

AMAZING GRACE WORSHIP CENTRE
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

Mr Stephen Addai-Nimoh, Trustee
Rev Emmanuel Dampare, Trustee
Mr John Jenking, Trustee
Mr John Williams, Trustee

Company registered number

07406467

Charity registered number

1138718

Registered office

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SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The senior pastor presents his statement for the year.

Purpose/Vision

As a local church, our purpose is to promote the worship of God as revealed in the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - according to the New Testament principles of the Bible.

- We promote evangelism and a strong Christian witness in the community.
- We promote spiritual growth in the life of every Christian through Bible studies and prayer.

Focus

Our primary scriptural strategic focus is on prayer. It is absolutely essential at every level of our ministry. We constantly prayed for peace in our country and all those in authority, both locally and nationally, to make the right decisions which affect the lives of the people. Our Saturday prayer meeting continued to attract even non-registered members of our church in the year under review.

Social concerns

There are a lot of social concerns in Hackney, and we believe in practical ministry that addresses the needs of hurting and helpless people in the community. As a church, we continued to address such needs through counselling, visiting the sick and the elderly.

The Men's Ministry and the Women's Ministry had a role to play in addressing some of these social concerns which came under their respective influence.

Here We Grow

This is the Sunday School department of the church, and it continued to be active in helping the spiritual development of the attendees.

Challenges

The year under review was very challenging as we planned to move back to our former place of worship, 171 Rushmore Road, E5 0HA. We continued to have our Zoom meetings every Wednesday from 6.30 pm - 8 pm.

Leadership

The current leadership was very united and committed to working together as responsible stewards to meet the challenges. I, as the Pastor, was able to attend the Zone, Area, and Annual Conferences of Assemblies of God during the year.

Rev. Emmanuel Dampare
Pastor

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Charity are:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit;
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit; and
- to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

- Wednesday evening prayer, Saturday morning prayer and Sunday morning services (see below)
- Monthly Friday night prayer (see below)
- Prayer and fasting periods (see below)
- Easter Celebration with services held on Good Friday and Easter Sunday
- Christmas Celebration Service held on Christmas Eve
- New Year's Celebration Service held on New Year's Eve
- Water Baptism of individuals professing their faith in Jesus Christ
- Infant Dedications
- Solemnisation of Marriages
- Hall Lettings (see below)

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Regular weekly meetings are held every Wednesday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

Saturday morning is the main prayer meeting during which a wide range of individual needs are prayed for, confidentially as required, with counselling provided straight after or at other more convenient times. Needs include health, unemployment, financial problems, family/relationship issues, court/immigration matters, spiritual, emotional and behavioural issues. These prayer meetings are open to members and non-members alike, plus Christians and non-Christians. It is well attended and highly valued.

Sunday morning is the main bible teaching and preaching time accompanied with prayer, singing, praise and worship. The bible teaching uses material personally prepared by the Pastor on a quarterly basis entitled 'Here We Grow'. The singing, praise and worship time is one of huge inspiration aided by the skilful team of resident singers and musicians (drummers, pianists, guitarist, PA technicians). Our members and visitors grow their bible knowledge and confidence in their Christian faith. Guest preachers are occasionally invited to preach the sermon.

Wednesday evening prayer is a further opportunity to support and intercede for other peoples needs and challenges.

The young people gather straight after each Sunday service for informal fellowship, encouragement and often focus on the musical instruments they have been playing during the services.

The musicians meet regularly to practice to ensure the highest quality support of praise and worship every Sunday morning. They will also actively maintain their instruments and the related PA system.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month for the men's and women's departments to come together for bible sharing fellowship and encouragement, and to plan their programme of activities for the forthcoming months.

All night-prayer meetings are held regularly, usually on the last Friday of the designated month. This enables members/visitors to sacrificially spend extended periods of time supporting other people's needs through prayer. Periodic days of prayer and fasting are held throughout the year to help sharpen the church's focus on prayer and commitment to service.

Evangelism leafleting in the local Dalston area has been undertaken several times throughout the year.

