

# Hope Community Church

England & Wales · Charity number 1056283

## Details

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Other names	THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY CHURCH, MEADOWS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-06-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED TO ADVANCE RELIGION (EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY) AND TO FURTHER OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE ELDERS IN THEIR DISCRETION DETERMINE, INCLUDING WHERE IT IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT THE PROVISION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, RESTORATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE WHICH IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL AND WIDER GLOBAL COMMUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHURCH'S STATEMENT OF FAITH. THE BUILDING THE CHURCH MEETS IN: 1. IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP 2. IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3. IS SITUATED IN THE VICINITY OF A LANDFILL SITE.

**Activities:** The activities of the church range from regular meetings on Sundays for praise & worship of God, provision of children's and youth classes to help understand the Christian gospel, advice & support for struggling parents in the community, debt counselling and emergency food aid.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£607,881	£319,193	£1,060,918	8
2024-09-30	£226,517	£242,588	-	-
2023-09-30	£190,343	£199,848	-	-
2022-09-30	£169,799	£180,655	-	-
2021-09-30	£154,865	£156,782	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Cassandra Longmore		2024-11-11
Kathryn Joy Allen		2020-01-14
MIKE PEARCE		2014-01-29
Matthew John MacDiarmid		2018-12-26
PHILLIP JOHN BEYNON		2016-01-05
Susan Pearce		2024-11-11

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# Accounts

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Date: 28 January 2026  
Ref: LGP/MEDCCL/AH



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Mr M MacDiarmid  
Hope Community Church  
The Kings Centre  
56 Bull Head Street  
Wigston  
Leicestershire  
LE18 1RA

Dear Matt

I am enclosing the following for the year ended 30 September 2025 for your kind attention:

1. One office copy of the accounts for you to sign on page 5 and page 8 electronically where indicated.
2. Letter of Representation for signing electronically where indicated.

Opening balance adjustments for you to enter onto your accounting system will be sent to Pete on receipt of final accounts.

An invoice for our services, has been sent via email for your kind attention.

If you would like hard bound copies of the accounts, please confirm how many copies you would like. I will arrange for these to be sent to you on receipt of the above signed documents.

Your books and records are available for you to collect at your convenience and if you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Lisa Parkes  
Partner  
Email: [Lisa@rowleys.uk](mailto:Lisa@rowleys.uk)



Charity Registration Number: 1056283

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Hope Community Church
<b>Trustees</b>	M Pearce P Beynon M J MacDiarmid K Allen S Pearce (appointed 11 November 2024) A C Longmore (appointed 11 November 2024)
<b>Charity Number</b>	1056283
<b>Principal Address</b>	56 Bull Head Street Wigston Leicester LE18 1PA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc 1-3 Haymarket Towers Leicester LE1 1WA

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

### **Structure, Government and Management**

Hope Community Church is governed by its constitution; dated April 1995 and amended August 2019. It is administered by the charity trustees, who also function as elders of the church.

The church is a member of the New Wine network of churches.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the church and serve for up to five years, after which they may stand again for re-election. Currently, the board of trustees numbers six, with two additional trustees appointed in the last financial.

Trustees meet bi-monthly to discuss the business of the church, and bimonthly to discuss the practical workings of church life. Additionally, a wider group of leaders attend monthly leadership meetings, where the focus is largely on pastoral care within the church community, and prayer for the church. Once a term, the membership are invited to members' meetings to hear updates on church life and to offer feedback and insight into how they feel church life is going.

Alongside the formal leadership, we have a staff team of seven people, as well as a cleaner and handyman. These staff members oversee specific areas of operation and activity in the life of the church. This is an increase of one person in the past year, with the addition of Josiah Homfray Cooper to the staff team, who is fulfilling the role of 'Assistant Church Leader', primarily responsible for overseeing the South Wigston congregation.

Governance and support costs are shown in the notes to the accounts. The types of funds are disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are stated in the constitution and we see these being worked out through the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This results in the building up of believers, the practical outworking of Christian faith by relief of human suffering and poverty within the community and reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ.

The level of performance against objectives reflects the commitment of the members who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith. The leadership and management of this activity is the primary responsibility of the trustees and paid staff.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

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Last year, we intended to implement the previous years review of our existing structures. This included transitioning to a CIO, ensuring policies are compliant and up to date, and introducing a new small group structure to further bolster our pastoral care system. Significantly, we undertook a building project, for which funds were pledged in the previous financial year.

All of this will be expanded on in the trustees report below.

#### **Restructuring for Growth**

In November, the church membership voted to approve a new constitution which would allow us to become a Charitable incorporated Organisation. Over the course of the year, we have been working with the charity commission to transfer assets over from the current unincorporated charity to the new CIO. As of the end of the financial year, this is still yet to be finalised, but we anticipate that this will be completed in the first quarter of the new financial year. As a result, we are still operating as the old charity (despite the new CIO being approved by the charity commission).

Once the transfer of assets has been approved, we will close down the existing charity and become the CIO.

We also brought on two new trustees in November, and have focused on ensuring our policies are up to date. When Hope Community Church gained the responsibility for managing and funding the use of the building, we inherited the policies of TKC (Leicester) Ltd, which have not been updated since that time. In the past year, the trustees have reviewed, revised and rewritten 56 policies.

This coming year, we will focus on making sure they are implemented.

Additionally, we restructured our Small Group system. Instead of running termly, they now run annually, with the option to continue on past the year. We did this to enable better pastoral support for church members. As we have grown, it has become unsustainable to manage pastoral care centrally, so encouraging members into smaller groups over the long-term has been effective in providing ongoing pastoral support to those who need it.

#### **Building Project**

Much of the early part of the year was dominated by a long-awaited building project at the King's Centre. We developed three main areas of the building: the foyer area (to make it more open and welcoming), the kitchen area (to enable us to increase our catering capacity), and the previously undeveloped upstairs area (to enable it to be used for meetings, youth and children, with fully functioning bathroom, shower and refreshments facilities).

The building work took approximately three months and has been a great success. All three areas are being used weekly for various church and outreach activities, and have increased our ability to serve our local community. We are incredibly grateful to the church family for sacrificially giving to the project, to Graham Frith for his fundraising efforts, and to Mayway Construction for their hard work.

For a long time, this has been an outstanding item in our church vision. The building was initially developed thirty years ago so thirty years later, to finish the redevelopment of the King's Centre is a fantastic achievement.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

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#### Community Outreach

We continue to be privileged to work with and alongside our community, led by three staff members devoted to community outreach, with their respective teams of volunteers.

Here are some of the ways we reach out into our community, along with some statistics from the past year:

- CAP debt centre - 17 new client cases, with five people going debt-free.
- Hope Hub - 135 appointments, including 59 first-time appointments, with Christmas gifts provided for 26 households.
- Kintsugi Wellbeing - two twelve-week wellbeing courses with 13 people from the local community participating.
- Let's Do Life - small-scale project to support those struggling in everyday family life; working with 31 family members.
- Let's Do Faith - an offshoot of 'Let's do Life' aimed at helping interested members explore faith together.
- Family support - Ten families supported regularly by our family support worker, plus one-off support as required. This involves mentoring, behaviour and emotional support.
- Coffee morning - weekly attendance around 50 people providing community and support in a safe and welcoming environment.
- Hub Club - in partnership with the local NHS social prescribers, a safe, warm space with speakers from community partners, with a weekly attendance of over 30 people.

#### Church Community Events and Activities

Our Sunday services continue to be very well attended. We have around 200 adults who attend Sunday services at the King's Centre, alongside 65 children and young people, with an average Sunday attendance of around 180. Additionally, our congregation in South Wigston has around 35 adults and children attending each week.

On Sunday mornings at the King's Centre, we provide a program for children and young people, which provides them with a context to discover more about faith in age-appropriate ways. We have around thirty DBS-checked volunteers involved in running these sessions, led by our Children and Youth Worker Katie.

Katie also leads the midweek children and youth work. Each Tuesdays we run a kids group for primary-aged children, which has over 30 children attending. On Thursdays, we run Thursday Night Inferno for young people, which has over 50 on the register. Additionally, Katie runs a more in-depth Bible study for young people wanting to go deeper in their understanding of the Christian faith.

Once a term, we continue to run 'Messy Church' in our Sunday gatherings, which is a morning full of crafts and activities aimed at younger children and their families, and attracts a large number of community families. We are seeing around 80 visitors from the community in addition to normal church attendees at Messy Church services.

We also had our usual raft of Christmas events, with carol singing in community spaces, as well as our own program of carol services. This year, our program was bolstered by being involved in community events in South Wigston as well as Wigston. We had many hundred guests attending these events over the Christmas period.

We also ran our men's and women's conferences again this year - respectively called 'release' and 'jewel'. These were both brilliantly attended, with over 200 people at each day, from churches all over the country.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

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In addition to our community groups, we continue to offer pastoral support for our members through men's and women's ministries and through our pastoral care team who are able to visit those who are sick and struggling. We also have networks of people within the church community who are able to support in practical ways those who are struggling.

#### **Support of Mission Partners**

We continue to support the work of church members or partner organisations whose ministry is wider than Hope Community Church:

- Graham and Debbie Frith, El Alfarero Project, Bolivia.
- St Stephen's Society, Hong Kong.
- Paul Gask, Christian Vision for men
- Bethany Children's Trust, Zambia, DRC and Rwanda

It is a privilege to partner with these people and organisations whose value align with our own but who's reach far exceeds ours.

We also decided to start supporting a couple in our church, Dan and Lisa White, who work with the Navigators.

#### **Future plans**

Organisationally, we want to prioritise ensuring that the policies we have written and reviewed this year are actually used and adhered to. We will also, almost certainly, transfer over from the unincorporated charity to a CIO, with a new constitution.

We are also looking to further existing partnerships with local churches. We are currently providing regular support to two local congregations, and a third congregation has expressed interest in partnering with us more formally. This year we hope to seriously consider this opportunity, which would allow us to expand our reach and serve a wider community.

We are also going to undertake a review of our Compassion Ministry, to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our community in the most effective way possible. This may lead to operational changes within the ministry, but we are hoping will lead to a renewed vision and strategy to serve our community well.

#### **Financial Review**

The state of the Charity's finances is shown in the attached Statement of financial Activities, balance sheets, and notes to the accounts. The trustees are aware that we have taken on greater financial responsibility by bringing on a new member of staff, and will work this year to increase our income in order to make this position sustainable in the long term. We are optimistic, with the numbers of new people coming, that this is more than possible.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to keep approximately three months' salary and support costs in the unrestricted funds. We currently have £803,984 in our unrestricted funds (2024: £754,529) which is more than the required amount, and allows us reserve for major building maintenance and development.

#### **Summary**

This year has been a year of consolidation in the life of Hope Church, providing the structures and systems (literally as well as organisationally) to support the growth we have seen over the last few years. We are encouraged by where the church is at, and we are excited to continue our mission in 2026.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 28/01/2026

*Matthew MacDiarmid*

signed on 29/01/2026 16:03:54 GMT  
Matt MacDiarmid (Chair of Trustees)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

## 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

*The Rowleys Partnership Ltd*

signed on 29/01/2026, 16:45:29 GMT

**Mrs L G Parkes FCA FCCA (Independent Examiner)**

The Rowleys Partnership Limited  
Charnwood House  
Harcourt Way  
Meridian Business Park  
Leicester  
LE19 1WP

Date: 28/01/2026

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
		£	£	£	
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations & grants, inc Gift Aid	2	343,986	261,914	605,900	224,465
Investment income	2	1,981	-	1,981	2,052
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>345,967</u>	<u>261,914</u>	<u>607,881</u>	<u>226,517</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Donations payable	3	75,475	1,268	76,743	27,475
Charitable expenditure	4	45,522	1,861	47,383	49,145
Governance and support costs	5	43,622	-	43,622	45,842
Staff and ministry costs	6	110,913	40,532	151,445	120,126
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>275,532</u>	<u>43,661</u>	<u>319,193</u>	<u>242,588</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		70,435	218,253	288,688	(16,071)
Transfers between funds	10	(20,980)	20,980	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>49,455</u>	<u>239,233</u>	<u>288,688</u>	<u>(16,071)</u>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		<u>754,529</u>	<u>17,701</u>	<u>772,230</u>	<u>788,301</u>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u>803,984</u>	<u>256,934</u>	<u>1,060,918</u>	<u>772,230</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	NOTE	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	879,951	602,456
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	9,534	9,825
Cash at bank and in hand		183,137	183,616
		<u>192,671</u>	<u>193,441</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	11,704	23,667
		<u>11,704</u>	<u>23,667</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>180,967</u>	<u>169,774</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>1,060,918</u></u>	<u><u>772,230</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		803,984	754,529
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	10	256,934	17,701
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>1,060,918</u></u>	<u><u>772,230</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 28/01/2026

*Matthew MacDiarmid*

signed on 29/01/2026, 16:03:54 GMT  
Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	313,104	25,186
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>		<u>313,104</u>	<u>25,186</u>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(315,564)	-
Interest received		1,981	2,052
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>		<u>(313,583)</u>	<u>2,052</u>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(479)	27,238
<b>Cash and cash equivalent 30 September 2024</b>		183,616	156,378
<b>Cash and cash equivalents 30 September 2025</b>		<u><u>183,137</u></u>	<u><u>183,616</u></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consists of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		183,137	183,616
<b>Cash and cash equivalents 30 September 2025</b>		<u><u>183,137</u></u>	<u><u>183,616</u></u>

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO	2025	2024
<b>NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	£	£
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	288,688	(16,071)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	292	(2,451)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(11,964)	19,699
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	38,069	26,061
Interest received	(1,981)	(2,052)
<b>Net cash generated by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u><u>313,104</u></u>	<u><u>25,186</u></u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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## **1. Accounting Policies**

### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

Hope Community Church is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### **1.2 Funds structure**

Certain income is given for specific purposes. These funds are shown as restricted funds. As the money is spent, likewise the cost will also be shown under restricted funds. Monies given for restricted purposes primarily relate to gifts towards the HUB, mission, hardship and the CAP centre. Other funds given to further the charitable objects generally are classed as unrestricted funds. These may also include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

### **1.3 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

### **1.4 Gift Aid**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

## **1 Accounting policies continued**

### **1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category.

### **1.6 Irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

### **1.7 Allocation of overheads and support costs**

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. The apportionment is based upon the trustees' estimation of administrative activities versus the charitable activities themselves.

