

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1183815

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-10

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF CONGREGATIONALISM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF BELIEF APPEARING IN SCHEDULE AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY PROVIDING A PLACE OF WORSHIP IN THE OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH, BROADCASTING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES OF AN INSPIRATIONAL AND TEACHING NATURE, HOLDING PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL BELIEFS

Activities: Religious activities and community outreach

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oldham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£54,492	£39,328	-	-
2024-06-30	£48,363	£33,585	-	-
2023-06-30	£43,539	£37,837	-	-
2022-06-30	£43,908	£42,316	-	-
2021-06-30	£48,051	£53,212	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN ROBERT BAIRSTOW	Chair	2019-05-10
Elizabeth Mary Dean		2022-10-09
Joy Elizabeth Dean		2019-06-11
Margaret Jane Fowler		2019-05-10
Peter Butler		2021-01-05

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Trustees Annual Report for the period October 2024 to October 2025

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- To provide a place of worship in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, for the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with Congregational principles.

Looking back over 2025

It is September again and time for the Annual Trustees report. This report is not only an opportunity to reflect on the last year but also a legal requirement of the Charity Commission to update members on the Church's governance and financial position.

The year started with the AGM on 13th October 2024 when officers of the Church were elected and the annual report and accounts were approved. These were subsequently submitted to the Charity Commission before the deadline and they are available on line for anyone to view.

This year has been quite a roller coaster. We initially wanted to call Rev'd Roo MacRea to our fellowship but then at the end of October, we found out that he had accepted a call from Market Harborough. Our search for a new minister continued and we met Lisa Ewart in November and following a quick succession of preaching and interviews Lisa returned to preach with a view in January. At our special church meeting on 19th January there was unanimous support to call Lisa to be our shared Minister in partnership with Springhead

Church. Lisa quickly accepted the call and started her ministry with us on 1st May to great anticipation. Lisa was formally inducted into the Ministry of Greenacres and Springhead Churches on the 5th July. The induction service was well supported by both fellowships along with visitors who had supported both Churches during their interregnum, and representatives of the Federation and other local Churches. The induction was followed by an excellent tea.

Unfortunately the very positive start to Lisa's ministry was quickly followed by huge disappointment when Lisa sent our secretary her resignation letter on 11th of July only a few days after her induction. The letter was read out to our fellowship on 13th July.

It would be an understatement to say that we were all very shocked and saddened by Lisa's decision but our secretary quickly responded and we are again reliant on pulpit supply in the form of visiting ministers along with the support of Rev'd Liz Dean, Peter Butler and Rev'd Frank Wroe to whom we are forever grateful.

We are again in an interregnum and in the short term we do not intend to advertise our vacancy. We hope to prayerfully re-visit the options for recruitment in the new year.

Following the sudden departure of our new minister a number of our fellowship also decided it was time for a fresh start and moved away from our church. This resulted in us being unable to support the bible study and prayer meeting groups. However, the Friendship choir continues to meet alternate Saturday mornings and is always looking for new members, Zumba, Pilates and Table Tennis have also been ongoing activities in our church hall over the year but these are not particularly well supported by our own fellowship.

Our Church has over recent years run the Alpha course and this year we decided to run an alternative course called "Being Congregational". This is a new course that has been developed by the Congregational Federation. It started on 10th September and has been led by Rev'd Liz Dean and has been well supported by both our fellowship and members from our neighbouring Churches.

Recent Activities

On Saturday August 16th afternoon tea was enjoyed by many of our friends not only from our church but also from Hope & Springhead Churches.

On Sept 21st after the service, we had an open discussion re social activities. The meeting was held in our church hall and attendees enjoyed homemade veg soup & crusty bread. It was agreed a monthly newsletter would be available from October with details of services and activities. Various events were also arranged :- Festive Coffee morning Sat 22nd Nov. Theatre trip to watch Calendar Girls at Mossley AODS Sat 29th Nov. Film Scrooge the Musical in the Church hall Sat 13th Dec - includes refreshments of Turkey & stuffing sandwiches, hot mulled wine or Prosecco, tea & coffee.

It was agreed that the informal open meeting involving the whole fellowship had worked well and that it would be repeated in the new year to plan ongoing activities for 2026.

A Macmillan coffee morning was held on Saturday 27th Sept, hosted by Yvonne Biram & Annes Mien. This event was well supported by our fellowship and friends from Hope & Springhead Churches. Everyone enjoyed the homemade cakes. The magnificent sum of £500 has been raised.

Services

We have again been very fortunate to have had such a wide and diverse range of services and we are so grateful to the following ministers & friends who have led services throughout the year

Peter Butler, Yvonne Campbell, Revd. Liz Dean, Revd. John Hall, Judith Haughton. Tim Hopley, Revd. David Ireland. Revd. Alan Kennedy, Revd. Foday Kamara, Pastor David Morgan. John Pollitt. Graham Radcliffe. Elisabeth Sweeney-Smith. The No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry. Susan Titmuss & Revd. Frank Wroe.

Special Services throughout the year

- Service of remembrance led by Malcolm Dean
- Carol Service, Christmas Day & Easter Services led by Revd Liz Dean
- Joint service with our local Congregational Churches on Maundy Thursday led by Frank Wroe & Revd. Liz Dean
- Christening service on 7th Sept Revd. Liz Dean led the service & christening of Jack, son of Katie & Mark, brother of Charlie.
- Harvest Thanksgiving Service led by Rev'd Frank Wroe

Church meetings

Our church meetings during the course of the year initially focussed on the arrangements for a shared ministry and the calling of a new minister along with the routine items of business linked to finance and building maintenance. At our quarterly church meeting on 17th August we all agreed to defer any action for recruitment of a minister until 2026. We also agreed to re let the manse after some redecoration work was completed.

I would add that whilst our quarterly meetings have been quorate the meetings in general are not well supported and I would encourage all members and adherents to attend them wherever possible so that the interests and views of all of our fellowship are well represented.

Church Maintenance

Whilst there have been no items of significant expenditure over the last year we have continued to undertake routine maintenance of our buildings. The details of these works and cost can be seen in the attached accounts.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of our CIO remains unchanged with a Minister, 5 Trustees and up to 12 Deacons.

Trustees

Following last year's AGM, the five trustees of the Charity were:-

I Bairstow Chair
J Dean Secretary
M Fowler Treasurer
L Dean (Rev)
P Butler

In accordance with the rules of the Charity trustees need to step down in rotation every 3 years and this year the period of office for Ian Bairstow (Chair) and Joy Dean (secretary) will come to an end. There will therefore be two Trustee vacancies at the forthcoming AGM.

Following our last AGM, there were also four vacant posts for Deacons. Since that time Stuart Paulley has resigned and there are therefore currently 7 Deacons. Deacons are required to retire and if they wish stand for re-election every four years. This year Ian Bairstow will reach his fourth year. Nomination sheets for all vacant positions have as usual been advertised on the side table in church so that nominations for all roles in our fellowship can be made.

Deacons and Trustees

Deacons

Joy Dean	Until Oct 2027	(Trustee until Oct 2025)
Margaret Fowler	Until Oct 2028	(Trustee until Oct 2027)
Gail Waterhouse	Until Oct 2026	
Stuart Paulley	Until Oct 2025	(Resigned)
Ian Bairstow	Until Oct 2025	(Trustee until Oct 2025)
David Hopkins	Until Oct 2028	
Peter Butler	Until Oct 2028	(Trustee until Oct 2027)
Liz Dean	Until Oct 2026	(Trustee until Oct 2027)

Roll of Honour

We sadly note the passing of Mrs Lola Berry of our fellowship who passed away on 6th May 2025. Lola was a stalwart supporter of our fellowship and will be sadly missed by so many.

Financial Review

a) Revenue

During the year ending 30th June 2025 the church had a revenue income of £54,492 and running costs of £39,328 leaving an in year operating surplus of £15,164. A summary breakdown of income and expenditure is given below. The full detailed audited accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory	£20022	Cleaning/pulpit Supp	£4948
Gift Aid	£5187	Manse	£4839
Investment Income	£7009	Utilities and general exp	£10,919
Donations, grants, fundraising	£6914	Admin and Legal	£7570
Funeral/wedding Fees	£300	Donations	£2527
Room Hire	£7125	Buildings	£5496
Other	£0	Stipend and Pension	£3029
Rental income Manse	£7935		
Legacy	£0		
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	£54492		£39328

Members might want to note that the offertory income has slightly increased when compared with last year. This is the first time for a number of years that we have seen a small increase. The Church's financial position has been much improved due to an increase in room hire income for our buildings along with the income from the rental of the Manse. The Expenditure is also significantly below where it would be if we had a paid minister. The church is incredibly fortunate to still have a very generous albeit reducing fellowship and our thanks go to all of you for your kind generosity.

b) Reserves and Investments

The general position of reserves and investments remains broadly unchanged. Adjustments and transfers are noted below.

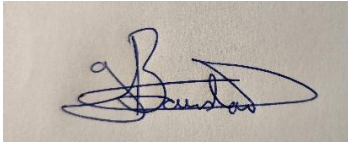
- £6.9k increase in valuation of the Nucleus long term investment fund
- £2.2k increase in the Nucleus medium term investment
- £4.8k decrease in the COIF ethical investment income shares

Our revenue position this year continues to be distorted as we have been without the cost of a minister for a long period. As such, our overall balance sheet is positive. Nevertheless, we should be mindful that utility costs are increasing rapidly and these along with the cost of even a part-time minister will make financial sustainability in future years challenging. We must hope and pray for guidance regarding the recruitment of a minister and the long term future of our fellowship.

I am pleased to be able to report that given the relatively high levels of reserves our Church is still in a strong financial position. Our buildings and grounds are in a good state of repair and we have no foreseeable exceptional expenditure that threatens the overall viability of

our fellowship. God willing with the positive impact of social events, fund raising and room rentals and the ongoing support of our fellowship we will be able to sustain worship and charitable giving at Greenacres for many years to come.

A full copy of our audited accounts is attached for information below. These will be presented to our AGM for approval prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Ian Bairstow'.

Ian Bairstow
Chair of Trustees

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Offertory income	20022	19761
Donations, grants and fundraising	(note 1) 6914	5618
Legacy	0	250
Funeral and wedding fees	300	0
Room Hire	7125	7235
Property Rental	7935	4194
Investment income	(note 2) 7009	6612
Other income	(note 3) 0	91
Tax reclaimed on covenants	5187	4602
	54492	48363
Expenses		
Minister's stipend and pension	3029	0
Cleaning and pulpit supply	4948	5053
Manse expenses	(note 4) 4839	4798
General expenses	(note 5) 10919	10900
Administrative expenses	(note 6) 7570	3428
Donations made	(note 7) 2527	2369
Building and equipment maintenance	(note 8) 5496	7037
	39328	33585
Excess of Income/Expenditure for the year	15164	14778
Accumulated deficit brought forward	(29395)	(44173)
Accumulated deficit carried forward	(14231)	(29395)

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Land and Buildings				
Manse	210000		210000	
Church Land and Buildings	<u>275000</u>	485000	<u>275000</u>	485000
Equipment - sound System and Multi Media		8935		10723
Investments (note 9)		347905		342407
Cash at bank and in hand (note 10)		60679		47016
Accounts receivable		2820		1730
Total assets		<u>905339</u>		<u>886876</u>
Current liabilities (note 11)		1477		1945
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>903862</u></u>		<u><u>884931</u></u>
 Represented by:				
Church Funds (note 12)		692845		693376
General Fund		8750		8750
Revaluation Reserves (note 13)		216498		212200
Deficit on income and expenditure account		(14231)		(29395)
		<u><u>903862</u></u>		<u><u>884931</u></u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	2025	2024
Note 1		
Donations, grants and fundraising		
	£	£
Other donations	4872	3700
Grants	400	0
Collections for charity	984	1205
Festive coffee morning	0	611
Fund raising	59	102
	<u>6315</u>	<u>5618</u>

