

## **Hope Church Lytham**

Registered Charity Number: 1051831

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## Hope Church Lytham

### Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

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## **Hope Church Lytham**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

##### ***The charity name***

The legal name of the charity is Hope Church Lytham

##### ***The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration***

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1051831.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

##### ***Legal structure of the charity***

The charity is constituted as an incorporated association constituted by a Deed of Trust adopted by special resolution on 29th October 2016.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The trustees are all individuals.

##### ***The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity***

10 Preston Road  
Lytham  
Lancashire FY8 5AA

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Email: [hello@hopechurchlytham.com](mailto:hello@hopechurchlytham.com)  
Website: [hopechurchlytham.com](http://hopechurchlytham.com)

##### **The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved**

Mr J Filmer  
Mr G Armett  
Mrs R Armett  
Mr M Turvey  
Mr S Farman

It is considered that all Trustees and any others who may be considered as having 'management' responsibilities in the life of the charity are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

## **Hope Church Lytham**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

#### **Objects and activities of the charity**

##### ***The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document***

The advancement of the christian faith and the extension of the kingdom of God and other charitable purposes.

##### ***The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year***

Our focus as a church for 2023 was around the theme 'Devoted', being devoted to Biblical teaching, fellowship, sharing meals including the Lord's Supper, and to prayer.

In practice, this looked like a commitment to bring strong Bible based teaching from people within the church, and guest speakers, as part of our Sunday services, along with worship and kids church.

During the week we held Life Groups, bible studies based in homes across the Fylde. We also ran an Alpha Course and also a Marriage Course.

With regards to fellowship and sharing meals, Hope Cafe continued, and we also encouraged people to share meals together once a month on a Sunday. We also held a Passover meal at church, and had summer and Christmas parties.

For prayer we began the year with 21 days prayer and fasting together as a church, we also ran 2 days of prayer, as well as some daytime and evening prayer meetings.

As well as these specific focus areas for the year, pastoral care was provided as an ongoing thing and our Forget-Me-Notts community projects continued to run.

##### ***The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit***

Hope Cafe continued to run on Monday mornings and saw a steady number of people attending each week, on average 15-20 people, mainly those 60+ but some younger as well. Evening Cafe also continued once a month providing a free hot meal, average attendance for this has been around 30 people.

Our Forget-Me-Notts project continued to run throughout the year supporting the social care team of Lancashire Council. This included provision of beds, bedding, furniture and other such items. During the course of the year we supported 30 families covering over 100 children. A Christmas appeal for the project enabled us to provide 200 selection boxes for vulnerable families in the area.

In September we launched a teen mental health course called Kardia. This was created by Ruth Filmer, co-pastor of the church, and was piloted at a local school with 9 young people. This was well received by the school and those who attended found great benefit from the course.

##### ***The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year***

Throughout the year we saw a high number of our congregation volunteer in various capacities to support the work of the church.

7 couples attended our Marriage Course in May.

In September we held a water baptism service giving three new believers an opportunity to publicly demonstrate their faith.

### ***Safeguarding and Risk Assessment***

The Trustees recognise that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The Trustees recognise it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church, its surrounding grounds. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the Trustee's ability. The Trustees are aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The Trustees have appointed Gary Arnett to be the responsible person to put these things into operation.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. The appointed Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Ruth Filmer, and the Safeguarding Deputy is John Filmer. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the CRB) in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults and annual safeguarding training is provided for all staff and volunteers. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

### ***Structure, governance, and management of the charity***

All areas of church life are essentially staffed by volunteers who freely give their time and skills, and without whom the charity could not function. During the year the only remunerated staff member was the full time Lead Pastor.

#### ***Bank***

Royal Bank of Scotland,  
39 Poulton Street,  
Kirkham,  
Preston PR4 2DP

Co-operative Bank  
147 Church Street,  
Preston,  
PR1 3UD

#### ***Independent Examiner***

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE,  
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Great Knowley,  
Chorley PR6 8TQ



### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law);
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 27/9/24. (Enter Date)

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees;

Sign: 

