

# Living Hope Dudley

England & Wales · Charity number 1106417

## Details

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Other names	LIVING HOPE, LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL, LIVING HOPE CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2004-10-25
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH;2. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY B PROVIDING TRAINING TO LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES; AND3. TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** We offer services to advance the Christian faith and support works at home and around the world to relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Albania
- Lebanon
- Dudley

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£163,726	£127,390	-	-
2024-03-31	£101,225	£81,255	-	-
2023-03-31	£82,618	£112,211	-	-
2022-03-31	£51,109	£70,462	-	-
2021-03-31	£106,709	£78,464	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DANIEL PARKES</b>	Chair	2012-02-14
David Cookson		2019-11-29
Nicola Low		2023-11-12
Peter John Hopper		2023-11-12

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# Accounts

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**LIVING HOPE DUDLEY**  
**Previously Living Hope International**  
**(LIVING HOPE CHURCH)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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CHURCH



The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

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**Trustees**

Mr Daniel Parkes  
Mr David Cookson  
Mr Peter Hopper  
Mrs Nicola Low

**Charity Name and Registration Number**

Living Hope Dudley 1106417  
Previously Living Hope International

**Operating Name and Registered Office Address**

Living Hope Church  
Former Church of St Barnabas  
Middlepark Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY1 2LD

**Lead Pastor**

Mrs Lisa Parkes

**Charity Finance Manager**

Mrs Tracey Tromans FCCA

**Organisational structure**

The charity was created by Trust Deed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004.

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## Governance and Management

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### Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting.

### Risk policy and review

Trustees recognise their responsibility for identifying, assessing and managing the major risks facing the charity. Throughout the year the Trustees have regularly reviewed, monitored, managed and mitigated risks through oversight at trustee meetings, maintenance of a risk register, and the implementation of appropriate policies and procedures.

The principal risks identified for the year **April 2024 to March 2025** are set out below.

#### 1. Cost-of-Living Pressures and Financial Sustainability

The ongoing cost-of-living pressures have affected both the charity's income and expenditure. Rising prices for utilities, insurance and supplies have increased operating costs, while economic pressures on households has affected levels of giving. Increased community need has placed further strain on resources.

**Management and Mitigation** included close budget monitoring, maintaining appropriate reserves, sourcing of external grant funding, and adjusting programmes to ensure they meet need while remaining sustainable.

#### 2. Safeguarding Risks

The charity continues to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults, requiring robust safeguarding arrangements. Risks relate to ensuring all volunteers working with children and vulnerable groups are appropriately DBS-checked and trained, and that safeguarding policies reflect current expert guidance which is provided by **Thirtyone:eight** (A registered charity in England and Wales No: 1004490).

**Management and Mitigation** provided by experienced designated safeguarding leads (leaders and trustees), policy reviews and incident reporting procedures and reviews.

#### 3. Regulatory and Governance Risks

Compliance with charity law, financial reporting standards, UK GDPR, health and safety requirements and employment regulations continued to be a priority. Risks include leadership and governance gaps in knowledge and skills leading to a failure to follow regulatory updates.

**Mitigation** included trustee update training as part of the schedule of meetings, policy reviews, conflict-of-interest processes, data protection measures, and external professional financial and governance advice provided by suitably qualified and experienced professionals.

#### 4. Volunteer Availability and Workforce Capacity

Like many charities, the church depends heavily on volunteers. Economic pressures and capacity challenges can affect recruitment and retention, leading to gaps in serving and increased risk of burnout. Personal and family challenges for staff and volunteers in this period meant that more volunteers were required to support the operations of the church to a greater extent at this time.

**Mitigation** included encouraging new volunteers to ensure key volunteer teams were larger in number and better able to distribute serving throughout the year.

#### 5. Energy and Property-Related Risks

We continued to learn from operating within the physical buildings on Middlepark road (the old Church of St Barnabas). The buildings require ongoing maintenance and are affected by rising energy costs and insurance premiums. There are risks that ageing facilities may present health and safety risks or unexpected repair liabilities.

**Mitigation** includes planned maintenance schedules, energy-efficiency improvements where possible, regular safety checks, and the completion of the significant capital project to replace all external roofing which was completed during this period.

#### 6. Community Needs and Social Risks

Growing local need including poverty, and mental health continues to present challenges and opportunities for our Church. Reduced local authority funding or changes in partnership arrangements may also impact wider service delivery meaning greater opportunity (albeit unfunded) for the church to support people in the community.

