

Grace Community Church

Accounts

6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024



Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Grace Community Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024, which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of s43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 the seeking of explanations from you as 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.



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22 October 2024

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Report for the Year to 5th April 2024

Grace Community Church, 2 Landmark House, Wirral Park Road, Glastonbury is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No 296437) and constituted by Deed of Trust.

The Charity is administered by the Trustees comprising:

Chairman - Mr. Paul Botterill

Treasurer - Mr. John Shaw

Trustee - Mrs Fiona Shaw

The object of the Charity is to assist the members of the Community Church to fulfil their vision, which is: -

“To make the love of God, as expressed through the life of Jesus Christ, known to Glastonbury and the surrounding area. It goes beyond the confines of the locality to the world wherever the opportunity arises.

We find that we are enabled to realise this by becoming a people who:

- *Acknowledge Jesus to be supreme in all things and this issues in a life of joyful praise.*
- *Believe that the Bible is the Word of God and live out that belief.*
- *Are “in touch” with God and communicate with Him regularly in prayer.*
- *Are filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered by Him to live life as it is meant to be.*
- *Are committed to encourage, strengthen and love each other; to fully support one another in everyday life and in our faith. We believe that when people are reconciled to God, they can know the blessing of human relationships as God intended.*
- *Believe that God will work out His purposes in us and in the world; that life is not haphazard, but God is in control.*

We believe that, in each of these areas, God has provided us with direction and practical ways of serving Him and one another. Each person has his or her particular special gift(s), which, when used together, will contribute to the benefit of the community.”

The Charity supports the leadership of the Elders in guiding the members towards the realisation of their vision.

The weekly mothers and toddlers group meeting called "Busy Bees" started in the previous financial year has continued to grow and is a valuable resource for the community.

The congregation has grown over the year with more children attending. This has put pressure on the existing facility and it was decided to take out a lease on the unit above (unit 7) the existing unit 2 and an appropriate lease was signed with an initial period of 2 years at an annual rent of £16,000. Works on unit 7 have been carried out by volunteers to provide kitchen facilities and a separate room for smaller meetings. Work has been undertaken, again by volunteers, to remove the partition walling to produce a larger worship space.

The Charity has continued to provide crafting and games evenings at Landmark House and hosts meetings of DeafPlus and U3A groups.

Although 50% smaller than in the previous year, the Charity has made a net gain in terms of income and expenditure reflecting the continued measures taken during the year to reduce costs and a significant increase in charitable donations.

The Charity has maintained, and significantly increased, its generosity to those in need both in this country and abroad.

Signed:

J Shaw

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John Shaw

Trustee and Treasurer 27th July 2024

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH ACCOUNTS 6TH APRIL 2023 TO 5TH APRIL 2024

1. Receipts & Payments Account (General Fund)

	YEAR 2022-2023	Year 2023-2024
	£	£
Income Receipts		
Centre Bookings	615	1,067
Gift Aid refund	7,050	7,610
Gifts/Misc.		563
Heap Offering	2,201	
Miscellaneous		
Offerings	6,642	11,612
Tithes	30,243	31,165
Transfer from Savings		5,400
Net Income Receipts	46,751	57,417
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Admin	115	
Charitable donations	2,434	7,010
Copyright	352	377
Child protection fee	203	171
IT & Equipment		2,222
Furniture & Equipment		2,142
Insurance	295	322
Landlord charges	1,333	1,319
Loan payment	9,382	10,195
Elder Expenses	325	234
Elder fees	17,800	18,000
Repairs & maintenance	3,011	278
Consultant/Council fees		1,345
Telephone and Wifi	558	587
Tithing the tithe	80	
Promotion	72	
Electricity	975	1,142
Water	235	253
Transfer	5,000	5,000
Rent (Unit 7)		4,000
Expenses Total	42,170	54,597
Net receipts for year	4,581	2,820

2. Cash

Income receipts	
Offerings	2,632
Busy Bees	157
Net Income Receipts	2,789
Expenses	
Materials for Unit 7 kitchen etc.	317
Cash paid into bank	2,472
Expenses Total	2,789
Cash in Hand	0

3. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 05/04/22

Monetary Assets

Current Account	6,894	2,820
Pregnancy Centre Current Account	648	
Cash in Hand		0
Savings Account (Reserves)	25,102	31,480

Total monetary assets

32,644

34,300

Permanent Endowment

Land and buildings owned by Charity:

The Centre (rounded)	250,000
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Other Assets

Furniture and equipment (value unknown)

Sound Equipment (value unknown)

Liabilities:

Barclays Bank Commercial Mortgage	Nov 2021-2022	Nov 2022-Nov 2023
Balance brought forward	78,538	73,171
Interest	3,936	5,154
Money in	9,303	9,629
Balance	-73,171	-68,696

Signed for and on behalf of Grace Community Church

(Treasurer John Shaw

(Chair) Paul Botterill

Date

John Shaw
Paul Botterill
23/10/2024