Note 2		
Investment income		
	£	£
Bank interest	380	301
Royton Trust	980	962
COIF income from units	3165	3182
DB Berry Trust income	1076	1068
K Locke Trust income	207	213
Teachers Building Society interest	1201	886
	<u>7009</u>	<u>6612</u>

Note 3		
Other income		
	£	£
Sale of old media items	0	91
	<u>0</u>	<u>91</u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	2025	2024
Note 4		
Manse expenses		
	£	£
Water Rates	40	(125)
Insurance	414	377
Repairs and Renewals	4114	4249
Letting costs	80	90
Ground rent	13	13
Gas	-34	0
Council tax	212	0
	<u>4839</u>	<u>4798</u>

Note 5		
General expenses		
	£	£
insurance	4614	4174
Telephone	522	579
Electricity	1213	1289
Gas	3988	4371
Water	582	487
	<u>10919</u>	<u>10900</u>

Note 6		
Administrative expenses		
	£	£
Postage	14	11
Stationery and consumables	499	14
General printing costs	117	79
Remembrance Day wreath and expenses	22	20
Catering costs	448	21
Copyright licences	335	324
Legal fees	1500	1675
Accountancy and Audit Fees	300	300
Alpha Course Expenses	395	409
Health and Safety Expenses	0	252
Miscellaneous expenses	279	323
Notice board	38	0
Induction expenses	125	0
New minister travel & accommodation	3398	
	<u>7470</u>	<u>3428</u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

Note 7	Donations made	2025	2024
		£	£
	Donations to affiliated associations	943	689
	Rob Burrow - MND	0	257
	Dr. Kershaw's Hospice	395	0
	Guide Dogs for the Blind	212	0
	Ancora	212	0
	CWM Ministry and Mission	0	400
	Christian Aid	765	750
	Salvation Army	0	75
	Francis House	0	198
	Othr Donations	0	0
		<u>2527</u>	<u>2369</u>

Note 8	Building and equipment maintenance	£	£
	Building repairs	578	2334
	Land maintenance	2308	2259
	Window cleaning	350	235
	Cleaning materials	312	226
	CCTV and Alarm Costs	160	160
	Sound System & Multi Media Costs	0	35
	Sound System & Multi Media Depreciation	1788	1788
		<u>5496</u>	<u>7037</u>

Note 9	Investments	£	£
	Nucleus Medium Term	51494	49262
	Nucleus Long Term	129108	122218
	Teachers Building Society	55407	54207
	COIF Ethical Investment Income Shares	111896	116720
		<u>347905</u>	<u>342407</u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	2025	2024
Note 10 Cash at bank and in hand		
	£	£
Bank current account	29025	25805
Bank reserve account	31552	21172
Petty cash	102	39
	<u>60679</u>	<u>47016</u>

Note 11 Current liabilities		
	£	£
Accounts payable	1055	1542
Fund raising holding account	200	200
Coffee collection holding account	222	203
	<u>1477</u>	<u>1945</u>

Note 12 Church Funds		
	£	£
Youth and Recreation Fund - Capital	3659	3658
Youth and Recreation Fund - Income	2011	2011
Terc. Building Endowment Fund	2766	2766
Waterhead Fund - Capital	7184	7184
Waterhead Fund - Interest	1348	1348
Legacy Fund	298007	298007
Historical Receipts Fund	360050	360050
Benevolent Fund	10670	11200
Endowment Fund	7000	7000
Communion Fund	150	150
	<u>692845</u>	<u>693374</u>

Note 13 Revaluation Reserves		
	£	£
Nucleus Investment Revaluation Reserve	30602	21480
Capital Units Revaluation Reserve	104896	109720
Manse Revaluation Reserve	81000	81000
	<u>216498</u>	<u>212200</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

30 JUNE 2025 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Sharon Nash

Date: 01 OCT. 2025

Name: SHARON NASH

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

A.T.T. (FELLOW)

Address:

SBNTAX & ACCOUNTS SERVICES LTD
SUITE 38. EUROPA HOUSE; BARCROFT STREET,
BURY; BL9 5BT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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September seems to come round quicker and quicker each year that goes by. This report is not only an opportunity to reflect on the last year but also a legal requirement of the Charity Commission to update members on the Church's governance and financial position.

Despite being back to normal, Covid is still affecting our lives and many of our fellowship have succumbed to the infection over the last year. This has resulted in some missed attendances due to isolation but thank goodness the life threatening nature of the illness seems to have passed for now.

The year started with the AGM on 8th October 2023 when officers of the Church were elected and the annual report and accounts were approved. These were

subsequently submitted to the Charity Commission before the deadline and they are available on line for anyone to view.

Whilst we are still without a minister we have had an application from a suitable candidate – Ruairidh MacRae, Ruairidh preached at our Church on Sunday 1st September, he also preached at Springhead on 29th. Further to our agreement to move forward with Springhead for a shared ministry, we now need to agree the practical and financial details of how a shared ministry would work with Springhead before meeting and deciding whether we want to Call Ruairidh to our Churches. Our very grateful thanks to Rev'd Frank Wroe, Rev'd Liz Dean and Peter Butler as well as all of the other visiting Ministers for being so willing to step into the breach and lead our worship each week.

Bible study continues to be held by Zoom and face to face house meetings on alternate weeks whilst Prayer meetings have returned to a face to face format. The Friendship choir continues to thrive and meet alternate Saturday mornings and is always looking for new members, Zumba, Pilates and Table Tennis have also been ongoing activities over the year and are well supported.

The Friendship centre has also thrived throughout the year and as well as providing great food has been a centre for outreach at our Church. The Friendship centre has contributed £800 To Church funds this year. Unfortunately, Sylvia has had to step down from leading the work in the kitchen which has put a greater strain on those remaining. Stuart who has taken responsibility for leading the Friendship centre for the last few years has also decided that it was time to take a break and stood down as of the middle of September. The Diaconate and Trustees had a long and difficult discussion about the Friendship Centre continuing on reduced resources and without a "responsible" leader and took the difficult decision to close the Centre out of safeguarding and Health and Safety concerns as of the 12th September. The Church owes a great debt of gratitude to all of the team who have worked so hard over recent years to make it such a great success. Hopefully, we will be able to resurrect it at some point in the future.

Following the decision last year to run an Alpha course at Church, Stuart and the support team set up and ran the course here at Greenacres. There were five attendees and those who attended agreed that it had been a worthwhile exercise. The relative success of the course has led to the team running a further course this year which has just started.

There have been a number of services and meetings of note during the year these being :-

12th Nov: Remembrance Sunday. A moving service led by Revd. Liz Dean. We stood to remember the fallen of two World Wars and other conflicts since. Malcolm Dean paid tribute to one of the men from Greenacres who had served in the First World War and been awarded the Military Cross, Lieutenant Harold Platt Hall died of his wounds on 9th November 1918 and was buried in France on 11th Nov 1918 the day his parents received the telegram. Records relating to Harold's background, his

parents and his war service were on display for us to view. The church was filled with poppies, a beautiful display adorned the spiral staircase in the foyer and our poppy wreath was later laid at the Waterhead War Memorial. After the two minutes silence the 'Last Post' was sounded and at the end of the service, The National Anthem was sung.

19th Nov: The Puppet Ministry: Led by Peter Butler. Peter's theme was the parable of the talents and the puppeteers certainly use their talents to provide thought provoking words and music. Paul who spoke on behalf of the group said Jesus just wants to love us all so much. The puppets sang three songs including 'You raise me up'. The encore was 'Elvis' who sang a gospel song to close. An uplifting and entertaining Sunday worship.

3rd Dec: Advent Sunday. Held at Roundthorn Salvation Army Citadel. Major Pam Ralph-Barratt suggested we take our gifts for their 'Children at Christmas Appeal' to their Citadel and join with them in worship. This proved a huge success and we were warmly welcomed by their fellowship. The Salvation Army also use their multimedia system and screens for services and we were shown a beautiful video of the Nativity along with a carol written by an army officer. Our gifts were presented during the service and afterwards we joined the salvationists for refreshments.

10th Dec: Led by Revd. Liz Dean and the children of Greenacres Primary School. We are grateful to the teachers and children of the school for performing their Nativity play 'Follow the Star'. As always, the children were brilliant and sang their hearts out. Liz also brought along Ignatius the church mouse puppet who told the children why Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem.

24th Dec: The Christmas Carol service led by Liz. We were joined by members of Springhead Congregational Church. Following this service, a Rowan tree was planted in the church grounds in memory of Rev. Dr. Walter Riggans. He was the Learning and Development tutor for the Congregational Federation. He sadly died suddenly, four days after his last service which he led at Greenacres on Whit Sunday 2022. Yvonne Campbell, the General Secretary led a memorial tribute to Walter. His daughter, Robyn also attended. After the planting, coffee and mince pies were served.

Christmas Day service led again by Liz. The offertory that morning was in support of research into Motor Neurone Disease

28th Jan: Revd. David Ireland from Union St URC and Chief Executive of Francis House Children's Hospice made a welcome return to Greenacres. David is always amusing and made us laugh telling his anecdote of being in a pub prior to a meeting in London, drinking pints with a nun and a priest, an unlikely scenario he said but totally true. He also told us about his involvement with Francis House Hospice and the great faith of those who founded the hospice that the cost would be met. David was the architect for the project and was unsure this would happen. Sister Aloysius told him God would provide and 34 years later the hospice is still giving care and support to children with cancer and, to their families.

11th Feb: John Pollitt from Springhead Congregational Church returned to Greenacres. People commented on John's excellent sermon and clear speaking. His amusing sermon was based on striving for perfection. Growing up he believed he would play football for Oldham Athletic and cricket for England.

25th Feb: Led by Major Pam Ralph-Barratt of Roundthorn Salvation Army. This was a lovely well attended service and we welcomed Pam and her fellowship to Greenacres. Six hymns kept Margaret busy playing and the service went on until 12:10 p.m. Pam taught us a new song which had us moving around church, greeting and giving high fives to one another. She was very sincere in her preaching. We also watched a video of the work the Salvation Army carries out across the world, helping to feed and educate people through donations of self-denial from their own congregation and other salvationists throughout Britain. The preaching fee we gave to Pam along with a further donation of £75 from our benevolent fund will go towards this project.

10th March: Mothering Sunday Service led by Susan Titmuss of Greenfield Methodist Church. A lovely service, which Susan based on Moses in the bullrushes and the love and care of all our mothers. Daffodils were handed out to all the ladies in church that morning.

31st March Easter Sunday: Peter stood in for Liz who had written the Easter service but was unable to be there that morning. A very fitting service with Holy Communion, which was well attended (55) Families of members came as did others who liked to take communion on this special day. Simnel cake and Easter eggs were served as refreshments afterwards along with the special homemade malt loaf brought by Tony Edwards who had flown in from Northern Ireland to celebrate Easter with us. Our thanks to Peter for helping out at short notice.

7th April Tim Hopley: It was a pleasure to welcome Tim from Greenmount URC back to Greenacres. Tim spoke about the disciple known as Doubting Thomas and asked how many of us would have doubted the risen Christ without being shown the evidence of His wounds. Tim also gave a demonstration of the sliced unpeeled banana and asked us to believe the impossible. We were also grateful to Tim for leading us in our communion service. He will do so again when he returned in August.

19th May: Whit Sunday and 352nd Church Anniversary Service. The No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry made a welcome return to Greenacres. Peter led the service. The puppets entertained us with a Pentecostal theme and Fiona, a lady from their Methodist Church performed dance movements with a shimmering gold banner. Our hymns also fitted the theme with 'Breathe on me Breath of God' and the 'Spirit lives to set us free'. The puppeteers also made reference to the history of our church and noted King William III was the monarch in 1672. After the service we enjoyed cake and other refreshments in the church hall.

