

# GRACE CHURCH EXETER

England & Wales · Charity number 1182435

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-03-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE TO THIS CONSTITUTION, IN DEVON AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT, INCLUDING (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND EDUCATION, AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES IN THEIR DISCRETION DECIDE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER PURPOSES SET OUT IN THIS CLAUSE;(B) TO RELIEVE OR ASSIST IN THE RELIEF OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS.

**Activities:** Christian Church

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Devon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£285,022	£265,623	-	-
2023-08-31	£270,477	£295,955	-	-
2022-08-31	£354,392	£285,457	-	-
2021-08-31	£395,250	£207,296	-	-
2020-08-31	£231,193	£163,887	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Jeremy Collison		2022-03-16
Claire Nicola Annetts		2019-03-13
Daniel Roach		2023-12-16
David Mark Rogers		2023-12-16
Elizabeth Anne Gingell		2024-02-18
Emma Louise Davis		2026-02-10

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# Accounts

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**CHARITY NAME:** Grace Church Exeter

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1182435

**ADDRESS:** Lydia House  
140 Cowick Street  
EXETER  
EX4 1HS

**CURRENT TRUSTEES:** Claire Annetts (Chair)  
Chris Collison  
Elizabeth Gingell  
Jessica Hadden  
Daniel Roach (Treasurer)  
David Rogers

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
Exeter  
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## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Claire Annetts (Chair) (Interim Treasurer to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

Chris Collison

Elizabeth Gingell (from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

Jessica Hadden

Daniel Roach (Treasurer from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

David Rogers (from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees team, in consultation with the Church Eldership team. The trustees and Elders meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

## GRACE CHURCH EXETER

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024

#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

#### How our activities deliver public benefit

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

#### Main Activities and Achievements During the Year

##### Year in Review

2023/24 has been a really positive year for Grace Church Exeter, with an increased sense of togetherness and momentum as a church. A summary of highlights from the year is set out below:

- *Elders* - the elders are Huw Hadden, Mick Taylor, Dan Roach and Dave Rogers.

Huw Hadden was appointed as an elder in March 2024 as we continue to expand the eldership team to effectively lead and care for the church.

- *Trustees* - the trustees are Claire Annetts (Chair), Chris Collison, Liz Gingell, Jess Hadden, Dan Roach (Treasurer) and Dave Rogers.

Dan Roach and Dave Rogers were appointed as staff trustees in December 2023 and Liz Gingell was appointed as a trustee in February 2024. The trustees meet about six times a year with the elders of the church.

- *Staff* - the staff team comprises Dave Rogers (Pastor), Dan Roach (Associate Pastor), Susy Holding (Children and Youth Ministry Leader), Julia Rice (Finance and Logistics Manager) and Kez Greenhalgh (Youth and Children Ministry Support).

Dan Roach began working as a full-time member of staff in January 2024, having previously been working for the church on a part-time basis since 2022.

Post year end, we were pleased to be able to make a number of staffing changes in order to more effectively resource the church. Huw Hadden was appointed as Associate Pastor on a part-time basis. Kez Greenhalgh was appointed as Children's Ministry Leader and Susy Holding was appointed as our Youth Ministry Leader, both on a part-time basis. All three started in their new roles in September 2024.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Main Activities and Achievements During the Year (continued)**

**Year in Review (continued)**

- *Sunday Gathering* - we meet weekly at Isca Academy and gather about 200 adults and children each Sunday.

During the year we worked through three preaching series on Becoming Like Jesus in Community, Romans and Jonah.

- *Children and Youth* - Our children's and youth work continues to flourish, with approximately 100 children in attendance each Sunday. We have four age-specific groups on a Sunday for 0-3s, 4-7s, 8-11s and 11+ as well as a weekly youth group on a Friday night.
- *Community Groups* - many of our members meet across the city in smaller mid-week groups to grow in faith together.

Having paused Community Groups in July 2023 to give our leaders time to rest and allow some groups to finish, we preached on the importance of Becoming Like Jesus in community in Autumn 2023 and relaunched our groups in January 2024. It was wonderful to see so many new groups starting across the city and to see many of our members signing up for these.

- *Office Renovation* - Phase two of the renovation of Lydia House was completed in Spring 2024, following the purchase of the building in July 2022 and the completion of the first phase of renovations in 2023.

We are so grateful to Scott Pannell and the team of volunteers who helped to complete both phases of the renovations.

- *Baptisms* - it was brilliant to baptise three people in the sea at Exmouth beach in July 2024.
- *Community Events* - we organised a bonfire night event in November 2023 and a joint carol service with St Thomas Parish Church in December 2023, both of which were well attended.

**2021 Gift Day Funds**

In 2021 the Grace Church raised £92,903 from offerings and gifts, with additional gift aid on these offerings and donations totalling £17,356. These funds were placed into restricted funds to be split equally between the areas of recovery, family and our building fund, to acquire a building which would serve primarily as an office space for our staff team and also provide space for mid-week meetings and ministries. If for any reason these purposes cannot be achieved or surplus funds are raised, these offerings and gifts will be used to support the ongoing work of the church and will be transferred to the unrestricted funds.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

**2021 Gift Day Funds (continued)**

Significant progress has been made in deploying these funds:

- The 'Family' part of the gift day funds was allocated towards the engagement of a Trainee Youth Worker in partnership with South West Youth Ministries in 2022/23 and is currently being used to pay the salary of our Children's Ministry Leader.
- We continued our partnership with the work of Co Create during the year. £8,228 was given to Co Create from the 'Recovery' part of the gift day funds.
- In July 2022, the Charity entered into an agreement to acquire 140 Cowick Street for £247,500 subject to contract. The acquisition of the property was completed in November 2022 and refurbishment work was undertaken in two phases in 2023 and 2024.

**Charitable Giving**

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the period under review, we have given £9,500 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited.

Charitable giving also included:

Tearfund - Middle East Fund £5,000  
Co Create £10,000  
Steps Global £2,000  
Exeter Foodbank £2,050  
CAP Debt Support at Exeter Network Church £1,200  
Exeter University Evangelical Christian Union £1,200  
Engineering Ministries International £700  
Teen Challenge Exeter £200  
St Christopher's School £700  
South West Youth Ministries £1,500  
Hope Church, Plymouth £250  
Bridge Books £1,000  
Exeter Community Transport Association £475  
Saltmine Trust £117

Individuals £5,295

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Financial Review**

The CIO made a surplus of £19,399 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 (deficit for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 £25,478). Total income increased by 5.4% compared to the previous year with offerings and gifts increasing by 2%. Investment income increased considerably due to higher savings rates and the sale of various items of equipment yielded additional income.

Total expenditure decreased by 10.25% compared to the previous year with varying increases/decreases in the various expenditure categories.

At the year end the CIO had total fund amounting to £580,033 of which £314,150 constituted net current assets. £19,381 continues to be held in a restricted fund for supporting families and is currently being used to pay the salary of the Children's Ministry Leader.

A designated fund totalling £9,233 is held for the refurbishment of the new building.

**Reserves Policy**

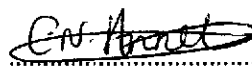
Unrestricted reserves (not including the designated fund) totalled £551,419 at the year-end of which £285,536 constitutes net current assets. This covers more than a year's unrestricted expenditure. In the previous year end, £217,497 of net current assets was held at year end. Our reserves policy specified that we would generally seek to hold reserves sufficient to cover 5-6 months unrestricted expenditure and that consideration would be given to the further employment of part of these reserves in line with our charitable objectives and purposes.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves position of the church and taken a number of steps to reduce this position, including the appointment of two further part-time staff members in September 2024 as part of a strategic deficit budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. The trustees remain interested in the possibility of acquiring a Sunday meeting venue in future, for which significant reserves would be required, in excess of current levels. Going forwards, the trustees have agreed that the charity will seek to hold reserves sufficient to cover 4 months unrestricted expenditure.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 12/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
..... CLAI RE ANNETTS  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 2011 Act. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians and a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

**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 CIO 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 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.

**Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE**  
**Bowhill Bookkeeping Services**  
**172 Newman Road**  
**Exeter**  
**EX4 1PQ**

*M Cronin*

**Date**

*6th January*

*2025*

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024			Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
Donations	15	276,624	-	276,624	266,611	500	267,111
Investment income		4,907	759	5,666	2,562	551	3,113
Other income		2,732	-	2,732	253	-	253
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>284,263</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>285,022</u>	<u>269,426</u>	<u>1,051</u>	<u>270,477</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Charitable activities	16	249,913	15,710	265,623	257,753	38,202	295,955
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>249,913</u>	<u>15,710</u>	<u>265,623</u>	<u>257,753</u>	<u>38,202</u>	<u>295,955</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		34,350	(14,951)	19,399	11,673	(37,151)	(25,478)
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		-	-	-	121,678	(121,678)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		34,350	(14,951)	19,399	133,351	(158,829)	(25,478)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<u>526,302</u>	<u>34,332</u>	<u>560,634</u>	<u>392,951</u>	<u>193,161</u>	<u>586,112</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>560,652</u>	<u>19,381</u>	<u>580,033</u>	<u>526,302</u>	<u>34,332</u>	<u>560,634</u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

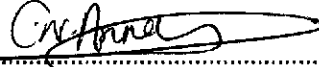
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

	Note	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>				
Tangible assets	3		265,883	267,066
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>				
Debtors	4	21,317	15,851	
Cash at bank and in hand		300,294	282,107	
		321,611	297,958	
 <b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(7,461)	(4,390)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>314,150</b>	<b>293,568</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<b>580,033</b>	<b>560,634</b>
 <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>				
Restricted Income Funds	6		19,381	34,332
Unrestricted Funds		551,419	505,616	
Designated Fund	8	9,233	20,686	
			<b>560,652</b>	<b>526,302</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<b>580,033</b>	<b>560,634</b>

The notes on pages 10-16 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 12/12/2024.....and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Trustee CLAIRE ARVETES

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets – Property**

Property Lydia House was purchased during the year. The property is being depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis.

