

Charity registration number: 1153995

GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

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	Mr Jamie Robert Sparkes
	Mr Sydney Alexander Elliott
	Mr Rodney Wort
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Charity Registration Number	1153995
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Independent Examiner	GRC Accountants Limited 166 Banks Road West Kirby Wirral CH48 0RH

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Trustees' Report

Introduction to Grace Church

Grace Church Halewood was constituted in 2006 and registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2013. This eighth Annual Report is prepared in accordance with our obligations as a CIO and relates to the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Aims and purposes of Grace Church

The Trustees are responsible for the objectives of the charity. Grace Church Halewood specifically seeks to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in Halewood, Knowsley and beyond, and to relieve distress in these areas and elsewhere.

Grace Church leadership

Grace Church leadership duties are shared by the Trustees, who are also elders, a group of men and women appointed as Deacons, and a group of ministry leaders. One of the Trustees is specifically employed as the principal teaching elder who also delivers specific and bespoke pastoral care for the members, and the wider community, whenever he becomes aware of such needs. Throughout the year we had a team of seven elders serving in our Church leadership team, a figure which includes the teaching elder.

In addition, we now have two full-time employees who focus on supporting and mentoring our young people with one overseeing the under 11-year-olds and the other working with those of secondary school age. The second employee was appointed from January on an initial fixed term basis. We also have another part time employee who works primarily to support effective administration within Grace Church.

Grace Church membership and Sunday attendance

During the period of this report, Grace Church had an active membership of some 100. Many more individuals and families attend services each Sunday with a wide range of children's and youth ministries also taking place. Numbers are further boosted with people watching our morning service on-line.

Communication within Grace Church

The Trustees recognise the need for, and understand the value of, communicating regularly and effectively with our membership. Having held formal member meetings over Zoom during the previous financial year in response to members' on-going concerns over the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, members were encouraged to attend in-person the three member meetings that took place during the year. Those unable to attend were again offered the opportunity to join each meeting over Zoom. To help improve communication between meetings and make the actual member meetings more streamlined, a member's newsletter is now produced between each formal meeting containing regular updates. Church lunches are held after a Sunday service to also make sure the wider church community understand any key decisions made by the charity. Weekly notice sheets are also distributed electronically, important updates are shared by email and members are encouraged to communicate with each other using the ChurchSuite data base to access contact information members are prepared to share.

The Trustees and Leadership Teams also make use of WhatsApp to ensure quick and effective communication between individuals and within groups. Communication was further enhanced during the year when Grace Church adopted Microsoft Office 365. Our church website is also updated regularly with useful resources as well as information on upcoming events.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Grace Church achievements and performance

As the country moved further away from COVID restrictions the trustees were very aware that some people, especially the older generation, continued to feel somewhat isolated and anxious about going out. We therefore continued to make sure that each individual and family linked to Grace Church had the contact and support they needed. Our care team continued to meet the needs of the elderly, the more vulnerable and others within our church community where specific needs were identified.

As well as meeting at Halewood Leisure Centre for our Sunday morning service, we also rent office space. This has resulted in more visibility and involvement with the local community by offering a central hub where people can drop in and chat to one of our staff or members. Coffee mornings are also hosted in the office.

As well as various midweek activities being held for young people and toddlers, a wide range of events are also held for adults. Several 'Grace Groups' meet in houses spread throughout local communities to support each other and provide study opportunities with, following a review, more intergenerational groups. Bespoke men's and ladies' activities were held across the year to encourage those meeting together and sporting activities offered included football, badminton and cricket.

Local, regional and national cooperation

Grace Church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) which provides legal and professional support, training, useful resources and networking opportunities with over 600 churches. We also partner with other churches in the Liverpool City Region and beyond to further teaching and education aims through inter-church support and collaboration, providing speakers for each other's church meetings. Members of the church attend and hold leadership positions in Bible Study Fellowship and others take an active role in the city-wide Barnabas Bible Class. We also partner with the North West Gospel Partnership, which provides training, conferences and networking support for churches in this region.

Grace Church mission and evangelism

As the number of new homes being built in east Halewood increases, Grace Church offers opportunities for the growing, wider community to engage with us. We continue to support the work of the New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre when they raise specific needs such as helping with their main Christmas event, 'Twinkle Twinkle'. At Christmas we held an event widely publicised for the whole community in a local woodland area. This was a major logistical operation requiring the support of many from the church and local community groups. It was well attended and well received by locals and stakeholders alike.

We held an on-line marriage course using our website to invite other people to join in and during the summer we were able to partner with a local Church for our children's summer camp, sending both children and adult worker volunteers.

Financial review

The Trustees acknowledge the generous giving of the fellowship, and the hard work of the Finance Team in accounting for and expending these funds over the financial year. The modest balance in all accounts is entirely in line with the Trustees expectations and wishes for the Charity. Grace Church relies entirely on the freewill giving of members and others sympathetic with our aims, purposes and objectives and no public appeals for money are made.

Grace Church allocates 10% of our income to Mission activities outside of Halewood. This includes financial help to support a family engaged in world mission based in America as well as regular support for two separate missionary families working in Papua New Guinea. We have also supported the work of Open-Air Mission, European Mission Fellowship and Faith in Kids.

