



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	1	2021	To	31	12 2021

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	Zelda Bentham	Deacon	(app 18 May 2022)	Church membership
2	Nathan Ward	Deacon		" "
3	Rev Stuart.P. Harding	Pastor		" "
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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.

Risk review

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:

- financial controls,
- Health and Safety purposes and
- Safeguarding Policy.

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 – from many countries. Examples of other outreach activities are a ladies' meeting, children's / youth activities and toddler groups. We offer open invitations to events such as barbeques, coffee mornings, art Groups, craft evenings and walks in the countryside.

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, once again, was exceptional because of covid-19.

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.

We continued to stream our services throughout the year although, as the restrictions allowed, there was a gradual increase in confidence and the numbers returning to '*in person*' meetings. The availability of streamed content remained useful for those who were unable to attend in person.

'*In person*' meetings for older folk and children resumed in the autumn, the work of the Foodpantry continued throughout with additional safeguards. The number of children coming when we resumed mid-week activities has been really encouraging, with 40-70 attending each week in two groups.

God has been good to us during another difficult year.

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 £232,117 (2020, £242,408). Our total expenditure was just under £162,500 (2020 £118,760). This means that there was a surplus of almost £70,000 (2020 surplus £123,650).

The main expenditure category, about 35% of the total expenditure, was for staff salaries, tax, NI and pension contributions. Donations to the work missions accounted for almost 30% of expenditure.

Our income held up well during the pandemic, mainly because of the faithfulness of members. We also received the second half of a significant legacy (£100,000 over the two years).

Many costs were still relatively low because of reduced use of the premises and minibus.



Section F Other optional information

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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)	Nathan Michael Ward	Zelda Bentham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	21/8/2022	



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
01/01/2021

To

Period end date
31/12/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	86,597	-	107,124	193,720	202,663
Gift aid reclaimed	14,424	-	3,660	18,084	20,476
Bank interest and charges	2,170	-	-	2,170	2,188
Use of premises	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,810
Mission	-	-	14,012	14,012	12,725
Youth Work	-	-	49	49	-
Training	-	-	-	-	98
Other	970	-	112	1,082	1,447
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	107,161	-	124,957	232,117	242,408
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,161	-	124,957	232,117	242,408
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Tax, NI, Expenses	41,305	-	15,084	56,389	47,339
Pension contributions	1,851	-	1,102	2,952	2,181
Repairs and maintenance	23,417	-	-	23,417	9,221
Utilities	9,438	-	-	9,438	12,745
Insurance	4,297	-	-	4,297	4,057
Administration	3,033	-	19	3,053	2,588
Bank interest and charges	499	-	-	499	159
Mission	-	-	46,443	46,443	25,447
Youth Work	-	-	942	942	512
Training	-	-	348	348	863
Property	3,971	-	-	3,971	4,568
Other	8,981	-	1,727	10,707	9,081
	96,793	-	65,665	162,458	118,760
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,793	-	65,665	162,458	118,760
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,368	-	59,292	69,660	123,648
A5 Transfers between funds	21,826	-	21,826	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	173,591	8,183	94,797	276,570	152,922
Cash funds this year end	162,133	8,183	175,914	346,231	276,570

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

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £
Current accounts	2,399		
Deposit/saving accounts	159,735	8,183	175,914
		-	-
Total cash funds	162,133	8,183	175,914
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Tax reclaim due	3,694	1,190	-
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			-
			-
			-
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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Buildings	General	-	-
Minibus	General	-	-
Office equipment	General	-	-
Fixtures and fittings	General	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Supplier accounts outstanding	General	612	-
		-	-
		-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nathan Michael Ward	2/8/2022

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Registered Charity No. 1130672

I report on the financial statements of Grace Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

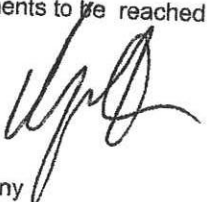
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Date: 2/8/2022

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