

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**CHARITY NAME:** Grace Church Exeter

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1182435

**ADDRESS:** Suite 6c, 7-9 King Street  
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**CURRENT TRUSTEES:** Claire Annetts (Chair)  
Chris Collison  
Jessica Hadden

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE  
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## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 and 13, and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing Document**

Grace Church Exeter (formerly Frontiers Church Exeter Trust & Grace Church Exeter Trust) has a constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1182435.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Claire Annetts (Chair from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022- Joint Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)  
Stuart Alred (Joint Chair from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) (Trustee to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)  
Chris Collison (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)  
Jessica Hadden (from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022)  
Dan Roach (Chair to 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)  
Graeme Whalen (Treasurer & Trustee to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022)  
Joe Wilson (to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. The trustees give their time voluntarily and freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for the work they undertake as charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Senior Leadership Team of the church. The trustees meet together regularly to discuss the running and activities and resources of the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of church activities and administration to employed staff, which, during the period under review, included a Pastor, an Operations Pastor, a Children and Families Coordinator and an Operations Manager.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Our Objectives**

The objects of the Charity are set out in its constitution as follows: -

a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule annexed to our constitution, in Devon and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit, including (but without limitation) the promotion of Christian teaching and education, and to fulfil such other exclusively charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their discretion decide are consistent with the other purposes set out in this clause.

b) to relieve or assist in the relief of people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

##### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

Our Objectives reflect the basis of our charity's faith and beliefs. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Our dual aims remain to advance the Christian faith by providing an active church in which people can worship and receive biblical teaching in an environment which is open to all and, in line with our Charity's objects and the tenets of our Christian faith, to relieve those in conditions of need or hardship through financial or other support. We also aim to provide the opportunity for people to explore the claims of the Christian faith in an accessible way.

##### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in accordance with its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit to those who worship at our church, to the wider community in Exeter and indeed to the United Kingdom and the world.

##### **Main Activities and Achievements During the Year**

###### **Navigating unprecedented times**

As the far reaching impact of the global pandemic continues to unfold, we have sought to make the most of the opportunities that we have. We have initiated and supported getting people together in safe ways whenever possible. We have embraced the new opportunities given to us by our new grasp on technology.

We have also sought to lift ourselves beyond our immediate needs and responses to invest in the future of the church and our city. We have outlined priorities, raised funds and sought rest and renewal for our lead pastor.

###### **Vision Seeds (Preparation)**

This year we identified our priorities as a community to invest in the areas of 'Family', 'Recovery' and 'Facility'. We have a large number of families who are part of Grace Church as we recognised the importance of nurturing young people into the future. We outlined why we felt this was important and consulted with leading charities across the country in order to shape our ministries most effectively into the future.

Additionally, we are aware that our whole nation is in 'recovery' from Covid 19 and all its consequences. We raised the profile of others in need and have raised funds accordingly. We created conversations for experts in social care to help us invest our time and resources most effectively.

Finally, we looked to increase our resources that we are saving up for facilities for the charity. In the future we hope to purchase suitable premises to contribute to the life of the church and the local community.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Vision Seeds (Preparation) (continued)**

We spent six Sundays outlining these priorities and raised £92,903 from offerings and gifts. Additional gift aid on these offerings and donations totalled £17,356.

All of these funds have been placed into restricted funds to be split between the areas of recovery, family and our building fund. If for any reason these purposes cannot be achieved or surplus funds are raised, these offerings and gifts will be used to support the ongoing work of the church and will be transferred to the unrestricted funds.

##### **Emotional Health (Confession)**

As part of processing the trials of life we spent time teaching and supporting people to learn 'liberating confession'. We know the benefit of having safe conversations where you can 'be yourself' and be listened to by others. This year we drew inspiration from the Bible and created a tool kit for those who wanted to try to have more open focussed conversations.

A number of people piloted the initiative and we then made the resource available for the rest of the community. A number of people found the experience to be of huge benefit both for their emotional health and the deepening of friendships.

##### **Racial Reconciliation**

This was the first year that we addressed the issue of race directly. After a number of conversations with Maia Thomas (Black Lives Matter) and Lydia Pike (Grace Church Member) we taught, shared and interviewed and asked the church to listen and pray for the experience of a black minority in our church.

