

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	01	02	2020		31	01	2021		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Grace Community Church

Other names charity is known by

GCC Leeds North

Registered charity number (if any)

1140281

Charity's principal address

3 Grove Farm Crescent

Leeds

Postcode

LS6 6BZ

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	Esther Smith	Elder		
2	Jonathan Parkinson	Elder and Pastor		
3	Timothy Parkinson	Deacon		
4	Tim Snuggs	Deacon		
5	Chris Cole	Elder (resigned October 2021)		
6	John Woodruff	Deacon		
7	Steve Hodson	Deacon		
8	Peter Washburn	Deacon		
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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

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)	Appointed by election, and re-election every 3 years by membership of the congregation.

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.

In addition to the constitution, the church has a Basis of Faith and Handbook, which compliments the constitution.

The church officers, trustees, meet on a monthly basis to discuss matters of the organisation. Members meet for an annual general meeting, plus additional quarterly meetings.

The AGM is held each year, and was opened up to regular church attenders where a summary of all church ministries are presented, along with other practical matters. As a congregation the church seeks the mind of Christ together, and those eligible to vote plays their part in determining the direction of the Trust.

Due to Covid, the normal gathering of people was not able to be undertaken, however regular contact was given to its membership through other digital means.

The church takes seriously its responsibilities as a public meeting and in how it runs its various activities for the general public. Relevant policies and insurances are in place to underpin its activities. These policies are reviewed regularly and include areas such as health and safety, safeguarding, child and vulnerable adults policy, risk management.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

1. To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, in accordance with the statements of belief in the schedule.
2. To provide relief of financial hardship among people living or working worldwide through the provision of relief, goods or finances.
3. To advance in life and help young people through; a) recreational activities in the interest of social welfare; b) providing support and activities which develop skills, capacities and capabilities.
4. To promote the provision of facilities for the inhabitants of Leeds and surrounding areas, who may have a variety of needs, in the interest of social welfare and to improve their condition of life.

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)

The charity and trustees have taken careful consideration with church activities to ensure that the public benefit is in line with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

The main activities undertaken by the charity that fulfil the objectives are as follows:

As the world faced a crisis on a global scale, the church had to change and adapt its normal activities to adapt to the government regulations, requirements and limitations to nationally seek to keep people safe.

Throughout this time the church ceased from meeting in person however did take advantage of digital means to help.

Church services were initially run on YouTube, however we then used Zoom to facilitate the meeting on a Sunday so that people could feel part of a group, take the time to talk to each other, then watch the church services which were usually presented from home situations.

Mid-week bible studies continued through the means of Zoom, and mostly were live, not pre-recorded. This gave the opportunity for people to talk through the subject of the meeting, but also gave opportunity for social interaction.

Sunday School and Youth work that would normally run had to cease, however Zoom was again utilised and these groups continued to be a source of support, teaching and were used to assist the church ministries continue to grow and develop its nurturing of young people.

Home groups continued, and utilised Zoom to meet as a source of encouragement and learning.

Some of our normal events had to be put on hold, such as our annual bonfire night, and station ministry which involves offering coffee and tea to commuters. It also had to put on hold its normal Christmas events.

A pre-recorded Christmas carol service was however hosted.

The annual Epic Explorers Holiday Bible Club was replaced with an abbreviated recorded message, which was promoted through local schools, on social media. It was well received, and opened up doors of opportunity to offer help to those who were struggling throughout the challenges of the pandemic.

The charity continued to respond to the needs of those around who were in need of support both prayer, financial and practical throughout the year of the pandemic.

It responded with a number of large financial gifts to the organisations that it has built an interest in, these large gifts were on top of its normal gifts that it would offer. They are to a charity in South Africa helping children with HIV, a missionary couple in Albania, and a local Charity in Leeds that helps people who are homeless and have a range of vulnerabilities.

In the absence of people gathering ministries running an increase in support was encouraged to call and talk to people as much as was reasonably possible through the use of zoom, facetime, telephone, text and WhatsApp, and where allowed: walks, gathering and times of in person chat.

This included the groups such as

- Little Snappers – Creche facility on a mid week
- Home Groups
- Youth work
- Church
- Sunday School
- WAGS – group for ladies to get support

The church offered personal financial assistance to someone who was in need of support, and continues to be open and ready to support any personal needs that are presented through its work.

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 charity relies on voluntary income from its attenders for all areas of its work and ministry

The church benefits from the attenders taking an active role in helping all areas of the church activities run.

People are encouraged to take an active role in the church so that the impact and help that the church can provide are enhanced to the local community.

This year it relied on people using digital means to help support the church and local community whilst it was limited to in people gathering in person.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Through the challenges of the year the charity has managed to adapt to the challenges that the pandemic brought.

A number of its congregation were lost to age and the effects of the virus, but it has managed to still maintain good contact and communication to support all those who felt vulnerable, in need, concerned and who had problems accessing resources due to their own health concerns.

The churches Sunday meetings have not missed a week, and this has gone to show the resilience of the church, its demand and its support from both within its congregation and wider community.

The charity was encouraged that whilst some people might have struggled to engage with some digital aspects of the service, many new people who had not previously been known to the church found the ministries and services a support to them throughout the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity did see a reduction in income, which was anticipated due to some people informing us of their redirection of funds during the pandemic towards other charities.

This was not a huge concern as the bills were largely reduced as the hall where the church meets was not being used and no costs incurred as a consequence.

The charity is also aware of some people's personal circumstances affecting their ability to give.

The overall impact of the financial position of the charity still remains in good health, and we look forward to the following year when we will God willing see things normalise again with people being able to meet in person again.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Timothy Parkinson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Trustee

Date

24/11/21



Charity Name Grace Community Church Leeds North		No (if any) 1140281		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/02/2020	To	Period end date 31/01/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Contributions Direct To Bank	49,043	-	-	49,043	63,891
Contributions via cash	647	-	-	647	3,028
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,690	-	-	49,690	66,919
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,690	-	-	49,690	66,919
A3 Payments					
Gifts Support	36,132	-	-	36,132	10,546
Bills / Receipts	12,832	-	-	12,832	26,207
Legal and Professional	2,875	-	-	2,875	2,770
Preaching / HR / Admin	150	-	-	150	886
Ministry General Running Costs	-	-	-	-	2,895
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,989	-	-	51,989	43,304
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,989	-	-	51,989	43,304
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,299	-	-	- 2,299	23,615
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	85,057	-	-	85,057	61,442
Cash funds this year end	82,758	-	-	82,758	85,057

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted Cash and Income at Bank	82,758	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	82,758	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Print Name	Date of approval
Signature	Timothy PARRIPSON	24/11/21	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report
on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, LEEDS NORTH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JANUARY 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1140281

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

G. Daniel

Date:

24 / 11 / 2021

Name:

GEOFFREY DANIEL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT ACA

Address:

27 PLANTATION GARDENS

LEEDS

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.