26th May: Service led by Catherine Booton, the Learning and Development Manager for the Congregational Federation. This was Catherine's first visit to Greenacres, an excellent speaker, Catherine spoke about the events following Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Her son Harry also spoke about his role for the youth within the Federation. Catherine was also interested in the social events of our church. She will return to lead worship again in November.

16th June, Service led by David Morgan the former pastor of Mount Pleasant Mission now the Revive Methodist Church: David is a very knowledgeable preacher of the Old and New Testament and does so without notes. He explained with great eloquence just what is meant by being born again of the Holy Spirit. He also explained the meaning behind the sacrificial offerings of the Old Testament.

23rd June Led by Revd. Alan Kennedy: Alan also played the organ for the hymns. His theme was based on Jesus and his disciples facing the storm and asked would you get into the boat? Alan's hymns were all based on the storms of life e.g. 'Would your anchor hold' and "God who made each great wide ocean'

30th June Led by Revd Barbara Bridges: Barbara last led our Harvest service and it was good to welcome her back to Greenacres. Barbara commented on singing the Lord's Prayer which reminded her of being back in Sunday School and only sings it when she is at Greenacres. Barbara said she would try to avoid mentioning the Euro football and the forthcoming General Election Her sermon was based on two Bible readings, Jairus's daughter and Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. She voiced how the people involved in the readings might have felt and this brought the stories to life.

28th July: Service led by Revd. Alan Kennedy of Walkden Congregational Church, ably assisted by his partner, Nathan. Alan's theme was the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand" His readings, hymns and sermon gave insight into Jesus performing this miracle, mentioned in all four gospels. Nathan gave a dramatic reading of the miracle as though he was there at the time speaking to some of the disciples who were asking him to provide a meal for thousands out of a few loaves and fishes. Comedy as well as drama is always a welcome addition to Alan's services.

4th August: Tim Hopley from Greenmount URC led our worship and Communion service. Tim gave a very clever address about a man searching for God. In this address, Tim's origami skills were put to the test. The man in the story sailed to America on a ship, in New York he stayed in a hotel but he couldn't find God in any of these places. He then flew back to London on a jumbo. Each time, Tim did well in making the paper change shape. The man having had no success in finding God decided to take the space shuttle, another valiant effort from Tim. When the man returned to earth, he realised God had been in all the places he had visited as Tim unfolded the paper to reveal the shape of a cross.

11th August: Led by Yvonne Campbell, the General Secretary of the Congregational Federation. Yvonne spoke about the beginnings of Congregationalism and how Greenacres was one of the first Congregational churches as our founder, Robert

Constantine was expelled from the Anglican church in Oldham and forbidden to preach within five miles of that church for refusing to conform to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Yvonne's message to us all was that God is Love, her sermon and hymns reflected this. Her unusual and 'magical' prayer book changed from blank pages and black and white to colour when people understood and followed the Christian teaching that God is Love.

1st Sept: Communion service led by Revd. Roo MacRae. Roo attended with his husband James. They were both given a warm welcome by our fellowship. Roo's sermon was based on Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well. He also spoke about care and compassion for one another and for our community. Roo is an excellent speaker and his accent easy to understand. We felt he spoke from the heart, especially during his prayers of intercession. He led our communion service in a most caring and instructive way. After the service everyone chatted to Roo and James, we felt sure we would like him to preach again. Roo led the service for Springhead Church on 29th Sept.

29th Sept: Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Led by Elisabeth Sweeney Smith, the current President of the Congregational Federation. As in previous years, our donations for the Food Bank will be taken to Roundthorn Salvation Army.

Church meetings

The quarterly church meeting in Oct 2023, followed the AGM. It was at this meeting that final arrangements were made for renting out the church manse. Tenants moved into the manse in January. The whole house had been redecorated and was in excellent condition. Ryder and Dutton act as our agents, taking 14.5% of the monthly rental. As at 30th June, the end of our financial year, the manse rental has brought £4,194 in extra income for our church.

At our quarterly meeting in February this year, the idea of a shared ministry with Springhead Congregational Church was put to our members. It was agreed this was something we should pursue.

At the May church meeting, it was announced our church profile had been amended to include the possibility of a shared ministry. Springhead have confirmed their members are agreeable to this which makes the employment of a minister much more affordable.

At our meeting in August, it was revealed that Revd. Roo MacRae from Eyemouth in the Scottish Borders had applied for the position of Minister at Greenacres and Springhead. At the service in July which was held at Springhead, Rev MacRae joined us. He met with the deacons at Springhead and in the afternoon he joined our deacons in the church lounge for informal discussions and to look around the church. Rev MacRae was invited to lead our communion service on 1st Sept, which was well received. Roo and his husband James chatted to our fellowship over coffee following the service. He led the worship at Springhead on 29th Sept. If both churches and Rev. MacRae decide they would like to and can continue with the application, we will invite him to lead another service at each church "with a view" to him becoming our

minister. The decision to call a minister will be made by church members at an extraordinary meeting.

Church Maintenance

Whilst there have been no items of significant expenditure over the last year we have continued to undertake routine maintenance of our property. The details of these works and cost can be seen in the attached accounts.

Social group report

The social group consists of 6 people and meets about every two months to plan church social activities.

Since September 2023 there have been 13 events: two quiz nights, three bingo sessions, a car treasure hunt, a coach outing to Llandudno, a brass band concert, a trip on the East Lancashire Railway, a church meal, a visit from Mikron theatre and a visit to Manchester Monastery.

In this period, the Social Group made a profit of £360, half of which went to church funds and the other half to local charities.

Other Matters

Our Church has been advertising to call a new minister for a significant period of time as has our neighbouring Church at Springhead. At our quarterly Church meeting we agreed that the cost of calling a full-time minister was unsustainable and we agreed that we would, if possible, move forward with a part time minister shared with Springhead if the opportunity arose. As mentioned above, we have had an interest from a suitable candidate and we are waiting to establish whether Springhead are ready to move forward with a view to asking the applicant to “preach with a view”

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of our CIO remains unchanged with a Minister, 5 Trustees and up to 12 Deacons.

Trustees

Following last year’s AGM, the five trustees of the Charity were:-

I Bairstow	Chair
J Dean	Secretary
M Fowler	Treasurer
L Dean (Rev)	
P Butler	

In accordance with the rules of the Charity trustees need to step down in rotation every 3 years and this year the period of office for Margaret Fowler (treasurer) and

Peter Butler will come to an end. There will therefore be two Trustee vacancies at the forthcoming AGM.

Following our last AGM, there were also three vacant posts for Deacons. Since that time Gary Croad has resigned and there are therefore currently 8 Deacons. Deacons are required to retire and if they wish stand for re election every four years. This year David Hopkins, Margaret Fowler and Peter Butler reach their fourth year.

Deacons and Trustees

Deacons

Joy Dean	Until Oct 2027	(trustee until Oct 2025)
Margaret Fowler	Until Oct 2024	(trustee until Oct 2024)
Gail Waterhouse	Until Oct 2026	
Stuart Paulley	Until Oct 2025	
Ian Bairstow	Until Oct 2025	(trustee until Oct 2025)
David Hopkins	Until Oct 2024	
Peter Butler	Until Oct 2024	(trustee until Oct 2024)
Gary Croad	Retired 2024	
Liz Dean	Until Oct 2026	(Trustee until Oct 2027)

Roll of Honour

We sadly note the passing of Maureen Pickles of our fellowship who passed away on 21st August 2024

Financial Review

a) Revenue

During the year ending 30th June 2024 the church had a revenue income of £48,363 and running costs of £33,585 leaving an in year operating surplus of £14,778. A

summary breakdown of income and expenditure is given below. The full detailed audited accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Income		Expenditure
Offertory	£19761	Cleaning/pulpit Supp
£5053		
Gift Aid	£4602	Manse
£4798		
Investment Income	£6612	Utilities and general exp
£10,900		
Donations, grants, fundraising	£5618	Admin and Legal
£3428		
Funeral/wedding Fees	£0	Donations
£2369		
Room Hire	£7235	Buildings
£7037		
Other	£91	
Rental income Manse	£4194	
Legacy	£250	
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	£48,363	
£33585		

Members might want to note that the offertory income has remained relatively static when compared with last year. This is the first time for a number of years that we have not seen a year-on-year reduction. The Church's financial position has been much improved due to an increase in room hire income for our buildings along with the income from the rental of the Manse. The Expenditure is also significantly below normal as we are not funding the cost of a minister. The church is incredibly fortunate to still have a very generous but reducing fellowship and our thanks go to all of you for your kind generosity. The figures do however support the view that a part time minister at an annual cost of around £20,000 is much more sustainable than a full time one which would cost of the order of £40,000 per year.

b) Reserves and Investments

The general position of reserves and investments remains unchanged. Adjustments and transfers are noted below.

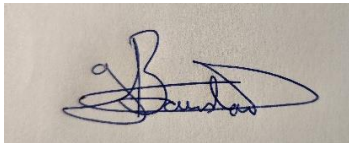
- £12.7k increase in valuation of the Nucleus long term investment fund
- £2.8k increase in the Nucleus medium term investment
- £10k increase in the COIF ethical investment income shares
- £81k increase in Manse Valuation from £129k to £210k

It is worthy of note that our investment valuations have increased this year. This along with the re valuation of the manse has resulted in an increase in the value of our assets.

Our revenue position this year continues to be distorted as we have been without the cost of a full-time minister for a long period. As such, our overall balance sheet is positive. Nevertheless, we should be mindful that utility costs are increasing rapidly and these along with the cost of even a part-time minister will make financial sustainability in future years challenging. We must hope and pray that with the engagement of a new minister we will see a growth in our fellowship with the capacity sustain our ongoing expenditure without too much reliance on our reserves.

I am pleased to be able to report that given the relatively high levels of reserves our Church is still in a strong financial position. Our buildings and grounds are in a good state of repair and we have no foreseeable exceptional expenditure that threatens the overall viability of our fellowship. God willing with the positive impact of social events, fund raising and room rentals and the ongoing support of our fellowship we will be able to sustain worship at Greenacres for many years to come.

A full copy of our audited accounts is attached for information below. These will be presented to our AGM for approval prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Bairstow', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Ian Bairstow
Chair of Trustees

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Offertory income	19761	19290
Donations, grants and fundraising	(note 1) 5618	7586
Legacy	250	0
Funeral and wedding fees	0	600
Room Hire	7235	4593
Property Rental	4194	0
Investment income	(note 2) 6612	6421
Other income	(note 3) 91	20
Tax reclaimed on covenants	4602	5029
	48363	43539
Expenses		
Minister's stipend and pension	0	0
Cleaning and pulpit supply	5053	4911
Manse expenses	(note 4) 4798	1446
General expenses	(note 5) 10900	10726
Administrative expenses	(note 6) 3428	3389
Donations made	(note 7) 2369	2266
Building and equipment maintenance	(note 8) 7037	15099
	33585	37837
Excess of Income/Expenditure for the year	14778	5702
Accumulated deficit brought forward	(44173)	(49875)
Accumulated deficit carried forward	(29395)	(44173)

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Land and Buildings				
Manse	210000		129000	
Church Land and Buildings	<u>275000</u>	485000	<u>275000</u>	404000
Equipment				
Sound System & Multi Media		10723		12511
Investments	(note 9)	342407		315998
Cash at bank and in hand	(note 10)	47016		31221
Accounts receivable		1730		1730
Total assets		<u>886876</u>		<u>765460</u>
Current liabilities	(note 11)	1945		1285
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>884931</u></u>		<u><u>764175</u></u>
 Represented by:				
Church Funds	(note 12)	693376		693920
General Fund		8750		8750
Revaluation Reserves	(note 13)	212200		105678
Deficit on income and expenditure account		(29395)		(44173)
		<u><u>884931</u></u>		<u><u>764175</u></u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
Note 1		
Donations, grants and fundraising		
	£	£
Other donations	3700	4791
Grants	0	725
Collections for charity	1205	1185
Festive coffee morning	611	802
Fund raising	102	83
	<u>5618</u>	<u>7586</u>

