

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014

GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014

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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 have done, as well as each of my colleagues on the Council who give their time, not only in attending committee meetings, but also in giving their professional advice so willingly. For us, it is truly a privilege to serve our Lord in guiding, advising, helping, supporting and encouraging churches and God's people as they in turn endeavour to serve Him locally in furthering the cause of Christ.

The last year has been an encouraging one for us. The transfer of chapel and manse trusteeships from the Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia) has continued, and we have seen a number of other ongoing projects either being completed or nearing completion. For a number of years we have been advising one church on the legal and technical issues relating to their boundary wall. This is a Grade 2 listed structure and was in a serious state of disrepair. During the year a protective fence was erected adjacent to, but not taking support from, the wall. This is just one example of the assistance we are able to give our family of churches because of the professional expertise of the members of the Council of Management.

On the other hand, the closure of the Grace Magazine was a disappointment to many. However the "Directory of Churches" that has historically been a part of the Magazine is so valuable that we are resolved to ensure that by working in fellowship with the Trustees of Grace Magazine, the Directory of Churches will continue to be printed in its present format.

We have listed below the churches that have made a financial contribution to our General Fund during the past year. 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. Churches are coming under increasing demands by the authorities and are facing real challenges in complying with fresh legislation and we believe that the Corporation meets a very real need through its varied ministries, both practical and financial. Please pray that we will be given wisdom, guidance and much grace as we seek to maintain the various ministries of the Corporation during the coming year.

Kevin Wiltshire

CHURCH DONATIONS

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The following churches have contributed to the General Fund during 2014:

Accrington	Bedworth	Brentford	Bromley	Caterham
Chatham	Cuckfield	Devizes	Dorking	Dunmow
Dunstable	Epsom	Fressingfield	Friston	Gloucester, Trinity
Halifax	Haworth	Lewisham	Occold	Somersham
Stoke Golding	Tadworth	Trowbridge		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The members of the Board of Directors submit their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 to be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 April 2015.

The accounts set out on pages 11 to 26 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporation's Articles of Association (dated 24th April 2010) and comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) 2nd Edition, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The accounts are subject to audit. The accounts of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund are set out on pages 27 to 36 and are subject to audit. The accounts on pages 11 to 26 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 a Delegate Member 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.

As at 31 December 2014 and 2 March 2015 (the date on which the Annual Report and Accounts were approved) the Board of Directors comprised the following:

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

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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 four 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 six times a year. Following the creation of the Pastors' Fund, a Consultative Committee was established to advise the Council of Management about the Fund's policies and the level of grants to beneficiaries. The Pastors' Fund Consultative Committee has no executive powers.

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 a Delegate Member 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 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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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, newsletters 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 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 the Directors consider that it is inappropriate to provide further details. In addition fact sheets are published, as necessary, to alert church officers to the requirements of current legislation and good practice. The cost of providing these services amounted to £67,131 (2013: £66,875). The number of letters of appreciation received from church officers demonstrate how much these services are valued by the churches.

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 £6,350 were given to four beneficiaries during the course of the year (2013: £12,700 given to five). 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 applications for grants were received during the year and as at the year end the balance available for distribution stood at £562 (2013: £375).

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, £401,108 was received (2013: £394,407) and £394,047 was disbursed (2013: £386,667). 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 £10,098 was spent on these activities (2013: £5,980). 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. Once again, the office staff were able to produce the Directory of Churches on behalf of the Trustees of Grace Magazine. The cost of providing these services amounted to £15,709 (2013: £15,354) although the sum of £5,380 was received in respect of chargeable services (2013: £7,011).

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ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

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. In addition, the Corporation assists the Trustees of Grace Magazine in the production of the "Directory of Churches". As production of the magazine ceased at the end of 2014, the future of the Directory is uncertain. However, the Directors are resolved to ensure that by working in fellowship with the Trustees of Grace Magazine, the Directory of Churches will continue to be printed in its present format. The Chief Executive is a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Particular Baptist Fund and whilst there is no formal link between the Corporation and the Particular Baptist Fund, the involvement of the Chief Executive in the Fund enables him to represent the interests of the Grace Baptist family of 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 building work and maintenance projects. The Directors consider that training men for the Ministry and assisting churches with their building and maintenance projects will help them to fulfil their ministries and that this will lead to the advancement of the Christian Religion, which itself is the legal objective of the Corporation.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the year the Corporation incurred an operating deficit of £52,418. This was mitigated by investment gains of £27,120 which produced a net deficit of £25,298. In the previous year the operating deficit of £66,666 was offset by the sale of a redundant chapel producing net incoming resources of £33,993 and, after taking into account investment gains of £31,433, the overall surplus in 2013 amounted to £65,426.

