

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1069689

Details

Other names	THE HOPE OF ROTHERHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE HOPE OF ROTHERHAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-05-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; ANDC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Open Public Worship, Prayer, Preaching, Teaching and EvangelismMidweek Connect Groups and Alpha CoursesAmplify (Youth Club, activities and events)World Changers - For 60 and overs (Programme for seniors)Parent and Toddlers group Rotherham Foodbank and CAP JobclubUK Office for Back To JerusalemSupport Missionaries in Macedonia

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE ROTHERHAM
- Rotherham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£48,423	£48,981	-	-
2024-03-31	£498,124	£359,272	-	-
2023-03-31	£364,711	£281,346	-	-
2022-03-31	£292,380	£271,850	-	-
2021-03-31	£242,920	£183,558	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW HARRIS		2013-11-27
BARRY EASTWOOD		
HANNAH LAMBERT		2017-01-01
Paul Morris		2019-03-25
Peter Shaw		2020-06-15

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31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Trustees Annual Report of Hope Church Rotherham

(Registered Charity Number 1069689)

April 2024 to March 2025

1. Introduction and background

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The Church's accountants are:

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4. CIO

On the 15th January 2024, Hope Church formally registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On the 31 March 2024 Hope Church Charity 1069689 transferred its assets to the new Charity 1206546.

5. The objects of the Church

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These objects, any ongoing partnerships, and the associated Church activities have been taken over by Hope Church Rotherham CIO, and details of these can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of that charity.

6. Church membership, community influence and the public benefit in setting our objects and planning our activities

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements.

7. Finance

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure accounting and banking procedures are followed.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced.

As noted above, the Charity's reserves as at 31 March 2024 were transferred to the new CIO. This charity (1069689) will remain open for the foreseeable to collect legacy donations which will be transferred to the new charity on a quarterly basis.

8a. Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration pertaining to their roles as trustees.

8b. Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

All employees were transferred to the CIO on 31 March 2024.

9. Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.



Hannah Lambert – Chair

13 October 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Church deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Hannah Lambert

Date: 13 October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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.



Christopher Walters
Nuvo Accountancy Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Norham House
Moutenoy Road
Rotherham S60 2AJ

Date 20 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	14,268	18,946	33,214	265,843
Income from charitable activities	2		15,209	15,209	53,281
Gain on sale of property				-	177,000
Gain on sale of vehicle				-	2,000
				-	-
Total income		14,268	34,155	48,423	498,124
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	12,784	36,197	48,981	359,272
Total expenditure		12,784	36,197	48,981	359,272
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		1,484	(2,042)	(558)	138,852
Transfers between funds	9a	(185)	185	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		1,299	(1,857)	(558)	138,852
Fund balances at 1 April	8	(1,208)	2,656	1,448	287,453
		91	799	890	426,305
Transfer of assets to CIO - Hope Church Rotherham (1206546)	12				(424,857)
Fund balances at 31 March	8	91	799	890	1,448

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. As described in note 13, the Charity reconstituted as a CIO with effect from 31 March 2024.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM


BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025


	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments		25		25	
Cash at bank and in hand		865		3,443	
Total current assets		<u>890</u>		<u>3,468</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6		-		2,020
Net current assets			<u>890</u>		<u>1,448</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>890</u>		<u>1,448</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-		-
Net assets			<u>890</u>		<u>1,448</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	8		91		(1,208)
Restricted funds	8		799		2,656
Total funds			<u>890</u>		<u>1,448</u>

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and applicable law including the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13 October 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:



 Barry Eastwood



 Hannah Lambert

Trustees

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a Trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. It is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 1069689).

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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011. Hope Church Rotherham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards any purpose which falls within the Charity's remit.

Restricted are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the terms of a specific appeal.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Capital expenditure has been capitalised and depreciated over the asset's useful life.

Depreciation rates are applied to write down the assets to estimated residual values over their useful lives. The

Freehold buildings	25 years straight line
Equipment	3 - 4 years straight line

For the purposes of reporting the cost of the property has been split, by the Trustees, 50:50 between land (not depreciated) and buildings

Pension schemes

The Charity contributions to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they fall due. The assets of the schemes are independent of the Charity's finances.

Transfer to CIO - Hope Church Rotherham

On 31 March 2024, the Charity was reconstituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Hope Church Rotherham (CIO registered number 1206546).

All assets/liabilities/fund balances were transferred to the CIO on that date.

This charity will remain active whilst all legacy donations are identified and can be moved to the CIO.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Church	14,268		14,268	351,614
	-			
Foodbank		16,897	16,897	65,811
B2J UK		-	-	-
Worship/Heart & Skill		-	-	200
Community Projects		15,209	15,209	11,846
Vision		1,004	1,004	10,053
Missions		1,045	1,045	19,985
Building Fund		-	-	50
Financial Inclusion Funding		-	-	37,535
CAP		-	-	1,030
	14,268	34,155	48,423	498,124

3 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Church	12,784		12,784	166,829
	-			
Foodbank		16,168	16,168	67,674
B2J UK		-	-	-
Worship/Heart & Skill		-	-	200
Community Projects		17,795	17,795	9,999
Vision		1,189	1,189	50,668
Missions		1,045	1,045	19,995
Building Fund		-	-	5,996
Financial Inclusion Funding		-	-	37,641
CAP		-	-	270
	12,784	36,197	48,981	359,272

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4 Resources expended on charitable activities by category	2025			2024		
	Un - restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Un - restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Project expenditure	-	-	-	4,523	94,609	99,132
Grants to institutions (see note 4a)	12,513	34,929	47,442	10,829	4,670	15,499
Grants to individuals (Hope for you)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent and rates	-	-	-	13,213	34,811	48,024
Heat, light and power	-	-	-	6,249	-	6,249
Travelling expenses	-	-	-	6,157	4,955	11,112
Printing and stationery	-	-	-	1,573	819	2,392
Telephone and computer costs	-	68	68	2,681	1,676	4,357
Equipment hire and rental	-	-	-	592	-	592
Maintenance	-	-	-	172	1,049	1,221
General expenses	-	-	-	4,405	2,670	7,075
Bank charges and interest	11	-	11	755	-	755
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	106,794	31,934	138,728
Professional fees	260	1,200	1,460	8,301	11,745	20,046
Depreciation	-	-	-	585	3,505	4,090
	12,784	36,197	48,981	166,829	192,443	359,272

4a Grants to institutions are comprised of transfers to Hope Church Rotherham CIO.

5 Staff numbers

No employees earned in excess of £60,000.

All fixed assets were transferred to Hope Church Rotherham CIO on 31 March 2024.
Capital commitments at 31 March 2024 were £nil (2023 £nil).

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	-	340
Accruals	-	1,680
	-	2,020

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Debtors	25	-	25
Bank and cash balances	66	799	865
Liabilities <1 year	-	-	-
Liabilities > 1 year	-	-	-
	91	799	890

8 Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 10a) £	Transfers (note 10b) £	Transfer to CIO	Fund c/fwd £
Unrestricted	(1,208)	14,268	(271)	(185)	-	(12,513)	91
Restricted							
Foodbank	70	16,897	(1,268)			(14,900)	799
Community projects	2,586	15,209	-			(17,795)	-
Vision	-	1,004	-	185		(1,189)	-
Missions	-	1,045	-			(1,045)	-
	2,656	34,155	(1,268)	185	-	(34,929)	799
Total	1,448	48,423	(1,539)	-	-	(47,442)	890

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Vision offerings are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members. In 2022, all the annual Vision offerings were combined.

The Missions fund incorporates all income and expenditure related to local, national and international projects that Hope Church Rotherham support throughout the year.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9a Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£
Regular gifts from the Church general fund to community Fund	-	1,500
Regular gifts from the Church general fund to Foodbank	-	1,200
Administration costs recharge from Church general fund to Foodbank	-	(4,179)
Agreed internal support for Worship training	-	-
Other transfers - see note below	185	4,285
	<u>185</u>	<u>2,806</u>

Other transfers

As part of an ongoing reconciliation of fund balances on the transfer of the Charity's reserves to the new CIO, a thorough review was undertaken to verify all Fund balances. This identified minor inconsistencies from omitted historic inter-fund transfers which had not been reflected in the reported annual movements, but are now shown in this period.

9b Transfers between restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£
FIF - funding related to agreed contribution to Foodbank overheads	-	5,923
Transfer Foodbank to CAP - opening fund balance	-	410
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,333</u>

10 Related party disclosures

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £nil (2024: £28351).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses pertaining to their roles as trustees. As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary	-	40,824
Pension contribution	-	-
Expenses reimbursed	-	138

In the previous year, the charity employed Victoria Morris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in that year was £11903.

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12 Transfer - Hope Church Rotherham CIO

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The charity has received legacy donations in the year, which, after an allocation of legacy costs have been met, have been transferred to the CIO.

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5. Church activities in furtherance of the above charitable objects for the public benefit

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond.

Our Purpose:

To bring glory to God the Father

Our Vision:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who are making disciples.

Our Values:

Hosting God's Presence. We believe in being open to God the Holy Spirit, by listening and receiving from Him which will result in transformation.

Operating in Faith. We believe in stepping out in faith and bravely following Jesus, seeing things anew from God's perspective.

Purposefully Sharing Jesus. We believe in intentionally sharing the Good News of Jesus in words and actions with everyone.

Expressing God's Love In Our Church Family. We believe in being a church community in which each person knows they have a unique and vital part to play, as they use their gifts to encourage and help each other grow.

We are most thankful to all the many people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the voluntary work is at the same time incalculable and invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following...

Sunday Morning Family Worship – The services are lively and engaging for all ages and run from 10:30 – 12:30. Complimentary refreshments are served afterwards. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has continued to average 170 adults & children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 98 adults. Pre-service prayer takes place each Sunday from 9:30 each week encouraging people to come and engage in purposeful prayer for the meeting and current needs of the church, community and beyond.

Hope Kids' – This is Sunday morning junior church. Children from the ages of 3-11 are welcome to attend. It runs alongside the main Sunday service and offers opportunity for the children to hear Bible stories and participate in songs, games & crafts. All Hope Kids' volunteers are DBS checked and follow Hope Church Rotherham's safeguarding policy & procedures. Numbers attending Hope Kids' have dramatically increased over the past year with an average of 30 children attending each week.

Hope Acorns – Hope Acorns is the parent and toddler group which meet each Monday during term time between 10:00am-12noon. The first visit is free and then a nominal fee of

£2 is required to attend. During the time the children have the opportunity to participate in music & movement, story time, individual play time, craft and snack time. Hope Acorns is open to everyone from the church and local community. It's great to see parents from the local community engaging in these sessions with their children. This year has seen the launch of a baby sensory group for 0-1s. The department is also working in partnership with pre-school agencies across the borough.

