

**TRUSTEES REPORT for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024****GRANVILLE STREET EVANGELICAL CHURCH****Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024, were as follows. All three trustees served for the entire period, and remain in office at the date of this report.

David Wall	(appointed 23 March 2012)
Philip Richardson	(appointed 23 March 2012)
David Watkins	(appointed 30 Nov 1977)

All three trustees have served since the current CIO was incorporated on 17 Jun 2021 and were also trustees of the predecessor unincorporated charity.

**Charity number** 1194843 Registered in England and Wales

**Registered office address**

Granville Street Church  
Granville Street  
Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire  
HP20 2JR

**Governing document**

Constitution registered 17 June 2021 on establishment of CIO. (Written with close regard to the previous trust deed, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1914.)

**Bankers**

CAF Bank Limited  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**Independent Examiner**

Matt Ryan FCCA  
32 High Street  
Wendover  
Buckinghamshire  
HP22 6EA

**CIO Name:** Granville Street Evangelical Church

### **Structure, governance and management**

The CIO was incorporated on 17 June 2021, replacing the previous unincorporated charity (294636)

All trustees are volunteers. The trustees are in regular contact week to week as active members of the church, but meet formally as trustees as needed and at least once each year to review governance, safeguarding, financial policy and reporting.

The existing trustees are authorised to appoint new trustees. The last change was on 16th January 2021, upon the retirement of a trustee.

The church is served, under the governance of the trustees, by a leadership team, who meet monthly, consisting of four deacons and two elders. The current elders are also trustees.

### **Public benefit statement**

The CIO benefits the public by providing a welcome, pastoral care and spiritual encouragement through worship services, teaching, fellowship groups, prayer and community activities within the Aylesbury area, and by resourcing similar work locally and further afield.

### **Risk management**

The CIO has health and safety policies relating to food safety, fire risk, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, first aid, and electrical appliances, as well as risk assessments for specific activities.

These policies are maintained and reviewed from time to time. One of the deacons has particular responsibility for health and safety and one of the trustees is the nominated safeguarding officer.

The church building and the charity's other asset and liabilities are adequately insured

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the statement of faith, in Aylesbury, throughout England and overseas for the benefit of the public mainly but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, religious ceremonies and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the community.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the charity include weekly worship services, including spiritual instruction and small groups offering fellowship and prayer each week. We run a monthly community group for dads and children, a monthly free lunch, and meetings in several local retirement homes. We maintain contact with mission partners elsewhere who we support through prayer and financial gifts. In partnership with other local churches we help to provide a town chaplaincy service and Street Angels project as well as an annual open air worship service and community banquet. We run a Sunday school for children, and young people are provided for through the local Youth for Christ organisation. Our building is let 3 days per week to a mental health charity who run a support group for vulnerable adults, and is also used from time to time by other community groups.

### **Main achievements in 2023:**

During 2024 we continued to serve a committed informal membership and saw a small number of new regular attenders join us. We maintained contact with the wider community through a number of activities, including a monthly lunch, and a dads and toddlers group with several regular attendees from outside the church fellowship. On Sundays we provided a varied program of teaching, including both visiting and internal speakers. At harvest we collected food and toiletries to support a local food bank, and we have maintained a very active support of missionary work in the UK and abroad. In partnership with other churches, we supported a programme of high profile guest events, 'Why I Believe' featuring prominent speakers from a variety of disciplines.

We continue to supply pastoral care through a network of informal and, in some cases, more focussed support, especially for older members. We seek to provide consistent high quality Bible teaching Sunday by Sunday and through more interactive mid-week study groups. This is greatly appreciated. The number of children attending regularly, grew during the year, despite some departures, and we ran a small but vibrant weekly Sunday school group overseen by a rota of 6-8 volunteers.

In July 2024 we were able to fully re-furbish the kitchen in our premises, replacing old domestic kitchen units with commercial standard stainless steel fitted units and professional appliances to create a facility much more suited to a public building. This will greatly increase our capacity to provide catering and refreshments safely and efficiently, benefitting groups who hire the building as well as church activities.

### **Financial review and reserves policy**

The total income for the period was £51,813 (compared to £56,592 in 2023). The fall in income is partly due to Mind reducing their hire arrangement from 4 to 3 days per week from autumn 2023, as well as a gap in rental income when we vacated the building during the kitchen work.

The main sources of income were:

- Individual donations from church members – approx. 70%
- Rent from Mind Buckinghamshire (3 days per week) – approx. 20%

Total expenditure for the period was £114,296 (compared to £48,378 in 2023). The large increase in expenditure is explained by the one-off kitchen work. Main areas of expenditure included:

- Kitchen refurbishment
- Gifts to mission partners (including local Christian organisations and overseas missionaries)
- Utility bills
- Other building maintenance and repair
- Speaker's expenses and gifts
- Payments to cleaners
- Food, drink and cleaning products
- Equipment, children's materials and literature

Cash in the bank and additional accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024 was £109,974 (vs £172,457 previous year).

The CIO owns the church building and has no other property assets. The leadership team and trustees all serve on a voluntary basis and so the charity has no employees or salary costs. Church

members (including the trustees) are reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with church activities. We employ the services of a cleaning company.

During 2024, as we had planned, we spent a significant portion of our reserves on the kitchen refurbishment (approx. £50k), leaving a residual reserve of around £70k at the end of the year. This remains higher than the trustees would normally choose. But was held pending further much needed improvement work to the toilets and entrance area in 2025.

The total income is under the current £500,000 audit threshold in the Charities Act 2011 and the Trustees have therefore agreed that the accounts should be independently examined rather than incurring the additional costs of audit.

### **Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees of the charity acknowledge their responsibility to maintain proper accounting records, to prepare Annual Accounts which show a true and fair view of the activities of the charity and to take appropriate measures to protect the assets of the charity from major loss.

This Report is made under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and is signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Richardson', written in a cursive style.

Philip Richardson (Trustee and Elder)



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and gift aid	35,708	-	-	35,708	35,389
Voluntary income	10,480	-	-	10,480	14,145
Investment income	667	-	-	667	858
Grants	-	-	-	-	6,200
Refunds of costs	4,958	-	-	4,958	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>56,592</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>56,592</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	46,340	-	-	46,340	48,378
Major works to church building	67,956	-	-	67,956	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>114,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,296</b>	<b>48,378</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>114,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,296</b>	<b>48,378</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 62,483</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 62,483</b>	<b>8,214</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>172,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172,457</b>	<b>164,243</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>109,974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,974</b>	<b>172,457</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	CAF Bank	95,600	-	-
	Metro	11,036	-	-
	Metro	3,339	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>109,974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)		OK	OK	OK
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P Carpenter	09/05/2025
	P Richardson	09/05/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Granville Street Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1194843

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 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:

Date: 27 October 2025

Name:

Matt Ryan FCCA

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

ACCA

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