# GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019

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#### A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE REGISTRATION NUMBER 592488

#### A REGISTERED CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 251675

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to introduce this year's annual report of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation. We acknowledge God's faithfulness and thank Him for his goodness through another year as we have endeavoured to support and encourage the work of the churches.

In particular I would like to thank the office staff for all that they do so faithfully, as well as each of my colleagues on the Council of Management who give their time, not only in attending committee meetings, but also in giving their professional advice so willingly. During the year, Peter Canty retired from the Council, having served since 2004. On his retirement from his professional activities, Peter moved to a new location but was unable to find a church that was compliant with the Corporation's Basis of Faith. We wish him every blessing in his new situation. 2019 also saw the retirement of Pastor David Steere from serving as our Deputy-Chairman and the appointment of Mr Rob Powell in his stead. We are very grateful to David for his faithful service as Deputy-Chairman and are pleased that he will continue to serve on the Council of Management for a further period.

During the year, we worked in partnership with the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East) and various other interested parties investigating the possibility of planting a new church in Brighton. As a result of this preliminary work we are pleased to report that Mr David Skull has agreed to investigate the possibility of forming a team that will seek to develop this project further. We are very grateful to his church (Grace Church Guildford) for agreeing to release him on a part-time basis for this purpose.

We are also very grateful to Grace Church Guildford who are investigating the possibility of establishing a new church in Haslemere following the closure of the previous church there in 2018. Regular meetings were held in the chapel during 2019 and it is anticipated that these may eventually lead to a new church being constituted.

We have listed below the churches that have made a financial contribution to our General Fund during the past year. Much of the work of the Corporation is at a level not often noticed by most church members and it is sometimes difficult for churches to identify with our ministry. The financial support of the churches listed is therefore particularly appreciated.

I would ask you to continue to pray that we will be given much wisdom and guidance as we seek to maintain the various ministries of the Corporation during the coming year.

Kevin Wiltshire

**CHURCH DONATIONS** 

The following churches have contributed to the General Fund during 2019:

Accrington	Bedworth	Bromley	Caterham	Cuckfield
Devizes	Dunmow	Farnham	Folkestone	Fressingfield
Friston	Gloucester, Trinity	Halifax	Ipswich, S. Drive	Leiston
Lewisham	Occold	Peel	Pidley	Somersham
Stoke Golding	Trowbridge	Warboys		

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The members of the Board of Directors submit their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 to be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 April 2020.

The accounts set out on pages 12 to 34 have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, and are in accordance with the requirements of the Corporation's Articles of Association (dated 24th April 2010), the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (2015), and the Financial Reporting Standard "FRS 102". The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there is sufficient demand for the services provided by the Corporation and sufficient resources to provide those services. The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties in this regard. The accounts are subject to audit. The accounts of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund are set out on pages 35 to 45 and are subject to audit. The accounts on pages 12 to 34 do not include the trust funds of which the Corporation is a Trustee.

#### CONSTITUTION

The Grace Baptist Trust Corporation is registered in England as a Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital (Registration Number 592488). The Corporation is also registered as a Charity (Registration Number 251675), and is recognised as a Trust Corporation under section 3(i) of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926. The Corporation is governed by its Articles of Association.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The requirements of the Corporation's Articles of Association are that the Board of Directors must consist of three Officers - Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Treasurer, and up to 20 other Directors. The Officers are appointed by the Board of Directors at the first Board Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors are elected at each Annual General Meeting from among the Ordinary Members and the Delegate Members of the Corporation. Members of churches that adhere to the Corporation's doctrinal basis may apply to become Ordinary Members on payment of the annual subscription. Every church that adheres to the Corporation's doctrinal basis and makes an annual donation is entitled to nominate Delegate Members and is entitled to nominate a male member to be included in the list of persons to be submitted to the meeting for election as a Director. As a member of the Corporation, each Director is liable to contribute £5 to the assets of the Corporation in the event of its being wound up.

The Board of Directors on 2 March 2020 (the date on which the Annual Report and Accounts were approved) comprised the following:

Mr J N Broome BSc (Hons) MRICS
Mr A R Copeman FRICS
Mr A B Keen LLB
Mr S A Partington BA (Hons) Dipl Arch RIBA
Mr R E Powell ACII (Deputy Chairman)
Pastor P D Relf FCA (Treasurer)
Mr J A H Risbridger MA (Oxon)
Mr D W J Skull FRICS MFB
Pastor D J Steere
Mr K C W Wiltshire ACSI FPCS MIoD Cert PFS PFA (Chairman)

Unless otherwise stated, each Director served in that capacity throughout the year ended 31 December 2019. Mr Peter Canty resigned as a Director on 23 September 2019 – having served on the Board since 13 September 2004.

The Corporation has a Trustees' Indemnity Policy in the sum of £3,000,000 for which a premium of £1,400 was paid.

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#### **ORGANISATION**

As a Company, limited by guarantee, the Corporation is managed by the Board of Directors. As the Corporation is also a Registered Charity, the Directors manage its affairs as Charity Trustees. The Directors are also referred to as the Council of Management.

The Council of Management meets four times a year and has overall responsibility for the governance of the Corporation. It is particularly responsible for dealing with matters involving policy. Routine matters that require Board approval may be dealt with by the Executive Committee which normally consists of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and two other Directors. The Executive Committee may also deal with matters remitted to it by the Council of Management. In addition, the Executive Committee may consider matters of policy, but only in the context of making recommendations to the Council of Management. The Executive Committee meets up to five times a year.

The Officers (Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Treasurer) consider matters that are particularly confidential prior to their being reported to the Council of Management and they are able to advise the Chief Executive in situations where there is some uncertainty as to the correct application of matters of policy. In addition, certain matters are remitted to the Officers for consideration where it is thought that they should be discussed by a committee that is smaller than the Executive Committee. The Chief Executive attends all Officers' meetings. The Officers meet as necessary.

The Chief Executive, (Mr Eric Cousins FCCA), is responsible for implementing the policies and resolutions of the Directors and for attending to all routine matters that do not involve the Council of Management (as a body of Trustees or Board of Directors). He has served in that capacity since 1st January 2000 and continued to serve at the date this report was approved by the Council of Management.

#### TRUSTEES' INDUCTION AND TRAINING

As indicated above, the Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting from among the Ordinary Members and the Delegate Members of the Corporation. Members of churches that adhere to the Corporation's doctrinal basis may apply to become Ordinary Members on payment of the annual subscription. Every church that adheres to the Corporation's doctrinal basis and makes an annual donation to the Corporation is entitled to nominate Delegate Members and is entitled to nominate a male member to be included in the list of persons to be submitted to the meeting for election as a Trustee. As it is important that only persons having the desired professional expertise or comprehensive knowledge of the churches are nominated, the Board of Trustees works in partnership with the individual churches regarding nominations.

Once new Trustees are appointed, they are taken through a process of induction by the Chief Executive who ensures that they understand the legal duties and responsibilities imposed on them as Trustees, using the Charity Commission publication "CC3 – The Essential Trustee" as a guide. In addition, they are provided with copies of the Corporation's Articles of Association – the key provisions of which are explained to them, together with copies of the Corporation's various policies and copies of the most recent Statutory Accounts and Annual Report. They are also provided with a set of the minutes of the most recent Trustees' Meeting (which include a reference to all outstanding issues) and the Chief Executive ensures that they are fully briefed on all ongoing matters.

The Trustees require the Chief Executive to keep them abreast of all developments that have a bearing on their role as Trustees by providing them with relevant information such as articles from charity magazines and briefing notes supplied by relevant bodies — such as the Charity Commission. The Corporation subscribes to "Governance" magazine, and copies are made available to the Officers. Furthermore, as they exercise their responsibilities on the Board, the Trustees draw upon their extensive professional knowledge and experience - which is enhanced by their attendance at relevant training courses that form part of their continuing professional development.

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#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Corporation and of the surplus or deficit of the Corporation for that period. In preparing those accounts the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 accounts.
- Prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Corporation will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Corporation and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Corporation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (needed by the Corporation's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the auditor is unaware. Each Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Corporation's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The chief objective underlying all the activities of the Corporation is the advancement of the Christian religion, particularly by means of and in accordance with the principles of Particular Baptist Churches practising Strict Communion.

#### AIMS

The Corporation aims to accomplish this objective by providing church officers with the resources they need so that they are able to attend to the administrative, financial, legal, and practical aspects of church life, in general, and to comply with their statutory obligations, in particular. The Directors believe that these services are of considerable assistance to church officers and that this, in turn, furthers the Corporation's legal objective as churches are able to concentrate on their main task of advancing the Christian religion. Whilst other similar charitable organisations exist within the Grace Baptist family of churches, the Board of Directors consider that the Corporation is in a unique position to offer the level of professional support that we are able to, owing to the high level of professional expertise represented on the Board.

#### STRATEGY

The nature of the Corporation's ministry is such that its objectives and the strategies it employs to achieve those objectives do not change significantly from year to year. Since the Corporation is a "Trust Corporation", one of its fundamental ministries is to act as a Trustee of church property and various Trust Funds established under Charity Commission schemes, trust deeds, wills and other instruments. The Directors' aspiration is to provide the churches and their members with the services, advice and general assistance that they require and to fulfil all of the Corporation's responsibilities as Trustees of various chapels and Trust Funds as comprehensively and efficiently as possible. The strategy adopted to achieve this has been the dissemination of information through a website and through the production of fact sheets, and other means as appropriate, to respond to the various needs of the churches as they have arisen and to provide routine services as a matter of course. The Directors have endeavoured to inform all potential beneficiaries of the services available to them through the website and other literature, articles, and advertising, as appropriate.