Regular Church Council Meetings (deacons/trustees/directors) are held throughout the year typically once or twice a month or more frequently as required, to discuss and make decisions on governance, finance, projects and departmental matters.

Hall letting was a large and significant feature of the activities this year. Given the large size of our hall the hire costs were very competitive. Consequently, scores of enquires were received with several dozen converting into actual confirmed hall bookings. The hall hire purposes were varied, as were the hirers' ethnicities.

The church has a number of professionals who can sign passports, provide job references, assist with completing forms, and provide free music coaching.

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Achievement and performance

a. Review of activities

DEPARTMENTS LEADER'S REPORT - Stephen Addai-Nimoh

Reporting on the Supporting Ministries of Amazing Grace Worship Centre. The ministries support the resident Pastor to carry out the vision of the church. The Men's ministry is made up of the men in the church. We are engaged in the activities that seek to promote the welfare and spiritual growth of the church, including preaching, teaching and managing the premises of the church.

Women's Ministry had regular meetings during the year. Unfortunately, they lost their leader. Their unflinching support to the bereaved family was much appreciated. The women celebrated the 'Women's Day'. They supported the church members who celebrated their birthday in the church.

The Youth Ministry is made up of the young adults of the church. Their dynamism and enthusiasm always impress everyone in the church. The Youth knowledge in technology facilitate the preaching of the gospel.

The Sunday School popularly known as 'Here We Grow' comprises of both men and the women in the church. Occasionally, we receive visitors who participate in the Bible studies and discussion. The advent of this ministry has largely increased the knowledge of the people in the Bible.

We expect to do better in the year ahead and hopefully improve our financial status since we will shortly be occupying our own acquired property.

Prepared by Stephen Addai-Nimoh (Elder)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER'S REPORT - Betty Addai-Nimoh

The Women's Ministry constitutes the largest active ministry in the church. This is largely, because the women outnumber the men in the church. The worship team of the church is dominated by women. The women meet monthly in the church. They discuss the welfare of the people. Mother's Day was celebrated in simplicity with members performing different activities. There was plenty of food provided by the women. This year's Women's Day was celebrated in a unique way. Some of the activities included performing short skit, singing, providing word of exaltation and reciting poems.

The Women organised an exciting summer outing. It was well attended incorporating the men who were interested. The Outing promoted unity amongst the women. Unfortunately, our leader was called to glory which was a blow to the ministry. Thank God new leaders are scheduled to be elected, and we will be on the move.

We are planning to engage in different programmes to reach out to more women in the church next year, God willing.

Prepared by Betty Addai-Nimoh (Leader)

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Achievement and performance (continued)

SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Williams

Leadership

Amazing Grace Worship Centre maintained productive relationships with our fellow denominational church leaders regionally and nationally, facilitated by the pastor and secretary attending periodic AoG regional conferences. A 'Stronger Together' theme for co-operation and collaboration, instituted from AOG GB senior, zone, area, and hub leadership.

Pastor attended the AoG General Conference, plus Area, Zone and Hub Meetings as they arose.

The Church Council and other leaders in the church met regularly throughout the year to re-state the church vision and plan towards events and growth throughout the year, and navigate the ongoing challenges arising.

We became the Amazing Grace Worship Centre as of 1 January 2011. The Clapton Christian Centre was dissolved on the 31 January 2011.

In 2023 the church was 52 years old (under AoG) on 3 April 2023.

The church will have been in our current Dalston location as Amazing Grace Worship Centre 13 years next year. We have 3 more years remaining on our lease, meaning on current terms, we will need to vacate this building in January 2027.

Pastor Emmanuel was 32 years as pastor of this church in September 2023 after joining the church following graduation from the AoG Mathersey Bible College in July 1991.

Several overall departmental meetings were held over the year including Church General meetings to report on and share the general progress the church has been making.

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers at our church this year were predominantly all in-house from our pastor, deacons and leaders.

Evangelism

Evangelism has remained on a personal level throughout the year, seeing occasional new faces.

Sister Pat leads the evangelism effort. She goes out most Saturdays often accompanied by with a small team (typically Sis Zan and Sis Salome) distributing leaflets and holding up a placard designed and made by her and Brother Clifford, engaging the public in discussions.