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. This is a significant aspect of the Corporation's charitable activities and during the year income amounted to £401,108 and disbursements to £394,047.

The income yield achieved on the Corporation's portfolio of investments was 3.3% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 6.6% against the benchmark of 10.4%. This was a consequence of the investment managers focussing on short-dated gilt investments in order to maintain the level of income. This, in turn, produced a lower total return than the return on long-dated gilt investments - which were included in the benchmark figure.

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 2014 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.

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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 have agreed a target asset allocation of fixed interest stocks, gilts and corporate bonds (55%), equities and structured investments (35%), and property (10%) that is designed to achieve these objectives. 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 was 3.3% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 6.6% against the benchmark of 10.4%. Your attention is drawn to the business 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 37 to 39. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 37 is a consolidated summary of the accounts of the charitable trusts that are listed on pages 38 and 39. 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, and in other authorised investments. 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.

RESERVES POLICY

The total funds held by the Corporation at the year-end amounted to £1,720,932 of which £210,670 represented Endowment Funds and £195,035 which represented Restricted Funds which may only be spent in accordance with the wishes of the donors. Your attention is drawn to notes 21 and 28.3. As stated in note 28.1 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. They review the situation on an annual basis and at the last review, conducted in December 2014, considered that reserves, which amounted to approximately £250,000 at the year-end, must be maintained at their current level. The directors consider that, in the event of a sudden and substantial fall in the Corporation's income, the sum of approximately £200,000 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. The balance is required not only to sustain but also to develop the ministries of the Corporation in the longer term (see "Future Developments"). Designated Funds, otherwise known as the "Support Fund", comprise unrestricted funds received by the Corporation following the disposal of redundant chapels or the closure of certain trust funds. These funds have been set aside by the directors in order to provide loans to churches that are undertaking significant maintenance projects. As at the year-end, Designated Funds available for financing church building projects amounted to approximately £1 million. This is not considered to be excessive in view of the possibilities that could arise for utilising these funds in the future.

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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.

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.

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PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS:

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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 2015.

By order of the Board

K C W Wiltshire Chairman

INSURANCE BROKERS

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

We have audited the financial statements of Grace Baptist Trust Corporation for the year ended 31st December 2014, on pages 11 to 26. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the 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 company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with Auditing Practices Board's (APB) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the report of the directors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing our audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statement

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2014 and 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.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' annual Report (Report of the Directors) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Stuart Rawlings (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Acumen, Statutory Auditor

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17/3/2015

GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowmen	Total Funds t 2014	Total Funds 2013
	Notes	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	£	£
Incoming Resources							
Generated Funds		15,871	22,171	28,282	83	66,407	50,963
Charitable Activities		5,330	50	401,108		406,488	401,418
Other Incoming Resources						-	100,659
Total Incoming Resources	2	21,201	22,221	429,390	83	472,895	553,040
Resources Expended							
Charitable Activities		94,359		409,448		503,807	497,812
Governance Costs		21,506				21,506	21,235
Total Resources Expended	3	115,865		409,448		525,313	519,047
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		(94,664)	22,221	19,942	83	(52,418)	33,993
Transfers between Funds	21	87,160	(80,000)	_(7,160)		-	
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(7,504)	(57,779)	12,782	83	(52,418)	33,993
Investment Gains/(Losses)		5,654	<u>17,136</u>		4,330	27,120	31,433
Net Movement in Funds		(1,850)	(40,643)	12,782	4,413	(25,298)	65,426
Fund Balances brought forward as at 1 January 2014		257,023	1,100,697	182,253	206,257	1,746,230	1,680,804
Fund Balances carried forwar as at 31 December 2014	d 21	<u>255,173</u>	1,060,054	195,035	210,670	1,720,932	1,746,230