Amplify Youth Club – Is open to all youth who are senior school age. Weekly activities include worship, Bible study, topical discussions, games, quizzes and tuck shop. The group join other youth groups in periodic regional events, taking place across Rotherham and Sheffield. Social outings include the annual weekend away which takes place in September of each year. Amplify youth meet each Friday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Hope Oaks – Is a monthly gathering of people aged 60+. This work is directed and managed by one of the church elders. People are welcome from all walks of life. The group meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Attendees can expect to participate in worship and the study of the Word along with sharing life and testimonies. A cooked meal usually follows and this is all funded by the voluntary monetary contributions collected at the meeting. Periodic outings and social events take place at Hope Oaks as well. A holiday to Scarborough is planned for July 2024. Forty People are currently registered with Hope Oaks.

Worship team – The worship team which consists of two discipleship groups meet weekly for rehearsals and discipleship. There are currently twenty three members in the team. The team serve in a varied range of roles covering music, media and creative arts. As part of the ongoing worship training, members from the team along with teams from other churches in the area and beyond have been attending 'Heart & Skill'. This is a worship discipleship course taking place over several Saturdays during the year. The course includes times of worship along with inspiration teaching and specialised tuition. This course is directed by the overseer of worship (also the pastor of pastoral care) and has input from guests and specialist tutors.

Discipleship groups – There are currently eight discipleship groups that meet weekly around the region (other than the last week of the month when corporate prayer & worship takes place at the church on the last Tuesday). The aim of the groups is to gather together for fellowship, prayer and study of the word. The theme is often following on from the Sunday message but also may include pre-prepared material specifically designed for small groups. Social events also take place within the groups from time to time, particularly during summer and Christmas. The discipleship groups are designed to be the first port of call for pastoral care should any issue arise. The delegation of pastoral care is designated to the discipleship group leader who will then manage the matter within the group itself. Should it be a more urgent or serious matter, the discipleship group leader will escalate it to the Pastor of pastoral care, who will then put the appropriate measures in place.

Pastoral Care – Hope church endeavours to continually care for the people who choose to come under its covering. The first stage of care is through the engagement of a local discipleship group. The leadership of the church passionately believe in finding a place to belong in one of these small communities of the church family. However, the team recognise that not everybody will desire to be a part of a small group for whatever reason. In this instance pastoral care would come from a central team should a matter arise. Visitation of the sick, the giving of gifts - for various occasions including sickness, bereavement, and special celebrations - telephone calls and in person meetings - via an appointment system - are all expressions of pastoral care at Hope Church.

During the year pastoral care has developed well and is in a strong position. A team is now established with defined roles and reporting systems in line with current GDPR guidelines. Policies have been put in place for visits and gifts. Last year saw the launch of 'The Bereavement Journey' – a six week journey helping people navigate grief. There were eleven participants in total who benefitted from this course. There is another course planned for 2024. Ongoing training with some of the pastoral care team is planned to take place in the coming year so that there will be multiple facilitators of the bereavement journey. Four events took place gathering widowers, vulnerable people and carers to enjoy time together. This included: An Easter event, a fish and chip lunch, a memorial day and a Christmas special.

Hope Missions – Hope Church has a strong emphasis on mission be it local, national or international. In October the church hold an annual missions conference. This is designed to educate and raise awareness of the current needs at home and abroad. The missions' team also inform the church members through monthly short talks on unreached people groups and the regular updating of the missions board located in the coffee lounge. Hope Church currently support the following organisations with prayer and monthly financial donations.

- One by One
- World of Worth
- HAS Missions
- BTJ UK
- Gospel Ministries
- Turkana Well Project – Nairobi Kenya
- 2x Macedonia Missionaries
- Local Community Fund
- Rotherham Foodbank

Turkana Well – 'Living Water' Project

During this last financial year Hope church Rotherham has provided the funds donated from the fabulous generosity of its members to sink a borehole in Turkana (Nairobi) £15k was raised and we are pleased to report that the project is complete and has come in on budget. This will now provide fresh water to a region which is so hot and arid. The provision of this facility will potentially create a township in the region, purely due to the fact of fresh water being readily available.

Men of Hope – The men's ministry of Hope church includes social and more formal activities. In the last year the men of hope have enjoyed various events ranging from breakfasts, teaching & discussion events and pool competitions.

Women of Hope –The women's ministry of Hope church meet several times per year. The gatherings consist of coffee mornings, craft events along with more formal gatherings. In July 2024 the Women of Hope ministry are planning a conference - 'Pursuit'. This conference will be open to the women of Hope and churches in the locality and further afield.

Hope For You – This expression of the church is predominately a designated funding stream for those of the church family who find themselves for whatever reason in need. It is administrated on a referral basis by a church elder or pastor. The fund covers monetary and material gifts for those who have fallen on hard times. Emotional and practical support are also offered for those in need, which in turn is covered from the pastoral care of the church either through a discipleship group or the pastoral care team of the church.

Resource Team – This team meet regularly to discuss and look at implementing resources to help and equip the church. Welcome bags, first steps literature are among the items sourced and produced by this team.

Training & Development – Hope church have benefited from hosting a range of courses to help people explore the Christian faith and also learn and grow as a follower of Christ. Courses offered included:

- Hope: Engage – Alpha
- Hope: Engage – Church Membership – (25 New Members)
- Hope: Engage – Water Baptisms – (5 People)
- Hope: Equip – The Bereavement Journey (14 Attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Preaching to the British (31 Attendees)
- Hope: Equip – The Art of Preaching (17 Attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Loving your Muslim Neighbour (17 Attendees)
- Hope: Equip – The Bible Book Club (12 Attendees per month)
- Hope: Equip – Leadership Training (23 Attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Healthy Marriages & Relationships (13 Attendees)
- Quiet Retreat time – (28 Attendees)

The courses will be repeated periodically and new courses will be introduced moving forward.

Events – The Church has held a number of events over the year. These included:

- Hope Church Volunteer ‘thank you’ evening – This was a free event held at the Holiday Inn Rotherham which included a meal, sweet cart and photobooth. Everyone appreciated the evening. (72 Attendees)
- Amplify youth weekend away at the Exodus outdoor activity centre.
- Spring Harvest – Skegness
- Alternative Halloween Party (28 Attendees)
- Community Easter extravaganza. (30 Attendees)
- Traditional & Contemporary Carol Service

Rotherham Foodbank – Rotherham foodbank continues to serve the local community through the distribution of food parcels based on a referral basis from recognised agencies. When clients come to site there is also an opportunity for them to be signposted to other services such as debt advice, health care, and other relevant agencies. Rotherham foodbank currently serves between 60-80 clients per week. This year has seen the introduction of a working partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau and Christian’s Against Poverty. This year has seen the introduction of the ‘Good News’ team which offers pastoral support, prayer and information relating to the Christian faith.

Christian’s Against Poverty – The debt relief centre manager is employed two days per week, working with and managing a number of volunteer befrienders. The centre manager also works alongside Rotherham Foodbank, giving advice and help during the foodbanks opening hours. In addition to this, home visits are conducted each week with accompanying befrienders, to assist those in debt by working as advocates, consolidating debts to monthly manageable payments with their creditors. Budgeting plans are also compiled with the clients as part of the service. Hope church is in partnership with Christians Against poverty and pay a monthly fee in accordance with the agreement.

Prison Ministry Team – Hope prison ministry is made up of a number of volunteers working in three prisons including: Moorlands, Wakefield and Lindholme. The team have

worked closely with the prison chaplains and have presented the Sycamore project at one of the prisons this year.

Schools Work – Hope church has been specifically working with two local schools in Rotherham, undertaking assemblies, RE education, holiday clubs and afterschool clubs. The partnership with the schools has increased and strengthened over the years. The contract and funding for the HAF summer clubs has been in conjunction with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. Debating classes and football events with Y5-6 boys will be introduced as part of the Hope Church offer next year.

Evangelism Team – The evangelism team meet in Rotherham town centre on the first Saturday . The team handout literature and crafts whilst having informal chats with the public of Rotherham exploring faith questions.

6. Church membership, community influence and the public benefit in setting our objects and planning our activities

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements as laid out in section five of this report.

7. Local Partnerships

The Church is affiliated with Assemblies of God and takes part in area-wide events such as local hub and area meetings along with special events, such as training days and the AoG national conference. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational lunch once per month that the senior pastor attends.

The church has also been adopted as an official partner with two local schools to support their RE curriculums.

The church was commissioned once again to deliver a project last year which included running a four week holiday school club in one local school. Rotherham Borough Metropolitan Council provided funding for this project which was monitored and assessed upon completion. Other partners in the project included 'Early Help' and the Department for Education'.

8. Finance

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. Hope Church have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also, tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

As noted under 11 below, the Charity's reserves were transferred to a new CIO on 31 March 2024.

8a. Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration pertaining their roles as trustees. Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

8b. Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

This includes:

Two full-time & six part-time staff

Senior Pastor – Full-time

Associate Pastor – Part-time

Finance & Administration manager – Full-time

Community Pastor – Part-time

Pastor of Pastoral Care – Part-time

Training & Development Pastor – Part-time

Foodbank Administrator x1 – Part-time

CAP Debt Centre Manager – Part-time

9. Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

10. Building update

The sale of the building at Grove Road completed on the 12th May 2023 for £300,000 The proceeds of the sale have been placed into an investment account until a new property has been identified. The church meet at Clifton School in Rotherham on Sundays. The Unity Centre in Eastwood is the new venue to host Rotherham Foodbank and mid-week church and community activities. The Hope Church Offices are now based at Biz Space in Bradmarsh Business Park Rotherham.

11. CIO

On the 15th January 2024 Hope church formally registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On the 31 March 2024 Hope Church Charity 1069689 transferred its assets to the new Charity 1206546 The charity 1069689 will remain open for the foreseeable to collect legacy donations which will be transferred to the new charity on a quarterly basis.

Hannah Lambert – Chair 30 September 2024.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Church deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Hannah Lambert

Date: 30 September 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 21.

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.

Keith Hawsen

Keith Dennis Hawsen FCA
Walters Hawsen Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norham House
Mountenoy Road
Rotherham S60 2AJ

Date 1/10/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	174,614	144,510	319,124	364,711
Income from charitable activities	2			-	-
Gain on sale of property		177,000		177,000	
Gain on sale of vehicle			2,000	2,000	
				-	-
Total income		351,614	146,510	498,124	364,711
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	166,829	192,443	359,272	281,346
Total expenditure		166,829	192,443	359,272	281,346
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		184,785	(45,933)	138,852	83,365
Transfers between funds	10a	(2,806)	2,806	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		181,979	(43,127)	138,852	83,365
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	10	112,291	175,162	287,453	204,088
		294,270	132,035	426,305	287,453
Transfer of assets to CIO - Hope Church Rotherham (1206546)	13	(295,478)	(129,379)	(424,857)	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2024	10	(1,208)	2,656	1,448	287,453

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

As described in note 13, the Charity reconstituted as a CIO with effect from 31 March 2024.