### **1.8 Charitable Activities**

Charitable activities include expenditure incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities, including grants made, gifts and donations to individuals and institutions and apportionment of overhead and support costs.

### **1.9 Governance costs**

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and examination fees.

### **1.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	2 to 5 yrs

### **1.11 Debtors and creditors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

### **1.12 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

### **1.13 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £
<b>Donations Received:</b>						
Regular Giving - Gift Aid	177,294	5,520	<b>182,814</b>	190,011	6,833	196,844
Regular Giving - Non Gift Aid	16,690	60	<b>16,750</b>	11,633	91	11,724
Special Donation - Gift Aid	106,223	-	<b>106,223</b>	-	-	-
Special Donation - Non Gift Aid	33,975	-	<b>33,975</b>	1,250	-	1,250
Other Donations	1,800	-	<b>1,800</b>	2,675	-	2,675
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	8,004	-	<b>8,004</b>	9,072	-	9,072
Grants	-	256,334	<b>256,334</b>	-	2,900	2,900
	<u>343,986</u>	<u>261,914</u>	<u><b>605,900</b></u>	<u>214,641</u>	<u>9,824</u>	<u>224,465</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>						
Bank Interest	1,981	-	<b>1,981</b>	2,052	-	2,052
	<u>1,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,981</b></u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,052</u>

### 3 Donations payable

The following donations were made during the year:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £
<b>Mission and welfare organisations:</b>						
Friths	36,908	-	<b>36,908</b>	9,600	-	9,600
Jakin	1,040	-	<b>1,040</b>	1,060	-	1,060
CAP - Contribution to Head Office	3,600	-	<b>3,600</b>	3,600	500	4,100
Bethany Childrens Trust	5,800	-	<b>5,800</b>	4,800	-	4,800
Christian Vision for Men	2,400	-	<b>2,400</b>	2,400	-	2,400
Life Church Lutterworth	9,338	-	<b>9,338</b>	500	-	500
Saffires	6,838	-	<b>6,838</b>	-	-	-
Other	4,908	1,268	<b>6,176</b>	965	232	1,197
	<u>70,832</u>	<u>1,268</u>	<u><b>72,100</b></u>	<u>22,925</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>23,657</u>
Donations to individuals	4,643	-	<b>4,643</b>	3,818	-	3,818
	<u>75,475</u>	<u>1,268</u>	<u><b>76,743</b></u>	<u>26,743</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>27,475</u>

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## 4 Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £
Repairs and renewals	4,174	-	4,174	20,140	-	20,140
Property running costs	21,968	-	21,968	18,065	-	18,065
Insurance	5,200	-	5,200	4,934	-	4,934
Telephone	1,718	69	1,787	1,520	-	1,520
Computer expenses	2,170	-	2,170	431	-	431
Hub expenses	-	1,128	1,128	-	2,002	2,002
Miscellaneous expenses	10,292	664	10,956	2,053	-	2,053
	<u>45,522</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>47,383</u>	<u>47,143</u>	<u>2,002</u>	<u>49,145</u>

## 5 Governance and support costs

	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2025 £	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2024 £
Depreciation to freehold property	28,745	-	28,745	23,132	-	23,132
Depreciation to fixtures and fittings	9,324	-	9,324	2,929	-	2,929
Consultants and professional fees	1,080	-	1,080	15,779	-	15,779
Independent examiners fees:						
Examination of accounts	2,370	-	2,370	1,920	-	1,920
Postage, stationery and sundries	2,103	-	2,103	2,082	-	2,082
	<u>43,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,622</u>	<u>45,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,842</u>

## 6 Staff and ministry costs

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £
Salaries, NI and expenses	97,967	40,514	138,481	78,457	36,737	115,194
Training and team expenses	4,322	18	4,340	618	-	618
Youth ministries	1,857	-	1,857	819	-	819
Outreach	2,337	-	2,337	1,836	-	1,836
Worship and sound equipment	4,320	-	4,320	1,339	-	1,339
Preaching fees and ministry expenses	110	-	110	320	-	320
	<u>110,913</u>	<u>40,532</u>	<u>151,445</u>	<u>83,389</u>	<u>36,737</u>	<u>120,126</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

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## 7 Tangible assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Fixtures Fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2024	1,156,581	80,453	1,237,034
Additions	280,659	34,905	315,564
At 30 September 2025	<u>1,437,240</u>	<u>115,358</u>	<u>1,552,598</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2024	565,840	68,738	634,578
Charge for the year	28,745	9,324	38,069
At 30 September 2025	<u>594,585</u>	<u>78,062</u>	<u>672,648</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2025	<u>842,655</u>	<u>37,296</u>	<u>879,951</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>590,741</u>	<u>11,715</u>	<u>602,456</u>

On 22nd October 2019 official custodian of the Church's freehold property was transferred by the trustees from named individuals to the 'The Charity Commission of England and Wales'. This is a statutory holding under Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the '2011 Charities Act'.

## 8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid recoverable	9,534	9,640
Other debtors	-	185
	<u>9,534</u>	<u>9,825</u>

## 9 Creditors falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors and accruals	10,124	2,379
Deferred income	-	20,000
Tax and social security	1,580	1,288
	<u>11,704</u>	<u>23,667</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

### 10 Movements on restricted funds

	Building Fund £	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Total £
At 1 October 2024	-	14,445	1,388	1,868	17,701
Incoming resources	256,334	4,300	1,280	-	261,914
Resources expended	-	(28,388)	(14,005)	(1,268)	(43,661)
Transfer from general fund		9,643	11,337	-	20,980
	<u>256,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>256,934</u>
At 30 September 2025	<u>256,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>256,934</u>

Transfer from the general fund is for the salary costs incurred by restricted activities of the charity with the cost being met by the church.

CAP is Christians Against Poverty. The Church runs a CAP Centre in collaboration with them which helps people out of debt. CAP is a national charity which is FCA approved. CAP Head Office provides all the advice, individual budget set up, and on-going support. The church acts as a go between visiting clients in their home, collecting financial information and getting the case set up.

Similarly, the Hub was set up during Covid, when the police asked if the church was able to help refugees. The Hub provides clothing, bedding, crockery and other items on a referral basis to people in great need.

The building fund relates to amounts received in relation to the improvement of the building.

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2023	12,558	838	2,100	310	15,806
Incoming resources	8,774	1,050	-	-	9,824
Resources expended	(26,122)	(13,117)	(232)	-	(39,471)
Transfers between restricted funds	310	-	-	(310)	-
Transfer to general fund	18,925	12,617	-	-	31,542
	<u>14,445</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,701</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>14,445</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,701</u>

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	879,951	-	<b>879,951</b>	-	-	-
Cash	-	183,137	<b>183,137</b>	165,915	17,701	183,616
Other assets / liabilities	(66,324)	64,154	<b>(2,170)</b>	588,614	-	588,614
	<u>813,627</u>	<u>247,291</u>	<u><b>1,060,918</b></u>	<u>754,529</u>	<u>17,701</u>	<u>772,230</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

### 12 Trustees' and staff salaries and expenses

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 £	2024 £
The church had paid remuneration to staff as follows:				
MJ MacDiarmid (Trustee)	36,900	-	<b>36,900</b>	35,790
Other Employees	51,151	35,717	<b>86,868</b>	71,331
Pension costs	5,790	1,700	<b>7,490</b>	5,667
Expenses	1,022	-	<b>1,022</b>	264
	<u>94,863</u>	<u>37,417</u>	<u><b>132,280</b></u>	<u>113,052</u>
Employer's national insurance	3,104	3,097	<b>6,201</b>	2,142
	<u>97,967</u>	<u>40,514</u>	<u><b>138,481</b></u>	<u>115,194</u>

The amount paid to MJ MacDiarmid was for ministry support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities. This amount is paid in accordance with the charity's governing document. No amount was paid to any trustee for the services of being a trustee.

The above expenses include travel costs of £Nil (2024: £145) repaid to no trustees (2024: one trustee).

The average number of full time employees during the year were:

Charitable activities	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
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There are no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

### 13 Christians Against Poverty Expenses Summary

The following expenses are included in the accounts under the appropriate headings and are summarised here to show a total cost for the CAP centre.

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £
Staff costs	-	13,254	<b>13,254</b>	-	12,617	12,617
Travel expenses	-	18	<b>18</b>	-	119	119
Telephone	-	69	<b>69</b>	-	65	65
Contribution to head office	3,600	-	<b>3,600</b>	3,600	-	3,600
Miscellaneous expenses	-	20	<b>20</b>	-	296	296
Gifts to individuals	-	644	<b>644</b>	-	20	20
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>14,005</u>	<u><b>17,605</b></u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>13,117</u>	<u>16,717</u>

\* Unrestricted CAP expenditure is included in expenditure noted in note 3 and 6.

### 14 Related Party Disclosures

During the year donations were received from trustees totalling £49,356 (2024: £25,885).

The Rowleys Partnership Ltd  
Charnwood House  
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Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### **General**

1. We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
2. We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2025 audited.
3. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
4. All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
5. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
6. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
7. The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial both individually and in total.

### **Assets and liabilities**

8. The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
9. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
10. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

### **Accounting estimates**

11. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

### **Loans and arrangements**

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Registered charity no.: 1056283 [www.hopechurchwigston.co.uk](http://www.hopechurchwigston.co.uk)

12. The charity has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, trustees other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

**Legal claims**

13. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

**Laws and regulations**

14. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

**Related parties**

15. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

**Subsequent events**

16. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

**Going concern**

17. We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

**Grants and donations**

18. All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income. Restricted grants and donations are included in the financial statements.

Yours faithfully

*Matthew MacDiarmid*

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees of Hope Community Church

Date: 28/01/2026

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration Number: 1056283**

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Hope Community Church
<b>Trustees</b>	M Pearce P Beynon M J MacDiarmid K Allen S Pearce (appointed 11 November 2024) A C Longmore (appointed 11 November 2024)
<b>Charity Number</b>	1056283
<b>Principal Address</b>	56 Bull Head Street Wigston Leicester LE18 1PA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc 1-3 Haymarket Towers Leicester LE1 1WA

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Hope Community Church is governed by its constitution; dated April 1995 and amended August 2019. It is administered by the elders, who are also the trustees of the charity.

The church is a member of the New Wine network of churches.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the church and serve for up to five years, after which they may stand again for re-election. Currently, the board of trustees numbers four, with no changes in the last financial year.

Trustees meet monthly, during term time, for prayer and business. Also meeting monthly, a wider group of leaders attend leadership meetings, where the focus is largely on pastoral care within the church community, and prayer for the church. Once a term, the meeting is attended by an 'Extended Leadership Team' of key departmental leaders within the church. These meetings are an opportunity for the elders to share vision, and an opportunity for these key leaders to ask questions and shape the vision presented to them.