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#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The nature of the ministry of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation makes it difficult to quantify the success that has been achieved during the year and to compare that against the objective set especially since each church served by the Corporation is locally independent and not under the legal or spiritual jurisdiction of the Directors. The objective set is to provide church officers with all the assistance they need to run their churches effectively and the Directors consider that this has been done. Specifically, the Corporation has been able to support the work of churches and their members in the following ways:

#### Advisory Services:

The Corporation's advisory services comprise the largest single aspect of the ministry of the Corporation in terms of hours worked and take the form of a help desk where staff are able to provide answers to specific queries churches may have. A considerable number of telephone calls, emails, or queries submitted through the website were addressed during the year. As such queries relate to a church's specific situation it is inappropriate to provide further details. In addition fact sheets are published to alert church officers to the requirements of current legislation and good practice. The cost of providing these services amounted to £95,872 (2018: £93,331). The number of letters of appreciation received from church officers demonstrate how much these services are valued.

#### Benevolent Payments:

The Corporation administers a small number of Benevolent Funds which exist to provide financial assistance to people in need, particularly serving or retired pastors of Strict Baptist Churches or the members of such churches. Grants totalling £3,250 were given to two beneficiaries during the course of the year (2018: £3,900 given to two). Letters received from the beneficiaries highlight the significance of these grants to the level of their household income.

#### **Educational Support:**

The Corporation administers a small Endowment Fund, the B A Warburton Memorial Fund, which exists to provide financial support for male members of Strict Baptist Churches who plan to enter the Ministry. The assistance given by the Corporation takes the form of grants that are given towards the cost of course fees or the purchase of books. No grants were paid during the year (2018: £750 given to one beneficiary).

#### Gift Aid Scheme:

The Corporation's Gift Aid Scheme comprises the largest single aspect of the ministry of the Corporation in terms of financial turnover and represents the funds that are given to the Corporation to support the ministry of specific churches and other organisations that further the aims and objectives of the Corporation. During the year, £277,659 was received (2018: £290,352). The sum of £273,815 was disbursed (2018: £283,873) with costs being incurred of £13,696 (2018: £13,333) resulting in total expenditure amounting to £287,511 (2018: £297,206). Churches benefitting are able to extend their ministries beyond the level they would otherwise be capable of achieving.

#### Ministry Support:

The Corporation administers certain funds that are either designated by the Directors to assist churches in general, or are restricted by the donors for the support of specific churches in particular. During the year, the sum of £21,413 was spent on these activities (2018: £8,231). Churches benefitting are able to extend their ministries beyond the level they would otherwise be capable of achieving.

#### Professional Services:

The Corporation acts as a Trustee of church property and various Trust Funds established under Charity Commission schemes, trust deeds, wills and other instruments and provides other professional services to churches or other organisations within the Grace Baptist family of churches, as the need arises. As a Trustee of charitable land and property, the Corporation has been able to give extensive advice to churches regarding the land and buildings for which they are responsible as well as legal advice relating to compliance with their chapel trust deeds. Additionally, the Corporation produces the Grace Directory of Churches. The cost of providing these services amounted to £28,869 (2018: £28,142) although the sum of £22,851 was received in respect of chargeable services (2018: £8,146). Further details are given in note 8.

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#### ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Although not "associated" as defined by FRS 102, the Corporation works closely with a number of charitable organisations with similar objectives. In particular, the Corporation enjoys cordial relations with the various Associations of Grace Baptist Churches and with the Grace Baptist Partnership. The Chief Executive is a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Particular Baptist Fund and a Trustee of Baptist Building CIO. Whilst there is no formal link between the Corporation and these charities, the involvement of the Chief Executive enables him to represent the interests of Grace Baptist Churches.

#### **GRANT MAKING POLICY**

Grants are made to churches and individuals under the terms of the various funds administered by the Corporation. In the case of the Pastors' Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Ministers' Aid Fund, grants are made directly to individuals to relieve financial hardship. In the case of the B A Warburton Memorial Fund, grants are made directly to individuals who are preparing for the Ministry to assist them with the costs of their training. In the case of institutional grants, the grants are made to churches to assist with the costs of church planting, building work and maintenance projects. The Directors consider that training men for the Ministry and assisting churches to plant further churches and assisting them with their building and maintenance projects will help them to fulfil their ministries. This will lead to the advancement of the Christian Religion, which itself is the legal objective of the Corporation.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities reveals a surplus for the year of £620,509 (2018: a deficit of £229,396). However, of this amount, the sum of £408,545 represents a gain in the value of the Corporation's investments. This gain overturned a loss of £265,316 that had occurred towards the end of 2018 but that was reversed in the early months of 2019. The surplus for the year also includes the sum of £91,760 which was received from the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia) for the support of the churches in Brockley and Otley. These funds had previously been held by the Association but their committee considered that the Corporation would be able to administer the funds more effectively. Additionally, the sum of £86,736 was received following the sale of Hope Chapel, Rochdale and this has been allocated as a restricted fund facilitating construction costs - as stated in the chapel's Trust Deed.

Principal funding sources have been donations from supporting churches and personal members, and interest and dividends arising from the Corporation's investments. A significant proportion of the Corporation's income and expenditure relates to the Gift Aid Scheme under which donors choose to support the ministry of particular churches or other charitable activities that are in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Corporation. During the year income amounted to £277,659 (2018: £290,352) and disbursements to £273,815 (2018: £283,873). The income yield achieved on the Corporation's portfolio of investments was 3.1% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 14.0% against the benchmark of 15.6%.

The Corporation does not commit itself to supporting projects beyond the limits of funds that are available, and therefore the Directors confirm that the assets in each of the funds are sufficient to enable the Corporation to meet its obligations under those funds as they fall due. The financial position as at 31 December 2019 was considered satisfactory for the purposes of the continuing work of the Corporation.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Following a period of considerable advance in the ministry of the Corporation, with a number of initiatives underway but not yet completed, the Directors decided that a period of consolidation was necessary before further initiatives were considered. They adopted a Strategic Plan entitled "Consolidating our Position" to ensure that existing initiatives are completed satisfactorily and that future opportunities are seized when the time is right and this will continue to influence decision-making in the forthcoming year. In 2017 two new funds entitled "Vision and Venture" and "Incidental Projects" were established using the proceeds arising from the sale of the chapel in Brighton. Since then, much preliminary work has been done to replant a church in that city. A "church planter" commenced work at the beginning of 2020 with a view to forming a team of volunteers seeking to establish a new church there. Additionally, investigations are underway concerning the possibility of a church plant in Haslemere.

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#### **INVESTMENTS**

The Corporation's Articles of Association authorise the Directors to invest funds not immediately required for its purposes in such investments as may for the time being be prescribed by law. All such funds are invested in the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund, which is managed by Fund Managers, Quilter Cheviot Limited, to achieve a robust income yield coupled with long-term capital growth as an inflationary hedge. Investment performance is governed by the Trustees' acceptance of a cautious to moderate level of risk and their adoption of an ethical stance that prevents investment in sectors covering alcohol, gambling, pornography, tobacco and credit institutions that apply extortionate and exorbitant lending principles.

The Trustees and Fund Managers had previously agreed a target asset allocation of fixed interest stocks, gilts and corporate bonds (45%), equities and structured investments (45%), and property (10%) that is designed to achieve these objectives although these percentages are to be reviewed in the near future. In the absence of a suitable standard benchmark that equates to the requirements of the Corporation, the Trustees and Fund Managers have formulated a specialist benchmark against which the performance of the fund is to be monitored. The income yield achieved on the Corporation's portfolio of investments was 3.1% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 14.0% against the benchmark of 15.6%. Your attention is drawn to the financial review.

#### TRUST FUNDS

The Corporation acts as a Trustee for a range of small charities and charitable funds under the terms of Charity Commission schemes, trust deeds, wills or other instruments. The objects of these trusts fall within the chief objective of the Corporation and further details are given on pages 47 to 49. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 47 is a consolidated summary of the accounts of the charitable trusts that are listed on pages 48 and 49. Separate accounts are maintained for each of the trusts and returns are made to the Charity Commission where appropriate. The Corporation administers the funds of the trusts by investing the capital in the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund. The funds of the trusts are kept apart from those of the Corporation by means of separate accounting records, bank accounts, and investments. Investment in the Common Investment Fund is on a unitised basis.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

The Corporation does not engage in fundraising activities.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Directors review the risks to which the Corporation is exposed on an annual basis and they confirm that systems are in place to manage the risks that have been identified.

The principal risks facing the Corporation are:

- The lack of voluntary donations to finance the Corporation's operating costs. Owing to the
  professional nature of the services provided to the churches most church members find it
  difficult to identify the benefits that are provided and are therefore not inclined to support the
  work. A reasonable level of reserves is maintained to mitigate this risk.
- A lack of comprehensive internal control systems owing to there being only two members of staff in the office. All the financial controls that would be expected are in place, and a member of the Board of Directors, who is a Chartered Accountant, visits the office to inspect the financial records on a regular basis. These controls are reviewed annually.
- The loss of the Chief Executive. The risk has been mitigated by the appointment of a Personal Assistant to work closely with him, and by the provision of medical insurance to facilitate the provision of prompt treatment in the event of a debilitating illness.
- The total loss of the office and office records through a major disaster. Whilst the probability of this risk is minimal, its effect would be very severe. This risk has been mitigated by the formulation of a disaster recovery plan, which is reviewed annually.

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#### RESERVES POLICY

The total funds held by the Corporation at the year-end amounted to £5,754,241 of which £226,761 represented Endowment Funds and £619,123 which represented Restricted Funds which may only be spent in accordance with the wishes of the donors. Your attention is drawn to notes 19 and 26.3.

Designated Funds comprise unrestricted funds received by the Corporation following the disposal of redundant chapels. There are three sub-classifications within Designated Funds. The Support Fund has been set aside by the directors in order to provide support to churches that are undertaking significant maintenance projects and to support the ministry of the Corporation, as necessary. This stood at £1,085,884 at the year-end and this is not considered to be excessive in view of the possibilities that could arise for utilising these funds in the future. The Vision and Venture Fund (primarily designated for church planting projects) amounted to £3,311,856 and will be utilised as opportunities arise. By their nature these will be long term projects as it may take between five and ten years for a new church to become fully self-supporting. The Incidental Projects Fund (used to support miscellaneous projects as they arise) stood at £186,082.

