



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 Period start date **To 31/03/2025** Period end date

Charity name: Grace Church Shrewsbury

Charity registration number: 1194775

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of beliefs and practices of the Charity in Shrewsbury and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charity work of the charity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1. The preaching of the Word of God and the teaching of the truths of Christian Doctrines. 2. Regular meetings for worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship; outreach to the locality; and involvement in world mission. 3. The observance of the ordinance of Believer's Baptism by immersion on personal confession of faith. 4. The commemoration of the Lord's death in the Breaking of Bread on the first day of the week in so far as circumstances allow. 5. The reception as members of the church of all believers known to be sound in faith and giving satisfactory evidence of being godly in life. 6. The conducting of meetings for worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with opportunity for the exercise in the church of all true gifts for edification subject to the Lordship of Christ.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees are aware of and adhere to all the guidelines as issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers (unpaid) are involved in all services and outreach activities.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The church body has continued to grow in number although Sunday meetings remain consistent with approximately 120 children and adults attending Sunday meetings in the local community hall. The church has seen an increase in the number of Youth participating in activities within the church and now has a well-established group who continue to invite and bring others to events. The church continues to provide support to many individuals in the local community, some of whom, are now part of the church family. Regular fun days for children and entertainment evenings are well-attended. Weekly drop-in sessions and the provision of food and household items are now well established, and frequently visited. Connections and relationships are now also well established with other faith groups and community hubs in the locale. The church continues to provide volunteers and finance in all of the areas mentioned.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity had an income of £122,902 and expenditure of £85,373 for the year 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025. The net surplus for the year was £37,529.</p> <p>Gift Aid was claimed in this financial period and amounted to £10,628 (included in income above).</p> <p>Income is above the £25,000 threshold so accounts have been independently examined by TCA Accountants and Business Advisors, 21 St.Mary's Street, 3rd Floor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 1ED.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity considers all income as unrestricted as there is now a well-established income stream from donations. This means that money is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.</p> <p>The charity has an established a Reserves Policy of holding a minimum of three months operating expenses.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds at 31.03.2025– £84,144 (2024: £46,615)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Almost all monies received were by way of donations by attendees of the church although a donation of £30,000 was gifted to Grace Church as part of the sale from a previously existing church in the area.</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The CIO is governed by its constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>New community church established by the trustees of the church.</p> <p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grace Church Shrewsbury
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194775
Charity's principal address	3 Sharpstones Lane, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 0AN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Ruth Hotchkiss			
2	Terence Roy Hotchkiss			
3	Catherine Denise Fletcher			
4	Kevin Paul Hall			
5	Samantha Jayne Churms		01/04/24 - 31/05/24	
6	George Andrew Faichney			
7	Elizabeth Majella O'Dwyer			
8	Paul Wyatt		01/09/2024 – 31/03/25	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

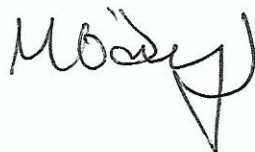

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Elizabeth Majella O'Dwyer	George Andrew Faichney
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

07/01/2026



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Grace Church Shrewsbury

1194775

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	112,259	-	-	112,259	69,038
Gift Aid Claimed	10,628	-	-	10,628	9,559
Interest received	15	-	-	15	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,902	-	-	122,902	78,597
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	122,902	-	-	122,902	78,597
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	10
Charity Management and Administration	2,020	-	-	2,020	1,499
Charity running costs	6,225	-	-	6,225	6,885
Café and Crafts Drop in	-	-	-	-	3,379
Housekeeping	-	-	-	-	286
Insurance	-	-	-	-	295
Operating Lease Expense	7,540	-	-	7,540	5,894
Printing and Stationery Costs	1,959	-	-	1,959	1,199
Telephone & E-mail	-	-	-	-	10
Magazine & Bookstall	-	-	-	-	50
Cost of Fayres and Outreach functions	8,012	-	-	8,012	6,309
Gifts and Presents	1,073	-	-	1,073	1,324
Cost of Services	3,829	-	-	3,829	4,557
Payroll Costs	40,038	-	-	40,038	36,665
Grants paid	9,122	-	-	9,122	5,000
Training Courses	4,174	-	-	4,174	2,358
Sundry Equipment	952	-	-	952	-
Technical Equipment	429	-	-	429	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	85,373	-	-	85,373	75,700
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,373	-	-	85,373	75,700
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,529	-	-	37,529	2,897
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,615	-	-	46,615	43,718
Cash funds this year end	84,144	-	-	84,144	46,615

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	84,004	-	-
	Cash and undeposited receipts	140	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	84,144	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-

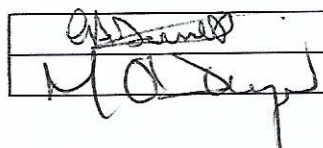
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



G. R. FRISCHNEY
E. M. O'DWYER

07/01/2026
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Grace Church Shrewsbury CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194775

Set out on pages

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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 31 March 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: C Moelwyn-Williams

Date: 12/01/2026

Name: C Moelwyn-Williams

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

BSc FCA

Address:

TCA Accountants, Third Floor, 21 St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1ED

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.