Our teaching was very well received by present and former members of Grace Church who have been in the minority in our church. Grace Church members expressed sorrow for the experience of racism and expressed love and appreciation for Lydia especially.

##### **Leadership Sabbatical**

This summer we were pleased to give our Senior Pastor Stuart Alred a sabbatical after ten years of ministry. This gift was postponed due to the unexpected demands of Covid 19 but we were pleased for him to take this up during June, July and August.

Our remaining staff and lay leadership covered his absence with a great sense of determination, perseverance and kindness to support the church and continue to do so in an excellent and admirable way.

##### **Community Groups**

We have 29 leaders, heading up 8 community groups across the city with a total membership of 185 adults and children. People in these groups look to grow in faith together, love one another and express God's love to those around them. During the ongoing pandemic, these groups have continued to be a lifeline for many, particularly when Covid guidance placed restrictions on larger gatherings while allowing greater flexibility in smaller gatherings

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Community Groups (continued)**

People have cared for each other through shopping, financial assistance, cooking meals, phoning each other and being there to listen to one another. The groups have also been focal points of serving their friends and neighbours. In many ways, the tangible experience of being a church family in Covid has been felt most deeply through our community groups.

##### **Foodbank**

A Community group was hugely involved up until the summer. As Covid restrictions lifted we were not needed as Exeter Foodbank stopped packing boxes and were open and distributing again for people to collect. We were able to help again at Christmas due to high volumes of demand. We still stay involved and in contact ready to help via a Whatsapp group.

Due to the limitations and new possibilities that we experienced throughout the year we saw a need for increased physical meetings when safe and also a new competence for online gatherings. We sought to make the most of both with more small meetups as reflected in our ministries especially for young people and also more regular online ministries such as weekly prayer meetings.

##### **Ministries / Courses**

###### **The Bible Course**

We ran a full Bible course in the spring of 2021 for 8 weeks with 32 people in attendance. The Bible Course shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one big story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. It resulted in people growing in confidence as they read the Bible for themselves. Though it is a great follow-on resource for those who have done introductory courses like Alpha and Christianity Explored, mature Christians have also found it helpful.

###### **The STEPS Course**

There were 4 people on a STEPS course in the spring of 2021, STEPS is designed to help people break free from life controlling habits or addictions. People experienced change in powerful ways and we were thrilled with how it was received. It is a communal but emotionally demanding course which helps you to explore reasons and causes of your behaviour, how faith can help and how to rebuild relationships with those around you.

###### **Student Community**

Around fifteen students and 20's formed a close community of support and friendship during their time at Grace Church. They were well integrated into the life of the church and joined community groups across the city as well as considering important life skills such as organisation and handling emotions.

Each term we would look at a key theme and some outstanding Christian teaching materials. We looked at the heart of faith in the autumn, emotional health in the new year and cultivating rhythms of rest and replenishment in the summer.

## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Prayer**

We hosted a number of midweek lunchtime prayer meetings to build upon previous teaching on prayer. We spent time prayer for others and issues beyond our church. We were glad to spend time together praying and felt uplifted and refreshed by our times together.

We wanted to make more time for prayer together as well as taking time to listen to God and each other in a safe and supportive environment. This space was particularly made use of for those who have experienced less community due to the restrictions that were in place due to the pandemic.

##### **Children & Families**

Our Children and Families ministry has adapted over the past 12 months to reflect the changing times. We transitioned from running 8 age-specific children's groups (upto 100 children meeting each Sunday morning), to providing online resources for worship and faith exploration amongst families from March 2020. We created a website ([kids.gracechurchexeter.org](http://kids.gracechurchexeter.org)) full of resources for families to access online at home, providing weekly videos and ideas for family activities based on the Psalms and other Bible stories and themes.

We began planning for a live, online children's gathering to commence in October 2020, using a variety of resources, and in January we began to use Faith in Kids resources, Meals with Jesus and The Wonder of Easter resources. We invited Ed Drew himself to provide resources over the July/August holiday 2021.

From September 2020 we began to run online monthly meetings for KS2 children, doing quizzes and bible studies online. As lockdown began to ease they began to meet in person from May 2021 through the summer.

##### **Youth**

We have used some excellent material from British Youth for Christ which has adapted its sessions to be usable online. We have also used the weekly bible studies provided by the bibleproject.com website. The material includes high quality animations, podcasts and discussion questions about each chosen subject.

