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

Activities over the last year and assessment

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

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.

4. Prayer for the community

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

5. Developing core spiritual practices: meditative re-alignment

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

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

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

9. Developing life shaping practices and liturgies

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

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

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

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

Signed

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Gareth
Jones

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H Jones".

Heather
Jones

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Lindon Craven".

Lindon
Craven

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "S Craven".

Samantha
Craven

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