

GCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1162672

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-07-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:- ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE FOUNDING AND OPERATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PRIMARILY, ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN THE NORTH EAST AND THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM;- ENCOURAGING THE SEEKING OF NEW FOLLOWERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; AND- FACILITATING THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Activities: GCH Trust exists to advance the Christian religion primarily by:1 - encouraging and facilitating the founding and operation of Christian churches primarily, although not exclusively, in the North East of England2 - encouraging the seeking of new followers of the Christian religion3 - facilitating the training and development of individuals in their understanding of the Christian religion

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Hartlepool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£102,978	£107,907	-	-
2024-08-31	£115,393	£116,202	-	-
2023-08-31	£127,281	£213,506	-	-
2022-08-31	£67,539	£61,620	-	-
2021-08-31	£85,142	£55,060	-	-
2020-08-31	£94,396	£51,532	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Parker		2020-04-05
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG HALL		2015-07-15
SCOTT THOMSON		2015-07-15

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GCH Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162672

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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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
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Signed: Martin Firth

Date: 15/05/2026

Name: Martin Firth

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

FCA (ICAEW)

Address: Chipchase Manners

384 Linthorpe Road

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date	1	9	2024	To	31	08	2025
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The purpose of these gatherings has been to facilitate the development of individuals in their understanding of Christianity. All the meetings, and events, were open to the general public and have seen people with a variety of beliefs attending throughout the year.

Other events that have taken place this year include:

- Weekly lunch group
- Christmas events including carol service
- Children's holiday club
- Cafe for international people in Hartlepool

All of these events have facilitated the exploration and discussion of Christianity and have included people with a wide variety of beliefs.

A leadership training programme is used for training and developing leaders to accommodate the increasing number of people accessing life groups and church events.

GCH trust continued the operation a debt centre in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), employing a debt centre manager and recruiting volunteers.

The building purchased by GCH Trust in August 2023 has been extensively renovated and has been used to host the majority of the events described above.

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Object 2 – Seeking new followers of the Christian religion
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Object 3 – Facilitating development and training in understanding of the Christian religion
The activities described above have reached a large number of people throughout the year, with a group of 80-90 adults and children accessing most of those activities on a regular basis, facilitating the development of understanding of Christianity.

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The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain reserves equal to 3 months total salary costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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All expenditure has supported the objectives of the charity through the planning, operation and practical costs associated with the activities described in this report.

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Other optional information

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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)	MICHAEL HALL	BEN PARKER	SCOTT THOMSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair		

Date

Annual Financial Summary 2024

Opening Balances

Opening Bank Balance	47150.27
Total Opening Cash Available	£47,150.27

Income

Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	39368
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	3204.44
Gifts from Redeemer (not Gift Aid Eligible)	3948
Gift Aid claimed this year	9064.93
Building rental income/other income	37810.8
Building Grants	400
FIEC Grants	0
CAP Grants	250
Staff Grants	8931.96
Total income	£102,978.13

Outgoings

Ministry expenses	35461.64
Insurance	2881.74
Equipment	2557.76
Admin	884.82
Mission giving	3825.00
Events	5084.56
Building general running costs	11210.83
Building maintainance and rennovation	28227.47
CAP	17773.55
Total outgoings	£107,907.37

Closing Balances

Final Bank Balance	42221.03
Total Year End Cash Available	£42,221.03

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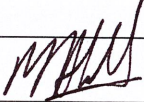
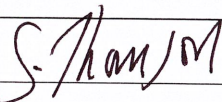
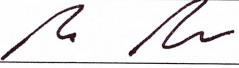
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Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	MICHAEL HALL	SCOTT THOMSON	BEN PARKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR		

Date



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

09/01/2023

To

31/08/2024

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					
Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	35,517	-	-	35,517	76,378
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	3,892	-	-	3,892	3,359
Gifts from organisations (not Gift Aid Eligible)	6,598	-	-	6,598	3,948
Gift Aid claimed this year	19,226	-	-	19,226	10,996
Building rental/other income	42,932			42,932	
Building Grants					32,599
FIEC Grants	-	-	-	-	
CAP Grants	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
Staff grants	-	5,728	-	5,728	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	108,165	7,228	-	115,393	127,280
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	108,165	7,228	-	115,393	127,280
A3 Payments					
Ministry expenses	27,310	-	-	27,310	35,623
Venue hire		-	-	-	3,120
Insurance	2,668	-	-	2,668	501
Equipment	8,166	-	-	8,166	86
Admin	732	-	-	732	798
Mission giving	2,826	-	-	2,826	2,714
Events	5,514	-	-	5,514	5,849
Building Purchase					151,307
Building running costs	6,355			6,355	
Building renovation	46,931			46,931	
CAP	8,472	7,228	-	15,700	13,507
Sub total	108,974	7,228	-	116,202	213,505
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	108,974	7,228	-	116,202	213,505
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 809	-	-	- 809	- 86,225
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,960	-	-	47,960	134,185
Cash funds this year end	47,151	-	-	47,151	47,960



