



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	July	2022		30	June	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Grace Church, Hilton

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1161858

Charity's principal address

1 Washford Road

Hilton

Derby

Postcode

DE65 5HN

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 Hammersley	Treasurer		
2	Kevin Carter			
3	Mark Selby	Chair		
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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, adopted by the members of Grace Church Hilton CIO on the 26th of April 2015 and approved by the Charity Commission on 27th of May 2015. As amended at a general meeting of the members and approved by the Charity Commission on 24th January 2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees who must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO

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

The purposes of the CIO are: the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith and Doctrinal Distinctives primarily but not exclusively within Hilton, Derbyshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes, as shall in the opinion of the charity trustees facilitate the charitable activities of the Fellowship or the advancement of the Christian faith, provided that such purposes must be carried out in a manner consistent with the Basis of Faith and Doctrinal Distinctives.

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)

Grace Church, Hilton exists to advance the Christian faith by presenting and commending the Christian faith to others and by helping Christians to grow in their faith so that they are better equipped to follow Jesus Christ and present His Gospel to others.

Having regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission, below is a brief summary of the charity's main activities undertaken for the period under review.

Public Services, time together and Home Groups

We hold weekly services in the Village Hall in Hilton, followed by a meal. The purpose of these services is to teach what we hold to be God's word from the Bible and explain its relevance and implications to people living in the 21st century. These services are open to the public and are advertised by the Village Hall, through an advertising brochure that is sent out in the local area, through our own website and the FIEC website and through personal invitations to those we meet, as well as displaying posters for the church and the special events we run.

We also regularly meet in church member's homes for meals together and to continue to focus on God's word and encourage growth in the Christian faith.

Children

We work hard to help the children feel included in the church fellowship, making the Bible teaching accessible to them and explaining and providing age-appropriate activities to enable them to learn of the Christian faith, whilst being included in main service times and meals along with adults.

We have been taking regular assemblies at the local primary school and offer help to the school in teaching about the Christian faith in RE lessons and one-off events. We have also put on special events at Christmas and Easter for both schools in the village to attend to teach the good news of the Christian faith.

Special events

At various points through the year, we organise and hold special events in order to contribute to the life of our community positively and to help members of the public hear and investigate the message of the Christian faith. In the period under review we have:

Held our regular children's craft morning and carol service at Christmas. Organised and run a Christmas day meal and talk for those in the community who would otherwise have been on their own. Held an Easter day celebration service followed by a meal.

We have also led the annual remembrance Sunday community commemoration on the memorial meadow in Hilton. Alongside this we have held special Sunday services commemorating the Queen's jubilee and death and the coronation of King Charles.

All of these events were open to all members of the community and free of charge to all.

We have held a weekend away. This was a valuable time together as a church as we spent time together, encouraged one another and benefitted from focussed times of Bible teaching, prayer and time to think about the year ahead as a church.

Community involvement

We seek to play an active role in the local community to serve, support and engage with other local people and groups. This has included:

- Joining and contributing to a community support network which pulls together various organisations within Hilton that take on a role in meeting and supporting people in the community.
- Various members of the church attending the community 'warm space' hub befriending others and offering help where we can
- Meeting with and caring for those facing difficult circumstances, or those who have questions about the Christian faith.
- Care for neighbours who are in ill health, or lonely
- Being in touch with patients from the doctor's surgery who have requested spiritual help in the circumstances they have been facing.
- Running 'Christian's Against Poverty' money courses to help people better budget, spend and save their money. – Aiming to help relieve debt poverty for those in our community.

Partnering with others

We have continued to partner with other churches and Christian networks to further advance the Christian faith across the region and UK. As such we have continued to contribute to, support and join regional meetings of local churches and regional events (E.g. Men's and women's conventions, Derby church leaders' group, joint new year service, Midlands Gospel Partnership events, Christians Against Poverty etc).

We have supported and visited local Derby churches to encourage and support them in their work.

We have continued to contribute to and engage with the work of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and support its work financially. Alongside this, a mutually encouraging friendship with an FIEC member church in London has continued to grow.

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.



Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Through the period under review, we have been working to achieve our charitable objectives and have been encouraged in the progress made in achieving these.

We have continued to advance the Christian faith

Throughout the period, more members of the public have joined with us, through which we have been able to present and commend the Christian faith.

We have had opportunities throughout the period under review to share and commend the Christian faith with others, whether that be with people with whom relationships have been growing, or those who've attended our services, or made contact with us. As a result, new people have joined the church and been helped to understand what it is to be a Christian.

We have continued to help Christians to grow in their faith

Through the regular services and meetings we hold, along with ongoing individual and group support within the church fellowship, we have seen members of the church fellowship continuing and growing in their faith.

We have also been able to contribute to the ongoing growth and encouragement of other churches in our region through joining in with regional networks and offering help to individual churches when they have needed this.

The church also remains an active member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and benefit from their support and input. These all contribute to helping Christians to grow in their faith and the advance of the Christian faith.

We have continued to make a positive contribution to the community in which we are based.

Throughout the period under review members of the church have been able to provide care and support for several members of the community who have been in need.

We begun running the CAP 'Money course' in Hilton and plan to continue to run further courses later in the year. – Something we believe will be of great help to many struggling with debt in the community.

We continue to appreciate and value the work of the church fellowship together in enabling the work of the charity to steadily progress over this period, for the public benefit.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity has set aside £10,000 as funds designated for a church planting apprenticeship. Despite enquiries, we have not yet been able to find someone to become an apprentice. We will continue to make enquiries through the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

As well as continuing to receive some donations from churches that support us in Derby, our needs are increasingly being met by giving from members of the church family. This has meant we have also been able to start paying a stipend to one of the elders/trustee as an office holder.

There are sufficient funds available to cover the budget we have set for the next period under review.

Section F

Other optional information

Our constitution was amended and approved by the charity commission during this period so that a trustee may receive compensation as an office holder.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

MA Selby

Christopher Hammersley

Full name(s)

MARK ANDREW SELBY

CHRISTOPHER HAMMERSLEY

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

TREASURER

Date

10/8/2023

Opening Balance: £25,476.81

INCOME

Date	Details	non-gift aid donation	gift aided donation		Total
	Giving	£2,245.01	£10,278.00		£12,523.01
15/07/22	Gift from St Alks	£1,500.00			£1,500.00
12/08/22	Naa Book			£6.00	£6.00
28/11/22	Carter Book			£3.00	£3.00
17/12/22	Gift from BTs	£1,500.00			£1,500.00
	Weekend Away Books			£171.78	£171.78
01/03/23	Gift Aid			£2,703.80	£2,703.80
				Total	£18,407.59