Note 2		
Investment income		
	£	£
Bank interest	301	137
Royton Trust	962	1356
COIF income from units	3182	3193
DB Berry Trust income	1068	1079
K Locke Trust income	213	218
Teachers Building Society interest	886	438
	<u>6612</u>	<u>6421</u>

Note 3		
Other income		
	£	£
Sale of Fridge Freezer	0	20
Sale of Old Media Items	91	0
	<u>91</u>	<u>20</u>

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
Note 4		
Manse expenses		
	£	£
Water Rates	-125	-159
Insurance	377	356
Repairs and Renewals	4249	0
Energy Costs	194	1236
Rental Costs	90	0
Ground rent	13	13
	<u>4798</u>	<u>1446</u>

Note 5		
General expenses		
	£	£
insurance	4174	3696
Telephone	579	516
Electricity	1289	1241
Gas	4371	4825
Water	487	448
	<u>10900</u>	<u>10726</u>

Note 6		
Administrative expenses		
	£	£
Postage	11	0
Stationery and consumables	14	37
General printing costs	79	108
Remembrance Day wreath and expenses	20	20
Catering costs	21	119
Copyright licences	324	302
Legal fees	1675	1578
Accountancy and Audit Fees	300	300
Alpha Course Expenses	409	617
Health and Safety Expenses	252	44
King's Coronation Prayer Books	0	100
Miscellaneous expenses	323	164
	<u>3428</u>	<u>3389</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
Note 7 Donations made		
	£	£
Donations to affiliated associations	689	591
Rob Burrow - MND	257	0
Dr Kershaws	0	260
Oldham Mountain Rescue	0	225
British Red Cross	0	15
CWM Ministry and Mission	400	400
Christian Aid	750	750
Salvation Army	75	0
Francis House	198	0
Othr Donations	0	25
	<u>2369</u>	<u>2266</u>

Note 8 Building and equipment maintenance

	£	£
Building repairs	2334	10913
Land maintenance	2259	2467
Window cleaning	235	220
Cleaning materials	226	349
CCTV and Alarm Costs	160	1150
Sound System & Multi Media Costs	35	0
Sound System & Multi Media Depreciation	1788	0
	<u>7037</u>	<u>15099</u>

Note 9 Investments

	£	£
Nucleus Medium Term	49262	46441
Nucleus Long Term	122218	109502
Teachers Building Society	54207	53321
COIF Ethical Investment Income Shares	116720	106734
	<u>342407</u>	<u>315998</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
Note 10 Cash at bank and in hand		
	£	£
Bank current account	25805	10295
Bank reserve account	21172	20871
Petty cash	39	55
	<u>47016</u>	<u>31221</u>

Note 11 Current liabilities

	£	£
Accounts payable	1542	1105
Fund raising holding account	200	0
Coffee collection holding account	203	180
	<u>1945</u>	<u>1285</u>

Note 12 Church Funds

	£	£
Youth and Recreation Fund - Capital	3658	3658
Youth and Recreation Fund - Income	2011	2011
Terc. Building Endowment Fund	2766	2766
Waterhead Fund - Capital	7184	7184
Waterhead Fund - Interest	1348	1348
Legacy Fund	298007	298007
Historical Receipts Fund	360050	360050
Benevolent Fund	11200	11746
Endowment Fund	7000	7000
Communion Fund	150	150
	<u>693374</u>	<u>693920</u>

Note 13 Revaluation Reserves

	£	£
Nucleus Investment Revaluation Reserve	21480	5944
Capital Units Revaluation Reserve	109720	99734
Manse Revaluation Reserve	81000	0
	<u>212200</u>	<u>105678</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GREEN ACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2024

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

ONE TO SIX

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/06/2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sharon Nash

Date:

27/09/2024

Name:

SHARON NASH

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

A.T.T. (FELLOW)

Address:

**SBN TAX + ACCOUNTS SERVICES LTD,
SUITE 38, EUROPA HOUSE, BARCROFT STREET,
BURY, BL9 5BT**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183815

Accounts

**Greenacres Congregational Church
Galland Street
Oldham
OL4 3EU**

**Trustees Annual Report for the period October 2022 to October
2023**

Charity Name – Greenacres Congregational Church

Charity Registration number – 1183815

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the Constitution of Greenacres Congregational Church.

- The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian congregational messages of an inspirational and teaching nature.
- To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Congregationalism to enlighten others about Congregational beliefs.
- To provide a place of worship in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, for the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with Congregational principles.

Looking back over 2023

How time flies, it is September again and time for this year's Church report. This report is not only a time to reflect on the last year but also a legal requirement of the Charity Commission to update members on the Church's governance and financial position.

How wonderful it has been to get back to "normal" and whilst Covid has not gone away and a number of our fellowship have succumbed to it over the year, it has been a real pleasure to be able to get back to regular collective worship and fellowship events.

The year started with the AGM on 9th October 2022 when officers of the Church were elected and the annual report and accounts were approved. These have now been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Whilst we are sadly still without a minister and the level of applications is to say the least underwhelming, we have however been able to enjoy the varied preaching from so many visiting ministers and preachers with any vacant slots being willingly filled by Liz Dean, Peter Butler and Frank Wroe to whom we are so very grateful.

Bible study continues to be held by Zoom and face to face house meetings on alternate weeks whilst Prayer meetings have returned to a face to face format. The Friendship choir continues to grow in popularity and has presented concerts in a number of external settings as well as performing in Church. We are very grateful to the choir for their generous donation of £500 to church funds. Zumba, Pilates and Table Tennis have also been ongoing activities over the year and are well supported.

The Friendship centre has also thrived throughout the year and as well as providing great food has been a centre for outreach at our Church. As a result of the ongoing success of the Friendship Centre it has been able to make very generous financial donations totalling £1000 to Church funds due to the dedication and leadership from the team. These are included in the Church's accounts attached to this report and our thanks go to the team for their hard work and diligence.

Following the decision last year to run an Alpha course at Church, Stuart and the support team set up and ran the course here at Greenacres. There were between four and five attendees and those who attended agreed that it had been a worthwhile exercise. The relative success of the course has led the team to request a further session in 2023/24 and this has been agreed by the Diaconate subject to them achieving a minimum of five attendees.

There have been a number of services and meetings of note during the year these being :-

16th October the return of the Puppet ministry from Altrincham Methodist Church. A connection that goes back many years & always welcome at Greenacres. With a Christian message contained in each of their songs, the puppeteers entertain us, especially with their grand finale when Elvis arrives. Liz led the service & also brought Ignatius to the pulpit. This church mouse puppet has a long connection to Greenacres & to Liz.

23rd October Revd. Foday Kamara from Chinley Cong. Church came with his wife & three children, a lovely family. This was the Sunday when our friends from Springhead Cong. Church joined us as they were without a preacher that morning. Foday was well known to them as he had been Liz's student when she was Minister at Springhead. Foday arrived at 10:45 that morning, just in time for the service & was so surprised to see many of the Springhead membership, he thought he was in the wrong church. It was lovely to share fellowship over tea & coffee after the service. First introduction to Foday

13th November Remembrance Sunday. Service led by Revd Frank Wroe, he read out the names of the men from our church who gave their lives for our freedom during the First & Second World Wars. The photographs & citations of the men who died were displayed on the banners at the front of church.

4th Dec. Advent Toy Service led by the new captain of Roundthorn Salvation Army, Tim Lennox. The response to our appeal for toys & gifts for children & young people living in deprived circumstances in our town was overwhelming. Capt. Lennox completely filled his car with the gifts & was extremely grateful.

11th Dec. The Reception & Year 1 children of Greenacres primary School enthralled us with the performance of their Christmas play 'The Magical Christmas Journey' The children also attended a religious education visit on 8th Dec & asked many interesting questions. They were especially interested in the parcels wrapped in Christmas paper under the tree.

18th Dec. Our carol service held in the morning of the 18th & led by Rev Liz Dean & Mr Peter Butler. Unfortunately we were without heating that morning but everyone belted out the carols, especially 'While Shepherds' whilst wrapped in coats & scarves. Afterwards Coffee & mince pies were served in the hall.

25th Dec. Christmas Day. The service was once again led by Rev. Liz Dean unfortunately we were again without heat. We had an excellent service with fun & humour, Liz being assisted by her daughter, Alex & granddaughter Sophie. The loose cash in the offertory was in aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

8th Jan: Liz led a Communion & Christingle Service with hymns & verses sung to carols & bible passages read by the Congregation. Candles were lit around church after each reading & at the end of the service, everyone received a lit Christingle. The lights were switched off & we stood together to sing the final verse to the tune Away in a Manger.

12th Feb: We welcomed the return of Susan Titmuss from Greenfield Methodist Church. Susan was impressed with our multimedia system & her choice of hymns & her bible reading were shown on the screens. Susan used to teach at Hulme Grammar School & would like to illustrate her sermon with pictures on the screens when she returns to lead worship again in June.

26th Feb: Rev. Foday Kamara from Chinley Cong. Church. Made a very welcome return to Greenacres. Foday is also the new Church Support Worker for our North West Area of Cong. Churches. Foday made use of our screens & multimedia system, using them to illustrate bible readings & his sermon.

5th March: Communion Service led by Rev Frank Wroe. Frank welcomed Rose Molloy into church membership in a very moving way, which impressed our fellowship who thanked him for his continued support to our church. Frank was impressed by the improved sound system & the words to the hymns on the TV screens.

19th March: Mothering Sunday. Our service was led by our own Revd. Liz Dean & as Margaret was on holiday, our music came via our multimedia system & TV screens. Bunches of daffodils were presented to all the ladies.

1st April: Our Vision Day, led by Yvonne Campbell. This took place Saturday morning 10:00 – 12noon. Foday Kamara as our church support worker attended later that morning & will be asked to take our ideas forward. Comments showing our strengths, weaknesses & thoughts for the future had been written on cards & made into a collage in the shape of a building. This will be kept in church to focus our minds on where we hope to be in twelve months & again in three years.

2nd April Palm Sunday: The No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry, led by Stephen Entwistle & the Puppeteers, assisted by Peter Butler who led the service. As usual the puppets were a great success with a Palm Sunday theme sung to modern music & included a special performance from 'Elvis' The puppets will make another welcome return in Nov. Palm crosses were also available for people to take at the end of the service.

6th April Maundy Thursday: Held at Greenacres & also involved our other local Cong. Churches, Ebenezer, Hope & Springhead & was led by Revd. Liz Dean & Revd. Frank Wroe. Copies of the Daily Prayer Book to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles were distributed after the service & the closing offertory in aid of The Oldham Mountain Rescue Team raised £160. Refreshments were served in the church hall

7th April Good Friday: There were no services held at Greenacres and our fellowship were invited to join with Hope Congregational Church. The service was led by Christine Rainer

9th April Easter Sunday: A lovely service including Communion with a good attendance & led by Rev Liz Dean. Further donations to Oldham Mountain Recue resulted in a total of £ 225. Liz gave an Easter egg to each of the children who attended & refreshments afterwards included chocolate cake & mini chocolate eggs.

21st May: Our 351st Anniversary Service was led by Revd Barbara Bridges a former president of the Congregational Federation & former minister at Moreton in Marsh Cong. Barbara compared life today with life 350 years ago. People suffering hardship, problems with the economy. King Charles was on the throne & there was advancement with astronomy & space exploration, very much like today. Barbara stressed that unlike events in 1672 & proceeding years our church has remained steadfast in its faith, still serving the community.

28th May: Whit Sunday, led by Revd. Frank Wroe. Frank took us through the day of Pentecost & also reminisced with us, the Whit walks of years passed, a wonderful event of Christian witness to our community.

