

# Hope Church (AOG)

England & Wales · Charity number 1054408

## Details

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**Other names** THE LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1996-04-09

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; ANDC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** Advancing the Christian faith through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, the provision of education through Bible Study and Sunday School, and the relief of hardship of members and supporting other charities for the relief of poverty, squalor and disease in the UK and throughout the world.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE CANNING TOWN
- Ghana
- Nigeria
- Uganda
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,532	£82,634	-	-
2024-03-31	£83,416	£95,515	-	-
2023-03-31	£88,616	£82,203	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,737	£29,901	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,832	£30,130	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV DEINDE KARUNWI	Chair	
BETTY UGBO		2013-09-17
ESTHER KARUNWI		2013-09-17
Edward Adu		2022-05-01
MR A F DONKOR-BOSIE		
Rev PAUL KOJO DADZIE		2022-05-01

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# Accounts

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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**

**Report and Accounts**

**31 March 2025**

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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Charity Information**

**Trustees**

Rev. Deinde Karunwi (Chair)  
Rev. Andrew Donkor-Bosie  
Rev. Paul Kojo Dadzie  
Mr Edward Adu  
Mrs Esther Karunwi  
Ms Betty Ugbo

**Secretary**

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**Accountants**

Ephraman & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 South Walk  
West Wickham  
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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Registered Number: 1054408**

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The charity's principal activity during the year continued to be the running of a church. The preaching of the gospel and advancement of Christian faith and the alleviation of poverty and helping the weak and vulnerable in society

This is achieved through promoting the Christian faith, providing spiritual, emotional and practical support to its members, the local community and the wider public. The trustees have ensured that all activities undertaken during the year have furthered these aims, including:

- Weekly worship services
- Community outreach programmes
- Youth and children's ministries
- Pastoral care visits
- Charitable giving and support for local and international causes

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of trustees' responsibilities span from managing the affairs of the Charity, keeping and managing the finances and inventory as well as steering it to achieve its set objectives for each year. The following were the Trustees for the year under review.

Rev. Deinde Karunwi                   (Chair)  
Rev. Paul Kojo Dadzie  
Ps. Andrew Donkor-Bosie  
Mrs Esther Karunwi  
Ms Betty Ugbo  
Mr Edward Adu                         (Secretary)

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

The Charity has a Board of Elders, made up Leaders of the various ministries and departments in the Church which with the oversight of the Board of Trustees, manage the day-to-day operations of the church. Their main responsibilities include seeing to the spiritual development, guidance, counselling of the members and any member of the public who require their services. They are responsible for drawing up programs for their departments which would include the provision of Counselling services, advice on parenting and family life, Career guidance as well as Christian spiritual empowerment.

Below are highlights of the programs during the year:

### **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Trustees recognises the vital role that youth play in the life and future of the church, because they always bring fresh perspectives, energy, and enthusiasm, which are essential for the growth and sustainability of the congregation.

Hope Church has a vibrant youth group which are supported by dedicated Youth Leaders. During the year the Church supported for 30 members of the youth team and their leaders to attend the Annual Youth Awakening Conference in Manchester. The conference offered the opportunity to some youth to interact with other youth groups part of the Assemblies of God of Ireland and Great Britain. Guest speakers provided insightful details about Career Guidance, Self Development, Academic Options for future studies.

### **CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

The Children's department continue to thrive with the efforts of the Sunday teachers. Children are supported in motor skills, communication, reading the Bible and other Christian materials. On Children's Day, they perform various acts to the church.

### **WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT**

The women's department of the church plays a pivotal role in fostering growth, development, and empowerment among female members. Through carefully curated programmes, the department seeks to address various needs, encourage leadership, and provide support for personal and spiritual advancement

The women's department has organised a range of programmes aimed at empowerment it members, including programs covering topics such as financial literacy, entrepreneurship, health and wellness, and personal development.

