



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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

Following two years of Covid disruption it was good that we were able to meet face to face for the whole of 2022. Sunday morning services followed teaching series on the books of Mark, 1 Timothy and Psalms with separate short series around Easter and Christmas. Numbers remained relatively strong at this service and we were pleased to welcome many visitors, some for whom we have provided a place of sanctuary for a short period of time and others who have chosen to settle with us and have become regular attenders. During the year we also launched a monthly evening service and a prayer meeting on Zoom on two other Sunday evenings per month. Sunday morning services continued to be live streamed allowing 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.

We returned to a monthly prayer day with morning and lunch time prayer sessions on Zoom and an evening session both in person and on Zoom. Generally speaking this worked well and provided an increased opportunity for participation.

Midweek meetings (Grace Groups) also continued across the year. Through to the Summer these continued to be held via Zoom but from September we moved to a situation where some groups continued to meet via Zoom whilst others met in homes of members. Again this allows greater choice and flexibility according to personal circumstances and this has worked well with good numbers participating in both formats.

During 2022 one member died, two members resigned (one of whom transferred to other churches), two members were transferred to the Honorary Members list and four new members joined the church. At the end of 2022 membership stood at 49.

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. In addition the church employed a new part-time church worker whose role is focussed on ministry to the elderly, discipling women in the church and building contacts with families connected to the church.

Church building

Structural problems with the front wall of the church meant that major works had to be undertaken in taking down and re-building the upper half of the wall at a cost of around £30,000. Work was also undertaken to install sound-proofing in the roof space between the two main rooms at a cost of around £5,000. Other minor repairs and maintenance were undertaken across the year as required.

Children and Youth work

The church Boys' Brigade company with Girls' Association (3rd West Bromwich) was also pleased to be free from Covid disruption and met in person through the whole of 2022. Numbers remained strong with about 40 children and young people in the age range 5-18 years taking part in weekly activities.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play group for pre-school children and their carers also functioned as normal across the whole year during term time with a good number of children taking part each week.

Older people

A new ministry for retired people, Daybreak, was launched in Spring 2022. Meeting twice each month the group aims to provide fellowship, support and spiritual input for older people. The group has needed in well with between 15 and 25 people attending sessions across the year.

Community involvement

During the year we were invited by a local care home, Bloomfield Court, to provide a short service once a month for their residents. A small team was formed to deliver this ministry and services were provided in the latter part of the year. Following a review with the home it was agreed to continue these services into 2023.

We were also able to re-introduce Christmas carol singing at our local Asda store giving out invitations to our Christmas services.

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to £72,904. Expenditure totalled £108,228 giving a deficit for the year of £35,324 which was met from reserves. The deficit related entirely to the costs of building work outlined above.

Offerings amounted to £50,823 compared to £50,890 in 2021. The Gift Aid tax reclaim was £9,407, an increase of around £600 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 2021 unrestricted reserves stood at £84,000.

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 as amended in 2021

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 (resigned February 2022)

Mr P Watts (Secretary)

Mr B Turner

Mr D Hardway (appointed February 2022)

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 010122

To Period end date 311222

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		50,823			50,823	50,890
DONATIONS		1,248	525		1,773	6,874
GIFT AID REFUNDS		9,276	131		9,407	8,831
INTEREST		2,261			2,261	2,370
OTHER INCOME		5,683	1,481		7,164	3,306
SUBSCRIPTIONS			1,476		1,476	1,085
Total incoming resources S01		69,291	3,613		72,904	73,356
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
SALARIES/PENSION/EXPS		40,254			40,254	33,375
INSURANCES		1,351			1,351	1,557
LIGHT-HEAT-WATER		1,772			1,772	1,341
REPAIRS + RENEWALS		40,870			40,870	3,186
MISC-TELEPHONE - BROADBAND		1,998			1,998	4,233
EVANGELISM/YOUTH		1,210			1,210	424
DONATIONS/GIFTS/FEES		11,804	1,757		13,561	11,811
TRANSPORT					0	10
P/COPYING/PRINTING/ADMIN		2,744			2,744	591
EQUIPMENT		2,611	131		2,742	5,198
SPECIAL EVENTS			1,726		1,726	833
Total resources expended S02		104,614	3,614		108,228	62,559
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers S03		(35,323)	(1)		(35,324)	10,797
Gross transfers between funds S04						
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses) S05		(35,323)	(1)		(35,324)	10,797
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use S06						
Gains and losses on investment assets S07						
Net movement in funds S08						
Total funds brought forward S09		269,811	4,251		274,062	263,265
Total funds carried forward S10		234,488	4,250		238,738	274,062

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	2,326	7,687
(Short term) investments	B07		
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	84,278	120,472
Total current assets	B09	84,278	128,159
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 11) B10	2,696	2,983
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	81,582	125,176
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	219,043	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	219,043	262,637
Designated funds	B17		
Total unrestricted funds		219,043	262,637
Restricted income funds	(Note 12) B18		
Endowment funds	(Note 12) B19		
Total funds	B20	219,043	262,637

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

Signature

Date of approval

P. Watts

15/2/23

Grace Community Church

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

INCOME	Actual £	Budget £	Notes
Offerings	50,823	52,000	1
Gift Aid Refund	9,276	9,500	2
Donations	947	3,000	3
Other Income	7,932	3,000	4
TOTAL INCOME	68,978	65,500	
 EXPENDITURE			
Pastor's Costs	33,585	33,750	5
Part Time Workers Costs	5,605	10,000	5
Expenses	1,064	1,500	6
Evangelism	1,210	2,500	7
Gifts--Overseas	3,000	3,000	8
Gifts---UK	3,500	3,500	9
Gifts--Others	4,943	0	10
Administration	827	1,250	11
Buildings	46,604	36,000	12
Misc..	1,298	1,750	13
Sunday Ministry	487	1,000	14
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	102,123	94,250	
 Overspend	 33,145	 28,750	 15

Grace Community Church

Notes on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

1 Offerings These were boosted by a one off gift of £1k

2 Gift Aid As expected

3 Donations Mainly for books

4 Other Income

	Photocopying	226.25	Interest	2,289.54
	Other Income	1,689.57	(mainly Friday C lub transfer	
Gifts	Barnabas	522	BCM various	1,232
	Ukraine	1,146	Lydia **	339
	CAP---ASDA	147.77	** further gift to be sent--later gifts	

5 Pastors costs	Gross salary	31,890		
	Pension	1,595		
	Life Assurance	100	Total	33,585

5 P/T Worker The elders put in an estimate not knowing the rate of pay or a definite time of starting. Hence big discrepancy.

