

GRACE BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP

Registered Charity Number: 1133689; SC048340

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Registered office: 40 Victoria Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3BA

Administrative Details of the Charity, the Trustees and Advisors

The Trustees present their report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The following Trustees served from 1 January 2023 and up to the date of the approval of the accounts:

David Charles Chapman
Tom Forryan
Chola Mukanga
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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

2. Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Charitable Status

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission under the name "Grace Baptist Partnership" (registration numbers: 1133689 – England & Wales; SC048340 – Scotland).

2.2 The Governing Document

The governing document of the Charity is a Trust Deed dated 11th January 2010.

2.3 The Trustees

The first Trustees of the Charity were appointed under the Trust Deed. Subsequent appointments were made by the body of the Trustees.

The Trustees currently meet three times per annum.

Newly appointed Trustees are given a welcome information pack which includes:

- a copy of the Charity's Trust Deed and any amendments made to it
- a copy of the Charity's latest annual report and statement of accounts
- a copy of the most recent set of minutes
- a copy of the Charity's social media policy
- a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

3. Objective, Aims & Activities of the Charity

3.1 Objective

The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian religion, in accordance with the principles of that part or section of the Baptist Denomination known as Grace Baptist churches.

3.2 Aims

The aims of the Charity, within the object stated above, are to support the religious and other charitable work of such churches by providing funding, training, practical experience, resources and materials to persons involved in establishing and revitalising Grace Baptist churches.

3.3 Activities

The Charity provides materials that would be useful to the worship and witness of Grace Baptist churches, provides research and assessment services for those considering establishing Grace Baptist churches and provides Biblical counsel to Grace Baptist churches and persons involved in establishing Grace Baptist churches. The Charity also provides a payroll service for some of the church plants.

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year the Charity was directly and indirectly involved with church projects in Alloa, Chingford, Hyde Heath, Leagrave, Linslade, Maidstone, North Watford, Southall, Walthamstow and Wimbledon. The Charity also undertook a training scheme in London which would enable the participants to assist in church planting initiatives. The Charity also visited and advised on church planting in the Netherlands and Poland.

5. Financial Review

During the year, total income amounted to £379,915, of which £294,701 were restricted funds. Principal funding sources have been through donations from supporting churches and individuals. General funds were utilised in promoting the Charity's objects by facilitating the smooth running of general operations. There were also various expenditures for specific projects which were covered by funds purposely created to support particular church projects.

On 5 November 2018 a couple granted the Charity an interest-free loan of £20,000 to purchase a church building on behalf of Legrave Baptist Church. This loan has a five-year repayment term with annual instalments of £2,000 to each donor. The fourth instalment was paid in May 2023 so £4,000 is outstanding.

6. Financial Policies

The financial policies relating to the Charity are as follows:

6.1 Reserves Policy

Trustees' have agreed to build reserves covering six months expenditure. To achieve this the Charity will aim to set aside 8% of its annual budget beginning in 2019. As at 31 December 2023 unrestricted reserves stood at £26,307

6.2 Grants Policy

Grants are made to churches and individuals embracing the doctrinal basis of the Charity and in accordance with the trust deed.

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that public benefit is provided by promoting the Christian religion by means of the establishment of new Grace Baptist Churches through free advice, assistance, training and resources. Advice given covers legal, practical, administrative and spiritual matters. Assistance given involves Grace Baptist Partnership staff coordinating with those who are looking to establish a new church in an area, and setting up the practical, administrative, legal and spiritual structures of the new church. Training given involves teaching persons wishing to establish new churches, the principles involved and providing practical experience. Resources given include useful information and literature, and other relevant materials. The Charity enables Grace Baptist Churches that wish to establish new churches but lack the expertise, to turn their aspiration into reality.

8. Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the charity will continue.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 August 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Agn.', is written over a horizontal line.

Signed by one Trustee on behalf of all the Trustees

GRACE BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	79,216	294,567	373,783	272,447
Charitable activities:				-	-
Investments		1,116	-	1,116	282
Other		4,882	134	5,016	1,830
Total income		85,214	294,701	379,915	274,559
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	95,106	300,191	395,297	276,083
Total expenditure		95,106	300,191	395,297	276,083
Net income		(9,892)	(5,490)	(15,382)	(1,524)
Transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,892)	(5,490)	(15,382)	(1,524)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		36,199	45,216	81,415	82,939
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		£ 26,307	£ 39,726	£ 66,033	£ 81,415

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

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

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

GRACE BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7	-	806	806	1,188
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	26,769	39,451	66,220	87,786
Debtors	8	1,065	5,683	6,748	3,365
		27,834	45,134	72,968	91,151
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,527	6,214	7,741	6,924
Net current assets		26,307	38,920	65,227	84,227
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	-	-	(4,000)
Net assets		£ 26,307	£ 39,726	£ 66,033	£ 81,415
Charity Funds:					
Unrestricted funds		26,307	-	26,307	36,199
Restricted funds		-	39,726	39,726	45,216
Total funds		£ 26,307	£ 39,726	£ 66,033	£ 81,415

Approved by the board of Trustees on 13 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



CHOLA MUKANGA

TRUSTEES



KEVIN WONG

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

GRACE BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The 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) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Grace Baptist Partnership constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) 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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

c) Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Donations and grants are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. Recoverable Gift Aid is brought into account in the same period as the relevant donation.

