

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	To		
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2020		2020	

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Grace Baptist Church Southport

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1130672

Charity's principal address 40 Market Street

Southport

Merseyside

Postcode

PR8 1HJ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	J. Cobley	Deacon		Church membership
2	M. Heaton	Deacon		" "
3	M.M Stolarski	Elder		" "
4	N. Ward	Deacon		" "
5	S.P. Harding	Pastor		" "
6	R. Hunter	Elder	October – 31 December	" "
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Grace Baptist Trust Corporation	

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Church membership

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p><b>Risk review</b> The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed both financial and reputational and have updated the policies accordingly. Issues considered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial controls,</li> <li>• Health and Safety purposes and</li> <li>• Safeguarding Policy.</li> </ul>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When planning our activities for the year, we consider the public benefit and, in particular, the advancement of true religion. We preach the truths of Scripture to challenge and help ordinary people to live out their faith through worship, prayer; learning about the Bible; and developing their personal knowledge of and trust in Jesus.

This is also supported through practical pastoral care and support for members and others in the local area, particularly those attending the regular services.

Grace Baptist Church is committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship with us and to become part of our community of faith. We provide activities for all age groups, both on Sundays and on week days. These include Bible teaching as well as craft and other more energetic activities. We also hold holiday clubs spanning four mornings of free fun during spring half-term, for kids from reception through to year 6. Each week Southport Foodpantry (run in co-operation Compassion Acts Ltd) uses our premises to supply food to those in longer term need of practical support.

As an outreach to the International community we provide friendly, weekly English classes, attracting up to around 15 non-English speakers – mainly migrant workers from Southern and Eastern Europe. Other outreach activities also aim to make contact with various sectors of the community. These include open invitations to events such as barbeques, coffee mornings, art Groups, craft evenings and walks in the countryside, along with a week away in the Lake District.

The church runs and maintains its own minibus, which provides transport for the elderly and disabled to church meetings on a weekly basis. The minibus is equipped with a tail-lift and has space for wheelchairs.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Church relies extensively on the generous support of volunteers who deliver a substantial part of the programme. This includes those who:

- lead and support the various youth activities,
- transport the older folk,
- teach English,
- lead art and craft activities,
- provide food to the hungry,
- help older and sick friends,
- clean and maintain the buildings,
- carry out administrative and financial work

among many others.

## Section D Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was exceptional because of covid-19.

Although the year began as normal, we needed to move our core activities online when the first lockdown was announced. We had already been trialling streaming our services before lockdown began and so we were able to change over before the next service – a couple of days.

We carefully reviewed our activities and decided that most physical contacts needed to stop until the risk to members and the public fell. This included meetings for the elderly and children, but the work of the Foodpantry needed to continue with additional safeguards.

We resumed '*in person*' meetings when the restrictions were relaxed, having reviewed the risks and made the premises *covid secure*, in accordance with government guidance. Only a relatively small number met in person with most continuing to participate online.

Many of our older members are unable to participate online and faced significant challenges because of their isolation. We arranged formal and informal ways to support them including keeping in touch and providing copies of services on CDs.

It has been encouraging to see the increased numbers joining us in our streamed services, including from other local churches who were not so far advanced with the technology.

We have also made new contacts around the world through the streaming. Some of the more local contacts joined us once we were able to meet up in person.

God has been good to us during this difficult year. He has also reminded us, very forcefully, that we can plan but are not always able to deliver those plans.

Despite the difficulties the glorious Good News about Jesus Christ has still been faithfully proclaimed each week.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Church relies chiefly on its income from members from which it pays the running costs of the Church. The Policy is to strive and ensure there are sufficient monies in the General Fund to meet three months normal expenditure. This aim was achieved.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our overall income for the year was just over £242,400 (2019, £160,000). Our total expenditure was just under £119,000 (2019 £172,000). This means that there was a surplus of just over £123,600 (2019 Deficit £12,000).

The main expenditure category, about 40% of the total expenditure, was for staff salaries, tax, NI and pension contributions.

Our income held up well during the pandemic, mainly because of the faithfulness of members. We also received the first part of a significant legacy (£100,000).



The main reason for the reduced expenditure was because one paid trustee left early in the year. Many costs were lower because of reduced use of the premises and minibuses. Other costs were higher, eg broadband costs because of the need for faster, more reliable connections.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martin Craig Heaton	Nathan Michael Ward
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	25 July 2021	





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Grace Baptist Church, Southport

No (if any)  
1130672

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2020

To

Period end date  
31/12/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	149,677	-	52,986	202,663	86,119
Gift aid reclaimed	15,847	-	4,629	20,476	17,954
Bank interest and charges	2,188	-	-	2,188	2,381
Use of premises	-	-	2,810	2,810	2,690
Mission	-	-	12,725	12,725	13,991
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	60
Training	98	-	-	98	-
Other	687	-	760	1,447	36,789
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>168,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,910</b>	<b>242,408</b>	<b>159,984</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>168,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,910</b>	<b>242,408</b>	<b>159,984</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries, Tax, NI, Expenses	39,359	-	7,980	47,339	74,532
Pension contributions	1,925	-	256	2,181	3,633
Repairs and maintenance	82	-	9,139	9,221	6,012
Utilities	-	-	12,745	12,745	14,205
Insurance	-	-	4,057	4,057	3,544
Administration	2,532	-	56	2,588	3,324
Bank interest and charges	159	-	-	159	85
Mission	-	-	25,447	25,447	25,260
Youth Work	-	-	512	512	678
Training	863	-	-	863	-
Property	-	-	4,568	4,568	2,673
Other	5,854	-	3,227	9,081	38,002
	<b>50,773</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,987</b>	<b>118,761</b>	<b>171,949</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>50,773</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,987</b>	<b>118,761</b>	<b>171,949</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>117,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>123,648</b>	<b>- 11,964</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 36,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>92,443</b>	<b>8,183</b>	<b>52,296</b>	<b>152,922</b>	<b>152,922</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>173,591</b>	<b>8,183</b>	<b>94,797</b>	<b>276,570</b>	<b>140,958</b>



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Period end date: 31/12/2020

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	5,264	-	-	5,264	2,411
	Other accounts	168,327	8,183	94,797	271,306	162,475
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	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>173,591</b>	<b>8,183</b>	<b>94,797</b>	<b>276,570</b>	<b>164,886</b>
	receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Tax reclaim due	4,056	2,920	-	6,976	4,768
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				<b>6,976</b>	<b>4,768</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Buildings	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Minibus	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Office Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Supplier accounts not paid	Unrestricted	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

 MARTIN CRAIG HEATH  
 NATHAN MICHAEL WARD

Date of approval

25 Jan 21

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Registered Charity No. 1130672**

I report on the financial statements of Grace Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out or

**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").

**Independent examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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: 15/2/2021

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