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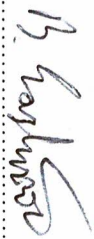
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets	6	-	124,148
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	25	2,080	
Cash at bank and in hand	3,443	245,280	
Total current assets		<u>3,468</u>	<u>247,360</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,020</u>	<u>12,700</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,448</u>	<u>234,660</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,448</u>	<u>358,808</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8	-	71,355
Net assets		<u><u>1,448</u></u>	<u><u>287,453</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	(1,208)	112,291
Restricted funds	10	2,656	175,162
Total funds		<u><u>1,448</u></u>	<u><u>287,453</u></u>

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and applicable law including the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:



 Barry Eastwood



 Hannah Lambert

Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a Trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. It is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 1069689).

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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011. Hope Church Rotherham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting Policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards any purpose which falls within the Charity's remit.

Restricted are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the terms of a specific appeal.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Capital expenditure has been capitalised and depreciated over the assets useful life.

Depreciation rates are applied to write down the assets to estimated residual values over their useful lives. The

Freehold buildings	25 years straight line
Equipment	3 - 4 years straight line

For the purposes of reporting the cost of the property has been split, by the Trustees, 50:50 between land (not depreciated) and buildings

Pension schemes

The Charity contributions to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they fall due. The assets of the schemes are independent of the Charity's finances.

Transfer to CIO - Hope Church Rotherham

On 31 March 2024, the Charity was reconstituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Hope Church. All assets/liabilities/fund balances were transferred to the CIO on that date. This charity will remain active whilst all legacy donations are identified and can be moved to the CIO.

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2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church	351,614	-	351,614	156,315
Foodbank	-	65,811	65,811	75,137
B2J UK	-	200	200	-
Worship/Heart & Skill	-	200	200	2,168
Community Projects	-	11,846	11,846	16,047
Vision	-	10,053	10,053	51,211
Missions	-	19,985	19,985	7,218
Building Fund	-	50	50	12,515
Financial Inclusion Funding	-	37,535	37,535	44,100
CAP	-	1,030	1,030	-
	351,614	146,510	498,124	364,711

3 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church	166,829	-	166,829	167,784
Foodbank	-	67,674	67,674	34,677
B2J UK	-	200	200	-
Worship/Heart & Skill	-	200	200	5,051
Community Projects	-	9,999	9,999	18,141
Vision	-	50,668	50,668	24,887
Missions	-	19,995	19,995	5,024
Building Fund	-	5,996	5,996	6,479
Financial Inclusion Funding	-	37,641	37,641	19,303
CAP	-	270	270	-
	166,829	192,443	359,272	281,346

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4 Resources expended on charitable activities by category	2024		2023	
	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Project expenditure	4,523	94,609	99,132	72,371
Grants to institutions (see note 4a)	10,829	4,670	15,499	10,473
Grants to individuals (Hope for you)	-	-	-	-
Rent and rates	13,213	34,811	48,024	1,805
Heat, light and power	6,249	-	6,249	17,561
Travelling expenses	6,157	4,955	11,112	4,505
Printing and stationery	1,573	819	2,392	590
Telephone and computer costs	2,681	1,676	4,357	2,039
Equipment hire and rental	592	-	592	766
Maintenance	172	1,049	1,221	1,484
General expenses	4,405	2,670	7,075	4,977
Bank charges and interest	755	-	755	2
Wages and salaries	106,794	31,934	138,728	126,707
Professional fees	8,301	11,745	20,046	13,250
Depreciation	585	3,505	4,090	4,278
	166,829	192,443	359,272	281,346

4a Grants to institutions in the year to 31 March 2024 include the following recipients

	Unrestrict-ed funds	Restrict-ed funds
Assemblies of God	600	
One by One	1,350	
V Nakov - Macedonia	1,359	
Back to Jerusalem UK	1,950	
Turkana Project Kenya	1,920	
World of Worth	1,200	
Gospel Ministries	450	4,020
HAS Missions	500	150
IEvans (Ukraine)	500	
S Guaglione (Israel)	500	
Maoz UK	500	
M&M Lees (Turkey)	500	250
G&S Smith Missions		50
Macmillan		200
Other		
	10,829	4,670

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was 8 (2023: 10).
No employees earned in excess of £60,000.

6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	150,000	9,632	4,740	164,372
Additions		563	11,976	12,539
Disposals	- 150,000	-	4,740	- 154,740
Transfer to CIO		- 10,195	- 11,976	- 22,171
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	-
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	27,000	8,484	4,740	40,224
Disposals	- 27,000	-	4,740	- 31,740
Depreciation charge		1,097	2,994	4,091
Transfer to CIO		- 9,581	- 2,994	- 12,575
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	-
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	123,000	1,148	-	124,148

Capital commitments at 31 March 2024 were £nil (2023 £nil).

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	-	-
Mortgage	-	1,797
Other creditors	340	552
Accruals	1,680	1,020
	<u>2,020</u>	<u>3,369</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year

Mortgage	-	<u>73,186</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>73,186</u>

The mortgage was redeemed on the disposal of the mortgaged property in the period.

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Debtors	25	-	25
Bank and cash balances	787	2,656	3,443
Liabilities <1 year	(2,020)	-	(2,020)
Liabilities > 1 year	-	-	-
	<u>(1,208)</u>	<u>2,656</u>	<u>1,448</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 10a) £	Transfers (note 10b) £	Transfer to CIO	Fund c/fwd £
Unrestricted	112,291	351,614	(166,829)	(2,806)		(295,478)	(1,208)
Restricted							
Foodbank	82,086	65,811	(67,674)	(5,517)	5,513	(80,149)	70
Worship/Heart & Skill	-	200	(200)	-			-
Community projects	9,746	11,846	(9,999)	4,543		(13,550)	2,586
Vision	50,303	10,053	(50,668)	703		(10,391)	-
Missions	2,194	19,985	(19,995)	3,167		(5,351)	-
Building Fund	6,036	50	(5,996)	(90)			-
Financial Inclusion Funding (FIF) CAP	24,797	37,535	(37,641)		(5,923)	(18,768)	-
	-	1,030	(270)		410	(1,170)	-
	175,162	146,510	(192,443)	2,806	-	(129,379)	2,656
Total	287,453	498,124	(359,272)	-	-	(424,857)	1,448

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Worship funds have been given for the sole purpose of worship training - 'Heart & Skill'.

Vision offerings are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members. In 2022, all the annual Vision offerings were combined.

The Missions fund incorporates all income and expenditure related to local, national and international projects that Hope Church Rotherham support throughout the year.

The Building fund was opened in 2022 when a substantial gift was given from a Hope Church member to be used specifically for all incurred costs related to the sale of the Grove Road site. This included expenditure such as estate agent, solicitors, and storage fees.

In 2022 Hope church received funding known as the 'Financial Inclusion Fund' This is a three year project in partnership with the Trussell Trust and the Citizens Advice bureau. The fund allows clients accessing the Rotherham foodbank, to have direct onsite contact with an advisor, gathering relevant advice and support to sign post them to the appropriate agencies and support networks. The partnership also allows clients to have contact with an online advisor if preferred to the in person offer.

In November 2022, Hope Church Rotherham opened the CAP Debt Centre employing a debt centre manager with a number of volunteers. This service is open two days a week in conjunction with the foodbank bank service. CAP's debt help service offers free, professional debt counselling to the people of Rotherham. Our unique face-to-face visit model means those who work with us receive a bespoke service that includes emotional and practical support through our local church community.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
10a Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Regular gifts from the Church general fund to community Fund	1,500	1,500
Regular gifts from the Church general fund to Foodbank	1,200	-
Administration costs recharge from Church general fund to Foodbank	(4,179)	(8,400)
Agreed internal support for Worship training	-	980
Other transfers - see note below	4,285	
	<u>2,806</u>	<u>(5,920)</u>
Other transfers		

As part of the reconciliation of fund balances on the transfer of the Charity's reserves to the new CIO, a thorough review was undertaken to verify all Fund balances. This identified inconsistencies from omitted historic inter-fund transfers which had not been reflected in the reported annual movements, but are now shown in this period.

	2024	2023
	£	£
10b Transfers between restricted funds		
FIF - funding related to agreed contribution to Foodbank overheads	5,923	-
Transfer Foodbank to CAP - opening fund balance	410	
	<u>6,333</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Related party disclosures

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £28351 (2023: £62404).

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses pertaining to their roles as trustees. As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor as follows:

	2024	2023
Salary	£	£
Pension contribution	40,824	34,885
Expenses reimbursed	-	2,623
	<u>138</u>	<u>382</u>

In the year, the charity employed Victoria Morris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in the year was £111903 (2023: £8190).

In the year, the charity employed Emma Harris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in the year was £5517 (2023: £9724).

13 Transfer - Hope Church Rotherham CIO

On 31 March 2024, the Charity was reconstituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Hope Church Rotherham (CIO registered number 1206546).

All assets/liabilities/fund balances were transferred to the CIO on that date.

The Church general fund shows as being in deficit at the end of the year, as funds required to cover remaining liabilities were transferred to the CIO. These funds will be returned to the charity in the 24/25.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1069689

Accounts

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

Registered charity : 1069689

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HOPE CHURCH ROTTERHAM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number 1069689

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Members of the Church Council

Chair

Hannah Lambert
Barry Eastwood
Andrew Harris
John Bradwell
Paul Morris
Peter Shaw

Appointed officers

Secretary Unfilled
Treasurer Mathew Key

Bank

Yorkshire Bank
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Reporting accountants

Walters Hawson Limited
Norham House
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Solicitors

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Dunfries House
Dunfries Place
Cardiff
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Trustees Annual Report of Hope Church Rotherham

(Registered Charity Number 1069689)

April 2022 to March 2023

1. Introduction and background

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AOG), and is constituted as a trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AOG for its churches. That was adopted on 16th January 2007, and recognises the greater role of the Church in social action. The Senior Pastor is Paul Morris. The church and leadership engage with AOG local and national events throughout the year.

2. The Church Council are the trustees:

John Bradwell
Barry Eastwood
Andrew Harris
Hannah Lambert (Chair)
Paul Morris
Peter Shaw

The Treasurer and Secretary is Matthew Key.

The Church is organised under the Senior Pastor Paul Morris along with the team of elders.

3. Bank, Solicitors, Accountants

The Church's main bankers are:

Virgin Money, 1 Frederick Street, Rotherham, S60 1QP

The Church's solicitors are:

Geldards, Dumfries House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff, CF10 3ZF

The Church's accountants are:

Walters Hawson Ltd Chartered Accountants, Norham House, Mountenoy Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 2AJ

4. The objects of the Church

The charitable objects of the Church are:

(i) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of fundamental truths of the AOG in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

(ii) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.

