



**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**for the year ended**

**31 December 2025**

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Registered 08 October 2013

Charity Number SC04430

**Reference and Administrative Information**

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Charity Number: SC044305

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**Trustees (as at 31 December 2025)**

Dom Fisher  
Peter Kirkwood  
Hugh Miller  
Gordon Reid  
Mark Thompson

**Constitution**

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is governed by its current constitution (adopted on 28 June 2015) and it was granted charitable status by OSCR on 08 October 2013.

## **General Structure & Management**

The structure of the organisation consists of a single tier - the trustees - who hold regular meetings and generally control the activities of the organisation. For example, the trustees are responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are the Elders of the organisation. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three trustees. A trustee may withdraw by giving written and signed notice. New trustees may join via verbal nomination to the chair by another serving trustee, who in turn invites the individual verbally to become a trustee.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### ***Charitable Purpose***

The organisation's purposes are the advancement of the Christian religion:

- to promote the Christian religion, principally in Dundee and surrounding area but also throughout Scotland, elsewhere in the UK and the world.
- to, encourage, promote, establish and provide support (including financial) to
  - (a) Christian ministries,
  - (b) The teaching of the Bible and Christian evangelism
  - (c) Training and education in, and the development of the Christian faith.
- The relief of spiritual or physical poverty within a Christian context.

### ***Activities***

The above purposes were established at the foundation of this Christian church in Dundee. Decisions have been taken to support individuals and the community through funding that meets the purposes of the organisation. In deciding to give financial support, the trustees have sought to ensure that these have been given to a wide range of individuals and organisations at a local, national and international level. There are also staffing and premises costs. These are listed below for 2025:

- Employment of full-time Minister;
- Employment of Administrator;
- Use of premises for public worship services and other meetings;

- Mortgage & maintenance payments for a Manse;
- Supporting Bananabox;
- Supporting Scripture Union Scotland;
- Supporting Universities & Colleges Christian Fellowship;
- Supporting Friends International;
- Supporting the Eagles Wings programme;
- Supporting Willan Kalinda Kumwenda;
- Supporting Delhi Bible Institute; and
- Supporting Operation Mobilisation.

### **Achievements & Performance**

Since the start of the SCIO in October 2013 there has been a viable church congregation. Grace Church Dundee (GCD) met for public worship firstly at Menzieshill Community Centre until it was closed for redevelopment by Dundee City Council in September 2019 when weekly gatherings relocated to the premises of Showcase the Street at Unit 7, Manhattan Works, Dundonald Street, Dundee, DD3 7PY. During 2019, GCD purchased via mortgage a Manse to house the minister and family who have also chosen to utilise this home in service to the Kingdom of God and in furtherance of the church's objectives. The funds necessary to invest in this asset were at the time raised wholly from within the congregation.

Although a locum minister was appointed at the church's establishment, the current minister is the second to hold the post in a permanent manner. The minister holds the office of Teaching Elder and chairs the business meetings of the Trustees as well as leading the ministering of the Word and Sacraments to the people.

In Spring 2022, the church meeting place was changed to the rental space belonging to the former Stobswell Parish Church (SPC), considered much more suited to the needs of the congregation and situated a block away from Manhattan Works at 172 Albert Street, Dundee, DD4 6QW. The church also enjoyed meeting in various forms at the Manse. By May 2022, the church had begun to consider raising funds to support ownership as an alternative to the rental model. In mid-2023 the SPC legacy elders intimated the building would be sold, giving GCD the option to purchase as the seller's preferred choice, leading the Trustees to apply successfully to a funding Foundation for assistance to realise the purchase of property. Due to the pledges made in dedicated individual giving by church family members, this commitment was formalised at March 2025, giving control of the building to the Trustees for the first time.

Public worship services are held at 10.30am on Sundays. During 2023-4, a varied series of gatherings intended to equip members in their reading, understanding and applying of Scripture were also held on Sunday evenings. Children's and youth groups also meet on Sundays whereas the church schedules several weeknight meetings such as a monthly prayer meeting, Connect Groups which meet in various homes of the congregation twice monthly, and other meetings in small groups.

At December 2025 there were employed a full-time Minister and an Administrator.

GCD continues to support other people and organisations (see *Activities*).

### **Financial Review**

The main income is comprised of donations made by individual supporters. Gift Aid made up the remainder of the income.

During the period 01 January 2025 – 31 December 2025 all general expenses were paid from an unrestricted fund, whilst a restricted fund received donations towards securing the purchase of the church building. Receipts totalled £183,625 whilst Payments totalled £142,444. This produced a surplus of £41,181 for the period ending 31 December 2025 and the year-end balance was £205,687.

### **Reserves Policy**

To maintain a year-end balance of at least 3-4 months' and no more than 12 months' worth of budgeted working expenditure.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

In line with our charitable purposes, the Trustees plan to continue to:

- ensure the viability and vitality of the church;
- donate at least 10% of our total income to other charitable causes; and
- grow the number and capacity of leadership and ministry roles.

Approved by the trustees on 09 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Trustee

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