

Scottish Charity No.SC011663

Grace Church Bothwell

(Formerly known as Bothwell Evangelical Church)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements *For the year ended 31 March 2025*

Grace Church Bothwell

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal and registered address

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G71 8HA

Bankers

Bank of Scotland
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Status of Charity and Governing Document

Grace Church Bothwell (formerly known as Bothwell Evangelical Church) is a registered Scottish Charity (No. SC011663). The change of names was agreed by OSCR and changed on 2nd February 2023. The governing document is the Constitution of Grace Church Bothwell (November 2022).

Aims and affiliation

The principal objective of the church is to advance the Christian faith.

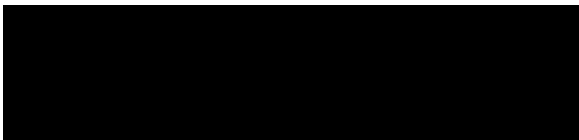
Organisational structure

The church operates in Bothwell and is independent of any affiliation. Its elders meet regularly to set policy, review activities, and to monitor the financial position.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The church is self-governing and congregational in policy and its day-to-day running is currently undertaken by its elders and deacons. Elders and deacons may also be Trustees.

Trustees:



The Elders may recommend new office bearers to the congregation on the basis that they believe these candidates to be suitably qualified for their given role. Trustees are to be members who exemplify the ethos, values and expectations of the church. Trustee Appointments are dependent upon the positive support of the church membership. As part of their induction, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities.


Title deeds to the properties owned by the Church are held in the names of the Trustees of the Church.

Activities and achievements

The church offers a variety of Sunday, weekday and evening services and activities to cater for all ages of church members and the local community, and the church is very much a part of the local community.

During the year, the church continued to meet for worship on Sunday and carried out various activities in line with our objective to advance the Christian faith. The current membership at GCB is 45.

In line with our Christian faith, the primary focus of our life together is to worship God and to build each other up in our Christian faith. We aspire to live lives as individuals and families that are pleasing to God.

Our bible teaching programme and congregational prayer meetings are intended to support personal discipleship in the Christian faith of church members. We are pleased to continue to employ our , to help strengthen and develop these areas.

Bible books covered over the past year include Exodus, Psalms, Isaiah, Mark, John, and 2 Timothy.

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Activities and achievements (continued)

Christian Service

We very much appreciate the Christian service opportunities and all the ways in which church members serve the church and the community.

We are grateful to our Elders, Deacons, the leaders of the Toddlers, Connect, and Scripture Union, the members that support with leading, teaching, bible reading, intercessory prayer, and music, as well as the folks that help with catering, cleaning, and everything else.

Outreach

The Toddlers group normally meets on a Monday morning with both children and their parents/carers.

The Connect normally takes place on a Wednesday evening for primary school aged children.

The Scripture Union group normally meets on a Monday lunchtime in Bothwell Primary School.

The Easter and Christmas services were very encouraging with people from the community attending.

The Bothwell Scarecrow Festival normally takes place for one week in September and our associated café took place this year. Links have also continued with community groups in the village.

We believe a key part of outreach is our own personal witness to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues, and we recognise the need to equip and support member involvement in outreach.

Mission

We continued to support [REDACTED] (in Oswestry with OM), [REDACTED] (in USA with Operation Mobilisation), and [REDACTED] (in Lanarkshire with SU).

We also financially support several other Christian missions in the UK and abroad, linked to those we pray for.

Financial review

Principal sources of funding

The church receives its funding from those in the fellowship by way of weekly offerings and standing orders, many of which are Gift Aided, and from general donations. The Church does not organise specific activities for the purpose of raising income. There is no investment income.

Results for the year

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 4 to 7. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 4 reflects a surplus of £4,543 (2024: £13,694). The church held unrestricted funds amounting to £50,440 (2024: £45,897) and restricted funds amounting to £nil (2024: £nil).