(iii) Advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

5. Church activities in furtherance of the above charitable objects for the public benefit

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond. We are most thankful to all the many people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the voluntary work is at the same time incalculable and invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following...

Sunday Morning Family Worship – The services are lively and engaging for all ages and run from 10:30 – 12:30. Complimentary refreshments are served afterwards. Occasional buffet lunches are served from time to time. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has continued to average 170 adults & children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 113 adults. Pre-service prayer takes place each Sunday from 9:30 each week encouraging people to come and engage in purposeful prayer for the meeting and current needs of the church.

Hope Kids' – This is Sunday morning junior church. Children from the ages of 3-11 are welcome to attend. It runs alongside the main Sunday service and offers opportunity for the children to hear Bible stories and participate in songs, games & crafts. All Hope Kids' volunteers are DBS checked and follow Hope Church Rotherham's safeguarding policies & procedures.

Hope Acorns – Hope Acorns is the parent and toddler group which meet each Monday during term time between 10:00am-12noon. The first visit is free and then a nominal fee of £1 is required to enter. During the time the children have the opportunity to participate in music & movement, story time, individual play time, craft and snack time. Hope Acorns is open to everyone from the church and local community. It's great to see parents from the local community engaging in these sessions with their children.

Amplify Youth Club – Is open to all youth who are senior school age. Weekly activities include worship, Bible study, topical discussions, games, quizzes and tuck shop. The group join other youth groups in periodic regional events, taking place across Rotherham and Sheffield. Social outings include the annual weekend away which takes place in September of each year. Amplify youth meet each Friday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Hope Oaks – Is a monthly gathering of people aged 60+. This work is directed and managed by one of the church elders. People are welcome from all walks of life. The group meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Attendees can expect to participate in worship and the study of the Word along with sharing life and testimonies. A cooked meal usually follows and this is all funded by the voluntary monetary contributions collected at the meeting. Periodic outings and social events take place at Hope Oaks as well.

Worship team – The worship team which consists of two discipleship groups meet weekly for rehearsals and discipleship. There are currently twenty members in the team. The team serve in a varied range of roles covering music, media and creative arts. As part of the ongoing worship training, members from the team along with teams from other churches in the area and beyond have been attending 'Heart & Skill'. This is a worship discipleship course taking place over several Saturdays during the year. The course includes times of worship along with inspiration teaching and specialised tuition. This course is directed by the overseer of worship (also the pastor of pastoral care) and has input from guests and specialist tutors. Attendees of this course totalled forty people in all.

Discipleship groups – There are currently eight discipleship groups that meet weekly around the region (other than the last week of the month when corporate prayer & worship takes place at the church on the last Tuesday). The aim of the groups is to gather together for fellowship, prayer and study of the word. The theme is often following on from the Sunday message but also may include pre-prepared material specifically designed for small groups. Social events also take place within the groups from time to time, particularly during summer and Christmas. The discipleship groups are designed to be the first port of call for pastoral care should any issue arise. The delegation of pastoral care is designated to the discipleship group leader who will then manage the matter within the group itself. Should it be a more urgent or serious matter, the discipleship group leader will escalate it to the Pastor of pastoral care, who will then put the appropriate measures in place.

Pastoral Care – Hope church endeavours to continually care for the people who choose to come under its covering. The first stage of care is through the engagement of a local discipleship group. The leadership of the church passionately believe in finding a place to belong in one of these small communities of the church family. However, the team recognise that not everybody will desire to be a part of a small group for whatever reason. In this instance pastoral care would come from a central team should a matter arise. Visitation of the sick, the giving of gifts - for various occasions including sickness, bereavement, and special celebrations - telephone calls and in person meetings - via an appointment system - are all expressions of pastoral care at Hope Church.

During the year pastoral care has developed well and is in a strong position. A team is now established with defined roles and reporting systems in line with current GDPR guidelines. Policies have been put in place for visits and gifts this year. Towards the end of the year preparations have been made to launch 'the bereavement journey' – a six week journey helping people navigate grief. Four events were planned to gather widowers, vulnerable people and carers to enjoy time together. This included: An Easter event, a fish and chip lunch, a memorial day and Christmas special.

Hope Missions – Hope Church has a strong emphasis on mission be it local, national or international. In October the church hold an annual missions conference. This is designed to educate and raise awareness of the current needs at home and abroad. The missions' team also inform the church members through monthly short talks on unreached people groups and the regular updating of the missions board located in the coffee lounge. Hope Church currently support the following organisations with prayer and monthly financial donations.

- One by One
- World of Worth
- HAS Missions
- BTJ UK
- Gospel Ministries
- Turkana Well Project – Nairobi Kenya
- 2x Macedonia Missionaries

- Local Community Fund
- Rotherham Foodbank

Men of Hope – The men's ministry of Hope church includes social and more formal activities. In the last year the men of hope have enjoyed a bowling evening, Saturday morning breakfasts and more recently a morning gathering at the church where the team have brought some practical teaching.

Women of Hope –The women's ministry of Hope church meet several times per year over coffee mornings, more formal gatherings and an annual conference. In June 2022 the Women of Hope ministry hosted - 'Women of Destiny'. The event attracted thirty five attendees who enjoyed a time of worship, in-house ministry and lunch together.

Hope For You – This expression of the church is predominately a designated funding stream for those of the church family who find themselves for whatever reason in need. It is administrated on a referral basis by a church elder or pastor. The fund covers monetary and material gifts for those who have fallen on hard times. Emotional and practical support are also offered for those in need, which in turn is covered from the pastoral care of the church either through a discipleship group or the pastoral care team of the church.

Resource Team – This year witnessed the introduction of a new 'resource' team. This team meet regularly to discuss and look at implementing resources to help and equip the church. The latest project was to produce a visitor welcome bag. This bag included Christian literature, information about the church and a few goodies to welcome first time visitors into the church.

Training & Development – Since the employment of the Training and Development Pastor, Hope church have benefitted from hosting a range of courses to help people explore the Christian faith and also learn and grow as a follower of Christ. Courses offered included:

- Alpha
- Keys to Freedom
- Hope: Equip – Parenting
- Hope: Equip – Health in your hands
- Hope: Equip – Evangelism
- Hope: Engage – Church Membership

The courses will be repeated periodically and new courses will be introduced moving forward. These will include:

- Hope: Equip – Preaching to the British
- Hope: Equip – Healthy Marriage
- Hope Equip – Prayer
- Hope Equip – Intercultural Welcome
- The Wellbeing Journey
- Mission teaching
- Retreat & Quiet Days

Events – The Church has held a number of events over the year. These included:

- Partnership thank you evening - (This was to thank all the local agencies and partners for working with Hope Church and Rotherham Foodbank over the year.)
- Hope Church Volunteer thank you evening – This was a free event held at the Holiday Inn Rotherham which included a meal, sweet cart and photobooth. Everyone

appreciated the evening.

- Amplify youth weekend away to Derbyshire
- Alternative Halloween Party
- Community Easter extravaganza.
- Traditional Carol Service

Rotherham Foodbank – Rotherham foodbank continues to serve the local community through the distribution of food parcels based on a referral basis from recognised agencies. When clients come to site there is also an opportunity for them to be signposted to other services such as debt advice, health care, and other relevant agencies. Rotherham foodbank currently serves between 60-80 clients per week. This year has seen the introduction of a working partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau and Christian's Against Poverty.

Christian's Against Poverty – In October we opened our Rotherham CAP debt centre. The debt relief centre manager is employed two days per week, working with and managing a number of volunteer befrienders. The centre manager also works alongside Rotherham Foodbank, giving advice and help during the foodbanks opening hours. In addition to this, home visits are conducted each week with accompanying befrienders, to assist those in debt by working as advocates, consolidating debts to monthly manageable payments with their creditors. Budgeting plans are also compiled with the clients as part of the service. Hope church in partnership with Christians Against poverty and pay a monthly fee in accordance with the agreement.

Prison Ministry Team – This year witnessed the launch of Hope prison ministry. The team is made up of five members including the community Pastor. The team currently work with two prisons offering Sunday ministry into the prisons. The team members attended a structured training programme called the - Sycamore Project - in Liverpool equipping them for the work in this area.

Schools Work – Hope church has been specifically working with two local schools in Rotherham, undertaking assemblies, RE education, holiday clubs and afterschool clubs. The partnership with the schools has increased and strengthened over the years. The contract and funding for the HAF summer clubs has been in conjunction with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and

Evangelism Team – The evangelism team meet in Rotherham town centre on a Saturday once a month. The team handout literature and crafts whilst having informal chats with the public of Rotherham exploring faith questions.

6. Church membership, community influence and the public benefit in setting our objects and planning our activities

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements as layed out in section five of this report.

7. Local Partnerships

The Church is affiliated with Assemblies of God and takes part in area-wide events such as local hub and area meetings along with special events, such as training days and the

AoG national conference. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational lunch once per month that the senior pastor attends.

The church has also been adopted as an official partner with two local schools to support their RE curriculums.

The church was commissioned once again to deliver a project last year which included running a four week holiday school club in one local school. Rotherham Borough Metropolitan Council provided funding for this project which was monitored and assessed upon completion. Other partners in the project included 'Early Help' and the Department for Education'.

We were fortunate to be awarded a £1500 grant from the Tesco blue token scheme this year towards the costs of upgrading the kitchen cooking facilities. This grant was awarded to the work of Hope Oaks (Formerly known as World Changers). The kitchen had two new stove tops and two integrated ovens which replaced the redundant range oven which was not fit for purpose.

8. Finance

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. Hope Church have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also, tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

The reserves policy is to have a sum set aside that will cover three months payments of salary, rent and insurance. The trustees are pleased to report that this has now been achieved and is currently in reserve for this purpose which is above and beyond the required amount.

8a. Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration pertaining to their roles as trustees. Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

8b. Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

This includes:

Two full-time & eight Part-time staff

Senior Pastor – Full-time

Associate Pastor – Part-time

Finance & Administration manager – Full-time

Community Pastor – Part-time

Pastor of Pastoral Care – Part-time

Training & Development Pastor – Part-time

Foodbank Administrator x2 – Part-time

CAP Debt Centre Manager – Part-time
Domestic Assistant – Part-time

9. Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

10. Building update

The sale of the building at Grove Road completed on the 12th May 2023 for £300,000 The proceeds of the sale have been placed into an investment account until a new property has been identified. The church meet at Clifton School in Rotherham on Sundays. The Unity Centre in Eastwood is the new venue to host Rotherham Foodbank and mid-week church and community activities. The Hope Church Offices are now based at Biz Space in Bradmarsh Business Park Rotherham.