In addition to trustees, we have a staff team of six, as well as a cleaner and handyman. These staff members oversee specific areas of operation and activity in the life of the church. Early in the year, we increased the working hours for Emily, our Compassion Ministry Assistant, and in September we employed a Building Administrator, Sarah to help oversee the use of and maintenance of the building day-to-day.

Governance and support costs are shown in the notes to the accounts. The types of funds are disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are stated in the constitution and we see these being worked out through the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This results in the building up of believers, the practical outworking of Christian faith by relief of human suffering and poverty within the community and reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ.

The level of performance against objectives reflects the commitment of the members who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith. The leadership and management of this activity is the primary responsibility of the trustees and paid staff.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

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### Objectives and Activities - continued

Last year, we planned to review our existing structures and systems in order to allow us to continue to grow in a healthy and fruitful way. This review took the majority of the year, and we started to implement some of these changes at the end of the financial year, which will come across in the report below.

### Community Outreach

We are in the privileged position to have three members of staff - Marilyn, Lesley and Emily - whose sole focus is on community outreach. In addition to these staff members, there is a host of volunteers who run other outreach projects or help support those who do.

The CAP debt centre has continued to have a significant role in the life of the community. 21 new clients have been taken on this year, with seven going debt free during that time, as well as several CAP money courses being run in the local community. This ministry is delivered by Marilyn, with support of Emily and a group of volunteer befrienders.

The Hope Hub, likewise, has continued to be utilised well by the community. This year 171 families have been provided with clothing, household items and toiletries through the work of the Hope Hub. As well as taking referrals, the Hope Hub has a monthly drop-in session where clients can stay for tea and coffee. Over the Christmas period, 163 gifts were distributed to 54 households.

We have also continued to run weekly Tuesday sessions on a local council estate (Boulter Crescent), aimed at bringing local residents together, providing community for otherwise isolated people.

Additionally, we have continued to run Kintsugi Hope wellbeing courses, which are open both to church and wider community. These are smaller groups where issues of mental health, stress and anxiety are talked through in a safe context.

Our family support continued to thrive, with up to 80 children attending one of two tots groups in the week. This is delivered by our Family Outreach worker, Lesley, and a team of faithful volunteers. However, we made the decision to temporarily stop tots from July in order to allow Lesley to focus more of her time on her other projects. We hope to relaunch tots within the next 12 months.

The team also runs a weekly 'Let's Do Life' group, which provides targeted support for local, often vulnerable, young families. This is much smaller, with around eight families attending weekly. The aim is to give these young families the skills to thrive as parents economically, emotionally and spiritually. It has been incredibly well-received by those who attend, with much thanks going to the small committed team delivering this service. Through grant funding, we were able to provide meals for around half of the year, with 425 meals provided in that time-frame.

The Tuesday morning coffee morning has continued to flourish, with up to 50 older community members attending each week, finding a place for community, support and fun. Additionally, a number of other events have been organised including meals attended by over a hundred people and coach loads of attendees going day trips. These have been funded by incredibly generous gifts from the community, and resourced by Church member Hannah Owers and her team of amazing volunteers.

The Hub Club, which we run in partnership with the local NHS Social Prescribers has continued to provide a valuable place of community and referral to key agencies. Up to 40 people attend every week and have the opportunity to socialise, but also access health, mental health, benefits and social support. This has enabled us to also run larger events such as a Mental Health roadshow where community support providers are able to have a stall for local residents to come and find out more information.

We continue to host two Foodbank sessions each week, run by Leicester South Foodbank, who also run a community meal from our building. Each week, those in need of emergency food parcels receive one at one of these sessions.

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## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

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#### **Church Community Events and Activities**

Our Sundays are the high point of our regular activities. They are open to anyone to attend, and we have up to 180 attending each Sunday morning, though we have over 180 adults and 100 children on our address list.

Each week, there is half an hour of collective worship, at which point the children and young people go out to their own groups, which provides them with a context to learn about faith in ways appropriate to their age groups. We have around 30 DBS-checked volunteers leading these sessions. These are led by Katie Vaughan, our Children and Youth worker.

Also led by Katie and her team of volunteers is the midweek Youth work, Thursday Night Inferno, which attracts up to 40 11-18 year olds each Thursday, for fun, games and discussion about faith. This year, Katie split the Thursday evening into two sessions based on age-categories, which run consecutively on Thursday nights. There is also a more in-depth group for those wanting to look deeper at faith, which a smaller number attend.

Katie also started a Tuesday 'Hope Kids Club' which provides for primary-aged children what TNI does for secondary-aged youth. This has steadily grown over the year and now attracts over 20 children each week.

Once a term, we continue to run 'Messy Church' in our Sunday gatherings, which is a morning full of crafts and activities aimed at younger children and their families, and attracts a large number of community families. We are seeing over 50 people from the community in addition to normal church attendees at Messy Church.

After several years running a Small group system of short courses with termly sign-ups, we transitioned this year to running longer-term groups, which we call 'Hope Communities'. The aim is to enable building relationships and support in smaller bubbles of people within the larger Church community, while spending time learning about faith together. These tend to meet fortnightly during term-time.

Each Christmas, we run a whole load of festive events. This year we ran eight Carol singing events, ranging from Carols by Candlelight through to carols in a local pub or the open air. These events are always popular and we had hundreds of people coming to these events over the month.

We also ran Jewel and Release (women's and men's day conferences), which attracted between 150-200 people each from Leicester, Leicestershire and beyond. They are fantastic events, with guest speakers and a team of volunteers who make them happen, led by Nick and Gayle Eason, and Amy Longmore.

We continue to offer pastoral support for our members through men's and women's ministries, Hope Communities and through our pastoral care team who are able to visit those who are sick and struggling. We also have networks of people within the church community who are able to support in practical ways those who are struggling.

#### **Support of Mission Partners**

The church continues to support the work of two of our members in their involvement with the El Alfarero Project in Bolivia. Their newsletters are distributed among the church family to share news, inform prayers, and stimulate financial support. We were privileged for them to spend a significant amount of time back in the UK, which gave them an opportunity to reconnect with the church family.

We have continued to support the sharing of the Gospel to Jewish people by financially and pastorally supporting two of our Church members who work for Christian Mission to the Jews. These church members retired from this work this year, and we decided that the financial support will not continue into next year.

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

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### **Support of Mission Partners - continued**

Through one of the church members, we have links with St Stephen's Society which has its headquarters in Hong Kong. We support this with prayer and gifts.

We started financially supporting one of our members who works nationally in helping men engage with faith through the work of Christian Vision for Men. Many of the men he supports have significant mental health concerns, so we are excited about this ministry.

Additionally, we started to financially support the work of the Bethany Children's Trust, where one of our members is the CEO. BCT works with partner projects in Sub-Saharan Africa to mobilise Christians and Churches to support vulnerable children at risk in their communities.

### **New Congregations**

As mentioned in last-year's trustees report, we aimed to start further congregations after a period of consultation with the membership of the church. In the Summer, a team from Hope successfully launched a new, independent, church in Lutterworth called Life Church Lutterworth. We will continue to partner with them for as long as is practicable, and have committed to financial support for them for the next 12 months.

We also started a much smaller gathering, once a month, in the Boulter Crescent Community Flat. This is called 'cafe church' and draws a small but growing number of residents on the estate.

And in September, we officially launched 'Hope South Wigston', which is a second site of Hope Church in a neighbouring estate. This service meets weekly, in the afternoon and aims to cater to families and young people in the local area.

### **Future plans**

For the past few months, the focus has been mainly on putting systems and structures in place that would allow us to grow sustainably. We expect that to be our focus for the next twelve months also.

Our first priority is to move from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which will mean we need to approve a new Constitution and Church Handbook. This will have a number of benefits, including allowing us to hold property in our name, as well as providing limited liability for trustees.

With regard to trustees, we are hoping to appoint two new trustees for the church, who will also act as church elders. This will increase our capacity and robustness as a leadership. In addition to this, we are planning to form an operational team to support the trustees in fulfilling their legal charitable obligations. More than this, we are hoping to appoint an Assistant Leader towards the end of this financial year to help lead our growing church.

In September, we had a pledge day for the building project that has been in the works for over three years now. We are at the point where designs are finalised, and so we are anticipating that this work will be finished this year, allowing more space in the building for community and youth work, and for catering for larger groups.

We will also continue to think through growing into new areas by planting and starting new congregations, though we do not anticipate that we will start a new congregation in the next year.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

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### **Financial Review**

The state of the Charity's finances is shown in the attached Statement of financial Activities, balance sheets, and notes to the accounts. Due to the ongoing sacrificial giving of our members, we are incredibly pleased that income has exceeded expenditure this past year. Looking forward to the coming year, we anticipate greatly increased expenditure as we redevelop part of the building, which we hope will be matched by giving from the church and grant funding.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to keep approximately three months' salary and support costs in the unrestricted funds. We currently have £754,529 in our unrestricted funds (2023: £772,495) which is more than the required amount, and allows us reserve for major building maintenance and development.

### **Summary**

This year has been an exciting one in the life of Hope Church, as we have looked to plant out new congregations and work. We are encouraged at the continued financial provision to enable us to do this vital work, and are pleased that we have been able to strengthen our systems and structures to encourage further growth into the future. We are excited about further developing the work in the coming year, with the planned building works to come.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on

Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

**Mrs L G Parkes FCA FCCA (Independent Examiner)**

The Rowleys Partnership Limited  
Charnwood House  
Harcourt Way  
Meridian Business Park  
Leicester  
LE19 1WP

Date:

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations & grants, inc Gift Aid	2	214,641	9,824	224,465	189,473
Investment income	2	2,052	-	2,052	870
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>216,693</u>	<u>9,824</u>	<u>226,517</u>	<u>190,343</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Donations payable	3	26,743	732	27,475	26,390
Charitable expenditure	4	47,143	2,002	49,145	31,579
Governance and support costs	5	45,842	-	45,842	30,126
Staff and ministry costs	6	83,389	36,737	120,126	111,747
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>203,117</u>	<u>39,471</u>	<u>242,588</u>	<u>199,842</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		13,576	(29,647)	<b>(16,071)</b>	(9,499)
Transfers between funds	10	(31,542)	31,542	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(17,966)</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<b>(16,071)</b>	<b>(9,499)</b>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		<u>772,495</u>	<u>15,806</u>	<b>788,301</b>	797,800
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>754,529</u></u>	<u><u>17,701</u></u>	<u><u>772,230</u></u>	<u>788,301</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	602,456	628,517
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	9,825	7,374
Cash at bank and in hand		183,616	156,378
		<u>193,441</u>	<u>163,752</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	23,667	3,968
		<u>23,667</u>	<u>3,968</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>169,774</b>	<b>159,784</b>
		<u>169,774</u>	<u>159,784</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>772,230</b>	<b>788,301</b>
		<u>772,230</u>	<u>788,301</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>754,529</b>	<b>772,495</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	10	<b>17,701</b>	<b>15,806</b>
		<u>17,701</u>	<u>15,806</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>772,230</b>	<b>788,301</b>
		<u>772,230</u>	<u>788,301</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on

**Matt MacDiarmid** (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Hope Community Church is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.2 Funds structure

Certain income is given for specific purposes. These funds are shown as restricted funds. As the money is spent, likewise the cost will also be shown under restricted funds. Monies given for restricted purposes primarily relate to gifts towards the HUB, mission, hardship and the CAP centre. Other funds given to further the charitable objects generally are classed as unrestricted funds. These may also include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### 1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### 1.4 Gift Aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

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### 1 Accounting policies continued

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category.

#### 1.6 Irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

#### 1.7 Allocation of overheads and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. The apportionment is based upon the trustees' estimation of administrative activities versus the charitable activities themselves.

#### 1.8 Charitable Activities

Charitable activities include expenditure incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities, including grants made, gifts and donations to individuals and institutions and apportionment of overhead and support costs.

