

Trustees Annual Report: April 2023 to March 2024

Charity Name: Grace Community Church, Edenbridge (GCC)

Charity Registration Number: 1181051 **Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Registered Address: 76 Hever Road, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5DJ

Trustees: David White, Ruth Gooding, Gary Byfield and Dirk Illing.

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the annual report and accounts for the period from **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.**

Objectives and Activities

The primary role of the charity is to fulfil the role of a Christian Church based in Edenbridge, Kent by working to meet the objects of the charity specified in the governing document and summarised below:

- To advance the Christian faith principally in Edenbridge, Kent, but also in other parts of the UK and the world as the charity trustees and leadership of the church think fit.
- To relieve people who are in hardship or difficulty through sickness or distress in Edenbridge, Kent, other parts of the UK and the world as the charity trustees and leadership of the church think fit.

In planning and undertaking activities the trustees have had due regard to the Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that the overall activity of the charity has been of public benefit.

GCC is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

The vision and long-term aim of GCC is to make known to the local community, and as part of the wider Church, the nation and indeed nations of the world, the love and grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This has more than a spiritual significance and is worked out in day-to-day care, evangelism and meeting the needs of those who are both within the Church and those who as yet do not know Christ as Lord.

Whilst the church employs one full time church leader, it is the work of every member of the church, whether employed or not, that makes a difference in the church achieving success in its great commission.

This is done in 'being salt and light' amongst the people they interact with every day; by praying, by visiting the sick and others in need, in being involved in training others, in public teaching and worship, and also in good administration. By showing people the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds we are able to have a positive effect on the lives of those within the church and in the community. How this is done by the people of the church, in all sorts of different ways, is explained in the report below and demonstrates the effectiveness of

a community motivated by love of God and love for people and who are willing to sacrifice finance and time to serve others.

The financial resources of the church are given by the members and their private assets and equipment are regularly used in the work of the church. Much of this work is done privately, without recognition, and the hours and value of that time cannot be quantified.

In order to further fulfil the objectives of the charity there are times when grants are applied for and received to enable the setting up of specific projects which serve the wider local community (eg Edenbridge Foodbank and Kids Clubs).

Grant making policy:-Gifts to external organisations and individuals are considered by the Church Leaders and Trustees on the basis of need and fulfilment of the charitable objectives.

Summary of the main activities of the church:

The trustees are pleased to report that during this year the charity has continued to see growth in the development of all aspects of its work. In particular:

- Growth in numbers regularly participating in church activities both on Sundays and in the various projects and ministries that take place in the community.
- Good engagement with our wider Regions Beyond family of churches both nationally and internationally especially during the Regions Beyond Gospel Advance month (See details below).
- The ongoing successful work of the Financial Inclusion project as part of Edenbridge Foodbank. This aims to further assist clients of the foodbank who face financial hardship leading them to seek help from the foodbank. (See details below).

In summary, the main activities of the church have been:

- Regular Sunday meetings held at Edenbridge Primary school. These include contemporary worship, prayer, bible teaching, fellowship and friendship and are open to all. Special children's activities (Sunday Club) also take place during the meeting catering for toddlers to teens.
- At Christmas and Easter, special celebration services and activities were arranged. At these times those involved in mid-week Laser Light kids clubs and the Bizzy Bees toddler group were also invited to attend.
- Weekly small group meetings have taken place for church members. These included worship, bible study and prayer and helped to equip and encourage people in their Christian lives.
- Several Vision and Values courses were run for people new to the church
- Pastoral care and support to those in need or distress
- Training courses open to both leaders and church members were run or attended covering safeguarding, worship leading, developing the place and role of women in the local church and leadership training.
- Children's clubs and groups were run regularly on Sundays and during the week in the community (Laser Light Klub) to engage children with the Christian faith and teach healthy social values through games, craft, songs and bible stories.
- We engaged with local schools by being invited to take Christian assemblies and running an after-school club in the main primary school.
- The weekly Mum's/Dad's carers and toddler group (Bizzy Bees) has been running as a service to local families throughout the year.

- Being involved in the local community through local events and activities.
- Working together with other local churches in Christian ministry, and in projects meeting a variety of needs in the community e.g. the local youth work and the foodbank.
- Some financial support was given to support Christian work in other areas.
- Playing an active role as part of the Regions Beyond family of churches in the UK and internationally.

The church is currently led by Dave White (the lead elder) assisted by his wife Sue and a wider leadership team of volunteers.

