

Charity Number 1055622

HOPE ALIVE CHURCH

Report and Accounts

for the year

31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Trust Information for the year ended 31 December 2020

Charity Number 1055622

Trustees

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E E Barnett , J J Mullen

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended
31 December 2020

The trustees submit their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102, and the Charities Act 2011.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

Hope Alive Church is constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated 30 June 2008.

It is noted that Me E E Barnet resigned from his trustee position and we have welcomed the following as new trustees (as of 13th September 2020) Mr Neil Stewart Draycott, Mr Deji Henry Olojugba and Mrs Esther Alberta Olojugba

Trustees

B P Cross

R V Cross

J J Mullen

E E Barnett (Resigned)

N S Draycott

D H Olojugba

E A Olojugba

Trustees, who need not be members of the church, but must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs, are appointed by the spiritual leadership of the church.

The individual requirements would, to some extent, depend on the composition of the trustees at the time of any vacancy.

The trustees, who are involved in the administration and leadership of the charity, meet regularly to ensure timely decision making and on a minimum of four occasions during the year.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:-

- a) to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the trustees 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 the provision of counselling and support as the trustees may think fit.

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Review of progress and achievements

The Trustees are happy to report that this period has been another year of growth and development for Hope Alive.

As the church grows and matures, so the development of leaders and emerging ministry pioneers continues.

This year has been a difficult year for all areas in the world with the outbreak of Covid, as a church this has affected us too, we have adapted our ways to stay in touch with our church members whilst this pandemic continues.

During this year we have seen the following key activities:

Sunday and weekly events:

Our main events continue to build people and connect those seeking God with an encounter that is real and regular. Sunday mornings are a time for all ages, we are very blessed as a church to cover all ages within the work we do on a Sunday.

Our services start with dynamic style of worship followed by a message that will build people up, during the morning service we also offer Creche facilities and host an enjoyable Kids church for school aged children from Reception age to Year 6 where they get in involved in crafts games and interactive bible stories.

Once the country went into lockdown we took our services online, this included the kids work, youth work and all of our weekly life groups . This was a new venture for us as it was something we hadn't really done before.

We feel that the church is growing and having an impact in the area of Warrington and lives and relationships are still continuing to grow within the area.

Youth and Children.

One of our aims is to make Young people and children alike feel wanted in the church that is why we include them as part of our service, we are blessed that the children/young people want to help in every area of the Sunday service.....this includes setting up the area for our service on a Sunday to helping give drinks and snacks out in Kids Church.

Hope Kids Sundays, for families with primary age children. Every child is made to feel welcome and wanted no matter of their race or background. It is a very interactive session which runs alongside the normal Sunday morning service where the kids enjoy bible teaching, games and crafts. Numbers are continuing to increase and we are pleased to see so many children enjoying the sessions. It is our hope and thoughts to develop Kids further, we have a dedicated team of volunteers whose hearts are to see the children grow in their understanding of God while enjoying their time with the group.

While in lockdown our kids team have taken to zoom, meeting with the children every Sunday for an hour before our main service starts online and several times during the week for fun, games and a catch up. It was recognised, as soon as lockdown was announced, that the children would be upset not seeing their friends so our team worked out a way of helping them stay in touch. Each child has been sent resources and fun things to do during this difficult time and each have received 'party sweet bags' on weeks when it was going to be party week if they were at the building

This is an area in the church that continues to grow and the team of volunteers are determined to continue the growth once we can all meet in person again with new ideas and fun ways to share Gods love.

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Youth, this is for families with young people of high school age (11-18yrs old). This group also runs alongside the service on a Sunday morning and we are seeing growth in this group also. The young people are forging strong lasting friendships within the group. This group is interactive (like the Hope Kids group) but covers more subjects in the bible and encourages discussion.

