



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 04 2022	To	31 03 2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Trinity Grace Church

Other names charity is known by

Formerly known as Ramsbottom Independent Evangelical Church

Registered charity number (if any)

1170543

Charity's principal address

5-9 Bridge Street

Ramsbottom

Bury

Postcode

BL0 9AB

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	Anthony Flanders	Chairperson		Church Member's Meeting
2	Oliver Allmand-Smith			
3	Robert Stredder			
4	Jeffrey Kinsley	Church secretary		
5	Maurice Blezard	Church treasurer		
6	Ibiwari Erekosima			
7				
8	Peter Johnston			
9	Graham Westwell			
10	Matthew Flanders			
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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
The Fellowship Property trust (Holding Trustees)	

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

- 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

The church is known as Trinity Grace Church. **“Trinity”** because the chief purpose of this local church is to worship the triune God in Spirit and in Truth. **“Grace”** because this church exists to proclaim to all people the unmerited kindness of God to sinners through the Lord Jesus Christ. **“Church”** because we are committed to the edification and encouragement of our fellow brothers and sisters in love.

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)

In seeking to pursue the objectives of the church outlined above, the trustees have sought to undertake activities for the public benefit with regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

We have sought to encourage the worship of God through our 2 public Sunday services and public Wednesday Bible study each week.

We have sought to advance the Christian faith through various events and meetings, for young and old. We had a number of meetings specifically for children and young people. This included regular meetings in term time (when permitted) which involved games, and bible messages. We also held an event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to which the public was invited. In addition to this we also invited the public to a family fun day, a BBQ, a Bonfire Party and an evening meal with a message.

We have also sought to support the work of churches in our region, providing: preachers regularly for a number of churches; giving pastoral support to a church in Leigh; and taking on pastoral leadership of a church in Charlesworth. Concerning the latter – during this year one of our trustees & elders has been giving half his time to support the work in Charlesworth. In addition, we have run events for young people from churches in our nation. We have also sought to develop more concrete relationship with confessional Baptist churches in the UK. This has been greatly helped by a missionary sent from the US with whom we are working. This association of churches was finally established in March 2023.

We have also sought to develop the training of men for pastoral ministry, in conjunction with the IRBS UK. One of our young men has been studying full time, and hopefully in the coming years he will minister in the UK or overseas.

This year has seen giving to the advancement of the Christian faith overseas, and the support of Christians in need. We have also enabled members to participate in supporting churches and folk in need throughout the world, such as the House of Ants orphanage in Mozambique, the TASTE charity in Nigeria and churches in Kenya. In addition, one of our trustees has made trips overseas to minister in the USA & Kenya.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Through the work of the church, the Christian faith has been made known to a number of people. Children have benefited from the social aspect of their meetings and have been helped to see the truth of God and the Christian faith. This has given them a solid grounding for their lives. A great deal of Christian literature has been given to people in our community, and many have had the opportunity of hearing more of the truth of the Bible. Through our website people across the world have had access to sermons, written articles, and videos. All this has been used to advance the Christian faith in our community and through the world.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ordinarily the church will not hold excessive reserves, as we believe that the monies need to be used constantly for the achieving of our objectives. We will seek to maintain a reserve level of £10,000.

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.

The charity's principal source of funds is from church members, which is given by them as a freewill offering.

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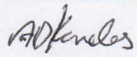
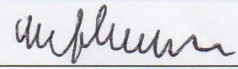
Other optional information

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)	ANTHONY DAVID FLANDERS	Matthew Thomas Flanders
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	Trustee
Date	18/1/24	

Trinity Grace Church

Ramsbottom

Summary

Financial Statement

Year Ended

31st March 2023

Note

Under Section 133 of the 2011 Charity Act, charities registered in England, are allowed to prepare 'Receipts and Payments Accounts' provided their annual gross income is less than £250,000.

Accordingly these accounts fully comply with these accounting arrangements.

TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

Receipts and Payments Account

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Payments	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23		Last Year	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments						
On-going Evangelical Work						
Pastor's and Elders' Salaries, ERNI and Expenses	67,220	24,482	91,702		85,011	
Missionary Support	12,100	1,100	13,200		36,320	
TGC Preachers' Expenses - servicing other churches		2,190	2,190		0	
Visiting Speakers' Expenses	1,860		1,860		1,160	
Conference/Courses Expenses	812		812		0	
Youth & Young People's Expenses	882		882		873	
Evangelism	412		412		0	
Evangelical Items - books & communion wine	689		689		351	
Evangelical family days and events - food	424		424		0	
Trainee Expenses		1,569	1,569		0	
Sub-total On-going Evangelical Work			113,740		123,715	
Occasional Evangelical Work						
Previous year's donation refunded - Newquay	-4,000		-4,000		0	
Sub-total Occasional Evangelical Work			-4,000		0	
Regular Running Expenses						
Electricity and Gas	2,150		2,150		1,563	
Cleaning and refuse collection	554		554		107	
Insurance	1,483		1,483		1,322	
Licences	474		474		452	
Computer Expenses	1,232		1,232		446	
Subscriptions	145		145		129	
Bank Charges	341		341		0	
Sub-total Regular Running Expenses			6,379		4,019	
Occasional Running Expenses						
Sundry Expenses	2,508		2,508		2,147	
Repairs and Renewals - front door & dishwasher	2,173		2,173		3,561	
Furniture and equipment - tables and chairs	2,227		2,227		0	
Accountancy Fees	480		480		480	
Legal Fees	1,564		1,564		0	
Surplus on Minibus Disposal			0		-1,707	
Sub-total Occasional Running Expenses			8,952		4,481	
Evangelical Works & Running Expenses Sub total	95,730	29,341	125,071		132,215	

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income						
<i>Regular Income</i>						
Collections	102,553		102,553		99,579	
Gift Aid	16,812		16,812		15,803	
Elder Support - Charlesworth & Chelford House		24,482	24,482		21,528	
<i>Regular Income Sub-total</i>				143,847		136,910
<i>Occasional Income</i>						
Gifts and Donations			0		23,350	
Preachers' expenses paid by other churches		2,190	2,190		0	
Legacies	6,000	100	6,100		0	
Training Fund		2,620	2,620		0	
Miscellaneous income	480		480		0	
<i>Occasional Income Sub-total</i>				11,390		23,350
<i>Income Sub total</i>	125,845	29,392		155,237		160,260
Grants						
Special Appeal - Ukraine		1,000		1,000		0
<i>Grants Sub total</i>	0	1,000		1,000		0
<i>Total Receipts</i>	125,845	30,392		156,237		160,260

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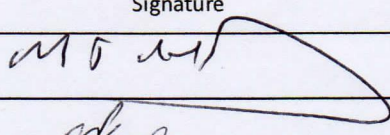
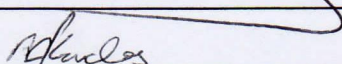
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Payments (continued)	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	Last Year	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Mortgage Payments					
Annual Principal and Interest	2,583		2,583	4,247	
One-off Payments	15,000		15,000	25,000	
Mortgage Payments Sub total	17,583		17,583		29,247
Total Payments			142,654		161,462
Net of receipts/(payments)			13,583		-1,202
Total funds as at last year end - see below			10,779		
Total Cash funds this year end			24,362		

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023	31st March 2023	31st March 2023	Last Year
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	24,345		24,345	10,762
Bank deposit account	17		17	17
Cash/Floats	0		0	0
Total cash funds	24,362	0	24,362	10,779
Agree balances with receipts and payments accounts				
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Land and buildings	439,800		439,800	439,800
Motor vehicles	0		0	0
Fixtures and Equipment	11,100		11,100	8,300
Non-monetary Assets Sub total	450,900	0	450,900	448,100
Liabilities				
Mortgage	23,427		23,427	41,010
Loan by a Member of Trinity Grace Church	2,000		2,000	2,000
Liabilities Sub total	25,427	0	25,427	43,010

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. J. BLEZARD	18/1/24
	ANTHONY FLANDERS	18/1/24

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trinity Grace Church, Ramsbottom
Registered Charity No. 1170543**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Grace Church, Ramsbottom for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I confirm that according to Section 145 of the Charity Act 2011, I am qualified to be an independent examiner, and the Trustees of Trinity Grace Church are confident that I have the ability and practical experience to undertake this task.

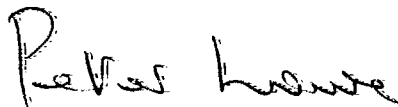
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed:



Name: Peter Lowe

Address: 41 Sims Close
Ramsbottom
Bury
BL0 9NT

Date: 23rd January 2024