We also interspersed these times with social settings to promote friendship and fun. A memorable time was a trip in December 2020 to complete the Treetop Challenge at the local Go Ape Adventure.

In the summer term 2021 (April -July) we continued with our mixture of Youthscape material, and socials (games in the park, visits to the local beach and bike rides to the quay). We experimented with in-person meetings outside in local public venues such as Ludwell Country Park. This was a lot of fun and created some great memories. At the end of this term we introduced Youth Alpha to the group with the proposal to run the course after the summer holidays September 2021. During this term two year 6 age young people were added to the group to prepare them for secondary school for September 2021.

A really positive year for 8 young people with 5 adult leaders helping throughout the year.



## **GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

#### **Main activities and achievements during the year (continued)**

##### **Sunday Gatherings**

Our Sunday Gatherings are the heartbeat of all that we do and all that we are. Before the Covid-19 crisis, we met together, worshipped, served one another, received fresh inspiration and were prepared for the week ahead. Sunday is very much fuel and to provide a platform for everything else in church life as well as an opportunity for members of the public to investigate the Christian faith in a safe way. We are pleased that around 200 - 250 people join together on Sundays. This is roughly 100-150 adults and roughly 80-100 children depending on the week. From our Sundays many people take steps of faith both in the moment and into other ministry areas.

We have had a huge project of bringing the Church together online, this involved live streaming to various online platforms, it was open to all members of the public and allowed us to be online for all to attend that wanted to explore faith. We started to have people involved in the chat functions and have two way conversations. We did go back once to our school venue, but then had to continue online due to Covid-19 restrictions. During June, July & August 2021 we used The Hall for adult gatherings in the evenings and children's gatherings.

##### **Operations and Administration**

During 2021 we navigated our way through Covid restrictions and continued to use our Website as our main platform to broadcast live, share latest news, view online sermons, kids resources, courses and events.

We have also had to direct our focus on streamlined budgeting due to Covid, and committed to staying in our current office, but gained a more flexible rental with our office landlord. The office has been maintained along with all financial, admin & communications procedures relating to the activity of the church. The Office was used as a studio for live broadcasting of our Sunday gathering services up until May 2021 and is now back functional as an office and storage.

We now have more of a hybrid with working from home and the office as the charity needs, we continue to meet as a staff team once a week.

We plan to 'move out' of Magdalen Court over the summer and put all of our belongings into temporary storage, which includes worship equipment, chairs, tables and all church resources. We also focussed all our ministry activities to meeting outside events where possible, throughout the summer, implementing risks assessment for each event.

We returned back to embodied services in a new venue, being ISCA school and have kept our evening service at The Hall. Initially as a whole church together with a shared lunch picnic with plans to evolve our services to include separate children's groups.

##### **Continuing Generosity**

As a Church we give away 10% of our income to other worthy causes. During the period under review, we have given £8,867 to Commission Apostolic Trust Limited, with a further £1,000 to the Commission India Covid relief. We have given gifts of £7,402 to Tearfund with a further £1,000 for their Yemen appeal, and £7,402 to Exeter Foodbank in this period. £1,000 also went to St Petrocks before Christmas and £1,000 to EFGA South West Carols. We gave £1,000 to a young mother, who sadly lost her husband and was close relative of a member. We also began supporting a member with counselling using Bespoke.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**Financial Review**

The CIO made a surplus of £187,954 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 (surplus for period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 £67,306). Total income showed an increase of 71% compared to the previous period. Total expenditure increased by 26% compared to the previous period with increases in charitable giving, employment costs, repairs and renewals and premises hire.

At the year end, the CIO had total funds amounting to £518,983 of which £506,955 constituted net current assets. Some £118,151 is held at the year-end in a restricted fund and a further £166,315 in a designated fund for a future building. In addition, there is a balance of £975 held as a restricted fund for support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. A further £21,119 is held in a designated fund for future giving.

Two further restricted funds are held with balances of £36,753 each for Covid Recovery and supporting families.

**Reserves Policy**

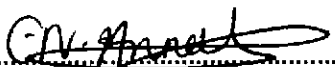
Unrestricted reserves (not including the designated fund) totalled £138,917 at the year-end of which £126,889 constitutes net current assets. This covers between 7-8 months unrestricted expenditure.

