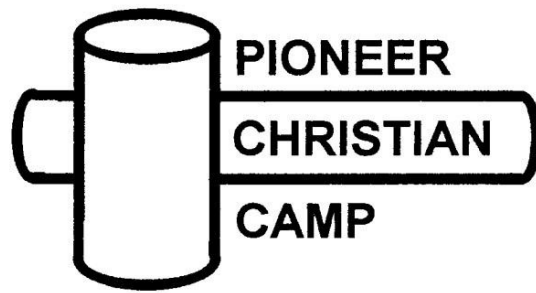


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GRACE BAPTIST MINISTRY TO THE YOUNG

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR END: 31 OCTOBER 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 250756

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1. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

We are registered with the Charity Commission as Grace Baptist Ministry to the Young ("GBMY") but use Pioneer Christian Camp ("PCC") as our working name. This is commonly abbreviated to Pioneer Camp. Pioneer Camp has been in existence since 1952.

Objectives and aims

The objects of GBMY are to teach through the Holy Scriptures the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to support and encourage the work of extending Christ's kingdom amongst children and young people by such means as shall commend themselves (including by arranging camps), subject to their being fully in accordance with the principles revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

Significant Activities

The above objects are realised by running a camp for children and young people at which they are taught from the Bible, daily, in a variety of ways, in addition to providing an enjoyable and active holiday in an outdoor setting. These camps build on, and support, the ongoing work of Sunday Schools and youth groups in numerous local churches. Over the years, Christ's kingdom has been extended as many young people have become Christians at camp, or subsequent to camp, and are now serving Him across the world.

Public Benefit

Pioneer Camp seeks to help develop the youth work of existing churches by organizing and running a yearly camp primarily under canvas and usually on land provided by a Christian farmer, to provide an enjoyable and active holiday with Bible teaching. We aim to benefit the young people by creating and developing new attitudes towards each other and other members of their communities and instilling good life values. This we believe benefits society as a whole and the young people individually.

The Trustees of GBMY believe they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Volunteers

All the staff who work at or for camp, including all the Officers and Trustees, are volunteers.

Financial review

Due to the large number of camper applications in 2024 the Pioneer Camp Committee agreed to increase the number of places for campers from 120 to 130. However, this meant that there was a need to purchase some new bell tents to accommodate the additional children, as well as replacing an old one which was no longer useable. This

resulted in the purchase of 5 new bell tents and associated equipment as a cost to camp of £7,600, which was met from available funds. However, this has contributed to an overall loss on the year of £7,321. The Accumulated Fund at the end of 2024 has a lower balance of £30,827.22 which is still in excess of our reserves policy of £20,000.

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During the year a large marquee was donated to Pioneer Camp which has increased the value of the equipment owned by the Charity by £22,000 to £95,000.

Investment policy and objectives: The Trustees aim to keep funds in higher rate savings account at least to the amount of the charity's reserve. The trustees believe this is sufficient for the size and complexity of the charity at present.

Reserves Policy: Pioneer Camp agreed in 2024 to increase the amount of reserve from £10,000 to £20,000 in liquid assets. The free general unrestricted liquid reserves at 31 October 2023 were £30,827.22.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Pioneer Camp is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity No. 250756).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees other than those retiring by rotation can only be appointed at a general meeting if (1) they are recommended by existing trustees or (2) the required notice has been given by a committee member entitled to vote of the intention to propose that person as a Trustee and the required notice has been given to those entitled to receive notice of the meeting.

Organisational Structure

Throughout 2024, the trustees have maintained meeting 2 times per year via online conferencing and once in person as a committee, including an AGM. Additionally, individual Trustees continue to be available via telephone, text message, email and videoconference for meetings with the Charity's officers.

Induction and training of new trustees

Three new Trustees were appointed during 2024 and two Trustees stepped down from office.

Wider network

Pioneer Camp has and ensures good connections with other Christian evangelical networks such as the Associations of Grace Baptists in the South East and East Anglia, and the FIEC.

