

## GCC TRUSTEES REPORT 2024

### SUMMARY OF THE CHARITY'S MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church is not a building, but a gathering of people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to being a blessing to the area in which they live.

Grace Community Church it's Church Leaders, it's Trustees and members are committed to the restoration of the New Testament principles. It is not alone in this. It is one of many churches in the area , nation and world - wide that's is rediscovering the excitement of knowing Jesus. The vision is to see the community around Grace Community Church come to experience knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and Friend.

### CHURCH SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED MEETINGS

The past year the church has continued it's Services in the Church Building. The church has been able to initiate a support group for Women who are part of the Church. ?

During the past year the church has hosted a number of indoor and outdoor events to encourage people both within the church as well as in the community to connect with each other.

The Church has hosted and facilitated a Harvest Food Collections with a local Charity MADAM which exists to support the marginalised and needy in the local community.

Alongside these events the church has also hosted both Weddings and Funerals as part of it's service to the community as a whole.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Further to this the church has been able to host events for the benefit of the local community which have been a great opportunity for the church to develop new relationships within the Community. In particular the Church put on Community Events such as a Cake and Make along with Easter Hunt during the Easter Holidays. We also hosted a Themed Assembly for a local primary school focusing on the Community as well as a Christmas Meal and Christmas experience including a Community Giveaway for the children. All of these events were undertaken with no cost or charge to the Community.

We anticipate being able to complete other events of this kind in the coming year.

## OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Church volunteers have also continued to be involved with other initiatives including.

- Distribution of the 'Good News' newspaper.
- Maidstone Street Pastors
- Starfish Malawi
- Community Coffee Mornings

In planning the activities of the church the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The church building is used as a Polling Station and is hired by the local community for events such as children's parties and other family life celebrations.

Most of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts.

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND WORK SUPPORTED BY THE CHURCH

The church continues to support the work of Maidstone Street Pastors, The Family Trust ( A local Christian Charity working in schools. We also support the work of a missionary based in Europe who works within a network of churches.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Pastors Charles Keith and Becky Keith have continued to be employed by the Church on a part-time basis. Their combined salaries amount to the equivalent of one full-time post.

The past year has also seen the successful completion of Phase 2 of the building project which was a further partial completion of the project. Fortunately through continued fundraising as well as donations from Church Members the church was able to successfully pay for phase 2 in full.

Since the completion of phase 2 the church has continued to raise funds towards what will now be known as Phase 3. We anticipate that in the next year a combination of fundraising and grant applications will enable the church to see the completion of the Building Project in its entirety.

The Trustees have set a cautious budget and continued to monitor commitments as well as reserves on a monthly basis. This has enabled the church to maintain a reserve amount at or above our targeted amount throughout the past year. This is no small part also due to the support of the congregation with their continued giving.

### **Independent Examiner's report**

#### **Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act  
to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Signed:

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Stephen Hendy

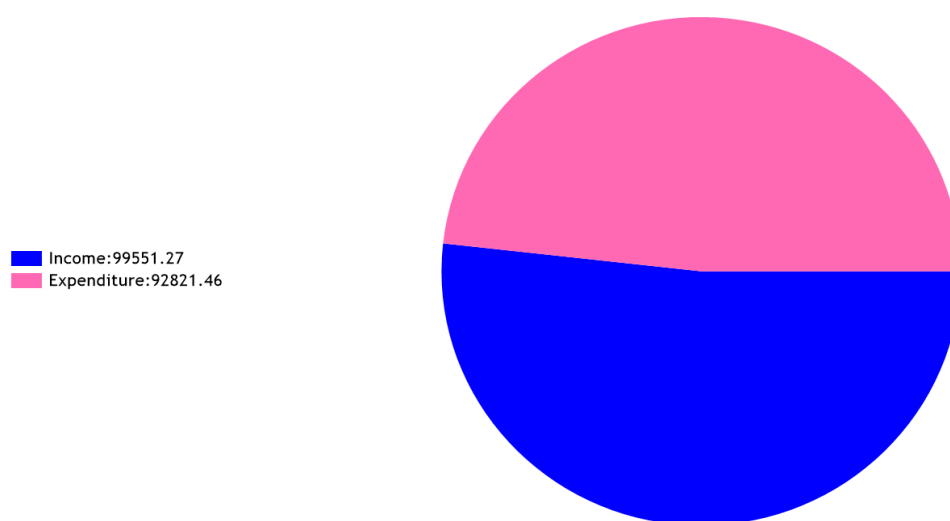
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## Statement of Financial Activity