11th June: Led by our church support worker for the North West Area, Revd. Foday Kamara. Foday spoke about his early life & how he was brought up as a Muslim but after his father died when Foday was only 8 years old, his mother sent him to live with an uncle who was a devout Christian. Foday loved the various denominations

his uncle introduced him to but it was only when he began to worship in a Congregational church in London that he realised this was his calling. He trained for the ministry & became a student minister at Springhead Cong. Church under the watchful eye of Revd. Liz Dean who was minister there & encouraged Foday in his studies. Foday has been Minister of Chinley Cong Church for the last 9 years.

14th July: The funeral service of the late John Pellowe was held at our church, conducted by our former minister, Revd Neil Chappell & attended by over two hundred people. This was a lovely celebration of John's life with hymns & music that John loved & the eulogy & readings read by Tim & Louanne Pellowe & also his grandchildren. Our multimedia system proved to be a bonus on this occasion, with hymns & pictures of John shown on our TV screens. Margaret played for almost an hour before the service & many complimentary comments were given regarding the whole service & our beautiful church building. John's family invited everyone to join them after the funeral to continue remembering John & to take away a copy of his book & a painting, of which there were many, all painted by John. We at Greenacres will always be grateful for his support & kindness over many years.

23rd: This was led by Major Graham Barratt of Roundthorn Salvation Army. Graham preached from the floor, which he preferred to being in the pulpit. His theme was 'Are you ready to step out of the boat'? He kept us on our toes by asking questions & received a good response back. Graham said he had enjoyed his time with us & will be coming back in February.

6th August: Service & Communion led by Tim Hopley of Greenmount URC in Bury. Tim last led our worship back in Nov. This time he was able to illustrate his sermon using our screens. People see things in different ways, he used images i.e., a picture of an old lady, which could also be the image of a young woman or a lake scene with a young couple on a river bank, which viewed another way was the image of young baby. We very much enjoyed his service & look forward to welcoming him back in April, the first available date in his diary.

13th August: The Alpha Course leaders: This service was led by Peter Butler & Stuart Paulley who spoke about the forthcoming Alpha Course commencing in Sept. Rowena also addressed the congregation giving an insight into her experience of Alpha & encouraging people to attend. Rowena had enjoyed the last Alpha course, which had proved beyond expectation & will assist with the new course.

27th August: Service led by Revd. Frank Wroe who also conducted the christening of Esther's baby, Ada. This was a lovely service & the first christening at Greenacres for three years. Following the service, the family joined everyone for coffee in the church hall & distributed decorated cupcakes in celebration & thanks for Ada.

24th Sept: Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be led by Revd. Barbara Bridges a former President of the Congregational Federation & former minister at Moreton in Marsh cong. Church. Barbara recently led our Anniversary Service & we will be pleased to welcome her back for the Harvest. We will also support the Foodbank at Roundthorn Salvation Army bringing items of non-perishable foods as well as toiletries.

Our grateful thanks to Rev. Liz Dean, Peter Butler & Rev. Frank Wroe for leading so many of our services, so willingly.

Social Group

The Social group continue to organise events for our church, this year these have included meals at local hostelrys, 3 film shows, 2 quiz nights, 2 bingo sessions, a coach trip to Scarborough and a car treasure hunt. The events have all been great fun and enjoyed by those attending. Our sincere thanks to the social group team for their hard work in organising the events and raising funds for the Oldham POINT Charity which supports families of children with special needs. In addition, an external organisation the Mikron theatre group have also performed at Church.

Church Maintenance

Our Church building has had a number of items of work carried out during the last year, these have included the installation of the new Sound, Multi Media and Wifi systems, the installation of the new ceiling tiles in the sanctuary, refurbishment and painting of the external doors along with other general maintenance work. Our thanks to all of those involved in organising and implementing the work.

Other Matters

The Church advertised for a new minister early in the year and has had very little interest from suitable candidates. During this time the minister at Springhead Church has also moved on and as such both churches are now seeking new leadership. Whilst both Churches have a preference for their own minister the difficulties in calling ministers cannot be overlooked and the options for a joint ministry and helping each other out during the interregnum(s) has also been considered positively by both churches. The Church profile has been updated and refreshed to reflect the opportunity of a shared ministry in the hope of attracting some interest but sadly there seems to be very few ministers or even students looking to move to new callings.

In light of the very low level of interest the Church is resigned to continuing with our interregnum for some time and as a result of this the Quarterly Church meeting in September agreed to review the status of the Manse and agreed to the Diaconate looking at options to let the manse both to provide much needed rental accommodation and also to generate some revenue from the property rather than it being an ongoing financial burden to the Church. This is now in hand thanks to the prompt action of our Treasurer.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of our CIO remains unchanged with a Minister, 5 Trustees and up to 12 Deacons.

Trustees

Following last years AGM the five trustees of the Charity are:-

I Bairstow Chair
 J Dean Secretary
 M Fowler Treasurer
 L Dean (Rev)
 P Butler

In accordance with the rules of the Charity trustees need to step down in rotation every 3 years and this year the period of office for Rev Liz Dean will come to an end. There will therefore be one Trustee vacancy at the forthcoming AGM.

Following our last AGM, there was one vacant position on the diaconate since that time Yvonne Byram took a decision to step down and resigned her role leaving two vacancies which have continued throughout the year. In accordance with our constitution, deacons have to be re elected every 4 years and this year Joy Dean and Muriel Booth's terms of office will come to an end and there will therefore be four Deacon vacancies for election at the AGM.

Deacons and Trustees

Joy Dean (2025)	Until Oct 2023	(trustee until Oct
Margaret Fowler (2024)	Until Oct 2024	(trustee until Oct
Gail Waterhouse	Until Oct 2026	
Muriel Booth	Until Oct 2023	
Stuart Paulley	Until Oct 2025	
Ian Bairstow (2025)	Until Oct 2025	(trustee until Oct
David Hopkins	Until Oct 2024	
Peter Butler (2024)	Until Oct 2024	(trustee until Oct
Yvonne Biram	Until Oct 2023 (resigned Jan 2023)	
Gary Croad	Until Oct 2025	
Liz Dean (Oct 2023)	Until Oct 2026	(Trustee until

Roll of Honour

We sadly note the passing of John Pellowe in July of this year. John will be sadly missed by us all, our condolences to his family and friends.

Financial Review

a) Revenue

During the year ending 30th June 2023 the church had a revenue income of £43539 and running costs of £37837 leaving an in year operating surplus of £5702. A summary breakdown of income and expenditure is given below. The full detailed audited accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Income		Expenditure
Offertory	£19290	Cleaning/pulpit Supp
£4911		
Gift Aid	£5029	Manse
£1446		
Investment Income	£6421	Utilities and general exp
£10726		
Donations, grants, fundraising	£7586	Admin and Legal
£3389		
Funeral/wedding Fees	£600	Donations
£2266		
Room Hire	£4593	Buildings
£15099		
Other	£20	
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----	£43539	
£37837		

It is worthy of note that the offertory income has decreased by more than 6% over the past year (which follows a fall of 4.5% in 2021/2022) despite many of our fellowship giving by standing order. This represents a reduction of income of over 10% in the last two years. The church is incredibly fortunate to still have a very generous but reducing fellowship and our thanks go to all of you for your kind generosity, the figures do however bring into question the sustainability of employing a full-time minister.

b) Reserves and Investments

The general position of reserves and investments remains unchanged. Adjustments and transfers are noted below.

- £20k from Teachers Building Society account to the Reserve account.
- £2.8k increase in valuation of the Nucleus long term investment fund
- £1.2k decrease in the Nucleus medium term investment
- £2.6k increase in the COIF ethical investment income shares

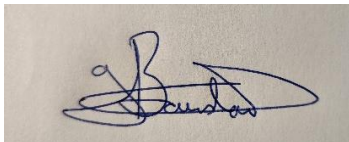
It is worthy of note that our whilst investment valuations have grown this year, the growth follows the significant fall in last year.

Our revenue position this year continues to be distorted as we have been without the cost of a full-time minister for a long period. As such, our overall balance sheet is

positive. Nevertheless, we should be mindful that utility costs are increasing rapidly and these along with the cost of a full-time minister will make future years very challenging and, despite our significant reserves, unsustainable over the long term without significant additional sources of revenue.

Despite the above negative positions, I can report that given the relatively high levels of reserves our Church is still in a strong financial position. Our buildings and grounds are in a good state of repair and we have no foreseeable exceptional expenditure that threatens the overall viability of our fellowship. God willing with the positive impact of social events, fund raising and room rentals and the ongoing support of our fellowship we will be able to sustain worship at Greenacres for many years to come.

A full copy of our audited accounts is attached for information below. These will be presented to our AGM for approval prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Ian Bairstow'.

Ian Bairstow
Chair of Trustees

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Offertory income	19290	20591
Donations, grants and fundraising	(note 1) 7586	6608
Funeral and wedding fees	600	820
Room Hire	4593	3335
Investment income	(note 2) 6421	6802
Other income	(note 3) 20	350
Tax reclaimed on covenants	5029	5402
	43539	43908
Expenses		
Minister's stipend and pension	0	9516
Cleaning and pulpit supply	4911	4553
Manse expenses	(note 4) 1446	2464
General expenses	(note 5) 10726	10158
Administrative expenses	(note 6) 3389	3748
Donations made	(note 7) 2266	2272
Building and equipment maintenance	(note 8) 15099	9605
	37837	42316
Excess of Income/Expenditure for the year	5702	1592
Accumulated deficit brought forward	(49875)	(51467)
Accumulated deficit carried forward	(44173)	(49875)

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Land and Buildings				
At 30 June 2019	129000		129000	
Revaluation of Land and Buildings	<u>275000</u>	404000	<u>275000</u>	404000
Equipment - sound System and Multi Media		12511		
Investments (note 9)		315998		331429
Cash at bank and in hand (note 10)		31221		20838
Accounts receivable		1730		1676
Total assets		<u>765460</u>		<u>757943</u>
Current liabilities (note 11)		1285		2851
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>764175</u>		<u>755092</u>
Represented by:				
Church Funds (note 12)		693920		694670
General Fund		8750		8750
Revaluation Reserves (note 13)		105678		101547
Deficit on income and expenditure account		(44173)		(49875)
		<u>764175</u>		<u>755092</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		2023	2022
Note1	Donations, grants and fundraising		
		£	£
	Other donations	4791	3990
	Grants	725	500
	Collections for charity	1185	1313
	Festive coffee morning	802	0
	Fund raising	<u>83</u>	<u>805</u>
	7586	<u>7586</u>	<u>6608</u>

Note2	Investment income		
		£	£
	Bank interest	137	2
	Royton Trust	1356	1181
	COIF income from units	3193	3149
	DB Berry Trust income	1079	1047
	K Locke Trust income	218	209
	Teachers Building Society interest	438	118
	Julian Hodge Fixed Deposit Interest	<u>0</u>	<u>1096</u>
		<u>6421</u>	<u>6802</u>

Note3	Other income		
		£	£
	Sale of Fridge Freezer	20	0
	Collection for Minister's Leaving Present	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>
		<u>20</u>	<u>350</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note4	Manse expenses	2023	2022
		£	£
	Council Tax	0	448
	Water Rates	-159	507
	Broadband	0	278
	Insurance	356	297
	Repairs and Renewals	0	407
	Energy Costs	1236	514
	Ground rent	13	13
		<u>1446</u>	<u>2464</u>

Notes	General expenses	£	£
	insurance	3696	3443
	Telephone	516	468
	Electricity	1241	1193
	Gas	4825	4713
	Water	448	341
		<u>10726</u>	<u>10158</u>