Details of many of the activities are provided in the following sections of this report.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday Worship Services and Mid-Week groups

We have continued to use the hired premises at Edenbridge Primary School for our Sunday meetings. This gives us ample space including a dedicated second hall for the children's groups. Being in the centre of town, in a well-known venue, means that it is much easier for visitors to find us, and we have consistently seen people visit and show interest in us as a church and a number have joined us during the year. This has led to an increase in numbers, not only of those attending meetings, but also of those actively engaged in serving in the various ministries and activities run by the church in the community. The numbers attending on Sunday varies but is usually between 25 and 35 adults with between 2 and about 10 children (including some teenagers).

On Sundays, worship was led by a variety of worship leaders and musicians, from the congregation, who are practicing and developing their skills in this area. We have seen much progress in the development of the worship music groups this year. A number attended the Regions Beyond worship leading course during the year. Participation from everyone is encouraged in prayers, readings and the use of spiritual gifts.

Teaching from the bible plays a significant part of the meeting. This year's preaching included a series on the book of Romans based on the *Romans Course produced by the Bible Society*. Guest speakers were invited from time to time to preach as well. This year two of our women leaders also preached for the first time which was much appreciated by the congregation.

Several informal *Café Church* events were held on Sunday afternoons. These events included plenty of free refreshments, music, games and quizzes as well as a short talk or testimony from someone. We are so pleased that we always have people who don't usually attend church visiting us on these occasions.

Our Christmas all-age service included an invite to the families of children attending the Laser Light Clubs and a number of children and parents came and joined in the celebration.

Six people attended *Vision and Values sessions* for people new to the church and were welcomed into membership on Sundays.

Pete Mizen is currently attending the Regions Beyond Equip Leadership part-time training course spread over three years. Besides general equipping and training this is with a view to him joining Dave as an elder at GCC.

We were very excited to have three full-immersion *water baptisms* this year; one adult and two children, who were newly ready to declare their faith openly by baptism in front of the church, their family and friends.

Youth and Children are encouraged to be part of the worship in the meeting. After a while, a hard-working and dedicated team serve the children by running activities and lessons on Sundays in another hall. There are separate activities for young teens, primary age children and toddlers. This year the church purchased and began to use a specialized Christian teaching and activity program for children called *Energize* which has proved most successful with both the leaders and children. The number attending is quite small but valuable bible story lessons and related activities as well as a lot of fun are always had. We were very pleased to baptise two of the children during the year who were ready to declare their faith before the church and their family and friends.

Two of our young people attended the New Frontiers Youth Bible camp, Newday, in Norfolk along with about 7,000 others in the summer. They came back very encouraged and strengthened in their faith. The church was able to partly financially support their attendance at this event.

Through most of the year *two mid-week groups* were running for fellowship, worship, prayer and bible teaching. These also act as important training grounds for people to develop as Christians. During the year, one of these groups commenced the teaching and ministry course 'Freedom in Christ' which seeks to deal with long-standing personal life challenges that people might be facing.

Outreach and Community Events

As indicated above, reaching out to those not currently part of the church is part of the life and mission of the church, hence the Café Church events.

At Christmas members of the church visited the local residential care home to spend time with residents and sing carols. On other occasions a small group of members did craft activities with the residents there.

Also at Christmas, a carol service was held at a local sheltered housing venue.

Before Christmas a wreath making event was held which proved very popular and enabled us to make further links and friendships with people in the community.

Laser Light Kidz Klub

This club has continued to run through the year during term-time at The BRIDGES Centre with the starting time coinciding with the parents and children finishing at Edenbridge Primary School. A dedicated team of volunteers continues to run this successfully, and we continue to build up the number of children attending. The activities were based around a child-friendly Bible story and then craft and play activities for the last hour. Links with the church are encouraged and a number of families attended the special Christmas service this year.

Connections with local schools

We took Christian Assemblies at Hever, Crockham Hill and Four Elms Primary Schools. Edenbridge Primary School don't have an ecumenical rota going yet for assemblies, but Laser Light Kidz Klub also meets every Friday evening in term time at that school, where it is an after-school club. This is very well attended.

Bizzy Bees Mums n Tots Group

The group continues to meet every Friday during term-time in Rickards Hall. It offers a safe place for babies and toddlers to play while their parents and carers chat and make friends. The numbers are consistent each week with a good number of new mums joining us regularly.