Our youth team have seen incredible growth since starting and even during lockdown and having to do things over zoom the growth has continued, they have enjoyed games (on zoom) including doing a scavenger hunt and Mafia amongst others. The team have arranged zooms for every night with our youth just so they can keep in contact. Each member of the youth have received several gift bags whilst in lockdown with hot chocolate, sweets, chocolate and a little gift to show them that in this difficult time they are not alone and to encourage them to reach out to our team if they need anything.

This is another area in the church where we are looking to continue developing it, with new ideas and ways of engaging the youth.

Young Adults (YA) this is a new area in church life that has recently seen growth and have started meeting during the week. We believe that all ages need to be 'catered for' in church life and have encouraged our YA to meet up (not just on a Sunday) and do things socially and as part of a life group. The number of young adults (18-30yrs) has started to grow in the church and great friendships are being formed between them all. This is an area we are looking forward to developing and watching grow.

During lockdown our YA have also used zoom for general catch ups, quizzes and studies, it has been great for them to keep in contact and help each other through this time.

SHE and Iron men

SHE is our ladies event that we hold every 2-3 months, this again has not been possible to meet face to face during lockdown so we have been meeting on zoom. We have felt it very important to continue this as it helps the ladies of the church bond, even over zoom.

Our gentlemen have also 'met' over zoom and continued to enjoy their time together and forge great connections.

Outreach:

This is an area that due to lockdown we haven't been able to do as much as we would have liked. We have used our social media platforms and YouTube to engage people, this has been a very positive process and we have had numerous people messaging through these platforms requesting prayer, sharing their stories, and saying how encouraged and uplifted they were now feeling.

Once things return to normal, we are again planning to start reaching out to our local community.

Missions:

We continue in our external and overseas missions support. As a church we support several local, regional and overseas missions including: Rivers & Robots and David Chaudhary ministries just to name a few.

Church building:

Hope Alive are still meeting in the building currently owned by Working Mens Mission on Thewlis Street in Warrington. This has been a great blessing for us and has enabled us to do so much more with the kids/youth work.

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Future Developments:

We continue to pursue our evangelistic mission to reach and impact our community and the wider area and are enjoying getting to meet and forge relationships with the neighbours around the church building we are using.

General overview

The church, as a whole, has continued to grow in every area and continues to meet the needs of its member and people in the surrounding areas as much as we have been able to in this time.

We have taken our meetings online to stay within the guidelines set by the government and our services are being viewed from all over the world, this is an area we will keep going after lockdown has ended.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts.

The Trustees Report was approved on 27th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



J J Mullen
Chair

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 cont'd

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charity Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate
5. to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HOPE ALIVE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1055622

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

26/10/2021

Name:

(IAN) DAVID PARKER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.

HOPE ALIVE CHURCH ACCOUNTING STATEMENT JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

Income

Tithes & Offerings	91,388
Gift Aid	19,213
Café/Events	1,395
Room Rental	0
Sales	1,229

SUB TOTAL **113,225**

Payments

Legal/Professional fees	0
Selling Fees	194
Bank Charges/Accounting Costs	1,183
Church Building Costs	10,724
Salaries & Wages	32,243
Ministry Gifts	2,035
Honorariums	5,030
Insurances	388
Youth & Kids Work	659
Venue	48
PA, Music & Lighting	12,316
Postage & Stationary	328
Website/Advertising/Communication	6,251
Hospitality & Gifts	2,057
Internship	14
Subscriptions	2,201
Travel Expenses/Minibus	13,495
Pastoral/Meetings	4,162
Storage/Transport	0
Training	808
Office Costs	11,355
Café/Event Costs	1,796
Computer Expenses	2,800
Evangelism	311
Loan/ Interest	0
Media	7,400
Other Activities	36

117,834

SUB TOTAL

HOPE ALIVE CHURCH BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash at bank	
& cash at hand (inc floats)	3,315
Debtors	2,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,315

Liabilities

Profit & Loss Approp A/C	(4,610)
Current Account & cash in hand 31/12/19	9,925
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,315