Reserves

It is the policy of the church to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that equates to approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This target was achieved over the year.

Approved by the Trustees on 10th December 2025 and sign on their behalf by:

[REDACTED]

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees *for the year ended 31 March 2025*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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.

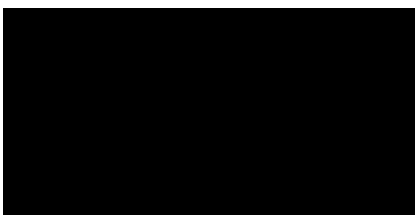
Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of 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 Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulations (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulations 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended)

have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, except:



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Date: 10th December 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account *for the year ended 31 March 2025*

	Notes	General fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Receipts				
Offerings		9,061	9,061	7,543
Gift Aid collections		38,740	38,740	39,879
Gift Aid recovered		13,524	13,524	11,696
Donations		14,396	14,396	11,700
Grants received		450	450	5,500
Parents and toddlers Connect		1,154 -	1,154 -	811 46
Total receipts		77,325	77,325	77,175
Payments				
Grant and donations	3	5,550	5,550	8,653
Staff costs	4	36,372	36,372	31,897
Speakers		170	170	300
Other church ministries		5,971	5,971	4,640
Utilities		13,133	13,133	8,054
Building maintenance		2,434	2,434	2,387
Cleaning		3,347	3,347	3,437
Insurance		1,909	1,909	1,622
Catering		674	674	388
Telephone		709	709	671
Administration costs		1,709	1,709	688
Professional fees		84	84	84
Independent examination fee		720	720	660
Total payments		72,782	72,782	63,481
Net increase in cash for the year		4,543	4,543	13,694
Cash balances brought forward		45,897	45,897	32,203
Cash balances carried forward		50,440	50,440	45,897

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Statement of Balances *as at 31 March 2025*

	2025			2024		
	Opening balance	Surplus for year	Closing balance	Opening balance	Surplus for year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and cash in hand	45,897	4,543	50,440	32,203	13,694	45,897
Total assets held	45,897	4,543	50,440	32,203	13,694	45,897

Reserves

Unrestricted fund	5	50,440	45,897
		50,440	45,897

Statement of assets at 31 March 2025

Church building (at cost)	600,000	600,000
Gift aid due	20,688	21,741

Statement of liabilities at 31 March 2025

Independent examination	792	720
HMRC	1,545	1,532
Pension	273	247

Approved by the Trustees on 10th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:



The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Grant making policy

When funds allow, the Church makes grants from its donated income to beneficiaries and organisations that are generally known to the Leadership and the Church. The beneficiaries are involved in activities or ministries compatible with the church’s objectives.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments Account as shown on page 4, funds are defined as follows:

General funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the Charity without further specified purpose.

Restricted funds comprise grants and other income received for a specified purpose.

2. Transactions with Trustees and related parties

No Trustees received remuneration or reimbursement of personal expenses during the year ending 31 March 2025 (2024: nil).

3. Grants and donations	2025	2024
<i>Individuals</i>	£	£
Support to full time workers and missionaries	950	2,400
<i>Institutions</i>		
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	3,600
European Christian Mission International	-	168
Kilbryde Hospice	200	200
Scripture Union	1,300	-
Other organisations <£1,000	700	2,285
	<u>5,550</u>	<u>8,653</u>
4. Staff Costs & Numbers	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross salaries	34,639	33,000
Employers National Insurance	-	(3,313)
Employers pension contributions	1,733	2,210
	<u>36,372</u>	<u>31,897</u>

Average number of the employees during the year was 1 (2024: 1)

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5. Unrestricted fund	Balance at	Receipts	Payments	Balance at
	01.04.24			31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
General fund	45,897	77,325	(72,782)	50,440
	<u>45,897</u>	<u>77,325</u>	<u>(72,782)</u>	<u>50,440</u>

Explanation of funds

The General fund represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the Charity.