The current officers of GBMY are:

Chairman

Mr David Crane

pioneerchairman@gmail.com

Secretary

Mrs Gillian Hollman

pioneercampsecretary@gmail.com

Treasurer

Mrs Gillian Hollman

pioneercampsecretary@gmail.com

There are eleven other trustees:

- Heather Nash
- Thomas Mawson
- Anna Mason
- Joan Russell
- Windsor Smith
- David Rushbrook
- Fiona Strasser
- Jennifer Gardner
- Elizabeth Harris
- Sarah Hollman
- Lois Knee

2. Skipper's Report 2024

From the 8th to 15th August, Pioneer camp welcomed a group of 130 campers to Athelington Hall Farm once again. This is the largest number of campers we have had for some time with some of them once again opting for the shorter camp. Plenty of staff volunteered, however a few did pull out shortly before camp which led to some rearrangements. 130 campers is close to the top end of our capacity, the exact figure being dependent upon the age and gender distribution of the campers and how these fit into the marquee and field.

Campers and staff enjoyed a range of activities and were well fed! Bible times consisted of an overview through the Bible, which was well discussed, and enabled us to celebrate Christmas day on the Saturday. Staff enjoyed a range of speakers at our morning devotional times.

As ever the campers behaved brilliantly, with only one going home early due to homesickness and some of the short campers opting to stay for the whole time. In 2025 17 campers will be too old for camp but several have expressed an interest in becoming staff, which is a brilliant opportunity but will require careful thought on how best to integrate them.

We are always grateful for a hard-working and unified staff group. I know of one or two who will not be joining us next year, for various reasons, so ongoing recruitment is vital!

Setting up and clearing down went well again, made easier by the rain making the ground softer! We are grateful to extra volunteers who turn up just for these days.

We give all glory to God for enabling a safe, enjoyable and edifying camp. Planning for next year begins now, all under His guidance!

Tom Mawson

7th October 2024

3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the summer of 2024, we were blessed with an increase in the number of campers wishing to come to camp and Athelington Hall was once again a place of great fun and enjoyment for two weeks in the summer holidays. Many of the staff returned in 2024, together with one or two new ones joining us for the first time. We had a number of campers for whom it was their last year at camp but several of them are hoping to return in 2025 as trainee members of staff alongside the older, more mature staff.

Once again, the Lord provided for our needs in 2024 and although there was a slight loss on the year, this was largely due to the purchase of new tentage to accommodate the extra number of camper bookings. Fees were increased slightly for 2024 but discounts were available for families sending three or more children to camp and for staff who also brought their own children to camp with them. The value of the investment and deposit accounts increased in 2024 for which we give thanks to the Lord.

Once again, we continued to offer free places to young people whose families were not able to afford the fees.

Minimum reserves have been increased from £10,000 to £20,000 to ensure that camp is able to cover unavoidable expenses in the event of camp not being able to run in the future and replacement of essential equipment should it become necessary.

Following the independent examination of the accounts, the Trustees have concluded that the accounts are a going concern for the 12-month period following the signing thereof.

Gill Hollman
Pioneer Camp Treasurer

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GRACE BAPTIST MINISTRY TO THE YOUNG

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTES	YE 31/10/2023	YE 31/10/2024 £
RECEIPTS			
Campers and staff fees		25,180.00	26,544.30
Tuck, Books and Merchandise		1,662.10	2,038.55
Interest	2	763.22	900.61
Donations	3	3,567.01	2,574.40
Sundries		7,536.21	6,494.77
		38,708.54	38,552.63
PAYMENTS			
Admin, advertising, DBS and insurance		2,080.10	2,347.83
Books, tuck, prizes, crafts and sports		2,167.69	2,845.73
Equipment, tent hire and site		10,263.54	16,593.91
Food, domestic items and medical		12,677.23	12,812.35
Transport		301.59	284.58
Gifts, refunds, training and reunions		1,547.24	857.43
Sundries		8,755.57	10,131.80
		37,792.96	45,873.63
Surplus (deficit) for the year		915.58	(7,321.00)

5. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

GRACE BAPTIST MINISTRY TO THE YOUNG

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	NOTES	2023	2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances			
Cash			0.00
CAF Cash		14,281.45	6,090.94
CAF Gold		1.16	1.20
Other monetary assets			
COIF Investment Fund	4	13,891.74	15,424.91
Investment with AGBC	5	0.00	0.00
COIF Charity Deposit Fund	6	8,440.70	9,310.17
MONETARY LIABILITIES			NIL
Total net monetary assets		36,615.05	30,827.22
<i>Represented by accumulated fund</i>			
Balance as at 1 November 2023		35,898.84	36,615.05
Market value adjustment of investments	4	(199.37)	1,533.17
Add surplus (deficit)		915.58	(7321.00)
Less change in liabilities			NIL
Write off of Illiquid Investment in Go Teach			
Balance as at 31 October 2024		36,615.05	30,827.22
NON MONETARY ASSETS			
Camping equipment	7	72,000.00	95,000.00
Merchandise for sale	8	12.66	38.01
Books for sale			68.69

6. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a “receipts and payments” basis and accord with S.42(3) Charities Act 1993

2. Interest earned

	£
CAF Cash Account	31.10
CAF Gold Account	0.04
COIF deposit fund	869.47
AGBC Investment	NIL
	<u>900.61</u>

3. Sundries

Gift Aid has not been claimed on donations received in the year.

