



## Grace Church Rendlesham

### Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2024

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## Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Grace Church Rendlesham

Charity Number: 1202945

Charity Address: Mill Lane  
The Common  
Tunstall  
Woodbridge  
Suffolk  
IP12 2JR

Trustees: David Ian Rushbrook (Appointed 13/03/2023)

Gavin John Oliver (Appointed 13/03/2023)

Matthew Bryan Oliver (Appointed 13/03/2023)

Stuart Mark Whayman (Appointed 13/03/2023)

Independent Examiner: Thomas Steed ACCA

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## **Trustees Report**

### **Objects of the charity**

Our primary objective as a church is "the advancement of the Christian faith". This is really aimed at spiritual growth which is not easy to quantify in a report such as this. However, the following points are causes for encouragement over the period of this report. We are entirely reliant on the financial giving of our members and friends to cover our costs, and our accounts show that this has been generous and sustained. We take this as a provision of God for what lies ahead of us. As is indicated below, we are hopeful of starting a building project soon and that will be expensive.

We have employed 2 members of staff for the period of this report, and this has been comfortably managed from our income.

### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Over the course of the year, attendance at our Sunday morning services has increased so that the yearly average is now 6% higher than pre COVID, continuing the increase that we observed towards the end of 2023.

This increase has included: 1 baptism, a total of 4 new members and 6 people who have become Christians over the year. For all of which we are very grateful.

We have also seen numerical growth in our regular Home Groups and Prayer Meetings

This increase has confirmed our decision to move our Sunday morning services to the local primary school. Our chapel buildings and car parking provision are not sufficient for these numbers. Whilst we are grateful that the school is prepared to let out their space to us, it is hard work, and we are still wanting to progress our plans for a new building. The planning application submitted in July 2023 has still not formally been considered by the local authority planning department. We are hopeful that a decision will be made early in 2025.

Although our morning services are now held in Rendlesham School, we are keen to meet in other places as well. At present we still hold a carol service in Sudbourne village and a monthly service in the local care home.

Our regular weekday activities have continued with a good number of volunteers taking on most of the responsibilities for these. We get approximately 70 adults and 70 children to these events which include: Women's Fellowship (informal service for ladies) Coffee Cake & Chat (social group for all with provision for toddlers), Coffee Craft & Chat (social craft group), Coffee Morning (social group for all with provision for toddlers), Friday Club (for primary school age children), Youth Group (for secondary school young people) and WLTD0 (dad's and children social group).

Numbers have remained fairly static compared to recent years, due both to the remote locations of our existing buildings and the fact that our buildings are nearing capacity. We are still hopeful that a new building in Rendlesham will enable us to increase this provision and make attendance much easier.

In addition to our weekly/monthly activities we also ran a series of one-off events during the year. These ranged from internal social events to strengthen relationships within the church through to sponsoring and being involved with the Rendlesham Show which had over 3000 visitors. In between, we have held breakfasts, a clay pigeon shoot, a carpet bowls evening, a quiz night, a Holiday Bible Club, a village Easter Event and outdoor services in Jubilee Park. All aimed at welcoming those outside the church into the church community and to hear the Christian message. Through these events, many hundreds of people from Rendlesham and the surrounding villages have come into meaningful contact with Grace Church. We have also been looking to strengthen links with Rendlesham Parish Council to support them in their work within the village. In planning these activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## Safeguarding Statement

As a church, we are very aware of our contact with and our responsibilities towards children and vulnerable adults. Our Safeguarding Policy was reviewed during 2024 and all of our volunteers and staff who work with children and vulnerable adults received safeguarding refresher training from our DSL in the autumn. Our DSL has had no issues to investigate and has provided a reference for one of our volunteers who has moved to another church.

## Financial Review

During the year income amounted to **£230,904 compared with income for 2023 of £27,368**. The net result for the year was a surplus of **£86,148 (2023: surplus £10,747)**.

Principal funding sources are from regular individual donations, HMRC gift aid and property rental.

We are thankful to God and His faithful people who regularly donate to our Church throughout the year, which means the Church can continue to achieve its aims and objectives.

## Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold a minimum of **£40,000** (which is approximately three months of expenditure) as unrestricted cash, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of **£812,527**.

## Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name **DAVID RUSHBROOK**

Signature



Date **12/6/2025**

## Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grace Church Rendlesham ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2024.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:


1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

### **Independent Examiner's Details**

Name: Thomas Steed ACCA

Address: 104 Osprey Drive  
Stowmarket  
Suffolk  
IP14 5UX

Name	THOMAS STEED
Signature	
Date	29/5/25

## Receipts & Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
Donations	24,213	3,468	27,681	0
Gift Aid	40,502	1,663	42,165	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Pledged Giving	123,960	8,300	132,260	0
Bank Interest	18,595	0	18,595	0
Property Rental	10,204	0	10,204	0
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>217,474</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>230,904</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>				
Activities	22,342	2,038	24,380	0
Advertising	300	0	300	0
Bank Charges	1	0	1	0
Gifts Given	23,514	439	23,953	0
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Premises	35,119	0	35,119	0
Staff Costs	61,003	0	61,003	0
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b>142,279</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>0</b>
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	75,195	10,953	86,148	0
Fund Transfers In	0	488	488	0
Fund Transfers Out	488	0	488	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	74,707	11,441	86,148	0
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	737,820	21,157	758,977	758,977
<b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>812,527</b>	<b>32,598</b>	<b>845,125</b>	<b>758,977</b>

## REPRESENTED BY

General Fund (Unrestricted)	771,013	0	771,013	695,320
Building Fund (Restricted)	0	29,282	29,282	21,157
Reserves (Designated)	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Benevolence Fund (Designated)	1,514	0	1,514	2,500
Youth Work (Restricted)	0	287	287	0
Special Appeals (Restricted)	0	3,029	3,029	0

## Asset & Liability Statement

### Cash Assets

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
General Fund (Unrestricted)	771,013	0	771,013	695,320
Building Fund (Restricted)	0	29,282	29,282	21,157
Reserves (Designated)	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Benevolence Fund (Designated)	1,514	0	1,514	2,500
Youth Work (Restricted)	0	287	287	0
Special Appeals (Restricted)	0	3,029	3,029	0

### Other Monetary Assets

Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Stock	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

### Investment Assets

Property	0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

### Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	0	755,000	755,000	755,000
Equipment	3,644	0	3,644	7,193
Computers & IT	0	0	0	0
Furniture	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0

### Liabilities

Loans Outstanding	0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed	0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed	0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

### **Signature**

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name	DAVID RUSHBROOK
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Signature	
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Date	12/6/2025
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## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

### **Transactions to Related Parties**

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

### **Movement of Funds**

<b><u>Fund Name</u></b>	<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Transfers</u></b>	<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>
General Fund	695,320	217,474	141,293	-488	771,013
Reserves	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
Benevolence Fund	2,500	0	986	0	1,514
Total	42,500	0	986	0	41,514
Building Fund	21,157	9,963	1,837	0	29,282
Youth Work	0	0	201	488	287
Special Appeals	0	3,468	439	0	3,029
Total	21,157	13,430	2,477	488	32,598
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>758,977</b>	<b>230,904</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>845,125</b>