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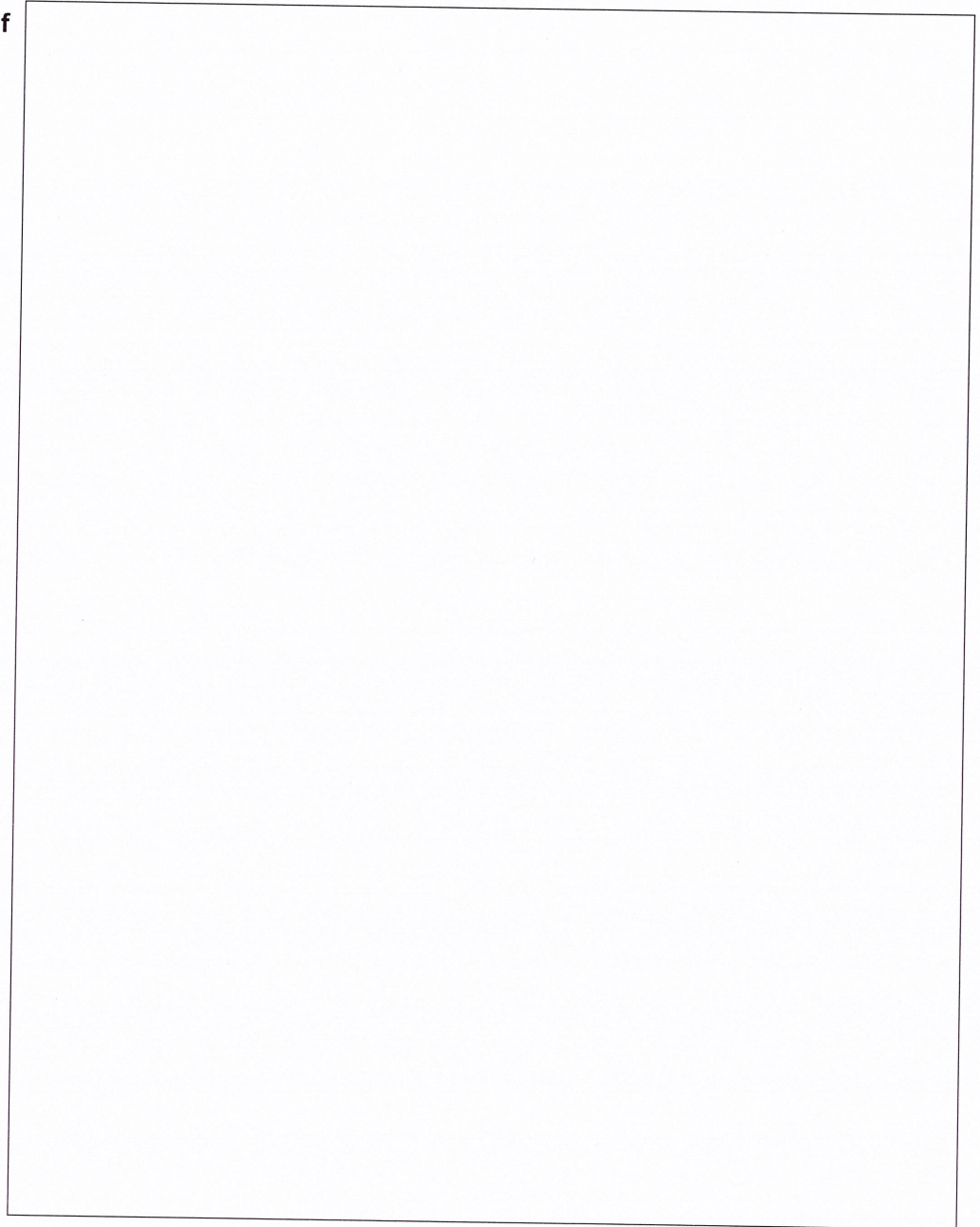
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A number of people have explored the beliefs of Christianity through the activities outlined above and some of those have now identified as followers of Christianity

Object 3 – Facilitating development and training in understanding of the Christian religion

The activities described above have reached a large number of people throughout the year, with a group of 65-75 adults and children accessing most of those activities on a regular basis, facilitating the development of understanding of Christianity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain reserves equal to 3 months total salary costs.

