



GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN

CHARITY NUMBER:

1203736 (CIO)

1051820 (Trust)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st AUGUST 2024**

GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES	Christine Boulton
	Sharon Rose Moorhouse
	Daniel Talbot
	Carol Wright
	Calvin Pearson
	Oliver Wilman (CIO only)
	Jill Lewis (CIO only)
	Omatsuli Onuwaje (CIO only)
	Kenneth Edward Thomson (CIO only)
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Wensley Rd
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CHARITY NUMBER	1203736 (CIO) 1051820 (Trust)
WEBSITE	www.gracepentecostalfamily.co.uk
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mark Heaton
	KM, Chartered Accountants
	Burnley
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BANK	Barclays Bank, Blackburn

GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN

TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2024.

Trustees

The names of the trustees in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Both original and CIO charities:

Christine Robinson

Sharon Moorhouse

Daniel Talbot

Carol Wright

Calvin Pearson

CIO charity only:

Oliver Wilman

Jill Lewis (appointed 1st September 2024)

Omatsuli Onuwaje (appointed 1st September 2024)

Kenneth Edward Thomson (appointed 1st September 2024)

How the charity operates

Each year there is a vision statement from the Senior Pastor. The structure and management of the church are based around that vision. Jesus Christ is the Head of our church.

The Ministry team is generally headed by the Head Minister supported by other Ministers. The Head Minister at the start of this period was Jamie Boulton who subsequently resigned. The Assistant Minister, Mr Omatsuli Onuwaje took over the leadership until the AGM. Pastor Omar Onuwaje applied for the position of Senior Pastor on an Honorary basis and was unanimously voted in at the AGM. Pastor Omar brought his vision statement to the members of the church and is active in bringing his vision to life. Pastor Omar leads the church with the assistance of four other members who complete the Ministry team. The worship/music group come under the Ministry team. There are several volunteers in the church who have been split into groups such as cleaning and admin etc., these groups have a team leader, and it is the team leader's job to liaise with the group and bring a report to the Board Meeting and to request whatever funds may be required.

Recruiting of Trustees comes about as and when one is required. They are taken from the Church membership. We advertise internally for Trustees if none have come forward voluntarily.

Objects of the Church

The charitable objects that Grace Pentecostal work under is outlined below:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Constitution – the Church's governing document – in such ways and such parts of the UK and the world.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provisions of funds, goods and services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the UK or the world as the church leaders think fit.

Activities

Activities of the church are outlined in the Constitution and include activities both face to face and online. Online is reaching out to a wider audience.

Face to face activities start with the Sunday morning service which includes communion and also a period of teaching. Whilst this teaching is taking place the children of the church leave the hall to have their Sunday School. For the younger children there is a creche which includes many games to keep them occupied. This service is also streamed online. Sunday evening is a session set out as a café church and is for intense and thorough Bible Study. The music group meet to practice during the week on a Wednesday and the Ministry teams meet to discuss the forthcoming ministerial teachings.

Thursday evenings is an open invitation for people to join the Celebrate Recovery Group who deal with hurts, habits, hang-ups, addictions or if people find life unmanageable or out of control. They meet weekly in small confidential groups. Thursday morning sees the arrival of around 20-30 toddlers who come for soft play, games, food, and a meeting place for parents. Some of the parents belong to the church membership and some do not – all are welcome.

Friday evenings is the childrens' youth clubs.

Saturday once a month is a Men's breakfast which is arranged by one of the Ministry team and often has a speaker from elsewhere. The attendees have a free fully cooked breakfast. The other Saturday mornings are a special prayer time.

Ladies of Grace meet for ladies only. They share some food, have a chat, and often have a guest speaker and games. They meet once a month on a Saturday.

One Man-One Soul are a group of church members who pray at church then go into the town centre to speak to as many people as possible about the name of Jesus and invite them to the church.

The achievements of the church and the performance are shown in the number of people who attend the church, and each activity is successful. The activities are run by volunteers of the church who also have a Head of Department and reports are put in at each board meeting. As to public benefit, the church is open for all the public who wish to attend. It is advertised online and within church and we try to offer a variety for most people.

Financial Review

The church is in a healthy position paying any debts almost immediately and budgeting for any upcoming expenditure. At the year end cash reserves amounted to £50,630 – an increase of £26,542, primarily as a result of a legacy of £30,000.

Reserves Policy Statement

The church maintains reserves to ensure financial stability and continuity of charitable activities. Our target reserve level is £10,500, based on three months expenditure. The church holds reserves within our savings account currently £30,000 for Church Planting and future building needs including construction,

renovations and essential maintenance. These reserves will be reviewed regularly to ensure they align with the church strategic objectives.

Legal

On 26th June 2023 the CIO was registered and all matters have now been completed other than moving the church buildings to the CIO. Once this has been completed the original charity will be closed down.

Risk management

The trustees actively monitor the various risks that face the church – property, staffing, reputational. A robust safeguarding process is in place.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Sharon Moorhouse

Christine Robinson

S. R. Moorhouse.

Rob

GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA

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17th May 2025

GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 SEPTEMBER 1ST 2023 – AUGUST 31ST 2024

RECEIPTS

	Total funds	Last year
	£	£
Donations	5,243	8,687
Legacy	30,000	-
GASDS	8,773	7,387
Gift aid donations	37,350	30,754
Gift aid claim	10,315	10,335
Sale of property	-	500
Other income	159	3,948
Total	91,840	61,611

PAYMENTS

Administration	13,364	6,877
Activities	7,543	11,559
Property (inc mortgage repayments)	14,490	25,927
Missions	1,200	2,148
Employment	23,418	16,927
Equipment	26	172
Utilities	5,347	-
Total	65,388	63,610

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCES

Receipts	91,840	61,611
Payments	65,388	63,610
Net receipts/(payments)	26,452	(1,999)
Balances last year end	24,178	26,177
Balances this year end	50,630	24,178

GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT AUGUST 31ST 2024

	Total funds	Last year
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank balances	50,630	24,178
Other Assets		
Property - church	226,911	226,911
Fixtures, equipment	45,922	45,922
Great Harwood property	-	-
Liabilities		
Mortgage	51,148	57,455
Payroll liabilities	-	-
Other liabilities	479	-

The mortgage is secured on the church building.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



S Moorhouse *S.R. Moorhouse*
Trustees

C Robinson

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1 Basis of preparation
These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 Fund Accounting
 - (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity
 - (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.
- 3 Taxation
The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.
The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.
- 4 Transactions with trustees
No remuneration nor expenses were paid to trustees, or any persons connected with them during the year or previous year.