Several church members attended and supported the 'God Loves You Tour' held in Excel London on Sat 26 Aug 2023, led by Evangelist Franklin Graham, son of the late Evangelist Billy Graham.

Prayer

Prayer and Fasting session took place in early December prior to Christmas (Thu 14 – Sat 16 Dec).

We meet every Saturday morning in person to pray, and we meet every Wednesday evening via Zoom to pray.

24 Hour Prayer Chain on the last Friday of every month. Started end Oct 2019 and continued through 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and into 2024, with 1-hour slots for members to elect to pray throughout.

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Achievement and performance (continued)

Dedication/Baptism

Several candidates had completed the baptism preparation class with Pastor Emmanuel last year. The baptism service for them all was held this year on Sunday 3rd September 2023, concluding with the church's annual summer BBQ.

Men's Ministry

Sun 18 June – Men's Ministry and Father's Day Programme. The men lead the service with support from the Women's Department.

The men have supported the running of the church in many ways, ie, prayer, music, PA system, preaching, administration, finance and building facilities management, lettings support.

Women's Ministry

The women are very active meeting regularly and working well together to support and promote various church activities.

Including prayer, visitation, worship leading, hospitality and cleaning.

The Women planned and organised a lovely 60th Birthday Celebration Event for the Pastor's wife on Sun 25 June.

The women did great job in delivering their Women's Ministry Day on Sun 10 Mar.

A very sad and major loss to the church was the passing of Madeline Santulu on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

The Women/Church chose not to hold the traditional Church Christmas Banquet just before Christmas, in light of, and in respect for the recent passing of the Women's Ministry Department leader Madeline Santulu.

Young Adults/Youth

The young people held their Annual Youth Day in Aug.

Our young adults continued monthly bible studies on Zoom subject to everyone's availability.

Our young adults remain committed in continued service to the church, which balancing their vocational roles and lives.

We have registered with Fusion, the university student Christian networking and support group for students studying at London universities/colleges close to our church. We are currently dormant on this platform but hope to activate this in the year to come.

Sunday School

The 'Here We Grow' bible study booklets for our Sunday School are personally compiled by our Pastor Emmanuel Dampare. Themes covered the nature of God, Christ, The Bible, Persecution, Praise, and Importance of Home Groups. The content has proved to be extremely helpful, timely, and valued by all the members who have been participating.

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Achievement and performance (continued)

People/Church

The following longest serving members are:

51 Years – Mr John Williams (Secretary/Treasurer/Elder/Trustee/Director)

46 Years – Mr & Mrs Roudette

41 Years – Mr John Jenking (Elder/Trustee/Director)

Church Christmas Service was held on Sun 17 Dec on conclusion of the Prayer and Fasting.

Bereavements: we saw several of our brothers and sisters lose parents and siblings this year, so we have supported them all in prayer and financially/practically. This included the passing of the church's Women's Ministry Leader, with over 33 years' service, Madeline Santulu, on Wed 13th Dec 2023, and then in early 2024 the passing of the father of a family of young adult siblings in the church. A Farewell/Memorial Service was held for Sis Madeline on Sun 7th Jan 2024.

Fellowship/Community

In May 2023 several church members attended, a Christian family friendly event, called Big Church Festival, which was 2 days over the late Bank Holiday weekend where over 30,000 Christians and visitors attended, many camping or glamping, to enjoy live stage music from some of the world's best Christian music and worship bands, poetry, spoken word, children's, activities, exhibitions, food stalls, set in 6,000 acres of Sussex fields. On completion of this break, early bird tickets were booked for the May 2024 event.

The Church Summer BBQ was held in August 2023 (immediately following the Water Baptism Service) where we enjoyed great weather company with invited friends and family members.

A wonderful Church Trip Week was held this year in a beautiful Gloucestershire country cottage on the banks of the River Severn. This followed directly after the Big Church Festival and provided the opportunity for over 20 church members and their families to meet together for a week of prayer, fellowship, and recreation.