GRACE BAPTIST TRUST CORPORATION SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Total Income		472,812	552,958
Total Expenditure		<u>525,313</u>	519,047
		(52,501)	33,911
Surplus on Disposal of Investments		<u> </u>	
Surplus on Ordinary Activities	22	(52,501)	33,911
Net Income for the Year		(52,501)	33,911

The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 which, together with the notes to the accounts on pages 14 to 26, provide full information on the movements during the year on all the funds of the Corporation.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

		2014		2013	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets Tangible Assets	23		5,268		3,598
Investments	24		1,162,726		1,135,523
Current Assets Debtors (falling due after one year) Debtors (falling due within one year) Cash at Bank and in Hand Current Liabilities Creditors (falling due within one year)		97,250 16,433 113,683 448,148 561,831 (8,893)		87,600 <u>17,677</u> 105,277 <u>511,950</u> 617,227 (<u>10,118</u>)	
Net Current Assets			552,938		607,109
Net Assets	27		1,720,932		1,746,230
Capital Funds Endowment Funds Income Funds Restricted Funds Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds General Funds			210,670 195,035 1,060,054 255,173		206,257 182,253 1,100,697 257,023
Accumulated Funds	28		1,720,932		1,746,230

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 for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The Company is limited by guarantee. The Registration Number of the Company is 592488.

The Accounts on pages 11 to 26 were approved by the Board of Directors on 2 March 2015.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting 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 Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) 2nd Edition, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

1.2 Incoming Resources

Incoming Resources are accounted for (gross) on a receivable basis and included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Corporation has acquired a right to the resource, when it is virtually certain that it will be received, and when its monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Incoming Resources from Endowment Funds are treated as Restricted Income.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources Expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis (inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered) once a legal or constructive obligation committing the Corporation to the expenditure exists. Unconditional Grants are accounted for as expenditure when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Grants that are subject to conditions are accounted for as expenditure when the conditions fall outside the control of the Corporation. Where conditions have been set that remain within the control of the Corporation, the grant is not accounted for as expenditure, but is treated as a contingent liability.

1.4 Classification of Incoming Resources and Resources Expended

Charitable Activities comprise the incoming and outgoing resources that relate directly to the Charitable Activities of the Corporation. These include the services provided to churches and members, the gift aid scheme, and the administration of trust funds.

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.

1.5 Allocation of Costs

Expenditure that relates directly to one activity category is allocated in full to that activity. Expenditure (such as staff costs and office costs) that relates to a number of activity categories, is apportioned according to the approximate amount of time spent on each activity, as follows: Charitable Activities 90%, Governance 10%. 20% of the above costs are treated as "support costs" and an analysis is provided in note 20.

1.6 Capitalisation of Fixed Assets

Expenditure in excess of £500 on the acquisition and installation of fixed assets is capitalised. Fixed Assets received by way of gift are capitalised and included in income at their market value.

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1.7 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 Office Equipment 10 Years 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.

1.8 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 Account and the Statement of Financial Activities (under "Other Incoming Resources") 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 (under the appropriate activity category within "Resources Expended") 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.

1.9 Investments

Fixed Asset Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at market value. The surplus or deficit arising on revaluation is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (under "Investment Gains or Losses"). The surplus or deficit arising on disposal is included in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Financial Activities (under "Investment Gains or Losses").

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

1.10 Pension Scheme

The Corporation contributes to employees' Personal Pension Plans on a defined contribution basis. Contributions are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as they become payable.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds 2014	Total Funds 2013
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. INCOMING RESOURCE	ES						
Generated Funds Subscriptions and Donations	4	7,928		22,167	83	30,178	13,978
Legacies							
Interest Receivable Investment Income	5 6	828 	611 _21,560 _22,171	667 5,448 28,282	83	2,106 34,123 66,407	2,861 34,124 50,963
Charitable Activities							
Gift Aid Scheme Professional Services	7 8	E 220	50	401,108		401,108 5,380	394,407 7,011
Professional Services	0	<u>5,330</u> <u>5,330</u>	<u>50</u> 50	401,108		406,488	401,418
Other Incoming Resources Trust Income	9	<u> </u>				-	100,659
Total Incoming Resources		21,201	22,221	429,390	83	472,895	553,040
3. RESOURCES EXPEND	ED						
Charitable Activities							
Advisory Services	10	67,131		0.250		67,131	66,875
Benevolent Payments Educational Support	11 12			6,350		6,350	12,700
Gift Aid Scheme	13	10,472		394,047		404,519	396,903
Ministry Support	14	1,047		9,051		10,098	5,980
Professional Services	15	15,709 94,359		409,448		<u>15,709</u> <u>503,807</u>	<u>15,354</u> 497,812
Governance Costs							
Audit Fee	16	6,400				6,400	6,150
Legal Fees Statutory Compliance	17 18	5,236				5,236	5,118
Trustees' Meetings and Expense		9,870 21,506				9,870 21,506	9,967 21,235
Total Resources Expended		115,865		409,448		525,313	519,047