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.

During 2022-23, GCH Trust has raised funds through individual and church donations in order to deliver the objects of the charity.

Redeemer Church in Leeds has supported the charity financially to help operate GCH. GCH Trust also received donations from the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and Woody Road Baptist Church, specifically towards the purchase of the building.

During 2022-23, GCH Trust employed BP (trustee) in a leadership role for Grace Church Hartlepool. The charity constitution states that trustees can receive remuneration from the charity (not for carrying out their role as a trustee) as long as the majority of trustees do not receive any payment from the charity. Decisions on pay scales and structure were made by the majority of trustees without BP present to avoid conflict of interest.

All expenditure has supported the objectives of the charity through the planning, operation and practical costs associated with the activities described in this report.

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)	MICHAEL HALL	BEN PARKER	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE	

Date

27/4/24	
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Annual Financial Summary 2022-23

Opening Balances

Opening Bank Balance	134185.22
Total Opening Cash Available	£134,185.22

Income

Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	76378
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	3359.28
Gifts from Redeemer (not Gift Aid Eligible)	3948
Gift Aid claimed this year	10996.17
Building Grants	32599.17
FIEC Grants	0
CAP Grants	0
Total income	£127,280.62

Outgoings

Ministry expenses	35623.02
Venue hire	3120.00
Insurance	501.36
Equipment	85.74
Admin	798.42
Mission giving	2714.00
Events	5848.85
Building	151307.28
CAP	13507.20
Total outgoings	£213,505.87

Closing Balances

Final Bank Balance	47959.97
Total Year End Cash Available	£47,959.97



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

GCH Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162672

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

**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:

Martin Firth

Date:

18/04/2024

Name:

Martin Firth

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

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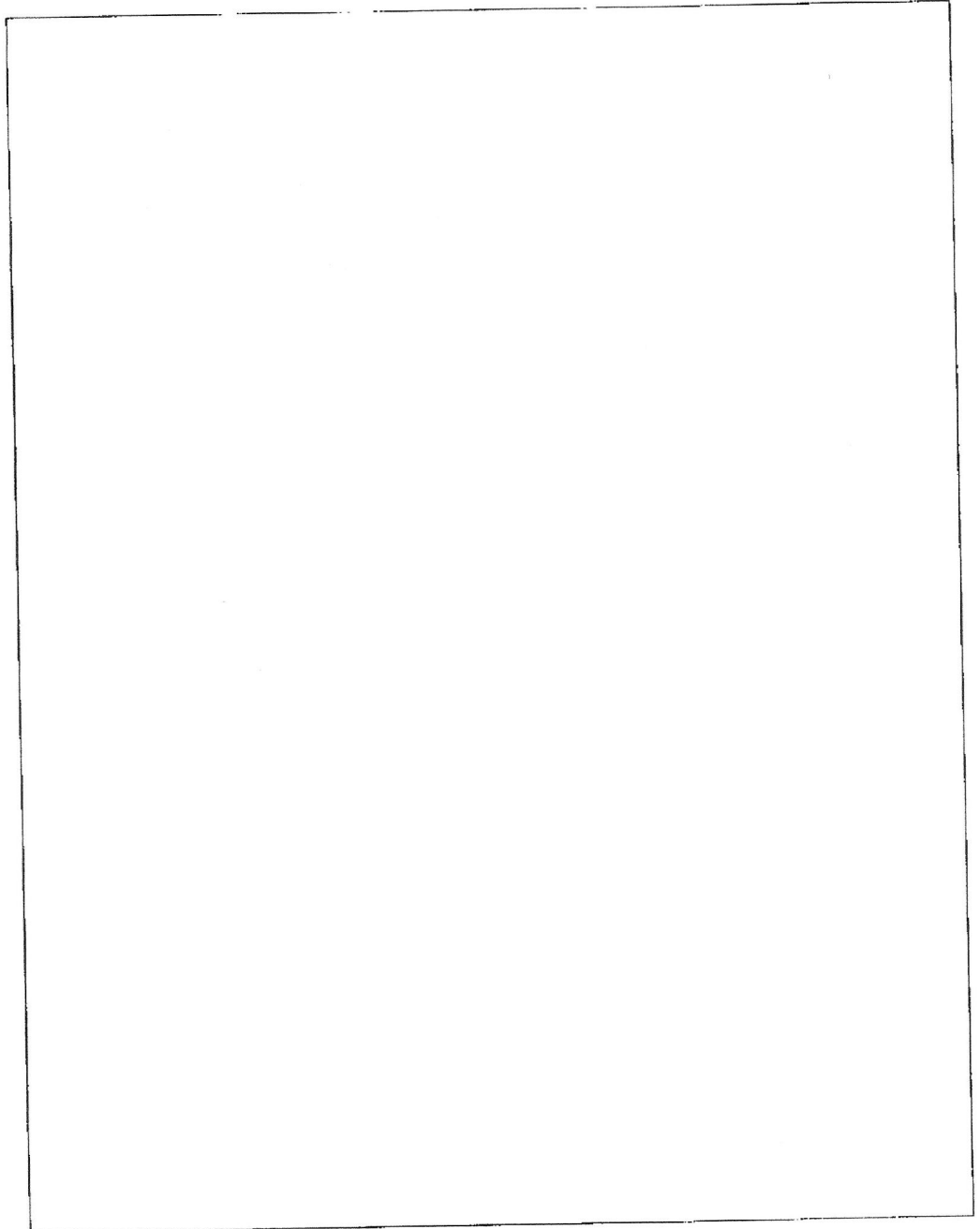
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Section B