#### 1.9 Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and examination fees.

#### 1.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	2 to 5 yrs

#### 1.11 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

#### 1.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

#### 1.13 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £
<b>Donations Received:</b>						
Regular Giving - Gift Aid	190,011	6,833	<b>196,844</b>	147,731	12,618	160,349
Regular Giving - Non Gift Aid	11,633	91	<b>11,724</b>	10,703	628	11,331
Special Donation - Gift Aid	-	-	-	2,231	-	2,231
Special Donation - Non Gift Aid	1,250	-	<b>1,250</b>	755	-	755
Other Donations	2,675	-	<b>2,675</b>	2,929	-	2,929
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	9,072	-	<b>9,072</b>	6,378	-	6,378
Grants	-	2,900	<b>2,900</b>	5,500	-	5,500
	<u>214,641</u>	<u>9,824</u>	<u>224,465</u>	<u>176,227</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>189,473</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>						
Bank Interest	2,052	-	<b>2,052</b>	870	-	870
	<u>2,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>870</u>

### 3 Donations payable

The following donations were made during the year:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £
<b>Mission and welfare organisations:</b>						
Friths	9,600	-	<b>9,600</b>	9,600	-	9,600
Hames	-	-	-	2,255	-	2,255
Jakin	1,060	-	<b>1,060</b>	1,040	-	1,040
CAP - Contribution to Head Office	3,600	500	<b>4,100</b>	3,600	330	3,930
Bethany Childrens Trust	4,800	-	<b>4,800</b>	-	-	-
Christian Vision for Men	2,400	-	<b>2,400</b>	-	-	-
Life Church Lutterworth	500	-	<b>500</b>	-	-	-
Other	965	232	<b>1,197</b>	5,882	803	6,685
	<u>22,925</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>23,657</u>	<u>22,377</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>23,510</u>
Donations to individuals	3,818	-	<b>3,818</b>	2,820	60	2,880
	<u>26,743</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>27,475</u>	<u>25,197</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>26,390</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

### 4 Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £
Repairs and renewals	20,140	-	<b>20,140</b>	2,054	-	2,054
Property running costs	18,065	-	<b>18,065</b>	15,762	-	15,762
Insurance	4,934	-	<b>4,934</b>	4,462	-	4,462
Telephone	1,520	-	<b>1,520</b>	1,833	-	1,833
Computer expenses	431	-	<b>431</b>	573	-	573
Hub expenses	-	2,002	<b>2,002</b>	-	2,290	2,290
Miscellaneous expenses	2,053	-	<b>2,053</b>	4,605	-	4,605
	<u>47,143</u>	<u>2,002</u>	<u><b>49,145</b></u>	<u>29,289</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>31,579</u>

### 5 Governance and support costs

	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2024 £	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2023 £
Depreciation to freehold property	23,132	-	<b>23,132</b>	23,132	-	23,132
Depreciation to fixtures and fittings	2,929	-	<b>2,929</b>	2,473	-	2,473
Consultants and professional fees	15,779	-	<b>15,779</b>	1,004	-	1,004
Independent examiners fees:						
Examination of accounts	1,920	-	<b>1,920</b>	1,614	-	1,614
Postage, stationery and sundries	2,082	-	<b>2,082</b>	1,903	-	1,903
	<u>45,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>45,842</b></u>	<u>30,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,126</u>

### 6 Staff and ministry costs

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £
Salaries, NI and expenses	78,457	36,737	<b>115,194</b>	75,561	29,577	105,138
Training and team expenses	618	-	<b>618</b>	675	-	675
Youth ministries	819	-	<b>819</b>	1,404	-	1,404
Outreach	1,836	-	<b>1,836</b>	2,587	-	2,587
Worship and sound equipment	1,339	-	<b>1,339</b>	1,443	-	1,443
Preaching fees and ministry expenses	320	-	<b>320</b>	500	-	500
	<u>83,389</u>	<u>36,737</u>	<u><b>120,126</b></u>	<u>82,170</u>	<u>29,577</u>	<u>111,747</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

### 7 Tangible assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Fixtures Fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2023	1,156,581	80,453	1,237,034
Additions	-	-	-
	<u>1,156,581</u>	<u>80,453</u>	<u>1,237,034</u>
At 30 September 2024	1,156,581	80,453	1,237,034
	<u>1,156,581</u>	<u>80,453</u>	<u>1,237,034</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2023	542,708	65,809	608,517
Charge for the year	23,132	2,929	26,061
	<u>565,840</u>	<u>68,738</u>	<u>634,578</u>
At 30 September 2024	565,840	68,738	634,578
	<u>565,840</u>	<u>68,738</u>	<u>634,578</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2024	590,741	11,715	602,456
	<u>590,741</u>	<u>11,715</u>	<u>602,456</u>
At 30 September 2023	613,873	14,644	628,517
	<u>613,873</u>	<u>14,644</u>	<u>628,517</u>

On 22nd October 2019 official custodian of the Church's freehold property was transferred by the trustees from named individuals to the to 'The Charity Commission of England and Wales'. This is a statutory holding under Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the '2011 Charities Act'.

### 8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid recoverable	9,640	7,374
Other debtors	185	-
	<u>9,825</u>	<u>7,374</u>
	<u>9,825</u>	<u>7,374</u>

### 9 Creditors falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	1
Other creditors and accruals	2,379	2,736
Deferred income	20,000	-
Tax and social security	1,288	1,231
	<u>23,667</u>	<u>3,968</u>
	<u>23,667</u>	<u>3,968</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

### 10 Movements on restricted funds

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2023	12,558	838	2,100	310	15,806
Incoming resources	8,774	1,050	-	-	9,824
Resources expended	(26,122)	(13,117)	(232)	-	(39,471)
Transfers between restricted funds	310	-	-	(310)	-
Transfer from general fund	18,925	12,617	-	-	31,542
	<u>14,445</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,701</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>14,445</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,701</u>

Transfer from the general fund is for the salary costs incurred by restricted activities of the charity with the cost being met by the church.

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2022	2,471	350	2,903	370	6,094
Incoming resources	12,377	869	-	-	13,246
Resources expended	(20,006)	(12,191)	(803)	(60)	(33,060)
Transfer to general fund	17,716	11,810	-	-	29,526
	<u>12,558</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>15,806</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>12,558</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>15,806</u>

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £
Cash	165,915	17,701	<b>183,616</b>	140,572	15,806	156,378
Other assets	588,614	-	<b>588,614</b>	631,923	-	631,923
	<u>754,529</u>	<u>17,701</u>	<u><b>772,230</b></u>	<u>772,495</u>	<u>15,806</u>	<u>788,301</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

### 12 Trustees' and staff salaries and expenses

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	2023 £
The church had paid remuneration to staff as follows:				
MJ MacDiarmid (Trustee)	35,790	-	<b>35,790</b>	33,934
Other Employees	36,237	35,094	<b>71,331</b>	64,463
Pension costs	4,024	1,643	<b>5,667</b>	5,471
Expenses	264	-	<b>264</b>	195
	<u>76,315</u>	<u>36,737</u>	<u><b>113,052</b></u>	<u>104,063</u>
Employer's national insurance	2,142	-	<b>2,142</b>	1,075
	<u>78,457</u>	<u>36,737</u>	<u><b>115,194</b></u>	<u>105,138</u>

The amount paid to MJ MacDiarmid was for ministry support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities. This amount is paid in accordance with the charity's governing document. No amount was paid to any trustee for the services of being a trustee.

The above expenses include travel costs of £145 (2023: £39) repaid to one trustee (2023: one trustee).

The average number of full time employees during the year were:

Charitable activities	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
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There are no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

### 13 Christians Against Poverty Expenses Summary

The following expenses are included in the accounts under the appropriate headings and are summarised here to show a total cost for the CAP centre.

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £
Staff costs	-	12,617	<b>12,617</b>	-	11,810	11,810
Travel expenses	-	119	<b>119</b>	-	51	51
Telephone	-	65	<b>65</b>	-	59	59
Contribution to head office	3,600	-	<b>3,600</b>	3,600	-	3,600
Miscellaneous expenses	-	296	<b>296</b>	-	194	194
Gifts to individuals	-	20	<b>20</b>	-	77	77
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>13,117</u>	<u><b>16,717</b></u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>12,191</u>	<u>15,791</u>

\* Unrestricted CAP expenditure is included in expenditure noted in note 3 and 6.

### 14 Related Party Disclosures

During the year donations were received from trustees totalling £25,885 (2023: £23,860).

**Hope Community Church**

England & Wales - Charity number 1056283

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration Number: 1056283**

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Charity Name** Hope Community Church

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**Charity Number** 1056283

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Hope Community Church is governed by its constitution; dated April 1995 and amended August 2019. It is administered by the elders, who are also the trustees of the charity.

The church is a member of the New Wine network of churches.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the church and serve for up to five years, after which they may stand again for re-election. Currently, the board of trustees numbers four, with no changes in the last financial year.

Trustees meet fortnightly, during term time, for prayer and business. Also meeting monthly, a wider group of leaders also attend the meetings, where the focus is largely on pastoral care within the church community, and prayer for the church. Once a term, the meeting is attended by an 'Extended Leadership Team' of key departmental leaders within the church. These meetings are an opportunity for the elders to share vision, and an opportunity for these key leaders to ask questions and shape the vision presented to them.

Governance and support costs are shown in the notes to the accounts. The types of funds are disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are stated in the constitution and we see these being worked out through the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This results in the building up of believers, the practical outworking of Christian faith by relief of human suffering and poverty within the community and reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ. The trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The level of performance against objectives reflects the commitment of the members who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith. The leadership and management of this activity is the primary responsibility of the trustees and paid staff.

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### Community Outreach

We are in the privileged position to have three members of staff - Marilyn, Lesley and Emily - whose sole focus is on community outreach. Emily is a new addition to the team, being employed a day a week to support Marilyn in the Compassion Ministry work. In addition to these staff members, there is a host of volunteers who run other outreach projects or help support those who do.

The CAP debt centre has continued to have a significant role in the life of the community. 19 new clients have been taken on this year, with seven going debt free, as well as several CAP money courses being run in the local community. This ministry is delivered by Marilyn, with support of Emily and a group of volunteer befrienders.

The Hope Hub, likewise, has continued to be utilised well by the community. This year 165 families have been provided with clothing, household items and toiletries through the work of the Hope Hub. As well as taking referrals, the Hope Hub has a monthly drop-in session where clients can stay for tea and coffee.

As part of the Compassion Ministry, we also run a weekly Tuesday session on a local council estate (Boulter Crescent), aimed at bringing local residents together, providing community for otherwise isolated people.

Our family support continues to thrive, with up to 80 children attending one of two tots groups in the week. This is delivered by our Family Outreach worker, Lesley, and a team of faithful volunteers.

Lesley also runs a weekly 'Let's Do Life' group, which provides targeted support for local, often vulnerable, young families. This is much smaller, with around eight families attending weekly. The aim is to give these young families the skills to thrive as parents economically, emotionally and spiritually. It has been incredibly well-received by those who attend, with much thanks going to the small committed team delivering this service.

The Tuesday morning coffee morning has continued to flourish, with up to 50 older community members attending each week, finding a place for community, support and fun. Additionally, a number of other events have been organised including meals attended by over a hundred people and coach loads of attendees going day trips. These have been funded by incredibly generous gifts from the community, and resourced by Church Member Hannah Owers and her team of amazing volunteers.

The Hub Club, which was started last year in partnership with the local Primary Care Network has continued to provide a valuable place of community and referral to key agencies. Up to 40 people attend every week and have the opportunity to socialise, but also access health, mental health, benefits and social support.

We continue to host two Foodbank sessions each week, run by Leicester South Foodbank, who also run a community meal from our building. Each week, those in need of emergency food parcels receive one at one of these sessions.

### Church Community Events and Activities

Our Sundays are the high point of our regular activities. They are open to anyone to attend, and we have up to 180 attending each Sunday morning, though we have over 180 adults and 100 children on our address list.

Each week, there is half an hour of collective worship, at which point the children and young people go out to their own groups, which provides them with a context to learn about faith in ways appropriate to their age groups. We have around 30 DBS-checked volunteers leading these sessions. These are led by Katie Vaughan, our new Children and Youth worker.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

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#### Church Community Events and Activities - continued

Also led by Katie and her team of volunteers. is the midweek Youth work, Thursday Night Inferno, which attracts up to 30 11-18 year olds each Thursday, for fun, games and discussion about faith. There is also a more in-depth group for those wanting to look deeper at faith, which a smaller number attend.

Once a term, we continue to run 'Messy Church' in our Sunday gatherings, which is a morning full of crafts and activities aimed at younger children and their families, and attracts a large number of community families. We are seeing over 50 people from the community in addition to normal church attendees at Messy Church.

Each week, we continued to run Small Groups, which provides an opportunity for church members to learn about different aspects of life and faith in a smaller, discussion-based setting. These have been generally well-attended, and are almost all run by volunteers within the church.

One of those groups was a Kintsugi Hope wellbeing group, which was run by Marilyn, who is now trained as a KH group leader. These seek to promote good mental health in the wider community. The first group was run within the church as a pilot, and we're excited to see how this develops wider in the next year.

Each Christmas, we run a whole load of festive events. This year we ran eight Carol singing events, ranging from Carols by Candlelight through to carols in a local pub or the open air. These events are always popular and we had hundreds of people coming to these events over the month.