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		2014 £	2013 £
4.	SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS		
	Churches Individuals Subscriptions Charities	23,108 5,315 930 <u>825</u> 30,178	6,650 5,588 940 <u>800</u> 13,978
5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
	Bank Deposits Loans Other	2,106	2,828 32 1
	Other	2,106	2,861
6.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	Unlisted Investments - GBTC Common Investment Fund	34,123	34,124
7.	GIFT AID SCHEME		
	Donations	<u>401,108</u>	394,407
8.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
	Services Rendered in Connection with Trust Fund Administration Services Rendered in Connection with the Sale of Redundant Chapels Other Services Rendered	1,499 1,804 <u>2,077</u> <u>5,380</u>	1,537 3,678 <u>1,796</u> <u>7,011</u>
9.	TRUST INCOME		
	Proceeds from Sale of Redundant Chapels	<u>=</u>	100,659 100,659

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

		Direct Costs £	Grants £	Support Costs £	2014 £	2013 £
10.	ADVISORY SERVICES					
	Providing Advice and Information to churches	<u>54,564</u>		12,567	67,131	<u>66,875</u>
11.	BENEVOLENT PAYMENTS	3				
	Grants are made to Individu	als				
	Benevolent Fund Ministers' Aid Fund The Pastors' fund	<u>:</u> ==	500 <u>5,850</u> <u>6,350</u>	- 	500 <u>5,850</u> <u>6,350</u>	12,700 12,700
12.	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT					
	Grants are made to Individua	als				
	B A Warburton Memorial Fu	nd			-	
13.	GIFT AID SCHEME					
	Administration Disbursements	8,377 <u>394,047</u> <u>402,424</u>		2,095 	10,472 <u>394,047</u> <u>404,519</u>	10,236 386,667 396,903
14.	MINISTRY SUPPORT					
	Salary Survey Church Projects	9,051 9,051	<u>=</u>	1,047 1,047	10,098 10,098	1,266 <u>4,714</u> <u>5,980</u>
15.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	S				
	Services Rendered in Further of Charitable Objects	erance 12,567	-	<u>3,142</u>	<u>15,709</u>	15,354

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

		Direct Costs	Grants	Support Costs	2014	2013
		£	£	£	£	£
16.	AUDIT FEE					
	Audit Fee	6,400			<u>6,400</u>	<u>6,150</u>
17.	LEGAL FEES					
	Legal Fees					
18.	STATUTORY COMPLIANCE					
	Preparation of Statutory Accounts and Annual Returns	<u>4,189</u>		<u>1,047</u>	<u>5,236</u>	<u>5,118</u>
19.	TRUSTEES' MEETINGS AND	EXPENSES				
	Trustee Indemnity Insurance Trustees' Expenses Trustees' Meetings	2,207 2,127 4,489 8,823	: ====================================	- 1,047 1,047	2,207 2,127 <u>5,536</u> <u>9,870</u>	2,207 2,342 5,418 9,967

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20. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Staff Benefits	Office Expenses	Property Expenses	2014	2013
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities					
Advisory Services	9,281	1,875	1,411	12,567	12,284
Gift Aid Scheme	1,547	313	235	2,095	2,047
Ministry Support	773	156	118	1,047	1,024
Professional Services	2,320	469	353	3,142	3,070
Governance Costs					
Statutory Compliance	773	156	118	1,047	1,024
Trustees' Meetings	773	156	118	1,047	1,024
	15,467	3,125	2,353	20,945	20,473

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:

Charitable Activities (90%)	
Advisory Services	60%
Gift Aid Scheme	10%
Ministry Support	5%
Professional Services	15%
Governance Costs (10%)	
Statutory Compliance	5%
Trustees' Meetings	5%

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.14	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Losses)	Balance 31.12.14
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds General Fund	<u>257,023</u>	<u>21,201</u>	<u>115,865</u>	<u>87,160</u>	<u>5,654</u>	<u>255,173</u>
Designated Funds Support Fund	1,100,697	22,221		(80,000)	<u>17,136</u>	<u>1,060,054</u>
Restricted Funds Gift Aid Donations Edlesborough Fund Halstead Fund Stoke Golding Fund B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund	17,263 2,522 8,656 109,723 375 1,096 107 42,511 182,253	401,108 1,764 18,288 187 430 53 7,560 429,390	394,047 2,522 1,529 5,000 - 500 - 5,850 409,448	(7,160) - - - - - - (7,160)		17,164 8,891 123,011 562 1,026 160 44,221 195,035
Endowment Funds B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund Loan Fund	6,212 11,528 1,748 161,769 	83 - - - 83		:	148 276 42 3,864	6,360 11,887 1,790 165,633
TOTAL FUNDS	1,746,230	472,895	525,313		27,120	1,720,932

The transfer from Restricted Funds to the General Fund represents the fee charged by the Corporation for administering the Gift Aid Scheme and the transfer from Designated Funds to the General Fund represents an adjustment offsetting the shortfall between General Fund income and expenditure.

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 Halstead and Stoke Golding funds will be dispersed as the need arises to support the ministry in those causes. 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.

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22.	SURPLUS/	(DEFICIT)	ON ORDINARY	ACTIVITIES
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	2014	2013
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Audit Fee	6,400	6,150
Depreciation	3,328	1,662
Pension Fund Contributions	8,920	8,734
Rent	8,500	8,500

23.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures Fittings and Equipment	Total
Cont	£	£
Cost Balance as at 1 January 2014 Additions Disposals Balance as at 31 December 2014	38,248 4,998 <u>(5,634)</u> <u>37,612</u>	38,248 4,998 (5,634) 37,612
Accumulated Depreciation Balance as at 1 January 2014 Charge for year Eliminated in respect of Disposals Balance as at 31 December 2014	34,650 3,328 <u>(5,634)</u> <u>32,344</u>	34,650 3,328 (5,634) 32,344
Net Book Value as at 31 December 2014	5,268	5,268
Net Book Value as at 31 December 2013	3,598	3,598

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24.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMI	ENTS		2014 Cost £	2013 Cost £	2014 Valuation £	2013 Valuation £
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	At 1 January 2014 Additions Disposals			957,051 83 -	956,970 81 -	1,135,523 83 -	1,104,009 81 -
	Investment Gains/(Losses At 31 December 2014)		957,134	957,051	27,120 1,162,726	31,433 1,135,523
	The investments listed about the Grace Baptist Trust						
	B A Warburton Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund	156,503 474,288 4,106 7,674 1,156 106,933	Units Units	197,163 591,510 4,808 9,897 1,354 152,402 957,134	197,163 591,510 4,808 9,814 1,354 <u>152,402</u> 957,051	242,413 734,643 6,360 11,887 1,790 165,633 1,162,726	236,759 717,507 6,212 11,528 1,748 161,769 1,135,523
25	DEBTORS						
25.	DEBTORS			e after e year	Due within one year	2014 £	2013 £
	Loans to Churches Prepayments and Accrued Other Debtors	Income	(97,250 -	14,500 1,933	111,750 1,933	102,900 1,933
	Other Deptors		3	97,250	16,433	113,683	444 105,277
26.	CREDITORS					2014	2013
						£	£
	Due within one year Taxation and Social Secur Accruals and Deferred Inc	•				1,724 <u>7,169</u> <u>8,893</u>	1,605 <u>8,513</u> 10,118

