

THE LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

The principal activity of the Church throughout the year was the advancement of the Christian faith.

Again this year, we continued meeting at Pastor Tim's house, not only for his own comfort (because of his ongoing back pain at the present time), but also because the hall was often used by the community for a variety of uses, and the concerns regarding Covid are still relevant.

We have continued with our daily readings and monthly themed topics from The Truths of the Faith series in keeping with God's word.

Having opened a deposit account with Kingdom Bank (which supports and lends to Christian individuals and organisations) last December, we transferred a larger amount in January once the account was up and running.

The hourly rate for ministry and teaching to the Church for Pastor Tim was increased, with effect from the 1st April.

The decision to continue to use BrightPay was made in April with the purchase of an Annual Licence Key of £82.80 in May.

We have continued to support Christian organisations both in this country and abroad, (for the relief of poverty, education, justice, medical assistance, persecution and missions) with our monthly standing orders payable to:

Paul & Cathy Middleton – Christian workers with Mercy Air, South Africa and Africa School of Missions.

The Christian Institute

Christian Concern

SAT-7 - Christian TV run by & for the Middle East and North Africa

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Release International

In addition:

July - £500 was given to SPUC for their Summer Fundraiser Red Alert

November - £500 was given to Sat-7 and also to Paul & Cathy Middleton (Mercy Air)

We have ensured that the decisions we have made throughout the year has enabled the Christian message to be expressed in its various forms.

Tim Pritt, Liz King and Marylyn Pritt

Trustees, The Living Hope Church – Hope Valley

19th January 2024

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Registered Charity: 1062646

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Living Hope Church

Registered Charity Number 1062646

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 28 February 2024

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 28 February 2024

THE LIVING HOPE CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Chairperson

Pastor Tim Pritt

6 The Dale, Hathersage, Hope Valley, S32 1EQ Tel: 01433 650942

Treasurer

Mrs Liz King

The Old Station House, Station Road, Hope, Hope Valley S33 6RR Tel: 01433 620036

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We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Please print name: _____

Date: _____

The Living Hope Church - Hope Valley

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Receipts			Payments	
	2022 £	2023 £		2022 £	2023 £
Tithes & Offerings	21,186	22,832	Pastoral/Ministry Expenses	16,907	17,853
Gift Aid Donation	0	0	Establishment Costs	0	0
Tax Reclaimed	2,053	3,673	Church Family Expenses	0	0
Interest on Deposits	20	186	Evangelism & Outreach	9,320	5,820
New Account Incentive	0	0	Administration	486	498
	23,259	26,691		26,713	24,171

Opening Balance @	01.01.23	11,434	Expenditure		24,171
Income		26,691	Closing Balance @	31.12.23	13,954
		<u>38,125</u>			<u>38,125</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 31st December 2023

	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Church Premises	Nil	
Contents of Premises (Equipment)	4,159	
Total		4,159
Current Assets		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
Santander	5,768	
Kingdom Bank Deposit Account	8,186	
		13,954
Total Assets		18,113
Current Liabilities		Nil
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