Print name: REV JOHN FILMER

**Hope Church Lytham**  
Financial Statements for the year ending 31st. December 2023

<b>General Fund (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£
Tithes and Offerings	44,595		41,818	
Gift Aid	7,890		3,398	
Internal Events / Course Materials & Fees	345		0	
Rents received	3,528		2,530	
Other Income	2,316		399	
Transfer from other funds	9,515			
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>68,189</b>		<b>48,145</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Accountancy Fees	2,520		0	
Bank / Credit Card Fees / Errors	11		17	
Building repairs, maintenance and improvements	2,517		1,365	
Cash	3,050		280	
Church Events	968		1,255	
Conferences and meetings	2,970		1,566	
Course Material & Fees	164		77	
Dementia Group	63		0	
External Event Payments	18		0	
Gifts and Offerings (Speakers)	1,314		2,222	
Hospitality	428		295	
Insurance / Professional / Legal Fees	3,656		1,532	
Missions Outreach	0		1,500	
Office/General Administrative	91		0	
Pastoral Expenses	259		280	
Personal Development	18		0	
Printing / Postage / Stationery	495		98	
Sound/Lighting/PA/Media/Music	787		693	
Subscriptions and membership	2,179		2,258	
Sunday Catering	593		685	
Sunday School and Youth	171		42	
Supplies / Cleaning	2,591		2,301	
Telephone & Broadband	689		330	
Utilities	5,500		7,646	
Wages, salary and N.I.	31,557		24,736	
Transfers to other funds			4,754.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>62,607</b>		<b>49,180</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5,581		-1,035
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		754		1,789
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		6,335		754

<b>Mission Fund (Unrestricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£
Donations	60		0	
Refund of fees	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>60</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Missions Outreach	370		3084	
Donations	0		1,500	
Subscriptions & Memberships	500		0	
Transfers to other funds	0		667	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>870</b>		<b>5,251</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-810		-5,251
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		8,111		13,362
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		7,301		8,111

<b>Building Fund (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£
Interest	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		366	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>366</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Transfer to other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0		366
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		168,709		168,343
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		168,709		168,709

<b>Youth Fund (Unrestricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Transfer to other funds	4,949			
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>4,949</b>		<b>0</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-4,949		0
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		4,949		4,949
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		0		4,949



<b>Deposit Fund (Unrestricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Interest	0		1	
Donations	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Transfers to other funds	4,566		3,488	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>4,566</b>		<b>3,488</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-4,566		-3,487
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		4,566		7,805
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		0		4,566

<b>Forget Me Notts Fund (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	0		250	
Grants	10,000			
Room Hire	4,933			
Income for specific events	4,948			
Transfers from other funds			11,762	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>19,880</b>		<b>12,012</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Forget Me Notts	19,609		7,595	
Transfers to other Funds	0		3,414	
Subscriptions and membership	17		0	
Travel (Mileage)	0		41	
Office/General Administrative Expenses	4,875		0	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>24,501</b>		<b>11,050</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-4,621		962
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		6,586		5,624
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		1,965		6,586

<b>Events Fund (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Income for Specific events	329		3,207	
Events / Course Materials & Fees	400		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>729</b>		<b>3,207</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Events	1,502		2,404	
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	450		630	
Subscriptions and membership	30		0	
Forget Me Notts	0		0	
Transfers to other Funds	0		173	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>1,982</b>		<b>3,207</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-1,253		0
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		0		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		-1,253		0

<b>Kardia Fund (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Income for Specific events	1,000		0	
Grants	1,000		0	
Donations	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,000</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Kardia Course	7,123		0	
Supplies/Cleaning	21		0	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>7,143</b>		<b>0</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-5,143		0
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		0		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		-5,143		0

<b>Dementia Group Fund (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Income for Specific events	7,174		0	
Grants	0		0	
Donations	313		0	
Events / Course Materials & Fees	700			
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>8,187</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Events	155		0	
Other Equipment	920		0	
Dementia Group	5,158		0	
Supplies/Cleaning	0		0	
Subscriptions and membership	0		0	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>6,233</b>		<b>0</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1,954		0
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2023		0		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2023		1,954		0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. December 2023

Monetary Assets.

	General Fund	Deposit Fund	Missions Fund	Youth Fund	Building Fund	Forget Me Notts	Dementia Group	Karda Fund	Events Fund	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrest. Rest.	Unrest. Rest.	Unrest. Rest.	Unrest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.	Rest. Rest.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
10068125 General	5337		3190		439	671	1954	-5143	-1253	3853	657
10068133 Savings					168270					168270	9515
10108194 Missions			4111							4111	8111
10108208 Building										0	168709
10070464 FMN Account						2200				2200	3171
Equals Cash Account										0	2911
Equals 5339*****9080						435				435	503
Equals 5339*****9040	134									134	91
Equals 5339*****0510	200									200	0
Cash	664									664	5
Total	6335	0	7301	0	168709	1965	1954	-5143	-1253	179866	193675

Liabilities due

Accounts payable	0	1040
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Non-monetary assets

Lytham Christian Centre, 10 Preston Road, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5AA  
Valuation £185,000

Other Assets

Equipment	14078	14882
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Outstanding incoming funds

0 0

Outstanding Gift Aid

0 0

Approved by the Trustees on  
and signed on their behalf by

27/9/24



REV JOHN FILMER

**Independent Examiner's Report.**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Hope Church, Lytham Charity Commission  
Registration Number 1051831.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2023, which are set out on  
pages 7 to 12 of this Report.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.**

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

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity  
Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity  
Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a  
comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual  
items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such  
matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit  
and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the  
report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and  
to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with  
the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act  
have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding  
of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

*Mar A Clements*

Date 1<sup>st</sup>. October 2024

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