

Grace Church

being grace in the community

Trustees report
1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Unaudited accounts
1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

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
Alan Coates	8 th April 2025	Elder
Peter Dray	25 th October 2022	External Trustee
Alastair Gooderham	25 th October 2022	Pastor
Alexander Martin	25 th October 2022	Deacon
Alasdair Strachan	8 th April 2025	Elder

Note of Record: Alan Coates and Alasdair Strachan were elected as trustees upon their election as Elders at the members meeting on the 8th April.

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 Charity 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 April 2024 to March 2025.

The church has been encouraged to welcome a number of people into membership over the last year and the membership now stands at 22. We have also been thrilled to hold two baptismal services for people who have come to faith.

We continue running our Little Fishes carer and toddler group a number of the children moved on in the summer, so in Autumn it started smaller, but it has gradually grown again with new mums and youngsters. We have a good number of families with which we have regular contact through the time covered in the report. It is great to see new friendships develop and the gospel being taught to the children every week through story, crafts, and snack.

We have continued to run Coffee Time, a drop in café style event, on a Friday afternoon from 2.30pm. Numbers have really boomed at this we now regularly serve over 85 people. That growth has been particularly pronounced amongst secondary school pupils who come to have cake, play games, and do crafts. But there are also some young mums from toddlers or who used to come to toddlers who come, and some families from school at drop off, and some grandparents of the pupils that come. There are some good friendships being developed, and some engaged with the 4 minutes video resources we uploaded to YouTube and advertised at coffee time around the Who we are and why we exist.

We have continued to run Lighthouse, our Sunday afternoon service at 4pm on the second Sunday of the month. Numbers have dropped off a bit from last year but it has been encouraging to see some families commit to coming, especially some from toddlers.

We have continued to hold our regular Sunday morning services preaching through Matthew, Revelation, Deuteronomy and Ephesians. Children have stayed in the service but have activity sheets provided part way through at the back on supervised tables, that link in with the Family slot teaching in the service. Numbers at church on a Sunday morning have remained steady, with 40-50 attending regularly.

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 were pleased to raise £310 at our Harvest service as a gift to Medhurst Ministries, who we continue to partner with, joining with them to support churches working in the UK's forgotten places, such as council estates.

Financial Review

Our financial year runs April to March. This financial report will comment on 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Grace Church Doncaster began the year with bank balance: £11,308

During the year total receipts amounted to: £63,711

During the year total expenditure amounted to: £44,665

The year closed with a balance of: £30,355

Grace Church Doncaster has one paid employee and relies on both internal and external giving. Giving has increased as new members have joined and we continue to be supported by Bessacarr Evangelical Church.

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:

Signed: A. Martin

Name: ALEXANDER MARTIN

Signed: Alastair Gooderham

Name: ALASTAIR GOODERHAM



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Grace Church Doncaster

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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	26,439	80	-	26,519	16,313
General Donations	15,298	765	-	16,063	7,075
Cash Donations	300	230	-	530	70
Organisation Giving	15,110	-	-	15,110	14,250
HMRC Gift Aid rebate	5,490	-	-	5,490	6,205
Other Income			-	-	1,756
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62,637	1,074	-	63,711	45,669
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,637	1,074	-	63,711	45,669
A3 Payments					
Advertising	60	-	-	60	122
Bills/Utils/Licenses	140	-	-	140	136
Building	3,870	-	-	3,870	3,052
Consumables	305	-	-	305	141
Employment Pension	2,913	-	-	2,913	2,582
Employment Salary	27,819	-	-	27,819	24,750
Employment Tax/Nl	7,643	-	-	7,643	8,195
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Giving	200	310	-	510	343
Insurance	200	-	-	200	200
Legal	330	-	-	330	-
Ministry Expenses	235	-	-	235	-
Outreach	216	-	-	216	146
Safeguarding	425	-	-	425	194
Other Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,355	310	-	44,665	39,859
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,355	310	-	44,665	39,859
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,282	765	-	19,047	5,810
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,308	-	-	11,308	5,499
Cash funds this year end	29,590	765	-	30,355	11,308

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)	29,619	736	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	29,619	736	-

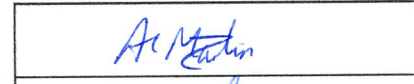
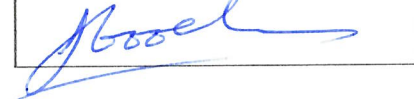
	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Laptop (Acer Aspire 3)	209	-	-
	Printer (Epson Ecotank ET-2850)	138	-	-
	Tables & Chairs	1,108	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alexander Martin	07/11/2025
	Alastair Gooderham	07/11/2025

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name GRACE CHURCH DONCASTER

On accounts for the year ended

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Set out on pages

5-6 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed overleaf *):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
 have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, 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

4/11/2025

Name

ANDREW RICHARD CHURCH

Relevant professional qualification or body (if any)

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Disclosure Section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