Hannah Lambert – Chair

11 September 2023.

H. Lambert

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Church deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Hannah Lambert

Date: 1 September 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

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.



Keith Dennis Dawson FCA
Walters Dawson Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Northam House
Mountenoy Road
Rotherham S60 2AJ

Date 29 September 2023

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	156,315	208,396	364,711	292,380
Income from charitable activities	2	-	-	-	-
Total income		156,315	208,396	364,711	292,380
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	167,784	113,562	281,346	200,111
Total expenditure		167,784	113,562	281,346	200,111
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(11,469)	94,834	83,365	92,269
Transfers between funds	10a	5,920	(5,920)	-	-
Transfer of funds - Back To Jerusalem UK	13	-	-	-	(71,739)
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(5,549)	88,914	83,365	20,530
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	10	117,840	86,248	204,088	183,558
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	10	112,291	175,162	287,453	204,088

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

All results are from continuing activities.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets	6	124,148	127,851
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		2,080	574
Cash at bank and in hand		245,280	152,218
Total current assets		247,360	152,792
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	12,700	3,369
Net current assets		234,660	149,423
Total assets less current liabilities		358,808	277,274
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8	71,355	73,186
Net assets		287,453	204,088
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	112,291	117,840
Restricted funds	10	175,162	86,248
Total funds		287,453	204,088

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102), and applicable law including the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on September 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:


Barry Eastwood


Hannah Lambert

Trustees

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a Trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. It is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 1069689).

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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011. Hope Church Rotherham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting Policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards any purpose which falls within the Charity's remit.

Restricted are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the terms of a specific appeal.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Capital expenditure has been capitalised and depreciated over the asset's useful life.

Depreciation rates are applied to write down the assets to estimated residual values over their useful lives. The

Freehold buildings	25 years straight line
Equipment	3 - 4 years straight line

For the purposes of reporting the cost of the property has been split, by the Trustees, 50:50 between land (not depreciated) and buildings

Pension schemes

The Charity contributions to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they fall due. The assets of the schemes are independent of the Charity's finances.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church	156,315		156,315	149,727
Foodbank		75,137	75,137	40,449
B2J UK		-	-	45,858
Worship/Heart & Skill		2,168	2,168	2,928
Community Projects		16,047	16,047	36,850
Vision		51,211	51,211	16,568
Missions		7,218	7,218	
Building Fund		12,515	12,515	
Financial Inclusion Funding		44,100	44,100	
	156,315	208,396	364,711	292,380

3 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church	167,784		167,784	129,804
Foodbank		34,677	34,677	29,800
B2J UK		-	-	11,851
Worship/Heart & Skill		5,051	5,051	2,146
Community Projects		18,141	18,141	26,510
Vision		24,887	24,887	-
Missions		5,024	5,024	
Building Fund		6,479	6,479	
Financial Inclusion Funding		19,303	19,303	
	167,784	113,562	281,346	200,111

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Resources expended on charitable activities by category	2023		2022			
	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	
Project expenditure	7,913	64,458	72,371	13,763	29,990	43,753
Grants to institutions (see note 4a)	8,682	1,791	10,473	13,501	1,921	15,422
Grants to individuals (Hope for you)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent and rates	1,805	-	1,805	547	-	547
Heat, light and power	17,561	-	17,561	10,755	-	10,755
Travelling expenses	2,458	4,505	6,963	2,475	1,186	3,661
Printing and stationery	1,315	590	1,905	767	1,471	2,238
Telephone and computer costs	4,250	2,039	6,289	2,835	1,363	4,198
Equipment hire and rental	766	-	766	766	172	938
Maintenance	5,973	1,484	7,457	6,136	297	6,433
General expenses	2,192	4,977	7,169	2,218	2,283	4,501
Bank charges and interest	4,350	2	4,352	4,300	58	4,358
Wages and salaries	100,385	26,322	126,707	61,150	30,287	91,437
Professional fees	6,368	6,882	13,250	5,657	305	5,352
Depreciation	3,766	512	4,278	4,934	1,584	6,518
	<u>167,784</u>	<u>113,562</u>	<u>281,346</u>	<u>129,804</u>	<u>70,307</u>	<u>200,111</u>

4a Grants to institutions in the year to 31 March 2023 include the following recipients

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
E&V Puzderlievi - Macedonia One by One	2,103	
Teen Challenge UK	1,200	
V Nakov - Macedonia	1,000	
Back to Jerusalem UK	1,409	
Turkana Project Kenya	1,800	
AoG Syria & Turkey Earthquake	1,100	
Word of Mouth	370	
Gospel Ministries	200	
Christians Against Poverty	800	
Coleridge School Rotherham	300	
Heart & Skill Ministries	50	
	141	
	<u>10,473</u>	<u>-</u>

Hope for you

This is a member care facility set up to help support those who are in urgent need. Funds may be expended by the way of material goods, small monetary gifts or simply a bouquet of flowers to show them that they are loved and valued during difficult times. Requests to use funds in this way are considered on a referral basis and ultimately sanctioned by the eldership team.

HOPE CHURCH ROTTERHAM

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5 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was 10 (2022: 3).
No employees earned in excess of £60,000.

6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	150,000	9,057	4,740	163,797
Additions		575	-	575
Disposals		-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	150,000	9,632	4,740	164,372
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	24,000	7,206	4,740	35,946
Disposals		-	-	-
Charge for the year	3,000	1,278	-	4,278
At 31 March 2023	27,000	8,484	4,740	40,224
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	123,000	1,148	-	124,148
At 31 March 2022	126,000	1,851	-	127,851

Capital commitments at 31 March 2023 were £nil (2022 £nil).

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Mortgage	1,814	1,797
Other creditors	249	552
Accruals	10,637	1,020
	<u>12,700</u>	<u>3,369</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year

Mortgage	<u>71,355</u>	<u>73,186</u>
	<u>71,355</u>	<u>73,186</u>

The mortgage is secured on the Charity's freehold land and buildings, and of the total amount due, £64,000 is repayable after more than 5 years.

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
	£	£	
	Total		
	£		
Fixed assets	124,148	-	124,148
Debtors	2,080	-	2,080
Bank and cash balances	70,118	175,162	245,280
Liabilities <1 year	(12,700)	-	(12,700)
Liabilities > 1 year	(71,355)	-	(71,355)
	<u>112,291</u>	<u>175,162</u>	<u>287,453</u>

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10 Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 10a) £	Fund c/fwd £
Unrestricted	117,840	156,315	(167,784)	5,920	112,291
Restricted					
Foodbank	50,026	75,137	(34,677)	(8,400)	82,086
Worship/Heart & Skill	1,903	2,168	(5,051)	980	-
Community projects	10,340	16,047	(18,141)	1,500	9,746
Vision	23,979	51,211	(24,887)		50,303
Missions		7,218	(5,024)		2,194
Building Fund		12,515	(6,479)		6,036
Financial Inclusion Funding		44,100	(19,303)		24,797
	86,248	208,396	(113,562)	(5,920)	175,162
Total	204,088	364,711	(281,346)	-	287,453

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Worship funds have been given for the sole purpose of worship training - 'Heart & Skill'.

Vision offerings are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members. In 2022, all the annual Vision offerings were combined.

The Missions fund incorporates all income and expenditure related to local, national and international projects that Hope Church Rotherham support throughout the year.

The Building fund was opened in 2022 when a substantial gift was given from a Hope Church member to be used specifically for all incurred costs related to the sale of the Grove Road site. This included expenditure such as estate agent, solicitors, and storage fees.

In 2022 Hope church received funding known as the 'Financial Inclusion Fund' This is a three year project in partnership with the Trussell Trust and the Citizens Advice bureau. The fund allows clients accessing the Rotherham foodbank, to have direct onsite contact with an advisor, gathering relevant advice and support to sign post them to the appropriate agencies and support networks. The partnership also allows clients to have contact with an online advisor if preferred to the in person offer.

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10a Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds

	2023
	£
Regular gifts from the Church general fund to community Fund	1,500
Administration costs recharge from Church general fund to Foodbank	(8,400)
Agreed internal support for Worship training	980
	<u><u>(5,920)</u></u>

11 Related party transactions

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £62404 (2022: £34907).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

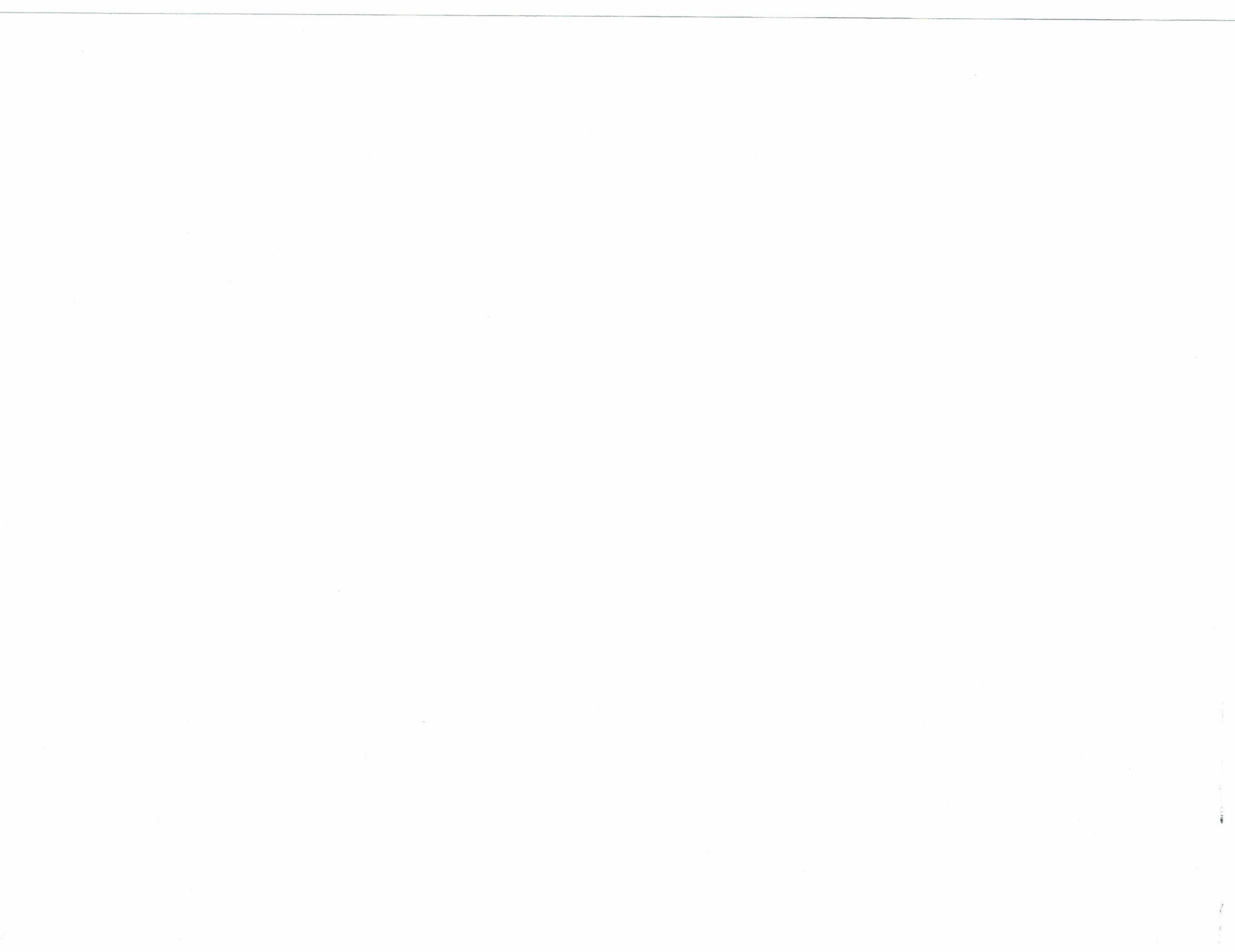
None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses pertaining to their roles as trustees. As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salary	34,885	33,589
Pension contribution	<u>2,623</u>	<u>1,844</u>
Expenses reimbursed	<u><u>382</u></u>	<u><u>49</u></u>