Note6	Administrative expenses	£	£
	Postage	0	21
	Stationery and consumables	37	70
	Mileage expenses	0	122
	General printing costs	108	130
	Remembrance Day wreath and expenses	20	20
	Catering costs	119	726
	Copyright licences	302	285
	Legal fees	1578	1578
	Accountancy and Audit Fees	300	300
	Alpha Course Expenses	617	0
	Health and Safety Expenses	44	0
	King's Coronation Prayer Books	100	0
	Minister's Leaving Present	0	350
	Miscellaneous expenses	164	146
		<u>3389</u>	<u>3748</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2023		2022
Note7	Donations made	
	£	£
	Donations to affiliated associations	591 509
	Marie Curie	0 50
	Dr Kershaws	260 0
	Oldham Mountain Rescue	225
	British Red Cross	15
	CWM Ministry and Mission	400 400
	Christian Aid	750 600
	Salvation Army	0 235
	Francis House	0 285
	NW Air Ambulance	0 193
	Othr Donations	<u>25 0</u>
		<u>2266 2272</u>

Notes	Building and equipment maintenance	
	£	£
	Building repairs	10913 6262
	Land maintenance	2467 2910
	Window cleaning	220 240
	Cleaning materials	349 133
	CCTV and Alarm Costs	<u>1150 60</u>
		<u>15099 9605</u>

Note9	Investments	
	£	£
	Nucleus Medium Term	46441 47670
	Nucleus Long Term	109502 106741
	Teachers Building Society	53321 72883
	COIF Ethical Investment Income Shares	<u>106734 104135</u>
		<u>315998 331429</u>

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GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2023	2022	
Note 10	Cash at bank and in hand	
	£	£
Bank current account	10295	7746
Bank reserve account	20871	12735
Petty cash	55	357
	31221	20838

Note 11	Current liabilities	
	£	£
Accounts payable	1105	828
Fund raising holding account	0	1883
Coffee collection holding account	180	140
	1285	2851

Note 12	Church Funds	
	£	£
Youth and Recreation Fund - Capital	3658	3658
Youth and Recreation Fund - Income	2011	2011
Terc. Building Endowment Fund	2766	2766
Waterhead Fund - Capital	7184	7184
Waterhead Fund - Interest	1348	1348
Legacy Fund	298007	298007
Historical Receipts Fund	360050	360050
Benevolent Fund	11746	12246
Endowment Fund	7000	7000
Communion Fund	150	400
	693920	694670

Note 13	Revaluation Reserves	
	£	£
Nucleus Investment Revaluation Reserve	5944	4412
Capital Units Revaluation Reserve	99734	97135
	105678	101547



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

30 JUNE 2023

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

ONE TO SIX (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Sharon Nash

Date: 09/10/2023

Name: SHARON NASH

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

ATT (FELLOW)

Address:

SBN TAX + ACCOUNTS SERVICES LTD
SUITE 38; EUROPA HOUSE; BARCROFT STREET,
BURY; BL9 5BT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183815

Accounts

**Greenacres Congregational Church
Galland Street
Oldham
OL4 3EU**

**Trustees Annual Report for the period October 2021 to October
2022**

Charity Name - Greenacres Congregational Church

Charity Registration number - 1183815

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the Constitution of Greenacres Congregational Church.

- The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian congregational messages of an inspirational and teaching nature.
- To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Congregationalism to enlighten others about Congregational beliefs.
- To provide a place of worship in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, for the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with Congregational principles.

Looking back over 2022

It does not seem very long since I was sat down at my computer writing last year's report and here I am again. However, when I look back at the events of the year so much has happened.

Just as we thought things were getting back to normal, we found out that our Minister had decided that it was time for a change and resigned his calling. This was effective as of the 31st October. Since that time our worship has been led by members of our Church and visiting ministers. Our thanks to our Secretary Joy Dean for managing pulpit supply and to all of the visiting ministers for leading our worship. Our special thanks must go to Peter Butler, Rev Liz Dean and Rev Frank Wroe who have presented a degree of continuity to our worship by leading key services and filling in all of the vacant slots on such a regular basis.

The year started with the AGM on 10th October 2021 when officers of the Church were elected and the annual report and accounts were approved. These have now been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Whilst social distancing rules relating to the pandemic were starting to be relaxed during the year there was a brief period of mandatory rules introduced in December 2021 these were relaxed again in the new year. The voluntary wearing of face masks and social distancing within our fellowship did continue well into 2022 and a number of our fellowship sadly contacted Covid.

Thankfully we now seem to be back to normal and whilst Covid 19 is still around our worship has resumed its normal format. The livestreaming of services did continue up until July of this year but following a number of technical issues and a review of viewing numbers it was discontinued.

Bible study, prayer meetings and coffee mornings have however continued by Zoom meetings as these have been very successful and mean attendees do not need to travel to be involved.

The outreach work of the Church has also continued through the Friendship Centre, Table Tennis and Pilates and our thanks go to Stuart Pauley and the friendship centre team who's hard work and commitment make these events possible.

There have been a number of services and meetings of note during the year these being :-

- October 31st Rev. Lampard's final service as Minister of Greenacres. Attended by 55 people who had got to know David & Sian over the last seven & a half years. After the service coffee & cakes were served in the Church Hall & a presentation of a cheque for £350 from money donated by members & adherents was presented to David & Sian along with flowers & cards.
- November 7th A special church meeting was held to discuss the future of the Ministry at Greenacres. It was agreed we should be flexible in our outlook & choose the right person for the role rather than advertise for full or part time.
- 28th Nov Advent Toy Service. Led by Capt. Jonathan Pitts Roundthorn Salvation Army. The response to the appeal for gifts for disadvantaged children in our area was well supported
- December 5th Communion service led by Peter Butler. We also welcome five new church members & the transfer of membership for Rev. Liz Dean from Springhead Cong.
- 12th Dec The Nativity Service led by Greenacres Primary School children of Key stage one. The children were well rehearsed & gave a brilliant performance of their play 'Hey Ewe'
- 19th Dec Christingle Service in the morning led by Rev. Liz Dean. This was a lovely service with readings from various members of our congregation. Christingle candles in oranges were lit & distributed to everyone at the service. Appropriate words for a Christingle service were sung to the tune Away in a Manger with everyone standing in a circle. The afternoon, the Carol service at 3 p.m. was led by Rev. Jonathan Abernethy - Barkley of Springhead Cong. Church. Although not very well attended, Jonathan's service was livestreamed, it was amusing & thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who saw it, especially by those in church. Afterwards refreshments were served in the Church Hall.
- Christmas Day Service was led by Rev. Liz Dean & our first service in the New Year by Peter Butler who stood in at short notice for Rev. Suzanne Nockels, the President of C.F. who had succumbed to the new strain of Covid. Liz once again led the service on 9th Jan, stepping in for Rev. Alan Kennedy who was also recovering from Covid.
- Church Profile meeting held Sat 29th January to discuss the contents of the profile advertising for a new minister. Attendance 24. Members were pleased with the profile which was forwarded to The General Secretary of the Cong. Fed.
- 14th April Maundy Thursday Worship was held at Greenacres, led by Rev. Jonathan Abernethy-Barkley & Rev. Audrey Lee.
- 15th April Good Friday was poorly attended with only 12 at the service. Peter led it & did very well.
- 17th April Easter Sunday was led by Rev. Liz Dean. Excellent service & chocolate refreshments afterwards.

- 24th April. Service led by Capt. Jonathan Pitts of the Roundthorn Salvation Army. The last service Jonathan will lead as he & his wife Sarah & their family move to Basingstoke in June, however they will join us at our anniversary lunch.
- 8th May Our 350th Anniversary. Service led by Rev. Neil Chappell, our minister from 1993 - 2013. Excellent attendance, over 90 stayed for the buffet lunch. An exhibition of photos & memorabilia was displayed around the church.
- Sun 22nd May our worship was led by Rev. Peter Beaman MBE who was brought up at Greenacres & was involved in the cubs & scout movement here & also encouraged by former church members to go into the Ministry. This year, Peter celebrates 60 years in the Ministry. Sadly Peter passed away on 15th August.
- It is such a pleasure to hear services throughout our anniversary month of May from Ministers who all have their roots in our Church.
- Sun 5th June Rev Dr Walter Riggans led our service for Pentecost, which was livestreamed. He was an excellent preacher & explained so clearly the origins & meaning of Whitsuntide. It was also the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee & the church hall was decorated in red white & blue bunting, balloons & flags. After the service we celebrated both Pentecost & the Jubilee with refreshments.
Sadly, this was the last time Rev Riggans would preach, he died suddenly from a heart attack on Friday 10th June. We were pleased his service had recorded well & were able to forward a copy of the service to his family.
- Sun 12th June, service led by Rev Liz Dean who also conducted a christening for Charlie William Cahill, son of Katie & Mark & great grandson of a former member of our church, the late Bill Hough.
- Sun 19th June A welcome return from the No Strings attached Puppet Ministry of Altrincham Methodist Church. This was a service for Father's Day. Enjoyed by everyone who attended. We especially welcome the return of the Elvis puppet, all the way from Las Vegas.

Our Social Group have continued to meet and with the help of other church members have organised both routine and special events to mark the Church's 350th Anniversary.

Our thanks to the Social Group team for their hard work and support. In addition to the routine quiz night, games sessions and car treasure hunt, special events of note were

- 30th April Band Concert, advertised throughout the community for up to 100 people to attend. Good concert by Dobcross Silver Band & well attended.
- Sat 21st May Concert by Hope Singers raised £507 for church funds. We were impressed by the musical talents of the pianist Michael & the fifteen years old bass baritone, Harry both trained by Chetham's school of Music.
- Anniversary buffet lunch and exhibition with over 90 attendees. A tremendous display of our churches history and memorabilia was out on display along with a series of display boards denoting the church's role of honour generously donated by Malcolm Dean

Church Maintenance

Our Church building has had a number of items of work carried out during the last year, these have included improvements to the Ceiling in the Church Hall, replacement of old fluorescent lighting with LED lights and repairs to the church roof to try to stop the ingress of water at the valley gutter. The Church also recently taken a decision to pursue the installation of a multi media system, this will involve upgrading the Church wifi and sound systems and should be installed later this year.

Other Matters

The Church advertised for a new minister early in the year and has had very little interest from suitable candidates. During this time the minister at Springhead Church has also moved on and as such both churches are now seeking new leadership. Whilst both Churches have a preference for their own minister the difficulties in calling ministers cannot be overlooked and the options for a joint ministry and helping each

other out during the interregnum(s) has also been considered positively by both churches.

The Church has decided this year to take the lead in running the Alpha Course at Greenacres. This is being by a team of our members and a friend from another church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of our CIO remains unchanged with a Minister, 5 Trustees and 12 Deacons.

Trustees

Following last years AGM there were only 4 trustees in post and the trustees appointed Mr Peter Butler to join them until the agm this year.

I Bairstow Chair
J Dean Secretary
M Fowler Treasurer
S Paulley
P Butler (Appointed)

In accordance with the rules of the Charity trustees need to step down in rotation and this year the period of office for I Bairstow, J Dean come to an end. There will therefore be three trustee vacancies (P Butler was appointed and therefore this will also be vacant) at the forthcoming AGM.

Following our last AGM, there were two vacant positions on the diaconate and the Deacons duly appointed Rev Liz Dean and Mr Peter Butler to join the diaconate for the rest of the year and our diaconate is currently made up of 11 members as there is one vacancy following the sad passing of Mrs Audrey Whitemean. Vacancies for the diaconate are shown below.

Deacons

Joy Dean	Until Oct 2023	(trustee until Oct 2022)
Margaret Fowler	Until Oct 2024	(trustee until Oct 2024)
Audrey Whiteman	Until Oct 2022 - Now Vacant	
Gail Waterhouse	Until Oct 2022	
Muriel Booth	Until Oct 2023	
Stuart Paulley	Until Oct 2025	(trustee until Oct 2023)
Ian Bairstow	Until Oct 2025	(trustee until Oct 2022)
David Hopkins	Until Oct 2024	
Peter Butler	Until Oct 2022 (appointed)	(trustee until Oct 2022)
Yvonne Biram	Until Oct 2023	
Gary Croad	Until Oct 2025	
Liz Dean	Until Oct 2022 (Appointed)	

Role of Honour

We must sadly note the passing of our Church member and Deacon Mrs Audrey Whiteman, Rev Peter Beaman MBE and Mrs Joyce Turner. They will all be sadly missed and our condolences go out to their families.