4. Market value adjustment of investments

This relates to the change in market value of the COIF investment fund:

	£
Valuation as at 31 October 2023	13,891.74
Valuation as at 31 October 2024	<u>15,424.91</u>
Market value gain for the year	<u>1,533.17</u>

Asset values quoted are mid-market values as at 31/04/2024 and 31/10/2024.

5. COIF Charity Deposit Fund

This fund was changed from bank balances as in previous statements to other monetary assets to better reflect the type of investment that it is.

6. The cost of Trustee Indemnity Insurance for the Trustees amounted to £190.00

7. Camping Equipment

Pioneer Christian Camp is the owner of camping equipment used for children's and young people's summer camps. The asset value is the insured value. Depreciation is assumed to be offset by donations, purchases and repairs.

8. Merchandise for sale

	£
Balance as at 1 November 2023	12.66
Purchases	852.35
Sales	827.00
Balance as at 31 October 2024	<u>38.01</u>

7. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

GRACE BAPTIST MINISTRY TO THE YOUNG

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2023	2024
Total Receipts	38,708.54	38,552.63
Total Payments	37,792.96	45,873.22
Excess from camp activities	915.58	(7,321.00)
Investment growth	(199.37)	1,533.17
EXCESS FOR THE YEAR	716.21	(5787.83)
 CASH		0.00
 BANK ACCOUNTS		
CAF Cash	14,281.45	6,090.94
CAF Gold	1.16	1.20
COIF deposit fund		
	14,282.61	6,092.14
 OTHER INVESTMENTS		
COIF investment fund	13,891.74	15,424.91
COIF deposit fund	8,440.70	9,310.17
Investment with AGBC	0.00	0.00
	22,332.44	24,735.08

GRACE BAPTIST MINISTRY TO THE YOUNG

BREAKDOWN OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2023 £	2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Books	418.40	378.90
Campers' fees	20,225.00	21,998.80
Staff & Under Age Camper fees	4,955.00	4,545.50
Visitors' fees	0.00	40.00
Staff purchases	40.75	78.55
Staff meetings	0.00	0.00
Donations (general)	3,567.01	2,574.40
Donations (site)	0.00	0.00
Interest	763.22	900.61
Gift Aid	1,235.46	336.22
Merchandise	495.70	853.90
Offering	220.00	0.00
Tuck	748.00	805.75
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Cabins	6,040.00	6,040.00
	38,708.54	38,522.63
PAYMENTS		
Administration	148.03	249.70
Account Fee	60.00	60.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Bookshop	431.00	457.04
Charges	380.19	418.75
DBS	100.80	69.60
Domestic Items	977.69	615.79
Equipment	3,049.75	8,717.11
Food	11,699.54	12,066.98
Gifts/Offering	195.00	122.95
Insurance	1,831.27	2,028.53
Medical	0.00	129.58
Merchandise	503.04	827.00
Miscellaneous	2.63	16.50
Prizes	87.73	112.75
Refunded Fees	16.20	105.00
Reunions	1,268.54	190.18
Site	6,878.79	7,876.80
Song Book	272.00	308.00
Sports/Craft Equipment	461.87	665.24
Staff Purchases	40.75	78.55
Tent Hire	335.00	0.00



Training/Staff	67.50	439.30
Transport	301.59	284.58
Tuck Shop	684.05	783.70
Donations	0.00	1,250.00
Cabins	8,000.00	8,000.00

38,463.59	45,873.63
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Deficit (£7,321.00)

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Grace Baptist Ministry to the Young' also known as Pioneer Christian Camp

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abigail Gardner".

Name: Abigail Gardner

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant of the Chartered Institute of England and Wales

Address: 60 Magpie Hall, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8ER

Date: 12 May 2025