

Charity registration number: 1153995

GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Independent Examiner	GRC Accountants Limited 166 Banks Road West Kirby Wirral CH48 0RH

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Introduction

Grace Church Halewood was constituted in 2006, and registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2013. This sixth Annual Report is prepared in accordance with our obligations as a CIO and relates to the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Aims and Purposes

The Trustees are responsible for the objectives of the charity – specifically to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in Knowsley and beyond, and to relieve distress here and elsewhere.

Achievements and performance

With the Covid-19 outbreak in March 2020 the trustees had to manage a different set of circumstances. Our aim to grow and enhance the activities that Grace Church had been running and involved in for the past number of years – namely the provision of weekly corporate public gatherings for worship and Bible teaching, had to be rethought and done creatively. The collective support and encouragement of the church community was redone and we used technology to ensure there were ways we could support and develop specific programmes for children, young people, families and the older generation.

We had to react quickly to the changing situation. In order to continue meeting regularly we recorded our Sunday morning services which went live at 11am on a Sunday morning. This meant that we could all participate together at the same time on a Sunday morning, virtually. For the older generation with limited technology a DVD of the service was prepared and delivered so that they could feel part of the church community meeting at the same time. On a Sunday evening zoom meetings were held, this was an opportunity for people to meet in small groups to chat and share. Both of these services were made accessible and available to the wider community and were very appreciated by all those who joined.

During this period of time we were unable to run our weekly Toddler groups, the older generation were unable to meet and our youth work and children's work were all unable to run in person. To substitute this we did run a weekly meeting for our children and young people on zoom. This was an opportunity to encourage them as they were not in school or meeting with people regularly.

As trustees we were very aware that those less technically minded and those in the older generation were becoming increasingly isolated. We set up a system to ensure that each family linked to Grace Church was contacted each week to provide support. Our care group also ensured that the needs of the elderly and more vulnerable in our community were met by shopping for them, collecting prescriptions etc.

As restrictions eased slightly during the summer months we were able to encourage our small adult groups and young people's groups to meet in gardens in groups of six. This eased the sense of isolation and was an opportunity to rebuild a sense of community.

At Halewood Leisure Centre we rent office space that has increased our involvement in the local community and gives us a central hub where people can drop in and chat to one of our staff or members. When the centre was open during this time people were able to drop in, however in continuation with Covid guidelines we were unable to hold any groups due to space and lack of ventilation.

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Communication

We seek to communicate regularly with our membership through weekly notice sheets and email updates, and member's meetings were held twice a year on zoom. The Trustees and Leadership Teams use email, ChurchSuite, Google docs, WhatsApp and text messaging to ensure good contacts, and this is to be further developed in future. Our church website is updated regularly with resources as well as information on past and up and coming events; this, alongside the use of social media, has improved our communication with members, congregation and the wider community.

Management

The management of Grace Church is shared by the Trustees with a group of men and women appointed as Elders and Deacons, and an ad hoc group of 'Ministry Leaders'. One of the Trustees is specifically employed as the principal teaching elder, and offers particular pastoral care for the members, and a whole host of needs in the community which are brought to his attention. We have a team of seven elders serving in our Church management team.

In addition, we have a full time employee who focuses on supporting and mentoring young people. Also we have another part time employee who works primarily with the administration.

Membership, attendance and local impact

Grace Church in the period under review has an active membership of around 106. We have had large numbers of people watching our online services over the year, and a majority of the membership were actively involved in the services and in a range of online children's and youth ministries. The age range of regular attenders' spans 0 - 92 years.

Mission and Evangelism

Grace Church offers opportunities for the wider community to engage with us, however this was harder to do during this year. We were able to support the work of New Hutte neighbourhood centre at Torrington Drive by delivering hot meals three times a week to those in our local community who were isolated and in specific need. At Christmas we were able to form some small carol singing groups around local neighbourhoods and we produced an online Christmas nativity. During this time an online Christianity Explored Course ran on zoom and a Marriage course was held virtually, where a number of people from the community joined in.

As mentioned earlier our face to face /outreach ministries had to be suspended due to covid restrictions and we held our children's and youth works online.

Grace Church allocates 10% of our income to Mission outside of Halewood; in the past year this has included financial help to students attending Gospel Partnership and Bible College Training, support for a couple engaged in world mission based in South Carolina, as well as regular support for a missionary couple working in Papua New Guinea. We also have supported the work of Open Air Mission and Faith in Kids. Members of Grace Church have also chosen to help support other nationwide churches that are financially struggling. We would normally partner with a local Church for our children's summer camp (Bridge Camp) sending both children and adult workers. However due to Covid restrictions the camps were unable to take place during this period.

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Inter-church support and affiliations

Historically we have partnered with other churches in particular in South Liverpool in furthering the teaching and education aims of the charity, through inter-church meetings, providing speakers for church meetings, supporting the work of Liverpool Homeless outreach and the city-wide Barnabas Bible Class; we have also provided helpers for an annual Kids camp, which takes 60 children from different parts of the city region to a week-long holiday camp in Wales. Unfortunately when Covid restrictions were introduced much of this was put on pause and transferred online until spring 2021. Grace Church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches www.fiec.org.uk, which provides legal and professional support, training, and networking to more than 617 churches mainly in the UK. We also partner with the North West Partnership, which provides training, conferences and networking support for churches in the Region. www.northwestpartnership.com

Financial Review

Grace Church relies entirely on the freewill giving of members and others sympathetic with our aims and objectives. No public appeals for money are made. The restricted funds shown in the Accounts refer to monies donated towards the 'Footprint Fund' to provide premises in the neighbourhood to further the aims of the Charity; the original project did not come to fruition, and the funds remain completely available for disposal by the Trustees. It remains our wish to identify a 'footprint' building in the community of Halewood.

