

Grace Church

being grace in the community

Trustees report
25th October 2022-31st March 2024

Unaudited accounts
25th October 2022 – 31st March 2024

Charity Number: 1200810

Charity Reference and Administration

Registered Number: 1200810

Registered: 25th October 2022

Location: Doncaster, South Yorkshire

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Trustee Board

Name	Appointed	Position
Christopher Axelby	25 th October 2022	Chairman and External Trustee
Nicola Belleini	29 th June 2023	Deacon
Peter Dray	25 th October 2022	External Trustee
Alastair Gooderham	25 th October 2022	Pastor
Alexander Martin	25 th October 2022	Deacon

Note of Record: Nicola Belleini was elected as a trustee at her election as a deacon at the members meeting on the 29th June.

Bankers: Natwest Bank, 119 High Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 6LT

Note:

Public benefit In compiling this report and exercising their powers and duties the Trustees have had due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Commission and, in particular, on charities for the advancement of religion.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Purposes of Grace Church Doncaster

Taken from section 3 of the church Constitution:

“The purposes of the Church are:

the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Doncaster and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;”

The Trusteeship of Grace Church Doncaster:

There must be at least 3 charity trustees, these are officers of the church who take on the role of trustee when elected by the membership of the church as deacons or elders. There are also 2 external trustees appointed by the board who serve on the board of Grace Church Doncaster. As detailed in the church Constitution and Handbook.

Governance and Management:

The Trustees must meet at least 4 times a year as stated in the Constitution. Extra meetings can be called by the chairman or any two charity trustees at any time. Meetings may be held electronically and follow the agreed upon procedures and patterns in the church constitution.

Activities and Achievements

This report will comment on everything from October 2022 to March 2024 in it's first report.

The church was a newly registered charity and so had only 3 members at the start of October as founding trustees and the pastors wife as per the constitution, however, 15 others have applied for membership and been accepted into membership of the church in February 2023. Subsequently two other applications for membership were received and welcomed into membership at a church members meeting 23rd March 2023. One member subsequently resigned their membership when they moved to Sheffield. As of March 2024 the church has 18 members. Our hope is that this will continue to grow.

We have continued to run our Little Fishes carer and toddler group with good numbers attending and new people coming and staying. We have 42 families with which we have regular contact through the time covered in the report. The group has really grown over the past year and it is a joy to see friendships develop and the gospel taught to the children every week through story, crafts and snack.

We have also been running Coffee Time, a drop in café style event, on a Friday afternoon from 2.30pm. Numbers have really boomed at this such that the room begins to feel too full. Those who attend cover a wide spectrum, from a good number of secondary school pupils who come to have cake, play games, and do crafts, to young mums from toddlers, families from school at drop off, and some elderly people from the local area. We'd normally see about 60 people a week over the hour and a half, though this has bloomed since January 2024 and we now some weeks serve over 100. And it is developing really good gospel capable contacts, and enabling us to support young people, families and the elderly.

We also held a holiday club at Easter 2023 which was well attended over the 3 days with children and families from the community, toddlers and further afield. There was a great atmosphere and many children engaged really well with the Bible stories and crafts. Similarly with the Light Party we ran for families in October.

Partly as a result of that, and as a bridge from toddlers into church for interested mums and children, we have begun a once a month Sunday afternoon service at 4pm on the second Sunday of the month. We started in November and the numbers attending have been really encouraging, with about 50 at the services. It has been particularly encouraging to see families from toddlers coming along regularly.

We have continued to hold our regular Sunday morning services preaching through Job, Matthew, Amos and a series on Friendship as well as some summer Psalms. Children stay in the service but have activity sheets provided part way through at the back on supervised tables. We have been saddened by our Iranian brothers being relocated around the UK this year, though we are still in touch with many of them. But we have also been heartened by seeing new families, and some who had wandered away come back to, meet with us.

We have also continued to meet on a Thursday in a home which has been a mix of Bible study and prayer meeting. Whilst numbers fluctuate week to week we are encouraged by a committed core group.

We have continued to be involved with Medhurst Ministries, hosting an evening for them with local churches in September and in supporting them with a donation via our harvest offering (£342.55).

We hope that 2024/25 enables us to continue to advance the Christian faith as we disciple members of the church and as we continue Little Fishes, Coffee Time, Sunday Mornings, LightHouse and our other regular meetings. We also plan to hold the Light Party and will be exploring running a Holiday Club at some point during the year. We also pray that we will be able to grow our leadership team over the coming year.

Financial Review

2022/23

Our financial year runs April to March. So this financial report will comment on 25th October 2022 - 31st April 2023

Grace Church Doncaster began the year with a new bank account as a new charity with no £0.

During the year total receipts amounted to: £5,718

During the year total expenditure amounted to: £219

The year closed with a balance of: £5,499

Grace Church Doncaster has one paid employee and relies on both internal and external giving. The costs are low for this year as the Pastor's salary continued to be paid by Bessacarr Evangelical Church until April 2023 when his payroll became the responsibility of Grace Church Doncaster. The Hiring costs for the school hall were also not invoiced for this term until into the next financial year.

