



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

## 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	Timothy Larlham			
8	Peter Johnston			
9	Graham Westwell			
10	Matthew Flanders			
11	Darrin Gilchrist		20/09/2023 to present	
12	Richard Sharples		29/11/2023 to present	
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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)	01/04/2023 to 19/06/2023
The Church Growth trust (Holding Trustees)	20/06/2023 to present

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

*(eg. constitution, memorandum)*

Governed by constitution dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

How the charity is constituted

*(eg. by an institution, company)*

Charitable Unincorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

*(eg. appointed by members)*

Trustees appointed by the church membership according to the constitution dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- 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.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 which involved games, and bible messages. We also held an event surrounding Ramsbottom's 1940's weekend, where the public was invited to join us. 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. 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. 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 Nigeria, Hungary, Poland and 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
<p><b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
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 £20,000 in order to provide cover for the wages of the 3 full-time employees.

**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.

**Section F**



**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 FLANDERS	Robert C Stredder
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	Trustee.
Date	27th JANUARY 2025	

Trinity Grace Church  
Ramsbottom

Financial Statement  
Year Ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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 2023 to 31st March 2024

Receipts	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24		Last Year	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income						
<i>Regular Income</i>						
Collections	107,414		107,414		102,553	
Gift Aid	13,515		13,515		16,812	
Elder Support - Charlesworth & Chelford House	27,590		27,590		24,482	
<i>Regular Income Sub-total</i>				148,519		143,847
<i>Occasional Income</i>						
Gifts and Donations			0		0	
Preachers' expenses paid by other churches		2,591	2,591		2,190	
Legacies			0		6,100	
Training Fund		5,673	5,673		2,620	
Miscellaneous income			0		480	
<i>Occasional Income Sub-total</i>				8,264		11,390
<i>Income Sub total</i>	148,519	8,264		156,783		155,237
Grants						
Special Appeals		550		550		1,000
<i>Grants Sub total</i>	0	550		550		1,000
<i>Total Receipts</i>	148,519	8,814		157,333		156,237



Payments	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24		Last Year	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable Payments</b>						
<b><i>On-going Evangelical Work</i></b>						
Pastor's and Elders' Salaries and Expenses	102,594		102,594		91,702	
Missionary Support	8,000	550	8,550		13,200	
TGC Preachers' Expenses - servicing other churches		1,755	1,755		2,190	
Visiting Speakers' Expenses	1,165		1,165		1,860	
Conference/Courses Expenses			0		812	
Youth & Young People's Expenses	726		726		882	
Evangelism	371		371		412	
Evangelical Items - books & communion wine	981		981		689	
Evangelical family days and events	808		808		424	
Training Fund		2,675	2,675		0	
Trainee Expenses		1,522	1,522		1,569	
<b><i>Sub-total On-going Evangelical Work</i></b>				<b>121,147</b>		<b>113,740</b>
<b><i>Occasional Evangelical Work</i></b>						
Previous year's donation refunded - Newquay			0		-4,000	
<b><i>Sub-total Occasional Evangelical Work</i></b>				<b>0</b>		<b>-4,000</b>
<b><i>Regular Running Expenses</i></b>						
Electricity, Gas and Water	2,667		2,667		2,150	
Building Cleaning and refuse collection	1,764		1,764		554	
Maintenance & servicing systems	2,624		2,624		0	
Insurance	1,572		1,572		1,483	
Licences, incl DBS checks	1,038		1,038		474	
Computer Expenses	245		245		1,232	
Subscriptions	360		360		145	
Bank Charges	303		303		341	
<b><i>Sub-total Regular Running Expenses</i></b>				<b>10,573</b>		<b>6,379</b>
<b><i>Occasional Running Expenses</i></b>						
Sundry Expenses	200		200		2,508	
Repairs and Renewals	383		383		2,173	
Furniture and equipment	30		30		2,227	
Joinery & Decoration	2,214		2,214		0	
Accountancy Fees	480		480		480	
Legal Fees	1,700		1,700		1,564	
<b><i>Sub-total Occasional Running Expenses</i></b>				<b>5,007</b>		<b>8,952</b>
<b>Evangelical Works &amp; Running Expenses Sub total</b>	<b>130,225</b>	<b>6,502</b>		<b>136,727</b>		<b>125,071</b>



# TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

## Receipts and Payments Account

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Payments (continued)	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24		Last Year	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Mortgage Payments</b>						
Annual Principal and Interest	1,800		1,800		2,583	
One-off Payments	22,775		22,775		15,000	
<b>Mortgage Payments Sub total</b>	<b>24,575</b>			<b>24,575</b>		<b>17,583</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>				<b>161,302</b>		<b>142,654</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>				<b>-3,969</b>		<b>13,583</b>
Total funds as at last year end - see below				<b>24,362</b>		<b>10,779</b>
<b>Total Cash funds this year end</b>				<b>20,393</b>		

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

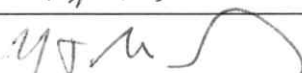
	31st March 2024	31st March 2024	31st March 2024	Last Year
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account	18,081	2,312	20,393	24,345
Bank deposit account	0		0	17
Cash/Floats	0		0	0
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,081</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>20,393</b>	<b>24,362</b>
<b>Agree balances with receipts and payments accounts</b>				
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Land and buildings	439,800		439,800	439,800
Motor vehicles	0		0	0
Fixtures and Equipment	11,100		11,100	11,100
<b>Non-monetary Assets Sub total</b>	<b>450,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,900</b>	<b>450,900</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Mortgage	0		0	23,427
Loan by a Member of Trinity Grace Church	0		0	2,000
<b>Liabilities Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,427</b>

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	ANTHONY FERNANDEZ
	MAURICE J. BLEZARD

24/11/24  
24/11/24

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**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: 4 Sims Close  
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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024