We also ran three conferences again, the Jewel and Release women's and men's conferences attended by between 150 and 200 people. These are fantastic gatherings that attract people from as far as the South Coast. We also ran another Church Weekend at Home, with a weekend of events and gatherings for the church family, including an afternoon at a local working farm.

We continue to offer pastoral support for our members through men's and women's ministries, small groups and through a growing pastoral care team who are able to visit those who are sick and struggling.

#### Support of Mission Partners

The church continues to support the work of two of our members in their involvement with the El Alfarero Project in Bolivia. Their newsletters are distributed among the church family to share news, inform prayers, and stimulate financial support. We were privileged for them to spend a significant amount of time back in the UK, which gave them an opportunity to reconnect with the church family.

We have continued to support the sharing of the Gospel to Jewish people by financially and pastorally supporting two of our Church members who work for Christian Mission to the Jews. These church members retired from this work this year, and we decided that the financial support will not continue into next year.

Through one of the church members, we have links with St Stephen's Society which has its headquarters in Hong Kong. We support this with prayer and gifts.

We started financially supporting one of our members who works internationally in helping men engage with faith through the work of Christian Vision for Men. Many of the men he supports have significant mental health concerns, so we are excited about this ministry.

Additionally, we started to financially support the work of the Bethany Children's Trust, where one of our members is the CEO. BCT works with partner projects in Sub-Saharan Africa to mobilise Christians and Churches to support vulnerable children at risk in their communities.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

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### Future plans

This year has been a year of consolidation and steady growth. We are now reaching capacity on a Sunday morning, so have been exploring ways to free up space, while also widening our ability to serve local community. As a result, in consultation with our church members, we are aiming to have started an additional church site in South Wigston this coming year. We are also exploring initiating a project in Lutterworth with some of our members who live there. This will mean rethinking out leadership structures, which we will endeavour to do imminently, taking into account all the necessary legal obligations.

We are also hoping to consolidate our pastoral care as a church. We believe that rethinking our small group system will allow for increased pastoral care within the church community so as not to place undue burden on a very small group of people.

We are also hoping to bring a lot of our community outreach into one session in order to maximise our resources as a largely volunteer-run organisation. This will take significant logistical planning from multiple external agencies, but could be fruitful for our outreach to Wigston as a whole.

Plans to improve the building continue to develop. We are hoping that this time next year, we will have extended our kitchen, improved our welcome space. We are also looking again at how we can make Phase IV upstairs a useable space.

As we grow as a church, we also recognise the need to strengthen our leadership, and so are looking to appoint at least two new elders in the next financial year.

### Financial Review

The state of the Charity's finances is shown in the attached Statement of financial Activities, balance sheets, and notes to the accounts. There was some concern this time last year that finances would be stretched owing to the cost of living crisis. However, giving has actually increased this year, which allowed us to end the year with income exceeding expenditure. This is only possible due to the incredibly generous and, at times, sacrificial giving of our regular members.

### Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to keep approximately three months' salary and support costs in the unrestricted funds. £772,495 (2022: £791,706) was held in unrestricted funds at the year end. This is in excess of the amount required per the reserves policy due to additional funds held for major building maintenance and development.

### Summary

This has been another positive and exciting year in the life of Hope Community Church. Partnerships with community agencies have been strengthened, attendance and giving has increased, and there is a clear plan for future development and growth. We are excited about continuing to serve our local community in the coming year.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 16 January 2024

*Matt MacDiarmid*

signed on 17/01/2024, 09:49:56 GMT

Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

## 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

*L. Parkes*

signed on 18/01/2024, 10:18:59 GMT

## **Mrs L G Parkes FCA FCCA (Independent Examiner)**

The Rowleys Partnership Limited  
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Date: 16 January 2024

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£	£	£	
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations & grants, inc Gift Aid	2	176,227	13,246	189,473	169,755
Investment income	2	870	-	870	44
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>177,097</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>190,343</u>	<u>169,799</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Donations payable	3	25,197	1,193	26,390	35,381
Charitable expenditure	4	29,289	2,290	31,579	26,140
Governance and support costs	5	30,126	-	30,126	29,737
Staff and ministry costs	6	82,170	29,577	111,747	89,396
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>166,782</u>	<u>33,060</u>	<u>199,842</u>	<u>180,655</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		10,315	(19,814)	<b>(9,499)</b>	(10,856)
Transfers between funds	10	(29,526)	29,526	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(19,211)</u>	<u>9,712</u>	<b>(9,499)</b>	(10,856)
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		<u>791,706</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<b>797,800</b>	808,656
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>772,495</u></u>	<u><u>15,806</u></u>	<u><u>788,301</u></u>	<u>797,800</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	NOTE	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	628,517	644,622
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	7,374	7,383
Cash at bank and in hand		156,378	149,124
		<u>163,752</u>	<u>156,507</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	3,968	3,329
		<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,329</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>159,784</u>	<u>153,178</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>788,301</u></u>	<u><u>797,800</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		772,495	791,706
Restricted Funds	10	15,806	6,094
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>788,301</u></u>	<u><u>797,800</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 16 January 2024

*Matt MacDiarmid*

signed on 17/01/2024, 09:49:56 GMT

**Matt MacDiarmid** (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Hope Community Church is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.2 Funds structure

Certain income is given for specific purposes. These funds are shown as restricted funds. As the money is spent, likewise the cost will also be shown under restricted funds. Monies given for restricted purposes primarily relate to gifts towards the HUB, mission, hardship and the CAP centre. Other funds given to further the charitable objects generally are classed as unrestricted funds. These may also include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### 1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### 1.4 Gift Aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

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### 1 Accounting policies continued

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category.

#### 1.6 Irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

#### 1.7 Allocation of overheads and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. The apportionment is based upon the trustees' estimation of administrative activities versus the charitable activities themselves.

#### 1.8 Charitable Activities

Charitable activities include expenditure incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities, including grants made, gifts and donations to individuals and institutions and apportionment of overhead and support costs.

#### 1.9 Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and examination fees.

#### 1.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	2 to 5 yrs

#### 1.11 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

#### 1.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

#### 1.13 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £
<b>Donations Received:</b>						
Regular Giving - Gift Aid	147,731	12,618	<b>160,349</b>	126,872	3,731	130,602
Regular Giving - Non Gift Aid	10,703	628	<b>11,331</b>	6,045	2,145	8,190
Special Donation - Gift Aid	2,231	-	<b>2,231</b>	6,724	-	6,724
Special Donation - Non Gift Aid	755	-	<b>755</b>	5,080	-	5,080
Other Donations	2,929	-	<b>2,929</b>	6,990	-	6,990
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	6,378	-	<b>6,378</b>	7,600	-	7,600
Grants	5,500	-	<b>5,500</b>	4,568	-	4,568
	<u>176,227</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>189,473</u>	<u>163,880</u>	<u>5,876</u>	<u>169,755</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>						
Bank Interest	870	-	<b>870</b>	44	-	44
	<u>870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44</u>

### 3 Donations payable

The following donations were made during the year:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £
<b>Mission and welfare organisations:</b>						
Friths	9,600	-	<b>9,600</b>	9,045	-	9,045
Hames	2,255	-	<b>2,255</b>	2,460	-	2,460
Jakin	1,040	-	<b>1,040</b>	1,040	-	1,040
St Stephen's Society	-	-	-	3,225	-	3,225
CAP - Contribution to Head Office	3,600	330	<b>3,930</b>	4,580	218	4,798
Other	5,882	803	<b>6,685</b>	10,561	1,422	11,983
	<u>22,377</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>23,510</u>	<u>30,910</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>32,551</u>
Donations to individuals	2,820	60	<b>2,880</b>	2,830	-	2,830
	<u>25,197</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>26,390</u>	<u>33,740</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>35,381</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

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## 4 Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £
Repairs and renewals	2,054	-	<b>2,054</b>	981	-	981
Property running costs	15,762	-	<b>15,762</b>	15,133	-	15,133
Insurance	4,462	-	<b>4,462</b>	4,095	-	4,095
Telephone	1,833	-	<b>1,833</b>	2,063	-	2,063
Computer expenses	573	-	<b>573</b>	55	-	55
Hub expenses	-	2,290	<b>2,290</b>	-	1,015	1,015
Miscellaneous expenses	4,605	-	<b>4,605</b>	2,799	-	2,799
	<u>29,289</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u><b>31,579</b></u>	<u>25,126</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>26,140</u>

## 5 Governance and support costs

	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2023 £	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2022 £
Depreciation to freehold property	23,132	-	<b>23,132</b>	23,132	-	23,132
Depreciation to fixtures and fittings	2,473	-	<b>2,473</b>	1,904	-	1,904
Consultants and professional fees	1,004	-	<b>1,004</b>	745	-	745
Independent examiners fees:						
Examination of accounts	1,614	-	<b>1,614</b>	864	-	864
Postage, stationery and sundries	1,903	-	<b>1,903</b>	3,092	-	3,092
	<u>30,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>30,126</b></u>	<u>29,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,737</u>

## 6 Staff and ministry costs

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £
Salaries, NI and expenses	75,561	29,577	<b>105,138</b>	56,848	26,408	83,256
Training and team expenses	675	-	<b>675</b>	1,169	-	1,169
Youth ministries	1,404	-	<b>1,404</b>	1,052	-	1,052
Outreach	2,587	-	<b>2,587</b>	1,398	-	1,398
Worship and sound equipment	1,443	-	<b>1,443</b>	2,302	-	2,302
Preaching fees and ministry expenses	500	-	<b>500</b>	220	-	220
	<u>82,170</u>	<u>29,577</u>	<u><b>111,747</b></u>	<u>62,988</u>	<u>26,408</u>	<u>89,396</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

<b>7 Tangible assets</b>	<b>Freehold Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Fixtures Fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2022	1,156,581	70,953	1,227,534
Additions	-	9,500	9,500
At 30 September 2023	<u>1,156,581</u>	<u>80,453</u>	<u>1,237,034</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2022	519,576	63,336	582,912
Charge for the year	23,132	2,473	25,605
At 30 September 2023	<u>542,708</u>	<u>65,809</u>	<u>608,517</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2023	<u>613,873</u>	<u>14,644</u>	<u>628,517</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>637,005</u>	<u>7,617</u>	<u>644,622</u>

On 22nd October 2019 official custodian of the Church's freehold property was transferred by the trustees from named individuals to the to 'The Charity Commission of England and Wales'. This is a statutory holding under Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the '2011 Charities Act'

<b>8 Debtors</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>7,374</u>	<u>7,383</u>
	<u>7,374</u>	<u>7,383</u>
<b>9 Creditors falling due within one year</b>		
	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Trade creditors	1	992
Other creditors	2,736	1,076
Tax and social security	1,231	1,261
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,329</u>

Barclays Bank plc holds a charge secured on the Church's freehold property.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

### 10 Movements on restricted funds

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2022	2,471	350	2,903	370	6,094
Incoming resources	12,377	869	-	-	13,246
Resources expended	(20,006)	(12,191)	(803)	(60)	(33,060)
Transfer from general fund	17,716	11,810	-	-	29,526
	<u>12,558</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>15,806</u>

Transfer from the general fund is for the salary costs incurred by restricted activities of the charity with the cost being met by the church.

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2021	1,649	25	1,200	-	2,874
Incoming resources	1,837	544	3,125	370	5,876
Resources expended	(16,860)	(10,782)	(1,422)	-	(29,064)
Transfer to general fund	15,845	10,563	-	-	26,408
	<u>2,471</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>6,094</u>

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Cash	140,572	15,806	<b>156,378</b>	143,030	6,094	149,124
Other assets	631,923	-	<b>631,923</b>	648,676	-	648,676
	<u>772,495</u>	<u>15,806</u>	<u><b>788,301</b></u>	<u>791,706</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<u>797,800</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONTINUED

### 12 Trustees' and staff salaries and expenses

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 £	2022 £
The church had paid remuneration to staff as follows:				
MJ MacDiarmid (Trustee)	33,934		<b>33,934</b>	32,444
Other Employees	36,478	27,985	<b>64,463</b>	45,282
Pension costs	3,930	1,541	<b>5,471</b>	4,139
Expenses	144	51	<b>195</b>	168
	<u>74,486</u>	<u>29,577</u>	<u><b>104,063</b></u>	<u>82,033</u>
Employer's national insurance	1,075	-	<b>1,075</b>	1,223
	<u><u>75,561</u></u>	<u><u>29,577</u></u>	<u><u><b>105,138</b></u></u>	<u><u>83,256</u></u>

The amount paid to MJ MacDiarmid was for ministry support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities. This amount is paid in accordance with the charity's governing document. No amount was paid to any trustee for the services of being a trustee.