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	42,309.78	175.00	45,788.55	-	88,273.33	45,618.44
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	10,493.50	-	-	-	10,493.50	12,638.50
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	784.44	-	-	-	784.44	40.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>53,587.72</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>45,788.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,551.27</b>	<b>58,296.94</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	2,331.00	-	-	-	2,331.00	-
Charitable activities	38,623.21	-	51,867.25	-	90,490.46	49,128.67
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>40,954.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,867.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,821.46</b>	<b>49,128.67</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>12,633.51</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>(6,078.70)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,729.81</b>	<b>9,168.27</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	670.00	5,030.00	-	5,700.00	505.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,700.00)	-	-	-	(5,700.00)	(505.00)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>6,933.51</b>	<b>845.00</b>	<b>(1,048.70)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,729.81</b>	<b>9,168.27</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>25,340.73</b>	<b>5,050.00</b>	<b>9,933.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>	<b>31,155.88</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>32,274.24</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>	<b>8,884.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	32,274.24	-	-	-	32,274.24	25,340.73
<b>Designated</b>						
AOG Zone	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00
Days	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Building Fund	-	845.00	-	-	845.00	-
<b>Restricted</b>						
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	8,884.72	-	8,884.72	9,933.42

Sofa Separate Designated-Total Income vs Expenditure



## Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/08/2024	As at 31/08/2023
<b>Fixed assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	47,068.96	40,324.15
	<b>47,068.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	15.00	-
	<b>15.00</b>	-
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	32,274.24	25,340.73
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - AOG Zone Days	50.00	50.00
Designated - Building Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Designated - Pay It Forward	845.00	-
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Building Fund	8,884.72	9,933.42
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

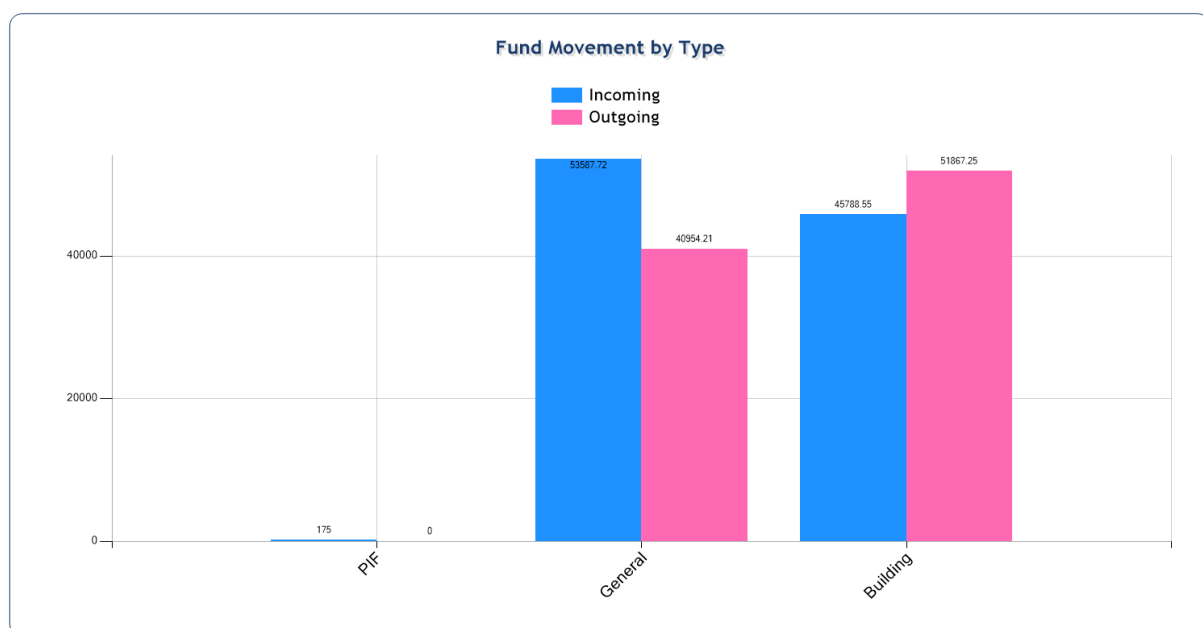
Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
0001: Co-Op Community Direct Plus	31,979.23	5,895.00	8,899.72	-	46,773.95	40,294.23
0002: Cash Suspense	295.01	-	-	-	295.01	29.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,274.24</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>	<b>8,899.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,068.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>
<b>Liability - Agency Accounts</b>						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	15.00	-	15.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>32,274.24</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>	<b>8,884.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>

### Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	32,274.24	-	-	-	32,274.24	25,340.73
Designated - AOG	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00
Designated - Building	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Designated - PIF	-	845.00	-	-	845.00	-
Restricted - Building	-	-	8,884.72	-	8,884.72	9,933.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,274.24</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>	<b>8,884.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>	<b>40,324.15</b>

## Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
<b>PIF</b>								
Designated		-	175.00	-	670.00	-	-	845.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>845.00</b>
<b>General</b>								
Unrestricted		25,340.73	53,587.72	40,954.21	(5,700.00)	-	-	32,274.24
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>25,340.73</b>	<b>53,587.72</b>	<b>40,954.21</b>	<b>(5,700.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,274.24</b>
<b>AOG</b>								
Designated		50.00	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>50.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Building</b>								
Designated		5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00
Restricted		9,933.42	45,788.55	51,867.25	5,030.00	-	-	8,884.72
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>14,933.42</b>	<b>45,788.55</b>	<b>51,867.25</b>	<b>5,030.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,884.72</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>40,324.15</b>	<b>99,551.27</b>	<b>92,821.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,053.96</b>



## Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
1101 - General Offering	7,872.60	-	-	-	7,872.60	6,782.47
1102 - Gift Aid General Offering	21,992.50	-	-	-	21,992.50	23,200.00
1103 - Building Fund	-	-	32,690.05	-	32,690.05	3,891.75
1104 - Gift Aid Building Fund	100.00	-	11,800.00	-	11,900.00	2,730.00
1107 - Tax Recov General Fund	5,826.96	-	-	-	5,826.96	5,971.56
1108 - Tax Recov Building Fund	-	-	1,298.50	-	1,298.50	660.65
1109 - Tax Recov Pay It Forward	-	15.00	-	-	15.00	-
1111 - Sunday Collections	6,517.72	-	-	-	6,517.72	2,382.01
1112 - Pay It Forward Fund	-	150.00	-	-	150.00	-
1113 - Gift Aid Pay It Forward Fund	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	-
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>42,309.78</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>45,788.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,273.33</b>	<b>45,618.44</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
1106 - Hall Hire	10,493.50	-	-	-	10,493.50	12,638.50
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>10,493.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,493.50</b>	<b>12,638.50</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



**Other income**

1110 - Other Income	784.44	-	- -	784.44	40.00
1114 - Interest Received	-	-	- -	-	-
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>784.44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>784.44</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	<b>53,587.72</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>45,788.55 -</b>	<b>99,551.27</b>	<b>58,296.94</b>

**EXPENDITURE ON:****Raising funds**

1224 - Cash in hand	2,331.00	-	- -	2,331.00	-
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>2,331.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>2,331.00</b>	<b>-</b>

**Expenditure on charitable activities**

1201 - Children's Youth Work	-	-	- -	-	8.40
1202 - Local Mission Support	1,107.50	-	- -	1,107.50	920.00
1203 - Comm Projects/Events	394.51	-	- -	394.51	332.66
1204 - Fellowship	143.98	-	- -	143.98	146.40
1205 - Overseas Support/Trips	850.00	-	- -	850.00	600.00
1206 - Visiting Ministry	100.00	-	- -	100.00	100.00
1207 - Gifts	213.93	-	- -	213.93	725.88
1208 - Wages, HMRC and Pension Contribution	24,267.34	-	- -	24,267.34	29,538.03
1209 - Payroll Admin	360.00	-	- -	360.00	360.00
1210 - AOG Contribution	1,399.32	-	- -	1,399.32	1,408.20
1211 - Telephone/Internet	864.39	-	- -	864.39	542.02
1212 - Postage and Stationary	36.40	-	- -	36.40	(33.65)
1213 - Advertising	23.00	-	- -	23.00	176.58
1214 - Equipment & Website	1,766.22	-	- -	1,766.22	306.50
1215 - Building Maintenance	970.81	-	- -	970.81	1,172.81
1216 - Insurance	1,037.74	-	- -	1,037.74	1,009.98
1217 - Water, Electric and Gas	1,710.88	-	- -	1,710.88	2,399.48
1218 - Licences & Subscriptions	1,258.45	-	- -	1,258.45	1,270.28
1219 - Conferences and Training	1,759.75	-	- -	1,759.75	2,066.00
1220 - Professional Fees	350.00	-	- -	350.00	92.80
1221 - Other Expenses	8.99	-	- -	8.99	279.52
1222 - Building Fund Restricted	-	-	- -	-	4,488.98
1223 - Build Fund Designated	-	-	- -	-	-
1225 - Ministry / Fellowship Gifts	-	-	- -	-	-
1226 - Administration	-	-	- -	-	(172.20)
1227 - Building Project	-	-	51,867.25 -	51,867.25	-
1228 - Accounts Prep & Examin	-	-	- -	-	1,390.00
1229 - Relief of Poverty	-	-	- -	-	-
1230 - Pay It Forward Designated	-	-	- -	-	-
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>38,623.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,867.25 -</b>	<b>90,490.46</b>	<b>49,128.67</b>

**Other expenditure**

<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>40,954.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,867.25 -</b>	<b>92,821.46</b>	<b>49,128.67</b>