We are so grateful to Sue White and the team of volunteer helpers, both regular and occasional, who run and assist at these clubs, groups and activities. Such activities help to raise the profile of the church and its mission in the town, enabling us to meet new people, talk about faith and invite to other meetings and services. In this way we are also able to serve the community, be a blessing and offer friendship and assistance to those in need. These activities are all offered free of charge.

We are also very grateful for the grants received this year from the Great Stonebridge Trust for both the Laser Light Kidz Klub and the Bizzy Bees group. These grants have enabled us to continue to provide these services for many households in the local area, including those who are less able to afford to pay for privately run children's groups and activities.

Edenbridge Foodbank

We began operating the foodbank on 13th April 2021. It is run under the umbrella of the UK Trussell Trust network and operates as part of the GCC charity. It is managed by a team of three people (including Dave White, the GCC leader). A team of about 15 volunteers has been recruited from across the local churches and wider community. The project takes place in cooperation and with the full support of the local churches.

Edenbridge Town Council allow us the free use of the council hall (Rickards Hall) once a week for the foodbank centre to open to clients. The town council has also allowed us use of the land behind their offices, and on the same site as the foodbank centre, where we have erected a permanent storage facility. This has greatly assisted the work of the foodbank. Non-perishable food is donated, collected, sorted, dated and weighed into this facility by the operations team.

On Tuesday mornings the team then deliver prepared food boxes and assorted trays of other items to the centre. The centre is open for two hours and clients arrive and are welcomed by the centre team. They are offered refreshments and assisted in collecting their food. Clients are always offered the chance to talk and are often sign-posted to other agencies (eg debt advice, citizens advice, housing support, mental health support) who can assist further. The aim is that clients are helped in such a way that they are less likely to continue to need the support of the foodbank in future.

Clients are referred to us by a wide variety of local agencies who now have links with us. These agencies issue e-vouchers to the clients who can then attend the foodbank.

During this third year of operation the foodbank fulfilled a total of **768** food vouchers to households in the local area. This represented **146** unique households helped with food during the year. Overall, the figures represent a slight increase from the previous year.

A total of **12,481 kg** of new food stock was donated during the year and **10,909 kg** of food was distributed.

Running this project has increased our contact with the community and also enabled us to develop our ministry to those in need or in vulnerable situations. The number of people receiving help from the foodbank clearly shows both the need in the community and the overall effect that the cost-of-living crisis continues to have.

During this year Edenbridge Foodbank continues to receive a significant grant from the Trussell Trust to run the Financial Inclusion project in partnership with the local Citizens Advice and the Crosslight debt and money management advice service. This has enabled those two organisations to give dedicated time to foodbank clients to assist them in dealing with financial issues of all sorts. This is proving very valuable to many clients who are receiving help with debt management, budgeting, ensuring benefit allowances are received and maximised as well as assisting clients in liaising with utility companies over outstanding bills.

The Trussell Trust grant for the Financial Inclusion project is expected to last until July 2025 but the trustees of GCC have decided to use current foodbank funds to continue this project after that date (see later).

Over the year, we have seen a number of foodbank clients move on in their lives, getting employment, seeing improved mental health, having benefits sorted out and also linking with other organisations in the community, including in one or two cases, taking on volunteer situations in other charities. A few clients have also attended some of the activities and services of Grace Community Church over the year.

As an example: one pension-age client presented to the foodbank with multiple debts and was struggling to meet regular re-payments. Through our partnership with Citizens Advice the client was helped to receive correct benefit levels, extra support from the Household Support fund and helped to set up small but regular re-payments towards paying off their debt. The client is now managing without the help of the foodbank and has reported that their health and well-being has improved considerably.

We are of course extremely grateful to all the hard work of the managers, volunteer teams, the town council (for its provision) and the many other organisations who have supported us. We are so grateful for the ongoing generosity of the people of Edenbridge in regularly donating food. We especially value the support, prayers and encouragement of the churches of Edenbridge.

Working with other local churches in Edenbridge

The church is part of Edenbridge Churches in Covenant (ECC) comprising the 7 local churches. The local ministers meet together for support and fellowship and to discuss possible joint services and activities. The ECC council meets four times a year and Dave White acted as chairperson to the ECC during this year.

GCC joined the joint churches prayer week activities in January. Each church hosted a prayer/worship event during the week to which all were encouraged to attend. On Good Friday in April, a joint-churches walk of witness through the town took place which was very well attended.