As stated in note 26.1 it is the desire of the directors that the costs of running the Corporation will be met out of membership subscriptions, voluntary donations, professional services and investment income arising from General Fund reserves. The income arising from these sources is volatile and currently falls significantly short of the sum required. Efforts are being made to increase the level of income but at present the directors consider that a level of reserves must be maintained that is sufficient to cover such deficits in order to sustain the work, not only in the immediate future but also for several years ahead.

The Directors review the situation on an annual basis and at the last review, conducted in December 2019, considered that the remaining free reserves, which amounted to £324,535 at the year-end, must be maintained at their current level. They consider that, in the event of a sudden and substantial fall in the Corporation's income, the sum of approximately £275,000 is required to cover two years' expenditure to enable all projects in hand to be completed, to enable the considerable number of trusteeships of properties and Trust Funds currently held by the Corporation to be transferred to another Trust Corporation, and to enable alternative arrangements to be put in place for the continuance of the wide range of support ministries currently being undertaken by the Corporation.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

There were no significant changes in fixed assets during the year.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Directors have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit. They confirm that the chief objective of the Corporation is the advancement of the Christian religion (which is a charitable purpose under law) and that the Corporation provides public benefit by offering professional and trustee services – including the provision of advice and information – free of charge to Particular Baptist Churches practising Strict Communion. Grants and loans are also made available to such churches. Additionally, grants are paid from various Endowment Funds to the members of those churches where they qualify under the terms of the trusts of the funds.

#### REMUNERATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Directors to remunerate staff at a level which recognises the Biblical principle that the labourer is worthy of his hire. Where it is appropriate to do so, the Board determines the level of salaries by reference to the "going rate for the job". Where there is no meaningful comparison — and specifically so far as the Chief Executive is concerned — Board Members are guided by reference to the salary that an employee might command in the open market. Alongside this, and in both cases, due consideration is given to the level of stipends that churches served by the Corporation are able to pay and the financial resources that are available within the Corporation. Salaries are reviewed on an annual basis, either at an Officers' Meeting or by the Executive Committee and a recommendation is submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at their meeting in December.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and was approved by the Board of Directors on 2 March 2020.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Grace Baptist Trust Corporation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, summary income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties
  that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern
  basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial
  statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Chairman's and Director's report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit or
- the trustees' were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4 the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew Skilton, Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Brewers Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

Bourne House Queen Street Gomshall Surrey GU5 9LY

5 March 2020

# GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	ι	Jnrestricted Funds General	Unrestricted Funds Designated	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments fro	om:						
Donations and Legacies		9,614	34,364	95,877	172	140,027	49,947
Charitable Activities		16,888	5,963	277,659		300,510	298,498
Investments		11,361	102,373	7,872	-	121,606	119,035
Other			-	86,736	-	86,736	-
Total	4	37,863	142,700	468,144	172	648,879	467,480
Expenditure on:							
Charitable Activities		136,960	12,522	287,433	-	436,915	431,560
Total	5	136,960	12,522	287,433		436,915	431,560
(Losses) / Gains on Investm	ents	24,916	364,496		19,133	408,545	(265,316)
Net Income / (Expenditure)		(74,181)	494,674	180,711	19,305	620,509	(229,396)
Transfers between Funds	19	136,112	(130,000)	(6,112)	-		
Net Movement in Funds		61,931	364,674	174,599	19,305	620,509	(229,396)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds brought forward as at 1 January 2019		262,604	4,219,148	444,524	207,456	5,133,732	5,363,128
Total Funds carried forward as at 31 December 2019	19	324,535	4,583,822	619,123	226,761	5,754,241	5,133,732

Your attention is drawn to note 31 showing comparative figures for the previous year

#### SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Total Income		648,707	467,270
Total Expenditure		436,915	431,560
		211,792	35,710
Surplus on Disposal of Investments		<u> </u>	<u>~</u>
Surplus on Ordinary Activities	20	211,792	35,710
Net Income for the Year		211,792	35,710

The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 12 which, together with the notes to the accounts on pages 16 to 34, provide full information on the movements during the year on all the funds of the Corporation.

#### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

		2	019		2018
Fixed Assets:	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	21				_
Investments	22		4,304,169		3,895,452
Total Fixed Assets			4,304,169		3,895,452
Current Assets: Debtors (falling due after one year)	23	13,474		18,974	
Debtors (falling due within one year)	23	5,236		31,955	
		18,710		50,929	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1,440,711		<u>1,196,471</u>	
Total Current Assets		1,459,421		1,247,400	
Liabilities:					
Creditors (falling due within one year)	24	_(9,349)		(9,120)	
Net Current Assets			1,450,072		1,238,280
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>			5,754,241		5,133,732
Total Net Assets	25		5,754,241		5,133,732
The Funds of the Charity:					
Endowment Funds			226,761		207,456
Restricted Income Funds			619,123		444,524
Unrestricted Funds:					
Designated Funds		4,583,822		4,219,148	
General Funds		<u>324,535</u>		<u>262,604</u>	
Total Unrestricted Funds			4,908,357		4,481,752
Total Charity Funds	26		5,754,241		5,133,732

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102. The Company is limited by guarantee. The Registration Number of the Company is 592488.

The Balance Sheet and the Accounts on pages 12 to 34 were approved by the Board of Directors on 2 March 2020.

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## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019		2	018
	£	£	£	£
Net Income / (Expenditure) for the Year: As per Statement of Financial Activities		620,509		(229,396)
Adjustments for: (Gains) / Losses on Investments Dividends and Interest from Investments Loans made in furtherance of objects Repayment of loans made in furtherance of objects (Increase) / Decrease in Debtors Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors  Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(408,545) (121,606) (7,575) 39,794 - 229	(497,703)	265,316 (119,035) (7,693) 12,000 (649) 306	<u>150,245</u>
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	S	122,806		(79,151)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities Dividends and Interest from Investments Purchase of Investments Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Investing Activities	121,606 (172)	121,434	119,035 (210)	118,825
Increase / (Decrease) during the Year		244,240		39,674
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 January 2019		1,196,471		1,156,797
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 31 December 20	019	1,440,711		1,196,471
Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash in Hand Notice Deposits (less than three months) Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		68 <u>1,440,643</u> 1,440,711		106 <u>1,196,365</u> <u>1,196,471</u>

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1. CONSTITUTION

1.1 The Grace Baptist Trust Corporation is registered in England as a Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital (Registration Number 592488). The Corporation is also registered as a Charity (Registration Number 251675), and is recognised as a Trust Corporation under section 3(i) of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926. The Corporation is governed by its Articles of Association.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 2.1 Accounting Standards and Conventions

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, and are in accordance with the requirements of the Corporation's Articles of Association (dated 24th April 2010), the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (2015), and the Financial Reporting Standard "FRS 102". The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there is sufficient demand for the services provided by the Corporation and sufficient resources to provide those services. The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties in this regard.

#### 2.2 Public Benefit Entity

The Corporation is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS 102.

#### 2.3 Income

Income is defined as the inflow of economic benefits arising from the activities undertaken by the Corporation and is accounted for (gross) on a receivable basis. Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Corporation has acquired a right to the resource, when it is probable that it will be received, and when its monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are accounted for upon receipt as the Corporation does not receive gifts that are subject to performance related conditions. Membership subscriptions are in the nature of gifts and are therefore treated as donations.

Legacies are recognised when it is probable that the bequest will be received - once the executors have confirmed: that the Corporation is entitled to the bequest; that probate has been granted; that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy; and once the amount can be determined with sufficient reliability. When the amount cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, the legacy is accounted for as a contingent asset.

Interest Receivable from bank deposits and concessionary loans, and Dividends received from the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund, are recognised on a receivable basis at transaction value. Income from Professional Services is accounted for upon service delivery at transaction value.

Income arising from assets held in a particular fund forms part of that fund with the exception of income arising from Endowment Funds which is treated as Restricted Income.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is defined as the amount of resources that have been utilised on activities undertaken by the Corporation and is accounted for gross (inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered) on an accruals basis. Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured with sufficient reliability. Legal obligations arise under exchange transactions that are contractual whereas constructive obligations arise under non-exchange transactions such as grants.

Unconditional Grants are accounted for as expenditure when the offer of a specific monetary amount is conveyed to the recipient and it is probable that the payment will be made. Grants that are subject to conditions are accounted for as expenditure when the conditions fall outside the control of the Corporation and it is more likely than not that the payment will be made – in which case a liability for the full funding obligation is recognised. If an offer of a grant has been made, but payment becomes unlikely, albeit still possible, the funding commitment is disclosed as a contingent liability.

#### 2.5 Classification of Income and Expenditure

Charitable Activities comprise the income and expenditure that relates directly to the Charitable Activities of the Corporation. These include the advice given to churches and their members, the administration of the gift aid scheme, the provision of trusteeship services, the administration of trust funds, and certain professional services for which a charge is made.

Governance Costs are those costs associated with the general management of the Corporation as the trustees ensure compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. They include the costs of preparing for, and holding, trustees' meetings, the cost of preparing statutory accounts and annual returns, and the cost of the annual audit.

Shared Costs are those which contribute directly to more than one activity, such as staff costs where members of staff are involved in more than one activity.

Support Costs are those costs which facilitate a number of activities and which do not change directly as a result of the activity undertaken, such as office and premises costs. Governance Costs are treated as a category within Support Costs.

#### 2.6 Allocation of Costs

Expenditure that relates directly to one activity category is allocated in full to that activity.

Expenditure that relates to a number of activity categories is apportioned according to the approximate amount of time spent on each activity, as follows:

Staff Benefits are allocated: Charitable Activities 90% and Governance Costs 10%.

