

# Grace Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107371

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2020-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Church acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting his worship both individually and corporately. Its members devote themselves to the teachings of Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom. The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,571	£31,577	£0	0

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Mark White		
Mr Philip Thomas Hanna		
Mr Robert Francey		
Mrs Mary Mckay		

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# Accounts

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**Grace Baptist Church  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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Income and Expenditure Account  
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		2024		2023
		£		£
<b>Income</b>				
	Lords Day Offering	8,289		8,358
	Lords Day Online Offering	5,840		5,495
	Bible Study	143		629
	Special Gifts	1,450		706
	Interest Receivable	155		154
	Grace Tots	625		492
	HBC/Football BBQ	-		239
	Campaigners Subs	1,349		1,191
	Uniforms	371		396
	Market Place Tuck	544		400
	Sunday School Offering	41		81
	Sunday School Staff Subs	133		167
	TCSS Playgroup	9,990		9,720
	Charities	565		1,100
	Electricity Refund	-		600
	Summer Camp	1,776		1,225
	Other	297		356
	Missions	3		172
		<u>31,571</u>		<u>31,481</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Accountants fees	- 672		- 552
	Bank Fees	- 80		- 86
	Campaigners Subs	- 645		- 675
	Christmas/Summer Outreach	- 2,173		- 2,236
	Church functions	- 110		- 621
	Cleaning	- 100		- 50
	Donations	- 1,042		- 3,758
	Grace Tots	- 27		- 389
	Guest Speakers/Singers	- 3,655		- 3,120
	Insurance	- 1,414		- 1,380
	Kitchen Supplies	- 2,747		- 953
	Light & Heat	- 9,744		- 8,490
	Magazines & Notes	- 91		- 85
	Market Place Tuck	- 207		- 292
	Motor Expenses	- 1,848		- 2,322
	Repairs and maintenance	- 3,259		- 5,879
	Stationery & Printing	- 907		- 318
	Subscriptions & Fees	- 813		- 789
	Sunday School material	- 267		-
	Sundry	- 583		- 1,189
	Uniforms	- 392		- 461
	Water Rates	- 801		- 761
		<u>- 31,577</u>		<u>- 34,406</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>-6</u></u>		<u><u>-2,925</u></u>

**Accountants report**

We can confirm that for the year ended 31 December 2024 the above Receipts and Payments account is an accurate reflection of the underlying records.

*SJO Accountants Ltd*

SJO Accountants Ltd  
37 Movilla Street  
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		2023		2022
		£		£
<b>Income</b>				
	Lords Day Offering	8,358		9,332
	Lords Day Online Offering	5,495		6,200
	Bible Study	629		787
	Special Gifts	706		5,175
	Interest Receivable	154		164
	Grace Tots	492		445
	HBC/Football BBQ	239		-
	Campaigners Subs	1,191		919
	Uniforms	396		346
	Market Place Tuck	400		311
	Sunday School Offering	81		145
	Sunday School Staff Subs	167		178
	TCSS Playgroup	9,720		6,828
	Charities	1,100		-
	Electricity Refund	600		-
	Summer Camp	1,225		-
	Other	356		560
	Missions	172		6
		<u>31,481</u>		<u>31,396</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Accountants fees	-	552	-
	Bank Fees	-	86	82
	Campaigners Appeal	-	-	7
	Campaigners Subs	-	675	54
	Christmas/Summer Outreach	-	2,236	2,072
	Church functions	-	621	420
	Cleaning	-	50	170
	Covid Expenditure	-	-	8
	Donations	-	3,758	2,529
	Funeral Flowers	-	-	15
	Grace Tots	-	389	299
	Guest Speakers/Singers	-	3,120	3,150
	Insurance	-	1,380	1,275
	Kitchen Supplies	-	953	946
	Light & Heat	-	8,490	8,239
	Magazines & Notes	-	85	90
	Market Place Tuck	-	292	184
	Motor Expenses	-	2,322	3,076
	Repairs and maintenance	-	5,879	3,405
	Stationery & Printing	-	318	90
	Subscriptions & Fees	-	789	618
	Sunday School material	-	-	204
	Sundry	-	1,189	536
	Uniforms	-	461	336
	Water Rates	-	761	718
		<u>-</u>	<u>34,406</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>34,406</u>	<u>28,523</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in funds</b>		<u>-2,925</u>		<u>2,873</u>

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# Annual report

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# Trustees' Annual Report

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Financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023  
to 31st December 2023.