Lettings

We had several though reduced numbers of lettings enquiries in the last year. We use various channels to market the hall including our external noticeboard, Venue Scanner, HireSpace, HallsHire.com, iLondon (part of iGroup), mycommunityspace.org.uk, Gumtree, HealthStaffDiscounts.com (part of the NHS), Yell.com, our website, and latterly, increasingly, by word of mouth.

St Gabriel's Ethiopians Church – continue with regular letting of the ground floor, plus occasional additional hires of the first floor.

We had many churches enquiring about hiring space from us for weekly church services, and met with several of them, plus others including, trade/charity/event organisers.

- Apr 2023: St Gabriels EOTC Easter Weekend Celebration
- Sat 13 May 2023: University Graduation Celebration
- Sun 11 Jun 2023: St Gabriels EOTC Church Conference
- Sun 9 Jul 2023: General Hall Hire (Ethiopian)
- Aug (21 days): St Gabriels EOTC Veneration of St Mary
- Sep: St Gabriels EOTC "Finding Of The True Cross"

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Achievement and performance (continued)

- Sun 31 Dec 2023: CSWM Church Cross-Over Service
- Sun 7 Jan: St Gabriels EOTC Christmas
- Sun 21 Jan: St Gabriels EOTC Epiphany

Numerous other enquirers declined to proceed with bookings or cancelled bookings when we made clear the noise restrictions in place to avoid disturbing neighbours.

Finance

Income is balancing/exceeding expenditure most months except for the rent payment month each quarter.

Our Gift Aid scheme was re-designated to AGWC with HMRC.

Givers are periodically reminded of Gift Aid. This has been critically important – critically important to the church.

We do thank God for his marvellous provision through the wonderful giving of his people, including the giving /support from Walthamstownians, the Saturday Prayer Group, and the very generous and sustained sacrificial giving of our own members.

We do not rely on grants or sponsors nor government funding.

We have also deployed a channel of financial giving via a mobile app called GIVT. Secure, easy, quick, anonymous, and gift aid able.

We also have a chip and pin machine, for tithes/offering via card payments, contactless for payments up to £100. Pay by text, standing order, etc available.

Drop-In Centre

This 219 Glyn Road facility has been taken back from RCCG and is now back under our control to be used as we see fit. Ideas for community-focussed work around the arts are being explored and researched.

Residential Flat

The property, 219a Glyn Road, is tenanted, with good occupants.

Administration/Building

We have maintained good relationships with our professional services providers, accountants, solicitors, letting agent, insurance company, mortgage providers.

Various minor building maintenance/repair works continue to be carried out to ensure the building remained safe, secure, weather-tight, and water-tight.

We did however suffer a very costly and inconvenient event over the last weekend in October when the copper gas pipes from the meter feeding our boilers was stolen. We incurred thousands of pounds in consequential costs/repairs and several weekends of no heating, including some very cold days.

Our 449 Landlord had previously indicated his ambition to re-develop and had prior to this year compiled a draft re-development plan which was shared with the local residents via a Local Consultation over 3 days (with architect drawings, scaled models, etc), hosted by our church, followed by a pre-application and then a final formal application submission. We learned just before the end of the previous report period that the

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Achievement and performance (continued)

outcome/decision of the council planning committee was to unfortunately reject the planning application, in part due to opposition from neighbours. During this year, the 449 landlord re-submitted a heavily scaled back planning application, in consultation with us, which was approved in September 2023 by the council's planning sub-committee, with final sign-off and granting of the planning application (2022/1765) on 15 February 2024.

Notice To Quit 449 Lease

Following granting of the revised planning application, on Wednesday 27th February 2024, we were issued with a Notice To Quit our 449 Kingsland Road, E8 4AU lease by end May 2024. On Sun 3rd Mar 2024, we consequently advised the St Gabriels Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC) hire our ground floor hall that they likewise had to cease use of the building by the end of May 2024. We in turn, also on Sun 3rd Mar 2024, advised The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) of their Notice To Quit their 171 Rushmore Road E5 0HA lease by the end of May 2024. AGWC's plan was to move our church services and operations back into 171 Rushmore Road, E5 0HA.