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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27. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Current Assets £	Current Liabilities £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted Funds General Fund	5,268	242,413	16,385	(8,893)	<u>255,173</u>
Designated Funds Support Fund		734,643	325,411	-	1,060,054
Restricted Funds Gift Aid Donations Edlesborough Fund Halstead Fund Stoke Golding Fund B A Warburton Memorial Fund Ministers' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund	- - - und - - - -		17,164 8,891 123,011 562 1,026 160 44,221 195,035	-	17,164 8,891 123,011 562 1,026 160 44,221 195,035
Endowment Funds B A Warburton Memorial Fundinisters' Aid Fund Benevolent Fund The Pastors' Fund Loan Fund	und - - - - - - -	6,360 11,887 1,790 165,633 - 185,670	25,000 25,000		6,360 11,887 1,790 165,633 25,000 210,670
TOTAL FUNDS	5,268	1,162,726	561,831	(8,893)	1,720,932

28. DETAILS OF FUNDS

28.1 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.

28.2 Designated Funds

Designated Funds, otherwise known as the "Support Fund", comprise unrestricted funds received by the Corporation following the disposal of redundant chapels or the closure of certain trust funds. These funds have been set aside by the directors in order to provide loans to churches that are undertaking significant maintenance projects. In addition a transfer is made to the General Fund, as necessary.

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28. DETAILS OF FUNDS (Continued)

28.3 Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds consist of income arising from the Corporation's Endowment Funds, (see 28.4), 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.

28.4 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.

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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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28. DETAILS OF FUNDS (Continued)

28.4 Endowment Funds (Continued)

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.

29. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

	2014	2013	
	£	£	
Total Payroll Costs comprised:			
Wages and Salaries	63,814	60,604	
Employers' NIC	4,599	6,226	
Other Pension Costs	8,920	8,734	
	77,333	75,564	

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

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2013:2)

The Corporation contributed to two employee's Personal Pension Plans during the year (2013:2). There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

30. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No members of the Board received any remuneration during the year (2013: £0). Eight members claimed travelling expenses totalling £2,127 (2013: Eight members claimed £2,342).

31. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The following payments will fall due in the year to 31.12.2015 under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Expiring within 2 – 5 years	<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>

32. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Peel Street Baptist Church, Accrington

An interest-free loan of £24,000, repayable over ten years, was made to the church in 2012 to assist with a lift installation project designed to make the chapel more accessible. The balance outstanding at 1 January 2014 was £12,800 and was repaid in full during the year. One of the members of the church, Mr P Canty, is a Director.

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COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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 2014 units totalled 3,530,976 (2013: 3,495,215) and were valued at £1.54893831 per unit (2013: £1.51280851), based on the portfolio of investments.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Approximately 75% 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 have agreed a target asset allocation of fixed interest stocks, gilts and corporate bonds (55%), equities and structured investments (35%), and property (10%) that is designed to achieve these objectives. 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 was 3.3% against a target of 3.5%, and the total return achieved was 6.6% against the benchmark of 10.4%.

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

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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 27th 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 (2010).
- 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

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

We have audited the financial statements of Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund for the year ended 31st December 2014 on pages 30 to 36. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 28, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of : whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the report of the directors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing our audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statement

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st December 2014 and 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Acumen, Statutory Auditor

Craven House, Lansbury Estate 102 Lower Guildford Road Knaphill, Woking Surrey GU21 2EP

17/3/2015

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014			2013	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net Gains/(Losses) on					
Investments during the Year	2		114,936		142,568
Gross Income	3	176,387		157,921	
Function	4	900		900	
Expenses	4	900		900	
Net Income			175,487		157,021
Total Return for the Year			290,423		299,589
Distributions	5		162,465		156,698
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unit He	olders'				
Funds from Investment Activities			127,958		142,891

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN UNIT HOLDERS' FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2	014		2013		
Note	es £	£	£	£		
Net Assets as at 1 January 2014		5,287,591		4,773,331		
Movement due to the Creation and Cancellation of Units						
Amounts Received on Creation of Units	143,758		401,610			
Amounts Paid on Cancellation of Units	90,043		30,241			
		53,715		371,369		
Net Increase/(Decrease) In Unit Holders' Funds from Investment Activities		127,958		142,891		
Net Assets as at 31 December 2014		5,469,264		5,287,591		

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

		2014		2013	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Portfolio of Investments			5,427,462		5,258,812
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	42,702		29,679	
Cash at Bank and in COIF	7	42,702		29,679	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	8	<u>(900)</u>		<u>(900)</u>	
Net Current Assets	9		41,802		28,779
Net Assets			5,469,264		5,287,591
Unit Holders' Funds			5,469,264		5,287,591

The Financial Statements on pages 30-36 were approved by the Trustees on 2 March 2015.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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 (2010).