**c) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**d) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

**e) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**f) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**g) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**h) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**i) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**j) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**k) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**l) Going concern**

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**  
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**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Property £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>			
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	250,943	52,009	302,952
Additions in the year	-	16,097	16,097
Disposals in the year	-	(1,780)	(1,780)
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>	<b>250,943</b>	<b>66,326</b>	<b>317,269</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	5,019	30,867	35,886
Charge for the year	5,019	10,926	15,945
Charge on Disposals	-	(445)	(445)
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>41,348</b>	<b>51,386</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>	<b>240,905</b>	<b>24,978</b>	<b>265,883</b>
At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	245,924	21,142	267,066

**4. DEBTORS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	19,652	14,364
Other Debtors	1,665	1,487
	<b>21,317</b>	<b>15,851</b>

**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other Creditors	6,086	3,040
Accruals	1,375	1,350
	<b>7,461</b>	<b>4,390</b>

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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Covid Support Fund	475	-	(475)	-
Covid Recovery Fund	8,228	-	(8,228)	-
Supporting Families Fund	25,629	759	(7,007)	19,381
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>34,332</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>(15,710)</b>	<b>19,381</b>

The Covid Support fund represents monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. The fund has now been spent.

The Covid Recovery Fund was set up in 2021 following generous gift day donations. The fund has now been spent with monies given to assist one organisation in their work post pandemic.

The Supporting Families Fund were set up in 2021 following generous gift day donations. Bank interest has accumulated in this fund and the monies are being used to pay the salary of the Children's Ministry Leader, in their work with children and families. A balance of £19,381 is carried forward to the current year.

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers Between Funds £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	121,678	-	-	(121,678)	-
Covid Support Fund	475	-	-	-	475
Covid Recovery Fund	34,253	-	(26,025)	-	8,228
Supporting Families Fund	36,755	551	(11,677)	-	25,629
Youth Work	-	500	(500)	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>(38,202)</b>	<b>(121,678)</b>	<b>34,332</b>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	265,883	265,883
Current Assets	19,381	9,233	292,997	321,611
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(7,461)	(7,461)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>19,381</b>	<b>9,233</b>	<b>551,419</b>	<b>580,033</b>

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	267,066	267,066
Current Assets	34,332	20,686	242,940	297,958
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(4,390)	(4,390)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>34,332</b>	<b>20,686</b>	<b>505,616</b>	<b>560,634</b>

**8. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 totalled £9,233 for the refurbishment of the new building.

**9. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £41,187 during the year.

£35,892 was given to 15 organisations in the year. In addition, gifts totalling £5,295 were given to individuals in the year.

**10. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £144,136 for 5 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £131,805. Employer's NIC amounted to £6,899 net of employment allowance. Pension costs amounted to £5,432.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

David Rogers and Daniel Roach were employed by the CIO as pastor and associate pastor for the year. Both were appointed as trustees of the CIO from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The CIO's constitution allows them to be remunerated as long as the majority of the trustees are not being remunerated. During the period from when their trusteeship commenced, David Rogers received a gross salary of £34,805 and £1,722 was paid into a pension fund for him. Daniel Roach received a gross salary of £29,168 and £1,347 was paid into a pension fund for him.

David Rogers and Daniel Roach exclude themselves from any trustee meetings where their remuneration is discussed and agreed.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 nor for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

**13. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,375 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**14. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024			Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
<b>15.</b>	<b>Donations</b>						
	Offerings and gifts	223,812	-	223,812	218,523	500	219,023
	Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	52,812	-	52,812	48,088	-	48,088
		<u>276,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,624</u>	<u>266,611</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>267,111</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
<b>16.</b>	<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	Events and Training courses	6,127	-	6,127	6,476	-	6,476
	Charitable Giving	32,484	8,703	41,187	34,680	26,025	60,705
	Youth & Children's work	6,710	-	6,710	4,048	500	4,548
	Student & Young Adult work	117	-	117	167	-	167
	Employment costs	137,129	7,007	144,136	129,850	-	129,850
	Staff and Volunteer expenses	7,475	-	7,475	9,861	-	9,861
	SWYM Worker expenses	-	-	-	149	11,677	11,826
	Gifts to speakers	428	-	428	3,594	-	3,594
	Premises Hire	13,669	-	13,669	17,993	-	17,993
	Insurance	4,886	-	4,886	4,371	-	4,371
	Office overheads and running costs	10,390	-	10,390	19,766	-	19,766
	Subscriptions & Licences	1,604	-	1,604	1,539	-	1,539
	Repairs & Renewals	5,754	-	5,754	7,853	-	7,853
	Website Development	106	-	106	106	-	106
	Sundry expenses	1,958	-	1,958	1,204	-	1,204
	Depreciation	15,945	-	15,945	14,498	-	14,498
	Professional fees	3,756	-	3,756	298	-	298
	Accountancy & Independent exam fee	1,375	-	1,375	1,300	-	1,300
		<u>249,913</u>	<u>15,710</u>	<u>265,623</u>	<u>257,753</u>	<u>38,202</u>	<u>295,955</u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182435

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# Accounts

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**CHARITY NAME:** Grace Church Exeter

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1182435

**ADDRESS:** Lydia House  
140 Cowick Street  
EXETER  
EX4 1HS

**CURRENT TRUSTEES:** Claire Annetts (Chair and Interim Treasurer)  
Chris Collison  
Jessica Hadden

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
Exeter  
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## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Claire Annetts (Chair) (Interim Treasurer from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023)

Chris Collison

Jessica Hadden

Scott Pannell (Treasurer & Trustee to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Elders of the church. The trustees and Elders meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff.

##### **Objectives and Activities**

###### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**Objectives and Activities (continued)**

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

**How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

**Main Activities and Achievements During the Year**

**The Year in Review**

It has been a year of significant positive change and growing momentum for the church. Dave Rogers joined the staff team as Pastor in April 2023 and we are now gathering about 200 adults and children on Sundays. A summary of highlights from the year is set out below:

- *Elders* - the elders are Mick Taylor, Dan Roach and Dave Rogers, all of whom were appointed during the year in July 2022 and June 2023.
- *Trustees* - the trustees are Claire Annetts (Chair), Chris Collison and Jess Hadden.

Scott Pannell resigned as Treasurer on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Our thanks to Scott for serving as a trustee in this capacity since his appointment in 2022.

- *Staff* - the staff team comprises Dave Rogers (Pastor), Dan Roach (Associate Pastor), Susy Holding (Children and Youth Ministry Leader), Julia Rice (Finance and Logistics Manager) and Kez Greenhalgh (Youth and Children Ministry Support).

Scott Pannell finished his time on staff as Operations Pastor in January 2023. We would like to place on record our thanks to Scott for his many years of faithful service to Grace Church in his capacities as both a valued member of the staff team.

Mick Taylor finished his time on staff as Teaching Pastor in May 2023. We are grateful to Mick for the leadership which he provided to the church post-Covid and prior to the appointment of a new full-time Pastor.

## GRACE CHURCH EXETER

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023

Dave Rogers joined the staff team as Pastor in April 2023. Dave leads the staff team and brings leadership and direction to the church as a whole. Dave and the family have been a great addition to the church since relocating from Ascot.

- *Sunday Gathering* - we meet weekly at Isca Academy and are now gathering about 200 adults and children each Sunday.

During the year we worked through preaching series on Ephesians, Grace, our identity as a Spirit-Filled Community on Mission, Jeremiah, Discipleship and the 'I AM' statement of Jesus.

- *Children and Youth* - Our children's and youth work continues to flourish, with approximately 100 children in attendance each Sunday. We have four age specific groups on a Sunday for 0-3s, 4-7s, 8-11s and 11+.

To support our Children and Youth Ministry Leader, we recruited a SWYM Youth and Children's Intern in the year for a one year role which came to an end in August 2023. Post year end, we recruited a Youth and Children Ministry Support to further resource this significant part of our church.

- *Community Groups* - many of our members continued to meet across the city in smaller mid-week groups to grow in faith together, love one another and express God's love to those around them.

During the year, we decided to 'pause' our Community Groups to give our leaders time to rest, allow some groups to finish and so that we could draw the whole church together with a series of monthly nights in April-July 2023 and then teach into our convictions on Community in Autumn 2023 in order to then relaunch groups in January 2024.

- *New Offices* - In July 2022, we had an offer accepted on Lydia House, which we purchased for use as our church offices. This was made possible by donations over many years to our Building Fund and is a milestone for us as a church and charity as we now own a property of our own for the first time.

We are so grateful to Scott Pannell and the team of volunteers who helped to complete the first phase of renovations, enabling the staff team to move into Lydia House in May 2023. We hope to complete the second phase of renovations in 2024.

## GRACE CHURCH EXETER

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023

#### Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)

##### Charitable Giving

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the year under review, we have given £13,883 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited.

Charitable giving also included:

Exeter Foodbank £10,050

CAP Debt Support at ENC £1,200

Exeter University ECU £1,200

Co-Create £12,525

St Petrocks £1,120

Redeemer Trust £3,000

Teen Challenge Rehabilitation Trust £500

St Christophers MAT (for St Michaels Primary School, Exeter) £240

Tearfund Ethiopia appeal £7,000

Tearfund Syria and Turkey £2,600

Newfrontiers Ukraine appeal (Catalyst) £2,637

Various Individuals £4,750

##### Financial Review

The CIO made a deficit of £25,478 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 (surplus for year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 £67,129). Total income reduced by 23.6% compared to the previous year. This was largely due to a £100,000 gift being received in the previous year, increasing income, as well as leadership changes resulting in a change in congregation numbers. When excluding this one-off gift of £100,000 received in the prior year, unrestricted income in 2022-2023 in effect showed an increase of 6.3% compared to 2021-2022.

Total expenditure increased by 3.67% compared to the previous year with varying increases/decreases in the various expenditure categories.

At the year end, the CIO had total funds amounting to £560,634 of which £293,568 constituted net current assets. £34,332 continues to be held in 3 restricted funds for covid support, covid recovery and supporting families.

A designated fund totalling £20,686 is held for the refurbishment of the new building.

