



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Grace Church Cheltenham

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1151835

Charity's principal address

The Holt, Dog Lane,

Witcombe

Gloucestershire

Postcode

GL3 4UG

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	Chris Cowan	Treasurer		The trustees
2				
3	Stuart Jessop			The trustees
4	Ethan Macleod			The trustees
5	Sam Freedman			The trustees
6	Ash Cunningham			The trustees
7	Andy Gianelli			The trustees
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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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by charity trustees

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian religion through any means whatsoever including but not limited to evangelism, teaching, worship, pastoral care and mutual encouragement and support to those in need, hardship or distress, encouraging Christians in their faith, providing opportunities for people to experience the love of Christ and to introduce people to Jesus Christ and supporting Christian mission and activities worldwide.

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)

Activities

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The main activities undertaken during the year were as set out below

- a) Weekly public meetings for the teaching and open discussion of the Christian message and for the worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- b) Provision within these meetings of open, supervised activities for children and young people to facilitate their spiritual and moral education and growth.
- c) A number of ad-hoc public meetings to enable people to find out more about the Christian message, such as a general knowledge quiz with a short talk.
- d) Regular small group meetings for the teaching and open discussion of the Christian message. This includes evening meetings as well as a day-time group specifically for women.
- e) A parent and baby support group
- f) Monthly prayer meetings.
- g) Provision of meals for families with newborn babies.
- h) One-off gifts to organisations and individuals whose work is aligned with our own objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

N/A

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and prayer

- Weekly open meetings “Sunday’s @4” with approximately 60-70 adults and children in attendance, either in person or online.
- Monthly prayer meetings.

Pastoral care

- Bible study set up specifically for women
- 20’s and 30’s group
- Weekly and ad-hoc small groups, meeting either after Sunday’s @4 or during the week providing a chance to discuss topics raised at Sunday’s @4 and providing emotional and practical support.
- A parent and baby support group

Mission and evangelism

- Regular financial support for Christians Against Poverty (CAP).
- Regular financial support to Crosslinks in support of the Symons family overseas mission.
- One-off gift to IFES in support of Shany Scorsone overseas mission.
- Regular financial support for UCCF
- One-off gift to University Of Gloucestershire Christian Union, Ukraine appeal, Gloucestershire Gospel Partnership, and Bible translation work through Wycliffe
- Evangelistic events
- Christmas activities including a quiz and carol service

Leadership

- During 2023 the church was led by the eldership who were actively looking for a lead pastor

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves is to maintain sufficient funds to pay all staff for their notice periods and any other outstanding liabilities should all income cease.

During 2022-23 our reserves increased due to the Lead Pastor resigning. We have accrued these reserves with a view to maintaining a second pastor for a year after the lead Pastor joins.

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

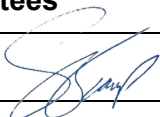
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stuart Jessop

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

30/09/2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

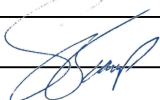
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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
General donations received, including income tax recovered	143,534	-	-	143,534	132,310
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	499	-	-	499	1,291
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	144,033	-	-	144,033	133,601
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	144,033	-	-	144,033	133,601
A3 Payments					
Administration	6,795	-	-	6,795	15,032
Buildings and events	13,223	-	-	13,223	17,554
Mission	10,665	-	-	10,665	13,000
Staffing	80,794	-	-	80,794	114,225
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	111,477	-	-	111,477	159,811
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	111,477	-	-	111,477	159,811
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,556	-	-	32,556	- 26,210
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,567	-	-	42,567	68,776
Cash funds this year end	75,123	-	-	75,123	42,566

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	HSBC current account	38,860	-	-
	HSBC 'savings' account	36,263	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,123	-	-
	(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	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	PA speakers	Unrestricted	457	
	Other equipment (storage boxes, books, other electrical/PA equipment)	Unrestricted	-	
	Piano	Unrestricted	469	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Stuart Jessop	30/09/2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Grace Church Cheltenham

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1151835

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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:

24/10/24

Name:

LLYD GRIFFITHS

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

Address: COTSWOLD HOUSE
POST OFFICE LANE
CLEEVE HILL, CHELTENHAM

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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