The Trustees acknowledge the generous giving of the fellowship, and the hard work of the Finance Team in accounting for, and expending these funds over the period in question. The modest balance in all accounts is entirely in line with the Trustees expectations and wishes for the Charity.

Trustees

The Trustees have remained the same during the period under review.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 10 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Jamie Robert Sparkes
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 the trustees of the charity on 10 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jamie Robert Sparkes
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD 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 GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD'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.

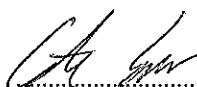
Independent examiner's statement

Since GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.


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Gareth Cooper
ACCA

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Date: 27/01/2022
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		27,337	26,767	54,104
Charitable activities		123,129	114,215	237,344
Total income		150,466	140,982	291,448
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(116,236)	-	(116,236)
Other expenditure	6	(3,869)	-	(3,869)
Total expenditure		(120,105)	-	(120,105)
Net movement in funds		30,361	140,982	171,343
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		78,638	15,509	94,147
Total funds carried forward	12	108,999	156,491	265,490
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		47,698	-	47,698
Charitable activities		130,398	1,531	131,929
Total income		178,096	1,531	179,627
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(162,082)	-	(162,082)
Other expenditure	6	(3,869)	-	(3,869)
Total expenditure		(165,951)	-	(165,951)
Net income		12,145	1,531	13,676
Gross transfers between funds		(13,978)	13,978	-
Net movement in funds		(1,833)	15,509	13,676
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		80,471	-	80,471
Total funds carried forward	12	78,638	15,509	94,147

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

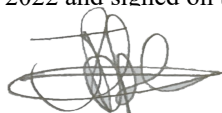
The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 12.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	7,113	10,982
Current assets			
Debtors	11	28,478	2,380
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>230,715</u>	<u>81,601</u>
		259,193	83,981
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(816)</u>	<u>(816)</u>
Net current assets		<u>258,377</u>	<u>83,165</u>
Net assets		<u>265,490</u>	<u>94,147</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		156,491	15,509
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>108,999</u>	<u>78,638</u>
Total funds	12	<u>265,490</u>	<u>94,147</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 10 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr Jamie Robert Sparkes
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD 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 notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £2,000.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment and Furniture	20% straight line basis

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General			
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	-	-	-	18,349
Gift aid reclaimed	27,337	26,767	54,104	29,349
	<u>27,337</u>	<u>26,767</u>	<u>54,104</u>	<u>47,698</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General			
	£	£	£	£
	123,129	114,215	237,344	131,929
	<u>123,129</u>	<u>114,215</u>	<u>237,344</u>	<u>131,929</u>

4 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>74,964</u>	<u>79,443</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

		Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Note	General		
		£	£	£
Allocated support costs	7	41,272	41,272	82,639
		<u>41,272</u>	<u>41,272</u>	<u>82,639</u>

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6 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	3,869	3,869	3,869
	<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,869</u>

7 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Administration costs	Total	Total
	£	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Premises/Video conferencing	6,056	6,056	24,038
Mission	16,614	16,614	16,177
Caring	10,757	10,757	2,936
Training, Children & Youth work	4,099	4,099	10,374
New congregation setup	-	-	5,064
Outreach	377	377	5,447
Weekend away	-	-	14,580
Support ministries	1,932	1,932	2,436
Accountancy	1,437	1,437	1,587
	<u>41,272</u>	<u>41,272</u>	<u>82,639</u>

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	44,461	44,461
At 31 March 2021	44,461	44,461
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	33,479	33,479
Charge for the year	3,869	3,869
At 31 March 2021	37,348	37,348
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	7,113	7,113
At 31 March 2020	10,982	10,982

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	28,478	2,380

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	53,638	150,466	(120,105)	83,999
<i>Designated</i>				
Footprint	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total unrestricted funds	78,638	150,466	(120,105)	108,999
Restricted funds				
Footprint	15,509	140,982	-	156,491
Total funds	94,147	291,448	(120,105)	265,490

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	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	41,493	178,096	(165,951)	-	53,638
<i>Designated</i>					
Footprint	<u>38,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,978)</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	80,471	178,096	(165,951)	(13,978)	78,638
Restricted funds					
Footprint	<u>-</u>	<u>1,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,978</u>	<u>15,509</u>
Total funds	<u>80,471</u>	<u>179,627</u>	<u>(165,951)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,147</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted funds	Total funds
	General £	Designated £		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,113	-		-	7,113
Current assets	77,702	25,000		156,491	259,193
Current liabilities	<u>(816)</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>(816)</u>
Total net assets	<u>83,999</u>	<u>25,000</u>		<u>156,491</u>	<u>265,490</u>
	Unrestricted funds				Total funds at 31 March 2020
	General £	Designated £		Restricted funds £	£
Tangible fixed assets	10,982	-		-	10,982
Current assets	43,472	25,000		15,509	83,981
Current liabilities	<u>(816)</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>(816)</u>
Total net assets	<u>53,638</u>	<u>25,000</u>		<u>15,509</u>	<u>94,147</u>

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14 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flow	At 31 March
	£	£	2021
			£
Cash at bank and in hand	81,601	149,114	230,715
Net funds	<u>81,601</u>	<u>149,114</u>	<u>230,715</u>
	At 1 April 2019	Cash flow	At 31 March
	£	£	2020
			£
Cash at bank and in hand	57,621	23,980	81,601
Net funds	<u>57,621</u>	<u>23,980</u>	<u>81,601</u>