

Hope Alive Church Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees submit their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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
- J Heynes (res)
- D Heynes (res)
- D Van Rensburg
- T Van Rensburg

Trustees, who need not be members of the church but must subscribe and adhere, in belief and lifestyle, to the Statement of Beliefs, are appointed by the spiritual leadership of the church. The individual requirements depend to some extent on the composition of the trustees at the time of any vacancy. The trustees, who are actively 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. Regular financial reviews and safeguarding measures continue to be a priority.

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 delighted to report that 2024 has been another strong and fruitful year for Hope Alive Church. We have continued to experience growth, strengthen our community, and extend our reach both locally and beyond. Our vision of 'Transforming Lives Together' remains at the heart of everything we do.

Sunday Activities

Our main Sunday service continues to grow, attracting new families and individuals from across Warrington. Our worship remains modern, dynamic, and uplifting, followed by relevant, faith-building messages that encourage personal growth and spiritual depth. Relentless Kids, catering for ages 1–11, continues to thrive. The children's programme remains fun, creative, and Christ-centred, with excellent engagement from our dedicated team of volunteers.

Youth and Children

Our youth ministry has continued to expand, providing a safe and inspiring space for teenagers to explore faith, ask questions, and build lasting friendships. The youth team has done outstanding work in mentoring and supporting young people through the challenges they face. Both our youth and children's ministries have seen steady numerical and spiritual growth this year.

Young Adults

Our Young Adults ministry has gone from strength to strength, with numbers increasing and new leaders emerging. The group meets regularly for Bible study, worship nights, and social gatherings, fostering a strong sense of community and discipleship among those aged 18–30.

Midweek Groups

Life Groups are multiplying and continue to be a vital part of church life. Meeting weekly across Warrington, these small groups provide a place for connection, encouragement, and growth in faith. Many have testified to finding belonging and friendship through these groups.

Ladies' and Men's Groups

Both areas have continue to grow & evolve, with well-attended events throughout the year. These gatherings offer encouragement, fun, and opportunities for deeper relationships and support. They have played an important role in strengthening the overall sense of community within the church.

Mission and Outreach

Hope Alive Church continues to actively support both local and international missions. Locally, we have maintained strong partnerships with charities such as Women's Aid, supporting women and children who have escaped domestic violence. We have also increased our outreach initiatives within Warrington, providing practical and emotional

support to those in need. Internationally, our ongoing commitment to overseas missions remains strong, enabling us to support gospel and humanitarian work abroad.

Church Building

We continue to meet in the building owned by the Working Men's Mission on Thewlis Street, Warrington. This facility continues to serve us well and remains a great blessing, allowing us to expand our activities and serve the community effectively.

Future Plans and Development

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus is on continued growth, greater community impact, and deepening discipleship. We plan to:

- Expand local outreach initiatives to meet more practical needs in Warrington.
- Develop leadership training and mentoring opportunities for volunteers and emerging leaders.
- Strengthen family, youth, and young adult ministries.
- Explore long-term facility options to support the church's growth and community engagement.

General Overview

2024 has been a year of stability, growth, and renewed momentum for Hope Alive Church. We have seen lives transformed, faith strengthened, and community built. We remain confident that the best is yet to come as we continue to serve God and our community with faith, excellence, and love.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The Trustees Report was approved on 31/10/24 and signed on their behalf by



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 2024

Income

Tithes & Offerings	104766.80
Gift aid	18936.18
Café/Events	3194.33
Other	4040.67
Total	130,937.98

Payments

Staffing Costs	76,972.94
Giving	6,880.00
Utilities	16,693.67
Hospitality	1,315.48
Café	3,233.94
Youth	975.02
Kids	100.00
Bank Charges	779.40
Church Building Costs	13,574.45
Church Services	11,676.80
Website/Advertising/Communication	2,500.06
Rock Nations	4,737.33
YA (Young Adults)	250.00
Assets	570.00
Total	140,259.09

Hope Alive Church Balance Sheet

Assets

Current accounts	£3,288.34
Other account	£5,745.21
Petty cash	£436.20
FM Account	£805.84
Total	£10,275.59

Hope Alive Pentecostal Church

Charity number: 1055622

Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Alive Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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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27th October 2025

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