Fixed Office Costs are allocated: Support Costs 90% and Governance Costs 10%.

Thereafter, Shared Costs (which contribute to more than one Charitable Activity) and Support Costs (which are not attributable to one single Charitable Activity) are apportioned according to the approximate amount of time spent on each activity, as follows: Advisory Services 70%, the Gift Aid Scheme 10%, and Professional Services 20%.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 2.7 Capitalisation of Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recognised when an asset is controlled by the Corporation as a result of a past transaction and it is probable that future economic benefits will accrue from it. Expenditure in excess of £500 on the acquisition and installation of fixed assets is capitalised at historical cost. Fixed Assets received by way of gift are capitalised and included in income at their fair value (that is, the amount at which they could be exchanged by willing parties in an arm's length transaction).

#### 2.8 Depreciation

Fixtures and Fittings, and Office Equipment

Provision for depreciation is made at rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets, less any residual value, over their useful lives as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings Straight Line Method 10 Years Office Equipment Straight Line Method 3 Years

Whilst it is considered that the assets of the Corporation are unlikely to become impaired, any asset that is found to have a net book value higher than its net realisable value or its value in use is written down to the higher of those values.

#### 2.9 Gains and Losses on Tangible Fixed Assets held for the Corporation's own use A surplus arising on the disposal of fixed assets is included in the Income and Expenditure

A surplus arising on the disposal of fixed assets is included in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Financial Activities as a realised gain on the disposal of fixed assets.

Impairment losses or deficits arising on the disposal of fixed assets are included in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Financial Activities as an additional depreciation charge.

Realised gains and losses arising on the disposal of fixed assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund.

The Corporation does not have a policy of revaluing Tangible Fixed Assets.

#### 2.10 Investments

Fixed Asset Investments represent investments in the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund and are included in the Balance Sheet at fair value based on the price of units. The surplus or deficit arising on revaluation is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (under "Gains/Losses on Investments"). The surplus or deficit arising on disposal is included in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Financial Activities (under "Gains/Losses on Investments").

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investment assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund.

#### 2.11 Pension Scheme

The Corporation contributes to employees' Personal Pension Plans on a defined contribution basis. Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable and allocated within Staff Benefits (see note 2.6).

#### 2.12 Financial Instruments

The Corporation's Financial Assets and Liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments and as such are initially recognised at cash, transaction, or settlement value. Subsequently, Current Assets and Liabilities are measured at cash or settlement value and Fixed Asset Investments are measured at fair value based on the price of units in the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### 2.13 Debtors

Debtors are stated at their recoverable amount - that is, the amount that it is anticipated will be received in respect of outstanding loans or other debts, or the amount that has been paid in advance for goods and services.

Loans to churches (see note 23) are concessionary loans which are made to assist with the acquisition, renovation, or maintenance of properties and are offered at rates of interest that are significantly below the market rate (usually "interest-free"). Loan repayments fall due in either 20 or 40 equal instalments over a period of ten years and are guaranteed by three individuals who act as guarantors. Loans are recognised at the amount initially lent, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect the repayments made.

#### 2.14 Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation arising 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 with sufficient reliability. Creditors are stated at their settlement amount - that is, the amount that it is anticipated will be paid to settle the Corporation's liabilities.

#### 2.15 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes deposits with a short maturity of twelve months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

#### 2.16 Critical Accounting Judgements

In the application of the accounting policies listed above, the Directors are required to make judgements and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Those assumptions, based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant, are reviewed on an on-going basis. In the view of the Directors there are no uncertainties that are likely to result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of those assets and liabilities in the forthcoming financial year.

#### 2.17 Presentation Currency

The accounts are denominated in £ sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Advisory Services £	Gift Aid Scheme £	Professional Services £	2019 £	2018 £
Governance Costs Office Expenses Property Expenses	15,646 10,425 <u>10,706</u> 36,777	2,236 1,489 <u>1,529</u> <u>5,254</u>	4,470 2,979 <u>3,059</u> 10,508	22,352 14,893 <u>15,294</u> <u>52,539</u>	21,585 19,230 11,694 52,509

Support Costs are apportioned over the activity categories to which they relate in proportion to the approximate amount of time spent on each activity, as follows:

Advisory Services	70%
Gift Aid Scheme	10%
Professional Services	20%

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### 4. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	2018 £
Donations and Legacies Subscriptions and Donations Legacies	6	8,614 1,000 9,614	34,364	95,877	172	139,027 1,000	49,947
Charitable Activities		9,014	34,364	95,877	172	140,027	49,947
Gift Aid Scheme Professional Services	7 8	16,888 16,888	5,963 5,963	277,659 <u>-</u> <u>277,659</u>		277,659 22,851 300,510	290,352 <u>8,146</u> <u>298,498</u>
Investments Interest Receivable Investment Income	9 10	4,363 <u>6,998</u> <u>11,361</u>	102,373 102,373	2,495 5,377 7,872		6,858 114,748 121,606	4,676 114,359 119,035
Other Incoming Resources Trust Income	11			86,736		86,736	
Total Income and Endowment	S	<u>37,863</u>	142,700	468,144	172	648,879	467,480

#### 5. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	2019 £	2018 £
Charitable Activities							
Advisory Services	12	95,872		_	_	95,872	93,331
Benevolent Payments	13	-	-	3,250	_	3.250	3,900
Chapel Projects	14		-	_		-	0,000
Educational Support	15	-	_			_	750
Gift Aid Scheme	16	13,696	_	273,815		287,511	297,206
Ministry Support	17	-	11,045	10,368		21,413	8,231
Professional Services	18	27,392	1,477	-	=	28,869	28,142
Total Expenditure		136,960	12,522	287,433		436,915	431,560

Your attention is drawn to notes 32 and 33 showing comparative figures for the previous year

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### (Continued)

		2019 £	2018 £
6.	SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS		
	Churches Individuals Subscriptions Charities	43,619 2,928 720 <u>91,760</u> 139,027	38,342 3,155 730 <u>7,720</u> 49,947
7.	GIFT AID SCHEME		
	Donations	277,659	290,352
8.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
	Services Rendered in Connection with Trust Fund Administration Services Rendered in Connection with the Sale of Redundant Chapel Other Services Rendered	3,787 s 13,101 <u>5,963</u> <u>22,851</u>	2,134 - 6,012 8,146
9.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
	Bank Deposits	6,858	<u>4,676</u>
10.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	Unlisted Investments - GBTC Common Investment Fund	114,748	114,359
11.	TRUST INCOME		
	Proceeds from Sale of Redundant Chapels	86,736	

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

(Continued)

		Direct Costs £	Grants £	Support Costs £	2019 £	2018 £
12.	ADVISORY SERVICES					
	Providing Advice and Information to Churches	<u>59,095</u>		<u>36,777</u>	95,872	93,331
13.	BENEVOLENT PAYMENTS					
	Grants are made to Individua	als				
	Benevolent Fund Ministers' Aid Fund The Pastors' Fund	===	750 2,500 3,250	=	750 2,500 3,250	1,500 2,400 3,900
14.	CHAPEL PROJECTS					
	Grants are made to Churche	s				
	Construction and Maintenance Projects					
15.	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT					
	Grants are made to Individua	als				
	B A Warburton Memorial Fur	nd				750
16.	GIFT AID SCHEME					
	Administration Disbursements	8,442 <u>273,815</u> <u>282,257</u>	<u>=</u>	5,254 	13,696 <u>273,815</u> <u>287,511</u>	13,333 283,873 297,206
17.	MINISTRY SUPPORT					
	Church Projects	21,413			21,413	8,231
18.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3				
	Services Rendered in Further of Charitable Objects	rance 18,361		10,508	28,869	<u>28,142</u>

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### 19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Losses)	Balance 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds General Fund	262,604	<u>37,863</u>	136,960	136,112	<u>24,916</u>	324,535
Designated Funds Support Fund Vision and Venture Incidental Projects	1,086,698 2,964,876 167,574 4,219,148	61,535 77,107 4,058 142,700	7,857 4,665 	(130,000) (130,000)	75,508 274,538 <u>14,450</u> 364,496	1,085,884 3,311,856 <u>186,082</u> 4,583,822
Restricted Funds Gift Aid Donations Brockley Fund Brooke Fund General Building Fund Halifax Building Fund Hastead Fund Haslemere Fund Otley Fund Stoke Golding Fund B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund	8,871 - 2,448 29,206 134,319 5,972 17,406 - 189,923 588 781 179 54,831 444,524	277,659 34,858 30 86,736 832 3,000 - 57,145 1,177 184 533 51 5,939 468,144	273,815 - 2,478 - 1,036 6,854 750 - 2,500 287,433	(5,556) (556) (556)		7,159 34,858 115,942 135,151 7,936 9,996 57,145 191,100 772 564 230
Endowment Funds B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund Loan Fund	6,233 12,145 1,755 162,323 _25,000 207,456	172		:	654 1,271 184 17,024 - 19,133	6,887 13,588 1,939 179,347 _25,000 226,761
TOTAL FUNDS	5,133,732	648,879	436,915		408,545	5,754,241

The transfer from Restricted Funds to the General Fund represents the fee charged by the Corporation for administering the Gift Aid Scheme and a charge to recover the direct costs incurred in the oversight of the chapel in Haslemere. The transfer from Designated Funds to the General Fund represents an adjustment offsetting the shortfall between General Fund income and expenditure in 2019 and an additional amount to cover refurbishment costs in 2020.

Designated Funds will be utilised as the need arises but church planting projects are, by their nature, long term projects as it may take between five and ten years for a new church to become fully self-supporting.