The above expenses include travel costs of £39 repaid to 1 trustee.

The average number of full time employees during the year were:

Charitable activities	<u><u>7</u></u>	<u><u>5</u></u>
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There are no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

### 13 Christians Against Poverty Expenses Summary

The following expenses are included in the accounts under the appropriate headings and are summarised here to show a total cost for the CAP centre.

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £
Staff costs	-	11,810	<b>11,810</b>	155	10,563	10,718
Travel expenses	-	51	<b>51</b>	101	-	101
Telephone	-	59	<b>59</b>	106	-	106
Contribution to head office	3,600	-	<b>3,600</b>	4,449	-	4,449
Miscellaneous expenses	-	194	<b>194</b>	29	-	29
Gifts to individuals	-	77	<b>77</b>	101	219	321
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>12,191</u>	<u><b>15,791</b></u>	<u>4,942</u>	<u>10,782</u>	<u>15,724</u>
	<u><u>3,600</u></u>	<u><u>12,191</u></u>	<u><u><b>15,791</b></u></u>	<u><u>4,942</u></u>	<u><u>10,782</u></u>	<u><u>15,724</u></u>

\* Unrestricted CAP expenditure is included in expenditure noted in note 3 and 6.

### 14 Related Party Disclosures

During the year donations were received from trustees totalling £23,860 (2022: £21,734).

**Hope Community Church**

England & Wales - Charity number 1056283

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration Number: 1056283

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Hope Community Church
<b>Trustees</b>	P Edwards (Resigned 17/01/2022) M Pearce P Beynon M J MacDiarmid K Allen
<b>Charity Number</b>	1056283
<b>Principal Address</b>	56 Bull Head Street Wigston Leicester LE18 1PA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc 25 The Parade Oadby Leicester LE2 5BB

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Hope Community Church is governed by its constitution; dated April 1995 and amended August 2019. It is administered by the elders, who are also the trustees of the charity.

The church is a member of the New Wine network of churches.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the church and serve for up to five years, after which they may stand again for re-election. Currently, the board of trustees numbers four, with Phil Edwards having retired from trusteeship with the new Lead Elders now fully established.

Trustees meet fortnightly, during term time, for prayer and business. Every six weeks, a wider leadership team also attend the meetings, where the focus is largely on pastoral care within the church community, and prayer for the church. Once a term, the meeting is attended by an 'Extended Leadership Team' of key leaders within the church. These meetings are an opportunity for the elders to share vision, and an opportunity for these key leaders to ask questions and shape the vision presented to them.

Governance and support costs are shown in the notes to the accounts. The types of funds are disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are stated in the constitution and we see these being worked out through the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This results in the building up of believers, the practical outworking of Christian faith by relief of human suffering and poverty within the community and reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ. The trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The level of performance against objectives reflects the commitment of the members who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith. The leadership and management of this activity is the primary responsibility of the trustees and paid staff.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

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#### Recovery from Covid Crisis

This year saw business return largely to normal after restrictions caused by the covid pandemic were lifted. Sunday, midweek and children's and youth services all returned in person without restriction, though we continued to live-stream our Sunday services for those unable to attend.

We initially saw numbers drop off as some were cautious to return after covid, but by the end of the year, saw numbers return to where they were before the pandemic, and possibly even exceeding it.

#### Relief to Human Suffering and Poverty

Last year we employed Marilyn Allen to oversee two areas of community support – the leadership of the Christian's Against Poverty Debt Centre and the Hope Hub, which provides clothing and household items to those in need.

The CAP Debt Centre has this year had 23 clients, four of whom have gone debt free. This service is delivered by Marilyn and a team of volunteers who act as befrienders. Additionally, we have run two 'CAP Money' courses, designed to help community with budgeting and money awareness.

The Hope Hub has continued to be well utilised by community. We have run three sessions each week – two at the King's Centre on Mondays and Thursdays, and one on a Tuesday in a community flat on a local council estate. We have found, increasingly, that some from the community come each week, more for the human contact than to actually take any items. Around 120 households have been supported by the Hope Hub.

We also continue to offer support to vulnerable families in the area through our tots groups and also through more targeted support from our Family Support worker, Lesley. This year, tots has served 89 households and 23 families have had more targeted support.

Despite Leicester South Foodbank moving into a new premises last year, we have continued to work closely with them, and host two sessions each week, which coincide with the two Hope Hub Sessions. These foodbank sessions involve distribution of food parcels, as well as provision of benefits, housing and budgeting support.

The Tuesday morning coffee morning that was established last year in response to the local Age Concern building closing has continued as a way to provide contact and relationship for over 60s. It is well attended with between 30 and 50 people coming each week. It is run by a team of volunteers who faithfully serve tea and coffee and chat with attendees.

Early in the year, we were approached by local Social Prescribers from the local Primary Care Network about hosting a weekly event for local community where support would be available from the PCN, foodbank, Helping Hands and local Council. This started in before Easter and involves staff from the aforementioned organisation, as well as volunteers from the Church. We have 20-30 vulnerable attendees each week for tea, coffee, quizzes and provision of support.

Finally, we were mindful of our ability to respond to the crisis in Ukraine this year. We had a service aimed to raise awareness and pledges of support for those struggling as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As a result, we had a number of members pledge to host a Ukrainian refugee, and several thousand pounds of support pledged for supporting those who come, though these pledges have not as yet been called in. Currently, we have provided support to Ukrainian refugees through the Hope Hub, and we have one family who are awaiting a Ukrainian family to come to stay.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

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### Regular Events and Activities

Our Sundays continue to be well-attended by church members and local community. On any given Sunday we can have up to 150 people attending, though we have 180 adults and 80 children in our address list.

After the first hour of collective worship, the children and young people go out to 'firestarters' – which provides a context to explore life and faith in age-appropriate ways. These groups are led by a team of around 30 DBS-checked volunteers.

Once a term, we do 'messy-church' which provides a way to do church all together, using crafts and hands-on activities. Over the summer holidays, we again did church on a local park involving a picnic and games afterwards.

During midweek, we run small groups for our church members. These provide a context for learning about specific aspects of life and faith in a smaller, more discussion-based setting. This year, we've had groups looking at prayer, healthy living, persecuted Christians, as well as various aspects of theology.

Additionally, we run a weekly group for 11-14 year olds on a Thursday, which is attended by up to 25 young people. We successfully appointed a Youth and Children's Team leader who started in September, and who runs this group (as well as overseeing Sunday work and school's outreach). The Thursday group is run by the Y+CTL and a team of DBS-checked volunteers and gives opportunities for connection, fun, and learning about Christianity in an age-appropriate way.

Christmas is always a highlight of the year. This year, we ran 5 carol services aimed at varying demographics, a Christmas Day service, events in pubs, and carol singing in the open air. We had great attendance at these events with hundreds of people coming over the month of December.

We also ran three conferences over the year. The Release Men's conference in February was attended by over 150 men, and the Jewel Women's conference attended by nearly 200 women, with both conferences attracting people from across the country. Additionally, we ran our first Church weekend at Home, with a weekend of events and gatherings. This was a great success, and involved an afternoon at a local working farm with swimming pool, farm tour, BBQ and the like. This was well-received and will be an annual event.

### Support of Mission Partners

The church continues to support the work of two of our members in their involvement with the El Alfarero Project in Bolivia. Their newsletters are distributed among the church family to share news, inform prayers, and stimulate financial support. They did not return during this year, but aim to return for an extended time next year for sabbatical.

We continue to support the sharing of the Gospel to Jewish people by financially and pastorally supporting two of our Church members who work for Christian Mission to the Jews.

The church also has personal links with St Stephen's Society which has its headquarters in Hong Kong. We support this work by gifts.

We continue to support one of our members, who works for the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship in equipping students in their mission to give every student the opportunity to hear about and respond to the message of Jesus Christ.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

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### Future plans

We are aware that we are about to head into a season where the cost of living is likely to greatly increase. We are starting to explore ways we can support local community and church community in terms of provision of warm spaces and financial support for church members.

We are also exploring how to extend our staff team to help develop our key ministries of Compassion Ministry and Children and Youth work. Regarding Compassion Ministry, we are exploring how partnership with other churches may allow the CAP work to expand.

Owing to the cost of living crisis, we do not believe now is the time to renovate 'Phase IV' as was hoped this year. Instead, we are exploring ways to use existing church funds to improve our catering abilities, in order to better serve local community.

### Financial Review

The state of the Charity's finances is shown in the attached Statement of financial Activities, balance sheet, and notes to the accounts. Regular giving has, again, increased from the last year, which reflects further growth in church membership. We are pleased that the increased giving has more than covered reduced income from the Foodbank moving out last year.

We are aware that finances are likely to be more stretched owing to increased energy prices, but we are confident that as the church continues to grow, we will be able to match these increased costs. We also have significant reserves that offer some protection if the national economic position continues to worsen.

### Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to keep approximately three months' salary and support costs in the unrestricted funds as well as reserves for major building maintenance and development.

### Summary

This has been an incredibly positive year in the life of Hope Community Church. We have come back strongly from the covid crisis, and are continuing to grow in terms of membership and community impact. Of particular note is the deepening relationship we have with the local NHS and local council, and we are keen to deepen this in the coming year as we seek to serve our local community together.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 19 January 2023

*Matt MacDiarmid*

signed on 24/01/2023, 11:49:54 GMT

Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

## **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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

*L. Parkes*

signed on 24/01/2023, 15:16:36 GMT

**Mrs L G Parkes FCA FCCA (Independent Examiner)**

The Rowleys Partnership Limited  
Charnwood House  
Harcourt Way  
Meridian Business Park  
Leicester  
LE19 1WP

Date: 19 January 2023

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£	
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations & grants, inc Gift Aid	2	163,880	5,876	169,755	154,843
Investment income	2	44	-	44	22
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>163,923</u>	<u>5,876</u>	<u>169,799</u>	<u>154,865</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Donations payable	3	33,740	1,641	35,381	30,056
Charitable expenditure	4	25,126	1,015	26,140	26,772
Governance and support costs	5	29,737	-	29,737	29,569
Staff and ministry costs	6	62,988	26,408	89,396	70,385
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>151,591</u>	<u>29,064</u>	<u>180,655</u>	<u>156,782</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		12,332	(23,188)	(10,856)	(1,917)
Transfers between funds	10	(26,408)	26,408	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(14,076)</u>	<u>3,220</u>	<u>(10,856)</u>	<u>(1,917)</u>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		<u>805,782</u>	<u>2,874</u>	<u>808,656</u>	<u>810,573</u>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u>791,706</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<u>797,800</u>	<u>808,656</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

### BALANCE SHEET

	NOTE	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		644,622		669,658
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	8	7,383		25,773	
Cash at bank and in hand		149,124		119,582	
		<u>156,507</u>		<u>145,355</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	9	3,329		6,357	
		<u>3,329</u>		<u>6,357</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>153,178</u>		<u>138,998</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>797,800</u>		<u>808,656</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			791,706		805,782
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	10		6,094		2,874
			<u>797,800</u>		<u>808,656</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u>797,800</u>		<u>808,656</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 19 January 2023

*Matt MacDiarmid*

signed on 24/01/2023, 11:49:54 GMT

Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Hope Community Church is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.2 Funds structure

Certain income is given for specific purposes. These funds are shown as restricted funds. As the money is spent, likewise the cost will also be shown under restricted funds. Monies given for restricted purposes primarily relate to gifts towards the HUB, mission, hardship and the CAP centre. Other funds given to further the charitable objects generally are classed as unrestricted funds. These may also include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### 1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### 1.4 Gift Aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category.

#### 1.6 Irrecoverable VAT

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

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### 1 Accounting policies continued

#### 1.7 Allocation of overheads and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. The apportionment is based upon the trustees' estimation of administrative activities versus the charitable activities themselves.

#### 1.8 Charitable Activities

Charitable activities include expenditure incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities, including grants made, gifts and donations to individuals and institutions and apportionment of overhead and support costs.