A large amount of church leadership/management time, effort, planning, notifications, activity, costs, etc, was initiated in February/March and invested in to achieve the end of May 2024 target exit date.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' recurring expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity held general reserves totalling £1,137,428 (2023: £541,317), of which free reserves are in deficit at £222,572 (2023: deficit £208,683). The Charity holds fixed assets and investments totalling £1,360,000 (2023: £751,038). The increase is due to a revaluation of the investment properties. The Trustees continue to examine all opportunities to generate unrestricted funds.

c. Review of the year

We are very grateful for the generous support of members of the Church. Expenditure has increased on the prior year.

The Trustees have reviewed the current accounting systems and processes of the Charity as part of a review of operations and individuals' duties. Professional advice has been sought regarding improvements to the Charity's accounting function, and in respect of the preparation of the annual financial statements.

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d. Principal risks and uncertainties

Amazing Grace Worship Centre leadership meet regularly to ensure any financial risks are exposed quantified and plans put in place to mitigate them. We carefully monitor income and expenditure to ensure we are operating within our means. We take steps to maximise income through promotion and operation of Gift Aid on a monthly basis. We have periodic reviews of rent we charge the tenants of our properties in Dalston and Clapton to ensure we are getting the best deal. We limit expenditure to necessary items. We prioritise financial obligations to HMRC and other legal/statutory bodies and health and safety before addressing other demands.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Amazing Grace Worship Centre is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association dated 4th October 2010 and is a registered charity number 1138718 and under company number 07406467.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The church is in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and holds membership with both the Evangelical Alliance and Churches Together In England.

The Pastor attends an annual Assemblies of God conference plus several other regional meeting pertaining to the management and direction of the fellowship and consequently the local church. Through involvement in other local inter-denominational initiatives, the church is able to steer direction for the overall Christian voice in the locality.

The Church has the Pastor plus caretakers of hired events that are paid employees. All other staff are very hard-working, committed volunteers.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

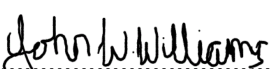
The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....

Mr John Williams
Trustee

Date: 18-12-24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Amazing Grace Worship Centre ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Martin Bailey*

Dated: 18-12-24

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	4	129,551	129,551	111,527
Investments	5	75,364	75,364	68,944
Total income		204,915	204,915	180,471
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		4,859	4,859	10,339
Charitable activities	6	213,945	213,945	206,868
Total expenditure		218,804	218,804	217,207
Net expenditure before net gains on investments		(13,889)	(13,889)	(36,736)
Net gains on investments		610,000	610,000	-
Net movement in funds		596,111	596,111	(36,736)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		541,317	541,317	578,053
Net movement in funds		596,111	596,111	(36,736)
Total funds carried forward		1,137,428	1,137,428	541,317

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 07406467

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	486	1,038
Investment property	11	1,360,000	750,000
		<u>1,360,486</u>	<u>751,038</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	91,264	52,548
Cash at bank and in hand		5,131	5,525
		<u>96,395</u>	<u>58,073</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(227,623)	(162,355)
Net current liabilities		<u>(131,228)</u>	<u>(104,282)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,229,258</u>	<u>646,756</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(91,830)	(105,439)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>1,137,428</u>	<u>541,317</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,137,428</u></u>	<u><u>541,317</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	-	-
Unrestricted funds	15	1,137,428	541,317
Total funds		<u><u>1,137,428</u></u>	<u><u>541,317</u></u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

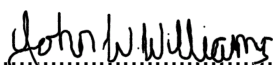
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr John Williams
Trustee

Date: 18-12-24

The notes on pages 17 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Amazing Grace Worship Centre is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 171 Rushmore Road, Clapton, Hackney, London, E5 0HA. The objects of the Charity are set out in the Trustees' Report.

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event that the Charity is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Amazing Grace Worship Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been prepared in Sterling, the functional currency of the Charity, and monetary amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity is reliant upon public donations and rental income. The Trustees do not believe that there is a material uncertainty regarding the going concern status of the Charity and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

2.3 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once 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 reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	- 4 years straight line
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Investments and investment properties

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

Investment properties are held at open market value on an existing use basis. Investment properties are subject to regular third party valuations by qualified chartered surveyors, supported by annual reviews by the Trustees.