There were also meetings share experiences, seek advice, and build meaningful relationships, as well as having prayer groups, to encourage each other in prayer

The ongoing efforts of the women's department exemplify the church's commitment to empowering its members. By continuing to organise and improve these programmes, the department ensures that women are equipped to face challenges, embrace opportunities, and lead fulfilling lives both within and outside the church.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Charity's main source of income remains voluntary contributions, donations and monthly tithing from members. The Charity is also able to claim Gift Aid on eligible donations. Expenditure has been carefully managed and primarily directed towards ministry activities, outreach, and maintaining church facilities.

### **FIXED ASSETS**

The value of our fixed assets has been recorded to include the value of Church building and the sundry electronic equipment used in the premises, thereby raising the total amount attributed to fixed assets on our balance sheet. This adjustment reflects the true worth of our

assets and ensures that our accounts accurately represent the organisation's financial position.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The Charity hopes to continue its work to achieve its charitable objectives.

The Charity is hoping to improve and enhance its online presence – website, social media handles etc to attract more members, especially the youth.

Looking ahead, Hope Church plans to focus on four key areas:

- Continue expanding community outreach and support programmes
- Develop new initiatives for youth engagement
- Maintain and improve church facilities
- Enhance training and support for volunteers and leaders

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY**

Charity regulations require the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year.

In doing so the trustees are required to:-

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and reasonable and prudent judgement;

state whether applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and by order of the Board

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and confirm it is a true and fair reflection of the church's activities and finances for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,

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Rev Deinde Karunwi

Chair of Trustees

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Independent Examiners Report**

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Church (AOG)**

We report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 4 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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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02 December 2025

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		81,532	83,416
Direct Charitable Expenditure		(64,575)	(76,215)
<b>Gross surplus</b>		<u>16,957</u>	<u>7,201</u>
Management & Administration		(18,059)	(19,300)
<b>Operating deficit</b>	2	<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>
<b>Deficit on ordinary activities</b>		<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>
<b>Deficit for the financial year</b>		<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>
Funds brought forward		95,586	107,685
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>94,484</u></u>	<u><u>95,586</u></u>

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	1,218,943	22,737
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		76,066	73,274
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	(525)	(425)
<b>Net current assets</b>		75,541	72,849
<b>Net assets</b>		1,294,484	95,586
<b>Funds</b>			
Revaluation reserve	5	1,200,000	-
Funds	6	94,484	95,586
<b>Total funds</b>		1,294,484	95,586

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity law with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Rev. Deinde Karunwi  
 Chair of Trustees  
 Approved by the board on 17 November 2025

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

***Turnover***

Turnover represents donations and gifts to the church.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Church Equipment	20% reducing balance
Furniture & Fittings	20% reducing balance

<b>2 Operating surplus</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	4,736	5,684

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Other Church Assets £</b>	<b>Church Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	27,567	854	28,421
Additions	1,200,000	942	1,200,942
At 31 March 2025	1,227,567	1,796	1,229,363
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	5,513	171	5,684
Charge for the year	4,411	325	4,736
At 31 March 2025	9,924	496	10,420
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	1,217,643	1,300	1,218,943
At 31 March 2024	22,054	683	22,737

<b>4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Other creditors	525	425

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

<b>5 Revaluation reserve</b>	<b>2025</b> <b>£</b>
Arising on revaluation during the year	1,200,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,200,000</u>

<b>6 Funds</b>	<b>2025</b> <b>£</b>
At 1 April 2024	95,586
Deficit for the year	(1,102)
At 31 March 2025	<u>94,484</u>