These reserves cover three months' salary for staff and commitments to rental of premises and associated running costs. They also cover current staffing changes/additions and a reduction in income from offerings and donations in the current year. Any remaining balance on the reserves and any future surpluses can be allocated (alongside the restricted funds) to the finding, purchasing and equipping of a new building.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have ensured that insurance cover is in place to cover risks and that finances are kept under regular review. The Treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made for all those who work with children, or other vulnerable groups, within the context of the Charity's activities. A Safeguarding Policy is updated annually. Risk assessments are also carried out for all venues which are hired to conduct public meetings, as well as within our office and employment contexts.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 26th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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**Trustee**

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

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians and a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

**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 the CIO 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 applicable 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 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.

**Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE**  
**Bowhill Bookkeeping Services**  
**172 Newman Road**  
**Exeter**  
**EX4 1PQ**

*Martin Cronin*

Date

*8th June 2022*

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

		Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021			Period 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
Donations	16	284,968	110,259	<b>395,227</b>	212,873	18,125	<b>230,998</b>
Investment income		5	18	<b>23</b>	57	138	<b>195</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>284,973</b>	<b>110,277</b>	<b>395,250</b>	<b>212,930</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>231,193</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Charitable activities	17	206,296	1,000	<b>207,296</b>	162,487	1,400	<b>163,887</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>206,296</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>207,296</b>	<b>162,487</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>163,887</b>
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<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>78,677</b>	<b>109,277</b>	<b>187,954</b>	<b>50,443</b>	<b>16,863</b>	<b>67,306</b>
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<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>247,674</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>331,029</b>	<b>197,231</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>263,723</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>326,351</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>518,983</b>	<b>247,674</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>331,029</b>
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**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**

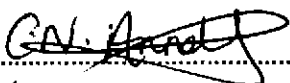
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

	Note	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 £	£	At 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	3		12,028		9,393
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Debtors	4	32,204		6,915	
Cash at bank and in hand		476,066		316,040	
		508,270		322,955	
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,315)		(1,319)	
 <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>506,955</b>		<b>321,636</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<b>518,983</b>		<b>331,029</b>
 <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>					
Restricted Income Funds	6		192,632		83,355
Unrestricted Funds		138,917		66,555	
Designated Fund	8	187,434		181,119	
			<b>326,351</b>		<b>247,674</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<b>518,983</b>		<b>331,029</b>

The notes on pages 12-18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 26th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Trustee

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011.

Grace Church Exeter meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**b) Tangible Fixed Assets: Equipment**

Equipment is capitalised at cost where the cost exceeds £500 and depreciation is calculated so as to write off this cost over the effective useful life at 25% on a straight line basis.

**c) Debtors**

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**d) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**e) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**f) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity. Gift aid tax refunds and the gift aid small donations scheme are recognised on a receivable basis. Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**g) Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**h) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**i) Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are:

**Unrestricted Income Funds**

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

**Designated Funds**

These are funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes in the future. The trustees have the power to re-designate such funds within the unrestricted funds.

**Restricted Income Funds**

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

**j) Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**k) Going concern**

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

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

**GRACE CHURCH EXETER TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	18,914
Additions in the year	9,098
	28,012
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>28,012</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	9,521
Charge for the year	6,463
	15,984
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>15,984</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>12,028</b>
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</b>	<b>9,393</b>

**4. DEBTORS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	<b>27,974</b>	4,860
Other Debtors	<b>2,055</b>	-
Prepayments	<b>2,175</b>	2,055
	<b>32,204</b>	6,915

**5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Creditors	<b>15</b>	19
Accruals	<b>1,300</b>	1,300
	<b>1,315</b>	1,319



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**6. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	81,380	36,771	-	118,151
Covid Support Fund	1,975	-	(1,000)	975
Covid Recovery Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
Supporting Families Fund	-	36,753	-	36,753
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>110,277</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>192,632</b>

Gift days during the year were taken to raise funds for a new building, to support Covid recovery and to support families. These funds were split three ways, temporarily but may be used in the future for any of these 3 areas.

The restricted building fund represents monies given specifically for the purchase of a new building. During the year, active property searching has continued in order to best find a suitable property for the needs of the church.

The Covid Support fund represent monies given for the support of individuals through the Covid 19 pandemic. £975 has been carried forward to be spent in the current year.