Disclosure

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.



GCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1162672

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date		
1	9	2021

 To

Period end date		
31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

GCH Trust

Other names charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

1162672

Charity's principal address

9 Rillston Close	
Hartlepool	
Postcode	TS26 0PS

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	Michael Hall	Chair		
2	Scott Thomson			
3	Ben Parker			
4	Josh Gill			
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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 existing 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.

The trustees reviewed the charity's finances each quarter and met for an AGM to evaluate performance towards the objects of the charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are:

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:

- ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE FOUNDING AND OPERATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PRIMARILY, ALTHOUGH

NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN THE NORTH EAST AND THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM;

- ENCOURAGING THE SEEKING OF NEW FOLLOWERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; AND

- FACILITATING THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

During 2021-2022 GCH Trust has continued to operate Grace Church Hartlepool.

Regular activities of the church have included:

- Sunday gatherings – Grace Church Hartlepool meets weekly on Sunday afternoons in a local community centre.
- Life Groups – Smaller groups that meet in a variety of formal and informal settings during the week
- Events – A variety of online events were hosted exploring different aspects of the Christian faith.

The purpose of these gatherings has been to facilitate the development of individuals in their understanding of Christianity. All the meetings, and events, were open to the general public and have seen people with a variety of beliefs attending throughout the year.

Other events have taken place periodically during 2021-22, including a Christmas carol service providing an opportunity to explore the meaning of Christmas/specific claims of Christianity. This event was attended by people with a wide variety of beliefs. Regular discussion groups have been facilitated to explore the impact of Christian beliefs on life and culture.

A leadership training programme is used for training and developing leaders to accommodate the increasing number of people accessing life groups and church events.

Until December 2021, GCH trust operated a debt centre in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), through employing a debt centre manager and recruiting volunteers. Between January and August 2022, the trustees reviewed the feasibility of the debt centre and recruited a new manager in order to reopen the centre in September 2022.

GCH trust maintains a partnership with the Safe Families charity to provide support for families at-risk, although a reduction of the work of that charity within Hartlepool during this year has led to fewer opportunities for volunteer involvement.

All these activities carried out by GCH have contributed to the objects of the charity

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity made a grant towards object 1 – the founding and operation of Christian churches, through a financial contributions to Covenant Hope Church Dubai.

The operations of GCH Trust are supported by a large group of volunteers who perform various roles. The contribution of these individuals enables the church to carry out the objects of the Trust.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievements of the charity in 2021-2022 have been the ongoing operation and expansion of the activities of Grace Church Hartlepool in line with the objects of the charity. The activities of GCH support the charity in delivering benefit to the public.

