



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	04	2021	To	31	03 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Pemberton Free Grace Church, Wigan		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1179175		
Charity's principal address	Jireh Chapel, Chapel Street, Orrell Road, Orrell, Wigan		
Postcode	WN5 0AG		

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	Matthew Gray	Pastor & Elder		General Members' Meeting
2	Richard Waller	Deacon & Church Secretary		General Members' Meeting
3	Raymond Trainer	Overseeing Elder		General Members' Meeting
4	Trevor Condry	Overseeing Elder		General Members' Meeting
5	Robert Hunter	Overseeing Elder	01-04-21 to 06-10-21	General Members' Meeting
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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

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. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by General Members' Meeting

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.

There have been no major incidents or accidents during the period covered by this report.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our Basis of Faith primarily within Pemberton, Wigan and the surrounding area.
This also can include other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church, put into practice the Christian faith including the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

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)

This year was a year where the corona virus pandemic and its various restrictions continued to affect much of the UK, particularly during the 2021 calendar year. Restrictions began to ease significantly in the early months of 2022, but it was only at the very end of this reporting year, in March 2022 when they had eased to the point where 'normality' was returning.

Despite this, and in response to this the church continued its operations, to the best of our ability and resources, and began to increase our activities gradually as the year progressed, still seeking to operate wisely within the law and guidance issued by the authorities.

It was permitted for us to hold physical meetings throughout the period April 2021 to March 2022, and because of this we did so every week on both Sundays and Wednesdays throughout this period.

However, the year began with significant restrictions still in place, and requirements for social distancing etc. And we continued to use Rehoboth chapel for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening meetings, because its greater size meant more could be accommodated in the building, whilst maintaining social distancing in line with government guidance.

Although restrictions on congregational singing indoors remained at the start of the period, we were permitted to sing outdoors, and so we took advantage of this, as the weather allowed, by singing our final hymn outdoors within the chapel grounds from Easter Sunday 4th April, onwards.

When the restrictions eased further towards the end of July 2021, we began to have congregational singing indoors, although we continued to encourage people to wear face masks whilst singing, when the government guidance continued to encourage it and required them generally in indoor settings.

With the gradual easing in restrictions, we began also to increase our services, meeting also every 2 weeks on Sunday evenings, at Jireh Chapel. Fewer number in evening services meant Jireh chapel was suitable for this, and we continued this pattern until the end of December 2021.

From January 2022, we moved back to having morning and evening services every Sunday, as well as Wednesday evening meetings, all of them being held at Rehoboth chapel.

We also gradually increased our programme, by re-starting both the Oasis craft and coffee morning group on Tuesdays, and the English Club to help asylum seekers to learn English, on Fridays. This meant that we were able to cater more specifically for a wider number of people in our community.

For those who were more cautious, or unable to attend our meetings physically, we have continued to provide recordings of our Sunday morning service each week, either uploaded to our church website, or distributed locally door to door on CDs.

We have also advertised our worship to the general public via our website, as well as using social media, notice boards on the outside of the buildings, leaflets, fliers, and word of mouth.

The Church advances Christian religion by the preaching of the Gospel, and dissemination of literature and word of mouth conversations, as well as information on our website and social media.

The church has continued to provide pastoral support to persons and practical help to those with whom it has come into contact who are in need. Much of this continued to be done on the telephone rather than by face to face contact, although as restrictions eased and people were more comfortable with face to face contact – personal face to face visits then were increasingly made.

Funerals were also conducted by the pastor physically.

The church has financially supported the work of Christian organisations that work in the UK and overseas.

When planning and carrying out our activities, the trustees confirm that they have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the guidance for charities which are primarily concerned with the advancement of religion.

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.

Our activities are carried out by both those who are paid employees, and those within the church who (when they are able) act as volunteers. Our church in its covenant of membership encourages the involvement of members in the active support of the church in its aims and objectives, not just by giving financially but by their active personal involvement as volunteers. Those who are volunteers, where it is appropriate, will have had the necessary DBS checks and suitability for their roles is assessed, according to role descriptions in our Safeguarding policy.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church has provided:

- A Covid-Safe place of worship, operating within government guidelines, for persons in our locality to physically attend, in every week of the year.
- Weekly Christian worship services and teaching meetings which are also open to the public.
- Services of worship on both Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings, for all who wished to attend, held at Rehoboth chapel.
- An extra services were held at Jireh chapel fortnightly on Sunday evenings in 2021, and Rehoboth chapel weekly in 2022.
- A baptismal service was held at Jireh chapel in June 2021.
- Information in the form of a letter, along with a Christian tract, distributed to over 2,000 homes in the local area around Easter 2021 and in the week leading up to Christmas, 2021.
- For those not able to attend our regular services, we made audio recordings of our services and distributed them either via CD in the local area to those who wanted them.
- We also made audio recordings of our weekly Sunday services, and uploaded audio recordings of our services each week to our church website, which is available to the general public.
- Additional posts and videos were made available to the general public, such as on our Facebook page.