##### Reserves Policy

Unrestricted reserves (not including the designated fund) totalled £505,616 at the year-end of which £238,550 constitutes net current assets. This covers 11 months unrestricted expenditure. In the previous year end, £217,497 of net current assets was held at year end and our reserves policy specified these reserves were to cover three months unrestricted expenditure, staffing changes and additions and an anticipated reduction in income due to the impact of cost of living on donors. Within the current year, we have not experienced a large loss of income through current economic pressures and staffing costs have not increased greatly due to changes within the team. Combined with higher interest yields, we have ended the year with reserves higher

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

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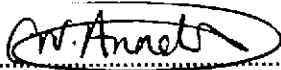
**Reserves Policy (continued)**

than we would seek to hold, aiming generally to hold reserves sufficient to cover 5-6 months unrestricted expenditure. The trustees are aware that consideration needs to be given as to the further employment of part of these reserves in line with our charitable objectives and purposes.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 22nd December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
**Trustee**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### GRACE CHURCH EXETER

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 2011 Act. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians and a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

#### 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 CIO 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 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.

Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
Exeter  
EX4 1PQ

*Martin Cronin*

Date

5/2/2024

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023			Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
Donations	15	266,611	500	267,111	346,700	5,625	352,325
Investment income		2,562	551	3,113	59	160	219
Other income		253	-	253	1,848	-	1,848
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>269,426</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>270,477</b>	<b>348,607</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>354,392</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Charitable activities	16	257,753	38,202	295,955	280,201	5,256	285,457
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>257,753</b>	<b>38,202</b>	<b>295,955</b>	<b>280,201</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>285,457</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>11,673</b>	<b>(37,151)</b>	<b>(25,478)</b>	<b>68,406</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>68,935</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<b>121,678</b>	<b>(121,678)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OTHER LOSSES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,806)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,806)</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>133,351</b>	<b>(158,829)</b>	<b>(25,478)</b>	<b>66,600</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>67,129</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>392,951</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>586,112</b>	<b>326,351</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>518,983</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>526,302</b>	<b>34,332</b>	<b>560,634</b>	<b>392,951</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>586,112</b>

GRACE CHURCH EXETER

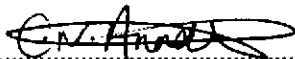
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023

	Note	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 £	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	3		267,066		6,686
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Debtors	4	15,851		23,802	
Cash at bank and in hand		282,107		557,361	
			<u>297,958</u>		<u>581,163</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(4,390)		(1,737)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>293,568</u>		579,426
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u>560,634</u>		<u>586,112</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>					
Restricted Income Funds	6		34,332		193,161
Unrestricted Funds		505,616		224,183	
Designated Fund	8	20,686		168,768	
			<u>526,302</u>		<u>392,951</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u>560,634</u>		<u>586,112</u>

The notes on pages 10-16 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 22nd December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets – Property**

Property Lydia House was purchased during the year. The property is being depreciated at 2% per annum on a straight line basis.

**c) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**d) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**e) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**f) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**g) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**h) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**i) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**j) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**k) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**l) Going concern**

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Property £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>			
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	-	28,074	28,074
Additions in the year	250,943	23,935	274,878
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<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>250,943</b>	<b>52,009</b>	<b>302,952</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	-	21,388	21,388
Charge for the year	5,019	9,479	14,498
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<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>5,019</b>	<b>30,867</b>	<b>35,886</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>245,924</b>	<b>21,142</b>	<b>267,066</b>
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	-	6,686	6,686
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**4. DEBTORS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	14,364	20,052
Other Debtors	1,487	1,575
Prepayments	-	2,175
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	<b>15,851</b>	<b>23,802</b>
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**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2023 £	2022 £
Other Creditors	3,040	387
Accruals	1,350	1,350
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	<b>4,390</b>	<b>1,737</b>
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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers Between Funds £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	121,678	-	-	(121,678)	-
Covid Support Fund	475	-	-	-	475
Covid Recovery Fund	34,253	-	(26,025)	-	8,228
Supporting Families Fund	36,755	551	(11,677)	-	25,629
Youth Work	-	500	(500)	-	-
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>(38,202)</b>	<b>(121,678)</b>	<b>34,332</b>
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The restricted building fund represented monies given specifically for the purchase of a new building. The building has been purchased and the fund has been fully utilised.

The Covid Support fund represent monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. £475 is carried forward to be spent in future years.

The Covid Recovery Fund and Supporting Families Fund were set up in 2021 following generous gift day donations. Gifts to the Covid Recovery Fund totalling £26,025 have been given to 4 different organisations to assist in their work post pandemic. Monies totalling £11,677 have been given as support costs for the SWYM worker in his work with youth and families.

Balances on both these funds carried forward will continue to be used in future years.

A gift of £500 was given specifically for youth work and this has been spent in the year.

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	118,151	5,783	(2,256)	121,678
Covid Support Fund	975	-	(500)	475
Covid Recovery Fund	36,753	-	(2,500)	34,253
Supporting Families Fund	36,753	2	-	36,755
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>(5,256)</b>	<b>193,161</b>
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**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	267,066	267,066
Current Assets	34,332	20,686	242,940	297,958
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(4,390)	(4,390)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>34,332</b>	<b>20,686</b>	<b>505,616</b>	<b>560,634</b>
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**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	6,686	6,686
Current Assets	193,161	168,768	219,234	581,163
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,737)	(1,737)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>168,768</b>	<b>224,183</b>	<b>586,112</b>
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**8. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 totalled £20,686 for the refurbishment of the new building.

**9. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £60,705 during the year.

£55,955 was given to 11 organisations in the year. In addition, gifts totalling £4,750 were given to individuals in the year.

**10. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £129,850 for 6 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £120,529. Employer's NIC amounted to £4,723 net of employment allowance. Pension costs amounted to £4,598.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Scott Pannell was employed by the CIO as operations pastor during the year. Scott is also a trustee of the CIO. The CIO's constitution allows him to be remunerated. During the year Scott received a gross salary of £15,777 and £610 was paid into a pension fund for him.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 nor for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**13. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,300 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**14. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023			Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022		
15.	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
<b>Donations</b>							
		218,523	500	219,023	298,458	4,500	302,958
		48,088	-	48,088	48,242	1,125	49,367
		<u>266,611</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>267,111</u>	<u>346,700</u>	<u>5,625</u>	<u>352,325</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
		6,476	-	6,476	973	-	973
	9	34,680	26,025	60,705	50,898	3,000	53,898
		4,048	500	4,548	4,393	-	4,393
		167	-	167	524	-	524
	10	129,850	-	129,850	147,011	-	147,011
		9,861	-	9,861	7,894	-	7,894
		149	11,677	11,826	-	-	-
		3,594	-	3,594	3,500	-	3,500
		17,993	-	17,993	24,103	-	24,103
		4,371	-	4,371	3,128	-	3,128
		19,766	-	19,766	18,460	-	18,460
		1,539	-	1,539	1,718	-	1,718
		7,853	-	7,853	6,484	-	6,484
		106	-	106	141	-	141
		1,204	-	1,204	3,496	-	3,496
		14,498	-	14,498	6,138	-	6,138
		298	-	298	-	2,256	2,256
	13	1,300	-	1,300	1,360	-	1,360
		<u>257,753</u>	<u>38,202</u>	<u>295,955</u>	<u>280,201</u>	<u>5,256</u>	<u>285,457</u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182435

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# Accounts

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**CHARITY NAME:** Grace Church Exeter

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1182435

**ADDRESS:** Suite 6c, 7-9 King Street  
Exeter  
EX1 1BQ

**CURRENT TRUSTEES:** Claire Annetts (Chair)  
Scott Pannell (Treasurer)  
Chris Collison  
Jessica Hadden

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
Exeter  
EX4 1PQ

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 and 13, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter (formerly Frontiers Church Exeter Trust & Grace Church Exeter Trust) has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Claire Annetts (Chair from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)

Stuart Alred (Joint Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) (Trustee to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)

Chris Collison (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

Jessica Hadden (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

Graeme Whalen (Treasurer & Trustee to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022)

Scott Pannell (Treasurer & Trustee from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Senior Leadership Team of the church. The trustees meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff, which, during the period under review, included a Senior Teaching Pastor, Associate Pastor, an Operations Pastor, a Children and Families Coordinator and a Finance and Logistics Manager.

##### **Objectives and Activities**

###### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

##### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

##### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

##### **Main Activities and Achievements During the Year**

###### **A Year of Transition**

In many ways, this year has been one of significant transition for the Charity. The relaxing of Covid restrictions enabled us to restart in person Sunday gatherings in September 2021. Initially, we relaunched with simple gatherings on Sunday mornings with all age teaching at ISCA Academy and also held Sunday evening meetings at The Hall where we worshipped together, had communion and began a teaching series in Ephesians which we called Reconnect. In January 2022, we restarted our age-specific children's groups at our Sunday morning meetings and stopped our evening meetings.

There were also a number of changes to the staff team in the year. Stu Alred, the Senior Pastor, finished his time on staff in August 2022 after leading the church for many years and Chloe Alred role also finished on staff. We began the process of recruiting a replacement pastor in Spring 2022 and are pleased to report that, post year end, Dave Rogers accepted the offer of joining the staff team as Pastor. We anticipate that Dave will be in post by the end of April 2023. A Children and Youth Ministry Leader and an Associate Pastor were also recruited in the year to further strengthen the staff team.

There were also a number of changes to our volunteer leadership teams in the year. A number of new trustees were appointed to strengthen the Charity from a governance perspective and in July 2022 we also appointed two elders. To aid the elders through this period of transition, a steering group was also established, comprising established and respected leaders from across the church.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

##### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **2021 Gift Day Funds**

In 2021 the Grace Church raised £92,903 from offerings and gifts, with additional gift aid on these offerings and donations totalling £17,356. These funds were placed into restricted funds to be split equally between the areas of recovery, family and our building fund, to acquire a building which would serve primarily as an office space for our staff team and also provide space for mid-week meetings and ministries. If for any reason these purposes cannot be achieved or surplus funds are raised, these offerings and gifts will be used to support the ongoing work of the church and will be transferred to the unrestricted funds.