Grace Baptist Church is a member of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland and registered with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland NIC107371.

# Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Grace Baptist Church, Kinross Avenue, Belfast, BT5 7GG  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 107371)  
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## The Trustees

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the time of this report were:

Mr. Mark White (Chairperson and Elder)  
Mr. Ross Flynn (Secretary)  
Mr. Robin Francey  
Mr. Philip Hanna

## Independent Examiner

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## Bankers

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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Grace Baptist Church follows its Constitution (last updated 18th June 2019) and, as of 31st December 2023, had 16 members.

The Elders (1) and Deacons (3) serve as trustees, with Elders handling spiritual matters and Deacons overseeing practical affairs.

Leadership aims to support the Church's spiritual health and encourage community involvement.

Trustees meet monthly except in July and August.

All roles are voluntary, making it difficult to track hours contributed, but the Church relies greatly on its volunteers.

## **Association of Baptist Churches**

Grace Baptist Church belongs to the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland. Though autonomous, it receives support and guidance from the Association Director and staff.

## **Objectives**

Grace Baptist Church seeks to honour Jesus Christ by encouraging worship, teaching Scripture, fostering fellowship, prayer, and evangelism.

Members actively share the message of Christ and support the growth of His Kingdom.

The Church's main charitable goal is to promote the Christian faith in line with Scripture, its Doctrinal Statement, and Baptist principles.

## **Achievement and Performance**

The following are short summary reports from each of the major areas of ministry.

## **Sunday School – GraceKIDZ**

There were around 10-15 children who attended sporadically, with a core of around 10 children who attended regularly.

Activities include singing, Bible stories, games and crafts followed by some juice and biscuits.

In June we held our end of term BBQ where children and parents joined in with fun and games followed by Burgers, sausages, salad, cold drinks and tea and coffee to finish.

## **Campaigners**

Campaigners Youth and Children's Ministry is a uniformed, evangelical, and inter-denominational youth organization. Through a diverse range of activities, its goal is to introduce children and young people to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and nurture their personal faith and relationship with Him.

In Tullycarnet, Campaigners gather on Monday nights during school term time. The program is divided into age groups: children aged 3 years to P2 join the Eagles Clan, P3 to P6 are in the Junos Clan, P7 to Y9 make up the Inters Clan, and those from Y10 up to age 18 belong to the Craftsmen.

From January to May, average weekly attendance for the Eagles grew from 15 to 20 children. Junos maintained steady numbers, with 14–15 attending regularly. There were only two participants in the Inters group.

A successful parents' evening was held on 19th May 2023, where families celebrated the achievements of the Clansmen together.

Since September, there have been 30 registered Eagles, resulting in a waiting list and about 25 attending each week. Junos had 16 registered participants, Inters had 2, and there was 1 Craftsman, with attendance remaining consistent across these groups.

## **Parent and Toddlers – GraceTOTS**

The GraceTOTS Parent and Toddler group meets on Fridays during term time and typically welcomes around 20 parents and grandparents each session.

The staff have established personal relationships with attendees and value the Church's ongoing prayers for opportunities and courage to share the Gospel.

As some children approach nursery age at the end of the summer term, certain

families transition out of the group, while new families are welcomed each September.

Connections fostered within GraceTOTS have led to families enrolling their children in Campaigners and GraceKIDZ.

The dedication and commitment of our volunteers are essential to the success of GraceTOTS; the group relies heavily on their invaluable support to operate effectively.

### **Summer Outreach KIDZClub & Football coaching**

Our Summer Outreach took place during the week commencing 7th August in the evenings. There are two streams to this, in the church building we had approx. 60 children attending Summer KidzCLUB, and approx. 20 children on the Hanwood Pitches at Summer Football Club.