The charity employed Emma Harris and Bethany Morris, who are related to trustees, as administration assistants for the Foodbank and BTJ UK funds. The total remuneration paid in the year was £9724 (2022: £12877). Bethany Morris transferred to the newly registered charity Back To Jerusalem UK in December 2021.

13 Transfer - Back To Jerusalem UK

Previously included within Hope Church as a restricted fund, Back to Jerusalem UK has now been registered as separate charity (Charity number 1196026). The funds held on its behalf were transferred to it in October 2021



HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1069689

Accounts

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM
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HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number 1069689

Registered office

Hope Centre
Grove Road
Rotherham
South Yorkshire
S60 2ER

Members of the Church Council

Hannah Lambert	Chair
Barry Eastwood	
Andrew Harris	
John Bradwell	
Paul Cunningham - resigned 24 March 2022	
Paul Morris	
Peter Shaw	

Appointed officers

Secretary	Unfilled
Treasurer	Matthew Key

Bank

Yorkshire Bank
1 Frederick Street
Rotherham
S60 1QP

Reporting accountants

Walters Hawson Limited
Norham House
Moutenoy Road
Rotherham
S60 2AJ

Solicitors

Geldards
Dunfries House
Dunfries Place
Cardiff
CF10 3ZF

Trustees Annual Report of Hope Church Rotherham

(Registered Charity Number 1069689)

April 2021 to March 2022

1. Introduction and background

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. That was adopted on 16th January 2007, and recognises the greater role of the Church in social action. The Senior Pastor is Paul Morris. The church owns and occupies Hope Centre, principally as its place of open worship. Hope Centre is formally recorded at the General Register Office as a place for public religious worship.

2. The Church Council are the trustees:

Barry Eastwood
Andrew Harris
John Bradwell
Hannah Lambert (Chair)
Paul Cunningham (Resigned 24th March 2022)
Paul Morris
Peter Shaw

The Treasurer is Matthew Key.

The Church is organised under the Senior Pastor Paul Morris along with the team of Elders.

3. Bank, Solicitors, Accountants

The Church's main bankers are:

Yorkshire Bank, 1 Frederick Street, Rotherham, S60 1QP

The Church's solicitors are:

Geldards, Dumfries House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff, CF10 3ZF

The Church's accountants are:

Walters Hawson Limited, Chartered Accountants, Norham House, Mountenoy Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 2AJ

4. The objects of the Church

The charitable objects of the Church are:

(i) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of fundamental truths of the AOG in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

(ii) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.

(iii) Advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

5. Church activities in furtherance of the above charitable objects for the public benefit

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond. We are most thankful to all the many people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the voluntary work is at the same time incalculable and invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following...

Sunday Morning Family Worship - The services are lively and engaging for all ages and run from 10:30 – 12:30. Complimentary refreshments are served afterwards in the top floor coffee lounge. Occasional buffet lunches are served from time to time. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has continued to average 170 adults & children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 113 adults.

Hope Kids' - This is Sunday morning junior church. Children from the ages of 3-11 are welcome to attend. It runs alongside the main Sunday service and offers opportunity for the children to hear Bible stories and participate in songs, games & crafts. All Hope Kids' volunteers are DBS checked and follow Hope Church Rotherham's safeguarding policies & procedures.

Hope Acorns - Hope Acorns is the parent and toddler group who meet each Monday during term time between 10:00am-12noon. The first visit is free and then a nominal donation of £1 is required to enter. During the time the children have the opportunity to participate in music & movement, story time, individual play time, craft and corporate snack time. Hope Acorns is open to everyone from the church and local community. It's great to see parents from the local community engaging in these sessions with their children.

Amplify Youth Club - Is open to all youth who are senior school age. Weekly activities include worship, Bible study, topical discussions, games, quizzes and tuck shop. The group join other youth groups in periodic regional events, taking place across Rotherham and Sheffield. Social outings include the annual weekend away which takes place in September of each year. Amplify youth meet each Friday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Hope Oaks - Is the recently repurposed seniors work directed and managed by one of the church elders. People are welcome from all walks of life. However, the minimum aged stipulation is 60. Meeting on the last Wednesday of every month, attendees can expect to

participate in worship and the study of the Word along with sharing life and testimonies. A cooked meal usually follows and this is all funded by the voluntary monetary contributions from the attendees. Periodic outings and social events take place at Hope Oaks as well.

Worship team – The worship team which consists of two discipleship groups meet weekly for rehearsals and discipleship. There are currently twenty members in the team. The team serve in a varied range of roles covering music, media and creative arts. As part of the ongoing worship training, members from the team along with teams from other churches in the area and beyond have been attending 'Heart & Skill'. This is a worship discipleship course taking place over several Saturdays during the year. The course includes times of worship along with inspiration teaching and specialised tuition. This course is directed by the worship pastor and also has input from guests and specialist tutors. Attendees of this course total forty people in all.

Discipleship groups - There are currently six discipleship groups that meet weekly around the region (other than the last week of the month when corporate prayer & worship takes place at the church on the last Tuesday). The aim of the group is to gather together for small group, prayer and study of the word. The theme is often following on from the Sunday message but also may include pre-prepared material designed for small groups. Social events also take place with the group from time to time, particularly during summer and Christmas. The discipleship groups are designed to be the first port of call for pastoral care should an issue arise. The delegation of pastoral care is designated to the discipleship group leader who will then manage the matter within the group itself. Should it be a more urgent or serious matter, the discipleship group leader will escalate it to the Pastor of pastoral care, who will then put the appropriate measures in place.

Pastoral Care - Hope church endeavours to continually care for the people who choose to come under its covering. The first stage of care is through the engagement of a local discipleship group. The leadership of the church passionately believe in finding a place to belong in one of these small communities of the church family. However, they recognise that not everybody will desire to be a part of a small group for whatever reason. In this instance pastoral care would come from a central team should a matter arise. Visitation of the sick, the giving of gifts - for various occasions including sickness, bereavement, and special celebrations - telephone calls and in person meetings - via an appointment system - are all expressions of pastoral care at Hope Church. This will be further enhanced following the recent appointment of a Pastor of pastoral care. This is a part time appointment and the church leadership look forward to seeing the development and growth of this most important ministry to the church members.

Hope Missions - Hope Church has a strong emphasis on mission be it local, national or international. In October the church hold an annual missions conference. This is designed to educate and raise awareness of the current needs at home and abroad. The missions' team also inform the church members through monthly short talks on unreached people groups and the regular updating of the missions board located in the coffee lounge. Hope Church currently support the following organisations with prayer and monthly financial donations.

- One by One
- Teen Challenge UK
- HAS Missions
- BTJ UK
- Macedonia Missionaries

Men of Hope - The men's ministry of Hope church includes social and more formal activities. In the last year the men of hope have enjoyed a bowling evening, a Saturday morning breakfast at the local Toby carvery and more recently a morning gathering at the church where the Pastor brought some practical teaching.

Women of Hope - The women's ministry of Hope church meet several times per year. This is primarily in the form of formal meetings where invited guests speak on various topics. In 2021 a winter special was held which comprised of guest ministry, refreshments and the opportunity to purchase a wide range of goods from vendors who were invited to sell their goods at the event. This included bakes, crafts and clothing. More recently the Women of Hope ministry held its very first conference - 'Women of Destiny'. The event attracted thirty five attendees who enjoyed a time of worship, in-house ministry and lunch together.

Hope For You - This expression of the church is predominately a designated funding stream for those of the church family who find themselves for whatever reason in need. It is administrated on a referral basis by a church elder or pastor. The fund covers monetary and material gifts for those who have fallen on hard times. Emotional and practical support are also offered for those in need, which in turn is covered from the pastoral care of the church either through a discipleship group or the pastoral care team of the church.

Training & Development - Since the employment of the Training and Development Pastor, Hope church have benefitted from hosting a range of courses to help people explore the Christian faith and also learn and grow as a follower of Christ. Courses offered include:

- Alpha
- Keys to Freedom
- Hope: Equip - Prayer
- A study of the Gospels
- Hope: Equip - Women of the Word
- Hope: Engage - Church Membership

The courses will be repeated periodically and new courses will be introduced moving forward. These will include:

- Keys to Freedom - Specifically for men
- Hope: Equip - Parenting
- Hope: Equip - Evangelism
- The Wellbeing Journey
- Mission teaching

Events - The Church has held a number of events over the year. These included:

- Partnership thank you evening - (This was to thank all the local agencies and partners for working with Hope Church and Rotherham Foodbank over the year.)
- Hope Kids trip to Gullivers Kingdom
- Amplify youth weekend away to Derbyshire
- Alternative Halloween Party - The Ugly Bug Ball
- Hope Church Christmas Party
- The Trees - Hope Church Christmas production x2
- Traditional Carol Services x2

Rotherham Foodbank - Rotherham foodbank continues to serve the local community through the distribution of food parcels based on a referral basis from recognised agencies. When clients come to site there is also an opportunity for them to be signposted to other

services such as debt advice, health care, and the benefits system. Rotherham foodbank currently serves between 60-80 clients per week.

Street Pastors - Since the covid pandemic Rotherham street pastors has been disbanded.

Schools Work - Hope church has been specifically working with two local schools in Rotherham, undertaking assemblies, RE education, holiday clubs and afterschool clubs. The partnership with the schools has increased and strengthened over the years. Last year Hope church hosted the school carol service at Grove Road. The children enjoyed singing carols, stories, refreshments and receiving a Christmas party bag.

