



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	July	2024		30	June	2025

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

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.

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.

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:

Led Christmas carol singing and given a message at a local pub.
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.

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

Alongside this we have we have also taken part in the annual remembrance Sunday community commemoration on the memorial meadow in Hilton.

We have held a weekend away. This was a valuable time 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:

- 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

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).

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.

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.

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 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.

Sabbatical

We have enabled Mark – one of the elders and trustee of the charity – to have a sabbatical between January and Easter 2025. This enabled Mark to take some extended time to study and be refreshed. This has been of benefit both to Mark and to the church family. The material studied is now being taught to the church family and the refreshment provided through the sabbatical has enabled Mark to return to church ministries with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

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 still not been able to find someone to become an apprentice and are aware of other churches in similar situations also struggling to recruit apprentices. We will continue to make enquiries through the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 means we have adequate funds to continue paying a stipend to one of the elders/trustees as an office holder.

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

Section F

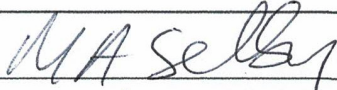
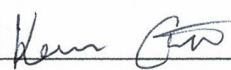
Other optional information

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)	MARK ANDREW SELBY	KEVIN MALCOLM CARTER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	22/9/25	

Opening Balance: £27,751.70

INCOME

Date	Details	non-gift aid donation	gift aided donation		Total
	Giving	£5,485.00	£10,125.00		£15,610.00
03/07/23	St Alkmunds Gift			£1,500.00	£1,500.00
01/09/23	Carter Books	£15.60			£15.60
30/10/23	Gift Aid			£2,369.00	£2,369.00
04/01/24	Gift (Stewardship)	£628.80			£628.80
29/01/24	Complaint Gift			£25.00	£25.00
				Total	£20,148.40

Expenditure																		
Date	Details		Room Hire	CCL/FIEC	Website/ Insurance	Weekend Away	Festivals	Schools	FIEC Conference	Evangelism	Advertising	Gifts/EMF	Courses	Sunday	Resources	Stationery	Misc	Total
	Office Holder Support	online																£7,799.88
05/07/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
06/07/23	Village Hall- June	online	£159.36															£159.36
08/07/23	Harriers Advertising Board	online									£100.00							£100.00
10/07/23	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
02/08/23	Village Hall- July	online	£199.20															£199.20
07/08/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/08/23	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
05/09/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
11/09/23	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
14/09/23	MS Sept 23	online		£50.00											£86.28			£136.28
14/09/23	Village Hall- August	online	£159.36															£159.36
27/09/23	Anniversary Lunch (KC)	online					£109.95											£109.95
30/09/23	Village Hall - September	online	£199.20															£199.20
05/10/23	MGP Partnership Day (cH)	online											£30.00					£30.00
09/10/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/10/23	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
31/10/23	Christmas Banner	online									£31.35							£31.35
06/11/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/11/23	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
14/11/23	MS Nov 23	online							£140.00			£340.00			£5.40			£485.40
14/11/23	cH Nov 23	online							£30.00					£55.01				£85.01
14/11/23	Village Life Christsmas	online					£12.00											£12.00
14/11/23	Village Hall- October	online	£235.72															£235.72
04/12/23	Village Hall- November	online	£199.20															£199.20
04/12/23	YHA	online				£3,239.00												£3,239.00
05/12/23	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
05/12/23	MS Dec23	online			£35.92			£25.50		£17.49				£23.32	£88.06			£190.29
05/12/23	cH Dec 23	online												£116.57	£5.99			£122.56
07/12/23	Insurance	online			£379.14													£379.14
11/12/23	Village Life January	online					£12.00											£12.00
02/01/24	Christmas Eve Food	online												£88.44				£88.44
02/01/24	Village Hall- December	online	£207.84				£48.48	£154.96										£411.28
02/01/24	Christmas Meal+B85 (KC)	online					£85.87											£85.87
05/01/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/01/24	Village Life Feb	online									£12.00							£12.00
11/01/24	MS Late Dec24	online						£42.85										£42.85
11/01/24	Church Lunch (cH)	online												£31.43				£31.43
13/01/24	MS Jan 24	online					£20.65											£20.65
30/01/24	FIEC Contribution	online		£900.00														£900.00
05/02/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
07/02/24	Village Hall- Jan	online	£199.20															£199.20
09/02/24	Village Life Mar	online									£12.00							£12.00
13/02/24	YHA	online				£6.00												£6.00
22/02/24	Weekend Away Meal (KC)	online				£418.50												£418.50
27/02/24	MS Feb 24	online				£4.34				£45.75			£30.00	£7.02		£25.58		£112.69
05/03/24	Village Hall - Feb	online	£159.36															£159.36

05/03/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
07/03/24	CCLI Licence (cH)	online		£97.00														£97.00
11/03/24	Village Life	online									£12.00							£12.00
14/03/24	Tim Chester Speaker	online				£320.00												£320.00
14/03/24	Feb Lunch (cH)	online												£35.90				£35.90
14/03/24	Feb Lunch (KH)	online												£57.07				£57.07
26/03/24	Camp XL (Isabelle)	online															£105.00	£105.00
26/03/24	FIEC Leader's Conference (cH)	online							£1,175.00									£1,175.00
04/04/24	MS Mar 24	online				£59.54												£59.54
05/04/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/04/24	Village Hall (Mar)	online	£278.88															£278.88
09/04/24	Village Life (May)	online									£12.00							£12.00
09/04/24	YHA	online				£782.00												£782.00
23/04/24	MS April 24	online							£150.00									£150.00
01/05/24	Village Hall (Apr)	online	£159.36															£159.36
01/05/24	Flag Bag (cH)	online															£13.92	£13.92
07/05/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
09/05/24	Village Life (Jun)	online									£12.00							£12.00
18/05/24	May Lunch (cH)	online												£61.21				£61.21
20/05/24	cH May 24	online											£93.00					£93.00
04/06/24	Leaflets	online									£28.23							£28.23
05/06/24	EMF- Mihai Chisari	online										£100.00						£100.00
12/06/24	Village Life (Jul)	online									£12.00							£12.00
29/06/24	Village Hall (May)	online	£199.20															£199.20
29/06/24	Village Hall (June)	online	£262.08															£262.08
Total:			£2,617.96	£1,047.00	£415.06	£4,769.84	£348.49	£223.31	£1,495.00	£63.24	£291.58	£1,540.00	£153.00	£475.97	£185.73	£25.58	£118.92	£21,570.56
CoOp Balance:																		£26,329.54