Summer KidzCLUB, we taught the children the Gospel message over 4 evenings using the theme of Sea Explorers. At Summer Football Club, the children went through football skills training and games, paired with a scripture-based team talk.

Many of the families attended the fun night and BBQ on Friday evening, and some families also attended church and lunch on Sunday morning.

It was good to see new families attending these outreaches, and growth in GraceKIDZ and Campaigners following these events.

### **Church Ministry**

Grace Baptist Church gathers every Sunday morning for worship, ministry, and communion.

In addition to these weekly services, we hold regular Bible Study and Prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings, except during July and August.

Everyone is welcome at our gatherings, whether or not they are church members. We also organise a monthly Ladies' Fellowship/Outreach event called "Women Together," which takes place on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June.

Our church continues to collaborate with leaders of three other local churches for prayer and to explore ways to jointly share the Gospel within the Tullycarnet area. For example, on Good Friday, we hosted a special communion and fellowship evening where attendees from various local congregations came together to worship, pray, and break bread.

During Christmas, we arranged several events: a Nativity Play performed by children and leaders from our children's ministries; a Community Carol Service featuring children's participation; a Christmas Family Movie night; and a joint

Candlelight Carol Service at Tullycarnet Presbyterian Church alongside other local churches.

Special events are held throughout the year, publicised via social media and street invitations. We often distribute Gospel literature and small gifts to passers-by during community activities.

Over the past year, we have welcomed new faces, shared the Gospel, and invited guest Bible teachers to our meetings. Our Sunday services, Wednesday studies, and various special occasions have flourished thanks to the dedication and support of those committed to serving our church family.

### **Warm Space**

Our Warm Space outreach began as a direct response to the growing need within our community for a place where people facing high heating and food costs could find support. At first, attendance was low, but after about a month, more people started coming. Now, we regularly welcome between 30 and 40 attendees. During each gathering, we serve warm soup and sandwiches, followed by desserts like apple pie, cheesecake, or chocolate cake, along with tea or coffee. Although we initially provided free newspapers, we soon stopped since few were interested—they much preferred engaging in conversation with one another. This outreach has been especially uplifting for us, as we've noticed that many attendees are not regular churchgoers.

### **First Steps Nursery**

The “First Steps” Nursery group was initially based at Tullycarnet school. When the school closed, they reached out to us about using our facilities. This coincided with a time when our church was exploring ways to become more open to the community. We wanted to challenge the perception that church is only for religious people.

The timing worked out well: the Nursery found a new location to operate, and we were able to further our efforts to welcome the wider community into our church. The Nursery runs during regular school term times, operating Monday to Friday from 9:15am to noon.

We have found it surprisingly easy to integrate this activity within our church, and we hope that it continues to flourish as part of our ongoing commitment to serve the community.

## **Missions and Charity**

Throughout the year, we made charitable donations totalling £3757 which was approx. 12% of our income for the year:

- We contributed £500 to the Baptist Association's Earthquake appeal.
- During our Harvest Celebration, we donated long-life food items to Dundonald Foodbank along with £200 in cash.
- At the Community Christmas Festival, we hosted a stall supporting Marie Curie and raised £100.
- We continued our support for Fireblade Ministries with a donation of £780.
- Our ongoing contributions to the Alzheimer's Society (Elf Day) amounted to £600.
- We gave £50 to the Royal British Legion as part of our continuing support.
- For Tell Romania's relief work, we provided a donation of £300.
- St John's Ambulance received £100 from us in support of their efforts.
- Reachacross Missions benefited from a £200 contribution.
- Asialink Missions also received £200 in support.

- **Church Membership**

On 1st January 2023 there were 16 members of the Church.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The Church has regard for the Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public in making the Christian Gospel known through the advancement of religion. The teaching provided by the Church leads to spiritual and moral development for those who are affiliated. In turn this leads to practical expression of Christian beliefs and standards in the community.

