



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2020	To	31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Grace Church St Austell

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1182420

Charity's principal address

23 Sycamore Ave

St Austell

Cornwall

PL25 4DR

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	Mark Stafford O'Byrne	Elder		Members
2	Peter Geraint Richards	Elder Chair		Members
3	Geoffrey Lloyd	Elder		Members

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

Constitution

(eg. trust deed, constitution)	
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by member vote every 5 years

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.

Additional Governance FIEC

FIEC Church Plant

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Church are: 1 the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within St Austell and the surrounding neighbourhood; and 2 such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: 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 recreation or other leisure time occupation of 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, provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

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)

There are three main identifiable benefits to the public or sections of the public that flow from the church fulfilling its purposes.

1. Those who come to know and continue in the love of God report that accepting the love of God in Jesus Christ was the best decision they ever made and that knowing this love gives them strength in their everyday life.
2. Advancing the Christian Faith promotes a moral framework. This framework is outlined in the Bible, the Old Testament being interpreted by the New Testament. A summary of the framework is the command for people to love God with their heart, soul, mind and strength and love one's neighbour as oneself. An exposition of the framework can be found in chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew. Church members are encouraged to live out their faith within the community and to put this moral framework into practice in their everyday lives with everyone they interact with and so this benefits the members of the public who interact with members of the congregation each day.
3. It is for the public good that the main beliefs of the Christian Faith are made known in society, even if people disagree with the Christian message, because this enables people to make informed choices concerning religious belief and contributes towards a free society where different ideas and beliefs are widely known by the public.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

For most of this last year we have been unable to meet physically due to legal restrictions or age related vulnerability of members.

Our usual venue, Pondhu School, was available until March, where Grace Church was physically attended until Sunday March 5th. After this date the Elders set up a weekly newsletter with ministry and member contributions for members and attendees and telephoned individuals, until a system of Zoom meetings was established. A telephone rota was also established for those who wished for a weekly welfare call.

Weekly Sunday Zoom services were established from April 12th and have been ongoing since. A series of evangelistic sermons were also uploaded to Grace website. Shortly after this, weekly prayer meetings recommenced on Zoom and are also still ongoing. Sunday Zoom services continued to be uploaded to Grace Church website.

Additional regular pastoral letters continued to be sent by the Elders to members and attendees.

Monthly Zoom meetings convened for Elders/Trustees discussion

Members meetings have taken place by Zoom, including the 2020 AGM

Monthly coffee mornings have continue via Zoom.

In the early part of the year before the Pandemic some door to door work was undertaken with Faith Mission.

At the early stages of the pandemic 200 leaflets entitled 'Hope beyond the Coronavirus' were dropped through doors.

A graveside funeral of a deceased member was conducted by the Elders on May 6th with 10 in attendance as per Covid-19 regulations. When allowed, an Elder (& wife) established a support bubble with the widower enabling him to join Zoom and stay for meals. Weekly DVD sermons were purchased and delivered direct to him from the Metropolitan Tabernacle and a weekly home cooked meal delivery was established with 4 members on a rota basis, to support him in his bereavement.

Regular (monthly) Zoom meetings held with Pastors from other churches in St Austell (Churches Together St Austell – though Grace is not a formal member of CTSA) and churches in the West of Cornwall with Pastors/Elders from the West Cornwall Fraternal for mutual support and encouragement and prayer.

Grace Church joined Peninsular Gospel Partnership (PGP) and gives and receives regular updates for prayer and fellowship.

During the Summer 'rule of 6' period, various Grace folk met in gardens for coffee, lunch and fellowship – particularly careful to ensure single/bereaved folk were catered for.

Zoom discipleship and Pastoral care given, when face to face meeting restricted.

On December 13th Grace Church met at Treverbyn Community Hall (Pondhu still unavailable). The meeting was also streamed on Zoom for

those unable to attend or cautious of mixing.

A member of the public who regularly attended Grace had a stroke in December and was ministered to by several members (ambulance called, hospital visits and subsequent funeral arrangements made).

Pondhu School remained unavailable for the remainder of the year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Quarterly prayer meetings and additional joint services with sister churches continued via Zoom.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Grace Church costs are generally minimal, the greatest being hire of the school and due to meeting online for most of the year and therefore not incurring rent, we have accumulated funds. The plan is to suggest to members at the AGM in March that some of these funds be earmarked for a building of our own

The goal has always been to use any reserves for a fund for a building in the future and a potential employee Pastor

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Funds are raised by a freewill offering and Direct Debit giving by members and friends of Grace

Expenses for visiting speakers and outreach workers
Literature for distribution, insurance, CCLI licences, hire of premises as necessary (limited this year due to meeting online for much of the year)

Section F

Other optional information

Aspirations of Trustees: to eventually call a full-time pastor and purchase a building. This has been a long term aspiration, but the closure of public buildings for hire has highlighted the need to have sole access to our own building whether by hire or purchase.

At AGM 2021 to recommend ring fencing excess funds for a building to hire permanently or purchase

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

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PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR
GRACE CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR END
31 DECEMBER 2020

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

<u>2019</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		<u>2020</u>
5370		Donations		1565
5053		Offerings		8630
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10423		<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>		10195
		<u>LESS: EXPENSES</u>		
	2625	Rent	798	
	948	Speakers	841	
	276	Website/Advertising	355	
	150	Outreach	176	
	350	Gifts	1004	
	204	Insurance	185	
	130	Accountancy/Professional	150	
	210	Training	100	
	100	Memberships	190	
<u>(5010)</u>	17	Other	186	<u>(3985)</u>
<u>5413</u>		<u>NET PROFIT FOR PERIOD</u>		<u>6210</u>

<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Opening Balance As At 1st January 2020	10612.41	
Income Received	10195.00	
Expenses		3985.32
Closing Balance As At 31 st December 2020		16822.09
	20807.41	20807.41

CLIENT'S REPORT

I confirm that the above is a true and accurate record of Grace Church Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2020

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2021

MRS K O'BYRNE / Mr G RICHARDS
(Either to sign)