Financial Review

a) Revenue

During the year ending 30th June 2021 the church had a revenue income of £44k and running costs of £42k leaving an in year operating surplus of £1592. A summary breakdown of income and expenditure is given below. The full detailed audited accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Income

Offertory	£21k
Gift Aid	£5.5k
Investment Income	£7k
Grants	£0.5k
Donations	£4k
Funeral Fees	£1k
Room Hire	£3k
Other	£2k

	£44k

Expenditure

Salaries	£14k
Manse	£2k
Utilities	£10k
Admin and Legal	£4k
Donations	£2k
Buildings	£10k

	£42k

It is worthy of note that the offertory income has decreased by 4.5% over the past year despite many of our fellowship giving by standing order. The church is incredibly fortunate to still have such a generous fellowship and our thanks go to all of you for your kind generosity

b) Reserves and Investments

The general position of reserves and investments remains unchanged. Adjustments and transfers are noted below.

- £5k transferred from Julian Hodge Fixed Deposit to Reserve Account on maturity
- £2.5k from Reserve Account to Current Account
- £5.8k Investment decrease in Medium Term Investment Fund (30th June 22)
- £7.9k Investment decrease in Long Term investment Fund (30th June 22)
- £0.3k Investment increase in Ethical Investment Income Shares at Congregational Federation

It is worthy of note that our investment valuations have fallen but this should not be a surprise given the current financial climate.

Our revenue position this year is unusually distorted as we have been without the cost of a full time minister for a long period and as such our overall balance sheet is

positive. Nevertheless, we should be mindful that utility costs are increasing rapidly and these along with the cost of a full time minister will make future years very challenging without additional sources of revenue.

Despite the above negative positions, I can report that given the relatively high levels of reserves our Church is still in a strong financial position. Our buildings and grounds are in a good state of repair and we have no foreseeable exceptional expenditure that threatens the overall viability of our fellowship. God willing the positive impact of social events, fund raising and room rentals and the ongoing support of our fellowship we will be able to sustain worship at Greenacres for many years to come.

A full copy of our audited accounts is attached for information below. These will be presented to our AGM for approval prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

Ian Bairstow
Chair of Trustees

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

		2022	2021
		£	£
Income			
Offertory income		20591'	22361'
Donations, grants and fundraising	(note 1)	6608'	11394'
Funeral and wedding fees		820'	1476'
Room Hire		3335'	850'
Investment income	(note 2)	6802'	5611'
Other income	(note 3)	350'	0'
Tax reclaimed on covenants		5402'	6359'
		43908	48051
Expenses			
Minister's stipend and pension		9516'	27744'
Cleaning and pulpit supply		4553'	1998'
Manse expenses	(note 4)	2464'	2877'
General expenses	(note 5)	10158'	7577'
Administrative expenses	(note 6)	3748'	2731'
Donations made	(note 7)	2272'	1964'
Building and equipment maintenance	(note 8)	9605'	8321'
		42316	53212
Excess of Income/Expenditure for the year		1592'	(5161)'
Accumulated deficit brought forward		(51467)'	(46306)'
Accumulated deficit carried forward		(49875)'	(51467)'

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Land and Buildings					
At 30 June 2019					
		129000		129000	
		<u>275000</u>	404000'	<u>275000</u>	404000'
Investments	(note 9)		331429'		349704'
Cash at bank and in hand	(note 10)		20838'		14487'
Accounts receivable			1676'		1646'
Total assets			<u>757943</u>		<u>769837</u>
Current liabilities	(note 11)		2851'		2173'
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>755092</u></u>		<u><u>767664</u></u>
 Represented by:					
Church Funds	(note 12)		694670		695442
General Fund			8750'		8750'
Revaluation Reserves	(note 13)		101547		114939
Deficit on income and expenditure account			(49875)'		(51467)'
			<u><u>755092</u></u>		<u><u>767664</u></u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
Note 1 Donations, grants and fundraising		
	£	£
Other donations	3990	3365
Grants from Congregational Federation	500	6760
Collections for charity	1313	1060
Festive coffee morning	0	0
Fund raising	805	209
	<u>6608</u>	<u>11394</u>

Note 2 Investment income

	£	£
Bank interest	2	1
Royton Trust	1181	1090
COIF income from units	3149	3048
DB Berry Trust income	1047	1026
K Locke Trust income	209	205
Teachers Building Society interest	118	241
Julian Hodge Fixed Deposit Interest	1096	0
	<u>6802</u>	<u>5611</u>

Note 3 Other income

	£	£
Greetings advertising income	0	0
Collection for Minister's Leaving Present	350	0
	<u>350</u>	<u>0</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Note 4	Manse expenses	2022	2021
		£	£
	Council Tax	448	1546
	Water Rates	507	459
	Broadband	278	616
	Insurance	297	243
	Repairs and Renewals	407	0
	Energy Costs	514	
	Ground rent	13	13
		<u>2464</u>	<u>2877</u>

Note 5	General expenses	£	£
	insurance	3443	3263
	Telephone	468	445
	Electricity	1193	1014
	Gas	4713	2549
	Water	341	306
		<u>10158</u>	<u>7577</u>

Note 6	Administrative expenses	£	£
	Postage	21	15
	Stationery and consumables	70	171
	Mileage expenses	122	113
	General printing costs	130	125
	Remembrance Day expenses	20	20
	Catering costs	726	0
	Copyright licences	285	263
	Legal fees	1578	1578
	Accountancy and Audit Fees	300	300
	Prizes for Children	0	96
	Minister's Leaving Present	350	0
	Miscellaneous expenses	146	50
		<u>3748</u>	<u>2731</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Note 7 Donations made	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations to affiliated associations	509	504
Marie Curie	50	0
CWM Ministry and Mission	400	400
Christian Aid	600	760
Salvation Army	235	300
Francis House	285	0
NW Air Ambulance	193	0
	<u>2272</u>	<u>1964</u>

Note 8 Building and equipment maintenance	£	£
Building repairs	6262	928
Land maintenance	2910	7125
Window cleaning	240	200
Cleaning materials	133	0
PA system and microphones		8
Alarm Costs	60	60
	<u>9605</u>	<u>8321</u>

Note 9 Investments	£	£
Julian Hodge Two Year Bond	0'	35000'
Nucleus Medium Term	47670'	53480'
Nucleus Long Term	106741'	114641'
Teachers Building Society	72883'	42765'
COIF Ethical Investment Income Shares	104135'	103818'
	<u>331429</u>	<u>349704</u>

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
Note 10 Cash at bank and in hand		
	£	£
Bank current account	7746 /	5228 /
Bank reserve account	12735 /	9137 /
Petty cash	357 /	122 /
	20838	14487
	20838	14487

Note 11 Current liabilities

	£	£
Accounts payable	828 /	434 /
Flower fund	0	205 /
Fund raising holding account	1883 /	1511 /
Coffee collection holding account	140 /	23 /
	2851	2173
	2851	2173

Note 12 Church Funds

	£	£
Youth and Recreation Fund - Capital	3658 /	3658 /
Youth and Recreation Fund - Income	2011 /	2011 /
Terc. Building Endowment Fund	2766 /	2767 /
Waterhead Fund - Capital	7184 /	7184 /
Waterhead Fund - Interest	1348 /	1348 /
Legacy Fund	298007 /	298007 /
Historical Receipts Fund	360050 /	360050 /
Benevolent Fund	12246 /	13017 /
Endowment Fund	7000 /	7000 /
Communion Fund	400 /	400 /
	694670	695442
	694670	695442

Note 13 Revaluation Reserves

	£	£
Nucleus Investment Revaluation Reserve	4412 /	18121 /
Capital Units Revaluation Reserve	97135 /	96818 /
	101547	114939
	101547	114939



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 JUNE 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

ONE TO SIX

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sharon Nash

Date:

8/9/2022

Name:

SHARON NASH

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

A.T.T. (FELLOW)
STEP

Address:

SBN TAX + ACCOUNTS SERVICES LTD
SUITE 301 EUROPA HOUSE
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183815

Accounts

**Greenacres Congregational Church
Galland Street
Oldham
OL4 3EU**

Trustees Annual Report for the period October 2020 to October 2021

Charity Name – Greenacres Congregational Church

Charity Registration number – 1183815

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the Constitution of Greenacres Congregational Church.

- The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian congregational messages of an inspirational and teaching nature.
- To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the principles of Congregationalism in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Congregationalism to enlighten others about Congregational beliefs.
- To provide a place of worship in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, for the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with Congregational principles.

Looking back over 2021

When I sat down last year to write the Chairman's report on behalf of the trustees I did not think that things could get much worse but unfortunately, they did. Apart from a brief relaxation over Christmas, lock downs continued over Winter and Spring until Easter and whilst we resumed collective worship on the 4th April 2021, it was on a very restricted basis with everyone wearing masks, full social distancing and recording of attendees etc. It was not until the 13th June 2021 that we started to be able to return to enjoying an element of direct fellowship with refreshments being served after the Church service in the Church Hall under strict social distancing rules. We were able to start singing in Church on 19th July 2021 following the general lifting of restrictions. Even though the wearing of masks whilst singing is discretionary the recommendation from the Congregational Federation is to continue wearing them.

The Church should have held its October 2020 AGM and approved the Trustees Report and accounts on the 11th Oct 2020. At this meeting the church would have elected officers in the normal manner. In line with advice from the Charity Commission the trustees and Deacons took the decision to defer the AGM and extend the appointment of officers until such time as it could reasonably take place. In order to keep members up to date, the Trustees Report and the accounts were duly circulated in Nov 2020 to all Church members and these will need to be formally approved so that they can be lodged with the Charity Commission. This needs to happen on or before the middle of October 2021. The AGM for 2020 is to held immediately before the AGM for 2021.

The pandemic has seen many changes to the way worship, our Church and outreach has operated and whilst we have been unable to continue with the Friendship Centre, door step outreach and face to face social events we have been able to utilise Facebook for the live streaming of services, Zoom for deacons meetings, Bible Study, Prayer Meetings and coffee mornings.

The work of the Deacons has continued with zoom meetings each month throughout lockdown and we are forever grateful for their hard work and support in managing the church's finances, correspondence, general business and monitoring attendance.

Our minister has also continued to support our fellowship through regular phone calls and more recently some visits to those in need.

The live streaming of services has been running each week since March 2020 and has been well received by many church members during lock down and has continued since we resumed collective worship. These live streams are being regularly watched by 12 to 15 people who are for whatever reason unable to attend church in person each week. In addition, our minister has now hosted 27 quizzes on Zoom and these have all been great fun and well attended.

There have been a number of services of note during the year these being :-

- Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov 2020. The service had to be changed to an on-line service at the last minute due to the lockdown which started on the 5th November 2020. Our minister recorded a YouTube video service for our fellowship which focussed on children evacuated from Guernsey in 1940 who were looked after by members of our fellowsh and who returned home in 1945 with Lancashire accents. A small number of our fellowship also laid a wreath at the Waterhead war memorial on behalf of our church.
- Church reopened briefly on 6th December 2020 when 27 people attended the annual toy service when we supported the Salvation Army's "Children at Christmas" Appeal.
- Our church managed to hold a number of services during December and these were well attended. The Quiet Hearts service was shown on YouTube and Facebook and included readings by Stuart, Gary, Sarah and Sylvia. Viewers were invited to light candles at home in remembrance of loved ones who had passed away.
- The first service of 2021 was held on the 3rd January and was our re-dedication service. The service also included Holy Communion for the first time since lock down with attendees bringing their own bread.
- Church did not meet face to face after this until Easter Sunday on the 4th April 2021 and had 47 attendees of all ages.
- The Church held its Anniversary service on the 16th May 2021 which was led by the Rev Liz Dean and was again well supported.
- The General Secretary of the Congregational Federation, Yvonne Campbell, led the service on 11th July and the Rev Frank Wroe returned to our church to lead our worship on 29th August.
- Looking forward, before our AGM on 10th October, we have Mrs Susan Titmuss from Greenfield Methodist Church leading our service on 3rd October. On 26th September our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be supporting the work of St Barnabas Church and their food bank.
- Quarterly Church meeting August 15th 2021 – held in Church for first time since the start of lockdown.