2.9 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.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand 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.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 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.

2.13 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year relate to assessing the market valuation of the investment properties.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	129,551	129,551	111,527
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<i>Total 2023</i>	<hr/> 111,527 <hr/>	<hr/> 111,527 <hr/>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Rental income from investment properties	75,207	75,207	68,719
Interest income	157	157	225
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	75,364	75,364	68,944
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<i>Total 2023</i>	<hr/> 68,944 <hr/>	<hr/> 68,944 <hr/>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Religious services	213,945	213,945	206,868
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<i>Total 2023</i>	206,868	206,868	
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	141,017	72,928	213,945	206,868
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<i>Total 2023</i>	145,010	61,858	206,868	
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Religious services 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Depreciation	552	552	680
Insurance	10,005	10,005	9,227
Gas, electric & water	11,672	11,672	7,807
Repairs & maintenance	5,140	5,140	3,771
Travel & transport	43	43	40
Donations	5,978	5,978	6,301
Telephone & internet	1,321	1,321	1,317
Printing, postage & stationery	8,419	8,419	11,516
Legal & professional	1,200	1,200	940
Independant examination	4,950	4,950	4,025
Bank charges	577	577	559
Interest paid	22,100	22,100	14,221
Motor expense	971	971	1,454
	<u>72,928</u>	<u>72,928</u>	<u>61,858</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>61,858</u>	<u>61,858</u>	

8. Staff costs

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	52,336	55,649
Social security costs	4,645	5,094
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	92	118
	<u>57,073</u>	<u>60,861</u>

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8. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Pastor	1	<i>1</i>
Caretaker	1	<i>1</i>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2023 - £NIL*) for their role as a trustee. One trustee was remunerated in both the current and prior years for his role as pastor.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2023 - £NIL*).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	13,140
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,140</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	12,102
Charge for the year	552
At 31 March 2024	<u>12,654</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>486</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>1,038</u></u>

11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2023	750,000
Surplus on revaluation	610,000
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>1,360,000</u></u>

The investment properties were valued in May 2024 by a firm of qualified chartered surveyors, on an open market value for existing use basis. The Trustees have considered the valuation of these properties and consider they are appropriate valuations as at the balance sheet date.

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12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	54,578	33,407
Other debtors	17,875	17,875
Prepayments and accrued income	18,811	1,266
	<u>91,264</u>	<u>52,548</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	21,855	18,209
Other loans	10,850	10,850
Trade creditors	-	19
Other creditors	156,444	98,111
Accruals and deferred income	38,474	35,166
	<u>227,623</u>	<u>162,355</u>

Other loans represent monies advanced to the Charity by members of the congregation. Included within the above figure carried forward is an amount of £4,600 (2023: £4,600) due to the wife of one of the Trustees. All of the loans are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	<u>91,830</u>	<u>105,439</u>

Bank loans represent a bank loan subject to interest at 6.35%, secured against the Charity's investment properties, and is due for repayment in April 2037, and a bounceback loan of £8,758 due for repayment in 3 years.

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>541,317</u>	<u>204,915</u>	<u>(218,804)</u>	<u>610,000</u>	<u>1,137,428</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	<u>578,053</u>	<u>180,471</u>	<u>(217,207)</u>	<u>541,317</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	486	486
Investment property	1,360,000	1,360,000
Current assets	96,395	96,395
Creditors due within one year	(227,623)	(227,623)
Creditors due in more than one year	(91,830)	(91,830)
Total	<u>1,137,428</u>	<u>1,137,428</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,038	1,038
Investment property	750,000	750,000
Current assets	58,073	58,073
Creditors due within one year	(162,355)	(162,355)
Creditors due in more than one year	(105,439)	(105,439)
Total	<u>541,317</u>	<u>541,317</u>

17. Related party transactions

Excluding those items disclosed elsewhere in the notes to the financial statements, there were no related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior years.

18. Controlling party

The Charity is under the control of the Board of Trustees. No individual has overall control.