6 Expenses	Jill		36
	Tim includes	Mileage	391
		Phone/BB	299
		Books	95
		Admin	92
		DBS	55

7 Evangelism	General	767	Ladies Craft	91
	Daybreak	324	Youth	27

8 Gifts	Robinsons	700	Mission to Jews	500
Overseas	Rees Family	800	New Life	250
	Barnabas	500	Niclasens	250

9 Gifts UK	Smethwick CC	500	FIEC	1,000
	BCM	700	Daylight CPT	500
	Midland GP	200	Speak Life	100

	CAP UK	500		
10 Gifts	BCM	1,605	Barnabas	1,216
others	Ukraine	1,387	Lydia	246
	Tipton Food	340	CAP ASDA	147.77
11 Admin	Copier Lease	436	Direct Copiers	156
includes	Photo paper	54		
12 Buildings	Church		Manse	
	Insurance	1,049	Insurance	301
	Audio/Visual	2,609	Bathroom	5,408
	Utilities	1,772	Roof/Chimney	3,285
	Building General	30,931		
	Gen upkeep	1,248		
13 Misc.	Kitchen	76	Paper Cups	163
includes	Paper Towels	148	Auditor	100
	Ceiling Tiles	79	Thirty one Eight	129
	Books/GGs	457.44		
	Incomparable etc			
14 Sunday Min	Pulpit and Expenses		450	

15 Overspend Given the unexpected work on the manse (chimney—ridge tiles bathroom) plus the extra work on the Church dividing wall the final overspend was higher than the Budgeted figure.

However it was not as great as it might have been because of the savings elsewhere particularly in relation to the part time workers costs.

Grace Community Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

2021		2022
Fixed Assets		
40,000	Land and Buildings at Newhall Street	40,000
97,461	Investment at 8 Prospect Street	97,461
137,461	TOTALS	137,461
Current Assets and Liabilities		
16,474	Barclays Bank Current Account	7,826
29,936	COIF Emergency Fund	1,826
82,426	COIF General Fund	74,626
6,585	Debtors	2,326
135,421	TOTALS	86,604
1,517	Creditors	2,696
271,365	TOTALS	221,369

The Boys' Brigade
3rd West Bromwich Company

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st December 2022

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	1475.60
Uniform	425.00
Grants/donations	656.51 (1)
Special events	<u>1056.50</u> (2)
	3613.61

PAYMENTS

Uniform	399.00
Fees/Donations	1358.06 (3)
Equipment	130.61 (4)
Special events	<u>1726.43</u> (5)
	3614.10

Deficit	0.49
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Balance brought forward 1.1.22	1837.99
Less 2022 deficit	0.49
Balance carried forward 31.12.22	1837.50

Closing balance represented by:

Bank	1813.24
Cash	<u>24.26</u>
	1837.50

1. GRANTS/DONATIONS

Tesco	500.00	
HMRC tax refund	131.51	
M Foxall	<u>25.00</u>	656.51

2. SPECIAL EVENTS

Sale of table-tennis table	235.50	
Weekend away payments	555.00	
Swimming outing	76.00	
Ten pin bowling trips	110.00	
Laser quest	<u>80.00</u>	1056.50

3. FEES/DONATIONS

Capitation fees	1207.50	
Competition entry fees	54.50	
Postages (Uniform)	39.26	
Hire of Sports Academy	<u>56.80</u>	1358.06

4. EQUIPMENT

Craft materials	81.75	
Castors	35.88	
Table tennis balls	4.98	
Miscellaneous	<u>8.00</u>	130.61

5. SPECIAL EVENTS

Badges/Certs/Shields for		
Awards Evening	221.20	
Rifle shooting subsidy	20.00	
Laser quest	197.10	
Minigolf subsidy	30.00	
Swimming outing	76.80	
Weekend away	805.80	
Ten pin bowling	141.90	
Poppy wreath	23.99	
Christmas presents and		
Parties	<u>209.64</u>	1726.43

Grace Community Church--Friday Club Activity

Receipts and Payments for the Final Year Ended 31st December 2022

RECEIPTS	£	
Refund on Bank Charges	10.8	
Gift into Building Society	1	
Interest Building Society	1.59	
Cash Gift from V Jeavons	300	£313.59
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges	25.8	
J Bird Gift	300	
Transfer to Grace Community Church from ASDA Gifts	173.58	
Transfer to Grace CC from Building Societ	61.25	
Meal at Essington Fruit Farm	1,514.28	
Transfer to Grace CC from Petty Cash	213.49	
	203.26	£2,491.66
Net Overspend		£2,178.27
Opening Balance ' 1 January 2022		
Bank Account	493.58	
Building Society	1,511.69	
Petty Cash	173	£2,178.27
Balance after deduction of Overspend		£0.00



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

Charity Name

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1162960

Set out on pages

AS ATTACHED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2022.

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:

D Turner

Date:

29/04/23

Name:

DAVID TURNER

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.