

Trustees' Annual Report for the period										
From		Period start date			To			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 02	Year 2024				Day 31	Month 01	Year 2025

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	Jonathan Parkinson	Elder and Pastor		
2	Timothy Parkinson	Deacon		
3	Tim Snuggs	Deacon		
4	John Woodruff	Deacon		
5	Steve Hodson	Deacon		
6	Peter Washburn	Elder		
7	Shahrzad Sabetnejad	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
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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 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 membership and trustees take seriously our responsibility to ensure that everything we do benefits both our church family and the wider community.

Our key activities this year included:

- **Sunday Services:** We met weekly to worship together, grow in our understanding of the Christian faith, and enjoy community.

Services were also recorded and uploaded online for those unable to attend and for anyone interested in our teaching.
- **Pastoral Care:** We continued to provide spiritual and practical support to several asylum seekers within our community.
- **Mission Support:** We offered prayerful and financial support to a number of missionary partners, including work with children affected by AIDS in South Africa, local homelessness support, a church in Albania, and the church-planting work of 20 Schemes in deprived areas of Scotland and the UK.
- **Homegroups & Bible Studies:** Our mid-week homegroups and Zoom Bible studies gave people space to discuss, pray, and receive pastoral support.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School ran each week, teaching Bible stories and helping children understand and live out the Christian faith, while also building friendships and having fun.
- **Children & Youth Groups:**
 - Our Friday night groups (Jam, Youth, and older youth discussions) continued to grow, with new children joining.
 - A new older youth group began, offering food, discussion, and social activities.
- **Epic Explorers (Summer Outreach):** Our summer children's programme welcomed many from the church and wider community for games, crafts, singing, and Bible stories.
- **Bonfire Night:** We hosted our annual bonfire and fireworks event, providing a warm, free, community-focused evening for church

members and friends.

- **Community Support:** Throughout the year we continued to help those in need with prayer, financial support, and practical care.

Other groups and ministries that the church ran during the year are:

- **Little Snappers:** A mid-week creche offering local parents a friendly space for play and conversation.
- **Bibles & Breakfast:** Sunday morning fellowship and Bible teaching for older children.
- **WAGS:** A support group for women in the church.
- **Men's Breakfast:** A relaxed time for men to meet, talk, and support one another.
- **Football:** A fun, social activity encouraging friendships, fitness, and community.
- **Local School Visit:** We presented the Christian message at a local school and promoted our summer children's work.
- **Grounded:** A new group for older adults to meet for coffee and fellowship.

Lamanin: A young adults' group exploring different Bible topics.

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 entirely on the voluntary giving of its attenders to support all areas of its work and ministry.

We greatly rely on people within the church to volunteer and develop the activities that the church runs. Active encouragement to be involved in supporting ministries in time and organisation is a way in which the church impact is strengthened both within the church and also the wider community.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church has experienced a time of movement and growth from within its congregation.

An outward mindset is at the heart of the church in seeking to fulfil its objectives to promote the Christian faith, and also to help support the local community and wider community in practical ways.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the

The Charity saw consistent income, and has no concerns over reserves, or expenditure impacting the church's ongoing running.

charity's policy on reserves

The church is prayerfully considering its future with the possibility of a church building becoming available, and is actively seeking ways to fund this, along with be forward planning with the goal of taking on a pastor as a full time worker.

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

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/02/2024

To

Period end date
31/01/2025

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	58,134	-	-	58,134	58,134
Contributions via cash	1,305	-	-	1,305	1,305
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,439	-	-	59,439	59,439
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,439	-	-	59,439	59,439
A3 Payments					
Gifts Support	11,587	-	-	11,587	11,587
Bills / Receipts	29,276	-	-	29,276	29,276
Legal and Professional	3,763	-	-	3,763	3,763
Preaching / HR / Admin	2,135	-	-	2,135	2,135
Ministry General Running Costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	46,761	-	-	46,761	46,761
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	46,761	-	-	46,761	46,761
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,678	-	-	12,678	12,678
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	12,678	-	-	12,678	12,678

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	191,629	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	191,629	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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 PARKINSON	28/11/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Grace Community Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 January 2025

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 **31/01/2025**.

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:

Date: 24.11.2025

Name:

Sarah Smith

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

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Address:	6 Barnswick View
	Cookridge, Leeds, West Yorkshire
	LS16 7DP

Section B	Disclosure
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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