Significant progress has been made in deploying these funds:

- The 'Family' part of the gift day funds has been allocated towards the engagement of a Trainee Youth Worker in partnership with South West Youth Ministries for three years with effect from September 2022.
- £2500 has been distributed from the 'Recovery' aspect of the gift day funds in support of a 'Women in the Workshop' course run by a local Community Interest Company, Co-create. The aim of this course was to support recovery and empower women who are survivors of abuse through making and creativity. We are continuing our partnership with the work of Co-create post year end through further financial support from this recovery fund and we are also exploring other partnerships and donations to support recovery work in Exeter.
- In July 2022, the Charity entered into an agreement to acquire 140 Cowick Street for £247,500 subject to contract. The acquisition of the property was completed post year end on 25 November 2022 and it is expected that the staff team will move into 140 Cowick Street in early 2023 after some refurbishment works.

##### **Community Groups**

We have 21 leaders, heading up 7 community groups across the city with a total membership of approximately 180 adults and children. People in these groups seek to grow in faith together, love one another and express God's love to those around them. Post pandemic, a number of community groups finished, having been led superbly for many years. Many of the members of these groups have joined other community groups while others have started new initiatives and courses to serve the church community and a number of former leaders have taken on new volunteer leadership positions across the church.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

##### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

###### **Children & Families**

We transitioned our Children and Youth ministries this year, and employed Susanna Holding in January, 3 days a week. We began the year with altogether services on Sunday mornings at ISCA school as we prepared to build teams. We began running 3 age-specific children's groups again at the end of January. These groups were back in a more traditional church service, with young people staying in for worship, family news and a teaching moment, which informed the group sessions, before going out to their groups. We average between 60-80 children each Sunday, with 60 people on rota to help in these groups once a month.

We began using Faith in Kids resources, and then began using Urban Saint's online resource website, Energize, to plan these sessions.

From September 2021 we began to have monthly events in person for children aged 8-11. We had previously been meeting online, and these children were excited to play games, bowling and movie watching. The highlight events were the 'Glow party' in October, where with UV lighting and neon paints they had a party to celebrate light, and that as Christians we believe Jesus is the light of the world. The other highlight was the 'Easter feast' where the children had a 3 course meal and were given the opportunity to explore Easter, the Gospel and the reason we gather as Christians.

During the holidays we met with families in parks across the city, to gather in community and connect during the holidays. Through the summer holidays we did this every week which was very well attended and enjoyed by over 20 families during the 6 weeks.

During the course of this year there has been an expression that as the children's ministry grows, we will need more hours in children's work. Therefore, we contacted SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and decided to put out an advertisement for a Trainee Children's worker. We have interviewed and had one successful applicant for September 2022.

###### **Youth**

We began to meet in person on Sunday evenings in the Hall, alongside Student ministry. The aim here was to give our young people the opportunity to connect with the students, and see the next steps for a young person of faith.

We also interspersed these times with social settings to promote friendship and fun. A memorable time was a trip to complete the Treetop Challenge at the local Go Ape Adventure. Another was a camping trip in a member's garden, where a great time was had, and the young people really bonded with each other and the leaders. Unfortunately this year, due to parents moving on from the church we lost some of our young people. The ones remaining found this hard, and are keen to connect with others, and so it has been discussed that for September 2022 they will be joined as a group with the younger cohort. They will be more spread in age, but will have more peer relationships.

A changing and challenging but overall positive year for 4 young people with 4 adult leaders helping throughout the year.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

##### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

###### **Sunday Gatherings**

Our Sunday Gatherings are the heartbeat of all that we do and all that we are. Sunday fuels and provides a platform for everything else in church life as well as offering an opportunity for members of the public to investigate the Christian faith. We are pleased to have 150-200 people join together on Sundays and it has been wonderful to have new people joining in the year.

###### **Operations & Logistics**

We continue to meet as a staff team once a week when all staff are present in the office. This meeting includes planning for the term ahead and discussing responsibilities and tasks for each area of church activity.

We moved out of our previous venue Magdalen Court last summer and put all of our belongings into temporary storage, which includes worship equipment, chairs, tables and all church resources. We are now meeting each Sunday at ISCA School. We also rent ISCA School for our termly Church Together meetings. We have purchased a trailer which is stored at one of our members' property to house all of our Sunday equipment, including children's work activities. This is brought to our Sunday venue by volunteers each week.

Our Sundays require much tech support as post covid, we have continued to record our live Sunday gatherings to make them available for people to watch on Youtube. We have continued this post pandemic to widen the accessibility of our service and found it helped those who were nervous about joining a larger in person gathering to feel they are able to connect with the church. Our Operations Pastor has built a simplified tech system and trained a team of volunteers to ensure this runs each week.

We are also planning to build a new welcome point area which will be a focal point, particularly for visitors and new people to find out more information when they visit and ways to connect with the church.

We have an email newsletter which people can join to hear more about church life and events that are happening which people can participate in.

###### **Building Purchase**

In July 2022 we had an offer accepted on a building in Exeter which we are looking to purchase for use as our church offices. This has been enabled by donations over the years to our Building Fund and is a milestone for us as a church and charity as we own a property of our own for the first time. As well as being used as an office space, we anticipate this will be a visible place in the community for people to connect with our church and that we will be able to use this space to run courses, events and children's meetings for people to participate in.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

**Continuing Generosity**

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the period under review, we have given £8,800 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited.

Charitable giving also included:  
YMCA Sidwell Studios £5,000  
Exeter Foodbank £2,050  
CAP Debt Support at ENC £1,200  
Exeter University ECU £1,200  
Hospicecare £10,000\*  
Young Devon £10,000\*

\*Given from a surplus made from 2020/21

It was fantastic to have been able to give away a particularly large amount this year both from regular income but also as a result of covid surplus from 2020/21.

We also received an amazing gift of £100,000 in January 2022 from some former members of Grace Church which was a significant sign of God's provision for us in this transition period. We therefore donated 10% of this gift as follows:-

£4,000 Tearfund Ukraine appeal  
£4,000 Tearfund  
£2,000 Newfrontiers Ukraine appeal (Catalyst)

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**Financial Review**

The CIO made a surplus of £67,129 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (surplus for year to 31st August 2021 £187,954). Total income showed a decrease of 10% compared to the previous year. Total expenditure increased by 38% compared to the previous year with increases in charitable giving, employment costs, youth and children's work and premises hire.

At the year end, the CIO had total funds amounting to £586,112 of which £579,426 constituted net current assets. Some £121,678 is held at the year-end in a restricted fund and a further £166,315 in a designated fund for a future building. In addition, there is a balance of £475 held as a restricted fund for support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. A further £21,119 is held in a designated fund for future giving.

Two further restricted funds are held with balances of £34,253 and £36,755 for Covid Recovery and supporting families.

**Reserves Policy**


Unrestricted reserves (not including the designated fund) totalled £224,183 at the year-end of which £217,497 constitutes net current assets. This covers between 9-10 months unrestricted expenditure.

These reserves cover three months' salary for staff and commitments to rental of premises and associated running costs. They also cover current staffing changes/additions, particularly the imminent appointment of a new Senior Pastor in Easter 2023 and an anticipated reduction in income in the next financial year from donations with the cost of living crisis and the impact on donors. Any remaining balance on the reserves and any future surpluses can be allocated to the equipping of our new building or other areas of charitable activity.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 9th February 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 2011 Act. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians and a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

**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 CIO 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 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.

**Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE**  
**Bowhill Bookkeeping Services**  
**172 Newman Road**  
**Exeter**  
**EX4 1PQ**

*Matthew Cronin*

Date *27/02/2023*

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022			Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
Donations	16	346,700	5,625	352,325	284,968	110,259	395,227
Investment income		59	160	219	5	18	23
Other income		1,848	-	1,848	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>348,607</u>	<u>5,785</u>	<u>354,392</u>	<u>284,973</u>	<u>110,277</u>	<u>395,250</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Charitable activities	17	280,201	5,256	285,457	206,296	1,000	207,296
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>280,201</u>	<u>5,256</u>	<u>285,457</u>	<u>206,296</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>207,296</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		68,406	529	68,935	78,677	109,277	187,954
<b>OTHER LOSSES</b>		(1,806)	-	(1,806)	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		66,600	529	67,129	78,677	109,277	187,954
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<u>326,351</u>	<u>192,632</u>	<u>518,983</u>	<u>247,674</u>	<u>83,355</u>	<u>331,029</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>392,951</u>	<u>193,161</u>	<u>586,112</u>	<u>326,351</u>	<u>192,632</u>	<u>518,983</u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**


**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

	Note	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 £	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	3		6,686		12,028
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Debtors	4	23,802		32,204	
Cash at bank and in hand		557,361		476,066	
			<u>581,163</u>	<u>508,270</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,737)		(1,315)	
				<u>579,426</u>	<u>506,955</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u>586,112</u>		<u>518,983</u>
 <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>					
Restricted Income Funds	6		193,161		192,632
Unrestricted Funds		224,183		138,917	
Designated Fund	8	168,768		187,434	
			<u>392,951</u>	<u>326,351</u>	
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u>586,112</u>		<u>518,983</u>

The notes on pages 12-18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on .....*9th February 2023*.....and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**c) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**d) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**e) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**f) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**g) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**h) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**i) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**j) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**k) Going concern**

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**  
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**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	28,012
Additions in the year	2,997
Disposals in the year	(2,935)
	28,074
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	15,984
Charge for the year	6,138
Disposals in the year	(734)
	21,388
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022</b>	<b>6,686</b>
At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	12,028

**4. DEBTORS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	<b>20,052</b>	27,974
Other Debtors	<b>1,575</b>	2,055
Prepayments	<b>2,175</b>	2,175
	<b>23,802</b>	32,204

**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Creditors	<b>387</b>	15
Accruals	<b>1,350</b>	1,300
	<b>1,737</b>	1,315

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building Fund	118,151	5,783	(2,256)	121,678
Covid Support Fund	975	-	(500)	475
Covid Recovery Fund	36,753	-	(2,500)	34,253
Supporting Families Fund	36,753	2	-	36,755
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>(5,256)</b>	<b>193,161</b>
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The restricted building fund represents monies given specifically for the purchase of a new building. As stated in note 15 on page 17, in November 2022 the charity completed the purchase of Lydia House for £247,500. The restricted building fund balance and much of the designated building fund will have been used to purchase this property.

The Covid Support fund represent monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. £500 was spent during the year leaving a balance of £475 carried forward to be spent in the current year.