Public activities are announced through social media, print, word of mouth, and invitations.

The Church expects no harm from the charity's activities. Trustees have implemented safeguards, including AccessNI checks for those working with youth.

We follow Commission guidance to ensure our activities serve the charity's purpose

and beneficiaries. Currently, no individuals receive private benefit.

Beneficiaries include Church members, their families, those they interact with, children and families in outreach activities, and the wider Tullycarnet and East Belfast community.

## **Finance**

The main source of income for the Church is free will offering from members and those attending the Church Services, accounting for more than 50% of income in 2023. In the year 2023, the Church recorded a Nett decrease in funds of £2,925. There was a closing balance of £61,040.91 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The report of the Church Accounts was prepared by the Church Treasurer, Mr. Mark White, and presented at the AGM.

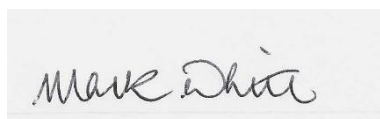
## **Liabilities and Assets**

The Northern Baptist Corporation serves as the property holding trustee for Grace Baptist Church located on Kinross Avenue, Tullycarnet. There is no outstanding finance on the building, and the land comes with a freehold lease valid for 10,000 years.

The current insurance policies value the building at £1,674,020.27; however, no recent survey or valuation has been conducted.

This concludes the Annual Trustees' Report for the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Signed:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark White".

Mark White

*Elder at Grace Baptist Church*

**Grace Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107371

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# Annual return

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**Grace Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	£	£
<b>Opening Bank Balance on 1 January 2023</b>		
Danske Account	<u>65,923.07</u>	
	65,923.07	
 Lodgements	 31,481.28	
 Payments		 34,406.27
 <b>Closing Bank Balance on 31 December 2023</b>		
Danske Account		<u>62,998.08</u>
		62,998.08
	<u>97,404.35</u>	<u>97,404.35</u>

As required under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, we have examined the charity accounts as presented in respect of the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. This was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*SJO Accountants Ltd*

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**07 November 2025**

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# Accounts

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		2022		2021
		£		£
<b>Income</b>	Lords Day Offering	9,332		10,656
	Lords Day Online Offering	6,200		5,840
	Bible Study	787		499
	Special Gifts	5,175		987
	Interest Receivable	164		151
	Grace Tots	445		132
	Campaigners Subs	919		287
	Uniforms	346		312
	Market Place Tuck	311		117
	Sunday School Offering	145		58
	Sunday School Staff Subs	178		74
	TCSS Playgroup	6,828		-
	Summer Outreach	-		20
	Other	560		-
	Missions	6		169
		<u>6</u>		<u>169</u>
		31,396		19,302
<b>Expenses</b>	Bank Fees	-	82	-
	Campaigners Appeal	-	7	-
	Campaigners Subs	-	54	-
	Christmas/Summer Outreach	-	2,072	-
	Church functions	-	420	-
	Cleaning	-	170	-
	Covid Expenditure	-	8	-
	Donations	-	2,529	-
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	Insurance	-	1,275	-
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				<u>14,801</u>
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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Grace Baptist Church is governed by its Constitution, current version adopted 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019. On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, there are 16 members. The office bearers of the Church consist of the Elders (1) and Deacons (3), and they act as trustees of the charity. Elders deal with all matters of spiritual importance and the Deacons take responsibility for all practical and temporal affairs. As a leadership they endeavour to promote the spiritual interest of the Church and to encourage the members to witness and serve in the local community.

The Trustees meet monthly with a break during July and August.

As all involved are volunteers it is difficult to quantify the amount of effort and man-hours spent in running and maintaining the life of the Church. But we acknowledge that Grace Baptist Church could not function without their faithful work and support.

## **Association of Baptist Churches**

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## **Objectives**

Grace Baptist Church acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over His Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately.

Its members devote themselves to the teachings of Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom.

The principal charitable object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

## Achievement and Performance

The following are short reports from each of the major areas of ministry.

