

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 02	Year 2021	To	Day 31	Month 01

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 (resigned)		
2	Jonathan Parkinson	Elder and Pastor		
3	Timothy Parkinson	Deacon		
4	Tim Snuggs	Deacon		
5	John Woodruff	Deacon		
6	Steve Hodson	Deacon		
7	Peter Washburn	Deacon		

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.

The early part of the year was still being affected by Covid, so there was a mixture of both digital meetings, and in person gatherings. Regular contact was still a priority throughout to its membership.

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 consider carefully how the church activities and aims are in the benefit of the public in its activities both for those who are in attendance at the church, but also its wider impact on the local community.

During the year the challenges initially of the pandemic still remained, however whilst the activities that the organisation had established gradually, and carefully started to return to normal operation as the year progressed.

The main areas of activity that both the 'regular' attenders and local community were involved in was as follows.

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

The church met in person to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith, along with an opportunity for social and support opportunities.

Measures to allow people who were still concerned about covid and special awareness were accommodated, with spaced seating to provide distance between each other.

Services were recorded and uploaded to the church website for members who were not able, or still anxious, to watch. This was also so that others in the local area could tap into and watch also as they sought to understand who we were as an organisation, but also to learn more of what was being expressed.

The church saw a number of asylum seekers attend, which it seeks to provide pastoral and spiritual support to.

The church continued to support missionary and other individuals who were seeking to further the Christian faith, in line with the organisations beliefs. Some of those include helping children who have AIDS in South Africa, support of a local based charity helping people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, support work to a church in Albania.

The church also offered financial support to some of its members who were found themselves in difficulties.

Homegroup studie groups commenced in person again, allowing people to meet and discuss topical subjects, receive individual support and benefit from fellowship time together.

The mid-week bible studies continued on zoom, allowing a wider reach of people to be involved, and encouraging discussion and time of prayer, these times also provided a pastoral benefit to those who were able to join.

It was a joy to start our children's ministries again in person. Our Sunday school started again, teaching people bible stories, what the Christian faith is about, and how to apply that to their lives was at the heart of the ministry. Its also a great opportunity when people come together, create friendships, and can enjoy times of fun together.

The bi-weekly children support groups continued on Friday nights in the form of 3 age groups. Jam, Wham and Youth which started again, and saw new children attend with some older ones move onto other things. These are a great social activity with a Christian message offered at each.

A group for older young people commenced, which involved getting together for a time of food and discussion, and other social activity, which is highly beneficial for those who attend in support, and teaching.

The church was thrilled to re-commence its Summer week of activities called Epic Explorers. This was a week of mornings that was opened up to invite children from the local community to come and enjoy fun and games, singing, craft and learn some bible stories. A good number of churched and non-churched people attended and benefited from the re-launch.

The church was able to host its annual bonfire night, with a great firework display, for its members and congregation, but also for friends of those and those who attend some of the additional ministries. It was a great opportunity for free refreshment, fellowship and enjoyment.

A singing group was put together and visited an old peoples home at Christmas with a selection of carols that were sung for the residents. This was highly appreciated, and hope to make it a 'tradition'.

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.

Other groups and ministries that were also started in person again were:

- Little Snappers – Creche facility on a mid week for local area parents to bring their children and enjoy a time of play and chat with other people.

- Bibles and Breakfasts – a Sunday morning Sunday school for older children to come together have breakfast and a time of fellowship and learning
- WAGS – group for ladies to get support from other ladies in the church
- Mens Breakfast – meeting a local restaurant, this is a great opportunity for some of the gents to get together, spend time relaxing and getting support through the business of life
- Football – a time where friends and children are invited, to spend time socialising, relaxing, building friendship and getting fit.
- Local School talk – the church was able to attend a school to present the Christian message and also promote the Epic Childrens work for the Summer.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church has been pleased with its ability to meet in person again, and has sought to carefully get things back to normal following a very challenging couple of year..

Good contact and attendance continued, with some numbers dropping initially as a consequence of Covid, but has built up again as people get more confident and are happier to integrate more with each other.

The church continued to look outward to the community to find ways to help support and engage with the local people in lots of ways.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity saw income increase during this year, and also saw the costs of the rent increase, following its period of not being able to rent the local hall it uses.

Expenditure also increased as activities were able to commence in person more.

We are not concerned with the increase in spending, as the church has built up a reasonable fund in the bank, which it hopes to use as it considers its future with a new assistant pastor or locating a building to purchase in due course.

The Trustees are satisfied that the accounts continue to be stable, but regularly check for any changes in the various economic climates.

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**

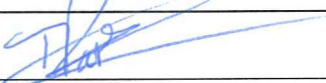
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Section G**Declaration**

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	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

30/11/2022



Charity Name Grace Community Church Leeds North		No (if any) 1140281		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/02/2021	To	Period end date 31/01/2022	

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	60,217	-	-	60,217	49,043
Contributions via cash	834	-	-	834	647
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,051	-	-	61,051	49,690
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,051	-	-	61,051	49,690
A3 Payments					
Gifts Support	13,979	-	-	13,979	36,132
Bills / Receipts	17,192	-	-	17,192	12,832
Legal and Professional	2,932	-	-	2,932	2,875
Preaching / HR / Admin	150	-	-	150	150
Ministry General Running Costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,253	-	-	34,253	51,989
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,253	-	-	34,253	51,989
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,798	-	-	26,798	- 2,299
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	82,758	-	-	82,758	85,057
Cash funds this year end	109,556	-	-	109,556	82,758

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	109,556	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	109,556	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tim Parrinson	30/11/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Grace Community Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 January 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1140281

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/01/2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

SA Smith

Date:

29. 11. 2022

Name:

Sarah Smith

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

None