Back to Jerusalem - BTJUK continue to operate their UK charity from Hope Church. Until October 2021 the operation was under the covering of the Hope Church charity. Since then, BTJUK have gained their own charitable status and are now operating autonomously. The bank account was closed down at the end of the financial year and the funds transferred to the new operating bank account.

6. Church membership, community influence and the public benefit in setting our objects and planning our activities

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements as laid out in section five of this report.

7. Local Partnerships

The Church is affiliated with Assemblies of God and takes part in area-wide events such as local hub and area meetings along with special events, such as training days and the AoG national conference. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational breakfast once per month that the senior pastor attends.

The church has also been adopted as an official partner with two local schools to support their RE curriculums. The community pastor is one the board of governors for one of the schools.

The church was commissioned to deliver two projects last year which include a four week holiday schools club in two schools and a three month after schools club meeting once per week throughout the thirteen weeks. Rotherham Borough Metropolitan Council provided funding for these projects which were monitored and assessed upon completion. The projects were so successful that Hope Church was commissioned for two further projects for 2022. The local partnerships have never been stronger than now which reinforces our impact on the community of Rotherham for which the Church and board are most grateful.

8. Finance

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. Hope Church have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 3 years.

The reserves policy is to have a sum set aside that will cover three months payments of salary, mortgage, utilities and insurance. The trustees are pleased to report that this has now been achieved and £40,429.32 was in reserve at 31 March 2022 for this purpose, which is above and beyond the required amount.

8a. Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration pertaining their roles as trustees. Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

8b. Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

This includes:

Two full-time & three part-time staff

Senior Pastor – Full-time

Finance & Administration manager – Increased to full time in Sept 21

Community Pastor – part-time

Foodbank Administrator – part-time

Back to Jerusalem Office Manager – part-time – Transferred employment to BTJUK – December 2021 when the new charity was opened.

9. Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

10. Building update

As at the time of writing this report, it is confirmed that the site at Grove Road has been sold. The completion of the sale is due to be in 2023 as agreed by the purchaser, to allow further time for the leadership and board of Hope Church to explore the options of a new site.



Hannah Lambert – Chair 25 September 2022.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Church deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Hannah Lambert

Date: 25 September 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

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.



Keith Dennis Hawson FCA
Walters Hawson Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norham House
Mountenoy Road
Rotherham S60 2AJ

Date 26 September 2022

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	149,727	142,653	292,380	242,920
Income from charitable activities	2			-	-
				-	-
Total income		149,727	142,653	292,380	242,920
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	129,804	70,307	200,111	159,220
Total expenditure		129,804	70,307	200,111	159,220
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		19,923	72,346	92,269	83,700
Transfers between funds	10a	3,400	(3,400)	-	-
Transfer of funds - Back To Jerusalem UK	13		(71,739)	(71,739)	
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		23,323	(2,793)	20,530	83,700
Fund balances at 1 April 2021	10	94,517	89,041	183,558	99,858
Fund balances at 31 March 2022	10	117,840	86,248	204,088	183,558

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All results are from continuing activities.

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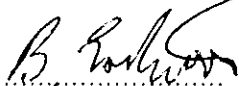
BALANCE SHEET


AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6		127,851		133,407
Current assets					
Debtors		574		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		152,218		128,272	
Total current assets		<u>152,792</u>		<u>128,272</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>3,369</u>		<u>3,055</u>	
Net current assets			<u>149,423</u>		<u>125,217</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>277,274</u>		<u>258,625</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8		73,186		75,067
Net assets			<u><u>204,088</u></u>		<u><u>183,558</u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	10		117,840		94,517
Restricted funds	10		86,248		89,041
Total funds			<u><u>204,088</u></u>		<u><u>183,558</u></u>

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and applicable law including the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:


.....
Barry Eastwood


.....
Hannah Lambert

Trustees

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church	149,727		149,727	126,222
Foodbank		40,449	40,449	60,556
B2J UK		45,858	45,858	55,169
Worship/Heart & Skill		2,928	2,928	973
Community Projects		36,850	36,850	-
Vision		16,568	16,568	-
	149,727	142,653	292,380	242,920

3 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church	129,804		129,804	97,416
Foodbank		29,800	29,800	26,504
B2J UK		11,851	11,851	34,265
Worship/Heart & Skill		2,146	2,146	1,034
Community Projects		26,510	26,510	-
Vision		-	-	-
	129,804	70,307	200,111	159,219

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

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4	Resources expended on charitable activities by category	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Project expenditure	13,763	29,990	43,753	5,463
	Grants to institutions (see note 4a)	13,501	1,921	15,422	30,488
	Grants to individuals (Hope for you)	-	-	-	1,466
	Rent and rates	547	-	547	856
	Heat, light and power	10,755	-	10,755	9,472
	Travelling expenses	2,475	1,186	3,661	994
	Printing and stationery	767	1,471	2,238	2,613
	Telephone and computer costs	2,835	1,363	4,198	2,890
	Equipment hire and rental	766	172	938	1,024
	Maintenance	6,136	297	6,433	5,700
	General expenses	2,218	2,283	4,501	4,083
	Bank charges and interest	4,300	58	4,358	4,385
	Wages and salaries	61,150	30,287	91,437	76,256
	Professional fees	5,657	305	5,352	6,805
	Depreciation	4,934	1,584	6,518	6,725
		129,804	70,307	200,111	159,220

4a Grants to institutions in the year to 31 March 2022 include the following recipients

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
E&V Puzderlievi - Macedonia	1,800	
One by One	1,200	
Wycliffe UK	2,350	
Teen Challenge UK	1,100	
V Nakov - Macedonia	1,215	
Green Pastures	1,000	
Kenya Feeding Project	1,000	
Afghanistan Appeal BTJUK		1,921
Comfort Ministries	700	
Ukraine Appeal	1,440	
Gateway Church Abergavenny	1,000	
Back to Jerusalem UK	600	
Keith Barlow Memorial	96	
	13,501	1,921

Hope for you

This is a member care facility set up to help support those who are in urgent need. Funds may be expended by the way of material goods, small monetary gifts or simply a bouquet of flowers to show them that they are loved and valued during difficult times. Requests to use funds in this way are considered on a referral basis and ultimately sanctioned by the eldership team.

5 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was 3 (2021: 3).
No employees earned in excess of £60,000.

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6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	150,000	8,096	4,740	162,836
Additions		961	-	961
Disposals		-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	150,000	9,057	4,740	163,797
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	21,000	4,874	3,555	29,429
Disposals		-	-	-
Charge for the year	3,000	2,333	1,185	6,518
At 31 March 2022	24,000	7,206	4,740	35,946
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	126,000	1,851	-	127,851
At 31 March 2021	129,000	3,222	1,185	133,407

Capital commitments at 31 March 2022 were £nil (2021 £nil).

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Mortgage	1,797	1,712
Other creditors	552	343
Accruals	1,020	1,000
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	3,369	3,055

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year

Mortgage	73,186	75,067
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	73,186	75,067

The mortgage is secured on the Charity's freehold land and buildings, and of the total amount due, £66,000 is repayable after more than 5 years.

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	funds	funds	£
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	127,851	-	127,851
Debtors	574	-	574
Bank and cash balances	65,970	86,248	152,218
Liabilities <1 year	(3,369)	-	(3,369)
Liabilities > 1 year	(73,186)	-	(73,186)
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	117,841	86,248	204,088

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 10a) £	Transfer (note 13) £	Fund c/fwd £
Unrestricted	94,517	149,727	(129,804)	3,400		117,840
Restricted						
Foodbank	43,672	40,449	(29,800)	(4,295)		50,026
B2J UK	36,837	45,858	(11,851)	895	(71,739)	-
Worship/Heart & Skill	1,121	2,928	(2,146)			1,903
Community projects	-	36,850	(26,510)			10,340
Vision	7,411	16,568	-			23,979
	89,041	142,653	(70,307)	(3,400)	(71,739)	86,248
Total	183,558	292,380	(200,111)	-	(71,739)	204,088

The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Hope Centre acted as the UK base for Back To Jerusalem. The BTJ magazine is distributed from the office. BTJUK gained its own charitable status in October 2021, but still continues to operate out of Hope Centre, Hope Church, Rotherham.

Worship funds have been given for the sole purpose of worship training - 'Heart & Skill'.

Vision offerings are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members. In 2022, all the annual Vision offerings have been combined.

10a Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds

Regular gifts from the Church general fund to B2J UK	900
Administration costs recharge from Church general fund to Foodbank	(4,295)
Other administrative adjustments	(5)
	<u>(3,400)</u>

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11 Related party transactions

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £34,907 (2021: £35,792).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses pertaining to their roles as trustees. As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salary	33,589	33,631
Pension contribution	1,844	1,009
Expenses reimbursed	49	176

The charity employed Emma Harris and Bethany Morris, who are related to trustees, as administration assistants for the Foodbank and BTJ UK funds. The total remuneration paid in the year was £12,877 (2021: £11,071). Bethany Morris transferred to the newly registered charity Back To Jerusalem UK in December 2021.

13 Transfer - Back To Jerusalem UK

Previously included within Hope Church as a restricted fund, Back to Jerusalem UK has now been registered as separate charity (Charity number 1196026). The funds held on its behalf were transferred to it in October 2021

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1069689

Accounts

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM
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HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number 1069689

Registered office

Hope Centre
Grove Road
Rotherham
South Yorkshire
S60 2ER

Members of the Church Council

Hannah Lambert	Chair
Barry Eastwood	
Andrew Harris	
John Bradwell	
Paul Cunningham	
Paul Morris	
Peter Shaw	

Appointed officers

Secretary	Unfilled
Treasurer	Matthew Key

Bank

Yorkshire Bank
1 Frederick Street
Rotherham
S60 1QP

Reporting accountants

Walters Hawson Limited
Norham House
Moutenoy Road
Rotherham
S60 2AJ

Solicitors

Geldards
Dumfries House
Dumfries Place
Cardiff
CF10 3ZF

Trustees Annual Report of Hope Church Rotherham

(Registered Charity Number 1069689)

April 2020 to March 2021

1. Introduction and background

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. That was adopted on 16th January 2007, and recognises the greater role of the Church in social action. The Senior Pastor is Paul Morris. The church owns and occupies Hope Centre, principally as its place of open worship. Hope Centre is formally recorded at the General Register Office as a place for public religious worship.

2. The Church Council are the trustees:

Barry Eastwood
Andrew Harris
John Bradwell
Hannah Lambert (Chair) Appointed 15th June 2020
Paul Cunningham
Paul Morris
Peter Shaw

The Treasurer is Matthew Key.

The Church is organised under the Senior Pastor Paul Morris along with the team of Elders.

