

# GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1196628

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-11-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR STATEMENTS OF BELIEF AND PRACTICE; THIS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN OUR LOCALITY OF YORKSHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

**Activities:** To advance the Christian faith for the public benefit and in accordance with our statements of belief and practice; this will take place within our locality of Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit;

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£10,156	£7,193	-	-
2024-04-05	£6,430	£7,577	-	-
2023-04-05	£12,975	£10,763	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Lindon Jonathan Craven</b>	Chair	2021-11-17
GARETH OWEN JONES		2021-11-17
Heather Elizabeth Jones		2021-11-17
Samantha Louise Craven		2021-11-17

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## **Charities Commission Report:**

### **From 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025**

This is the annual report from 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025 for Grace Christian Fellowship.

#### **Activities over the last year and assessment**

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##### 1. Administration & Governance

1. Administration and Governance remains manageable:
  1. GCF remains a small congregation (around 10 adults)
  2. We meet only once a week at Cullingworth Village Hall
2. The trustees continued to look for a trustee to replace Alicia Chapman; one church member was very keen but due to family commitments was unable to commit to the time needed

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##### 2. Biblical Foundations

1. We continue to operate within the biblical foundations as set in our constitution

### 3. Teaching

1. Teaching has remained more structured and focussed, particularly with our meetings being held every Sunday
2. We also moved away somewhat from more topical messages to longer series. These series were:
  1. Being Shaped by Christ The Living Christ
  2. Renewing Our Minds
  3. Introduction to the Psalms
    1. Songs: Rich Meal of Symbol & Metaphor in an Intentional Poetic Structure
    2. Lyrical Poetry: Emotional Responses
    3. Anatomy of Soul: Calvin
    4. Meditative Foundation: Psalms take shape in and then shape our hearts and minds
  4. Psalm 19
    1. Celebrates God's self-revelation in two "books": the creation and the written law
  5. Beatitudes: Moses and Psalms 1& 2
    1. Psalm 1-2: The heart of the matter
    2. Psalm 1: Oh How Happy ... Devoted to Wisdom ... Flourishing Life ... All Else Comes to Nought
    3. Psalm 2: The Nations Rage & Plot .. But The Kingdom belongs to God ... His Son Will Defeat evil & Establish His Reign Forever

4. Reality: Not Always as We Expect
5. Christ Speaks into Loss
6. Matthew 5: The Kingdom
7. Matthew 5: The Beatitudes
8. OT Ripples
  1. Isaiah's Vision of Good News to the Poor, Comfort .. (Isaiah 61:1–3)
  2. Inheritance of the Meek (Psalm 37:11)
  3. Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (Isaiah 55, Amos 5)
  4. Mercy at the Heart of the Covenant (Exodus 34:6, Hosea 6:6)
  5. Pure in Heart and Vision of God (Psalm 24:3–4)
  6. Peacemaking and the Messiah (Isaiah 9, Zechariah 9)
  7. Persecution and Vindication (Daniel 7, Isaiah 53)
  8. Light of the World (Isaiah 42, Exodus 19)
9. Practical and Spiritual Implications
10. Clothe oneself in Christlike attitudes

This teaching programme is valued by everyone: adults and young people alike.

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#### 4. Prayer for the community

1. We continue to pray every week for each other as part of our Sunday service

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## 5. Developing core spiritual practices: meditative re-alignment

1. These remain important to everyone, but remain a challenge in the busyness of life

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## 6. Sundays together

1. We continue to meet every Sunday and to start our time of fellowship with a meal followed by prayer, praise, scripture reading and teaching; everyone is included and there is time for all to input and discuss

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## 7. Nurturing Young People

1. We continue to include young people in the heart of all we do
2. Young people are involved in prayer and praise every Sunday; and every teaching topic delivered to adults is delivered to young children in age appropriate terms; occasionally we have all age services, which have been enjoyed by everyone

