



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Aims and purposes

The aim of the church (as set out in its Constitution) is to bring glory to God and advance the Christian faith by strengthening the personal faith and witness of its members and by communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to other people in the locality and beyond.

In fulfilling this aim the Church, in prayerful submission to the authority of Scripture, endeavours to:

- pursue the worship of God, centred on the preaching and teaching of the Bible;
- cultivate a caring fellowship that encourages and builds up its members;
- share the good news of Jesus through local outreach and by supporting missionary work further afield; and
- demonstrate the love of God by meeting needs in the local community.

Objectives and activities

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The church is committed to encouraging and enabling as many people as possible to worship with us and become part of the church family in order to grow in the Christian faith. The church is also committed to providing pastoral care and support for its members and others with whom it has connections. In addition the church seeks to undertake appropriate mission and outreach work in its locality and to support through prayer and finance mission and outreach work in other parts of the world.

The church operates from a building in Newhall Street, Princes End, Tipton. In order to facilitate the work of the church through its various activities, to create a welcoming environment and to honour God, the church seeks to maintain the fabric of the building to an appropriate standard.

Achievements and performance

Worship, Bible study and Prayer

As with all organisations the activities of the church were hugely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic which swept the country in 2020. Usual worship services had to be cancelled

from March 2020 as a nationwide lockdown was imposed. From April a recorded service was provided online for home viewing and when restrictions eased small groups met in gardens for 'Grace in the Garden' to share the service together. From September 2020 it was possible to meet physically in the church building but numbers were small. From November services were also live-streamed and numbers in the church building slowly increased.

From the Summer onwards weekly virtual prayer meetings were initiated via Zoom and were reasonably well attended. These continued throughout the year.

In September midweek meetings (Grace Groups) were introduced via Zoom providing an opportunity for Bible study and prayer. We were encouraged to see a good take up for these meetings with numbers being higher than at physical meetings pre-pandemic, additional members being able to take part from their own homes.

During 2020 one member died and three members who had not attended church for some time were removed from membership. At the end of 2020 membership stood at 55.

The church continued to employ a full-time Staff Elder who worked alongside the other Elders in leading and developing the work of the church.

Church building

Significant work was undertaken whilst the church building was closed to instal a complete new central heating system.

Children and Youth work

Church youth work was also significantly affected by the pandemic.

The church Boys' Brigade company with Girls' Association (3rd West Bromwich) met as usual until 16 March 2020. From March to September contact was maintained with members and their families via newsletters and other contacts. In person meetings resumed at the end of September as regulations allowed but a further lockdown followed in November and virtual meetings were then held for the remainder of the year.

The Guide unit (3rd Tipton) which works with girls aged 5 -18 years through its Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Guides Sections closed in March and was then closed for the remainder of the year.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play group for pre-school children and their carers also closed in March and was then closed for the remainder of the year.

Older people

The church's weekly meeting (Friday Club) for elderly and otherwise housebound ladies transported to the church by Community Transport to enjoy a couple of hours of fellowship

with others over a light lunch also closed in March and was then closed for the remainder of the year.

Community involvement

As a result of the pandemic the various community events in which the church would usually be involved were all cancelled.

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to £67,192. Expenditure totalled £67,787 giving a deficit for the year of £605. This was, however, after the new central heating system was paid for in full.

Offerings amounted to £47,932 compared to £52,847 in 2019. The Gift Aid tax reclaim was £11,421, an increase of £1,200 over the previous year. A number of expenditure items were below budget for the year enabling the central heating system to be paid for without the need to draw on reserves.

Reserves Policy

The Elders seek to maintain reserves in the order of one year's expenditure to allow for the loss of offertory income for whatever reason, to provide for major repair or maintenance costs and to ensure sufficient funds to maintain and potentially expand pastoral ministry. At 31 December 2019 unrestricted reserves stood at £120,000.

Volunteers

The church expresses its thanks to the many volunteers who assist with all aspects of the church's work and without whom many church activities simply would not take place.

Structure, governance and management

The church is a charitable incorporated organisation (registered charity number 1162960) governed by a Constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 3 August 2015.

Church members elect Elders who are responsible for the day to day management of the church and as such are charity trustees. Responsibility for certain key decisions such as calling a pastor or approving major work on the church building rests with the whole church membership in general meeting. The Elders who served during the year were:-

Mr T Ambrose

Mr G Coghlan

Mr P Watts (Secretary)

Mr B Turner

Mr A Cutler (Term of office concluded February 2020)

Administrative information

The church is situated at Newhall Street, Princes End, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9HL.

The correspondence address is 3 Waring Close, Princes End, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9NW.

P WATTS
Secretary



Annual Accounts

for the period

Period start date **010120** To Period end date **311220**

Charity Name **GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH** Charity No (if any) **1162960**

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
OFFERINGS		47,932			47,932	52,847
DONATIONS		300	815		1,115	6,458
GIFT AID REFUNDS		11,183	238		11,421	10,257
INTEREST		2,410	6		2,416	2,091
OTHER INCOME		2,834	538		3,372	3,192
SUBSCRIPTIONS		—	926		926	2,940
Total incoming resources	501	64,659	2,523		67,182	77,785
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
SALARY, PENSION, EXPS		32,724			32,724	41,344
INSURANCES		959			959	1,249
LIGHT, HEAT, WATER		1,946			1,946	1,525
REPAIRS + RENEWALS		11,296			11,296	9,049
MISC/TELEPHONE/BROADBAND		3,311	224		3,535	4,359
EVANGELISM / YOUTH WORK		1,395			1,395	1,515
DONATIONS / GIFTS		9,486	1,014		10,500	6,777
TRANSPORT			603		603	1,773
PHOTOCOPYING / PRINTING		834			834	1,010
EQUIPMENT		3,370	300		3,670	521
SPECIAL EVENTS			325		325	3,804
Total resources expended	502	65,321	2,466		67,787	72,926
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	503	(662)	57		(605)	4,859
Gross transfers between funds	504					
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	505	(662)	57		(605)	4,859
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	506					
Gains and losses on investment assets	507					
Net movement in funds	508					
Total funds brought forward	509	258,573	4,997		263,870	259,011
Total funds carried forward	510	258,211	5,054		263,265	263,870

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(Note 8) B01	137,461	137,461
	B02		
Investments	(Note 9) B03		
Total fixed assets	B04	137,461	137,461
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	B05		
Debtors	(Note 10) B06	7,687	7,012
(Short term) investments	B07		
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	120,472	115,628
Total current assets	B09	128,159	122,640
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 11) B10	2,983	2,441
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	125,176	120,199
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	262,637	257,660
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 11) B13		
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14		
Net assets	B15		
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	B16	262,637	257,660
Designated funds	B17		
Total unrestricted funds		262,637	257,660
Restricted income funds	(Note 12) B18		
Endowment funds	(Note 12) B19		
Total funds	B20	262,637	257,660

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Date of approval

P. Wain

8/4/21

J. Andrew

11/4/21



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1162960

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ~~[insert name of applicable listed body]~~. Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

Date:

27/03/2021

Name:

DAVID TURNER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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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.

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