



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		Period start date			Period end date	
From	1 <sup>st</sup>	January	2022	To	31 <sup>st</sup>	December 2022

## 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 Structure, governance and management

### 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)	Chosen by voting at a duly constituted meeting of the members of the church.

## 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.

We have held our services which are open to all and have run our activity for children which we call 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.

We recommenced our free lunch programme which we hold every Wednesday. This is open to anybody who wishes to attend. Some of those who attended included pupils at the Pendlebury Centre (a centre for students with additional needs) which is across the road.

We continued our annual distribution of Christmas cards to homes in the neighbourhood of the church and cards at Easter and Harvest time.

We have run our youth outreach programme by visiting the local parks seeking to engage in conversations with young people (and others) and hope this will lead to their lives being much improved.

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.

### 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.

All grants from the church are for humanitarian purposes or to advance the cause of the gospel.

We ensure that all recipients are trustworthy and accountable. To that end one of our trustees visited the person we support in Albania to see the work he is doing and found all satisfactory.

## 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 continued our teaching in Bible Explorers

We have taught and believe the lives of attenders at the meetings have been improved and also the lives of those with whom we have had contact.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our expenditure was greater than our income by a small amount but our reserves are still healthy.

Our policy concerning reserves is that we should have enough to cover between six and nine months expenditure (equivalent to £18,000-27,000). 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 maintenance more frequently.

Our reserves are £59,700 and are held in interest bearing accounts.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### 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.

Apart from our reserves being in interest bearing accounts there is no other form of investment.

**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)

Tim Mins

David Last

Full name(s)

TIMOTHY MINS

DAVID LAST

Position

Trustee

TRUSTEE

Date

14/10/23

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

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 31/12/2022**

<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>31/12/2022</u>	<u>31/12/2021</u>
	£	£
Bank Current Account (CAF)	9,491	16,468
Bank Deposit Account (COIF)	<u>53,173</u>	<u>48,678</u>
	62,664	65,147
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Unclaimed Gift Aid	2,578	3,361

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

Committed Missionary Support	4,440 (UFM Worldwide & IGT)	4,200
Fee for Independent Examination	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	5,040	4,800

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

D.Last

14/10/2023

T.Mills

14/10/2023

**Grace Baptist Church, Stockport**  
*Charity Registered in England & Wales, No. 701443*  
**Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2022**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>Total - 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Study Week</u>		
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Offertory - cash donations	4,820	1,034		5,854	10,331
Donations to Bank Account	24,268	928		25,196	29,711
Bank Interest (CAF)	10			10	
Bank Deposit Interest	465		30	495	6
Reclaimed Tax	3,522	581		4,103	2,675
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	33,085	2,543	30	35,658	42,723

Note 1: Reclaimed Tax is for Gift Aided donations made from 06/04/2021 to 05/04/2022, amounting to £16,412.

Note 2: Gift Aided donations made from 06/04/2022 to 31/12/2022 amounted to £10,310; tax on this, to the value of £2,578, is to be reclaimed in 2023; £128 of this is owing to the Harvest Fund, thus there was a negative balance in this fund on 31/12/2022.

**Payments**

**Payroll**

Salaries	18,729		18,729	17,537
Pensions	3,255		3,255	3,139
Payroll Administration	466		466	463
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	22,450		22,450	21,139

**Missionaries**

Illyrian Gospel Trust - Albania	1,360		1,360	1,200
UFM Worldwide - Kenya	3,000		3,000	3,300
Other Missionaries	500		500	250
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	4,860		4,860	4,750

**Activities and Outreach**

Visiting speakers	300		300	250
Worship Material	61		61	107
Other Travelling Expenses	413		413	
Evangelistic Material	464		464	338
Catering	575		575	34
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	1,813		1,813	729

**Communications**

<i>Tele-comms</i>				130
Bulletin	65		65	30
Website	267		267	100
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	332		332	260

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Study Week</u>	<u>Total-2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Church Hall</b>					
Utilities - Water	174			174	241
Utilities - Gas	384			384	349
Utilities - Electric	552			552	417
Insurance	1,123			1,123	1,049
Maintenance	323			323	1,279
	2,556			2,556	3,334
<b>Manse</b>					
Insurance	270			270	257
Council Tax	1,422			1,422	1,369
Maintenance	1,362			1,362	25
	3,054			3,054	1,651
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Conferences	30		184	214	
Independent Examination	600			600	600
<i>Books for Library</i>					13
Miscellaneous	30			30	45
Bank Charges	81			81	98
	741		184	925	756
<b>Payments from Restricted Funds</b>					
EMF Ukraine Appeal		550		550	
Kabwata Baptist Church, Zambia		1,600		1,600	3,400
		2,150		2,150	3,400
<b>Total Payments</b>	35,805	2,150	184	38,139	36,018
Net receipts/payments	-2,721	393	-154	-2,482	6,705
Cash funds at start of year	62,413	-521	3,254	65,147	58,441
Cash funds at end of year	59,692	-128	3,100	62,664	65,147

## 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.

## Transactions with related parties

S.V.Rees served as church leader and was paid £21,984 (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.

During the year, the trustee S Hart and his spouse travelled to Albania to visit a supported charity there. The costs are shown in 'Other travelling expenses'.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

T.Mills

14/10/2023

D.Last

14/10/2023

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grace Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 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: 18 October 2023