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Mr M MacDiarmid  
Hope Community Church  
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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



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
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# 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.

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### 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*

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

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

The Rowleys Partnership Limited  
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Date: 28/01/2026

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## 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.

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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></u>	<u></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	<u>256,934</u>	<u>17,701</u>
<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>

<b>1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO</b>	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.

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

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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>

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

## HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### 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>672,647</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
At 30 September 2025	256,334	-	-	600	256,934

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
At 30 September 2024	14,445	1,388	1,868	-	17,701

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

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

## 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><u>97,967</u></u>	<u><u>40,514</u></u>	<u><u><b>138,481</b></u></u>	<u><u>115,194</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 £Nil (2024: £145) repaid to no trustees (2024: one trustee).

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

Charitable activities	<u><u>8</u></u>	<u><u>7</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 £	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).

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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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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*

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

Date: 28/01/2026

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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

*L. Parkes*

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