Performance:

- Attendance at our worship services has been maintained at good levels despite the ongoing pandemic. For much of the time we saw congregations at levels similar to or even exceeding the levels before the pandemic in 2019.
- At our services of worship, members of the public who are not currently members of the church have been regularly present. This we believe is important in the continuance of our work.
- We changed the chairs for the seating in Rehoboth chapel to ones that are lighter and are stackable, so as to give more space and make it more amenable for different uses during the week.
- We have also continued to make plans for the refurbishment of one of our buildings, as well as creating space for storage by removing a redundant pipe organ and erecting screens in the space created.
- We replaced the heating boiler in Rehoboth chapel with a new one because the old one had failed, as well as supplementing it with powerful electric fan heater.
- The financial position of the charity is one where our expenditure exceeded our income, this deficit was met from our reserves. We note that the reserves, though sufficient to meet this deficit, could run dangerously low within the next 12 months. Solutions to address this were being considered towards the end of the reporting year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our aim as a charity is to look to keep at least six months' income in our reserves. At present, the level of our reserves is higher than this, but this is reasonable because the church is currently operating at a deficit, and they are required to meet our financial obligations in the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N / A

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.

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)	M. T. Gray	R. M. Waller
Full name(s)	Matthew Tarus Gray	Richard Melvyn Waller
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	6 th July 2022	

Pemberton Free Grace Church
Receipts and Payments Accounts
April 1st 2021 - March 31st 2022

A1 RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Total to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<i>General Offering</i>	17,236		17,236	19,606
<i>Donations</i>	5,331		5,331	2,505
<i>Bank Interest</i>	18		18	66
<i>Refunds for Costs Incurred</i>	108		108	
<i>Gift Aid Claim (for 2020-21)</i>	3,928		3,928	4,887
Donations to Fellowship Fund		37		
GBM mission box contents				13
Building Fund		196		100
Harvest Offering		139		300
Gifts for Afghanistan		155		235
<i>Total Earmarked Income</i>		528	528	648
<i>Total receipts</i>	26,621	528	27,148	27,712

A3 PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Total to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Salaries& pension	25,706			26,165
Office Expenses	572			480
Travelling Expenses	438			487
Conference Fees	155			40
Other preachers	605			
Miscellaneous expenses	43			51
<i>Total Ministry</i>	27,519		27,519	27,224
Utilities(note1)	1,656			2,039
Repairs and Maintenance	261			502
<i>Total Jireh Building</i>	1,916		1,916	2,541
Utilities(note2)	1,153			1,254
Repairs and Maintenance	6,288			570
<i>Total Rehoboth Building</i>	7,441		7,441	1,825
<i>Building Supplies</i>	246		246	82
<i>Buildings Project</i>			0	2,662
<i>Evangelism</i>	604		604	304
Insurance	2,648			2,575
Other	1,548			1,689
<i>Total Other Expenses</i>	4,196		4,196	4,264
<i>Gifts to Missions</i>	2,250		2,250	3,000
Harvest gift(to Open Doors for Yemen)		139		300
Gift to Asia Link for Afghanistan		155		235
Fellowship Fund		30		200
GBM				114
Payments to Young Life for support of Joe Kirby				2,502
<i>Total Earmarked Expenditure</i>		324	324	3,351
<i>Total Payments</i>	44,172	324	44,497	45,253
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-17,552	203	-17,348	-17,541
A6 Fund balances last year end	42,146	902	43,047	60,589
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	24,594	1,105	25,699	43,048

Pemberton Free Grace Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £
General Fund	24,594	0
Fellowship Fund	0	302
Building Fund	0	436
LRBF holding Fund(Formerly WLRBF)	0	366
Total Cash Funds	24,594	1,105

B4 Assets retained for the charities own use

	Fund to which asset belongs
Fixtures and fittings	General
Office equipment	General
Kitchen equipment	General
Hymn books and bibles	General

The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to relevant trusts) of the following properties,
the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee -

Grace Baptist Trust Corporation and The Trustees of Rehoboth Chapel, Pemberton.

Jireh Chapel	£	65,000	on 18/06/18
Rehoboth Chapel	£	120,000	on 29/10/18

The above valuations represent market value as assessed by Parkinson Real Estate on the dates shown

Note 1

Gas for Jireh Chapel 4 months Dec 2021-March 2022 inclusive of £761 not yet billed.

Note 2

Gas for Rehoboth Chapel 4 months Dec 2021-March 2022 inclusive of £1614 not yet billed.

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
R.M Waller	Richard Waller	31/07/22
Matthew Gray	Matthew Gray	31/7/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

PEMBERTON FREE GRACE CHURCH WIGAN

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1179175

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2022

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

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:

W.A. HARRISON

Date:

15 AUGUST 2022

Name:

WILLIAM ARCHIE HARRISON

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

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.