**Mitigation** includes collaborative working with local agencies and charities including Black Country Foodbank, careful prioritisation of resources, and regular evaluation of community engagement.

#### 7. Digital, Cybersecurity and Data Risks

Increasing reliance on digital systems for administration, communication and online giving exposes the charity to cybersecurity threats and GDPR risks. Careful selection of digital systems and platforms, including changes that were made during this reporting period, have been important.

**Mitigation** includes secure data handling procedures, password and access controls, trustee and volunteer training and support. We now use Metrobank for general banking together with Square and Stripe for online donations and secure payments (including online payments through the Church Suite platform). Administrative systems are provided by Microsoft 365 with all documents, email and teams messaging backed up in the cloud (Office 365 for Non-Profits).

#### 8. Reputational Risks

The charity's reputation could be affected by failure to effectively manage safeguarding concerns, financial mismanagement, public complaints or inappropriate communication. Social media activity also carries reputational risk.

**Mitigation** includes clear communication protocols, adherence to safeguarding policy, practice and intervention where required, compliance to financial policies, transparency with stakeholders, and prompt response to concerns.

## 9. Health, Safety and Operational Continuity

The charity manages risks associated with public gatherings, community activities, and the general use of its building. Potential disruptions include inclement weather, equipment failure (such as heating), and/or other incidents affecting operational continuity.

**Mitigation** includes risk assessments, fire safety and first-aid provision, lone-working procedures, insurance cover and contingency planning.

## 10. Partnership and Funding Risks

The charity partners with other charities and community groups, schools and other organisations. Risks include over-reliance on particular partners, changes in grant funding, or partnership withdrawal affecting programme delivery.

**Mitigation** includes building regular giving, diversifying grant funding sources, maintaining strong relationships, and reviewing partnerships.

Trustees confirm that they have **reviewed and assessed the major risks** facing the charity during the year and are satisfied that **systems and procedures are in place to manage and mitigate exposure to these risks.**

## Networks and Membership Groups

Living Hope Church is a member of the ELIM NETWORK. Elim is a growing movement of Christian congregations in the UK and Ireland committed to making disciples, developing leaders, growing churches, and reaching nations. Our affiliation with ELIM was strengthened during this period with ministry input from several Elim ministers as well as network groups and communities for leaders.

We are also a member of the Further Faster Network UK, an organisation dedicated to helping churches grow by reaching unchurched people through supporting leaders with workshops, resources and coaching.

We value our partners from local churches including through the DUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the LOVE BLACK COUNTRY network (THE BLACK COUNTRY NET) where our Lead Pastor, Lisa Parkes, continues to serve on the leadership core team. Additionally, one of our trustees, Peter Hopper, serves on the Next Gen leadership team. Staff and volunteers from partner churches and charitable organisations have supported our work in this period.

Regular donations to Black Country Foodbank continued throughout the period, at a time where donations locally dipped as the economic challenges and cost of living pressures increased. Our wider partnership with the Black Country Foodbank enabled collaborations that help meet the acute needs of people in the communities we serve.

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith
- To advance education, in particular, but not exclusively by providing training to leaders of activities
- To relieve poverty, sickness and distress in any part of the world

## Activities, Achievements and Performance

We have several reasons to celebrate activities in this period (April 2024 to March 2025).

Our church building in Dudley received a very significant capital upgrade during this period following a £40,000 grant from Enover Community Trust to enable the main church roof to be fully replaced providing a 'water-tight' as well as welcoming environment for everyone who uses it.

We also employed a new member of staff – a community and facilities coordinator – to further our work in the community and maximising the use of our building in the community we serve.

Regular building usage this period included the following:

- Sunday church gatherings
- Midweek Connect Courses including Bible Courses and Alpha Courses
- Drop-in Community Coffee Afternoons
- Little Stars stay and play toddler group
- Regular youth groups
- Pilates Health and Fitness sessions
- Girlguiding Brownies
- Weekly Tea Dance

Occasional use of our building continued by other charities and groups including new use from Sustrans Cycle Security and West Midlands Cycle and Walk.

We reviewed our work to further our charitable objectives overseas using this period with update reports, live video call and in-person visits from overseas missionaries and mission organisations.

Our long-established support for the Albania Mission continued in this period and new partnerships with Compassion UK to sponsor children in the Cochabamba region of Bolivia were established. Our Lead Pastor visited Bolivia in this reporting period as part of her voluntary work with Love Black Country and Compassion UK. 10 children are now sponsored through compassion by people in our church.

