

HOPE ALIVE CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended
31 December 2023

The trustees submit their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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.

Trustees

J J Mullen

N S Draycott

D H Olojugba

E A Olojugba

J Heynes

D Heynes

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 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.

Review of progress and achievements

We are thrilled to report that this year has been one of great growth in every area of church, as we continue with our vision of reaching out to more people and taking care of those that come.

During the year we have seen the following:

Sunday activities

Our main service continues to grow and we are maintaining our mission to build people up and helping them grow stronger and happier.

Our Sunday service starts with a modern and dynamic style of worship followed by a message that builds people up and helps them to grow in their relationship with God. During the Sunday service we run Relentless Kids for ages 1-11 years, this is an action packed and fun session for the children.

Youth & Children

Throughout the week we run designated groups for both of these areas in church. They are age appropriate and run by a dedicated team of DBS checked volunteers. Numbers in both the youth and children's groups are increasing and the impact these activities have on them are helping them grow and work through things that have been a problem to them as well as making good friendships.

YA (Young Adults)

This area of church has seen incredible growth numerically this last year and healthy, strong friendships formed. YA meet every other week to do a bible study together and outside of that meet socially and do lots of things together.

Midweek Groups

Every week numerous small groups run throughout the town. These are called life groups, because they create a place for people to come and mix with other people – bringing them out of loneliness and doing life alone. These groups are successfully run and attended very well.

Ladies & Men's Groups

It's been great this last year to see these groups grow after Covid. We have done numerous separate social events for the men and the women, giving opportunity to relax and have some fun. These have proved very popular and we continue to run these.

Mission

We continue to support our overseas missions and those closer to home. We have particularly enjoyed working with one of our newest missions 'Women's Aid' helping women and children who have escaped domestic violence.

Church building

We are continuing to meet in the building owned by Working Mens Mission on Thewlis Street in Warrington and it continues to be a great blessing to us.

Future plans and development

Over the next year we plan to run further missions and expand our reach within Warrington, serving more people and meeting more needs.

General Overview

The church has seen positive growth, expansion and impact in so many areas – it has been a good year and we know that the best is still on its way.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The Trustees Report was approved on 10/09/2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'N Draycott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

N Draycott

Treasurer

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 the 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 appropriate;
- 5 To prepare 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 022 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.

Hope Alive Church Accounting Statement January to December 2023

Income

Tithes & Offerings	117,686.37
Gift aid	24787.23
Café/Events	5,021.47
Other	952.22
Total	148,447.29

Payments

Staffing Costs	63,407.63
Giving	6,708.13
Utilities	18,910.85
Hospitality	337.29
Café	3,824.44
Youth	755.60
Kids	479.55
Bank Charges	1,252.48
Church Building Costs	24,316.51
Church Services	13,129.60
Website/Advertising/Communication	6,242.70
Rock Nations	6,802.48
YA (Young Adults)	810.00
Assets	850.00
Total	147,827.26

Hope Alive Church Balance Sheet

Assets

Current account	£13,782.30
Other account	£197.62
Petty cash	£179.20
FM Account	£5,489.38
Total	<u>£19,648.50</u>

Hope Alive Pentecostal Church

Charity number: 1055622

Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Alive Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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.

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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me any cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

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



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