

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, stepping in for Rev. Alan Kennedy who was also recovering from Covid.
- Church Profile meeting held Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 14<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday Worship was held at Greenacres, led by Rev. Jonathan Abernethy-Barkley & Rev. Audrey Lee.
- 15<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday was poorly attended with only 12 at the service. Peter led it & did very well.
- 17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday was led by Rev. Liz Dean. Excellent service & chocolate refreshments afterwards.

- 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Our 350<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- It is was such a pleasure to hear services throughout our anniversary month of May from Ministers who all have their roots in our Church.
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June. We were pleased his service had recorded well & were able to forward a copy of the service to his family.
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 350<sup>th</sup> 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

- 30<sup>th</sup> April Band Concert, advertised throughout the community for up to 100 people to attend. Good concert by Dobcross Silver Band & well attended.
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 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 ion the Church Hall, replacement of old fluorescent lighting with LED lights and repairs to the church roof to try to sop 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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
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	£44k

#### **Expenditure**

Salaries	£14k
Manse	£2k
Utilities	£10k
Admin and Legal	£4k
Donations	£2k
Buildings	£10k
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	£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 (30<sup>th</sup> June 22)
- £7.9k Investment decrease in Long Term investment Fund (30<sup>th</sup> 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**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
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 /
		<u>43908</u>	<u>48051</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
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 /
		<u>42316</u>	<u>53212</u>
<b>Excess of Income/Expenditure for the year</b>		1592 /	(5161) /
<b>Accumulated deficit brought forward</b>		(51467) /	(46306) /
<b>Accumulated deficit carried forward</b>		<u>(49875) /</u>	<u>(51467) /</u>

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

		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
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)		331429 /		349704 /
Cash at bank and in hand	(note 10)		20838 /		14487 /
Accounts receivable			1676 /		1646 /
<b>Total assets</b>			<u>757943</u>		<u>769837</u>
Current liabilities	(note 11)		2851 /		2173 /
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<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
<b>Note 1     Donations, grants and fundraising</b>		
	£	£
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**

	2022	2021
<b>Note 4     Manse expenses</b>		
	£	£
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>

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

<b>Note 6     Administrative expenses</b>		
	£	£
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**

	2022	2021
<b>Note 7      Donations made</b>		
	£	£
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
<b>Note 10</b> <b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
	£	£
Bank current account	7746 /	5228 /
Bank reserve account	12735 /	9137 /
Petty cash	357 /	122 /
	<u>20838</u>	<u>14487</u>

**Note 11**    **Current liabilities**

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

**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 /
	<u>694670</u>	<u>695442</u>

**Note 13**    **Revaluation Reserves**

	£	£
Nucleus Investment Revaluation Reserve	4412 /	18121 /
Capital Units Revaluation Reserve	97135 /	96818 /
	<u>101547</u>	<u>114939</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 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").

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:

8/9/2022

Name:

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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.**