

Hope Church Lytham

Registered Charity Number: 1051831

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2024.

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Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity Information

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

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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.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 2024 was around the theme 'Stand'; standing in unity with one another, standing up for truth, and standing firm on the Word of God.

During the week we held Life Groups, bible studies based in homes across the Fylde. We were intentional about growing these and added one more group per week. During the last quarter of the year we ran a number of courses; preaching, prophecy, and a Bible study. These were well attended.

We ran regular prayer meetings with fluctuating attendance, we also opened a prayer room during the month of August which was well utilised.

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 25-30 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 35 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. An Easter appeal helped provide 250 Easter Eggs to children across the region, and our Christmas appeal enabled us to provide 250 selection boxes for vulnerable families in the area.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

Throughout the year we saw our weekly attendance increase by 20%, and a high number of our congregation volunteer in various capacities to support the work of the church.

We dedicated one baby.

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 Armett 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 there were two remunerated staff members with one being the full time Lead Pastor and the other part time employed for 4 months.

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Independent Examiner

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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 20TH OCTOBER 2025.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees;

Sign: 

Print: JOHN FILMER

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st. December 2024

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Tithes and Offerings	63,641		44,595	
Gift Aid	0		7,890	
Internal Events / Course Materials & Fees	0		345	
Rents received	2,820		3,528	
Other Income	0		2,316	
Transfer from other funds			9,515	
Total Receipts		66,461		68,189
Payments				
Accountancy Fees	5,112		2,520	
Bank / Credit Card Fees / Errors	229		11	
Building repairs, maintenance and improvements	1,026		2,517	
Cash	0		3,050	
Church Events	2,647		968	
Conferences and meetings	2,619		2,970	
Course Material & Fees	75		164	
Dementia Group	0		63	
External Event Payments	211		18	
Gifts and Offerings (Speakers)	1,884		1,314	
Hospitality	435		428	
Insurance / Professional / Legal Fees	2,009		3,656	
Life Group Materials	199		0	
Office/General Administrative	0		91	
Pastoral Expenses	229		259	
Personal Development	46		18	
Printing / Postage / Stationery	556		495	
Sound/Lighting/PA/Media/Music	939		787	
Subscriptions and membership	2,075		2,179	
Sunday Catering	1,079		593	
Sunday School and Youth	77		171	
Supplies / Cleaning	324		2,591	
Telephone & Broadband	575		689	
Utilities	7,243		5,500	
Wages, salary and N.I.	25,850		31,557	
Transfers to other funds	6,000.00			
Total Payments		61,438		62,607
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5,023		5,581
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		6,335		733
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		11,358		6,335

Mission Fund (Unrestricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Donations	0		60	
Refund of fees	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		0		60
Payments				
Missions Outreach	500		370	
Donations	0		0	
Subscriptions & Memberships	0		500	
Transfers to other funds	0		0	
Total Payments		500		870
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-500		-810
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		7,301		8,111
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		6,801		7,301

Building Fund (Restricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Interest	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		0		0
Payments				
Transfer to other funds			0	
Total Payments		0		0
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0		0
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		168,709		16,709
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		168,709		168,709

Youth Fund (Unrestricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		0		0
Payments				
Transfer to other funds	0		4,949	
Total Payments		0		4,949
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0		-4,949
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		0		4,949
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		0		0

Deposit Fund (Unrestricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Interest	0		0	
Donations	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		0		0
Payments				
Transfers to other funds	0		4,566	
Total Payments		0		4,566
Excess of Receipts over Payments		0		-4,566
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		0		4,566
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		0		0

Forget Me Notts Fund (Restricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Donations	10		0	
Grants	5,200		10,000	
Room Hire	0		4,933	
Income for specific events	100		4,948	
Transfers from other funds				
Total Receipts		5,310		19,880
Payments				
Forget Me Notts	4,669		19,609	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
Subscriptions and membership	0		17	
Travel (Mileage)	0		0	
Office/General Administrative Expenses	9,908		4,875	
Total Payments		14,578		24,501
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-9,268		-4,621
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		1,965		6,586
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		-7,302		1,965

Events Fund (Restricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Income for Specific events	818		329	
Events / Course Materials & Fees	0		400	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		818		729
Payments				
Church Events	0		1,502	
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	0		450	
Subscriptions and membership	0		30	
Forget Me Notts	0		0	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
Total Payments		0		1,982
Excess of Receipts over Payments		818		-1,253
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		-1,253		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		-435		-1,253

Kardia Fund (Restricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Income for Specific events	3,100		1,000	
Grants	17,800		1,000	
Donations	0		0	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		20,900		2,000
Payments				
Kardia Course	2,686		7,123	
Supplies/Cleaning	0		21	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	10		0	
Wages, salary & NI	4,000		0	
Total Payments		6,696		7,143
Excess of Receipts over Payments		14,204		-5,143
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		-5,143		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		9,061		-5,143

Dementia Group Fund (Restricted)				
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Income for Specific events	0		7,174	
Grants	6,810		0	
Donations	5,110		313	
Room Hire	1,760		0	
Events / Course Materials & Fees	0		700	
Transfers from other funds	0		0	
Total Receipts		13,680		8,187
Payments				
Church Events	0		155	
Other Equipment	0		920	
Dementia Group	5,910		5,158	
Supplies/Cleaning	4		0	
Subscriptions and membership	0		0	
Transfers to other Funds	0		0	
Total Payments		5,915		6,233
Excess of Receipts over Payments		7,765		1,954
Fund Balance as at 1st. January 2024		1,954		0
Fund Balance as at 31st. December 2024		9,719		1,954

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. December 2024

Monetary Assets.

	General Fund Unrest. £	Deposit Fund Unrest. £	Missions Fund Unrest. £	Youth Fund Unrest. £	Building Fund Rest. £	Forget Me Notts Rest. £	Dementia Group Rest.	Kardia Fund Rest.	Events Fund Rest.	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
10068125 General	10633				445	-7843	9016	632	-610	12273	3853
10068133 Savings					168264					168264	168270
10108194 Missions			6801							6801	4111
10108208 Building										0	0
10070464 FMN Account						233				233	2200
Kardia								8428		8428	0
Equals Cash Account										0	0
Equals 5339*****9080						307				307	435
Equals 5339*****9040	67									67	134
Equals 5339*****0510	200									200	200
Cash	458						702		175	1334	664
Total	11358	0	6801	0	168709	-7303	9718	9060	-436	197909	179866

Liabilities due

Accounts payable	0	0
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Non-monetary assets

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

Other Assets

Equipment	13374	14078
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Outstanding incoming funds	0	0
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Outstanding Gift Aid	0	0
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Approved by the Trustees on 20TH OCTOBER 2025.
and signed on their behalf by

Sign:

Print:

[Signature]

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 31st. December 2024, 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.



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