The Covid Recovery Fund and Supporting Families Fund were set up last year following generous gift day donations. A gift of £2,500 was made to a CIC, 'Co-Create' to support their work in running courses to add recovery and rehabilitation of people from probation, domestic abuse and vulnerable backgrounds. The balances on both of these funds will continue to be spent in the current and future years.

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building Fund	81,380	36,771	-	118,151
Covid Support Fund	1,975	-	(1,000)	975
Covid Recovery Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
Supporting Families Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>110,277</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>192,632</b>
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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	6,686	6,686
Current Assets	193,161	168,768	219,234	581,163
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,737)	(1,737)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>193,161</b>	<b>168,768</b>	<b>224,183</b>	<b>586,112</b>
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**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	12,028	12,028
Current Assets	192,632	187,434	128,204	508,270
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,315)	(1,315)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>187,434</b>	<b>138,917</b>	<b>518,983</b>
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**8. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 totalled £168,768 consisting of £2,453 designated by the trustees for future giving and £166,315 designated by the trustees for the purchase of a new building.

**9. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £53,898 during the year.

£52,250 was given to 11 organisations in the year. In addition, gifts totalling £1,648 were given to individuals in the year.

**10. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £147,011 for 8 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £133,765. Employer's NIC amounted to £7,806 net of employment allowance. Pension costs amounted to £5,440.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Stuart Alred was employed by the CIO as full time Pastor during the year. Stuart was also a trustee of the CIO to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The CIO's constitution allows him to be remunerated. During the financial period Stuart was a trustee, he received a gross salary of £25,000 and £1,175 was paid into a pension fund for him.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 nor for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Chloe Alred, wife of pastor Stuart Alred received a salary in the year of £3,911.

There were no further related party transactions during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**13. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,360 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**14. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

**15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

On 25th November 2022, the charity purchased Lydia House, 140 Cowick Street, St Thomas Exeter for £247,500. The property will act as the new church 'hub' enabling the church to use this flexible space for both church group activities and office space.

GRACE CHURCH EXETER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022

Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
<b>16. Donations</b>							
Offerings and gifts		298,458	4,500	302,958	227,835	92,903	320,738
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds		48,242	1,125	49,367	55,275	17,356	72,631
Grants		-	-	-	1,858	-	1,858
		<u>348,700</u>	<u>5,625</u>	<u>352,325</u>	<u>284,968</u>	<u>110,259</u>	<u>395,227</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
<b>17. Charitable activities</b>							
Events and Training courses		973	-	973	948	-	948
Charitable Giving	9	50,898	3,000	53,898	32,022	1,000	33,022
Youth & Children's work		4,393	-	4,393	1,474	-	1,474
Student & Young Adult work		524	-	524	764	-	764
Employment costs	10	147,011	-	147,011	120,762	-	120,762
Staff and Volunteer expenses		7,894	-	7,894	4,887	-	4,887
Gifts to speakers		3,500	-	3,500	1,777	-	1,777
Premises Hire		24,103	-	24,103	6,000	-	6,000
Insurance		3,128	-	3,128	2,959	-	2,959
Office overheads and running costs		18,460	-	18,460	19,151	-	19,151
Subscriptions & Licences		1,718	-	1,718	1,331	-	1,331
Repairs & Renewals		6,464	-	6,464	4,644	-	4,644
Website Development		141	-	141	126	-	126
Sundry expenses		3,496	-	3,496	1,408	-	1,408
Depreciation		6,138	-	6,138	6,463	-	6,463
Professional fees		-	2,256	2,256	-	-	-
Accountancy & Independent exam fee	13	1,360	-	1,360	1,580	-	1,580
		<u>280,201</u>	<u>5,256</u>	<u>285,457</u>	<u>206,296</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>207,296</u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182435

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# Accounts

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

<b>CHARITY NAME:</b>	Grace Church Exeter
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:</b>	1182435
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	Suite 6c, 7-9 King Street Exeter EX1 1BQ
<b>CURRENT TRUSTEES:</b>	Claire Annetts (Chair) Chris Collison Jessica Hadden
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:</b>	Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE Bowhill Bookkeeping Services 172 Newman Road Exeter EX4 1PQ

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 and 13, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter (formerly Frontiers Church Exeter Trust & Grace Church Exeter Trust) has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Claire Annetts (Chair from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022- Joint Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)  
Stuart Alred (Joint Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) (Trustee to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)  
Chris Collison (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)  
Jessica Hadden (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)  
Dan Roach (Chair to 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)  
Graeme Whalen (Treasurer & Trustee to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022)  
Joe Wilson (to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Senior Leadership Team of the church. The trustees meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff, which, during the period under review, included a Pastor, an Operations Pastor, a Children and Families Coordinator and an Operations Manager.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

#### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

#### **Main Activities and Achievements During the Year**

##### **Navigating unprecedented times**

As the far reaching impact of the global pandemic continues to unfold, we have sought to make the most of the opportunities that we have. We have initiated and supported getting people together in safe ways whenever possible. We have embraced the new opportunities given to us by our new grasp on technology.

We have also sought to lift ourselves beyond our immediate needs and responses to invest in the future of the church and our city. We have outlined priorities, raised funds and sought rest and renewal for our lead pastor.

##### **Vision Seeds (Preparation)**

This year we identified our priorities as a community to invest in the areas of 'Family', 'Recovery' and 'Facility'. We have a large number of families who are part of Grace Church as we recognised the importance of nurturing young people into the future. We outlined why we felt this was important and consulted with leading charities across the country in order to shape our ministries most effectively into the future.

Additionally, we are aware that our whole nation is in 'recovery' from Covid 19 and all its consequences. We raised the profile of others in need and have raised funds accordingly. We created conversations for experts in social care to help us invest our time and resources most effectively.

Finally, we looked to increase our resources that we are saving up for facilities for the charity. In the future we hope to purchase suitable premises to contribute to the life of the church and the local community.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Vision Seeds (Preparation) (continued)**

We spent six Sundays outlining these priorities and raised £92,903 from offerings and gifts. Additional gift aid on these offerings and donations totalled £17,356.

All of these funds have been placed into restricted funds to be split between the areas of recovery, family and our building fund. If for any reason these purposes cannot be achieved or surplus funds are raised, these offerings and gifts will be used to support the ongoing work of the church and will be transferred to the unrestricted funds.

##### **Emotional Health (Confession)**

As part of processing the trials of life we spent time teaching and supporting people to learn 'liberating confession'. We know the benefit of having safe conversations where you can 'be yourself' and be listened to by others. This year we drew inspiration from the Bible and created a tool kit for those who wanted to try to have more open focussed conversations.

A number of people piloted the initiative and we then made the resource available for the rest of the community. A number of people found the experience to be of huge benefit both for their emotional health and the deepening of friendships.

##### **Racial Reconciliation**

This was the first year that we addressed the issue of race directly. After a number of conversations with Maia Thomas (Black Lives Matter) and Lydia Pike (Grace Church Member) we taught, shared and interviewed and asked the church to listen and pray for the experience of a black minority in our church.

Our teaching was very well received by present and former members of Grace Church who have been in the minority in our church. Grace Church members expressed sorrow for the experience of racism and expressed love and appreciation for Lydia especially.

##### **Leadership Sabbatical**

This summer we were pleased to give our Senior Pastor Stuart Alred a sabbatical after ten years of ministry. This gift was postponed due to the unexpected demands of Covid 19 but we were pleased for him to take this up during June, July and August.

Our remaining staff and lay leadership covered his absence with a great sense of determination, perseverance and kindness to support the church and continue to do so in an excellent and admirable way.

##### **Community Groups**

We have 29 leaders, heading up 8 community groups across the city with a total membership of 185 adults and children. People in these groups look to grow in faith together, love one another and express God's love to those around them. During the ongoing pandemic, these groups have continued to be a lifeline for many, particularly when Covid guidance placed restrictions on larger gatherings while allowing greater flexibility in smaller gatherings

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Community Groups (continued)**

People have cared for each other through shopping, financial assistance, cooking meals, phoning each other and being there to listen to one another. The groups have also been focal points of serving their friends and neighbours. In many ways, the tangible experience of being a church family in Covid has been felt most deeply through our community groups.

##### **Foodbank**

A Community group was hugely involved up until the summer. As Covid restrictions lifted we were not needed as Exeter Foodbank stopped packing boxes and were open and distributing again for people to collect. We were able to help again at Christmas due to high volumes of demand. We still stay involved and in contact ready to help via a Whatsapp group.

Due to the limitations and new possibilities that we experienced throughout the year we saw a need for increased physical meetings when safe and also a new competence for online gatherings. We sought to make the most of both with more small meetups as reflected in our ministries especially for young people and also more regular online ministries such as weekly prayer meetings.

##### **Ministries / Courses**

###### **The Bible Course**

We ran a full Bible course in the spring of 2021 for 8 weeks with 32 people in attendance. The Bible Course shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one big story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. It resulted in people growing in confidence as they read the Bible for themselves. Though it is a great follow-on resource for those who have done introductory courses like Alpha and Christianity Explored, mature Christians have also found it helpful.

###### **The STEPS Course**

There were 4 people on a STEPS course in the spring of 2021, STEPS is designed to help people break free from life controlling habits or addictions. People experienced change in powerful ways and we were thrilled with how it was received. It is a communal but emotionally demanding course which helps you to explore reasons and causes of your behaviour, how faith can help and how to rebuild relationships with those around you.

###### **Student Community**

Around fifteen students and 20's formed a close community of support and friendship during their time at Grace Church. They were well integrated into the life of the church and joined community groups across the city as well as considering important life skills such as organisation and handling emotions.

Each term we would look at a key theme and some outstanding Christian teaching materials. We looked at the heart of faith in the autumn, emotional health in the new year and cultivating rhythms of rest and replenishment in the summer.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

##### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

###### **Prayer**

We hosted a number of midweek lunchtime prayer meetings to build upon previous teaching on prayer. We spent time prayer for others and issues beyond our church. We were glad to spend time together praying and felt uplifted and refreshed by our times together.

We wanted to make more time for prayer together as well as taking time to listen to God and each other in a safe and supportive environment. This space was particularly made use of for those who have experienced less community due to the restrictions that were in place due to the pandemic.