With a renewed focus on our local town of Dudley, several members of our church were actively involved in the Dudley Passion Play during this period in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company.

On our local estate, our partnership with Friends of Russells Hall Park continued with key events including the Russells Hall Park Community Day in the summer and Christmas Fest in December (hosted by our church).

In our building in Dudley a new weekly Drop-In Coffee Afternoon has proven to be very successful amongst the immediate local community and beyond.

Our Little Stars stay and play group celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday during this period and continued to provide an important place for pre-school children and their families (parents, carers, grandparents).

Our work to build a church community that is as diverse in race, age and gender as the community we serve was clear throughout the year including special recognition as well as fun, games and sports at Father's Day and Mother's day throughout the year.

Special activities including those connected to national events such as the England Men's Football Euros competition and Our Summer Bank Holiday BBQ Party celebrated record numbers of people attending similar events.

In the autumn we ran our first in-person holiday club for primary school age children since the COVID pandemic.

Our Midweek Connect included the Freedom in Christ course – a 10-week discipleship programme at this time.

One of the biggest highlights of the period was the multi-baptism services where several people from a wide, diverse range of culture and national backgrounds, each new to the Christian Faith and making a public declaration of their faith and the transformation of their lives.

Our Christmas Programme provided opportunities for community fun and deeper spiritual encounter. Advent 2024 including a worship and encounter evening 'God with us' as well as our Christmas Fest 2024 event in partnership with Friends of Russells Hall Park. We sponsored the bringing of live Theatre to our estate with Saltmine Theatre Company's A Christmas Carol and our own 'Random Christmas' special Sundays of festivities and memorable performances from children and adults alike.

We are also grateful for the work of Black Country Foodbank and Kids Clothes Project who helped us to provide hampers of food and toys for families in the communities we serve.

The new calendar year welcomed the launch of new prayer initiatives in our church and a new Youth Alpha course as a precursor to future youth and young adults groups.

Our Easter programme in this period included fun activities for children and moments of deep reflection and spiritual encounter throughout Good Friday services and Easter weekend activities and services.

### **Future Developments**

April 2025 – March 26

We plan to further grow the number of activities mid-week connection points and number of people attending our church regularly each weekend. We expect to deliver more alpha courses and plan for more baptism services as new people to the Christian faith make a public declaration of their faith.

We intend to increase our work with youth and young adults as we prioritise the investment of time and resource into the next generation.

More generally, we plan to continue our partnerships with the community groups and charities we collaborate with to meet our charitable objects and further the mission of our church.

## Financial Review

The net incoming unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to £16,476.48 (2024 incoming unrestricted and designated resources £31,697.70). The net incoming restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to £19,859.95 (2024 net outgoing restricted resources totalled £11,727.88). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 4 of the accounts. At 31st March 2025 unrestricted funds amounted to £65,801.78 (2024 £49,325.30) and restricted funds amounted to £20,286.10 (2024 £426.15)

## Reserves and reserves policy

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of two months minimum operating costs as a contingency fund.

Although our financial reserves may seem substantial at c.50% of income this year, they are required to meet long-term commitments tied to our peppercorn lease on our church building, including major capital projects like roof replacement and car park renewal. The Trustees have also identified essential interior improvements, new flooring, seating, enhanced audio-visual systems, and overall refurbishment in order to make the building more welcoming and accessible for everyone who uses it.

While some of these reserves are listed as unrestricted, they are designated as a contribution towards these obligations and should not be viewed as surplus funds. They support responsible planning for legal requirements and capital project upgrades as well as people-focused activities and programmes.

Ongoing fundraising and donations will be vital to completing these projects while ensuring our financial sustainability.

Approved by the trustees on 30 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by

[D PARKES]

Mr Daniel Parkes

Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report.**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*