The balance of Gift Aid Donations will be disbursed in accordance with the wishes of the donors in the forthcoming financial year and the balances in the Brockley, Halstead, Otley and Stoke Golding funds will be dispersed as the need arises to support the ministry in those causes. Similarly, the amounts designated "Building Fund" will be utilised once suitable building projects have been commenced. The Haslemere Fund represents income and expenditure relating to the oversight of that chapel. Grants will be made from the B A Warburton Memorial Fund, the Ministers' Aid Fund, the Benevolent Fund, and the Pastors' Fund as the need arises.

Your attention is drawn to note 34 showing comparative figures for the previous year.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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20.	NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
	ME INSOME / (EXI ENDITORE) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2019	2018
	This is stated after crediting and charging the following amounts:	£	£
	After Crediting: Interest Receivable Investment Income	6,858 114,748	4,676 114,359
	After Charging: Audit Fee Pension Fund Contributions Rent	7,186 9,998 9,750	6,980 9,701 9,750
			-
21.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures Fittings and Equipment	Total
	Cost	£	£
	Balance as at 1 January 2019 Additions Disposals	14,984 - -	14,984 - -
	Balance as at 31 December 2019	14,984	14,984
	Accumulated Depreciation Balance as at 1 January 2019 Charge for year Eliminated in respect of Disposals Balance as at 31 December 2019	14,984 - - 14,984	14,984 - - 14,984
	Net Book Value as at 31 December 2019		
	Net Book Value as at 31 December 2018		

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

(Continued)

#### 22. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Unlisted Investments:	2019	2018	2019	2018
	Cost	Cost	Valuation	Valuation
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	3,829,947	3,829,737	3,895,452	4,160,558
Additions	172	210	172	210
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Investment Gains/(Losses)	-	-	408,545	(265,316)
At 31 December 2019	3,830,119	3,829,947	4,304,169	3,895,452

The investments listed above are held primarily to provide an income and consist of units held in the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund, by the following funds:

General Fund	156,503	Unite	197,163	197,163	262 405	007.500
	· ·				262,485	237,569
Support Fund	474,288	Units	591,509	591,509	795,470	719,962
Vision and Venture	1,724,451	Units	2,728,673	2,728,673	2,892,230	2,617,691
Incidental Projects	90,761	Units	143,614	143,614	152,223	137,774
B A Warburton Fund	4,106	Units	4,808	4,808	6,887	6,233
Ministers' Aid Fund	8,102	Units	10,596	10,424	13,588	12,145
Benevolent Fund	1,156	Units	1,354	1,354	1,939	1,755
The Pastors' Fund	106,933	Units	152,402	152,402	179,347	162,323
			3,830,119	3,829,947	4,304,169	3,895,452

#### 23. DEBTORS

	Due after one year	Due within one year	2019 £	2018 £
Loans to Churches Prepayments and Accrued Income Other Debtors	13,000 - 474	3,000 2,236	16,000 2,236 474	41,000 2,236 7,693
	13,474	5,236	18,710	50,929

Loans to churches are concessionary loans which are made to assist with the acquisition, renovation, or maintenance of properties and are offered at rates of interest that are significantly below the market rate (usually "interest-free"). Loan repayments fall due in either 20 or 40 equal instalments over a period of ten years and are guaranteed by three individuals who act as guarantors.

#### 24. CREDITORS

	2019	2018
Due within one year	L	Ł
Taxation and Social Security Costs	1,974	1,996
Accruals and Deferred Income	<u>7,375</u>	7,124
	<u>9,349</u>	9,120

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## 25. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted Funds			~	_	L
General Fund		262,485	71,399	(9,349)	324,535
Designated Funds Support Fund Vision and Venture Incidental Projects		795,470 2,892,230 152,223	290,414 419,626 _33,859	:	1,085,884 3,311,856 186,082
		3,839,923	743,899	-	4,583,822
Restricted Funds					
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	7,159	·=	7,159
Brockley Fund			34,858	-	34,858
General Building Fund	-	-	115,942	-	115,942
Halifax Building Fund Halstead Fund	-	-	135,151	-	135,151
Haslemere Fund	-	-	7,936	( <del>=</del> )	7,936
Otley Fund	-		9,996	-	9,996
Stoke Golding Fund			57,145 191,100	-	57,145
B A Warburton Memorial Fu	nd -		772	-	191,100 772
Ministers' Aid Fund	-		564		564
Benevolent Fund	_		230	_	230
The Pastors' Fund		_	58,270		58,270
	-		619,123		619,123
Endowment Funds					
B A Warburton Memorial Fu	nd -	6,887		_	6,887
Ministers' Aid Fund		13,588	_	_	13,588
Benevolent Fund	-	1,939	_		1,939
The Pastors' Fund	-	179,347	-	-	179,347
Loan Fund	-		25,000	-	25,000
	-	201,761	25,000	<del></del>	<u>226,761</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		1,304,169	,459,421	(9,349)	5,754,241

Your attention is drawn to note 35 showing comparative figures for the previous year.

#### 26. DETAILS OF FUNDS

#### 26.1 General Funds

General Funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation. It is the desire of the directors that the costs of running the Corporation will be met out of membership subscriptions, voluntary donations, professional services and investment income arising from General Fund reserves.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### 26. DETAILS OF FUNDS (Continued)

#### 26.2 Designated Funds

Designated Funds comprise unrestricted funds received by the Corporation following the disposal of redundant chapels. The Support Fund has been set aside by the directors in order to provide support to churches that are undertaking significant maintenance projects and are utilised as the need arises within individual local churches. In addition a transfer is made to the General Fund, as necessary. The Vision and Venture Fund was established following the sale of the chapel in Brighton with the primary intention of supporting church-planting projects. Such projects are, by their nature, long term as it may take between five and ten years for a new church to become fully self-supporting. Similarly, the Incidental Projects Fund was established to support miscellaneous church projects. The funds will be utilised as opportunities arise and so, for the reasons given, it is not possible to state when it is anticipated that expenditure will be incurred.

#### 26.3 Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds consist of income arising from the Corporation's Endowment Funds, (see 26.4), which is available for distribution, donations which have been given to support the ministry of specific churches, and donations given under the Corporation's Gift Aid Scheme. These donations are distributed to local churches, missionary societies, and other charitable causes that further the aims of the Corporation in accordance with the instructions of the donors.

#### 26.4 Endowment Funds

#### The Pastors' Fund

The Pastors' Fund was established in 2010 following the closure of the Strict Baptist Trust and the Strict Baptist Pension Fund under the provisions of section 74 of the Charities Act 1993. The permanent endowment of those charities has now become the permanent endowment of the Corporation. Income arising from the Pastors' Fund Endowment is included in Restricted Funds and is used to pay grants to Strict Baptist pastors, whether currently serving or retired.

#### B A Warburton Memorial Fund

The B A Warburton Memorial Fund was established in 1963. Desiring to encourage the training of men among Strict Baptist churches who planned to enter the Ministry, the members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Brighton collected funds in memory of their late pastor, Benjamin A Warburton. The objects of the Trust are:

- To render assistance to men who, following a definite and clear call by the Holy Spirit to the ministry of the Gospel, seek to study and apply all diligence to the duty set before them.
- To keep the fund separate and distinct from all other Corporation funds.
- To seek further donations in order to build up the capital, and to invest the same.
- To distribute the dividends in accordance with the purposes of the fund.

#### Ministers' Aid Fund

The Ministers' Aid Fund was established in 1917 to provide temporary or permanent financial assistance to ministers connected with the Strict and Particular Baptist denomination and the income is available for distribution. Under the terms of the trust:

- "Ministers" are defined as pastors or ex pastors of such churches or persons who have for a
  period of three years or upwards regularly engaged in preaching the Gospel in churches of
  the denomination whether continuing to do so or not.
- The Trustees (Grace Baptist Trust Corporation) shall and will stand possessed of the sum representing the Fund, and any further sums of money that may be added to it, to be held upon the trusts declared.
- All securities and income belonging to the fund are to be kept separate from other securities and money.
- 50% of additions to the fund are to be added to capital, and 50% distributed as income.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 26. DETAILS OF FUNDS (Continued)

#### 26.4 Endowment Funds (Continued)

#### Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund was established in 1923 for the temporary or permanent benefit of needy persons connected with the Strict and Particular Baptist denomination whether such persons are pastors, itinerant ministers, members or regular attendees at any church in the denomination or the children of any such persons. Under the terms of the trust:

- The Trustees (Grace Baptist Trust Corporation) shall and will stand possessed of the sum representing the Fund, and any further sums of money that may be added to it, to be held upon the trusts declared.
- All securities and income belonging to the fund are to be kept separate from other securities and money.
- 50% of additions to the fund are to be added to capital, and 50% distributed as income.

#### Loan Fund

The Loan Fund was established by a Trust Deed dated 16 April 1912. Under the terms of the trust:

- The Trustees (Grace Baptist Trust Corporation) are to stand possessed of One Thousand Pounds representing the fund, and any further sums of money that may at any time come into their hands as additions to the fund.
- The funds are to be advanced by way of loan to the Trustees or members of any Strict and Particular Baptist Church in the United Kingdom for the purpose of acquiring or constructing land or buildings for use in connection with Strict and Particular Baptist Churches.
- Any sums not immediately required are to be placed on deposit or invested in such investments as Trustees are authorised to invest in by law.
- The income arising from any such investment is to be used for the General Purposes of the Corporation.
- All loans are to be Interest-free and repaid over a period of not more than ten years.

#### 27. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No members of the Board received any remuneration or other benefits during the year (2018: £0). Seven members claimed travelling expenses totalling £1,893 (2018: Eight members claimed £2,445).

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 28. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2019 £	2018 £
Total Payroll Costs comprised:		
Wages and Salaries Employers' NIC Other Benefits Other Pension Costs	66,638 5,412 11,753 <u>9,998</u> 93,801	64,491 5,018 10,590 <u>9,701</u> 89,800
Key Management Personnel Other Staff	70,388 <u>23,413</u> <u>93,801</u>	67,163 22,637 89,800

<sup>&</sup>quot;Key Management Personnel" is a term defining those individuals who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Corporation. This definition includes the Chief Executive and also the Directors although no member of the Board received any remuneration during the year (2018: £0).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in either year.