## 8. Meeting one-to-one for spiritual direction & Spiritual Direction for Everyone

1. Attendees continue to meet organically and as part of their friendship groups but challenges remain given the distances between households and the challenges of everyday life
2. We will continue to do our best to promote relational connections within the group and emphasize a commitment to spiritual growth

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## 9. Developing life shaping practices and liturgies

1. We continue to send out daily or weekly scriptures for reflection and meditation

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## 10. Numbers Attending & Location

1. We continue with 10 adults and 9 young people regularly attending
2. Given life-circumstances, it is extremely difficult for everyone to meet every week

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## 12. Finances

1. As can be seen from the charity's accounts:
  1. Whilst our income is relatively low, we continue to show sound financial management and prudence, not once running into a financial deficit or running the charity beyond our means.
  2. Summary
    1. Income £10,155.82
    2. Expenditure £7,193.41
    3. Closing balance £4,028.09

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## 13. Paid Services & Employment

3. We are more than happy to continue to pay Dr Gareth Jones for 2 days services a month, knowing that he works far more hours, and that on occasion we are happy to pay a more representative amount for hours worked if finances allow

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From 06/4/24-05/05/25		
<b>Starting balance</b>	£	1,065.68
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	£	4,660.00
Gift Aid	£	5,495.82
<b>Total income</b>	£	10,155.82
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Hospitality	£	27.00
Consultant Services	£	4,800.00
Rent	£	2,190.00
Other	£	176.41
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£	7,193.41
<b>Final balance</b>	£	4,028.09

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### **From 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024**

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#### **Activities over the last year and assessment**

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##### **1. Administration & Governance**

1. Administration and Governance remains manageable because:
  1. GCF remains a small congregation (around 10 adults)
  2. We meet only once a week at Cullingworth Village Hall
2. Alicia Chapman stepped off Trustees in December 2023 due to her moving to Scotland to undertake a chaplaincy course
3. We need to look at finding a replacement. This is likely to be difficult due to the small number of people attending, availability, and the necessary skills required

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##### **2. Biblical Foundations**

1. We continue to operate within the biblical foundations as set in our constitution

### 3. Teaching

1. Last year we moved from relatively informal meetings to more planned and structured delivery. This has continued and been developed.
2. Teaching has been delivered on:
  1. Three Prayers: Elijah, Ahab and the Widow of Nain
  2. Communion: The Crowded Climax of Christ's Ministry
  3. Communion: The Covenants
  4. The Adamic Covenant
  5. The Noahic Covenant
  6. The Abrahamic Covenant
  7. The Mosaic Covenant
  8. The Davidic Covenant
  9. The New Covenant
  10. The Passover and The Lord's Supper
  11. Communion: From Meal to Meal
  12. The Prayers: From the Shema to the Lord's Prayer
  13. Colossians 1
  14. The Spirit of the Lord Cries Abba
  15. Jesus the Way
  16. The Threefold Word: Creation, Scriptures and Christ<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This series was a long and in-depth series, starting in April and finishing in September 2024

This teaching programme is valued by everyone: adults and young people alike.

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#### 4. Prayer for the community

1. We now pray every week for each other as part of our Sunday service; this is a significant move forward

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#### 5. Developing core spiritual practices: meditative re-alignment

1. Last year we noted the importance of prayer and daily meditative reading: which we called *meditative realignment*
2. We have moved forward into this by moving from meeting twice a month to once every week, for two and a half hours, where worship, prayer, scripture reading, and teaching are part of every service.
3. This is a big step forward, has required a much greater investment of time from Dr Gareth Jones, and is something we wish to continue with

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#### 6. Sundays together

1. Our meeting together has increased from the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month to every Sunday. We continue to start our time of fellowship with a meal followed by prayer, praise, scripture reading and teaching; everyone is included and there is time for all to input and discuss

2. This increase in investment is appreciated by everyone

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## 7. Nurturing Young People

1. We continue to include young people in the heart of all we do
2. Young people are involved in prayer and praise every Sunday; and every teaching topic delivered to adults is delivered to young children in age appropriate terms; occasionally we have all age services, which have been enjoyed by everyone