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Schedule to Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Gifts, Donations & Gift Aid	<u>81,532</u>	<u>83,416</u>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Ministry Expense	505	1,000
Pastorial Staff Costs	61,976	73,155
Evangelism	400	400
Hospitality & Welfare	1,694	1,660
	<u>64,575</u>	<u>76,215</u>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Employee costs:		
Training and Sponsorship	2,917	3,802
	<u>2,917</u>	<u>3,802</u>
Premises costs:		
Water Rates	406	387
Light and heat	2,673	2,390
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>2,777</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,007	347
Admin, Stationery and printing	166	86
Subscriptions & Affiliations	1,560	1,285
Insurance	1,172	1,150
Outside Services	1,561	1,442
Repairs and maintenance	1,100	1,337
Depreciation	4,736	5,684
Sundry expenses	236	965
	<u>11,538</u>	<u>12,296</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	525	425
	<u>525</u>	<u>425</u>
	<u>18,059</u>	<u>19,300</u>

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# Accounts

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**Trustees**

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Rev. Paul Kojo Dadzie  
Mr Edward Adu  
Mrs Esther Karunwi  
Ms Betty Ugbo

**Secretary**

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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Principal activities**

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**Trustees**

The following persons served as trustees during the year:

Rev. Deinde Karunwi (Chair)  
Rev. Andrew Donkor-Bosie  
Rev. Paul Kojo Dadzie  
Mr Edward Adu  
Mrs Esther Karunwi  
Ms Betty Ugbo

This report was approved by the board on 13 December 2024 and signed on its behalf.

Rev. Deinde Karunwi  
Trustee

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**

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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		83,416	88,616
Direct Charitable Expenditure		(76,215)	(66,955)
<b>Gross surplus</b>		<u>7,201</u>	<u>21,661</u>
Management & Administration		(19,300)	(15,248)
<b>Operating (deficit)/surplus</b>	2	<u>(12,099)</u>	<u>6,413</u>
<b>(Deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities</b>		<u>(12,099)</u>	<u>6,413</u>
<b>(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year</b>		<u>(12,099)</u>	<u>6,413</u>
Funds brought forward		107,685	101,272
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>95,586</u></u>	<u><u>107,685</u></u>

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	22,737	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		73,274	108,085
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	(425)	(400)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>72,849</u>	<u>107,685</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>95,586</u>	<u>107,685</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Funds	5	95,586	107,685
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>95,586</u>	<u>107,685</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

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Rev. Deinde Karunwi  
 Chair of Trustees  
 Approved by the board on 13 December 2024

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
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**1 Accounting policies**

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***Turnover***

Turnover represents donations and gifts to the church.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Church Equipment	20% reducing balance
Furniture & Fittings	20% reducing balance

**2 Operating surplus**

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
£	£

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets	5,684	-
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**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Other Church Assets £	Church Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
Additions	27,567	854	28,421
At 31 March 2024	27,567	854	28,421
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Charge for the year	5,513	171	5,684
At 31 March 2024	5,513	171	5,684
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	22,054	683	22,737

**4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
£	£

Other creditors	425	400
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**5 Funds**

<b>2024</b>
£

At 1 April 2023	107,685
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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
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**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Deficit for the year	(12,099)
At 31 March 2024	<u>95,586</u>

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Schedule to Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Gifts, Donations & Gift Aid	<u>83,416</u>	<u>88,616</u>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Ministry Expense	1,000	2,404
Pastorial Staff Costs	73,155	58,018
Missions	-	2,170
Ministry Gifts & Honoraria	-	3,000
Evangelism	400	400
Hospitality & Welfare	<u>1,660</u>	<u>963</u>
	<u>76,215</u>	<u>66,955</u>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Employee costs:		
Training and Sponsorship	<u>3,802</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,802</u>	<u>-</u>
Premises costs:		
Water Rates	387	735
Light and heat	2,390	2,105
Cleaning	-	216
	<u>2,777</u>	<u>3,056</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	347	-
Admin, Stationery and printing	86	333
Conferences & Travel	-	2,322
Subscriptions & Affiliations	1,285	916
Insurance	1,150	1,139
Outside Services	1,442	784
Repairs and maintenance	1,337	2,110
Depreciation	5,684	-
Sundry expenses	<u>965</u>	<u>710</u>
	<u>12,296</u>	<u>8,314</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	425	735
Other legal and professional	-	3,143
	<u>425</u>	<u>3,878</u>
	<u>19,300</u>	<u>15,248</u>

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This report was approved by the board on 19 October 2023 and signed on its behalf.

