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## Charity Commission Report

### End of Year Report March 2023

Grantham Christian Fellowship continues to follow our vision of being a body of believers who share Christ's Love, strive to serve the community of Grantham, of which we are an integral part. Our heart and vision make the Love of God known to all in words and deeds.

To this end, we welcome me everyone and invite them to come and join us in worship and fellowship. We endeavour to make use of all the resources we have in meeting the practical, physical and spiritual needs of our community. On Sundays, our main service continues to be our 10.30 service and monthly Family Service with its bring and share lunch after service, which continues to be encouraging. The church membership has remained stable over the year, but we are encouraged with other joining the congregation during the year and with a view of membership. Prayer is always available to anyone who asks, at all of our activities, and people regularly accept the offer to be prayed for, We continue to hold Bible studies on a weekly basis, over the year we have study various books of the Bible verse by verse.

These times together are well received and help us in our journey to be more Christ like. Alongside other Churches in the town we support Grantham Food Bank, Grantham Street Pastors and Grantham Schools Ministry. It is important to be part of the wider body of the Church in Grantham and District, and we have endeavoured to meet with other churches. Our Leadership team has, over the years, met with other leaders from like minded spirit filled churches across the town. This has proved to give encouragement and we are looking at how we can better take God's love into the community.



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'Love conquers all.'  
1 Corinthians 13

Serving Christ Jesus in  
Grantham and Lincolnshire  
since 1946.

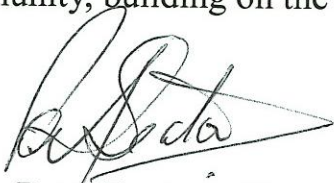
Our premises continue to be home to other church congregations, however, Faith Life Church, Grantham, a long-term user of our years. Grantham Chinese Church and The Way of Life Portuguese Church count our church buildings as their home and continue to meet in our buildings on Sunday. Their love and support we cherish.

We continue to be the home of the 8<sup>th</sup> Harrowby Scout Group. They are very much part of us and get involved in a lot of what we do. We have an excellent relationship with the Beavers, Scouts and Cubs, and their leaders. Regular parade services are a part of their, and our, year including the Remembrance Day service and Harvest celebration, as well as end of school year service. The Leaders of the Scouts also give much practical help around the building for which we are extremely grateful.

We have continued to give a meeting place for a self-help stroke group. This group continues to give support and assistance to vulnerable adults recovering from strokes. Our other self-help groups that we host include Grantham Deaf Club and Breathe Easy group. On a regular monthly basis the Grantham flower arranging society and Grantham DIY Women's Institute continue to hold meetings in our premises and we welcome the opportunity of supporting the wider community in this way. Two local art groups continue to meet and thrive in our premises and over the year the U3A hold science, photography, guitar and flower arranging groups in our facilities. We continue to build strong relationships with them all and are happy to support the community in this way.

Financially, we continue to live within our means. At the end of the year our current account showed a balance of £20,522. This is still in line with our contingency target of holding six months expenditure in hand (expenditure + loan repayment). This year we have continued to reduce the loan outstanding on the building to £31,809.46, with our regular monthly payments and funds received, these figures are encouraging. We continue to stay vigilant with regard to our spending.

We look forward to serving the community and build our Fellowship into being more Christ-like in all we do. To meeting the needs of our Fellowship and community, building on the excellent relationships we already have.



Pastor Peter Beaton Trustee and Minister of GCF

Presented to the AGM of GCF for the year end March 2023

**GRANTHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Registered Charity: 1052172**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Grantham Christian Fellowship

Registered Charity number 1052172

On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Set out on the following pages

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2012 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *LA Silver*

Date 26 September 2023

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination.

### **CHARITY LAW AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

### **SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

### **CONCLUSION**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification of for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**26 September 2023**

**GRANTHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	22,157	—	—	22,157	19,460
Activities for generating funds	18,574	—	—	18,574	16,007
Other incoming resources	1,340	—	—	1,340	90,356
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>42,071</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>42,072</b>	<b>125,824</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other...	111	—	—	111	30
Charitable activities	25,183	—	—	25,183	25,166
Other resources used	795	—	—	795	182
<b>Total resources used</b>	<b>26,090</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,090</b>	<b>25,380</b>
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>100,444</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	22,338	—	—	22,338	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,338)	—	—	(22,338)	—
<b>Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>100,444</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>100,444</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>(27,557)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(27,557)</b>	<b>(128,001)</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>(11,574)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(11,574)</b>	<b>(27,557)</b>

*There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown*

**GRANTHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Balance Sheet detailed**

		As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2022
<b>Current assets</b>			
CA001	Current Account	20,522.26	24,220.76
CA003	Cash in hand	0.43	1.18
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>20,522.69</b>	<b>24,221.94</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	288.00	288.00
PB008	Loan Account	31,809.46	51,491.39
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>32,097.46</b>	<b>51,779.39</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>(11,574.77)</b>	<b>(27,557.45)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	15,982.68	—
Z01	Starting balances	(27,557.45)	(27,557.45)
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>(11,574.77)</b>	<b>(27,557.45)</b>

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	(26,532.43)	(40,023.06)
Designated	14,957.66	12,465.61
Restricted	—	—
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>(11,574.77)</b>	<b>(27,557.45)</b>