#### 1.9 Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and examination fees.

#### 1.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	2 to 5 yrs

#### 1.11 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

#### 1.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 ONTINUED

### 2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £
<b>Donations Received:</b>						
Regular Giving - Gift Aid	126,872	3,731	<b>130,602</b>	112,722	4,192	116,914
Regular Giving - Non Gift Aid	6,045	2,145	<b>8,190</b>	8,530	703	9,233
Special Donation - Gift Aid	6,724	-	<b>6,724</b>	-	-	-
Special Donation - Non Gift Aid	5,080	-	<b>5,080</b>	12,000	-	12,000
Other Donations	6,990	-	<b>6,990</b>	2,663	-	2,663
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	7,600	-	<b>7,600</b>	9,318	-	9,318
Grants	4,568	-	<b>4,568</b>	4,715	-	4,715
	<u>163,880</u>	<u>5,876</u>	<u>169,755</u>	<u>149,948</u>	<u>4,895</u>	<u>154,843</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>						
Bank Interest	44	-	<b>44</b>	22	-	22
	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22</u>

### 3 Donations payable

The following donations were made during the year:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £
<b>Mission and welfare organisations:</b>						
Friths	9,045	-	<b>9,045</b>	7,380	-	7,380
Hames	2,460	-	<b>2,460</b>	2,460	-	2,460
Jakin	1,040	-	<b>1,040</b>	1,040	-	1,040
St Stephen's Society	3,225	-	<b>3,225</b>	-	-	-
CAP - Contribution to Head Office	4,580	218	<b>4,798</b>	3,215	25	3,240
Other	10,561	1,422	<b>11,983</b>	11,836	1,300	13,136
	<u>30,910</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>32,551</u>	<u>25,931</u>	<u>1,325</u>	<u>27,256</u>
Donations to individuals	2,830	-	<b>2,830</b>	2,800	-	2,800
	<u>33,740</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>35,381</u>	<u>28,731</u>	<u>1,325</u>	<u>30,056</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

### 4 Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £
Repairs and renewals	981	-	<b>981</b>	4,059	-	4,059
Property running costs	15,133	-	<b>15,133</b>	11,467	-	11,467
Insurance	4,095	-	<b>4,095</b>	3,798	-	3,798
Telephone	2,063	-	<b>2,063</b>	1,357	-	1,357
Computer expenses	55	-	<b>55</b>	1,070	-	1,070
Hub expenses	-	1,015	<b>1,015</b>	-	696	696
Miscellaneous expenses	2,799	-	<b>2,799</b>	4,325	-	4,325
	<u>25,126</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u><b>26,140</b></u>	<u>26,076</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>26,772</u>

### 5 Governance and support costs

	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2022 £	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2021 £
Depreciation to freehold property	23,132	-	<b>23,132</b>	23,132	-	23,132
Depreciation to fixtures and fittings	1,904	-	<b>1,904</b>	2,381	-	2,381
Consultants and professional fees	745	-	<b>745</b>	756	-	756
Independent examiners fees:						
Examination of accounts	864	-	<b>864</b>	864	-	864
Postage, stationery and sundries	3,092	-	<b>3,092</b>	2,436	-	2,436
	<u>29,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>29,737</b></u>	<u>29,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,569</u>

### 6 Staff and ministry costs

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £
Salaries, NI and expenses	56,848	26,408	<b>83,256</b>	50,630	15,364	65,994
Training and team expenses	1,169	-	<b>1,169</b>	540	-	540
Youth ministries	1,052	-	<b>1,052</b>	2,000	-	2,000
Outreach	1,398	-	<b>1,398</b>	265	-	265
Worship and sound equipment	2,302	-	<b>2,302</b>	1,476	-	1,476
Preaching fees and ministry expenses	220	-	<b>220</b>	110	-	110
	<u>62,988</u>	<u>26,408</u>	<u><b>89,396</b></u>	<u>55,021</u>	<u>15,364</u>	<u>70,385</u>

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

### 7 Tangible assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Fixtures Fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2021	1,156,581	70,953	1,227,534
Additions	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	<u>1,156,581</u>	<u>70,953</u>	<u>1,227,534</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2021	496,444	61,432	557,876
Charge for the year	23,132	1,904	25,036
At 30 September 2022	<u>519,576</u>	<u>63,336</u>	<u>582,912</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2022	<u>637,005</u>	<u>7,617</u>	<u>644,622</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>660,137</u>	<u>9,521</u>	<u>669,658</u>

On 22nd October 2019 official custodian of the Church's freehold property was transferred by the trustees from named individuals to the to 'The Charity Commission of England and Wales'. This is a statutory holding under Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the '2011 Charities Act'

### 8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid recoverable	7,383	25,747
Other debtors	-	26
	<u>7,383</u>	<u>25,773</u>

### 9 Creditors falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	992	605
Other creditors	1,076	4,783
Tax and social security	1,261	969
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>6,357</u>

Barclays Bank plc holds a charge secured on the Church's freehold property.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

### 10 Movements on restricted funds

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Fire Gentleman £	Total £
At 1 October 2021	1,649	25	1,200	-	2,874
Incoming resources	1,837	544	3,125	370	5,876
Resources expended	(16,860)	(10,782)	(1,422)	-	(29,064)
Transfer from general fund	15,845	10,563	-	-	26,408
	<u>2,471</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>6,094</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>2,471</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>6,094</u>

Transfer from the general fund is for the salary costs incurred by restricted activities of the charity with the cost being met by the church.

	Hub £	CAP £	Hardship £	Total £
At 1 October 2020	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources	2,345	50	2,500	4,895
Resources expended	(9,914)	(6,171)	(1,300)	(17,385)
Transfer to general fund	9,218	6,146	-	15,364
	<u>1,649</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,874</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>1,649</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,874</u>

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
Cash	143,030	6,094	<b>149,124</b>	116,707	2,874	119,581
Other assets	648,676	-	<b>648,676</b>	689,074	-	689,074
	<u>791,706</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<u><b>797,800</b></u>	<u>805,781</u>	<u>2,874</u>	<u>808,655</u>

### 12 Trustees' and staff salaries and expenses

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 £	2021 £
The church had paid remuneration to staff as follows:				
MJ MacDiarmid (Trustee)	32,444		<b>32,444</b>	31,944
Other Employees	20,333	24,949	<b>45,282</b>	30,345
Pension costs	2,680	1,459	<b>4,139</b>	3,605
Expenses	168	-	<b>168</b>	100
	<u>55,625</u>	<u>26,408</u>	<u><b>82,033</b></u>	<u>65,994</u>
Employer's national insurance	1,223	-	<b>1,223</b>	-
	<u>56,848</u>	<u>26,408</u>	<u><b>83,256</b></u>	<u>65,994</u>

The amount paid to MJ MacDiarmid was for ministry support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities. This amount is paid in accordance with the charity's governing document. No amount was paid to any trustee for the services of being a trustee.

The above expenses include travel costs repaid to 1 trustee.

The average number of full time employees during the year were:

Charitable activities	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
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There are no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTINUED

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### 13 Christians Against Poverty Expenses Summary

The following expenses are included in the accounts under the appropriate headings and are summarised here to show a total cost for the CAP centre.

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £
Staff costs	-	10,718	<b>10,718</b>	5,367	-	5,367
Travel expenses	101	-	<b>101</b>	100	-	100
Telephone	106	-	<b>106</b>	63	-	63
Contribution to head office	4,449	-	<b>4,449</b>	3,215	-	3,215
Miscellaneous expenses	29	-	<b>29</b>	-	-	-
Gifts to individuals	101	218	<b>320</b>	-	25	25
	<u>4,787</u>	<u>10,936</u>	<u><b>15,723</b></u>	<u>8,745</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>8,770</u>

\* Unrestricted CAP expenditure is included in expenditure noted in note 3 and 6.

### 14 Related Party Disclosures

Mike Pearce was also a trustee of Leicester South Foodbank, who rented space from the church to run drop in sessions, and for storage in the first part of the year. The church received £3,300 income from the Foodbank during his time as a trustee during the year.

During the year donations were received from trustees totalling £21,734 (2021: £22,277).

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Dear Matt

I am enclosing the following for the year ended 30/09/2022 for your kind attention:

1. One office copy of the accounts for you to sign on page 5 and page 8 electronically where indicated.

We have received the signed Letter of Representation today.

Opening balance adjustments for you to enter onto your accounting system will be sent to Pete on receipt of final accounts together with our invoice.

If you would like hard bound copies of the accounts, please confirm how many copies you would like. I will arrange for these to be sent to you on receipt of the above signed documents.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Lisa Parkes  
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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration Number: 1056283**

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Hope Community Church
<b>Trustees</b>	P Edwards M Pearce P Beynon M J MacDiarmid K Allen
<b>Charity Number</b>	1056283
<b>Principal Address</b>	56 Bull Head Street Wigston Leicester LE18 1PA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc Meridian Business Park Leicester LE3 2RN

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Hope Community Church is governed by its constitution; dated April 1995 and amended August 2019. It is administered by the elders, who are also the trustees of the charity.

The church is a member of the New Wine network of churches.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the church and serve for up to five years, after which they may stand again for re-election. Currently, the board of trustees numbers 5.

They meet fortnightly, during term time, for prayer and business. Twice a term, a wider leadership team also attend the meetings, where the focus is largely on prayer and worship. Once a term, the meeting is attended by an 'Extended Leadership Team' of key leaders within the church. These meetings are an opportunity for the elders to share vision, and an opportunity for these key leaders to ask questions and shape the vision presented to them.

Governance and support costs are shown in the notes to the accounts. The types of funds are disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are stated in the constitution and we see these being worked out through the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This results in the building up of believers, the practical outworking of Christian faith by relief of human suffering and poverty within the community and reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ.

The level of performance against objectives reflects the commitment of the members who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith. The leadership and management of this activity is the primary responsibility of the trustees and paid staff.

#### **Ongoing Response to Covid Crisis**

As with the rest of the world, covid has been the backdrop for much of our work as a charity this year. Responding to the increased physical neediness of vulnerable adults and children in our community has been a priority for us (as highlighted below), and our regular church activities have had to change from online to in-person depending on latest government regulations. We have always sought to stick as closely to government advice and mandate as possible.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 CONTINUED

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As a result, the integration of zoom for our midweek gatherings, and livestream functionality for our Sunday gatherings have continued to be invaluable. Many of the church community are either unable, or do not feel comfortable, to yet return to our in-person gatherings, so we have continued to join us via YouTube. During the summer, we ran a number of our Sunday gatherings in a local park in order to provide extra mitigation for those wanting to attend in person.

We will continue to closely adhere to government guidelines regarding coronavirus in the coming year, and are committed to responding to the needs for those in our community who are most affected by the pandemic.

#### **Relief to Human Suffering and Poverty**

Last year saw the temporary closure of the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, and the creation of The Hope Hub, providing clothing and household items to those in need. This year, we hired Marilyn Allen to the role of Compassion Ministry Manager, and as a result, we have seen both the expansion of the Hope Hub, and the recommencement of the debt centre with Christians Against Poverty. The CAP debt centre is seeing two new clients a month, and works with them intensely to the point they go debt free. We are encouraged by how this has started.

The Hope Hub has continued to expand, and its partnership with the Leicester South Foodbank and the Community Hub on a local council estate has strengthened. As well as taking referrals throughout the week, the Hub runs three drop-in sessions - two in the church building and one on the local council estate - for people to come and choose clothing and household items that are needed.

We continue to strengthen our partnership with LSFB, now sharing an office with their staff. This has enabled closer collaboration as we support families in need. They continue to run two sessions per week in the King's Centre, and use the upstairs warehouse space as their storage.

In response to the local Age Concern building closing their doors, we also started a weekly coffee morning from the start of September. This is in its early stages, but is looking like it will become a vital part of supporting older, more isolated, members of the community who found community at Age Concern previously

With changes in covid regulations, our weekly tot's sessions were able to recommence. These run on a Thursday and Friday, but our Family Support worker also has a number of informal meetings with local vulnerable families, and has started running some smaller tot's sessions for these over the past couple of months. We have noticed that more families are coming to sessions with more complex needs, and see this as a direct result of lockdowns over the past 18 months.

#### **Regular Events and Activities**

Everyone from our community is welcome to join us for our Sunday services. As mentioned above, services have used the hybrid model - with some attending in person and others watching via YouTube. It is hard to tell how many we have attending over a month, but we have 150 adults and 60 children and young people. On a Sunday morning, our children and young people spend much of the service exploring life and faith in 'firestarters', which is led by a team of around 30 DBS-checked volunteers. Encouragingly, we have seen increased numbers of people from the local community engaging with our Sunday services, most of whom we initiated contact with via the Hope Hub. Five times a year, we continue to run Messy church - an informal family-friendly gathering - which attracts mostly those from our community who have contact with us through the midweek tots work.

Each term, we run a series of small groups, run by members of the community and aimed at exploring a specific aspect of faith and life. Some are more studious, others more relaxed. We have also made

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## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 CONTINUED

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good use of zoom to run groups for those who are unable to come out or have childcare issues. These groups continue to be a key part of our life as a church.