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.

NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS The Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments during the year comprise:

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	2014	2013
	£	£
Proceeds from sale of investments sold during the year	969,264	521,281
Original cost of investments sold during the year	<u>776,715</u>	486,201
Gains/(Losses) realised on investments sold during the year	192,549	35,080
Net Losses/(Gains) thereon already recognised in previous years	(195,324)	(<u>25,835</u>)
	(2,775)	9,245
Net unrealised appreciation for the year	158,954	166,274
	156,179	175,519
Fund Management Expenses	41,243	32,951
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	<u>114,936</u>	<u>142,568</u>

3. GROSS INCOME

	£	£
UK Equities	81,356	78,172
UK Fixed Interest	74,180	66,146
Overseas Equities	5,181	3,090
Overseas Fixed Interest	14,561	8,121
Interest on Deposits	1,109	2,392
	176,387	157,921

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4.	EXPENSES		2014 £	2013 £		
	Audit Fee		<u>900</u> <u>900</u>	900		
5.	DISTRIBUTIONS Distributions take account of income received on the creation of units and income deciting the cancellation of units.					
		Pence per Unit	2014 £	2013 £		
	20 May 2014 20 November 2014	2.1324968 2.4133154	75,992 <u>86,473</u> <u>162,465</u>	69,197 87,501 156,698		
6.	DEBTORS		2014	2013		
	Amounts due from Fund Managers Accrued Income		£ 42,567 <u>135</u> 42,702	£ 29,413 266 29,679		
7.	CASH AT BANK AND IN COIF		2014 £	2013 £		
	Cash at Bank (Income Funds)					
8.	CREDITORS		2014	2013		
	Accruals		£ _900	£		

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9. INCOME RESERVE

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

	2014 £	2013 £
Income Reserve as at 1 January 2014	28,779	28,457
Transfer to/(from) Income Reserve	<u>13,023</u>	322
Income Reserve as at 31 December 2014	41,802	28,779

10. TRUSTEES

The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE PORTFOLIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

PURCHASES		cost
210,000	Allianz Gbl Inv EU Gilt Yld I Inc Nav	343,444
125,000	Royal London Utm UK Gov Bond Z GBP Dis Nav	105,697
50,000	Charities Property Fund	50,499
16000	Talk Talk Telecom	49,041
3,700	BHP Billiton	65,654
7,400	KBI Dividend Plus North American Equity A Inc	73,559
25,000	Treasury 2.5% Index Linked Gilt 2024	85,385
4,500	Clos Bros Group	58,951 48,571
46,000	Henderson Investment UK Property	48,571
18,300 1,300	Smith (DS) Shire	49,336
12,000	- 1111 -	49,557
12,000	Pimco Global Investment Grade Credit Hgd Instl	<u>164,820</u> 1,144,514
		1,144,514
SALES		PROCEEDS
20,000	BT Group	79,125
55,000	Vodafone	120,418
185,000	Treasury Stock 4.75% 2015	196,690
45,000	Tesco 4% Index Linked 2016	73,623
90,000	European Bank 5.875% 2014	95,085
3,000	Ishares S & P 500 Ucits Etf	36,669
1,150	Whitbread	49,911
1,300	Findlay Park American Funds	50,198
200,000	Treasury 5% Gilt 2018	<u>226,865</u>
		928,584

