by equipping individuals to be the best they can be through their spiritual, mental and physical development.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unrelenting efforts of its volunteers who regularly donate their services to the development and activities of the church. It is estimated that over 10,000 volunteer hours were provided during the year, which if valued according to minimum wage, would have cost at least £50,000.00.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The charity provides an environment in which healthy relationships are developed and fostered. This is achieved through subgroups within the church which are open to members and non-members alike and which endeavour to cater for different age and gender groupings. For instance, 'The Pillarz Fellowship' – which consist of Youths in the church; ages 16 above, the children's church; LOVE Group – women group of the church and MOVERS Fellowship – the men's group. During university term time, the church organises fortnightly Youth Variety nights that are held on Saturdays and affords young people an alternative meeting environment with a range of activities such as quiz competitions, computer gaming and career developments talks.

The charity further provides pastoral care for students and offers mentoring possibilities by more matured members of the church.

Additional Outreach/Community Engagement Activities

The Church engaged in a range of outreach/community engagement activities as follows:

1. Community Outreaches: The Church had several outreaches it provides to the community every year. This consist of an annual games/chill out Saturday. This has been very popular withing the community as it brings families together on a Saturday afternoon to have a relaxed time where activities are free for all and a lot of fun and games involved. The occupants of the residency across the church have also found this beneficial for their residents as it helps improve their mental health support.

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2. The church had series of activities for the children, we have the annual children; week, the children's bible club during the summer and weekly children church services. These activities are developed to build the faith of children in and outside of the church environment. The activities also provide learning and recreational activities for those not necessarily church inclined.

3. Christmas Programmes: The Church organised a Christmas carol service on Christmas day and also visited a care in the community. The Church presented gifts in addition to singing carols to the residents of the care home.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As at 31 December 2023, the charity had a net income of £249,935 unrestricted funds and a further £146,195 restricted funds. £169,110 is retained as a reserve fund and consists of funds raised from donors specifically for procuring a place of worship as well as funds set aside by the charity, a sum equivalent to funds received from the gift aid scheme, towards a new church building. As at the time of approving the report and accounts, the charity remains viable and continues as a going concern. The charity continues to be primarily funded by voluntary donations from the church membership and by freewill donations by church attendants.

FUTURE PLANS

The future plan of the charity is to continue to demonstrate its presence in the community and provide essential spiritual service for the community through continued participation in community outreaches as well as seek other opportunities to engage with organisations and residents in the local community. Furthermore, we are expecting collaborative opportunities with similar organisations to be more effective in the quality of services we can deliver. This will enable us provide weekly services to the community at large. We aim to have an additional building attached to the building that currently hosts us. We are under the planning stage process and hope to get the planning permission to begin the new building. We believe that this will allow for provision of more community-related activities within a premises that is unrestrictive in having our outreaches.

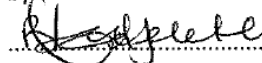
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

RCCG Amazing Grace Parish is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. The charity is part of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, a network of churches with which it has an agreement for common purpose.

Control of the Trust, its property and funds, is by the Trustees, who are expected to subscribe to the statement of faith of the Trust. Appointment of new charity trustees is by resolution of the existing trustees. The Trustees meet at least three times a year, but the day-to-day management of the Charity is delegated to the ministerial team consisting of church ministers and departmental heads, all of whom are volunteers.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on31/10/2024..... and signed on its behalf

by:


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Mrs A Babajide – Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Amazing Grace Parish Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Amazing Grace Parish Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Amazing Grace Parish Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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Date: 31 Oct 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		(2)	-	(2)	1
Charitable activities					
Christian Worship		94,245	16,000	110,245	120,541
Investment income	2	-	2,001	2,001	161
Total		<u>94,243</u>	<u>18,001</u>	<u>112,244</u>	<u>120,703</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Christian Worship		66,810	-	66,810	71,569
Other		-	26,075	26,075	2,936
Total		<u>66,810</u>	<u>26,075</u>	<u>92,885</u>	<u>74,505</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		27,433	(8,074)	19,359	46,198
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		222,502	154,269	376,771	330,573
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>249,935</u>	<u>146,195</u>	<u>396,130</u>	<u>376,771</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

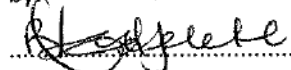
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Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	503,681	47,876	551,557	536,222
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	-	15,624	15,624	1,697
Cash at bank		77,991	109,090	187,081	194,207
		<u>77,991</u>	<u>124,714</u>	<u>202,705</u>	<u>195,904</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(39,086)	(320)	(39,406)	(33,928)
		<u>38,905</u>	<u>124,394</u>	<u>163,299</u>	<u>161,976</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		542,586	172,270	714,856	698,198
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(292,651)	(26,075)	(318,726)	(321,427)
		<u>249,935</u>	<u>146,195</u>	<u>396,130</u>	<u>376,771</u>
NET ASSETS					
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				249,935	222,502
Restricted funds				<u>146,195</u>	<u>154,269</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>396,130</u>	<u>376,771</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on31/10/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

by:


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Mrs A Babajide – Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated to write off cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds and can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The donations received have been donated specifically for this purpose and the gift aid received has also been assigned towards this fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,001	161

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

The charity's trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration for the work that they undertake as trustees. However, they can claim expenses to reimburse them for costs that they incur in fulfilling their duties.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1	-	1
Charitable activities			
Christian Worship	89,512	31,029	120,541
Investment income	-	161	161
Total	<u>89,513</u>	<u>31,190</u>	<u>120,703</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Christian Worship	71,569	-	71,569
Other	-	2,936	2,936
Total	<u>71,569</u>	<u>2,936</u>	<u>74,505</u>
NET INCOME	17,944	28,254	46,198
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	204,558	126,015	330,573
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>222,502</u>	<u>154,269</u>	<u>376,771</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Portacabin £	Church Equipment £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	481,174	27,000	34,134
Additions	20,876	-	86
At 31 December 2023	<u>502,050</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>34,220</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	-	-	12,758
Charge for year	-	-	5,627
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,385</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>502,050</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>15,835</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>481,174</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>21,376</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Multimedia £	Vehicle £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	8,781	4,750	555,839
Additions	-	-	20,962
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At 31 December 2023	8,781	4,750	576,801
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	2,109	4,750	19,617
Charge for year	-	-	5,627
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At 31 December 2023	2,109	4,750	25,244
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	6,672	-	551,557
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At 31 December 2022	6,672	-	536,222
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6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	15,624	1,697
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9)	31,392	31,392
Trade creditors	1	2
Other creditors	8,013	2,534
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	39,406	33,928
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans (see note 9)	318,726	321,427
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9. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	31,392	31,392
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Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	125,569	125,569
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Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	193,157	195,858

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	222,502	27,433	249,935
Restricted funds			
Restricted	154,269	(8,074)	146,195
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,771</u>	<u>19,359</u>	<u>396,130</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	94,243	(66,810)	27,433
Restricted funds			
Restricted	18,001	(26,075)	(8,074)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,244</u>	<u>(92,885)</u>	<u>19,359</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	204,558	17,944	222,502
Restricted funds			
Restricted	126,015	28,254	154,269
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>330,573</u>	<u>46,198</u>	<u>376,771</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,513	(71,569)	17,944
Restricted funds			
Restricted	31,190	(2,936)	28,254
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,703</u>	<u>(74,505)</u>	<u>46,198</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	204,558	45,377	249,935
Restricted funds			
Restricted	126,015	20,180	146,195
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>330,573</u>	<u>65,557</u>	<u>396,130</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	183,756	(138,379)	45,377
Restricted funds			
Restricted	49,191	(29,011)	20,180
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,947</u>	<u>(167,390)</u>	<u>65,557</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Offering, Tithes & Thanksgiving	(2)	-	(2)	1
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	-	2,001	2,001	161
Charitable activities				
Offering, Tithes & Thanksgiving	94,245	1,206	95,451	85,265
Gift aid on donations	-	13,927	13,927	11,975
Building fund	-	867	867	23,301
	<u>94,245</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>110,245</u>	<u>120,541</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>94,243</u>	<u>18,001</u>	<u>112,244</u>	<u>120,703</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Rent, Rates & Utilities	-	-	-	7,543
Insurance	1,715	-	1,715	475
Light and heat	9,498	-	9,498	-
Telephone & Internet	978	-	978	748
Church Outreach	2,831	-	2,831	5,731
Van Maintenance	2,196	-	2,196	2,026
Transportation Expenses	589	-	589	1,386
Equipment	-	-	-	157
Training	615	-	615	(30)
Children & Youth Expenses	967	-	967	651
Mission Work Expenses	6,485	-	6,485	3,064
Social Activities	479	-	479	-
Church Running Expenses	7,195	-	7,195	3,174
Gifts & Honorarium	4,200	-	4,200	849
Transfer to Central Office	2,430	-	2,430	3,020
Transfer to WEM Account	19,179	-	19,179	16,380
Accountancy fees	594	-	594	360
Womens Fellowship	782	-	782	-
Subscriptions	277	-	277	297
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,865
Valuation fee	-	-	-	1,510
Building repairs	-	-	-	8,298
Mens fellowship	173	-	173	-
Depn of plant & machinery	5,627	-	5,627	7,012
Bank Charges	-	-	-	7,053
	<u>66,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,810</u>	<u>71,569</u>
Other				
Bank loan interest	-	26,075	26,075	2,936
Total resources expended	<u>66,810</u>	<u>26,075</u>	<u>92,885</u>	<u>74,505</u>
Net income	<u>27,433</u>	<u>(8,074)</u>	<u>19,359</u>	<u>46,198</u>

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