

**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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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
		<u>48051</u>	<u>42783</u>
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
		<u>53212</u>	<u>52525</u>
Excess of expenditure over Income for the year		(5161)	(9742)
Accumulated deficit brought forward		(46306)	(36564)
Accumulated deficit carried forward		<u>(51467)</u>	<u>(46306)</u>

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
	<u>11394</u>	<u>6349</u>

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
	<u>5611</u>	<u>7967</u>

Note 3 Other income

	£	£
Greetings advertising income	-	252
Other income	-	61
	<u>-</u>	<u>313</u>

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

	2021	2020
Note 4 Manse expenses		
	£	£
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>

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

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>

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

	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>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

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").

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:

13/09/2021

Name:

SHARON NASH

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