Object 1 – Founding and operation of Christian churches

Operation of Grace Church Hartlepool

Financial contribution to the operation of Covenant Hope Church Dubai

Object 2 – Seeking new followers of the Christian religion

A number of people have explored the beliefs of Christianity through the activities outlined above and some of those have now identified as followers of Christianity

Object 3 – Facilitating development and training in understanding of the Christian religion

The activities described above have reached a large number of people throughout the year, with a group of 50-60 adults and children accessing most of those activities on a regular basis, facilitating the development of understanding of Christianity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain reserves equal to 3 months total salary costs.

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.

During 2021-22, GCH Trust has raised funds through individual and church donations in order to deliver the objects of the charity.

Redeemer Church in Leeds has supported the charity financially to help operate GCH.

During 2021-22, GCH Trust employed BP (trustee) in a leadership roles for Grace Church Hartlepool. The charity constitution states that trustees can receive remuneration from the charity (not for carrying out their role as a trustee) as long as the majority of trustees do not receive any payment from the charity. Decisions on pay scales and structure were made by the majority of trustees without BP present to avoid conflict of interest.

All expenditure has supported the objectives of the charity through the planning, operation and practical costs associated with the activities described in this report.

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)		S. Thomson	
Full name(s)	MICHAEL HALL	SCOTT THOMSON	BEN PARKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE

Date 16/5/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GCH Trust 1162672

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 09/01/2021 To 31/8/2022

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					
Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	43,884	-	-	43,884	61,456
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	4,298	-	-	4,298	3,829
Gifts from organisations (not Gift Aid Eligible)	3,948	-	-	3,948	3,948
Gift Aid claimed this year	15,409	-	-	15,409	13,910
FIEC Grants	-	-	-	-	-
CAP Grants	-	-	-	-	2,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,539	-	-	67,539	85,142
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,539	-	-	67,539	85,142
A3 Payments					
Ministry expenses	40,860	-	-	40,860	38,198
Venue hire	3,154	-	-	3,154	370
Insurance	460	-	-	460	873
Equipment	89	-	-	89	28
Admin	369	-	-	369	286
Mission giving	3,887	-	-	3,887	1,703
Events	5,121	-	-	5,121	890
New building research	2,316	-	-	2,316	990
CAP	5,366	-	-	5,366	11,723
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	61,620	-	-	61,620	55,061
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	61,620	-	-	61,620	55,061
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,919	-	-	5,919	30,081
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,243	-	-	130,405	100,324
Cash funds this year end	112,162	-	-	136,324	130,405

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	General fund	136,324		-
	FIEC - pastoral assistant	-		-
	CAP centre	-		-
	Total cash funds	136,324	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Piano	General	530	477
	Drums	General	550	495
	Laptops	General	1,230	984
	Radio mic set	General	300	270
	Speakers	General	500	450
	Mixing desk	General	420	378
	Misc. AV equipment	General	400	360
	Printer	General	480	384
				-

Categories	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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GCH Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162672

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2020.

**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:

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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:

05/05/2023

Name:

Martin Firth

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

FCA (ICAEW)

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

Empty box for disclosure details.

GCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1162672

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date					
From	1	9	2020	To	31	08	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Michael Hall	Chair		
2	Scott Thomson			
3	Frances Smith			
4	Ben Parker			
5	Josh Gill			
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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 <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by existing 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.

<p>The trustees reviewed the charity's finances each quarter and met for an AGM to evaluate performance towards the objects of the charity.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <p>TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:</p> <p>- ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE FOUNDING AND OPERATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PRIMARILY, ALTHOUGH</p>

NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN THE NORTH EAST AND THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM;

- ENCOURAGING THE SEEKING OF NEW FOLLOWERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; AND

- FACILITATING THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

During 2020-2021 GCH Trust has continued to operate Grace Church Hartlepool.

Regular activities of the church have included:

- Sunday gatherings – Due to COVID, the majority of these gatherings took place virtually this year, with in-person gatherings starting again in June 2021 in a local community centre.
- Life Groups – Smaller groups that meet in a variety of formal and informal settings during the week
- Events – A variety of online events were hosted exploring different aspects of the Christian faith.

The purpose of these gatherings has been to facilitate the development of individuals in their understanding of Christianity. All the meetings, including online events, were open to the general public and have seen people with a variety of beliefs attending throughout the year.