### *Sunday School - GraceKIDZ*

Still recovering from the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, GraceKIDZ has been a little slower than other ministries to pick up. There were around 15-20 children who attended sporadically, with a core of around 10 children who attended regularly.

Activities begin with a light breakfast of toast, fruit and juice. Then some singing and Bible based teaching along with other activities.

In June we held the first of our regular Summer Outings, inviting those families from all outreaches at the church. Many of our families joined us in Portrush for the day.

### *Campaigners*

Campaigners Youth and Childrens Ministry is a uniformed, evangelical and inter-denominational youth organisation, which seeks by means of a varied programme of activities to introduce children and young people to Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and to develop their relationship and personal faith in Him. Campaigners in Tullycarnet meet Monday nights during Term-time. Children from 3years to P2 are in the Eagles Clan, P3-P6 are in Junos Clan, P7 to Y9 are in Inters Clan and young people from Y10 to aged 18 are in Craftsmen.

Following the difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, when we were restricted in how we could work with children and young people, we were delighted to be able to open our Campaigners in 2021, albeit socially distanced, and with limited activities and numbers available.

However, during 2022, we have been able to lift the restrictions entirely.

We started January following our Christmas break. The number of children attending Eagles grew from 15 to 20 weekly from January to May.

Junos had steady attendance of 14-15. Inters had only 2 young people, but one of them had been inconsistent due to illness and hospitalisation.

Centenary Celebration Carnival 2nd April, Crawfordsburn.

We had a successful parents evening on 9th May 2022, celebrating with the families the achievements of the Clansmen.

One observation coming out of the pandemic, is that with younger children, they have missed out on the social aspect of mixing with other children and families, so families are much keener to send children to Campaigners and other groups, and children are thriving.

Since September, we had 30 Eagles registered (and operated a waiting list for additional places) though usually approx. 25 attending consistently. There were

16 Junos registered, 2 Inters and 1 Craftsman, and attendance in these Clans was usually consistent.

In October, we attended the Centenary Celebration in Ballymena Elim Church.

### ***Parent and Toddlers - GraceTOTS***

Our Parent and Toddler group, GraceTOTS meet on a Friday during Term-Time. We have an average of 15 parents/grandparents coming consistently. The staff have got to know the ladies on a personal level and appreciate the prayers of the Church for opportunities and courage to share the Gospel with them. Some of the families have children reaching nursery age at the end of the summer term, and so some families finish then, but new families joined in September. We've seen connections in GraceTOTS result in families moving their children into Campaigners and GraceKIDZ.

We would be lost without the help of those volunteers who come faithfully, and GraceTOTS might not be able to function without the invaluable volunteers.

### ***Summer Outreach KIDZClub***

Our Summer Outreach took place during the week commencing 8th August in the evenings. There are two streams to this, in the church building we had approx. 60 children attending Summer KidzCLUB, and approx. 20 children on the Hanwood Pitches at Summer Football Club.

Summer KidzCLUB, we taught the children the Gospel message over 4 evenings using the theme of Sea Explorers. At Summer Football Club, the children went through football skills training and games, paired with a scripture-based epilogue.

We had 34 families attend the fun night and BBQ on Friday evening, and 12 families attend church and lunch on Sunday morning.

It was good to see new families attending these outreaches, and growth in GraceKIDZ and Campaigners following these events.

### ***Sunday Ministry***

Grace Baptist Church meet every Sunday morning for worship, ministry, and to celebrate communion. We meet regularly for Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday evenings, apart from in July and August. Our meetings are open for anyone to join us, regardless of whether they are members of the Church or not.

There is a monthly Ladies' Fellowship/Outreach meeting, held on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June. This has not restarted since the break during COVID, but we are hoping to explore women's ministry and outreach in 2023.

Our Elder has been blessed to meet with the leaders of the other 3 local

churches regularly for prayer and to consider how we might work together for the Gospel in the Tullycarnet area.

We hosted a communion and fellowship evening on Good Friday, when people from all 4 local churches worshipped, prayed, and broke bread together.

