

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH ST HELENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1197854

Details

Other names GRACE CHURCH ST HELENS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-02-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ST HELENS IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VISION STATEMENT IN THE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF VISION AND VALUES IN ST HELENS 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.

Activities: Provide a place of worship and support attendees and community

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,401	£5,621	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,005	£4,855	-	-
2022-12-31	£9,281	£1,762	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cyril David Barratt	Chair	2022-02-02
ALAN THOMAS ABBOT		2022-02-02
Colin Birchall		2022-02-02
Cyril Barratt		2022-02-02

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GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH ST HELENS

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Trustees Report -2024

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We are:

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Christ-centred - seeking to be built up together into Him, our Lord and Master.

Grace-centred - because the saving work of Christ's death is central to all we believe.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees of Grace Church have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

Everyone is welcome to our services where we aim to:

1. Increase awareness of God's love and presence in our lives.
2. Help people through mutual support.
3. Meet together to share God's love.

Governance

Oversight of Grace Church rests with the Trustees, who are also the Leaders of the Church. Regular meetings are held to review the activities of the Church, the requirements of the members and to plan a way forward.

The Church has a Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually and has a set of financial regulations which support the management of income and expenditure.

Overview of 2024

Grace Church started in 2021 following several months of praying, planning and advice from third parties. It was a major step away from the Church of England roots of the Leaders but, in the end, one that was felt necessary to ensure that we could remain true to the Word of

God. The Church meets at Bleak Hill School in Windle St Helens and welcomes new members. Our aim is not to be measured by the number of attendees but by our service to the Lord and to each other.

Whilst our regular Sunday Meetings are held at the school, we continue to support the residents of Reeve Court in Rainhill, by holding services at Christmas and Easter.

Anyone is welcome to attend our services and we also invite visiting speakers to share the message with us. We are grateful that speakers are willing to travel long distances to meet with us and present God's Word.

As a result of the generous giving of our members we have been able to give financial support to both National/international Charities. It is our intention to continue with donations in the future.

We are constantly challenging ourselves to seek ways of spreading the Gospel message as part of our Public Benefit duty.

Risk Management

Risk management in relation to the principal risks identified are managed on an on-going basis by the Leaders of the Church. Mitigating actions and risk scores are reviewed regularly at a meeting of the Leaders who are mainly all Trustees. Risk assessments of the meeting venues are presented to the controlling body of those organisations along with our Insurance Certificates.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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Finance

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Finance Statement for 12 months to 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023	Expenditure	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Donations	7401	8005	Room Hire	2010	2040
			Insurance	121	132
			CCLI Licence	97	93
			Visiting speaker expenses	290	100
			Website	223	136
			Gifts/Donations	2750	2263
			Others	130	91
			Surplus	1780	3150
TOTAL	7401	8005	TOTAL	7401	8005

Balance Sheet	£
Opening balance 1 January 2024	10669
Surplus 2024	1780
Closing Balance:31 December 2024	12449

Balance made up of:	£
Bank	12000
Cash	449
Total	12449

Review of Income/Expenditure.

During the period under review our members have been very generous and our closing funds were £12449. We are conscious that, as a Charity, we should not be building a balance that is excessive for our needs. During the year the cost of building rental was our biggest, regular item of expense at £2010. We met the travelling expenses of our visiting speakers who travelled significant distances to be present at Crace Church

We ensured that we met all legal requirements by taking out Insurance Cover and extend our CCLI Licence to cover our worship sessions.

We were grateful for the generous donations of our members who agreed that we should make donations to national and international charities supporting God's work. We maintain a website which outlines our beliefs but is also a way for anyone to learn more about the Church. Every week we record the message presented at our services and they are openly available on the Church website.

Reserves

Our need for reserves is minimal but the Trustees believe that the current level of £12449 is adequate to meet any future increase in expenditure which is not covered by donations.

Going Concern

The Trustees are confident that, from a financial viewpoint, the Church is a going concern.

Signed:

Date:

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Governance

Oversight of Grace Church rests with the Trustees, who are also the Leaders of the Church. Regular meetings are held (at least 5 times per year) to review the activities of the Church, the requirements of the members and to plan a way forward.