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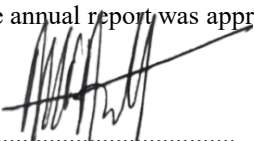
When cross referencing this report with the formal Accounts of Grace Church, it should be noted that we have identified restricted funds which refer to monies donated towards the 'Footprint Fund.' This is money specifically designated to further our aim of identifying a building to provide our own premises in the Halewood neighbourhood. We believe this provision would further the aims of the Charity.

Looking forward: 2023/24

Grace Church Halewood benefits from many children and young people attending the wide range of activities that take place each Sunday and throughout the week. To reflect this growing trend, during the financial year we employed another full-time member of staff to work with our children aged 0-11 years, initially on a fixed term basis of 12 months before a formal review takes place during the next financial year, centring on both the benefits of the role as well as financial considerations.

We also intend to review our Church vision and values, refresh the Grace Church 'branding' ahead of relaunching our web site to ensure it remains relevant, accessible, and informative for our members, the existing local community and new people moving into Halewood. We will also build our social media presence to again further our aims, purpose, and objectives.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Mark Wesley Armstrong
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

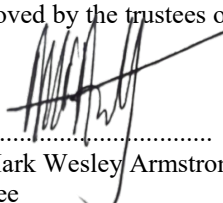
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Mark Wesley Armstrong
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

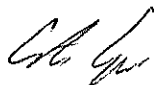
I report in respect of my examination of the GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 respect of GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Gareth Cooper
ACCA

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West Kirby
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Date: 29/01/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		27,550	-	27,550
Charitable activities		127,507	960	128,467
Total income		155,057	960	156,017
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(159,907)	-	(159,907)
Other expenditure	4	(3,244)	-	(3,244)
Total expenditure		(163,151)	-	(163,151)
Net (expenditure)/income		(8,094)	960	(7,134)
Net movement in funds		(8,094)	960	(7,134)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		104,632	156,906	261,538
Total funds carried forward	9	96,538	157,866	254,404
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		27,893	940	28,833
Charitable activities		124,766	18,121	142,887
Total income		152,659	19,061	171,720
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(153,157)	-	(153,157)
Other expenditure	4	(3,869)	-	(3,869)
Total expenditure		(157,026)	-	(157,026)
Net (expenditure)/income		(4,367)	19,061	14,694
Net movement in funds		(4,367)	19,061	14,694
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		108,999	137,845	246,844
Total funds carried forward	9	104,632	156,906	261,538

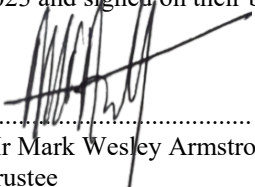
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 9.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	-	3,244
Current assets			
Debtors	7	2,559	2,679
Cash at bank and in hand	8	254,313	262,920
		256,872	265,599
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(2,468)	(7,305)
Net current assets		254,404	258,294
Net assets		254,404	261,538
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	9	157,866	156,906
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		96,538	104,632
Total funds	9	254,404	261,538

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mr Mark Wesley Armstrong
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

GRACE CHURCH HALEWOOD meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £2,000.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment and Furniture	20% straight line basis

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies; Gift aid reclaimed	27,550	-	27,550
Total for 2023	<u>27,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,550</u>
Total for 2022	<u>27,893</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>28,833</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	127,507	960	128,467
Total for 2023	<u>127,507</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>128,467</u>
Total for 2022	<u>124,766</u>	<u>18,121</u>	<u>142,887</u>

4 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		3,244	3,244
Total for 2023		<u>3,244</u>	<u>3,244</u>
Total for 2022		<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,869</u>

5 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	44,461	44,461
At 31 March 2023	44,461	44,461
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	41,217	41,217
Charge for the year	3,244	3,244
At 31 March 2023	44,461	44,461
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	-	-
At 31 March 2022	3,244	3,244

7 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	2,559	2,679

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	254,313	262,920

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	79,632	155,057	(163,151)	71,538
<i>Designated</i>				
Footprint	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total unrestricted funds	104,632	155,057	(163,151)	96,538
Restricted funds				
Footprint	156,906	960	-	157,866
Total funds	261,538	156,017	(163,151)	254,404
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	83,999	152,659	(157,026)	79,632
<i>Designated</i>				
Footprint	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total unrestricted funds	108,999	152,659	(157,026)	104,632
Restricted				
Footprint	137,845	19,061	-	156,906
Total funds	246,844	171,720	(157,026)	261,538

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	£	
Current assets	74,006	25,000	157,866	256,872
Current liabilities	(2,468)	-	-	(2,468)
Total net assets	71,538	25,000	157,866	254,404

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,244	-	-	3,244
Current assets	83,693	25,000	156,906	265,599
Current liabilities	<u>(7,305)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,305)</u>
Total net assets	<u>79,632</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>156,906</u>	<u>261,538</u>

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>90,598</u>	<u>76,632</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

13 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Administration costs £	Total 2023 £
Basis of allocation		
Premises/Video conferencing	32,335	32,335
Mission	16,075	16,075
Caring	870	870
Training, Children & Youth work	12,300	12,300
Outreach	3,629	3,629
Support ministries	2,588	2,588
Accountancy	1,513	1,513
	<u>69,310</u>	<u>69,310</u>
	Administration costs £	Total 2022 £
Basis of allocation		
Premises/Video conferencing	34,664	34,664
Mission	21,965	21,965
Caring	7,693	7,693
Training, Children & Youth work	7,635	7,635
Outreach	977	977
Support ministries	2,203	2,203
Accountancy	1,388	1,388
	<u>76,525</u>	<u>76,525</u>