



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

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

At the beginning of the year worship services were affected by the second national lockdown because of Covid 19 which lasted from December 2020 to the end of March 2021. Whilst churches were allowed to meet (with restrictions), attendance at services was impacted as many chose not to attend. Equipment was purchased and installed allowing services to be live-streamed and uploaded onto YouTube. After the initial teething problems which might be expected the live-streaming has worked well and provides access to services for those who are housebound, those who are unable to attend on a particular Sunday for whatever reason and those who might find the church via the internet. It is perhaps unlikely we would have begun using this technology other than because of Covid (or at least not so quickly) and this is a particular blessing which has come out of a very difficult time, making public worship available to a wider audience.

Virtual weekly prayer meetings via Zoom were held throughout the year with attendances of between ten and twenty people each week.

Midweek meetings (Grace Groups) also continued via Zoom throughout all of 2021 providing an opportunity for Bible study and prayer. Numbers continued to be good with up to thirty people participating across 5/6 different groups.

During 2021 one member died, five members resigned (four of whom transferred to other churches), two members were transferred to the Honorary Members list and one new member joined the church through baptism. At the end of 2021 membership stood at 48.

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

Minor repairs and maintenance were undertaken across the year. A structural defect with the front wall of the church building was identified, professional advice was obtained from structural engineers as regards necessary remedial works and an order was placed with a building contractor after a tender exercise. However, the work had not been undertaken by the end of the year.

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 virtually online from January until April, resuming face to face activities after the Easter holidays and then meeting face to face for the remainder of the year.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play group for pre-school children and their carers was closed from January until early June when it re-opened for the final few weeks of the Summer term. It functioned as usual from September to December.

Older people

During the course of the year it was decided that the church's weekly meeting (Friday Club) for elderly and otherwise housebound ladies, which had been closed since March 2020 because of Covid-19, would not re-open. The church leadership began working on plans for a different and wider ministry for older people which it was hoped would begin around Easter 2022.

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 £73,356. Expenditure totalled £62,559 giving a surplus for the year of £10,797.

Offerings amounted to £50,890 compared to £47,932 in 2020. The Gift Aid tax reclaim was £8,831, a decrease of around £3,000 over the previous year.

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 2020 unrestricted reserves stood at £129,000.

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

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 01/01/21

To Period end date 31/12/21

Charity Name GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity No (if any) 11162960

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		50,890	—		50,890	47,932
DONATIONS		6,392	482		6,874	1,115
GIFT AID REFUNDS		8,754	77		8,831	11,421
INTEREST		2,369	1		2,370	2,416
OTHER INCOME		2,930	376		3,306	3,372
SUBSCRIPTIONS		—	1,085		1,085	926
Total incoming resources 501		71,335	2,021		73,356	67,182
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
SALARY /ERNIC/PENSION/EXPS		33,375			33,375	32,724
INSURANCES		1,557			1,557	959
LIGHT, HEAT, WATER		1,341			1,341	1,946
REPAIRS + RENEWALS		3,186			3,186	11,296
MISC/TELEPHONE/BROADBAND		4,233			4,233	3,535
EVANGELISM/YOUTH WORK		424			424	1,395
DONATIONS/GIFTS/FEES		10,434	1,377		11,811	10,500
TRANSPORT			10		10	603
PHOTOCOPYING/PRINTING		591			591	834
EQUIPMENT		4,594	604		5,198	3,670
SPECIAL EVENTS			833		833	325
Total resources expended 502		59,735	2,824		62,559	67,787
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers 503		11,600	(803)		10,797	(605)
Gross transfers between funds 504						
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses) 505		11,600	(803)		10,797	(605)
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			87054			
Total funds brought forward 509		258,211	5,054		263,265	263,870
Total funds carried forward 510		269,811	4,251		274,062	263,265

	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	6,565	7,687
(Short term) investments	B07		
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	128,836	120,472
Total current assets	B09	135,401	128,159
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 11) B10	1,517	2,983
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	133,884	125,176
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	271,345	262,637
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	271,345	262,637
Designated funds	B17		
Total unrestricted funds		271,345	262,637
Restricted income funds	(Note 12) B18		
Endowment funds	(Note 12) B19		
Total funds	B20	271,345	262,637

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

Signature

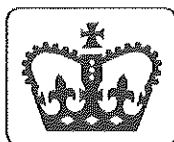
Date of approval

B D Turner

28/2/22

P Watts

28/2/22



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**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 DEC 2021

**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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

DT

Date:

10/4/2022

Name:

DAVID TURNER

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

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