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2018:2)

The Corporation contributed to two employee's Personal Pension Plans during the year (2018:2). There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

#### 29. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

#### 29.1 Non-cancellable Operating Leases

The following payments fall due under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2019 £	2018 £
Expiring within 2 – 5 years	26,552	36,302

#### 29.2 Grant Funding

In accordance with the Ultimate Trust of the Trust Deed governing the proceeds from the sale of Providence Baptist Chapel, Slaithwaite, the funds have been committed for building work in Yorkshire – specifically for a new hall for Grace Baptist Church, Halifax. The funds amounting to £135,151 at the year-end are invested in a Charities Official Investment Fund Deposit Account (2018: £134,319).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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# 30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

30.1	Donations Received from Related Parties	£	2018 £
	Board of Directors Key Management Personnel	640 <u>70</u> <u>710</u>	640 <u>70</u> 710

# GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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# 31. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds General	Unrestricted Funds Designated	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	t Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	8,681		41,056	210	49,947
Charitable Activities	2,134	6,012	290,352	_	298,498
Investments	10,007	102,030	6,998		119,035
Other	-		<u>_</u>		<u>.</u>
Total	20,822	108,042	338,406	210	467,480
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	133,330	1,476	296,754		431,560
Total	133,330	_1,476	296,754		431,560
Gains on Investments	(16,181)	(236,706)		(12,429)	(265,316)
Net Income / (Expenditure)	(128,689)	(130,140)	41,652	(12,219)	(229,396)
Transfers between Funds	126,757	(120,000)	(6,757)		
Net Movement in Funds	(1,932)	(250,140)	34,895	(12,219)	(229,396)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds brought forward as at 1 January 2018	264,536	4,469,288	409,629	219,675	5,363,128
Total Funds carried forward as at 31 December 2018	262,604	4,219,148	444,524	207,456	5,133,732

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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# 32. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	2018 £
Donations and Legacies Subscriptions and Donations	8,681		41,056	210	49,947
Charitable Activities Gift Aid Scheme Professional Services	2,134 2,134	6,012 6,012	290,352 		290,352 8,146 
Investments Interest Receivable Investment Income	3,033 _6,974 _10,007	102,030 102,030	1,643 <u>5,355</u> <u>6,998</u>		4,676 114,359 119,035
Other Incoming Resources Trust Income		<u> </u>			
Total Income and Endowments	20,822	108,042	338,406	210	467,480

# 33. EXPENDITURE (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Charitable Activities Advisory Services	93,331		<u>.</u>		93,331
Benevolent Payments Educational Support	•		3,900 750		3,900 750
Gift Aid Scheme Ministry Support	13,333		283,873 8,231		297,206 8,231
Professional Services  Total Expenditure	26,666	1,476	-	_	28,142
Total Experienture	<u>133,330</u>	1,476	296,754	-	431,560

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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# 34. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Balance 1.1.18	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Losses)	Balance 31.12.18
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds General Fund	<u>264,536</u>	20,822	133,330	126,757	<u>(16,181)</u>	<u>262,604</u>
Designated Funds Support Fund Vision and Venture Incidental Projects	1,230,061 3,066,314 172,913 4,469,288	27,148 76,849 4,045 108,042	1,476 - - 1,476	(120,000) - - - (120,000)	(49,035) (178,287) (9,384) (236,706)	1,086,698 2,964,876 
Restricted Funds Gift Aid Donations Brooke Fund General Building Fund Halifax Building Fund Halstead Fund Haslemere Fund Stoke Golding Fund B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund	8,185 21,486 133,711 5,705 - 189,064 1,155 1,717 127 48,479 409,629	290,352 6,796 7,720 608 2,000 20,520 859 183 564 52 	283,874 4,348 - 1,733 2,149 - 750 1,500 - 2,400 296,754	(5,792) (965)		8,871 2,448 29,206 134,319 5,972 17,406 189,923 588 781 179 54,831 444,524
Endowment Funds B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund Loan Fund	6,658 12,765 1,874 173,378 _25,000 219,675	210 - - - 210			(425) (830) (119) (11,055) (12,429)	6,233 12,145 1,755 162,323 
TOTAL FUNDS	5,363,128	467,480	431,560		(265,316)	5,133,732

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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# 35. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted Funds General Fund	<u> </u>	237,569	<u>34,155</u>	(9,120)	262,604
Designated Funds Support Fund Vision and Venture Incidental Projects		719,962 2,617,691 <u>137,774</u> 3,475,427	366,736 347,185 <u>29,800</u> 743,721	-	1,086,698 2,964,876 167,574 4,219,148
Restricted Funds Gift Aid Donations Brooke Fund General Building Fund Halifax Building Fund Halstead Fund Haslemere Fund Stoke Golding Fund B A Warburton Memorial Fur Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund	- - - - - - nd - - - -		8,871 2,448 29,206 134,319 5,972 17,406 189,923 588 781 179 54,831 444,524		8,871 2,448 29,206 134,319 5,972 17,406 189,923 588 781 179 54,831 444,524
Endowment Funds B A Warburton Memorial Fun Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund Loan Fund	d - - - - - - -	6,233 12,145 1,755 162,323 	- - - - 25,000 25,000		6,233 12,145 1,755 162,323 25,000 207,456
TOTAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	,895,452 1	,247,400	(9,120)	5,133,732

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#### COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### CONSTITUTION

The Common Investment Fund was established by a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 27th August 1987.

The Fund invests capital on behalf of the Corporation and other Churches and Trust Funds of which the Corporation is a Trustee. The Directors of the Corporation act as Trustees of the Common Investment Fund.

#### MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have delegated the day-to-day management and administration of the fund to Fund Managers, Quilter Cheviot Limited.

#### **STRUCTURE**

The fund operates as a Unit Trust. The total fund is divided into units which are created or cancelled on the receipt of new funds or the redemption of holdings. At 31 December 2019 units totalled 5,132,874 (2018: 5,273,259) and were valued at £1.67718865 per unit (2018: £1.51798537), based on the portfolio of investments.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Approximately 50% of the total units are held by permanently endowed trust funds that demand a high level of income in the absence of any realistic opportunities for the utilisation of their capital. Consequently, the investment strategy of the fund is to achieve a robust income yield coupled with long-term capital growth as an inflationary hedge. Investment performance is governed by the Trustees' acceptance of a cautious to moderate level of risk and their adoption of an ethical stance that prevents investment in sectors covering alcohol, gambling, pornography, tobacco and credit institutions that apply extortionate and exorbitant lending principles.

The Trustees and Fund Managers had previously agreed a target asset allocation of fixed interest stocks, gilts and corporate bonds (45%), equities and structured investments (45%), and property (10%) that is designed to achieve these objectives although these percentages are due to be reviewed in the near future. In the absence of a suitable standard benchmark that equates to the requirements of the Corporation, the Trustees and Fund Managers have formulated a specialist benchmark against which the performance of the fund is to be monitored. The income yield achieved on the Corporation's portfolio of investments was 3.1% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 14.0% against the benchmark of 15.6%.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The Trustees are responsible for the approval of the Investment Strategy, which is agreed with the Fund Manager. The Trustees meet periodically to review the management of the funds and to confirm any policies required.

#### COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Common Investment Fund are required by the Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 27<sup>th</sup> August 1987, made under the Charities Act 1960, to prepare financial statements in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies that are appropriate for the Fund and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Follow the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds (2014).
- Prepare the financial statements on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Trustees are required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Scheme, maintain accounting records and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

P D Relf

K C W Wiltshire

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the statement of total return and the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties
  that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern
  basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial
  statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the Trustees other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 36 the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Brewers Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Bourne House Queen Street Gomshall Surrey GU5 9LY

5 March 2020

Brewers Chartered Accountants is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

# COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

#### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2	019		2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments during the Year	2		808,703		(550,426)
Gross Income	3	250,626		240,584	
Expenses	4	1,020		992	
Net Income			249,606		239,592
Total Return for the Year			1,058,309		(310,834)
Distributions	5		(229,388)		(234,820)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unit H Funds from Investment Activities	olders'		828,921		( <u>545,654</u> )

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN UNIT HOLDERS' FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes £	2019 £	£	2018 £
Net Assets as at 1 January 2019		8,004,730		8,559,680
Movement due to the Creation and Cancellation of Units				
Amounts Received on Creation of Un	its 9,7	47	11,510	
Amounts Paid on Cancellation of Unit	ts234,6	00	20,806	
		(224,853	)	(9,296)
Net Increase/(Decrease) In Unit Hold Funds from Investment Activities	ers'	828,921		(545,654)
Net Assets as at 31 December 2019		8,608,798		8,004,730

#### COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2	019		2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Portfolio of Investments			8,562,197		7,978,348
Current Assets Debtors Cash at Bank and in COIF	6 7	47,399 <u>207</u>		27,300 87	
Current Liabilities Creditors	8	47,606 <u>(1,005</u> )		27,387 (1,005)	
Net Current Assets	9		46,601		26,382
Net Assets			8,608,798		8,004,730
Unit Holders' Funds			<u>8,608,798</u>		8,004,730

The Financial Statements on pages 39-45 were approved by the Trustees on 2 March 2020.

P D Relf

K C W Wiltshire

#### **COMMON INVESTMENT FUND**

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Accounting Conventions

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and are in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds (2014).

#### 1.2 Dividends and Other Income

Dividends on ordinary stocks are credited to income when receivable. Interest on Government Stocks, Convertible Loan Stocks, and Bank Deposits is accrued on a daily basis.

#### 1.3 Distribution Policy

The Fund distributes, in full, the income that is accumulated between distribution dates.

