

### **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*

Sunday morning services followed teaching series on the books of 1 Corinthians, Jonah, Psalms and John 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. The monthly evening service continued as did 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 continued 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 and saw an increase in those attending. Most of these were in person groups with one evening Zoom group for those less able to travel.

During 2024 two members died and five new members joined the church. At the end of 2024 membership stood at 54.

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) and a 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 & Manse*

Only minor repair, maintenance and decoration works were undertaken on the church building across the year as required. A major project was undertaken at the manse (8 Prospect Street) which is part owned by the church in the form of a single storey extension at the rear of the building plus full kitchen refurbishment

### *Children and Youth work*

The church Boys' Brigade company with Girls' Association (3<sup>rd</sup> West Bromwich) continued to be very active in 2024. Numbers remained strong with about 45 children and young people in the age range 5-18 years taking part in weekly activities. The Company played a full part in activities organised by the Wolverhampton Battalion of which it is a part.

### *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 up to 20 children taking part each week.

### *Older people*

The ministry for retired people, Daybreak, became further embedded in the life of the church during 2024. Meeting twice each month the group aims to provide fellowship, support and spiritual input for older people. The group had between 15 and 25 people attending sessions across the year.

### *Community involvement*

A small team continued to provide monthly services at a local care home, Bloomfield Court which were appreciated by the residents who attended.

We were again able to undertake Christmas carol singing at our local Asda store giving out invitations to our Christmas services.

### **Financial Review**

Total income for the year amounted to £126,182. Expenditure totalled £125,088 giving a surplus for the year of £1,094.

Offerings amounted to £61,900 compared to £54,701 in 2023. The Gift Aid tax reclaim was £10,329 an increase of around £1,000 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 2024 unrestricted reserves stood at £52,700.

### **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 and 2023.

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 P Watts (Secretary and Treasurer)

Mr B Turner  
Mr D Hardway

**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**

# GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2024 – 31 DECEMBER 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
Offerings	61,900			61,900	54,701
Donations	3,240	1,405		4,645	3,159
Gift Aid refunds	10,065	264		10,329	9,100
Interest	1,544			1,544	1,793
Other income	43,186	1,596		44,782	2,990
Subscriptions		2,982		2,982	1,698
Total incoming resources	119,935	6,247		126,182	73,441
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Staff costs	45,478			45,478	43,912
Evangelism	1,169			1,169	2,042
Sunday ministry	650			650	
Donations/Fees	7,930	1,747		9,677	9,510
Administration	1,914			1,914	2,480
Property costs	60,829			60,829	9,698
Miscellaneous	2,735	2,636		5,371	3,478
Total resources expended	120,705	4,383		125,088	71,120
Net incoming(outgoing) Resources	(770)	1,864		1,094	2,321
Total funds brought forward	237,100	3,959		241,059	238,738
Total funds carried forward	236,330	5,823		242,153	241,059





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Grace Community Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any) 1162960

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

*DAVID TURNER*

Date:

9/14/2025

Name:

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