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## 8. Meeting one-to-one for spiritual direction

1. Attendees continue to meet organically and as part of their friendship groups
2. The business of modern life makes it difficult for many to find the time to 'Sabbath': i.e. to switch off from the practical business of life, and to focus on simply 'being' and 'enjoying' others and God's creation. We will continue to encourage and model this practice

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## 9. Providing spiritual direction for everyone

1. Spiritual direction has now been offered to anyone should they need it
2. Gareth Jones and Lindon have now done this on numerous occasion as people have need

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## 10. Developing life shaping practices and liturgies

1. Previous attention was invested to the way Sunday gatherings (teaching and liturgy) and daily spiritual practices (meditative realignment) can be enriched
2. These practices have been developed through our meeting every week, and weekly scriptures for reflection and meditation are sent out via WhatsApp to every adult in the fellowship

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## 11. Numbers Attending & Location

1. We originally started with 5 adults and 4 children, which increased to 8 adults and 7 young people
2. We now stand at 10 adults and 9 young people regularly attending
3. Given the increase in numbers we have moved out of homes and now rent Cullingworth Village Hall every Sunday from 5.00-7.30pm
4. This move has gone very well and is big step forward from last year

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## 12. Finances

### 1. As can be seen from our accounts

1. Whilst our income is relatively low, we have shown sound financial management and prudence, not once running into a financial deficit or running the charity beyond our means<sup>2</sup>.

### 2. Summary

1. Income £6,430
2. Expenditure £7,576.64
3. Closing balance £1,065.68

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## 13. Paid Services & Employment

3. We are more than happy to continue to pay Dr Gareth Jones for 2 days services a month, knowing that he works far more hours than we pay him for.

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<sup>2</sup> Gift aid for this year will be claimed in 2024

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From 06/4/23-05/4/24	
<b>Starting balance</b>	£ 2,212.32
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	£ 6,430.00
<b>Total income</b>	£ 6,430.00
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Hospitality	£ 160.86
Consultant Services	£ 4,800.00
Rent	£ 1,998.50
Other	£ 617.28
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£ 7,576.64
<b>Final balance</b>	£ 1,065.68

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# **Charities Commission Report:**

## **17th November 2021 to 5th April 2023**

This report marks the first 18 months of Grace Christian Fellowship.

### **Activities over the last year and assessment**

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#### 1. Administration & Governance

1. We registered Grace Community Fellowship as a Charity which was an important and key milestone in the development of our fellowship.
2. With regard to Governance, on the advice of the Charity Commission we raised the number of trustees from 4 to 5 with the addition of Alicia Chapman
3. As we set out on this journey our administrative load was not high because we met twice monthly in houses with no more than 12 people meeting

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#### 2. Biblical Foundations

1. We laid a clear, comprehensive and attractive foundation for us as a worshipping community which can be found on the Charities Commission website as our outline beliefs and practices.

### 3. Teaching

1. We have moved from relatively informal meetings to more planned and structured delivery
2. Preparation for the first series of messages was comprehensive; which included a thorough reading of:
  1. The whole New Testament with short commentary from CS Lewis
  2. Working the Angles - Eugene Peterson
3. Teaching resources have been sourced or purchased for the entire community; these include:
  1. A Contemporary Testimony: our world belongs to God
  2. Working the Angles: The Shape of Pastoral Integrity (Eugene Peterson)
  3. As Kingfishers Catch Fire: Eugene Peterson's Sermons
4. Teaching has been delivered on:
  1. Faith, Hope and Love (Col 1)
  2. Expressing our Faith in Love (Col 1 v3-4)
  3. Grace: Radical Self Giving even to The Cross
  4. The God of Grace: Abounding in Love & Faithful to the End
  5. Grace Unmerited and Transforming
  6. Christianity: The Shape of the Cross
  7. Christianity: a Story of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation

8. Christianity: a Journey of Faith, Hope, Love, Death, Life and Grace
9. Christianity: More the Conquerors (Rom 8)
10. Christianity: Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death (Psalm 23)
11. Christianity: A Lens of Love
12. Communion: Life in the Blood
13. The Lord's Prayer

Given our limited time and resource we placed considerable effort in thinking about and trying to develop a good teaching programme.