#### 1.4 Investment Valuation

Investments are valued at the mid-market valuation at the close of business on the accounting date.

#### 1.5 Taxation

The Fund is exempt from UK Income and Capital Gains Tax due to its charitable status.

#### 1.6 Fund Management Expenses

Fund Management Expenses are charged against the Capital Value of the Fund.

#### 2. NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

The Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments during the year comprise:

	2019 £	2018 £
Proceeds from sale of investments sold during the year	1,180,771	1,837,182
Original cost of investments sold during the year Gains/(Losses) realised on investments sold during the year	<u>1,019,004</u> 161,767	<u>1,820,238</u> 16,944
Net Losses/(Gains) thereon already recognised in previous years	_(1,104)	<u>(25,507)</u>
Net unrealised appreciation for the year	160,663 704,532	(8,563) (484,881)
•	865,195	(493,444)
Fund Management Expenses Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	(56,492)	(56,982)
Net Gains/(Losses) on investments	808,703	(550,426)

#### 3. GROSS INCOME

	2019 £	2018 £
UK Equities	134.595	122,833
UK Fixed Interest	66,993	81,183
Overseas Equities	30,833	20,951
Overseas Fixed Interest	16,893	14,002
Interest on Deposits	1,312	1,615
	250,626	240,584

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4.	EXPENSES			
			2019 £	2018 £
	Audit Fee Bank Charges		960 <u>60</u> <u>1,020</u>	932 60 992
5.	DISTRIBUTIONS Distributions take account of income the cancellation of units.	ne received on the creation	of units and income de	educted on
	and danied and of arms.	Pence per Unit	2019 £	2018 £
	20 May 2019 20 November 2019	1.3840349 3.0873645	71,006 <u>158,382</u> <u>229,388</u>	79,741 155,079 234,820
6.	DEBTORS			
			2019 £	2018 £
	Amounts due from Fund Managers Accrued Income		$\frac{47,346}{\underline{53}}$ $\underline{47,399}$	26,793 <u>507</u> <u>27,300</u>
7.	CASH AT BANK AND IN COIF		2019	2018
	Cash at Bank (Income Funds)		£	£ 87
8.	CREDITORS			
			2019 £	2018 £
	Accruals		1,005	<u>1,005</u>

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#### 9. INCOME RESERVE

The income reserve represents the income received by the Fund since the last distribution date.

	2019 £	2018 £
Income Reserve as at 1 January 2019 Transfer to/(from) Income Reserve	26,382 20,219	21,610 4,772
Income Reserve as at 31 December 2019	46,601	26,382

#### 10. TRUSTEES

The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE PORTFOLIO

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

PURCHASES		COST
9,350 1,320 102,000 13,400 35,000 41,667 333,000	RSA Insurance Group Derwent London M & G Securities Ltd Optimal Income Pimco Global Advisors Irl Ltd International Public Partner Merian Chrysalis Inv Co BNY Mellon Fund Managers US Equity Income	50,089 50,808 149,074 180,364 55,994 50,000 <u>379,553</u> <u>915,882</u>
SALES		PROCEEDS
355,000 80,000 10,000 195,000	BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Allianz Global Investors GMBH Gilt Yield Sophos Group Kames Capital Property Income	396,535 150,104 57,079 <u>198,842</u> <u>802,560</u>

# COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

		ket Value t 31.12.19	% of total Portfolio
UNITED KINGDOM	Ł	£	
UK FIXED INTEREST			
Government Stock			
£130,000 Treasury 4.75% Stock 2020	132,909		
£135,000 Treasury 3.75% Gilt 2020 £170,000 Treasury 4% Gilt 2022	139,457		
2170,000 Treasury 476 Gill 2022	<u>184,973</u>	457 220	_
Other		457,339	5
223,500 Allianz Global Investors GMBH Gilt Yield	438,284		
428,486 Royal London Utm UK Gov Bond	428,143		
70,000 Ishares Ii Core UK Gilts Ucits Etf	965,790		
5,000 Ishares Ii I/L Gilts Ucits Etf 160,048 FIL Investment Services Fidelity Income	92,210		
293,355 M & G Securities Optimal Income	201,341 305,412		
480,000 M & G Securities Corporate Bond	203,520		
	200,020	2,634,700	31
UK EQUITIES			
25,300 BP	119,315		
10,120 Royal Dutch Shell 1,860 Rio Tinto	226,637		
1,700 Unilever	83,756 73,959		
5,150 Glaxosmithkline	91,619		
50,000 Barclays	89,820		
14,400 HSBC	85,234		
9,000 Aviva	37,683		
6,750 Prudential 3,500 BHP Group	97,808		
18,963 Smith (DS)	62,188 72,856		
3,000 Compass Group	56,700		
1,700 Astrazeneca	129,319		
2,000 Experian	51,040		
1,820 Persimmon	49,049		
1,300 Reckitt Benckiser Group 107,000 Lloyds	79,677		
8.000 Just Eat	66,875 66,784		
1,800 CRH	54,756		
2,600 Halma	55,016		
49,000 PRS REIT	45,080		
2,900 Relx	55,260		
3,000 Accesso Technology Group 450 Aveva Group	14,550		
24,000 Tesco	20,952 61,248		
3,500 Intermediate Capital Group	56,350		
690 London Stock Exchange	53,475		
3,100 Smiths Group	52,297		
18,100 Legal & General Group	54,843		
17,000 B & M European Value Retail 4,300 3i Group	69,632		
25,900 Taylor Wimpey	47,214 50,091		
1,000 Greggs	22,980		
13,500 Ascential	52,893		
9,350 RSA Insurance Group	52,884		
1,320 Derwent London 19,750 M & G	52,932		
2,300 Ashtead Group	46,847 55,522		
-, J. Oup	<u>55,522</u>	2,515,141	29
		2,010,141	25

# COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

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			ket Value t 31.12.19 £	% of total Portfolio
CASH B	ALANCES  Quilter Cheviot Investment Managers  COIF Charities Deposit Fund	37,362 106,562	143,924	<u>2</u> 67
EUROF	<u>PE</u>		5,751,104	67
117,000	S Blackrock Continental European Income Schroder Unit Trusts European Wells Fargo (Lux) Worldwide Fund	133,257 82,415 <u>155,594</u>	371,266	4
<u>USA</u>			371,200	4
6,400 84,000 4,250 333,000	KBI Dividend Plus North American Equity A Inc	107,155 183,120 115,303 391,741	797,319	9
FAR EA	<u>AST</u>		797,319	9
EQUITIE 17,500 3,800 85,000		36,948 37,810 <u>118,235</u>	402.002	
GLOBA	<u>L</u>		192,993	2
3,610 8,000		45,351 103,840	149,191	2
FIXED IN 36,400 50,112	TEREST Pimco Global Investment Grade Credit Hgd Instl AXA Investment Managers Short Duration High Yield	511,056 46,910	FF7.066	0
ALTER	NATIVE INVESTMENTS		557,966	6
35,000 41,667 315,000 20,900	International Public Partner Merian Chrysalis Inv Co Charities Property Fund BMO Fund Management Property	58,380 51,250 405,720 227,008		
PORTEO	LIO OF INVESTMENTS		742,358	9
	RENT ASSETS		8,562,197 46,601	99
NET ASS			8,608,798	100

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Receipts	2019 £	2018 £
Various Trusts	116,422	155,143
Payments		
Various Trusts	137,684	124,429
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(21,262)	30,714
Balances brought forward as at 1 January 2019	717,109	686,395
Balances carried forward as at 31 December 2019	695,847	717,109

The Corporation acts as a Trustee for the charitable trusts that are listed on pages 48 and 49 and the Receipts and Payments Account above is a consolidated summary of the accounts of these trusts. The accounts include both Capital and Revenue amounts. Separate accounts are maintained for each of the trusts and returns are made to the Charity Commission where appropriate. The Receipts and Payments Account and the investments held on behalf of the Trusts (see below) are kept separate from those of the Corporation and are not included in the accounts set out on pages 12 to 34.

#### Investments held on behalf of various trusts

Interest in Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund

£4,304,629

Further information about churches that we have been able to assist with support from the Trust Funds we administer is given on our website and paper copies are available, on request.

#### TRUST FUNDS

The following Chapel Trusts are administered by Order of the Charity Commission or by the terms of Trust Deeds. Churches qualified to benefit under the terms of the Trusts should communicate with the Chief Executive.

Dividends re the: -

**ALTON TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Hampshire, and adjoining counties of West and East Sussex, Surrey and Wiltshire.

AMERSHAM TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in Buckinghamshire.

BLACKBURN TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Lancashire.

BURNLEY TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels within a radius of 40 miles from Burnley.

COBHAM TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels within a radius of 12 miles of Cobham.

**CROYDON TRUST** towards the upkeep, extension or improvement of the buildings of Strict and Particular Baptist Churches.

**EDENBRIDGE TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Kent, Surrey, East and West Sussex.

**EPPING TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Essex within a radius of 25 miles of Epping.

**FENLAND CHURCHES TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

**FLECKNEY TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels with a preference for those in Leicestershire.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMBINED CHARITIES** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in the County of Gloucestershire and adjoining counties.

**HORLEY (LEE STREET) TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Surrey, Hampshire, West and East Sussex.

HORNSEY RISE TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in Middlesex and London.

**IVINGHOE TRUST** to Particular Baptist Chapels in the Counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire.

**LEE CLUMP TRUST** to Strict Baptist Chapels within 10 miles of the former Providence Baptist Chapel at Lee Clump.

MAIDSTONE (KING STREET) TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in the County of Kent.

MAIDSTONE (MOTE ROAD) TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels within 30 miles of Maidstone.

MARDEN TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Kent.

RUSHDEN TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels within 30 miles of Rushden.

**SLEAFORD TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Lincolnshire, and adjoining Counties of Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire.

SOUTHBOROUGH TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in Kent.

TONBRIDGE TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Kent.