Income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

d) **Expenditure and Liabilities**

Liability Recognition: Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure on charitable activities is expenditure incurred on the charity's operations, including costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and good practice.

Creditors: The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for Liabilities: A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic Financial Instruments: The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

e) **Assets**

Tangible Fixed Assets for Use by Charity: All assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £250.

Tangible fixed assets are valued at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives.

Debtors: Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

2 **Analysis of Income**

Donations & Legacies

Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies	73,627	281,073		354,700	258,530
Gift Aid	5,589	13,494		19,083	13,917
Total	79,216	294,567		373,783	272,447

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:

£179,106 comprising: Donations & Gifts - £172,442 and Gift Aid - £6,664.

3 **Analysis of Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Total 2023	Total 2022
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Affinity	100	0		100	100
Benevolence	200	0		200	500
Salaries & Wages	48,635	0		48,635	47,946
Pension Contributions	7,037	0		7,037	7,192
GBP Conference	2,000	22,336		24,336	16,799
General Expenses	2,517	0		2,517	2,579
Postage	40	0		40	423
General Project Expenses	1,137	275,136		276,273	166,904
Grants	24,000	0		24,000	24,000
Stationery	85	0		85	428
Lodging	0	2,425		2,425	3,683
Travel Costs	6,430	0		6,430	4,096
Website	288	0		288	240
Depreciation	100	282		382	421
Equipment Purchases	76	0		76	66
Total expenditure on charitable activities	92,645	300,179		392,824	275,377
Governance					
Bank Charges	66	12	-	78	143
Independent Examination	440	-	-	440	470
Meeting Expenses	1,334	-	-	1,334	93
Legal Fees	621	-	-	621	-
Total governance expenditure	2,461	12	-	2,473	706
Total expenditure	95,106	300,191		395,297	276,083

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

4	Analysis of Staff Costs	2023	2022
	Salaries and Wages	48,635	47,946
	Social Security Costs	-	-
	Pension Costs (Defined Contribution Scheme)	7,037	7,192
	Other Employee Benefits	-	-
		<u>55,672</u>	<u>55,138</u>

No employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000 (2022: same).

Average Head Count in the Year	2023	2022
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	3
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

5 Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and contributions of £7,037 (2022: £7,192) were paid in the year.

6 Analysis of Grants Paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis of Grants Made to Institutions	Purpose	Total (£)
Grace Baptist Church Maidstone	To support church planter in Maidstone	3,000
Grace Baptist Church North Watford	To support church planter in North Watford	3,000
Grace Church Southall	To support church planter in Southall	3,000
Grace Church Walthamstow	To support church planter in Walthamstow	3,000
Hyde Heath Chapel	To support church planter in Hyde Heath	3,000
Kings Road Baptist Church	To support church planter in Chingford	3,000
Leagrave Baptist Church	To support church planter in Leagrave	3,000
Linslade Baptist Church	To support church planter in Linslade	3,000
		<u>24,000</u>

The charity does not identify or allocate support costs

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	5,550	5,550
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>5,550</u>	<u>5,550</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	4,362	4,362
Charge for the year	382	382
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,744</u>	<u>4,744</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>806</u>	<u>806</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,188</u>	<u>1,188</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

8 Debtors and Prepayments	2023	2022
Prepayments and Accrued Income	5,749	1,697
Other Debtors	999	1,668
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	£ 6,748	£ 3,365
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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
Accruals for Grants Payable	-	-
Loan	4,000	4,000
Other Creditors	3,497	2,653
Taxation and social security costs	244	271
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	£ 7,741	£ 6,924
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10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
Other Creditors (Loan)	-	4,000
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	£ -	£ 4,000
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On 5 November 2018 a couple granted the Charity an interest-free loan of £20,000 to purchase a church building on behalf of Legrave Baptist Church. This loan has a five year repayment term with annual instalments of £2,000 payable to each donor. The fourth instalment was paid in May 2023 so £4,000 is outstanding.

