Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Aims and purposes

The aim of the church (as set out in its Constitution) is to bring glory to God and advance the Christian faith by strengthening the personal faith and witness of its members and by communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to other people in the locality and beyond.

In fulfilling this aim the Church, in prayerful submission to the authority of Scripture, endeavours to:

- pursue the worship of God, centred on the preaching and teaching of the Bible;
- cultivate a caring fellowship that encourages and builds up its members;
- share the good news of Jesus through local outreach and by supporting missionary work further afield; and
- demonstrate the love of God by meeting needs in the local community.

Objectives and activities

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The church is committed to encouraging and enabling as many people as possible to worship with us and become part of the church family in order to grow in the Christian faith. The church is also committed to providing pastoral care and support for its members and others with whom it has connections. In addition the church seeks to undertake appropriate mission and outreach work in its locality and to support through prayer and finance mission and outreach work in other parts of the world.

The church operates from a building in Newhall Street, Princes End, Tipton. In order to facilitate the work of the church through its various activities, to create a welcoming environment and to honour God, the church seeks to maintain the fabric of the building to an appropriate standard.

Achievements and performance

Worship, Bible study and Prayer

Sunday morning services followed teaching series on the books of John and Psalms, with separate short series around Easter and Christmas. Numbers remained relatively strong at this service and we were pleased to welcome many visitors, some for whom we have provided a place of sanctuary for a short period of time and others who have chosen to settle with us and have become regular attenders. The monthly evening service continued as did a prayer meeting on Zoom on at least two other Sunday evenings per month. Sunday morning services continued to be live streamed allowing access to services for those who are housebound, those who are unable to attend on a particular Sunday for whatever reason and those who might find the church via the internet.

We continued a monthly prayer day with morning and lunch time prayer sessions on Zoom and an evening session both in person and on Zoom. Generally speaking this worked well and provided an increased opportunity for participation.

Midweek meetings (Grace Groups) also continued across the year and saw an increase in those attending. Most of these were in person groups with one evening Zoom group for those less able to travel.

During 2025 one member and two honorary members died and two new members joined the church. At the end of 2025 membership stood at 57.

The church continued to employ a full-time Staff Elder (who worked alongside the other Elders in leading and developing the work of the church).

Church building & Manse

During the year a section of boundary fence was replaced at the church building and repairs were made to the roof. There was also a refurbishment of the main meeting room which included the installation of a new suspended ceiling and new window blinds. Only minor repair, maintenance and decoration works were undertaken at 8 Prospect Street.

Children and Youth work

The church Boys' Brigade company with Girls' Association (3rd West Bromwich) continued to be very active in 2025. Numbers remained strong with about 40 children and young people in the age range 5-18 years taking part in weekly activities. The Company played a full part in activities organised by the Wolverhampton Battalion of which it is a part.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play group for pre-school children and their carers also functioned as normal across the whole year during term time with up to 20 children taking part each week.

Older people

The ministry for retired people, Daybreak, continued across 2025. Meeting twice each month the group aims to provide fellowship, support and spiritual input for older people. The group had between 15 and 25 people attending sessions across the year.

Open the Book

This ministry involves sharing Bible stories with primary school children using material prepared by the Bible Society. It began in the Autumn of 2025 with visits to St Paul's Primary School in Tipton with a second school (St Martins Tipton) also coming on board at the end of the year. The sessions were whole school assemblies reaching around 200 children each time.

Community involvement

A small team continued to provide monthly services at a local care home, Bloomfield Court which were appreciated by the residents who attended. Monthly services also began at a second care home, Ryland View, in partnership with Hebron Hall church.

Fortnightly drop in sessions (Tea, Coffee, Chat) were also held across the year with a core group becoming regular attenders.

We were again able to undertake Christmas carol singing at our local Asda store giving out invitations to our Christmas services.

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to £85,290. Expenditure totalled £77,389 giving a surplus for the year of £7,901.

Offerings amounted to £62,278 compared to £61,900 in 2024. The Gift Aid tax reclaim was £11,223 an increase of around £1,000 over the previous year.

Reserves Policy

The Elders seek to maintain reserves in the order of one year's expenditure to allow for the loss of offertory income for whatever reason, to provide for major repair or maintenance costs and to ensure sufficient funds to maintain and potentially expand pastoral ministry. At 31 December 2024 unrestricted reserves stood at £61,436.

Volunteers

The church expresses its thanks to the many volunteers who assist with all aspects of the church's work and without whom many church activities simply would not take place.

Structure, governance and management

The church is a charitable incorporated organisation (registered charity number 1162960) governed by a Constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 3 August 2015 as amended in 2021 and 2023.

Church members elect Elders who are responsible for the day to day management of the church and as such are charity trustees. Responsibility for certain key decisions such as calling a pastor or approving major work on the church building rests with the whole church membership in general meeting. The Elders who served during the year were:-

Mr T Ambrose
Mr P Watts (Secretary and Treasurer)
Mr B Turner
Mr D Hardway

Administrative information

The church is situated at Newhall Street, Princes End, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9HL.

The correspondence address is 3 Waring Close, Princes End, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9NW.

P WATTS
Secretary

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2025 – 31 DECEMBER 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
Offerings	62,278			62,278	61,900
Donations		4,485		4,485	4,645
Gift Aid refunds	11,223	336		11,559	10,329
Interest	1,455			1,455	1,544
Other income	1,690	996		2,686	44,782
Subscriptions		2,827		2,827	2,982
Total incoming resources	76,646	8,644		85,290	126,182
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Staff costs	44,261			44,261	45,478
Evangelism	1,972			1,972	1,169
Sunday ministry	494			494	650
Donations/Fees	7,150	1,754		8,904	9,677
Administration	1,717			1,717	1,914
Property costs	14,084			14,084	60,829
Miscellaneous	1,365	4,592		5,957	5,371
Total resources expended	71,043	6,346		77,389	125,088
Net incoming(outgoing) Resources	5,603	2,298		7,901	1,094
Total funds brought forward	**236,330**	**5,823**		**242,153**	**242,153**
Total funds carried forward	**241,933**	**8,121**		**250,054**	**250,054**

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Grace Community Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1162960
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	D Turner	**Date:**	6/5/26
Name:	DAVID TURNER		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	110 FARMER WAY, TIPTON WEST MIDLANDS, DY4 0BL		