The Church has a Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually and has a set of financial regulations which support the management of income and expenditure.

Overview of 2023

Grace Church started in 2021 following several months of praying, planning and advice from third parties. It was a major step away from the Church of England roots of the Leaders but, in the end, one that was felt necessary to ensure that we could remain true to the Word of

God. 2023 has been a year to establish the Church at Bleak Hill School and to welcome new members. Our aim is not to be measured by the number of attendees but by our service to the Lord and to each other.

Whilst our regular Sunday Meetings are held at the school, we continue to support the residents of Reeve Court by holding services, in their Village Hall, once every quarter and to have celebration services with them at Christmas and Easter.

Anyone is welcome to attend our services and we also invite visiting speakers to share the message with us.

As a result of the generous giving of our members we have been able to give financial support to four national/international Charities and one local Charity. We expect this to continue in the future.

Risk Management

Risk management In relation to the principal risks identified are managed on an on-going basis by the Leaders of the Church. Mitigating actions and risk scores are reviewed regularly at a meeting of the Leaders who are mainly all Trustees. Risk assessments of the meeting venues are presented to the controlling body of those organisations along with our Insurance Certificates.

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Finance

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Income	2023	2022	Expenditure	2023	2022
	£	£		£	£
Donations	8005	7131	Room Hire	2040	628
			Insurance	132	129
			CCLI Licence	93	87
			Visiting speaker expenses	100	80
			Amplifier		160
			Website/Zoom	136	72
			Gifts/Donations	2263	175
			Others	91	
			Surplus	3150	5800
TOTAL	8005	7131	TOTAL	8005	7131

Balance Sheet	£
Opening balance 1 January 2023	7519
Surplus 2023	3150
Closing Balance:312 December 2022	10669

Balance made up of:	£
Bank	9031
Cash	1638
Total	10669

Review of Income/Expenditure.

During the period under review our members have been very generous and our closing funds were £10,669. During the year the cost of building rental increased significantly to £2024. We met the travelling expenses of our visiting speakers who travelled significant distances to be present at Crace Church

We ensured that we met all legal requirements by taking out Insurance Cover and extend our CCLI Licence to cover our worship sessions.

We were grateful for the generous donations of our members who agreed that we should make donations to national and international charities supporting God's work.

Reserves

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Overview of 2022 (starting in August 2021)

Grace Church started in August 2021 following several months of praying, planning and advice from third parties. It was a major step away from the Church of England roots of the Leaders but, in the end, one that was felt necessary to ensure that we could remain true to the Word of God.

For several months meetings were held in the Village Hall at Reeve Court in St Helens but a serious outbreak of Covid meant that a new location was necessary. This opened the possibility of meeting at a school which has proved very successful. In addition to our regular Sunday morning meetings we have held a Carol Concert for the residents of Reeve Court and also held services over Christmas and Easter in their Hall.

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Finance Statement for 12 months to 31 December 2022
with comparison for 5 months to December 2021.

Income	2021	2022	Expenditure	2021	2022
	£	£		£	£
Donations	2148	7131	Room Hire	232	628
			Insurance	111	129
			CCLI Licence		87
			Visiting speaker expenses	73	80
			Amplifier		160
			Zoom		72
			Gifts/Donations		175
			Others	13	
			Surplus	1719	5800
TOTAL	2148	7131	TOTAL	2148	7131

Balance Sheet	£
Opening balance 1 Aug 2021	0
Surplus 2021 (5 months)	1719
Opening Balance:1 January 2022	1719
Surplus 2022	5800
Closing Balance:312 December 2022	7519

Balance made up of:	£
Bank	6605
Cash	914
Total	7519

Review of Income/Expenditure.

During the period under review our members have been very generous and a bank balance of £7519 has been recorded. During the year the cost of building rental was relatively small but this has been increased significantly. A few small items of portable equipment have been bought and written off in the annual accounts due to their small value.

We made a donation to the St Helens foodbank in 2022 and ensured we met our legal requirements by acquiring a CCLI licence and ensured we had sufficient Insurance cover to meet any unforeseen liabilities.

Reserves

Our need for reserves is minimal but the Trustees believe that the current level of £7519 is adequate to meet any future increase in expenditure which are not covered by donations.

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