###### **Children & Families**

Our Children and Families ministry has adapted over the past 12 months to reflect the changing times. We transitioned from running 8 age-specific children's groups (upto 100 children meeting each Sunday morning), to providing online resources for worship and faith exploration amongst families from March 2020. We created a website ([kids.gracechurchexeter.org](http://kids.gracechurchexeter.org)) full of resources for families to access online at home, providing weekly videos and ideas for family activities based on the Psalms and other Bible stories and themes.

We began planning for a live, online children's gathering to commence in October 2020, using a variety of resources, and in January we began to use Faith in Kids resources, Meals with Jesus and The Wonder of Easter resources. We invited Ed Drew himself to provide resources over the July/August holiday 2021.

From September 2020 we began to run online monthly meetings for KS2 children, doing quizzes and bible studies online. As lockdown began to ease they began to meet in person from May 2021 through the summer.

###### **Youth**

We have used some excellent material from British Youth for Christ which has adapted its sessions to be usable online. We have also used the weekly bible studies provided by the bibleproject.com website. The material includes high quality animations, podcasts and discussion questions about each chosen subject.

We also interspersed these times with social settings to promote friendship and fun. A memorable time was a trip in December 2020 to complete the Treetop Challenge at the local Go Ape Adventure.

In the summer term 2021 (April -July) we continued with our mixture of Youthscape material, and socials (games in the park, visits to the local beach and bike rides to the quay). We experimented with in-person meetings outside in local public venues such as Ludwell Country Park. This was a lot of fun and created some great memories. At the end of this term we introduced Youth Alpha to the group with the proposal to run the course after the summer holidays September 2021. During this term two year 6 age young people were added to the group to prepare them for secondary school for September 2021.

A really positive year for 8 young people with 5 adult leaders helping throughout the year.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

##### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

###### **Sunday Gatherings**

Our Sunday Gatherings are the heartbeat of all that we do and all that we are. Before the Covid-19 crisis, we met together, worshipped, served one another, received fresh inspiration and were prepared for the week ahead. Sunday is very much fuel and to provide a platform for everything else in church life as well as an opportunity for members of the public to investigate the Christian faith in a safe way. We are pleased that around 200 - 250 people join together on Sundays. This is roughly 100-150 adults and roughly 80-100 children depending on the week. From our Sundays many people take steps of faith both in the moment and into other ministry areas.

We have had a huge project of bringing the Church together online, this involved live streaming to various online platforms, it was open to all members of the public and allowed us to be online for all to attend that wanted to explore faith. We started to have people involved in the chat functions and have two way conversations. We did go back once to our school venue, but then had to continue online due to Covid-19 restrictions. During June, July & August 2021 we used The Hall for adult gatherings in the evenings and children's gatherings.

###### **Operations and Administration**

During 2021 we navigated our way through Covid restrictions and continued to use our Website as our main platform to broadcast live, share latest news, view online sermons, kids resources, courses and events.

We have also had to direct our focus on streamlined budgeting due to Covid, and committed to staying in our current office, but gained a more flexible rental with our office landlord. The office has been maintained along with all financial, admin & communications procedures relating to the activity of the church. The Office was used as a studio for live broadcasting of our Sunday gathering services up until May 2021 and is now back functional as an office and storage.

We now have more of a hybrid with working from home and the office as the charity needs, we continue to meet as a staff team once a week.

We plan to 'move out' of Magdalen Court over the summer and put all of our belongings into temporary storage, which includes worship equipment, chairs, tables and all church resources. We also focussed all our ministry activities to meeting outside events where possible, throughout the summer, implementing risks assessment for each event.

We returned back to embodied services in a new venue, being ISCA school and have kept our evening service at The Hall. Initially as a whole church together with a shared lunch picnic with plans to evolve our services to include separate children's groups.

###### **Continuing Generosity**

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the period under review, we have given £8,867 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited, with a further £1,000 to the Commission India Covid relief. We have given gifts of £7,402 to Tearfund with a further £1,000 for their Yemen appeal, and £7,402 to Exeter Foodbank in this period. £1,000 also went to St Petrocks before Christmas and £1,000 to EFGA South West Carols. We gave £1,000 to a young mother, who sadly lost her husband and was close relative of a member. We also began supporting a member with counselling using Bespoke.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**Financial Review**

The CIO made a surplus of £187,954 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 (surplus for period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 £67,306). Total income showed an increase of 71% compared to the previous period. Total expenditure increased by 26% compared to the previous period with increases in charitable giving, employment costs, repairs and renewals and premises hire.

At the year end, the CIO had total funds amounting to £518,983 of which £506,955 constituted net current assets. Some £118,151 is held at the year-end in a restricted fund and a further £166,315 in a designated fund for a future building. In addition, there is a balance of £975 held as a restricted fund for support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. A further £21,119 is held in a designated fund for future giving.

Two further restricted funds are held with balances of £36,753 each for Covid Recovery and supporting families.

**Reserves Policy**

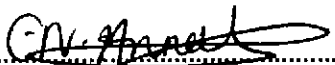
Unrestricted reserves (not including the designated fund) totalled £138,917 at the year-end of which £126,889 constitutes net current assets. This covers between 7-8 months unrestricted expenditure.

These reserves cover three months' salary for staff and commitments to rental of premises and associated running costs. They also cover current staffing changes/additions and a reduction in income from offerings and donations in the current year. Any remaining balance on the reserves and any future surpluses can be allocated (alongside the restricted funds) to the finding, purchasing and equipping of a new building.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 26th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
**Trustee**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 2011 Act. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians and a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

**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 CIO 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 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.

**Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE**  
**Bowhill Bookkeeping Services**  
**172 Newman Road**  
**Exeter**  
**EX4 1PQ**

*Martin Cronin*

Date

*8th June 2022*

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021			Period 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
Donations	16	284,968	110,259	<b>395,227</b>	212,873	18,125	<b>230,998</b>
Investment income		5	18	<b>23</b>	57	138	<b>195</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>284,973</b>	<b>110,277</b>	<b>395,250</b>	<b>212,930</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>231,193</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Charitable activities	17	206,296	1,000	<b>207,296</b>	162,487	1,400	<b>163,887</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>206,296</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>207,296</b>	<b>162,487</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>163,887</b>
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<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>78,677</b>	<b>109,277</b>	<b>187,954</b>	<b>50,443</b>	<b>16,863</b>	<b>67,306</b>
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<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>247,674</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>331,029</b>	<b>197,231</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>263,723</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>326,351</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>518,983</b>	<b>247,674</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>331,029</b>
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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

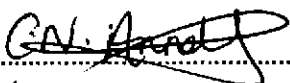
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

	Note	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 £	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	3		12,028		9,393
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Debtors	4	32,204		6,915	
Cash at bank and in hand		476,066		316,040	
		<u>508,270</u>		<u>322,955</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,315)		(1,319)	
 <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			 <b>506,955</b>		 <b>321,636</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><b>518,983</b></u>		<u><b>331,029</b></u>
 <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>					
Restricted Income Funds	6		192,632		83,355
Unrestricted Funds		138,917		66,555	
Designated Fund	8	187,434		181,119	
			<u><b>326,351</b></u>		<u><b>247,674</b></u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u><b>518,983</b></u>		<u><b>331,029</b></u>

The notes on pages 12-18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 26th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Trustee

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**c) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**d) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**e) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**f) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**g) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**h) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**i) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**j) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**k) Going concern**

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**  
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**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	18,914
Additions in the year	9,098
	28,012
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>28,012</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	9,521
Charge for the year	6,463
	15,984
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>15,984</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>12,028</b>
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</b>	<b>9,393</b>

**4. DEBTORS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	<b>27,974</b>	4,860
Other Debtors	<b>2,055</b>	-
Prepayments	<b>2,175</b>	2,055
	<b>32,204</b>	6,915

**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Creditors	<b>15</b>	19
Accruals	<b>1,300</b>	1,300
	<b>1,315</b>	1,319

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	81,380	36,771	-	118,151
Covid Support Fund	1,975	-	(1,000)	975
Covid Recovery Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
Supporting Families Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>110,277</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>192,632</b>

Gift days during the year were taken to raise funds for a new building, to support Covid recovery and to support families. These funds were split three ways, temporarily but may be used in the future for any of these 3 areas.

The restricted building fund represents monies given specifically for the purchase of a new building. During the year, active property searching has continued in order to best find a suitable property for the needs of the church.

The Covid Support fund represent monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. £975 has been carried forward to be spent in the current year.

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer from Charitable Trust £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	14,888	-	66,492	81,380
Covid Support Fund	3,375	(1,400)	-	1,975
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>83,355</b>

**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	-	-	12,028	12,028
Current Assets	192,632	187,434	128,204	508,270
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,315)	(1,315)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>187,434</b>	<b>138,917</b>	<b>518,983</b>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS (continued)**

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	9,393	9,393
Current Assets	83,355	181,119	58,481	322,955
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,319)	(1,319)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>181,119</b>	<b>66,555</b>	<b>331,029</b>
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**8. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 totalled £187,434 consisting of £21,119 designated by the trustees for future giving and £166,315 designated by the trustees for the purchase of a new building.

**9. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £33,022 during the year.

£32,022 was given to 11 organisations in the year. In addition, gifts totalling £1,000 were given to individuals in the year.

**10. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £120,762 for 8 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £115,116. Employer's NIC amounted to £5,540 net of employment allowance. Pension costs amounted to £4,480. In addition, there was a refund from HMRC for overpaid employer's national insurance of £4,374.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Stuart Alred is employed by the CIO as full time Pastor. He is also a trustee of the CIO. The CIO's constitution allows him to be remunerated. During this financial period Stuart received a gross salary of £43,466 and £2,034 was paid into a pension fund for him.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 nor for the period from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Chloe Alred, wife of pastor Stuart Alred received a salary in the year of £3,622.

There were no further related party transactions during the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
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**13. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,580 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**14. GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

£1,858 was received in the form of a government grant for furlough payments in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic.