2023/24

Our financial year runs April to March. This financial report will comment on 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Grace Church Doncaster began the year with bank balance: £5,499

During the year total receipts amounted to: £45,579

During the year total expenditure amounted to: £39,769

The year closed with a balance of: £11,308

Grace Church Doncaster has one paid employee and relies on both internal and external giving. The opening bank balance is reflective of the fact we became a CIO in October 2022, when we opened a new bank account. From October 22-March 23, the Pastor's salary was paid by Bessacarr Evangelical Church. From April 2023, his payroll became the responsibility of Grace Church Doncaster. During the year, we moved the remaining funds from the BEC Account to the Grace Church Account. This is marked as 'Other Income'.

Declaration

The Trustees of Grace Church Doncaster declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has been signed on behalf of the trustees:



ALASTAIR GOODERHAM



ALEXANDER MARTIN



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

25/10/2022

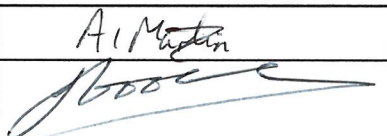
To

31/03/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aid Donations	4,473	-	-	4,473	-
General Donations	1,245	-	-	1,245	-
Cash Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Organisation Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Event donations (gift aidable)	-	-	-	-	-
Event donations (not gift aidable)	-	-	-	-	-
HMRC Gift Aid rebate	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,718	-	-	5,718	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,718	-	-	5,718	-
A3 Payments					
Salary	-	-	-	-	-
Building	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Evangelism	-	-	-	-	-
Youth	-	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Care/Support	-	-	-	-	-
Bills/Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	-	-
Print/Copyright	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance/Audit	219	-	-	219	-
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	219	-	-	219	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	219	-	-	219	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,499	-	-	5,499	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	5,499	-	-	5,499	-

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	Cash in the bank (Natwest)	5,499	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,499	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Laptop (Acer Aspire 3)	349	-	-
	Printer (Epson Ecotank ET-2850)	230	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alexander Martin	22/11/24	
		Alastair Gooderham	22/11/24	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

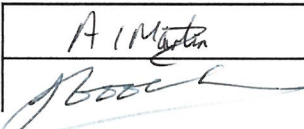
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aid Donations	16,263	50	-	16,313	4,473
General Donations	7,035	40	-	7,075	1,245
Cash Donations	70	-	-	70	-
Organisation Giving	14,250	-	-	14,250	-
Event donations (gift aidable)	-	-	-	-	-
Event donations (not gift aidable)	-	-	-	-	-
HMRC Gift Aid rebate	6,205	-	-	6,205	-
Other Income	1,756	-	-	1,756	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,579	90	-	45,669	5,718
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,579	90	-	45,669	5,718
A3 Payments					
Salary	35,526	-	-	35,526	-
Building	107	-	-	107	-
Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Evangelism	-	-	-	-	-
Youth	205	90	-	295	-
Events	107	-	-	107	-
Giving	343	-	-	343	-
Care/Support	-	-	-	-	-
Bills/Utilities	103	-	-	103	-
Rent	2,971	-	-	2,971	-
Print/Copyright	93	-	-	93	-
Insurance/Audit	200	-	-	200	219
Refreshments	116	-	-	116	-
Other Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,769	90	-	39,859	219
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,769	90	-	39,859	219
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,810	-	-	5,810	5,499
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,499	-	-	5,499	-
Cash funds this year end	11,308	-	-	11,308	5,499

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

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,308	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Laptop (Acer Aspire 3)	279	-	-
	Printer (Epson Ecotank ET-2850)	184	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	
			-	
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		Alexander Martin	22/11/24	
		Alastair Gooderham	22/11/24	

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To Pastor and Church Elders

Grace Church

Auckley

18th October, 2024.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I have completed the examination of the accounts and have provided Alex with the report for the Charities Commission.

I found no material errors of omissions in the accounts and am satisfied that they give a true and fair view of activities undertaken.

There were, however, administrative changes in the method of recording and receipting which needed attention. These have been discussed with Alex who has undertaken to amend the processes accordingly. These changes will need to be reviewed in next year's audit. I also asked Alex to make amendments to the way pensions contributions were recorded to comply with accounting standards. This is a minor issue around the way income and expenditure is reported and does not affect the actual amounts involved.

Overall, Alex has done a good job. Hopefully, the amendments proposed will make his job easier in the future.

In His Service



Andrew Church

ACMA (Retired)

ACIS (Retired)



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

GRACE CHURCH DONCASTER

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1200810

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

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:

AR Church

Date:

18/10/2024

Name:

ANDREW RICHARD CHURCH

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

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ADMINISTRATORS (NOW RETIRED)
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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.