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

		et Value 31.12.14 £	% of total Portfolio
UNITED KINGDOM			
UK FIXED INTEREST			
Government Stock £150,000 Treasury 4.75% Stock 2020 £135,000 Treasury 3.75% Gilt 2020 £175,000 Treasury 4% Gilt 2022 £50,000 Treasury 2.5% Index Linked Stock 2024 £75,000 Treasury 2.5% Index Linked Stock 2020 £45,000 Treasury 2.5% Index Linked Stock 2016	178,738 154,712 207,464 176,063 278,105 149,787	1,144,869	21
Corporate Bonds £335,000 Allianz Gbl Inv EU Gilt Yld £585,000 Royal London Utm UK Gov Bond	580,656 <u>525,857</u>	1,106,513	20
UK EQUITIES 2,500 BG Group 16,000 BP 4,400 Royal Dutch Shell 1,909 Johnson Matthey 1,616 Rio Tinto 3,300 Unilever 6,000 Glaxosmithkline 16,000 Sainsbury 19,500 Tesco 9,300 Firstgroup 750 Whitbread 4,000 Scottish and Southern Energy 20,000 Centrica 9,800 National Grid 26,000 Barclays 12,000 HSBC 18,000 Aviva 3,200 Severn Trent 15,000 Marks & Spencer Group 4,400 Prudential 46,000 Debenhams 6,500 Land Securities Group 16,000 Talk Talk Telecom 3,700 BHP Billiton 4,500 Clos Bros Group 18,300 Smith (DS) 1,300 Shire	21,625 65,760 98,252 64,849 48,480 86,724 82,560 39,472 36,855 9,923 35,775 64,880 55,800 89,974 63,310 73,032 87,210 64,192 71,820 65,648 34,615 75,205 48,656 51,375 67,230 58,926 58,929		
		1,621,077	30

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

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		et Value 31.12.14 £	% of total Portfolio
UNITED KINGDOM (Continued)			
CASH BALANCES Citi Quilter Investment Managers National Westminster Bank COIF Charities Deposit Fund	23,277 18,750 <u>58,466</u>	_100,493 3,972,952	<u>2</u> 73
EUROPE		0,072,002	,,,
EQUITIES 12,000 J O Hambro Continental European 13,000 Schroder Unit Trust European Opportunities	38,364 <u>80,366</u>	118,730	2
USA			
EQUITIES 3,600 BlackRock GF North American Equity Income 7,400 KBI Dividend Plus North American Equity A Inc 3,000 Ishares S & P	47,124 84,034 <u>39,953</u>	171,111	3
FAR EAST			
EQUITIES 20,000 Aberdeen Unit Trusts Asia Pacific	39,970	39,970	1
GLOBAL			
PROPERTY FUNDS 46,000 Henderson Investment Property 250,000 Charities Property Fund 230,000 Aberdeen Investment Property Trust	50,793 267,088 231,150	540,004	40
EQUITIES 57,000 J P Morgan Asset Management Emerging Markets	58,938	549,031	10
FIXED INTEREST 12,000 Pimco Global Investment Grade Credit Hgd Instl 350,000 AXA Investment Managers Short Duration High Yield	164,280 352,450	58,938	1
		516,730	9
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS		5,427,462	99
NET CURRENT ASSETS		41,802	1
NET ASSETS		5,469,264	100

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TRUST FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
Receipts		
Various Trusts	298,877	290,765
Payments		
Various Trusts	341,186	505,896
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(42,309)	(215,131)
Balances brought forward as at 1 January 2014	632,701	847,832
Balances carried forward as at 31 December 2014	590,392	632,701

The Corporation acts as a Trustee for the charitable trusts that are listed on pages 38 and 39 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 11 to 26.

Investments held on behalf of various trusts

Interest in Grace Baptist Trust Corporation Common Investment Fund

£4,306,538

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.

ASKETT TRUST to Particular Baptist Chapels within 10 miles of Askett.

BERKHAMSTED TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in Hertfordshire within 20 miles of Berkhamsted.

BILSTON TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels situated within a radius of 20 miles of Bilston.

BLACKBURN TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Lancashire.

BRIDGWATER TRUST to Particular Baptist Chapels in Somerset and surrounding counties.

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.

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.

TRUST FUNDS

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SOUTHBOROUGH TRUST to Strict Baptist Chapels in Kent.

TONBRIDGE TRUST to Strict and Particular Baptist Chapels in Kent.

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, Brighton Manse, Broadstairs, Brockham, Devizes, Dunstable, Fleckney, Great Ellingham, Grundisburgh Manse, Haworth – Hartley Trust, Haworth Manse, Irthlingborough, Marden, Margate, Meopham Manse, Norris Legacy, Portsmouth Manse, Preston Settlement, St. Albans, Salhouse, Slaithwaite, Snodland, Stoke Golding, Thornhill Manse, Wattisham – Chaplin Legacy, 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.
 - (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.



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