Our Social Group have continued to meet by Zoom and more recently in person and our first social event since lockdown was a Car treasure hunt, which was great fun. This was quickly followed by an outdoor BBQ led by Gary. Further events including a quiz, a film night etc are all

planned for the coming weeks provided the Covid rules don't change. Our thanks to Stuart and the rest of the Social Group team for their hard work and support.

Church Maintenance

Whilst our church has been closed for many months, maintenance work has still been required and it has been a busy year in this respect and we owe a great vote of thanks to Margaret for all of her efficient organisation and management and for her efforts to secure funding from the Federation to support the work (see financial review below). Works have included:

Repairs to the graveyard wall
Roof maintenance and clearing
Tree felling
Electrical testing and maintenance

Other Matters

Looking to the future, our Minister has decided that it is time to slow down and has resigned his calling which will take effect from the end of October 2021. Our thanks go to David and Sian for their dedicated service to our church through some very difficult times. We also offer our best wishes for the next chapter of their journey together when they move to Doncaster. The church will need to think carefully how it should best move forward as we consider calling a new minister and how we might want to adapt following the learning from the enforced changes of the pandemic. To this end, the church is holding a Workshop entitled "Post Pandemic Church" to be led by Luzia Watt supported by the Congregational Federation to look at how worship may change going forwards and I urge you all to attend, get involved and tell us what you think. The Diaconate will also be calling an extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the calling of a new minister for our church.

On a positive note, next year is our Church's 350th Anniversary which is something about which we should all be proud. We are hoping that the Pandemic continues to subside and that we can make it a special year. We are planning to hold a number of special events during the year and around the anniversary week. Please get involved, put forward any ideas you may have, and help to make it really special

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of our CIO remains unchanged with a Minister, 5 Trustees and 12 Deacons.

Trustees

Of the 5 trustees originally appointed there are only 3 currently in post namely

I Bairstow	Chair
J Dean	Secretary
M Fowler	Treasurer

M Dean resigned 8th August 2020 and A Mien resigned 21st December 2020

In accordance with the rules of the Charity, the three trustees invited 2 deacons to become temporary trustees until the next AGM and Mr P Butler and Mr S Paulley were duly appointed through a Trustees Zoom meeting on the 3rd January 2021.

Our diaconate currently also has two vacancies following the resignation of Mr Dean and Ms Mien, hopefully these will be filled at our forthcoming AGM

Our thanks to both Mr Dean and Ms Mien for their hard work and support of our church over the years and to Mr Paulley and Mr Butler for stepping forward for these key roles.

Deacons

Joy Dean	Until Oct 2023	(trustee until Oct 2022)
Margaret Fowler	Until Oct 2020 – extended to Oct 2021	(trustee until Oct 2021)
Audrey Whiteman	Until Oct 2022	
Gail Waterhouse	Until Oct 2022	
Muriel Booth	Until Oct 2023	
Stuart Paulley	Until Oct 2021	(trustee until Oct 2021)
Ian Bairstow	Until Oct 2021	(trustee until Oct 2022)
David Hopkins	Until Oct 2020 – extended until Oct 2021	
Peter Butler	Until Oct 2020 – extended until Oct 2021	(trustee until Oct 2021)
Yvonne Biram	Until Oct 2023	
Annes Mien	Resigned Dec 2020	
Vacancy	(M Dean Resigned 2020)	

Role of Honour

We must sadly note the passing of our Church member Mr Robert Coates (Robert was the last surviving Church member to have served in WW2), Church Member Mr Geoff Wheeler and adherents Ted Lawton, Les Bradshaw and Sandra Howarth. They will all be sadly missed and our condolences go out to their families.

Financial Review

a) Revenue

During the year ending 30th June 2021 the church had a revenue income of £48k and running costs of 53k leaving an in year operating loss of £5160. A summary breakdown of income and expenditure is given below. The full detailed audited accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Income

Offertory	£22k
Gift Aid	£6k
Investment Income	£6k
Grants	£7k
Donations	£3k
Funeral Fees	£1k
Other	£3k

	£48k

Expenditure

Salaries	£30k
Manse	£3k
Utilities	£7k
Admin and Legal	£3k
Donations	£2k
Buildings	£8k

	£53k

It is worthy of note that the offertory income has increased by over 15% over the past year with many of our fellowship giving by standing order. This increase has more than offset the loss of income from room rentals due to Covid restrictions. The church is incredibly fortunate to have such a generous fellowship and our thanks go to all of you for your kind generosity. In addition to this we have also been fortunate to have received one off donations to the value of £3k in addition to Grants to support maintenance work and lockdown losses from the Congregational Federation totalling almost £7k for which we are so grateful.

b) Reserves and Investments

The general position of reserves and investments remains unchanged. Adjustments and transfers are noted below.

- £7.5k transferred from Teachers B/S Account to Reserve Account
- £7k from Reserve Account to Current Account
- £2k Investment growth in Medium Term Investment Fund
- £13k Investment growth in Long Term investment Fund
- £97k historic revaluation of Investment Fund held by Congregational Federation

I am happy to report that our Church is in a strong financial position with significant capital reserves and a regular income stream. Whilst expenditure again exceeded income the margin is not such as to threaten the viability of the church. Our buildings and grounds are in a good state of repair and, God willing, if we are able to get back to normal in terms of social events, fund raising and room rentals and the ongoing support of our fellowship we may be able to get to the point of a balanced budget in future.

A full copy of our audited accounts is attached for information below. These will be presented to our AGM for approval prior to submission to the Charity Commission.

Ian Bairstow
Chair of Trustees

GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

**SBN Tax & Accounts Services Limited
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Bury BL9 5BT**

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Offertory income	22361	19087
Donations, grants and fundraising	(note 1) 11394	6349
Insurance claim	-	400
Funeral and wedding fees	1476	195
Room Hire	850	3400
Investment income	(note 2) 5611	7967
Other income	(note 3) -	313
Tax reclaimed on covenants	6359	5072
	48051	42783
 Expenses		
Minister's stipend and pension	27744	27279
Cleaning and pulpit supplies	1998	2312
Manse expenses	(note 4) 2877	2947
General expenses	(note 5) 7577	7688
Administrative expenses	(note 6) 2731	3919
Donations made	(note 7) 1964	1748
Building and equipment maintenance	(note 8) 8321	6632
	53212	52525
 Excess of expenditure over Income for the year	 (5161)	 (9742)
 Accumulated deficit brought forward	 (46306)	 (36564)
 Accumulated deficit carried forward	 (51467)	 (46306)

**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Land and Buildings				
At 30 June 2019	129000		129000	
Revaluation of land and Buildings	<u>275000</u>	404000	<u>275000</u>	404000
Investments	(note 9)	349704		245226
Cash at bank and in hand	(note 10)	14487		13507
Accounts receivable		1646		550
Total assets		<u>769837</u>		<u>663283</u>
Current liabilities	(note 11)	2173		2393
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>767664</u></u>		<u><u>660890</u></u>
 Represented by:				
Church Funds	(note 12)	695442		695243
General Fund		8750		8750
Revaluation Reserve	(note 13)	114939		3203
Deficit on income and expenditure account		(51467)		(46306)
		<u><u>767664</u></u>		<u><u>660890</u></u>

Examiners Report

We have examined the attached accounts, without carrying out an audit.

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**GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

Land and Buildings revaluation

In previous years only the manse had been included in the accounts. The church and land were professionally valued in 2020 and have been included at that valuation.

Investment revaluation

The COIF investments were revalued during the year in the Congregational Federation Investment report which instructed that the assets be shown in the accounts at the revalued amount. The increase in value was £96,818 and is shown in Note 13

	2021	2020
Note 1 Donations, grants and fundraising		
	£	£
Other donations	3365	3357
Grants from Congregational Federation	6760	1000
Collections for charity	1060	334
Festive coffee morning	-	1203
Fund raising	209	455
	11394	6349
	11394	6349

Note 2 Investment income

	£	£
Bank interest	1	188
Royton Trust	1090	1374
COIF income from units	3048	3007
COIF dividend income	-	173
DB Berry Trust income	1025	1018
K Locke Trust income	205	203
Vernon Building Society interest	-	180
Teachers Building Society interest	242	23
Profit on sale of COIF investments	-	1801
	5611	7967
	5611	7967

Note 3 Other income

	£	£
Greetings advertising income	-	252
Other income	-	61
	-	313
	-	313

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Note 4	Manse expenses	2021	2020
		£	£
	Council Tax	1546	1499
	Water Rates	459	606
	Broadband	616	596
	Insurance	243	233
	Ground rent	13	13
		<u>2877</u>	<u>2947</u>

Note 5	General expenses	£	£
	Insurance	3263	3094
	Telephone	445	436
	Electricity	1014	1437
	Gas	2549	2445
	Water	306	276
		<u>7577</u>	<u>7688</u>

Note 6	Administrative expenses	£	£
	Printing - Greetings	-	438
	Postage	15	91
	Stationery and consumables	171	20
	Mileage expenses	113	298
	General printing costs	125	221
	Remembrance Day wreath and expenses	20	18
	Prizes	96	-
	Accountancy fees	300	-
	Catering costs	-	85
	Copyright licences	263	236
	Legal fees	1578	2328
	Miscellaneous expenses	50	184
		<u>2731</u>	<u>3919</u>

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Note 7 Donations made	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations to affiliated associations	504	574
Donations to charity	-	334
CWM Ministry and Mission	400	400
Christian Aid	760	-
Salvation Army	300	-
Spoons	-	440
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1748</u>

Note 8 Building and equipment maintenance

	£	£
Building repairs	928	4060
Land maintenance	7125	1902
Window cleaning	200	250
Cleaning materials	-	86
Alarm costs	60	-
Organ repairs	-	330
PA system and microphones	8	4
	<u>8321</u>	<u>6632</u>

Note 9 Investments

	£	£
COIF Capital units	-	7000
Julian Hodge Two Year Bond	35000	35000
Nucleus Medium Term	53480	51815
Nucleus Long Term	114641	101388
Teachers' Building Society	42765	50023
COIF Ethical Investment Income Shares	103818	-
	<u>349704</u>	<u>245226</u>

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	2021	2020
Note 10 Cash at bank and in hand		
	£	£
Bank current account	5228	4603
Bank reserve account	9137	8637
Petty cash	122	267
	<u>14487</u>	<u>13507</u>

Note 11 Current liabilities		
	£	£
Accounts payable	434	155
Flower fund	205	205
Fund raising holding account	1511	1510
Coffee collection holding account	23	523
	<u>2173</u>	<u>2393</u>

Note 12 Church Funds		
	£	£
Youth and Recreation Fund - Capital	3658	3659
Youth and Recreation Fund - Income	2011	2011
Terc. Building Endowment Fund	2767	2767
Waterhead Fund - Capital	7184	7184
Waterhead Fund - Interest	1348	1348
Legacy Fund	298007	298007
Historical Receipts Fund	360050	360050
Benevolent Fund	13017	13217
Endowment Fund	7000	7000
Communion Fund	400	-
	<u>695442</u>	<u>695243</u>

Note 13 Revaluation Reserve		
	£	£
Nucleus Investment Valuation Increase	18121	3203
COIF Investments Revaluation	96818	-
	<u>114939</u>	<u>3203</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GREENACRES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 JUNE 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

ONE TO SIX (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/06/2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

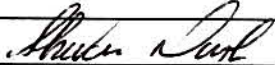
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: **13/09/2021**

Name: **SHARON NASH**

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

**A.T.T. (FELLOW)
STCP (AFFILIATE)**

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