3. Bank, Solicitors, Accountants

The Church's main bankers are:

Yorkshire Bank, 1 Frederick Street, Rotherham, S60 1QP

The Church's solicitors are:

Geldards, Dumfries House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff, CF10 3ZF

The Church's accountants are:

Walters Hawson Ltd Chartered Accountants, Norham House, Mountenoy Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 2AJ

4. The objects of the Church

The charitable objects of the Church are:

(i) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of fundamental truths of the AOG in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

(ii) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.

(iii) Advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

5. Church activities in furtherance of the above charitable objects for the public benefit

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond. We are most thankful to all the many people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the voluntary work is at the same time incalculable and invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following...

- 2x Sunday morning family services (worship and teaching)
- Hope Kids'- Sunday morning junior church
- Connect Groups: to develop community and leadership, and for Fellowship and Bible studies
- Lifestyle evangelism, prayer, healing etc.
- Alpha & Discipleship Courses for enquirers and new Christians
- Amplify Youth Club, weekly events and activities
- Home visits to families in the local area
- Rotherham Foodbank
- Operating from the UK Office within Hope Centre, a global missions operation known as 'Back to Jerusalem UK'.
- Supporting missionary work in Macedonia, Ethiopia – 'Compassion, Kenya & Pakistan 'One by One', Zimbabwe, Teen Challenge UK & AoG Missionaries
- Street Pastors
- World Changers – Seniors project

- Men's football and breakfasts
- Women's events
- Hope for you – Community outreach
- Hospital Chaplaincy Support
- Schools work – Specifically working with two local schools undertaking assemblies and RE

COVID – 19

It has been a very challenging year for the charity during the pandemic. However, we are pleased to report an overall increase in budgeted income. This has been particularly due to the generous financial donations given to Rotherham Foodbank from members of the public along with local and national businesses, for which we are extremely grateful. We have successfully continued to provide our church members with services online when it has not been possible to meet physically. Midweek week activities have taken place by Zoom. Pastoral support has been provided in various forms including; door stop visits and online and telephone support and finally the return to in-person covid compliant services when permitted.

6. Church membership, community influence and the public benefit in setting our objects and planning our activities

Our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and our projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. We are happy that we more than meet the public benefit requirements. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has increased to from 140 to 170 adults & children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 113 adults.

Amplify Youth Group is a group for teenagers connected to the church, which meets every Friday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm for fun, games, quizzes as well as attending concerts. Between 10-15 youth are in regular attendance.

Hope Church runs its Rotherham Foodbank project at Hope Centre, supplying free food items etc. and counselling to local families suffering financial hardship at times of crisis. There is an ever-increasing demand for this service. The Foodbank is monitored by the Trussell Trust, and participates in meetings of the 'Food for People in Crisis' Network in Rotherham. Since the Covid-19 pandemic service users could access this service via delivery only. All risk assessments and working methods were carried out in compliance with the government and charity guidance.

World Changers is a programme engaging our senior members (60+) this includes social and spiritual activities. The group meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month and have a free hot meal provided each time. Approximately 25-30 people attend on a regular basis. This activity is open to church and non-church members. This programme was temporarily suspended during the period due to Covid-19. All members were cared for via door step visits and regular telephone calls.

7. Local Partnerships

The Church is a member of Churches Together in Rotherham and takes part in area-wide events such as town centre celebrations, area committees, united prayer meetings and special events. The Church is also a part of a local ministers' network hub for Assemblies of God, meeting monthly for hub meetings. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational breakfast once per month that our pastor also attends. These once again have been ad-hoc due to Covid-19 and some meetings have taken place via Zoom.

The church has also been adopted as an official partner with two local schools to support their RE curriculums. One of our church elders has been appointed to the school governing board.

8. Finance

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. We have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year we have reviewed our financial policies and developed new policies and controls to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 3 years.

Our reserves policy is to have a sum set aside that will cover three months payments of salary, mortgage, utilities and insurance. We are pleased to report that this has now been achieved and £29,700 is currently in reserve for this purpose which is above and beyond the required amount.

8a. Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration pertaining their roles as trustees. Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

8b. Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

This remains at one full time and four part-time; these include the Senior Pastor, Community Pastor, Finance Manager, Foodbank administrator and Back to Jerusalem UK office Manager. All are based at Hope Church.

9. Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

Hannah Lambert – Chair

13 September 2021

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

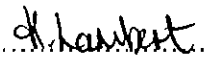
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Church deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Hannah Lambert

Date: 13 September 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

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').

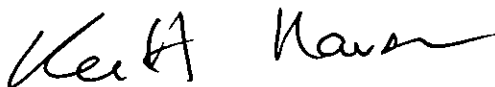
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Keith Dennis Hawson FCA
Walters Hawson Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norham House
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Rotherham S60 2AJ

Date 7/10/2021

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	126,222	116,698	242,920	184,879
Income from charitable activities	2			-	-
				-	-
Total income		<u>126,222</u>	<u>116,698</u>	<u>242,920</u>	<u>184,879</u>
Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	97,417	61,803	159,220	166,544
Total expenditure		<u>97,417</u>	<u>61,803</u>	<u>159,220</u>	<u>166,544</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		28,805	54,895	83,700	18,335
Transfers between funds	10a	400	(400)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>29,205</u>	<u>54,495</u>	<u>83,700</u>	<u>18,335</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2020	10	65,312	34,546	99,858	81,523
Fund balances at 31 March 2021	10	<u>94,517</u>	<u>89,041</u>	<u>183,558</u>	<u>99,858</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All results are from continuing activities.

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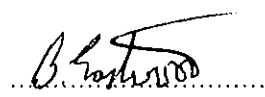
BALANCE SHEET

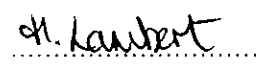
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6		133,407		138,358
Current assets					
Debtors		-		309	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,272		43,345	
Total current assets		<u>128,272</u>		<u>43,654</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>3,055</u>		<u>5,268</u>	
Net current assets			<u>125,217</u>		<u>38,386</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>258,625</u>		<u>176,744</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8		75,067		76,885
Net assets			<u><u>183,558</u></u>		<u><u>99,858</u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	10		94,517		65,312
Restricted funds	10		89,041		34,546
Total funds			<u><u>183,558</u></u>		<u><u>99,858</u></u>

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and applicable law including the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13 September 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:


.....
Barry Eastwood


.....
Hannah Lambert

Trustees

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a Trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. It is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 1069689).

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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011. Hope Church Rotherham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting Policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards any purpose which falls within the Charity's remit.

Restricted are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the terms of a specific appeal.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Capital expenditure has been capitalised and depreciated over the asset's useful life.

Depreciation rates are applied to write down the assets to estimated residual values over their useful lives. The

Freehold buildings	25 years straight line
Equipment	3 - 4 years straight line

For the purposes of reporting the cost of the property has been split, by the Trustees, 50:50 between land (not depreciated) and buildings

Pension schemes

The Charity contributions to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they fall due. The assets of the schemes are independent of the Charity's finances.

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church/vision	126,222		126,222	121,320
Foodbank		60,556	60,556	22,536
B2J UK		55,169	55,169	36,967
Worship/Heart & Skill		973	973	4,056
	126,222	116,698	242,920	184,879

3 Resources expended on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church/vision	97,416		97,416	108,701
Foodbank		26,504	26,504	23,746
B2J UK		34,265	34,265	29,497
Worship/Heart & Skill		1,034	1,034	4,600
	97,416	61,803	159,219	166,544

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4	Resources expended on charitable activities by category	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
	Project expenditure	3,048	2,415	5,463	18,226
	Grants to institutions (see note 4a)	7,470	23,018	30,488	22,326
	Grants to individuals (Hope for you)	1,466	-	1,466	490
	Rent and rates	856	-	856	626
	Heat, light and power	9,442	30	9,472	9,889
	Travelling expenses	777	217	994	5,925
	Printing and stationery	418	2,195	2,613	1,423
	Telephone and computer costs	2,666	224	2,890	2,379
	Equipment hire and rental	766	258	1,024	833
	Maintenance	4,489	1,211	5,700	11,536
	General expenses	2,854	1,229	4,083	2,593
	Bank charges and interest	4,365	20	4,385	4,495
	Wages and salaries	49,292	26,964	76,256	73,400
	Professional fees	4,895	1,910	6,805	6,476
	Depreciation	4,613	2,112	6,725	5,926
		<u>97,417</u>	<u>61,803</u>	<u>159,220</u>	<u>166,543</u>

4a Grants to institutions in the year to 31 March 2021 include the following recipients

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
China Care International		23,018
E&V Puzderlievi - Macedonia	2,120	
Assemblies of God	1,300	
One by One	1,200	
The Bible Society	1,000	
Wycliffe UK	900	
Teen Challenge UK	400	
V Nakov - Macedonia	200	
Green Pastures	200	
Scripture Union	150	
	<u>7,470</u>	<u>23,018</u>

Hope for you

This is a member care facility set up to help support those who are in urgent need. Funds may be expended by the way of material goods, small monetary gifts or simply a bouquet of flowers to show them that they are loved and valued during difficult times. Requests to use funds in this way are considered on a referral basis and ultimately sanctioned by the eldership team.

5 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was 3 (2020: 3).
No employees earned in excess of £60,000.

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6 Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2020	150,000	6,321	4,740	161,061
Additions		1,775	-	1,775
Disposals		-	-	-
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At 31 March 2021	150,000	8,096	4,740	162,836
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Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	18,000	2,728	1,975	22,703
Disposals		-	-	-
Charge for the year	3,000	2,145	1,580	6,725
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At 31 March 2021	21,000	4,874	3,555	29,429
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Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	129,000	3,222	1,185	133,407
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At 31 March 2020	132,000	3,593	2,765	138,358
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Capital commitments at 31 March 2021 were £nil (2020 £nil).

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	966
Mortgage	1,712	1,605
Other creditors	343	446
Accruals	1,000	2,250
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	3,055	5,268

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year

Mortgage	75,067	76,885
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	75,067	76,885

The mortgage is secured on the Charity's freehold land and buildings, and of the total amount due, £68,000 is repayable after more than 5 years.

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	131,823	1,584	133,407
Debtors	-	-	-
Bank and cash balances	40,815	87,457	128,272
Liabilities <1 year	(3,054)		(3,055)
Liabilities > 1 year	(75,067)		(75,067)
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	94,517	89,041	183,558

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11 Related party transactions

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £35,792 (2020: £35,252).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses pertaining to their roles as trustees. As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary	33,631	31,800
Pension contribution	1,009	954
	<u>176</u>	<u>583</u>
Expenses reimbursed		
	<u>176</u>	<u>583</u>

The charity employs Emma Harris and Bethany Morris, who are related to trustees, as administration assistants for the Foodbank and BTJ UK funds. The total remuneration paid in the year was £11,071 (2020: £8,466).