

**HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM**

**Registered charity : 1069689**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2025**

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## **HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity registration number** 1069689

#### **Registered office**

PO Box 860  
Rotherham  
South Yorkshire  
S60 9QS

#### **Members of the Church Council**

Hannah Lambert	Chair
Barry Eastwood	
Andrew Harris	
Paul Morris	
Peter Shaw	

#### **Appointed officers**

Secretary	Unfilled
Treasurer	Matthew Key

#### **Bank**

Yorkshire Bank  
1 Frederick Street  
Rotherham  
S60 1QP

#### **Reporting accountants**

Nuvo Accountancy 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 2024 to March 2025**

## **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:**

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  
Ellis-Fermor & Negus 2 Devonshire Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1BS

### **The Church's accountants are:**

Nuvo Accountancy Limited Chartered Certified Accountants, Norham House, Mountenoy Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 2AJ.

## **4. CIO**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

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.

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**

## HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

### 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

# HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

## 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.



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## BALANCE SHEET


AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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

## **HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **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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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

# HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

## 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).

## HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

### 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.

In the previous year, the charity employed Emma Harris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in that year was £5517.

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