



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 st	January	2021	To	31 st December 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Grace Baptist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	701443
Charity's principal address	290 Edgeley Road
	Stockport
	Cheshire
Postcode	SK3 0RJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Stuart Hart	Secretary		Church Membership
2	Mr David Last			Church Membership
3	Mr Tim Mills			Church Membership
4	Mr Stephen Rees			Church Membership
5	Mr Carl Williams			Church Membership

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
As above	As above

Section B

management

Structure, governance and

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed (1989)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed at a members' meeting.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by preaching and teaching the truths that are contained in the Bible.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The church holds meetings at the building that it owns at 290 Edgeley Road, Cheadle Heath Stockport SK3 0RJ.

During 2021 the activities of the church were disrupted by Government regulations but whenever possible we have held our services which are open to all and from September restarted our activity for children which we called Bible Explorers. In these we explain the truths of the Bible to children at a level and in a manner appropriate for their age.

Our Wednesday evening meetings are mainly attended by members of the church. At these meetings we study the Bible more deeply and spend time in prayer for ourselves, for those whom we know wherever they may be in the world and for those in government; as we are commanded in the Bible.

Our free lunches did not recommence in 2021 but we plan to do so in 2022.

We continued our annual distribution of Christmas cards to homes in the neighbourhood of the church and gave some calendars to the staff and residents in a care home.

Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and have assessed the ways in which we can contact people and teach them the timeless and society-enhancing truths of the Bible being mindful of the continued need for extra care in the situation brought upon us by the COVID pandemic.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related
- investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All our work is carried out by unpaid volunteers except for a paid minister who takes a large majority of the services.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We are thankful to God that we have been able to maintain our Sunday services and mid-week meeting throughout the year and have recommenced out teaching in Bible Explorers

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have a reserves policy for between six and nine months expenditure but we have a higher level of reserves because the church building is a modular, pre-fabricated structure and we anticipate there could be major expenses in future. The manse is in good condition but it is an aging property and needs regular maintenance.

Our income was greater this year than last because we held more services in our building and people contributed more generously.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All our income is from voluntary contributions by members of the congregation and friends of the church. We do not fund-raise in any way.

Our current funding enables us to support our minister who teaches the Bible week by week.

A small portion of our funds go to support those working overseas or to alleviate material suffering in other parts of the world.

The latter comes from gifts restricted for that purpose which is fully supported by the trustees. The church passes on those gifts for such designated purposes.

None of the trustees receive any remuneration for any of the work they undertake in their role as a trustee. The minister is paid for undertaking his role of church leader and not for being a trustee.

He is also granted accommodation in the manse owned by the church.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S Hart</i>	<i>C-Williams</i>
Full name(s)	STUART HART	CARL WILLIAMS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	TRUSTEE
Date	20/2/2022	

Grace Baptist Church, Stockport
Charity Registered in England & Wales, No.701443

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 31/12/2021

<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>31/12/2021</u>	<u>31/12/2020</u>
	£	£
Bank Current Account (CAF)	16,468	9,969
Bank Deposit Account (COIF)	48,678	48,672
	<u>65,147</u>	<u>58,641</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Unclaimed Gift Aid	3,361	1,885

Assets retained for charity's own use:

Church Manse – approx. current value 220,000

Church Hall – approx. current value 180,000

Piano, books, tables, chairs and other furniture & equipment kept at Church Hall

– current value unknown.

Liabilities

<i>Stowmarket Baptist Church</i>		200
Committed Missionary Support	4,200 (UFM Worldwide & IGT)	5,400
Fee for Independent Examination	600	540
<i>Pension December 2020</i>		27
<i>Uncollected water bills for Hall</i>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>80</u>
		6,247

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Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2021

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>Total - 2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Study Week</u>		
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Offertory - cash donations	8,456	1,875		10,331	10,417
Donations to Bank Account	28,731	980		29,711	22,496
Bank Deposit Interest	5		0	6	128
Reclaimed Tax	2,425	250		2,675	3,018
	39,618	3,105	0	42,723	36,058

Note 1: Reclaimed Tax is for Gift Aided donations made from 06/04/2020 to 05/04/2021, amounting to £10,700.

Note 2: Gift Aided donations made from 06/04/2021 to 31/12/2021 amounted to £13,444; tax on this, to the value of £3,361, is to be reclaimed in 2022; £521 of this is owing to the Harvest Fund, thus there was a negative balance in this fund on 31/12/2021.

Payments

Payroll

Salaries	17,537			17,537	17,122
Pensions	3,139			3,139	2,881
Payroll Administration	463			463	454
	21,139			21,139	20,458

Missionaries

Illyrian Gospel Trust - Albania	1,200			1,200	1,200
UFM Worldwide - Kenya	3,300			3,300	4,530
Other Missionaries	250			250	250
	4,750			4,750	5,980

Activities and Outreach

Visiting speakers	250			250	150
Worship Material	107			107	64
Sunday School					129
Other Travel Expenses					179
Evangelistic Material	338			338	534
Catering	34			34	48
	729			729	1,104

Communications

Tele-comms	130			130	555
Bulletin	30			30	16
Website	100			100	146
	260			260	716

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Total-2021	2020
	General	Harvest	Study Week		
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Hall					
Utilities - Water	241			241	52
Utilities - Gas	349			349	287
Utilities - Electric	417			417	392
Insurance	1,049			1,049	866
Maintenance	1,279			1,279	372
	3,334			3,334	1,969
Manse					
Insurance	257			257	490
Council Tax	1,369			1,369	1,322
Maintenance	25			25	
	1,651			1,651	1,812
Miscellaneous					
Conferences					150
Independent Examination	600			600	540
Diaconal Fund					500
Books for Library	13			13	
Miscellaneous	45			45	35
Bank Charges	98			98	60
	756			756	1,285
Payments from Restricted Funds					
<i>Pension for missionary in Kenya</i>					274
<i>Care Sri Lanka</i>					200
Kabwata Baptist Church, Zambia		3,400		3,400	2,300
		3,400		3,400	2,774
Total Payments	32,618	3,400	0	36,018	36,098
Net receipts/payments	7,000	-295	0	6,705	-39
Cash funds at start of year	55,437	-250	3,254	58,441	58,481
Transfers between funds	-24	24		0	0
Cash funds at end of year	62,413	-521	3,254	65,147	58,441

Funds

General. Unrestricted. For general running of church.

Harvest. Restricted. Offerings given for any restricted purpose.

Study Week. Restricted. Gifts to support pastors/preachers study weeks.

Diaconal. Restricted. Gifts to help in cases of hardship among members of the congregation. There was no activity on this fund during the year, opening and closing balances being zero.

Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. During the year, the charity acted as agent for Stowmarket Baptist Church and, in that capacity, paid £200 on 06/01/2021 which had been received in 2020. These funds have been removed from the Receipts and Payment account. This arrangement has now ceased.

Transactions with related parties

S.V.Rees served as church leader and was paid £20,676 (including employer pension contributions) and provided with a house for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Stuart Hart
Stephen V Rees

13/04/2022

13/04/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, STOCKPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grace Baptist Church, Stockport ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 1 to 3.

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.

Jaimée Young

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Date: 14 April 2022