11 Cash at bank and in hand	2023	2022
Cash at bank and in hand	66,220	87,786
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

12 Statement of funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Type R or U *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ Losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Chelmondiston	R	Church planting work in Chelmondiston	239	0	-239	0	0	0
Edlesborough	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Europe	R	Support for mission work in Europe	7	12,023	-11,930	0	0	100
GBP Conference	R	Funding for the Annual GBP Conference	1,114	21,291	-22,337	0	0	68
Halling	R	Support to Halling Baptist Church	936	28,681	-28,598	0	0	1,019
Leagrave	R	Support to Leagrave Baptist Church	-6,692	44,537	-41,089	0	0	-3,244
Linslade	R	Support to Linslade Baptist Church	0	12,000	-9,000	0	0	3,000
London Training	R	Funding for London Training Group	26,766	8,512	-35,309	0	0	-31
Norfolk	R	Funding for work in Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Watford	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church North Watford	1,190	7,153	-6,932	0	0	1,411
North Watford Building	R	Funds earmarked to refurbish the North Watford building	0	3,923	-3,923	0	0	0
Poland	R	Church planting work in Poland	122	11,904	-12,000	0	0	26
Maidstone (formerly Ryarsh)	R	Church planting work in Maidstone	6,016	22,458	-27,367	0	0	1,107
Scotland	R	Church planting work in Scotland	2,122	1,550	-50	0	0	3,622
Southall	R	Support to Grace Church Southall	399	24,524	-24,923	0	0	0
Southall Church Refurbishment	R	Funds earmarked to refurbish the Southall Church building	0	23,049	-6	0	0	23,043
Ukraine	R	Funds earmarked to support churches in	1,426	248	0	0	0	1,674
Walthamstow	R	Church planting work in Walthamstow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wimbledon	R	Church planting work in Wimbledon	11,365	140,879	-145,319	0	0	6,925
Wiltshire	R	Church planting work in Wiltshire	206	23,420	-23,626	0	0	0
Wood Green	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church Wood Green	0	12,015	-11,009	0	0	1,006
General Fund	U	General Fund	36,199	85,214	-95,106	0	0	26,307
Total Funds			81,415	483,381	-498,763	0	0	66,033

* Key: R - Restricted Income Funds of the charity; U - Unrestricted Funds

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

13 Statement of funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period

Fund names	Type R or U *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ Losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Chelmondiston	R	Church planting work in Chelmondiston	1,807	0	-1,568	0	0	239
Edlesborough	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church Edlesborough	0	12,185	-12,185	0	0	0
Europe	R	Support for mission work in Europe	485	10,625	-11,379	276	0	7
GBP Conference	R	Funding for the Annual GBP Conference	1,657	14,257	-14,800	0	0	1,114
Halling	R	Support to Halling Baptist Church	775	29,258	-29,097	0	0	936
Leagrave	R	Support to Leagrave Baptist Church	-1,682	33,013	-38,023	0	0	-6,692
Linslade	R	Support to Linslade Baptist Church	0	200	-200	0	0	0
London Training	R	Funding for London Training Group	25,145	3,198	-1,577	0	0	26,766
Norfolk	R	Funding for work in Norfolk	0	9,000	-9,000	0	0	0
North Watford	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church North Watford	375	10,489	-9,674	0	0	1,190
Poland	R	Church planting work in Poland	0	13,026	-12,904	0	0	122
Maidstone (formerly Ryarsh)	R	Church planting work in Maidstone	9,109	22,055	-25,148	0	0	6,016
Scotland	R	Church planting work in Scotland	525	2,139	-542	0	0	2,122
Southall	R	Support to Grace Church Southall	183	25,916	-25,221	-479	0	399
Southall Church Refurbishment	R	Funds earmarked to refurbish the Southall	0	5,608	-6,508	900	0	0
Ukraine	R	Funds earmarked to support churches in	0	3,703	-2,277	0	0	1,426
Walthamstow	R	Church planting work in Walthamstow	-754	754	0	0	0	0
Wimbledon	R	Church planting work in Wimbledon	10,052	53,530	-52,217	0	0	11,365
Wiltshire	R	Church planting work in Wiltshire	-229	24,069	-23,634	0	0	206
Wood Green	R	Support to Grace Baptist Church Wood Green	0	11,151	-11,151	0	0	0
General Fund	U	General Fund	35,491	95,453	-94,048	-697	0	36,199
Total Funds			82,939	379,629	-381,153	0	0	81,415

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

14 Transfers between Funds

There were no transfers between funds in 2023.

Designated Fund

We do not currently have any designated funds.

15 Trustees Expenses

£323 was paid as expenses to two trustees in 2023 (2022: £93 paid to one trustee). This was to enable them to attend meetings. No trustee received any remuneration or benefits.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grace Baptist Partnership

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Date : 4 September 2024