

GBC Lancaster Charity Commission Annual Report submission for 2021

The Church promotes the Christian faith and spiritual contemplation and provides emotional and spiritual support for any who seek it. It holds public worship and other activities in the building that it uses, and distributes literature in the surrounding area and city centre. It advertises its services via its website and invites anybody who wishes to contact it.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Church fulfils its objectives by holding two public worship services on Sundays, a midweek meeting, and children's activities with a religious ethos. It also distributes literature and seeks to engage personally with members of the community, including students. It provides pastoral visits and support for the sick, bereaved, or those seeking help with spiritual matters for any who seek it, and not just its own members. The church also gives financial support to other Christian charities who promote the Christian gospel or engage in humanitarian activity in this country and overseas.

The spiritual nature of the church's objectives makes it difficult to quantify achievements. However in the past year we have undertaken the following:-

- Holding public Sunday worship morning services in the morning and evening, in the building that it uses or digitally for those unable to attend
- holding midweek meetings in the building that it uses
- holding a weekly children's club for primary school aged children during school term time in the building that it use, and a three-morning holiday club for children of primary school age
- engaging with students and members of the community close to the building that the church uses and offering practical, emotional and physical support to those who seek it, by visits and by invitation to events in the building used by the church
- distributing literature about the church and the Christian gospel to homes and in the city centre
- providing support and encouragement to its members who have been in need
- holding a special thanksgiving weekend conference to recognised the church's fortieth anniversary

The church also welcomed six new members into the church, although it was recognised that some of these were likely to be of brief duration due to relocation plans.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on the provision of public benefit and confirm that this benefit has been provided by:

- Promoting the mission of the church to children through children's clubs
- Providing public worship open for all
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick, lonely and bereaved
- Actively inviting (by literature and visitation) members of the community to services and special events at the church's building
- Providing friendship and support to the community by a free cafe one morning per week during winter
- Providing a free toddler group one morning per week during school term times, open to any toddler accompanied by an adult family member, to offer friendship and support, as well as the opportunity to promote the church's mission.
- Allowing regular use of the building that it owns to a local slimming club



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
GBC Lancaster

No (if any)
1191182

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2021		31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aid and Offerings	56,794	-	-	56,794	63,606
Donations	12,240	-	-	12,240	1,256
Use of Premises	660	-	-	660	1,700
Bank Interest	100	-	-	100	258
Other	75	-	-	75	4,761
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,869	-	-	69,869	71,581
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,869	-	-	69,869	71,581
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Tax, NI, Expenses	40,582	-	-	40,582	41,139
Pension Contributions	1,735	-	-	1,735	2,050
Premises Costs	1,683	-	-	1,683	1,850
Utilities	2,175	-	-	2,175	1,382
Activities, Evangelism, Events	1,353	-	-	1,353	1,496
Gifts to Mission and Members	14,015	-	-	14,015	12,243
Ministry Support	5,275	-	-	5,275	5,010
Administration	2,248	-	-	2,248	1,306
Equipment & Renewals	4,705	-	-	4,705	1,403
Sub total	73,771	-	-	73,771	67,879
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,771	-	-	73,771	67,879
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,902	-	-	- 3,902	3,702
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	78,141	-	-	78,141	-
Cash funds this year end	74,239	-	-	74,239	3,702



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GBC LANCASTER

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1191182

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

Wilcock

Date:

11/3/22

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Jane Wilcock

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