Other events have taken place periodically during 2020-21, including a Christmas carol service combining a social occasion with an opportunity to explore the meaning of Christmas/specific claims of Christianity. This event was attended by people with a wide variety of beliefs.

A leadership training programme was started to train and develop leaders to accommodate the increasing number of people accessing life groups and church events.

GCH trust has continued to operate a debt centre in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), through employing a debt centre manager and recruiting volunteers.

GCH trust has worked in partnership with the Safe Families charity to provide support for families at-risk. This partnership has involved recruiting and supporting volunteers for the Safe Families programme.

All these activities carried out by GCH have contributed to the objects of the charity

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity made a number of grants towards object 1 – the founding and operation of Christian churches. This included financial contributions to:

- Covenant Hope Church Dubai
- OMF International
- Reach Across UK

The operations of GCH Trust are supported by a large group of volunteers who perform various roles. The contribution of these individuals enables the church to carry out the objects of the Trust.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievement of the charity in 2020-2021 has been the ongoing operation and expansion of the activities of Grace Church Hartlepool in line with the objects of the charity. The activities of GCH support the charity in delivering benefit to the public.

Object 1 – Founding and operation of Christian churches

Operation of Grace Church Hartlepool

Financial contribution to the operation of Covenant Hope Church Dubai

Object 2 – Seeking new followers of the Christian religion

A number of people have explored the beliefs of Christianity through the activities outlined above and some of those have now identified as followers of Christianity

Object 3 – Facilitating development and training in understanding of the Christian religion

The activities described above have reached a large number of people throughout the year, with a group of 50-60 adults and children accessing most of those activities on a regular basis, facilitating the development of understanding of Christianity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain reserves equal to 3 months total salary costs.

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.

During 2019-20, GCH Trust has raised funds through individual and church donations in order to deliver the objects of the charity.

Redeemer Church in Leeds has supported the charity financially to help operate GCH.

During 2020-21, GCH Trust employed ST and BP in leadership roles for Grace Church Hartlepool. ST and BP are also trustees of the charity – the charity constitution states that trustees can receive remuneration from the charity (not for carrying out their role as a trustee) as long as the majority of trustees do not receive any payment from the charity (which is still the case). Decisions on pay scales and structure were made by the majority of trustees without ST and BP present to avoid conflict of interest.

All expenditure has supported the objectives of the charity through the planning, operation and practical costs associated with the activities described in this report.

Section F

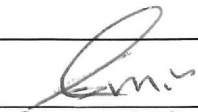
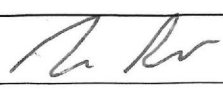
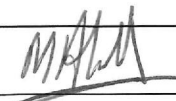
Other optional information

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)	JAMES SMITH	BEN PARKER	MICHAEL HALL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	TRUSTEE	CHAIR

Date 19/6/22

GCH Trust
Annual Financial Summary 2020-21

Opening Balances	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Opening Bank Balance	100323.54	100323.54	
Total Opening Cash Available	100323.54	100323.54	
Income			
Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	61455	61455	
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	3828.64	3828.64	
Gifts from Redeemer (not Gift Aid Eligible)	3948	3948	
Gift Aid claimed this year	13910.18	13910.18	
FIEC Grants	0		
CAP Grants	2000		2000
Total Income	85141.82	83141.82	2000
Outgoings			
Ministry expenses	38197.98	35427.98	2770
Venue hire	370	370	
Insurance	872.56	872.56	
Equipment	28.38	28.38	
Admin	285.83	285.83	
Mission giving	1702.92	1702.92	
Events	889.73	889.73	
New building research	990	990	
CAP	11722.77	6798.77	4924
Total outgoings	55060.17	47366.17	7694
Closing Balances			
Final Bank Balance	130405.19	130405.19	0
Total Year End Cash Available	130405.19	130405.19	0