In the Christmas Season, we held a Nativity Play, performed by the children and leaders of our children's ministries, a Community Carol Service where the children take part, we hosted a Christmas Family Movie night, and we met at Tullycarnet Presbyterian Church with the other churches in the area to celebrate Christmas and fellowship together for a Candlelight Carol Service. Throughout the year, we hold special events, and we promote these through social media, and on the street invitation, presenting Gospel literature and a small gift to passers by at the local business hubs.

Fortunately, during 2022, we were able to relax our COVID restrictions, however, many of our activities were impacted in the earlier part of the year. It was a blessing in 2022 to be able to gradually lift COVID restrictions after our activities being so heavily impacted for over 18 months. Throughout the whole year, we were able to meet in person. Sunday morning services, Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meetings, along with a selection of special events, throughout the year.

**The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity throughout the year.**

## **Missions and Charity**

Throughout the year, we made a few charitable donations:

- In response to the IBN Ukraine Appeal we donated £1000.
- As part of our Harvest Celebration, we donated long-life foodstuffs to Dundonald Foodbank and a cash donation of £100.
- As part of helping the Tullycarnet Community Centre Social Supermarket initiative we donated Food and toiletries to the value of £278.60.
- As part of the Elf Day efforts, we made the total donation of £400 to the Alzheimer Society.
- As part of the Community Christmas Festival, we held a Christmas Stall in aid of Marie Curie and made a total donation of £100
- We made contributions to the work of Fireblade Ministries totalling £500.

## Church Membership

On 1st January 2022 there were 16 members of the Church. One of our elderly members resigned their membership in June as they were attending another church with their family, and in September, one of our members was called home. **There were two new members welcomed into membership.** There were no further changes to our membership roll by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## Public Benefit Statement

The Church has regard for the Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public in making the Christian Gospel known through the advancement of religion. The teaching provided by the Church leads to spiritual and moral development for those who are affiliated. In turn this leads to practical expression of Christian beliefs and standards in the community.

Public activities are made known via social media, printed materials, word of mouth, and personal invitation.

The Church does not anticipate any harm will flow from the purposes of the charity. Trustees have taken steps to mitigate harm and AccessNI checks are required from those involved with youth activities.

Due regard to guidance produced by the Commission is considered to ensure that our activities achieve the charity's purpose and benefit the beneficiaries. Presently there are no individuals benefiting privately.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are members of the Church, their families, and other individuals with whom they have direct and indirect contact; the children and families involved in our outreach and children's activities, and the wider Tullycarnet and east Belfast community.

## Finance

The main source of income for the Church is free will offering from members and those attending the Church Services, accounting for more than 50% of income in 2022. In the year 2022, the Church recorded a Nett increase in funds of £2873. There was a closing balance of £65,923.07 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

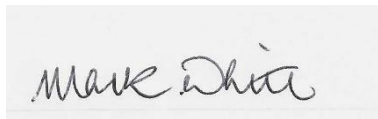
The report of the Church Accounts was prepared by the Church Treasurer, Mr. Mark White, and presented at the AGM in April 2023.

## Liabilities and Assets

The Northern Baptist Corporation act as property holding trustees to Grace Baptist Church at Kinross Avenue Tullycarnet. There is no outstanding Finance on the building and there is a freehold lease valid for 999 years on the land. Current Insurance policies hold the value of the building at £1,674,020.27 however, no survey and valuation has been carried out in recent years.

This concludes the Annual Trustees' Report for 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Signed:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark White".

Mark White

*Elder at Grace Baptist Church*

**Grace Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107371

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# Annual return

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Grace Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	£	£
<b>Opening Bank Balance on 1 January 2022</b>		
Danske Account	<u>63,049.78</u>	
	63,049.78	
Lodgements	31,395.74	
Payments		28,522.45
<b>Closing Bank Balance on 31 December 2022</b>		
Danske Account		<u>65,923.07</u>
		65,923.07
	<u>94,445.52</u>	<u>94,445.52</u>

As required under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, we have examined the charity accounts as presented in respect of the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. This was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*SJO Accountants Ltd*

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26 June 2024