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer from Charitable Trust £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Building Fund	14,888	-	66,492	81,380
Covid Support Fund	3,375	(1,400)	-	1,975
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>83,355</b>

**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	-	-	12,028	12,028
Current Assets	192,632	187,434	128,204	508,270
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,315)	(1,315)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>192,632</b>	<b>187,434</b>	<b>138,917</b>	<b>518,983</b>

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**7. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS (continued)**

**PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	9,393	9,393
Current Assets	83,355	181,119	58,481	322,955
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	-	(1,319)	(1,319)
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>181,119</b>	<b>66,555</b>	<b>331,029</b>
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**8. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The balance of designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 totalled £187,434 consisting of £21,119 designated by the trustees for future giving and £166,315 designated by the trustees for the purchase of a new building.

**9. CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Charity made gifts totalling £33,022 during the year.

£32,022 was given to 11 organisations in the year. In addition, gifts totalling £1,000 were given to individuals in the year.

**10. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

Total remuneration for the year amounted to £120,762 for 8 employees.

Gross salaries amounted to £115,116. Employer's NIC amounted to £5,540 net of employment allowance. Pension costs amounted to £4,480. In addition, there was a refund from HMRC for overpaid employer's national insurance of £4,374.

There were no employees with remuneration above £60,000.

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

Stuart Alred is employed by the CIO as full time Pastor. He is also a trustee of the CIO. The CIO's constitution allows him to be remunerated. During this financial period Stuart received a gross salary of £43,466 and £2,034 was paid into a pension fund for him.

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 nor for the period from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Chloe Alred, wife of pastor Stuart Alred received a salary in the year of £3,622.

There were no further related party transactions during the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

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**13. ACCOUNTANCY AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

£1,580 was paid to the independent examiner for providing an independent examination to the charity. The fee included the preparation of the final accounts.

**14. GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

£1,858 was received in the form of a government grant for furlough payments in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic.

**15. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021				Period 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020			
Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>							
<b>16. Donations</b>							
Offerings and gifts	227,835	92,903	<b>320,738</b>	172,217	14,700	<b>186,917</b>	
Gift aid and GASDS tax refunds	55,275	17,356	<b>72,631</b>	40,656	3,425	<b>44,081</b>	
Grants	14 1,858	-	<b>1,858</b>	-	-	-	
	<u>284,968</u>	<u>110,259</u>	<u><b>395,227</b></u>	<u>212,873</u>	<u>18,125</u>	<u><b>230,998</b></u>	
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
<b>17. Charitable activities</b>							
Events and Training courses	948	-	<b>948</b>	3,800	-	<b>3,800</b>	
Charitable Giving	9 32,022	1,000	<b>33,022</b>	16,715	1,400	<b>18,115</b>	
Youth & Children's work	1,474	-	<b>1,474</b>	905	-	<b>905</b>	
Student & Young Adult work	764	-	<b>764</b>	684	-	<b>684</b>	
Employment costs	10 120,762	-	<b>120,762</b>	94,773	-	<b>94,773</b>	
Staff and Volunteer expenses	4,887	-	<b>4,887</b>	4,336	-	<b>4,336</b>	
Gifts to speakers	1,777	-	<b>1,777</b>	3,528	-	<b>3,528</b>	
Premises Hire	6,000	-	<b>6,000</b>	5,118	-	<b>5,118</b>	
Insurance	2,959	-	<b>2,959</b>	2,110	-	<b>2,110</b>	
Office overheads and running costs	19,151	-	<b>19,151</b>	19,194	-	<b>19,194</b>	
Subscriptions & Licences	1,331	-	<b>1,331</b>	953	-	<b>953</b>	
Repairs & Renewals	4,644	-	<b>4,644</b>	2,385	-	<b>2,385</b>	
Website Development	126	-	<b>126</b>	106	-	<b>106</b>	
Sundry expenses	1,408	-	<b>1,408</b>	2,265	-	<b>2,265</b>	
Depreciation	6,463	-	<b>6,463</b>	3,940	-	<b>3,940</b>	
Accountancy & Independent exam fee	13 1,580	-	<b>1,580</b>	1,675	-	<b>1,675</b>	
	<u>208,296</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u><b>207,296</b></u>	<u>162,487</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u><b>163,887</b></u>	