As anticipated in last year's report, we started running a regular youth group from October 2020. Thursday Night Inferno attracts between 15 and 20 11-14 year olds each week and is run by volunteers. The sessions consist of youth-friendly activities and games, and always have a slot where faith is explored in relevant ways. The group has grown significantly since its inception and now attracts around 50% of young people from outside the Hope Church Community.

Finally, we again ran two large conferences this year - the Release Men's conference in February and the Jewel Women's conference in September. Release was moved online due to covid restrictions and was very well attended. Jewel was able to be in-person and attracted a little over 150 delegates (numbers were limited due to covid).

#### **Support of Mission Partners**

The church continues to support the work of two of our members in their involvement with the El Alfarero Project in Bolivia. Their newsletters are distributed among the church family to share news, inform prayers, and stimulate financial support. They returned from Bolivia during the summer for their two-yearly trip to the UK, and they will stay until just before Christmas, during which time they will run two courses from their Bolivian curriculum.

We continue to support the sharing of the Gospel to Jewish people by financially and pastorally supporting two of our Church members who work for Christian Mission to the Jews.

The church also has personal links with St Stephen's Society which has its headquarters in Hong Kong. We support this work by gifts.

We continue to support one of our members, who works for the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship in equipping students in their mission to give every student the opportunity to hear about and respond to the message of Jesus Christ.

#### **Future plans**

All future plans are subject to change depending on covid restrictions, but we do have a number of significant changes planned for the next financial year.

Firstly, LSFBS have outgrown the King's Centre and will move to a new warehouse, dubbed a 'regional distribution centre' from January. We will continue to host two Foodbank sessions per week at the King's Centre, and some of the Foodbank staff will continue to work in the shared office in order to continue the collaboration that has been so successful this year.

As a result, we have started to look at designs for renovating 'Phase IV', where the Foodbank have been operating for the past several years. We are in conversation with a local construction company regarding the best use of space, and are in talks with external organisations who may be able to partner with us to ensure the space is used to its full capacity.

We have also committed to hiring a new member of staff from September 2022. We are hoping to hire a 'Youth and Children's Team leader' to oversee our rapidly expanding children and youth work, as well as see its development into the future, and manage the large team of volunteers.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 CONTINUED

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#### **Financial Review**

The state of the Charity's finances is shown in the attached Statement of financial Activities, balance sheets, and notes to the accounts. Regular giving has, again, increased from the last year, which reflects further growth in church membership. We are confident that the increased giving will cover the income lost through the Foodbank moving out in January, and as trustees we have approved a budget that matches our expected monthly outgoings with a conservative estimate of monthly income.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to keep approximately three months' salary and support costs in the unrestricted funds as well as reserves for major building maintenance and development.

#### **Summary**

On reflection, this has been an exciting year in the life of a Hope Community a church. Despite challenges from covid and changes in financial circumstances, our reach into the community has increased, community engagement with the church has also increased, and our finances are in a healthy position. We feel this gives us an excellent platform to thrive in the next 12 months as we seek to serve our local community.

*Matthew MacDiarmid*

signed on 14/01/2022, 14:05:07 GMT

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 14/01/2022.

Matt MacDiarmid (trustee)

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
MEADOWS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

*Robert Radford*

signed on 17/01/2022, 08:38:52 GMT

**R J Radford FCA (Independent Examiner)**

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## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations & grants, inc Gift Aid	2	149,948	4,895	154,843	121,364
Investment income	2	22	-	22	76
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>149,970</u>	<u>4,895</u>	<u>154,865</u>	<u>121,440</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Donations payable	3	28,731	1,325	30,056	25,991
Charitable expenditure	4	26,076	696	26,772	9,800
Governance and support costs	5	29,569	-	29,569	30,013
Staff and ministry costs	6	55,021	15,364	70,385	56,838
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>139,397</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>156,782</u>	<u>122,642</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		£ <u>10,573</u>	<u>(12,490)</u>	<u>(1,917)</u>	<u>(1,202)</u>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		810,573	-	810,573	811,775
Transfers between funds	10	(15,364)	15,364	-	-
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u>805,782</u>	<u>2,874</u>	<u>808,656</u>	<u>810,573</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### BALANCE SHEET – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	NOTE	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		669,658		695,172
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	8	25,773		8,304	
Cash at bank and in hand		119,582		109,630	
		<u>145,355</u>		<u>117,934</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	9	6,357		2,533	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>138,998</u>		<u>115,401</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><u>808,656</u></u>		<u><u>810,573</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>			805,782		810,573
Restricted Funds	10		2,874		-
			<u><u>808,656</u></u>		<u><u>810,573</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 14/01/2022

*Matthew MacDiarmid*

signed on 14/01/2022, 14:05:07 GMT  
**Matt MacDiarmid** (trustee)

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.2 Funds structure

Certain income is given for specific purposes. These funds are shown as restricted funds. As the money is spent, likewise the cost will also be shown under restricted funds. Monies given for restricted purposes primarily relate to gifts towards the HUB, mission, hardship and the CAP centre. Other funds given to further the charitable objects generally are classed as unrestricted funds. These may also include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### 1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### 1.4 Gift Aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category.

#### 1.6 Irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**  
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**1 Accounting policies continued**

**1.7 Allocation of overheads and support costs**

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. The apportionment is based upon the trustees' estimation of administrative activities versus the charitable activities themselves.

**1.8 Charitable Activities**

Charitable activities include expenditure incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities, including grants made, gifts and donations to individuals and institutions and apportionment of overhead and support costs.

**1.9 Governance costs**

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy and examination fees.

**1.10 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings over 50 yrs  
 Fixtures, fittings and equipment 2 to 5 yrs

**2 Incoming Resources**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 £
<b>Donations Received:</b>						
Regular Giving - Gift Aid	112,722	4,192	<b>116,914</b>	101,928	3,561	105,489
Regular Giving - Non Gift Aid	8,530	703	<b>9,233</b>	4,256	-	4,256
Special Donation - Gift Aid	12,000	-	<b>12,000</b>	-	5,256	5,256
Special Donation - Non Gift Aid	-	-	-	250	-	250
Other Donations	2,663	-	<b>2,663</b>	2,088	-	2,088
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	9,318	-	<b>9,318</b>	3,754	-	3,754
Grants	4,715	-	<b>4,715</b>	271	-	271
	<u>149,948</u>	<u>4,895</u>	<u>154,843</u>	<u>112,547</u>	<u>8,817</u>	<u>121,364</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>						
Bank Interest	22	-	<b>22</b>	76	-	76
	<u>22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76</u>

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**3 Donations payable**

The following donations were made during the year:

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 £
<b>Mission and welfare organisations:</b>						
Friths	7,380	-	<b>7,380</b>	7,580	1,600	9,180
Hames	2,460	-	<b>2,460</b>	2,460	-	2,460
Jakin	1,040	-	<b>1,040</b>	1,040	-	1,040
St Stephen's Society	2,800	-	<b>2,800</b>	2,880	-	2,880
CAP - Contribution to Head Office	3,215	25	<b>3,240</b>	-	2,721	2,721
Other	11,836	1,300	<b>13,136</b>	2,948	4,762	7,710
	<u>28,731</u>	<u>1,325</u>	<u><b>30,056</b></u>	<u>16,908</u>	<u>9,083</u>	<u>25,991</u>
Donations to individuals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>28,731</u>	<u>1,325</u>	<u><b>30,056</b></u>	<u>16,908</u>	<u>9,083</u>	<u>25,991</u>

**4 Charitable expenditure**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 £
Repairs and renewals	4,059	-	<b>4,059</b>	356	-	356
Property running costs	11,469	-	<b>11,469</b>	-	-	-
Insurance	3,798	-	<b>3,798</b>	3,533	-	3,533
Telephone	1,357	-	<b>1,357</b>	543	-	543
Computer expenses	1,070	-	<b>1,070</b>	237	-	237
Hub expenses	-	696	<b>696</b>	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	4,325	-	<b>4,325</b>	5,131	-	5,131
	<u>26,076</u>	<u>696</u>	<u><b>26,773</b></u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,800</u>

**5 Governance and support costs**

	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2021 £	Charitable Activity £	Governance £	2020 £
Depreciation to freehold property	23,132	-	<b>23,132</b>	23,132	-	23,132
Depreciation to fixtures and fittings	2,381	-	<b>2,381</b>	1,833	-	1,833
Consultants and professional fees	756	-	<b>756</b>	752	-	752
Independent examiners fees:						
Examination of accounts	864	-	<b>864</b>	1,599	-	1,599
Postage, stationary and sundries	2,436	-	<b>2,436</b>	2,697	-	2,697
	<u>29,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>29,569</b></u>	<u>30,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,013</u>

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### 6 Staff and ministry costs

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 £
Salaries, NI and expenses	50,630	15,364	65,994	50,688	-	50,688
Training and team expenses	540	-	540	1,110	-	1,110
Youth ministries	2,000	-	2,000	2,699	-	2,699
Outreach	265	-	265	1,248	-	1,248
Worship and sound equipment	1,476	-	1,476	1,093	-	1,093
Preaching fees and ministry expenses	110	-	110	-	-	-
	<u>55,021</u>	<u>15,364</u>	<u>70,385</u>	<u>56,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,838</u>

### 7 Tangible assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Fixtures Fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2020	1,156,581	70,953	1,227,534
Additions	-	-	-
At 30 September 2021	<u>1,156,581</u>	<u>70,953</u>	<u>1,227,534</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2020	473,312	59,051	532,363
Charge for the year	23,132	2,381	25,513
At 30 September 2021	<u>496,444</u>	<u>61,432</u>	<u>557,875</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2021	<u>660,137</u>	<u>9,521</u>	<u>669,658</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>683,269</u>	<u>11,902</u>	<u>695,171</u>

On 22nd October 2019 official custodian of the Church's freehold property was transferred by the trustees from named individuals to the to 'The Charity Commission of England and Wales'. This is a statutory holding under Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the '2011 Charities Act'

### 8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid recoverable	25,747	5,651
Other debtors	26	2,653
	<u>25,773</u>	<u>8,304</u>

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**9 Creditors falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	605	530
Other creditors	4,783	1,397
Tax and social security	969	606
	<u>6,357</u>	<u>2,533</u>

Barclays Bank plc holds a charge secured on the Church's freehold property.

**10 Movements on restricted funds**

	Hub	CAP	Hardship	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2020	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources	2,345	50	2,500	4,895
Resources expended	(9,914)	(6,171)	(1,300)	(17,385)
Transfer from general fund	9,218	6,146	-	15,364
	<u>1,649</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,874</u>

Transfer from the general fund is for the salary costs incurred by restricted activities of the charity with the cost being met by the church.

	Mission	CAP	Hardship	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2019	-	-	4,049	4,049
Incoming resources	-	3,561	5,256	8,817
Resources expended	-	(3,561)	(5,522)	(9,083)
Transfer to general fund	-	-	(3,783)	(3,783)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30 September 2020	-	-	-	-

**11 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	116,707	2,874	119,581	109,630	-	109,630
Other assets	689,074	-	689,074	700,943	-	700,943
	<u>805,781</u>	<u>2,874</u>	<u>808,655</u>	<u>810,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>810,573</u>

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**12 Trustees' and staff salaries and expenses**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 £	2020 £
The church had paid remuneration to staff as follows:				
MJ MacDiarmid (Trustee)	31,944		<b>31,944</b>	30,450
Other Employees	30,345	-	<b>30,345</b>	16,142
Pension costs	3,605	-	<b>3,605</b>	2,903
Expenses	100	-	<b>100</b>	137
	<u>65,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>65,994</b></u>	<u>49,632</u>
Employer's national insurance	-	-	-	1,056
	<u>65,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>65,994</b></u>	<u>50,688</u>
The above expenses include travel costs repaid to 1 trustees.				
The average number of full time employees during the year were:				
Charitable activities			<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

**13 Christians Against Poverty Expenses Summary**

The following expenses are included in the accounts under the appropriate headings and are summarised here to show a total cost for the CAP centre

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £
Staff costs	5,367	-	<b>5,367</b>	3,010	-	3,010
Travel expenses	100	-	<b>100</b>	137	-	137
Telephone	63	-	<b>63</b>	42	-	42
Contribution to head office	3,215	-	<b>3,215</b>	-	2,650	2,650
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	58	-	58
Gifts to individuals	-	25	<b>25</b>	-	71	71
	<u>8,745</u>	<u>25</u>	<u><b>8,770</b></u>	<u>3,247</u>	<u>2,721</u>	<u>5,968</u>

\* Unrestricted CAP expenditure is included in expenditure noted in note 3 and 6.