			Room Hire	CSS/CCLI	Website/ Insurance/ FIEC	Weekend Away	Festivals	Schools	CAP Money	FIEC Conference	Advertising	Gifts/EMF	Courses/ Resources	Sunday	Stationery	Misc	Total
Date	Details	Cheque Number															
	Office Holder Support	online															£3,249.95
04/07/22	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
11/07/22	Village Life - Aug	SO									£12.00						£12.00
18/07/22	Harriers Display Board	online									£100.00						£100.00
28/07/22	Zoom - July	online														£14.39	£14.39
28/07/22	Village Hall - July	online	£264.25														£264.25
01/08/22	MS Aug 22	online		£50.00								£13.20				£54.00	£117.20
05/08/22	EMF- Mihai	SO										£100.00					£100.00
09/08/22	Village Life - Sep	SO									£12.00						£12.00
15/08/22	Village Hall - overdue	online	£148.70														£148.70
24/08/22	Zoom Aug (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
05/09/22	EMF- Mihai	SO										£100.00					£100.00
09/09/22	Village Life - Oct	SO									£12.00						£12.00
13/09/22	Village Hall - Aug	online	£149.00														£149.00
13/09/22	FIEC Donation	online			£492.00												£492.00
30/09/22	MS Sept 22	online											£24.00	£17.98			£41.98
30/09/22	Village Hall- Sept	SO	£149.00														£149.00
30/09/22	Zoom Sept (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
05/10/22	EMF- Mihai	SO										£100.00					£100.00
05/10/22	YHA - Ilam	online				£463.80											£463.80
10/10/22	Village Life	SO									£12.00						£12.00
26/10/22	Zoom Oct (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
07/11/22	EMF- Mihai	SO										£100.00					£100.00
09/11/22	Village Life	SO									£12.00						£12.00
12/11/22	Village Life	online					£78.00										£78.00
12/11/22	Village Hall- Oct	online	£186.25														£186.25
12/11/22	cH Nov 22	online					£30.43						£32.00			£30.40	£92.83
12/11/22	Hilton Hut - Christmas	online					£84.00										£84.00
30/11/22	Village Hall- Nov	online	£186.25						£68.40								£254.65
30/11/22	Zoom Nov (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
30/11/22	MS Nov 22	online								£40.00				£20.35			£60.35
30/11/22	YHA - Ilam	online				£1,799.20											£1,799.20
05/12/22	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
09/12/22	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
14/12/22	cH Dec 22	online					£44.41										£44.41
18/12/22	Costco - KC	online														£74.47	£74.47
18/12/22	A&T Insurnace	online			£325.86												£325.86
24/12/22	Village Hall- Dec	online	£111.75					£211.10	£34.20								£357.05
03/01/23	Edward Conner	online														£763.20	£763.20
03/01/23	Zoom Dec (cH)	online															£14.39
04/01/23	MS Dec 22	online					£19.83	£26.07								£17.19	£63.09

09/01/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
05/01/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
11/01/23	YHA - Ilam	online				£268.00											£268.00
25/01/23	Zoom Jan (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
25/01/23	YHA - Ilam	online				£144.00											£144.00
02/02/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
06/02/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
08/02/23	Village Hall- Jan	online	£149.00														£149.00
08/02/23	Ryman (cH)	online													£14.39		£14.39
15/02/23	cH Feb 23	online				£7.75							£30.00				£37.75
15/02/23	YHA - Ilam	online				£106.00											£106.00
20/02/23	Sunday Lunch (KC) (!50 deposi	online				£302.75											£302.75
21/02/23	AD&Jane Book Gift	-				£18.56											£18.56
21/02/23	Weekend Away Notebooks	-				£18.00											£18.00
25/02/23	Zoom Feb (cH)	online														£14.39	£14.39
28/02/23	MS Feb 23	online										£24.03					£24.03
28/02/23	Edward Conner	online														£300.00	£300.00
05/03/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
05/03/23	Village Hall	online	£149.00														£149.00
06/03/23	Anthony Adams Gift	online				£320.00											£320.00
07/03/23	CCLI	online			£93.00												£93.00
09/03/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
30/03/23	Zoom Mar (cH)	online														£15.59	£15.59
01/04/23	Village Hall	online	£156.45														£156.45
04/04/23	Leader's Conference	online								£1,050.00							£1,050.00
05/04/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
05/04/23	Ten fo those	online														£178.63	£178.63
09/04/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
11/04/23	YHA Deposit (2024)	online				£648.00											£648.00
20/04/23	MS April 23	online								£150.00			£30.00	£40.06			£220.06
27/04/23	Paper (cH)	online													£33.50		£33.50
04/05/23	Village Hall	online	£239.04														£239.04
05/05/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
09/05/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
25/05/23	Easter Salmon (KC)	online					£69.42										£69.42
25/05/23	MS May 23	online			£131.42									£78.17			£209.59
01/06/23	Village Hall	online	£159.36														£159.36
05/06/23	EMF- Mihai	online										£100.00					£100.00
09/06/23	PrinterInk	online													£277.90		£277.90
09/06/23	Postlts	online												£25.75			£25.75
09/06/23	MS June 23	online												£36.71	£49.86		£86.57
09/06/23	Village Life	online									£12.00						£12.00
Total:			£2,048.05	£274.42	£817.86	£4,096.06	£326.09	£237.17	£102.60	£1,240.00	£244.00	£1,237.23	£194.17	£155.24	£361.26	£1,548.60	£16,132.70
Balance: £27,751.70																	