In June, the leadership of GCC helped to organise a joint-churches outdoor service in the courtyard of the town council hall. Representatives from all the churches of the ECC took part in a service of worship, prayers, preaching and fellowship. During the service, the United Benefice of Hever, Four Elms and Mark Beech were welcomed into the ECC and an updated covenant document was signed by all the church leaders and their representatives. The service was very well attended.

In addition, GCC supports, with volunteers and from time to time financially, the joint projects run by the churches for the town: the Foodbank and the Bridges Community Café.

GCC financially supports the Eden Christian Trust (ECT) town youth service with a regular donation and also by supplying a volunteer for the Friday night youth club and a trustee (Sue White) to sit on the board. Dave White also acts a clergy liaison person for the ECT trustees.

Involvement with Regions Beyond. The church is part of the Regions Beyond international family of churches which is itself part of the wider New Frontiers network. GCC leaders regularly attended Regions Beyond leaders' meetings for training, fellowship and encouragement.

Dave and Sue and a number of others attended national Regions Beyond three-day Hub meetings held in Swindon and for the first time on the continent in the Netherlands (Utrecht). These were excellent times of encouragement, vision and networking with other church leaders.

This year Dave and Sue White continued to take some responsibility for helping to lead the London and Southeast Regions Beyond Hub meetings which normally meet once a fortnight in one of the churches.

In August, the Regions Beyond churches in our area gathered together for a weekend camp and celebration. A good number of people went from GCC and it was good for the church to have the opportunity of meeting with those from other churches with a similar vision and mission. It was a very encouraging time.

October was the Global Advance month where news of Regions Beyond activities and churches, both in the UK and abroad, were shared with the church and members encouraged to pray for and support financially the wider work of Regions Beyond across the world. An offering was taken up at this time and we were privileged to be able to send over £3800 to Regions Beyond to be distributed and used by the UK and Global teams. This represents a wonderful corporate act of faith and generosity towards the overall mission of this relatively small church.

Dave and Sue have made links with two leaders in Regions Beyond churches in Zambia and the churches have exchanged news, prayer requests and video clips of children's activities with one another. A Zambian family at GCC was able to visit one of the churches during the year so strengthening the link. It is hoped to develop this link in the future.

Plans for the Future

As always, developments are dependent on further growth in the number of active volunteers within the church. The faith and commitment of people has stayed strong and financial giving increased during the year. We have seen a number of new people join us and as Edenbridge grows, with many new houses being built, it is expected that others will look around for church involvement and consider joining us.

The trustees and leaders of GCC are also aware of the ongoing cost of living crisis in the UK and will be monitoring the effect on the operation and finances of the charity.

In the coming year, in addition to the regular activities and outreach of the church and the foodbank, we expect:

- To increase the links to the church with the children and families of the Laser Light Clubs and with those attending the Bizzy Bees group.
- To develop links with the two Regions Beyond churches and their leaders in Zambia.
- To intentionally develop the wider leadership of GCC and its ministry by:
 - by appointing an additional elder (Pete Mizen) to work with Dave White in leading the church.
 - Employing an experienced church leader (Mark Thornett) on a 25% working week basis to assist the elders, Dave and Pete, with the development of future leaders, mentoring and other administration and management duties.
 - Inviting a number of people to take part in a preaching and teaching course run by Regions Beyond.
- To encourage the church to take part in regional celebration and prayer events run by Regions Beyond.
- To make plans to continue the Financial Inclusion project of the foodbank once the Trussell Trust grant stops in July 2025.

Risk Statement: All major insurable risks are subject to normal churches and employers' insurance. New projects and ventures are risk assessed before being started, to assess whether they will significantly impact upon the church's ability to fulfil its objectives.

Financial Review

The charity has two bank accounts, both held at Lloyds Bank PLC. The main current account is for the church activities and the second account is for the sole use of Edenbridge Foodbank. The accounting year is 1st April to 31st March. The accounts attached to this report therefore cover from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Total income received across the charity was £108,042. Of this £31,191 was received for the foodbank use and £7,646 was money given to other Restricted funds as shown in the Restricted funds column. £58,152 was given by members and friends of the church during the year which shows the commitment and faithfulness to the mission of the church.

Total expenditure was £87,626 of which £25,856 was spent on foodbank costs and £6,343 was spent from the restricted funds as shown.

The accounts were externally examined, and no material issues of concern were found.

There are no outstanding debts or material liabilities.