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GCH Trust

1162672

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2020

To

31/08/2021

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					
Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	61,455	-	-	61,455	55,635
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	3,829	-	-	3,829	5,945
Gifts from organisations (not Gift Aid El)	3,948	-	-	3,948	3,561
Gift Aid claimed this year	13,910	-	-	13,910	9,255
FIEC Grants	-	-	-	-	15,000
CAP Grants	-	2,000	-	2,000	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	83,142	2,000	-	85,142	94,396
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	83,142	2,000	-	85,142	94,396
A3 Payments					
Ministry expenses	35,428	2,770	-	38,198	35,226
Venue hire	370	-	-	370	1,905
Insurance	873	-	-	873	435
Equipment	28	-	-	28	184
Admin	286	-	-	286	364
Mission giving	1,703	-	-	1,703	7,322
Events	890	-	-	890	3,877
New building research	990	-	-	990	144
CAP	6,799	4,924	-	11,723	2,076
Sub total	47,367	7,694	-	55,061	51,533
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,367	7,694	-	55,061	51,533
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,775	- 5,694	-	30,081	42,863
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	100,324	-	-	100,324	-
Cash funds this year end	136,099	- 5,694	-	130,405	42,863

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	General fund	130,405		-
	FIEC - pastoral assistant	-		-
	CAP centre	-		-
	Total cash funds	130,405		-

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	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	Piano	General	530	
	Drums	General	550	
	Laptops	General	1,230	
	Radio mic set	General	300	
	Speakers	General	500	
	Mixing desk	General	420	
	Misc. AV equipment	General	400	
	Printer	General	480	-
				-

	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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GCH Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162672

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2020.

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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:

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 13/06/2022

Name:

Martin Firth

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

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GCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1162672

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date	1	9	2019
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 To

Period end date	31	08	2020
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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name GCH Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162672

Charity's principal address

43 Ashwood Close	
Hartlepool	
Postcode	TS273QX

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	Michael Hall	Chair		
2	Scott Thomson			
3	Frances Smith			
4	Ben Parker		From 5 th April 2020	
5	Josh Gill		From 5 th April 2020	
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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)

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 existing 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.

The trustees reviewed the charity's finances each quarter and met for an AGM to evaluate performance towards the objects of the charity.

The trustee structure of the charity was reviewed this year and expanded. Job/role descriptions were adopted for trustees, church leaders and treasurer.

Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <p>TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:</p> <p>- ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE FOUNDING AND OPERATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PRIMARILY, ALTHOUGH</p>
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NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN THE NORTH EAST AND THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM;

- ENCOURAGING THE SEEKING OF NEW FOLLOWERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; AND

- FACILITATING THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

During 2019-2020 GCH Trust has continued to operate Grace Church Hartlepool.

The staff team increased in September 2019 with the appointment of a pastoral assistant (0.8 FTE) to accompany the 3 days employment of church leadership roles.

Regular activities of the church have included:

- Sunday gatherings – Grace Church Hartlepool (GCH) meets weekly on Sunday afternoons in a local community centre.
- Life Groups – Smaller groups that meet in a variety of formal and informal settings during the week
- Training – monthly training seminars on Sunday mornings

The purpose of these gatherings has been to facilitate the development of individuals in their understanding of Christianity. All the meetings are open to the general public and have seen people with a variety of beliefs attending throughout the year. All of these gatherings have grown in terms of the numbers of people attending during 2019-20.

Other events have taken place periodically during 2019-20, including:

- Christmas – events included a Christmas singalong and carol service.
- Discussion groups

These events combined social occasions with opportunities to explore the meaning of Christmas/specific claims of Christianity. These events were attended by people with a wide variety of beliefs.

As the UK entered lockdown in March 2020, the activities of the church took place online, with virtual gatherings of a variety of sizes. These gatherings continued to be attended by people with a variety of beliefs and offered opportunities for exploring the Christian religion as well as training and development.

It has been the long-term ambition of GCH Trust to launch a debt centre in Hartlepool in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). This was launched in July 2020 with the employment and training of a debt centre manager.

All these activities carried out by GCH have contributed to the objects of the charity

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)

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 made a number of grants towards object 1 – the founding and operation of Christian churches. This included financial contributions to:

- Covenant Hope Church Dubai
- OMF International
- Reach Across UK

The operations of GCH Trust are supported by a large group of volunteers who perform various roles. The contribution of these individuals enables the church to carry out the objects of the Trust.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The achievement of the charity in 2019-2020 has been the ongoing operation and expansion of the activities of Grace Church Hartlepool in line with the objects of the charity. The activities of GCH support the charity in delivering benefit to the public.