**15. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021			Period 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
<b>16.</b>	<b>Donations</b>						
	Offerings and gifts	227,835	92,903	<b>320,738</b>	172,217	14,700	<b>186,917</b>
	Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	55,275	17,356	<b>72,631</b>	40,656	3,425	<b>44,081</b>
	Grants	1,858	-	<b>1,858</b>	-	-	-
		<u>284,968</u>	<u>110,259</u>	<u><b>395,227</b></u>	<u>212,873</u>	<u>18,125</u>	<u><b>230,998</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
<b>17.</b>	<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	Events and Training courses	948	-	<b>948</b>	3,800	-	<b>3,800</b>
	Charitable Giving	32,022	1,000	<b>33,022</b>	16,715	1,400	<b>18,115</b>
	Youth & Children's work	1,474	-	<b>1,474</b>	905	-	<b>905</b>
	Student & Young Adult work	764	-	<b>764</b>	684	-	<b>684</b>
	Employment costs	120,762	-	<b>120,762</b>	94,773	-	<b>94,773</b>
	Staff and Volunteer expenses	4,887	-	<b>4,887</b>	4,336	-	<b>4,336</b>
	Gifts to speakers	1,777	-	<b>1,777</b>	3,528	-	<b>3,528</b>
	Premises Hire	6,000	-	<b>6,000</b>	5,118	-	<b>5,118</b>
	Insurance	2,959	-	<b>2,959</b>	2,110	-	<b>2,110</b>
	Office overheads and running costs	19,151	-	<b>19,151</b>	19,194	-	<b>19,194</b>
	Subscriptions & Licences	1,331	-	<b>1,331</b>	953	-	<b>953</b>
	Repairs & Renewals	4,644	-	<b>4,644</b>	2,385	-	<b>2,385</b>
	Website Development	126	-	<b>126</b>	106	-	<b>106</b>
	Sundry expenses	1,408	-	<b>1,408</b>	2,265	-	<b>2,265</b>
	Depreciation	6,463	-	<b>6,463</b>	3,940	-	<b>3,940</b>
	Accountancy & Independent exam fee	1,580	-	<b>1,580</b>	1,675	-	<b>1,675</b>
		<u>208,296</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u><b>207,296</b></u>	<u>162,487</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u><b>163,887</b></u>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182435

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# Accounts

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**CHARITY NAME:** Grace Church Exeter

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1182435

**ADDRESS:** Suite 6c, 7-9 King Street  
Exeter  
EX1 1BQ

**TRUSTEES:** Stuart Alred (Acting Chairman)  
Graeme Whalen (Treasurer)  
Claire Annetts  
Joe Wilson

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
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## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 13, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter (formerly Frontiers Church Exeter Trust & Grace Church Exeter Trust) has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

Net assets were transferred to the CIO from the charitable Trust at the closure of the charitable trust on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 as noted on page 18 note 17. For the period from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, the CIO was therefore dormant. The CIO became active following the transfer of net assets from the charitable trust on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Stuart Alred (Acting Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)

Daniel Roach (Chair to 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)

Graeme Whalen (Treasurer)

Claire Annetts

Joe Wilson (from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Senior Leadership Team of the church. The trustees meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff, which, during the period under review, included a Pastor, an Operations Pastor, a Children and Families Coordinator and an Operations Manager. This year we were also supported by a year long volunteer worker.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

##### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

#### **Main Activities and Achievements During the Year**

##### **Creation Care**

We spent a term considering how the Christian Faith inspires care of our creation. We looked at our theological foundations and then practical application as to how our day to day decisions impact the health of the environment.

Topics included possessions, waste, fashion and food consumption. We shared respected sources and encouraged people to consider their own environmental footprint and how it might be reduced.

We particularly considered the global impact of our day to day decision making through development our partnership with Tearfund. This included using resources, inviting visiting speakers and giving financial support.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Leadership Development**

Prior to Covid we set ourselves a goal of developing the quality and increasing the quantity of our leadership at Grace Church. We made progress through sharing resources especially 'Leadership Plain and Simple,' by Steve Radcliffe as well as 'Weak and Strong' by Andy Crouch. This has helped us develop a shared vision of what good leadership looks like.

We have made some strategic changes like moving our service leadership team meetings to evenings to enable volunteer leaders to work alongside our staff leadership thereby allowing more people to step into roles of leadership across the church.

We also received training from leadership development specialist Eireana Davies who particularly developed our understanding around the kinds of delegation that are possible in different leadership moments. The Covid crisis has led us to lead in a more direct style of leadership but at some stage we will revisit these important principles that we are learning.

##### **Covid-19 Response Overview**

Following increasing health concerns, we decided to close our Sunday gatherings from 22nd March 2020 and find alternative ways of learning faith together. A week later the government announced a national lockdown.

We immediately formed a support group for those involved with the medical profession. Solidarity, prayer and encouragement was shared during a time of stress and fear.

In order to support our city we especially focussed on supporting Exeter Foodbank. We shared stories and signposted volunteers to help this charity who we have partnered with for a number of years. It was particularly timely as the need was increasing and many of their volunteers were shielding.

We offered an Alpha Course online which a small number of people enjoyed together. We believe this was a good step for us to make the Christian faith more accessible for those who want to explore it.

Within our church community people made themselves available to talk to one another, drop round supplies and offered prayer support. We also made financial support available to those who were self- employed and struggling.

Furthermore, we focussed on helping people with their individual prayer lives using the phrase 'time to abide' and running both a weekly prayer course as well as two morning and evening prayer sessions online. People reported a real sense of joy and peace from these experiences.

We have developed temporary digital alternatives to help inspire and strengthen people in their faith. We now live stream children's and adult gatherings on Sunday morning and offer a mix of opportunities for the community each week according to government guidelines.

## GRACE CHURCH EXETER

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020

#### Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)

##### Community Groups

We have 39 leaders, heading up 10 community groups across the city with a total membership of 118 adults and 87 children. People in these groups look to grow in faith together, love one another and express God's love to those around them. During the pandemic, these groups have been described by multiple members as an absolute lifeline.

People have cared for each other through shopping, financial assistance, cooking meals, phoning each other and being there to listen to one another. The groups have also been focal points of serving their friends and neighbours. Street WhatsApp support groups have been started to facilitate mutual support, many many meals have been cooked for people in need - such as new mums and those self-isolating and again financial support has been forthcoming.

##### Tearfund and Foodbank

This year, during the COVID-19 outbreak, our Community Groups have had a particular focus on supporting the Exeter Foodbank. At the outset of the pandemic approximately 45% of their volunteers were over the age of 70 and therefore had to self-isolate. As an organisation we have supported them both financially and through weekly volunteering slots. In the words of the Foodbank:

*"We lost well over half of our volunteers and doubled our workload overnight. We have streamlined, simplified and done all that we can... but without Grace Church we would not have kept this running. They have been absolute life savers. Thank you for what you have done... it has been like seeing a true faith in action and we are extremely grateful."*

This year again we supported the 'Christmas present give-a-way', helping 85 families that are accessing Foodbank purchase 214 Christmas presents for their children.

This year we have also seen our partnership with Tearfund develop. We have match funded one of our Community Groups who raised over £120 to support their work.

##### Ministries / Courses

##### Exploring Christianity

For those who were interested in exploring the heart of the Christian faith we ran a course called 'The Prodigal God' which focuses on God's love for us. It contrasts moral behaviour and immoral behaviour with faith inspired love for God and others. Around 15 people participated in the course. Around 5 people were entirely new to Christianity and the course was enjoyed by all.

##### The Prayer Course

During the summer we ran the new and updated prayer course from Pete Greig and the 24/7 Prayer movement. Around 20 people participated in the course which was well received as refreshing and inspiring. We trust this will help people both in their day to day experience of faith as well as enabling a deeper sense of God's power during these difficult days.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Ministries / Courses (continued)**

###### **Morning and Evening Prayers**

In order to help people learn to pray regularly and meaningfully we ran two weeks of morning and evening prayers. Short devotional material was used which included a Bible verse, a brief reflection and a time of prayer. Silence and 'breathing prayer' are also used as part of the material which proved to be beneficial especially for those leading busy lives.

###### **Student Community**

Around ten students formed a close community of support and friendship during their time at university. They were well integrated into the life of the church and joined community groups across the city as well as considering important life skills such as organisation and handling emotions.

###### **Strengthening Marriages**

With the goal of equipping people for marriage, we have provided courses, material and a space to learn, ask questions and grow together. We want to create a culture where marriages are cared for and people can ask questions when things are going well and when there are times of need. We ran the outstanding Meaning of Marriage course, written by Tim Keller, twice earlier in the year in small groups. From April 2020 we hosted and ran the Care for the Family, "Marriage Sessions," a four evening online course with video content and follow up questions and discussions in pairs. A real benefit of doing the course online was the accessibility of the course with more than 20 couples joining us with one couple from Manchester!

###### **STEPS**

We ran our first ever STEPS course which is designed to help people break free from life controlling habits or addictions. People experienced change in powerful ways and we were thrilled with how it was received. It is a communal but emotionally demanding course which helps you to explore reasons and causes of your behaviour, how faith can help and how to rebuild relationships with those around you.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Children & Families**

Our Children and Families ministry has adapted over the past 12 months to reflect the changing times. We transitioned from running 8 age-specific children's groups (up to 100 children meeting each Sunday morning), to providing online resources for worship and faith exploration amongst families from March 2020. We created a website ([kids.gracechurchexeter.org](http://kids.gracechurchexeter.org)) full of resources for families to access online at home, providing weekly videos and ideas for family activities based on the Psalms and other Bible stories and themes.

We began planning for a live, online children's gathering to commence in October 2020.

From April 2020 we have piloted and run our youth group online. We started a small "youth group" on Sunday evenings which has been entirely live and online. It has been a very positive way to gather our secondary age young people to build friendship and learn about their faith in the current climate and situation. We have used some excellent material from British Youth for Christ which has adapted its sessions to be usable online. We have also used the weekly bible studies provided by the bibleproject.com website. The material includes high quality animations, podcasts and discussion questions about each chosen subject.