Rev. Deinde Karunwi  
Trustee

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Church (AOG)**

We report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 4 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Afari E. Banwell FCCA  
Ephraman & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 South Walk  
BR4 9JA

19 October 2023

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		88,616	29,737
Direct Charitable Expenditure		(66,955)	(19,907)
<b>Gross surplus</b>		21,661	9,830
Management & Administration		(15,248)	(9,994)
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>6,413</u>	<u>(164)</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities</b>		<u>6,413</u>	<u>(164)</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year</b>		<u>6,413</u>	<u>(164)</u>
Funds brought forward		101,272	101,436
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>107,685</u></u>	<u><u>101,272</u></u>

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		108,085	101,272
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	2	(400)	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>107,685</u>	101,272
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>107,685</u>	<u>101,272</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Funds	3	107,685	101,272
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>107,685</u>	<u>101,272</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity law with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Rev. Deinde Karunwi  
 Chair of Trustees  
 Approved by the board on 19 October 2023

**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

***Turnover***

Turnover represents donations and gifts to the church.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Church Equipment	20% reducing balance
Furniture & Fittings	20% reducing balance

**2 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	400	-
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**3 Funds**

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
At 1 April 2022	101,272
Surplus for the year	6,413
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At 31 March 2023	<b>107,685</b>
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**HOPE CHURCH (AOG)**  
**Schedule to Statement of Financial Affairs**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Gifts, Donations & Gift Aid	<u>88,616</u>	<u>29,737</u>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Ministry Expense	2,404	80
Pastorial Staff Costs	58,018	16,235
Missions	2,170	1,515
Ministry Gifts & Honoraria	3,000	750
Evangelism	400	400
Hospitality & Welfare	963	927
	<u>66,955</u>	<u>19,907</u>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Premises costs:		
Water Rates	735	-
Light and heat	2,105	1,966
Cleaning	216	-
	<u>3,056</u>	<u>1,966</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Admin, Stationery and printing	333	106
Conferences & Travel	2,322	-
Equipment Expense	-	2,490
Subscriptions & Affiliations	916	2,305
Insurance	1,139	868
Outside Services	784	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,110	1,934
Sundry expenses	710	325
	<u>8,314</u>	<u>8,028</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	735	-
Other legal and professional	3,143	-
	<u>3,878</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,248</u>	<u>9,994</u>

**Hope Church (AOG)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1054408

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# Accounts

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# **The LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**(Charity No. 1054408)**

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2022**

In compliance with the Charities Law and SORP, the Trustees of The Lighthouse Christian Fellowship present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity by keeping, within reasonable accuracy, proper accounting records which disclose the true financial position of the Charity, at any given time.

### **Objectives and Activities of the Charity**

The objects of the Charity are as set out in its Declaration of Trust, namely,

- the advancement of the Gospel and Christian Faith both in the United Kingdom and abroad
- the relief of persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick, both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

The principal activities of the church involve Christian worship, the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the communication of Christian truths and principles in a language that is simple and can be clearly understood by everyone. We also provide moral, spiritual and financial support to individuals or groups in need, hardship or distress.

### **Achievements and Performance of the Charity**

This year, the Church was involved in Christian outreach programmes to increase Christian awareness and to spread the gospel of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. As well as face-to-face and door-to-door evangelism, we also distributed Christian tracts in the Beckton, Custom House and Canning Town areas of the London Borough of Newham.

We ministered to the personal and spiritual needs of many people through the preaching of the gospel, counselling, and prayers. We provided financial support, where appropriate, to individuals and to other charitable organisations both in the UK and abroad.