Object 1 – Founding and operation of Christian churches
Operation of Grace Church Hartlepool
Financial contribution to the operation of Covenant Hope Church Dubai

Object 2 – Seeking new followers of the Christian religion
A number of people have explored the beliefs of Christianity through the activities outlined above and some of those have now identified as followers of Christianity

Object 3 – Facilitating development and training in understanding of the Christian religion
The activities described above have reached a large number of people throughout the year, with a group of 40-50 adults and children accessing most of those activities on a regular basis, facilitating the development of understanding of Christianity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain reserves equal to 3 months total salary costs.

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.

During 2019-20, GCH Trust has raised funds through individual and church donations in order to deliver the objects of the charity.

Redeemer Church in Leeds has supported the charity financially to help operate GCH.

A grant was received from the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) in order to support the employment and training of a pastoral assistant.

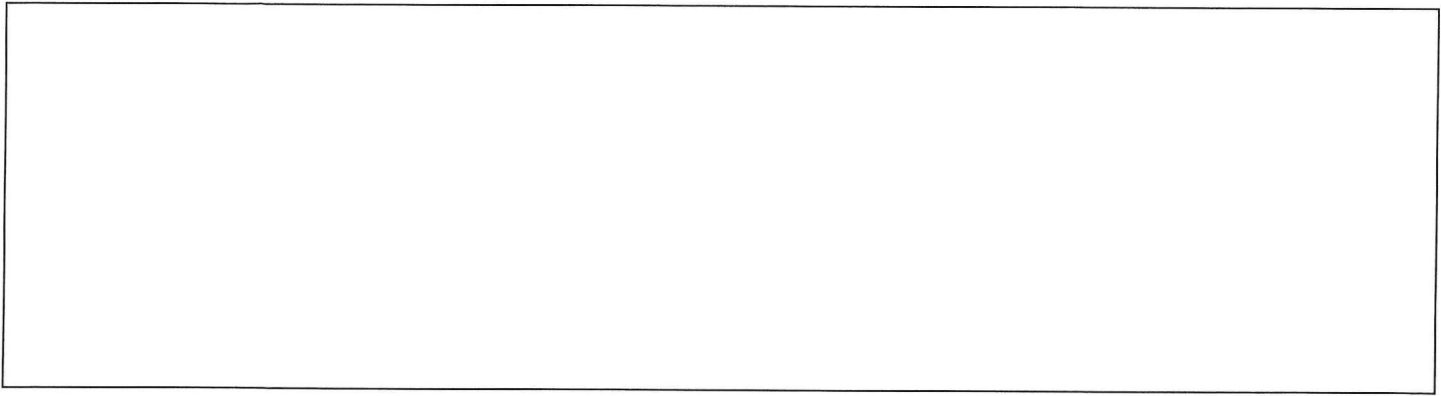
Other grants were received to support the opening of a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre in July 2020.

During 2019-20, GCH Trust employed ST for one day a week and BP for two days a week, continuing the planning and training for which they had previously been paid on a consultancy basis. ST and BP are also trustees of the charity – the charity constitution states that trustees can receive remuneration from the charity (not for carrying out their role as a trustee) as long as the majority of trustees do not receive any payment from the charity (which is still the case). Decisions on pay scales and structure were made by the majority of trustees without ST and BP present to avoid conflict of interest.

All expenditure has supported the objectives of the charity through the planning, operation and practical costs associated with the activities described in this report.

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)	<u>M.A.H.</u>		
Full name(s)	MICHAEL A. HALL		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR		

Date

11/6/21	
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Annual Financial Summary 2019-2020

Opening Balances

	Total
Opening Bank Balance	57460.18
Total Opening Cash Available	£57,460.18

Income

Gifts Eligible for Gift Aid	55634.65
Gifts Not Eligible for Gift Aid	5945
Gifts from Redeemer (not Gift Aid Eligible)	3561
Gift Aid claimed this year	9254.98
FIEC Grants	15000
CAP Grants	5000
Total Income	£94,395.63

Outgoings

Ministry expenses	35225.91
Venue hire	1905.00
Insurance	434.69
Equipment	184.03
Admin	363.97
Mission giving	7321.83
Events	3876.76
New building research	144.00
CAP	2076.08
Total outgoings	£51,532.27

Closing Balances

Final Bank Balance	100323.54
Total Year End Cash Available	£100,323.54



**GCH Trust
Assets 2019**

Item	Cost
Piano	£530
Drums	£550
Laptop	£530
Laptop	£250
Radio Mic set	£300
Speakers	£500
Mixing desk	£420
Other AV equipment (stands and cables)	£400
Total assets	£3,480

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