Concerning the income and expenditure of the church (rather than the foodbank), for the second year running income was higher than expenditure which meant we did not need to use any reserve funds. It is expected that this will continue to be the case in the coming year.

Reserves policy: It is the policy of GCC to maintain reserves at a level consistent with safeguarding the charity against unexpected significant expenditure and to provide enough funds to smooth over peaks and troughs in short term cash flow. Approximately 3 months of average expenditure across the charity are therefore kept as reserves (currently about £22,000).

Cash funds in the bank accounts at year end were £55,073 and £44,750 for the main church account and the Edenbridge Foodbank account respectively.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is established within Regions Beyond – part of the New Frontiers family of churches. The church is also part of Edenbridge Churches in Covenant, in total consisting of seven local churches.

Directions relating to the charitable trust are made by the trustees in consultation with the church Lead Elder (Dave White, who is also a trustee) and other leaders of the church. The church Elder and other leaders are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church and day to day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the leaders in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees.

In general, the responsibility for appointment of new trustees rests with the current trustees guided by the Lead Elder. New trustees are primarily selected from the members of GCC and/or other churches sharing the same vision.

On being appointed, new trustees are offered training and spend time with the existing trustees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

The trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service to all those involved with Grace Community Church, both the leaders and other volunteers. The trustees are also grateful for the generosity of all those who have financially supported the work and mission of the church during the year.

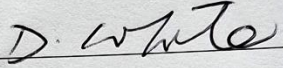
Trustee's responsibilities: Charity law requires us as trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year. We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.


We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of Grace Community Church Edenbridge on

And signed on its behalf by: David White 

Position: Lead Elder and Trustee, Grace Community Church, Edenbridge

And: Name: DAVID ILLING 

Position: Trustee, Grace Community Church, Edenbridge



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Grace Community Church, Edenbridge

No (if any)
1181051

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date
from	1st April 2023		31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Edenbridge Foodbank	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Ordinary Income from church people	58,152			58,152	45,912
Gift aid claim	10,722			10,722	8,160
Other organisations	331			331	275
Regions Beyond Special offering		3,865		3,865	2,610
Laser Light kids fund		1,658		1,658	1,793
GCC Special Offering		200		200	1,724
Bizzy Bees Mums and Tots		1,923		1,923	198
Ed Foodbank acc donations			7,225	7,225	10,221
Ed Foodbank Financial Inclusion grant			23,462	23,462	32,881
Ed Foodbank gift aid			504	504	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,205	7,646	31,191	108,042	103,774

A2 Asset and investment sales,
(see table).

Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,205	7,646	31,191	108,042	103,774

A3 Payments

Payroll staff costs	41,176
Office admin fees	399
Professional fees/licences/subs	830
Publicity Printing	251
Insurance	413
Hall hire	4,422
Equipment	110
Elders expenses	163
Childrens work	204
Events evangelism/ministry materials	334
Ministry materials	327
Visiting Ministry Expenses	120
UK Conference Expenses	1,378
Misc	10
Gifts donations	2,435
Regions Beyond UK	2,400
Training	95
Regions Beyond Special Offering	
GCC Special Offering	
Bizzy Bees expenses	
Laser Light Kids fund	
ECT Monthly donation	
Ed Foodbank Acc donations exp	360
Ed Foodbank Food Purchases	
Ed Foodbank Financial Inclusion exp	
Sub total	55,427

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1,236
35
24,585
87,626

37,090
753
550
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388
6,645
255
159
38
398
27
140
1,011
20
1,761
1,920
68
2,610
1,750
1,206
1,392
-
898
213
14,736
74,087

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)									
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		55,427	6,343	25,856	-	87,626	74,087		
Net of receipts/(payments)		13,778	1,303	5,335	-	20,416	29,687	#	
A5 Transfers between funds		3,596		3,596	-		-		
A6 Cash funds last year end		35,217	1,177	43,012	-	79,406	#		
Cash funds this year end		52,591	2,480	44,751	-	99,822			

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank PLC (Main church account)	52,593	2,480	-
	Lloyds bank PLC (Edenbridge Foodbnk acc)		44,750	-
	Total cash funds	52,593	47,230	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

B5 Liabilities

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

Details

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Signature

D. White


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-

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-

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

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Print Name

Date of approval

DAVID WHITE
DIRK ILLING

18.10.24
25/10/24



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, Edenbridge

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1181051

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 31/03/2024

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

15/10/24

Name:

John Southworth

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

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

15/10/24

Name:

JOHN SOUTHWORTH

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