##### **Sunday Gatherings**

Our Sunday Gatherings are the heartbeat of all that we do and all that we are. Before the Covid-19 crisis, we meet together, worship, serve one another, receive fresh inspiration and are prepared for the week ahead. Sundays very much fuel and provide a platform for everything else in church life as well as an opportunity for members of the public to investigate the Christian faith in a safe way. We are pleased that around 200 - 250 people join together on Sundays. This is roughly 100-150 adults and roughly 80-100 children depending on the week. From our Sundays many people take steps of faith both in the moment and into other ministry areas.

##### **Partnering with Parents**

We have partnered with Care for the Family on a number of occasions, with many of our parents attending local events in person and online. 'Left to their Own Devices' was a particularly helpful, informative evening for parents of older primary and secondary aged children discussing how to parent in a world of screens. We also hosted two of a three-part series (halted by Covid) encouraging parents to use traditions and our calendar (Christmas, Easter and other holidays) as wonderful opportunities to explore faith. Many parents came away inspired and equipped with ideas to take home to their families.

We also hosted two online catch-ups for parents to share stories, stand in solidarity with one another and pray for each other in break-out rooms. These were well-attended evenings - inspiring and helpful for weary parents.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Operations and Administration**

We launched a new website at the end of Aug 19, we continue to use this as our main platform to broadcast live, share latest news, view online sermons, marriage resources, courses and events.

We transferred our online accounts from one accounting system to another for the change from a Trust to a CIO. The transfer of charity status also meant we needed to update all of our gift aid forms from our members who also contribute financially, so that we could make legitimate claims for our new CIO status with HMRC. This has now been completed with approx 85 forms being processed.

We have also had to direct our focus on streamlined budgeting due to Covid, and our commitment to the current office, looking at alternatives to our office requirements and gaining a more flexible rental with our office landlord, which is to be approved later this year. The office has been maintained along with all financial and admin procedures relating to the activity of the church. The Office is currently used as a studio for live broadcasting of our Sunday gathering services.

We planned and procured our return back to embodied services starting in September, with one trial evening service, and we had to purchase PPE to keep our staff and volunteers safe. Unfortunately, after new government guidance in following our first trial gathering, we had to switch back to being fully online again, due to our school venue not wishing to rent to us due to covid-19.

Trustees have finalised risk assessments and policy for volunteers for our safe return to working the office (when permitted), ensuring it is Covid secure.

##### **Continuing Generosity**

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the period under review, we have given £8,000 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited, £8,475 to other UK charities and £1,640 to individuals with specific pastoral needs. We have topped this up with further gifts of £14,804 to other UK charities since the year end. Our members have grown in generosity, enabling us to increase our activity and offer more people more opportunities to explore, experience and express God's goodness with and through us.

We have contributed to a Christmas giveaway project with another church (Vineyard) which meant we gave £1,440 towards funding Christmas presents for children whose carers use the Foodbank.

##### **Relief for Those in Hardship / COVID Support Fund**

During the first months of lockdown, we decided to set up a Covid support fund that we could use to help support people in financial hardship, these people had to meet certain criteria and complete an application form to apply. We also received £2,700 donations to support people in financial hardship. We consequently made payments to two couples and Exe Access, which is a local charity in Exeter helping with mobility. This relief fund continues to be available for those who need financial assistance due to the ongoing crisis.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

**Financial Review**

The CIO made a surplus of £67,306 in the period under review. Total income amounted to £231,193. Total expenditure amounted to £163,887. At the period end, the CIO had total funds amounting to £331,029 of which £321,636 constituted net current assets. Some £83,335 is held at the period end in a restricted fund and a further £166,315 in a designated fund for a future building. In addition, a further £14,804 is held in a designated fund for future giving.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees have agreed to set their reserves level at £57,162 for the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. This is at a sufficient level to cover three months' salary for staff and commitments to rental of premises and associated running costs. The remaining balance and any future surpluses are allocated to the finding, purchasing and equipping of a new building.

**Building Project and Establishment of CIO**

It continues to be the intention of the Trustees that the Trust purchases a building in future, rather than renting all office and meeting spaces, as has been the case since the establishment of the Trust. In 2018 active property searching took place, a building search team was established, a number of properties were considered and indicative borrowing terms were obtained. In 2019, in preparation for the acquisition of a building in future, the Trustees engaged a legal firm to incorporate a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Grace Church Exeter (Registered charity number: 1182435) (the "CIO"). The CIO was incorporated in March 2019 and the transfer of all assets of the Church from the Trust to the CIO with effect from 31 October 2019. The Trustees believe that the establishment of the CIO was a vital step in anticipation of the acquisition of a property for the Church and believe that its incorporated structure provides a better structure for the Building Project to be moved towards completion. While a suitable building has yet to be found, the Trustees are encouraged that, as a result of the growth of the restricted and designated funds, resulting from surplus income in recent years, funds available to the CIO for acquiring a building have increased. Further to this, a gift day is planned for October 2020 to provide an opportunity for donors to give towards this purpose and it is envisioned that further gift days will be held in the future. Accordingly, the Trustees will continue to seek to acquire a building for the Church, as market dynamics allow.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
**Trustee**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 2011 Act.

**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 CIO 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 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.

**Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE  
Bowhill Bookkeeping Services  
172 Newman Road  
Exeter  
EX4 1PQ**

**Date**

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
Donations	15	212,873	18,125	<b>230,998</b>
Investment income		57	138	<b>195</b>
		-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>		212,930	18,263	<b>231,193</b>
		-----	-----	-----
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities	16	162,487	1,400	<b>163,887</b>
		-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>		162,487	1,400	<b>163,887</b>
		-----	-----	-----
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		50,443	16,863	<b>67,306</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
<b>TRANSFERS FROM CHARITABLE TRUST</b>	17	197,231	66,492	<b>263,723</b>
		-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		247,674	83,355	<b>331,029</b>
		=====	=====	=====

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

	Note	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>			
Tangible assets	3		<b>9,393</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Debtors	4	<b>6,915</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>316,040</b>	
		<u><b>322,955</b></u>	
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<b>(1,319)</b>	
		<u></u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>321,636</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><b>331,029</b></u>
			<u><u><b>331,029</b></u></u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>			
Restricted Income Funds	6		<b>83,355</b>
Unrestricted Funds		<b>66,555</b>	
Designated Fund	7	<b>181,119</b>	
		<u></u>	
			<b>247,674</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u><b>331,029</b></u>
			<u><u><b>331,029</b></u></u>

The notes on pages 13-18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on .....and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**c) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

**d) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**e) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**f) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**g) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**h) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**i) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**j) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**k) Going concern**

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b> <b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
Additions in the year	4,651
Transfer from Charitable Trust	14,263
	18,914
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</b>	18,914
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Charge for the period	3,940
Transfer from Charitable Trust	5,581
	9,521
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</b>	9,521
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</b>	<b>9,393</b>

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**

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**4. DEBTORS**

	<b>£</b>
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	<b>4,860</b>
Prepayments	<b>2,055</b>
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	<b>6,915</b>
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**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>£</b>
Other Creditors	<b>19</b>
Accruals	<b>1,300</b>
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	<b>1,319</b>
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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from Charitable Trust	Fund Balances Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	14,888	-	66,492	81,380
Covid Support Fund	3,375	(1,400)	-	1,975
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>83,355</b>
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**ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	9,393	9,393
Current Assets	83,355	181,119	58,481	322,955
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,319)	(1,319)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>181,119</b>	<b>66,555</b>	<b>331,029</b>
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The restricted building fund represents monies given specifically for the purchase of a new building with the balance of £66,492 transferred from Grace Church Exeter Trust to the CIO with the close of the charitable trust at 31st October 2019. During the period, active property searching has continued in order to best find a suitable property for the needs of the Church. The Property search is being led by Thomas Butcher who is a Chartered Surveyor with expertise in this area.

The Covid Support fund represent monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. £1,975 has been carried forward to be spent in the current year.

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**7. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The designated funds transferred from Grace Church Exeter Trust at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 totalled £65,553. The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 totalled £181,119 consisting of £14,804 designated by the trustees for future giving and £166,315 designated by the trustees for the purchase of a new building.

**8. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £18,115 during the period.

£16,475 was given to 9 organisations in the period. In addition, gifts totalling £1,640 were given to individuals in the period.

**9. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the period amounted to £94,773 for 5 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £86,493. Employer's NIC amounted to £3,503. Pension costs amounted to £3,354. In addition, there was an underpayment of income tax and national insurance of £1,423 for the charitable trust from the previous year.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Stuart Alred is employed by the CIO as full time Pastor. He is also a trustee of the CIO. The CIO's constitution allows him to be remunerated. During this financial period Stuart received a gross salary of £36,303 and £1,661 was paid into a pension fund for him.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions during the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**12. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,675 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**13. OPERATING LEASES**

At the period end there were the following operating leases:

There is an ongoing lease on the photocopier with a further £1,368 owing.

**14. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
<b>15. Donations</b>				
Offerings and gifts		172,217	14,700	<b>186,917</b>
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds		40,656	3,425	<b>44,081</b>
		212,873	18,125	<b>230,998</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
<b>16. Charitable activities</b>				
Events and Training courses		3,800	-	<b>3,800</b>
Charitable Giving	8	16,715	1,400	<b>18,115</b>
Youth & Children's work		905	-	<b>905</b>
Student & Young Adult work		684	-	<b>684</b>
Employment costs	9	94,773	-	<b>94,773</b>
Staff and Volunteer expenses		4,336	-	<b>4,336</b>
Gifts to speakers		3,528	-	<b>3,528</b>
Premises Hire		5,118	-	<b>5,118</b>
Insurance		2,110	-	<b>2,110</b>
Office overheads and running costs		19,194	-	<b>19,194</b>
Subscriptions & Licences		953	-	<b>953</b>
Repairs & Renewals		2,385	-	<b>2,385</b>
Website Development		106	-	<b>106</b>
Sundry expenses		2,265	-	<b>2,265</b>
Depreciation		3,940	-	<b>3,940</b>
Accountancy & Independent exam fee	12	1,675	-	<b>1,675</b>
		162,487	1,400	<b>163,887</b>

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**17. TRANSFERS FROM CHARITABLE TRUST**

At 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, a transfer totalling £263,723, consisting of the net assets of the previous charitable trust (Grace Church Exeter Trust – Charity Reg No 1099985) was made to the CIO.