

Grace Church Coventry

Report and Accounts

For the period 17th July
2024 to 31st August 2025

Prepared from CC16

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Grace Church Coventry

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 17TH JULY 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Christ Church Derby Great Northern Road Derby DE1 1LR
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 10 th July 2024
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1209168
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Peter Martyn Ivens Leach (Minister ex-officio) John George McCartney Matthew Paul Newbould
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lawrence Mason ACA

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD FROM 17TH JULY 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 17th July 2024 to 31st August 2025. This is more than one year as the Charity was registered on 17th July 2024 and this is the first Report and Accounts.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a. to advance the Christian religion in accordance with the subordinate standard of faith as defined in the Book of Church Order of the International Presbyterian Church (BCO) applicable to the congregation in Coventry and in other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes consistent with the BCO which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
- b. to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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:

As this was the first year of Grace Church's existence, we focussed on starting strongly with the central activities of the church.

A. Sunday Worship Services

We started our main activity, which is the 10.30am Sunday worship service; the first one was held on 1st September 2024 and every week thereafter. We held additional services for Christmas and Easter, and once a month we had an extra evening service focussed on prayer. Attendance at our main services fluctuated but was generally in the 15-25 range with a handful of children.

B. Midweek Meetings

Starting in November, every Thursday we gathered to eat together and study the Bible.

C. Mentoring.

One of Grace Church's aims is to provide personal mentoring to those who want it, with a particular focus on spiritual direction, study of the Bible, and prayer. Our minister Peter met with several people who attend the church for this purpose, some for one-off conversations and some on a regular basis.

Future Plans

As the church becomes more established, we aim over the next couple of years to start some additional ministries, including some form of children's work, ministries to men and women, and a deacons' ministry aimed at relieving material hardship.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

In this financial period, receipts were £110,226 and payments £39,239. As a result, the cash held by the charity was £70,987 all of which was unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. Income from members' regular giving already provides 50% of the churches financial needs.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than 3 months' unrestricted expenditure 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 £70,987 complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees will be recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Church and charity trustees shall hold to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs. The minister shall automatically ("ex-officio") be a charity trustee, for as long as he holds that office.

Relationships with other charities and related parties

The church is part of the International Presbyterian Church, specifically the First IPC Presbytery of the United Kingdom.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

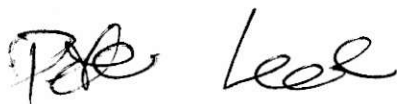
We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

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

Peter Martyn Ivens Leach



Date

18/06/2026

Grace Church Coventry

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

GRACE CHURCH COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2025.

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").

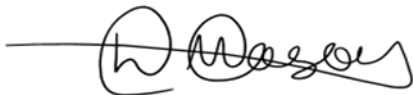
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 record

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.



Lawrence Mason ACA
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Date: 19/06/2026

GRACE CHURCH COVENTRY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 17TH JULY 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts			
Institutional Gifts	83,721	-	83,721
Individual Gifts	26,505	-	26,505
Total Receipts	<u>110,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,226</u>
Payments			
Charitable Activities	39,239	-	39,239
Total Payments	<u>39,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,239</u>
Net of receipts	70,987	-	70,987
Net movement in funds	<u>70,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,987</u>
Cash funds as at 17th July 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash funds as at 31 August 2025	<u>70,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,987</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

GRACE CHURCH COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Period £
Cash Funds	1, 2, 3	70,987	-	70,987	-
Gift aid due to charity	1, 2, 3	<u>4,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,844</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>75,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,831</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed off on their behalf by

Peter Martyn Ivens Leach



Date

18/06/2026

GRACE CHURCH COVENTRY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 17TH JULY TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

1. Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation whose registered number and registered office address are detailed on page 2 of this report and accounts.

2. Period of accounts

This is the first set of accounts for the charity and therefore cover more than one year (17th July 2024 to 31st August 2025).

3. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise the summary statement of the charity's receipts and payments, a statement summarising the charity's assets and liabilities, and related notes.

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Period £
<u>Staff employment Costs</u>					
Salary		23,064	-	23,064	-
NIC		5,076	-	5,076	-
Pension		2,250	-	2,250	-
Expenses		2,215	-	2,215	-
<u>Other Costs</u>					
Premises Costs: Rent		5,760	-	5,760	-
Support Costs:		581	-	581	-
Volunteer Appreciation					
Website		192	-	192	-
Bank Charges & Fees		76	-	76	-
HMRC Fine		<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>39,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,239</u>	<u>-</u>