We also supported and financially assisted many local and international Christian ministries and missions as well as some non-Christian organizations which support the poor and needy in society.

All our programmes and activities were open to the general public.

### **Future Development and other related activities**

Plans are far advanced for the Charity to merge with Praise Centre (1096548), a sister organisation with similar aims and objects, operating in the same sphere. Lighthouse shall be the recipient charity. The trustees and members of both charities are very enthusiastic about the merger and are working hard to make it happen. It is proposed that the merger shall have been completed at the start of the new accounting year in April 2022.

In the meantime, this charity will continue to focus its activities on meeting its objects. We plan to put more emphasis on Praise and Worship, Evangelism, and Welfare. We will continue to explore different ways and means to be more relevant to humanity and, especially, to our local communities. The Church will also seek new ways of improving the lot of the needy in our community. We are unable to open a food bank on premise for lack of storage facility.

### **Financial Review**

The Charity's main source of income is derived from tithes and freewill offerings donated by our members and supporters at our meetings. We do not do street canvassing for funds. However, we recover Tax from HMRC on eligible donations through the Gift Aid Scheme. The funds so raised enable us not only to keep our church doors open throughout the year and to pursue our objectives but are also used to repair and maintain our church building.

### **Reserves Policy**

We do not operate a rigid reserves policy. However, any surpluses over operational and maintenance costs are kept in savings bonds and accounts against leaner financial times. We are convinced that our surplus savings are enough to cover the management and administration of our unrestricted expenditure for at least 6 months.

### **The Trustee Board**

The Board of Trustees for the year ending on the 31/03/2022 comprised Mrs B Ugbo, Mrs E Karunwi, Pastor A F Donkor-Bosie (Secretary), Rev Mr O A Karunwi (Chair).

### **Approval**

The trustees are happy to report that the objectives of the charity were met. We thank all members and supporters who helped us in achieving them through the year.

This report and the accompanying accounts were approved for dissemination by the Board of Trustees on the 10th day of October 2022.

*Andy Donkor*

A F DONKOR-BOSIE  
(Secretary/Treasurer)

**f.t. Board of Trustees**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022

Charity no (if any)

1054408

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Signed:

*P. E. Crane*

Date:

7-9-22

Name:

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THE LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 20/21 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
General Offerings	1,284		1,284	849
Missionary Offerings	5,850		5,850	2,350
Gift Aid & Tax recovered	13,897		13,897	12,821
Rent received	7,800		7,800	5,200
Deposit interest	403		403	640
Miscellaneous income	503		503	580
H.M.R.C. Job retention	-		-	2,432
	<b>£29,737</b>		<b>£29,737</b>	<b>£24,872</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Senior Pastor Salary & Allce	7,000		7,000	6,900
Treasurer/Asst.Pastor Allce	5,640		5,640	5,460
NIC/PAYE	2,655		2,655	2,640
NEST Statutory Pensions	940		940	924
Guest Ministers	750		750	-
Missions	1,515		1,515	2,900
Youth Ministry, Training & Dev	80		80	-
Gas, Water & Electricity	1,966		1,966	1,684
Church maintenance	659		659	1,488
Flat maintenance	1,275		1,275	2,398
Insurance	868		868	823
Printing, postage & stationery	106		106	41
Premier Radio	400		400	400
Equipment	2,490		2,490	106
Sundries	325		325	-
AOG Annual Contribution	888		888	1,068
Hospitality & Welfare	927		927	440
Accountancy	-		-	50
Fees and Licences	1,417		1,417	1,002
Covid prevention	-		-	1,806
	<b>£29,901</b>		<b>£29,901</b>	<b>£30,130</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>£164</b>		<b>£164</b>	<b>£5,258</b>

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 2022

	£	£
ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank	19,978	20,474
Santander Deposit Account	30,894	30,891
Kingdom Bank Bond	50,400	50,000
Cash in hand	-	71
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Less deficit for year	164	5,258
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