#### TRUST FUNDS

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**UPPINGHAM TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels at Uppingham, Leicestershire and the surrounding area.

**WADDESDON HILL TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in the counties of Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

WARBLETON TRUST to Particular Baptist Chapels with a preference for those in East Sussex.

**WARRINGTON TRUST** to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in the counties of Cheshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cumbria and West Yorkshire.

WILTSHIRE TRUST to any Strict and Particular Baptist Chapel in the County of Wiltshire.

WISBECH MANSE TRUST for the benefit of chapels of the Strict Baptist denomination.

WRIGHT MEMORIAL to Particular Baptist churches in Lancashire and West Yorkshire.

Trust Funds relating to the following places or persons are administered as directed by the Charity Commission, or by the terms of trust deeds or wills: Balham, Bedworth Manse, Bermondsey Manse, Brentford, Broadstairs, Brockham, Brockley, Brockley Graveyard, Chaplin Legacy, Devizes, Grundisburgh Manse, Haworth — Hartley Trust, Haworth Manse, Ipswich Manse, Laxfield, Marden, Margate, Meopham Manse, Norris Legacy, Otley, Portsmouth Manse, Preston Settlement, Ramsey, St. Albans, Stoke Golding, Thornhill Manse, Two Waters, Wattisham, Wellingborough Manse, Wetherden Manse, Wimbledon.

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#### BASIS OF FAITH

- 1. The verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and that they are the sole, supreme, and all-sufficient authority in every matter of Christian faith and practice.
- 2. One living and only true God, subsisting in the Trinity of Three co-equal and co-eternal Persons the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; all infinite without beginning; the Father neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.
- 3. The Deity, eternal Sonship, and spotless humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth, crucifixion, death, and burial; His physical resurrection, and ascension into heaven.
- 4. The personal, eternal, and unconditional election of the Church in Christ unto everlasting salvation.
- 5. The Fall of mankind in Adam their federal head whose transgression is imputed to them, and from whom they derive a corrupt nature, thereby rendering them both unable and unwilling to meet the claims of God's righteous and holy law.
- 6. That though all men are rendered spiritually impotent by the Fall, they are none the less accountable to God for their sins, and they shall answer for the same in the day of judgement except they be granted repentance unto eternal life.
- 7. The special, particular, and eternal redemption from all sin, and the penal consequence thereof, of all God's elect, through the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8. The eternal and everlasting justification through faith of the elect and redeemed Church, by the blood and imputed righteousness of Christ, irrespective of any moral or spiritual works done by them either before or after regeneration.
- 9. The effectual calling of all the redeemed by the invincible power and grace of the Holy Spirit, according to the counsel of God's will, involving their regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through which the saints grow in grace perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.
- 10. The grace of faith whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls is the gift of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, Who convinces them of sin, works in them repentance unto life, and enables them to look to, receive, and rest upon the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
- 11. The final perseverance in the ways of God of all those who have been chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, so that they shall never perish, but have eternal life.
- 12. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, when the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal.
- 13. The duty and privilege of all true believers to profess their repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, by being baptized, that is, immersed in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, prior to becoming members of a Christian Church or partaking of the Lord's Supper.
- 14. The preaching of the Gospel to every creature as a divine command and solemn duty.
- 15. The necessity of a believer's life being consistent with the profession he makes.
- 16. The congregational order of the Churches.

#### **RULES**

#### (EXTRACTED FROM THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION)

- Every member of the Corporation shall be a member of one of the following classes, namely: -
  - (a) Ordinary Members. That is to say, members of a Particular Baptist Church practising Strict communion, who subscribe to the said Doctrinal Basis and who pay to the Corporation an annual subscription to be fixed from time to time by the Council.
  - (b) Delegate Members. That is to say, members being delegates nominated by a Particular Baptist Church practising Strict communion which adheres to the said Doctrinal Basis and makes an annual donation to the Corporation of not less than five pounds or of such other amounts as shall be fixed from time to time by the Council.

PROVIDED THAT Churches consisting of less than ten members shall be entitled to nominate one Delegate Member and that Churches consisting of ten or more members shall be entitled to nominate two Delegate Members, that Churches consisting of twenty or more members shall be entitled to nominate three Delegate Members and that Churches consisting of forty or more members shall be entitled to nominate four Delegates. The nomination of a person as a Delegate Member shall be in writing, signed by the Secretary of the Church, and the same shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation, and upon such nomination and notification in writing of his/her consent to act as such Delegate Member the person nominated shall, subject to the approval of the Council, be duly entered in the Register of Members. Each Delegate Member shall subscribe to the said Doctrinal Basis and shall be entitled to one vote only, notwithstanding that he/she may also be an Ordinary Member of the Corporation.

- (c) Associate Members. That is to say, persons who satisfy the Council that they are in sympathy with the said Doctrinal Basis and with the objects of the Corporation. Each Associate Member shall pay the Corporation an annual subscription of an amount to be fixed from time to time by the Council. Associate membership does not carry the right to vote.
- The Corporation shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Council.
- The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Council of Management.
- The members of the Council shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting from among the Ordinary Members and the Delegate Members of the Corporation, and every Church entitled to nominate a Delegate Member shall be entitled to nominate in writing a male member to be included in the list of persons to be submitted to the meeting for election.
- Immediately upon election, the Council shall proceed to elect from amongst their number a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and a Treasurer.
- At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Council shall lay before the Corporation a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account (or in the case of the first account since the incorporation of the Corporation) made up to a date not more than four months before such meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date.

#### WAYS WE CAN HELP YOU

We exist to serve the churches and we are able to do this in a number of ways, as outlined below. If you feel that we can help in any of the ways listed please contact the Chief Executive.

#### Grants and Loans

When redundant chapels are sold the money is invested and the investment income is available to make grants to other churches whose ministries are expanding and who need to redevelop their buildings. In some cases, the capital sum may be lent to churches, either as an interest-free loan or as an interest-bearing loan at a competitive rate of interest.

#### **Professional Advice**

The office staff are available to offer advice on many day-to-day matters associated with the administrative side of running a church. In addition, the Board of Directors comprise a group of men who are actively involved in the work and who are able to give preliminary guidance as to how a church should proceed in the light of a particular difficulty that may arise. We have expertise in various professional fields including accountancy, architecture, health and safety issues, investments, law, and surveying.

#### Trusteeship

The Corporation has been recognised as a Baptist Trust Corporation within the meaning of the Baptist and Congregational Trusts Act, 1951 and may be appointed a trustee of any Particular Baptist Church practising strict communion. Churches appointing the Corporation as a trustee will not in future be faced with the necessity of finding a lot of other trustees (sometimes as many as twelve or thirteen), even if the trust deed requires it. The Corporation is willing to act as trustee alongside local people or as Sole Trustee. In this way churches will no longer be faced with difficulties arising from the fact that widely scattered trustees are rarely able to meet; nor will problems arise if some of the trustees change their doctrinal position or refuse to act in a matter of importance. Furthermore, the difficulties that can arise when the last of the trustees has died or cannot be traced will not occur.

We have a programme for assisting churches of which the Corporation is a trustee by commissioning a survey of their premises and working with them to implement a structured programme of essential maintenance. In addition advice concerning church problems is often sought, but it should be made clear that the willingness of the Corporation to give advice is by no means limited to those churches of which it is a trustee. Any church may approach the Corporation knowing that its appeal will receive a sympathetic consideration.

#### **Endowment Funds**

We administer a number of endowment funds such as our Loan Fund, Ministers' Aid Fund, Benevolent Fund, the Pastors' Fund, and the B A Warburton Fund (which under the terms of the trust is available to assist men who, being members of our churches, are in training for the Ministry). We are always willing to accept trusteeship of other similar funds.

#### Tax-efficient Giving

We are able to help churches maximise their resources through our Gift Aid scheme, which is particularly helpful to churches that may not have in-house expertise or to individuals who wish to give anonymously. In addition, one gift to us can be distributed to various causes on behalf of the donor.

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP US

#### By giving

We exist to serve the churches and we make no charge for doing so (apart from specific services such as the Gift Aid scheme). However, serving others is a costly business; office rent has to be paid; the audit fee has to be paid; so do our staff! These costs are met out of the generous giving of the Lord's people and from our investment income, (although that is income that would otherwise be given to churches). You can help us by making personal donations to defray these expenses and by encouraging your church to do so as well.

#### By becoming a personal member

Annual subscriptions are:

Full Membership - £10.00 per annum. Associate Membership - £5.00 per annum.

Personal membership is a more committed way of supporting us in our ministry, but in addition it enables you to attend our Annual General Meeting and have a say in the way the Corporation is run. The membership form makes it clear what type of membership is applicable in your case. Be warned! If ever the Corporation were to close down with debts, personal members would be required to contribute £5 towards repaying them. However, we trust that by acting as good stewards of all that the Lord has entrusted to us, it will never happen.

#### By encouraging your church to become a subscribing church

Churches that make a gift to the funds of the Corporation in the course of a year are entitled to send Delegates to our Annual General Meeting. In this way the churches can become closely involved in the ongoing ministry of the Corporation.

#### By remembering us in your will.

The help of friends who have remembered the work in their wills has been a source of great encouragement over the years. A "Form of Bequest" is given below, which may be used in this connection.

"I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION the sum of  $\pounds$  free of duties to be applied to the general purposes of the said Corporation, and I direct that the receipt of the said Treasurer shall be taken and deemed a sufficient discharge for the same."

# By telling others about our work and encouraging them to support us.

You may have friends who are not familiar with the ministry of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation. Tell them about the many services we offer and all the help and advice we can give.

#### By telling us about the needs of churches and individuals.

We administer a number of funds that are to be used for the benefit of others when they are in need. Sometimes we know about the need, and sometimes we do not. If you know of a church or church member who needs our help, and you feel it is appropriate to let us know, we would love to hear from you.