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#### 4. Prayer for the community

1. Whilst members pray for one another, and we pray when we meet, dedicated and regular prayer explicitly for the needs of the church community has been difficult to achieve due to our members not being in close proximity to one another.
2. We will look to address this.

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#### 5. Developing core spiritual practices: meditative re-alignment

1. Over the year we all became deeply convicted of the need to develop our personal faith life through prayer and daily meditative reading. Our

aim is for each of us engage more deeply in these practices in order to be shaped more into the image of Christ. The phrase we use to describe this daily practice is *meditative realignment*

2. *We want this Biblical and meditative practice become a foundational activity for every trustee and attendee.* All of our thinking, engaging and planning will flow out of this practice, a practice that leads to renewed hearts, transformed minds, and a deep Spiritual connection to Christ and each other.

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## 6. Sundays together

1. Our meeting together on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month has been very well attended; It is shared around a meal; it is a time of prayer and teaching; everyone is included
2. It's been a time of blessing and is valued by all

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## 7. Nurturing Young People

1. We have included young people in the heart of all we do
2. Teaching on our Sunday meetings has included them, and we are now moving in the direction of them having context specific teaching
3. Topics have included:
  1. Looking at the Biblical Story
  2. The Voices that Shape Us and The Voice of Christ
4. We have resourced the Young People with books to read; such as

1. Bear Grills and novels based on Christian themes
5. We have also started a monthly Youth Group led by Lindon Craven
  1. This has been very well attended, enjoyed by all, and we have looked at:
    1. What the nature of this group should be
    2. Prayer

This has been a great start.

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## 8. Meeting one-to-one for spiritual direction

1. Everyone has engaged and met with others and done so organically
2. No attempt has been made to organize or co-ordinate this getting together other than very occasional and light encouragement
3. ***It appears that we can do better in this area*** and perhaps a little more encouragement and proactivity is needed from all

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## 9. Providing spiritual direction for everyone

1. Periodically, Trustees we asked to reflect upon whether our fellowship is affording everyone the opportunity to give and receive spiritual direction
2. We have been pleased to find that our members meet for mutual support outside of our Sunday meetings
3. We will continue to promote this way of life through regular and gentle encouragement

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## 10. Developing life shaping practices and liturgies

1. Attention was invested to the way our Sunday gatherings (teaching and liturgy) and daily spiritual practices (meditative realignment) can be enriched
2. With regard to Sunday gatherings *The Worship Sourcebook* by Faith Alive has been purchased and distributed to everyone should they have time to engage with its content
3. Gareth Jones has given time to scan the book, digest its main themes and look at what can be done to include some of its insights
4. This enriching of the Sunday gathering going to require time and investment to flesh out over the coming year

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## 11. Numbers Attending & Appropriate Location

1. We originally started with 5 adults and 4 children
2. Without advertising we have risen to 8 adults and 7 children - which is very much close to our capacity (and in some respects over)
3. Trustees will therefore look for an opportunity to rent alternative space

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## 12. Finances

### 1. As can be seen from our accounts

1. Whilst our income is relatively low, we have shown sound financial management and prudence, not once running into a financial deficit or running the charity beyond our means

### 2. Summary

1. Income £12,975.08
2. Expenditure £10,762.76
3. Closing balance £2,212.32

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## 13. Paid Services & Employment

5. We are more than happy to employ Dr Gareth Jones for 2 days a month, knowing that he works far more hours than we currently can pay him for.

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From 17/11/2021-05/04/23	
<b>Starting balance</b>	£ -
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	£ 12,975.08
<b>Total income</b>	£ 12,975.08
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Hospitality	£ 1,324.12
Consultant Services	£ 8,400.00
Other	£ 1,038.64
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£ 10,762.76
<b>Final balance</b>	£ 2,212.32