S A Reeves FCCA

S A R Accountants

Broadway

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21st July 2025

**Living Hope Church**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2,160.52	-	2,160.52	5,389.90
Income from charitable activities	93,769.54	61,769.60	155,539.14	93,564.07
Other income	6,026.92	-	6,026.92	2,270.90
<b>Total income</b>	<b>101,956.98</b>	<b>61,769.60</b>	<b>163,726.58</b>	<b>101,224.87</b>
Expenditure on:				
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,480.50	41,909.65	127,390.15	81,255.05
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>85,480.50</b>	<b>41,909.65</b>	<b>127,390.15</b>	<b>81,255.05</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>16,476.48</b>	<b>19,859.95</b>	<b>36,336.43</b>	<b>19,969.82</b>
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	600.00	-	600.00	390.06
Gross transfers between funds - out	-600.00	-	-600.00	-390.06
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>16,476.48</b>	<b>19,859.95</b>	<b>36,336.43</b>	<b>19,969.82</b>
Reconciliation of funds				
Cash balances 2025	49,325.30	426.15	49,751.45	29,781.63
Cash balances 2024	65,801.78	20,286.10	86,087.88	49,751.45
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General Fund	63,603.36	-	63,603.36	47,573.91
Designated				
Evangelical & Discipleship Fund	1,150.37	-	1,150.37	1,609.71
Limitless Youth	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Little Stars	-131.45	-	-131.45	112.18
Roof Designated Fund	29.50	-	29.50	29.50
Vision Fund	150.00	-	150.00	-
Restricted				
Albania General	-	255.00	255.00	170.00
Awards4All Flat Roof	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Elona School	-	31.10	31.10	256.15
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>65,801.78</b>	<b>20,286.10</b>	<b>86,087.88</b>	<b>49,751.45</b>

<b>LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY</b>					
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025</b>					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Current and deposit account		65,801.78	20,286.10	86,087.88	49,751.48
		<u>65,801.78</u>	<u>20,286.10</u>	<u>86,087.88</u>	<u>49,751.48</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid recoverable		788.00	-	788.00	1,273.00
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>					
Fixed Assets		-	-	-	625.00

<b>NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</b>					
<b>1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025</b>					
<b>1 Trustees' Remuneration and benefits</b>					
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.					
<b>2 Staff Costs</b>					
The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 1)					
No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000					
<b>3 Related party transactions</b>					
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025 or during the previous year.					

## Living Hope Church Fund movement summary 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
Awards4All Flat Roof	-	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Albania General	170.00	1,370.00	1,285.00	-	255.00
Elona School	256.15	400.00	625.05	-	31.10
Enovert Roof Fund	-	39,999.60	39,999.60	-	-
Evangelical & Discipleship Fund	1,609.71	-	459.34	-	1,150.37
General - General Fund	47,573.91	100,460.86	83,831.41	-600.00	63,603.36
Limitless Youth	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Little Stars	112.18	346.12	1,189.75	600.00	-131.45
Roof Fundraising Fund	29.50	-	-	-	29.50
Vision Fund	-	150.00	-	-	150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49,751.45</b>	<b>163,726.58</b>	<b>127,390.15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,087.88</b>

### 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
Albanian Bequest Fund	4,086.67	-	4,087.00	-	-
Albania General	125.00	1,410.00	1,365.00	0.33	170.00
Elona School	132.30	640.00	516.15	-	256.15
Awards 4 All	7,420.00	-	7,656.48	236.48	-
Evangelical & Discipleship Fund	2,858.22	-	1,248.51	-	1,609.71
General - General Fund	14,261.16	93,890.35	60,187.54	-390.06	47,573.91
Little Stars	898.28	115.02	901.12	-	112.18
Roof Fundraising Fund	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	0.00
Roof fund	-	29.50	-	-	29.50
Dudley MBC Sip & Coffee	-	1,140.00	1,293.25	153.25	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,781.63</b>	<b>101,224.87</b>	<b>81,255.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,751.45</b>

## Living Hope Church

### Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0115 - Other Gifts and Donations	1138.55	1021.97	-	2160.52	5389.90
	1138.55	1021.97	-	2160.52	5389.90
0100 - Tithes and Gifts	54225.24	150.00	-	54375.24	55580.59
0101 - Church Offering	16399.53	15.00	-	16414.53	15322.27
0102 - Special Offering - Campaigns	-	-	-	-	-
0110 - Specific Donation - Albania	-	-	1370.00	1370.00	1410.00
0112 - Specific Donation - Elona	-	-	400.00	400.00	640.00
0114 - Specific Donation - Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-
0116 - Holiday Club Income	956.47	-	-	956.47	-
0117 - Grants	278.50	-	59999.60	60278.10	1140.00
0119 - Room Hire	1701.25	-	-	1701.25	3707.50
0120 - Gift Aid	14861.46	-	-	14861.46	14183.92
0121 - Rent_Silver Bells	-	-	-	-	-
0122 - Fundraising	-	-	-	-	29.50
0123 - Coffee Afternoons	1948.06	-	-	1948.06	-
0130 - Interest Received	1241.86	-	-	1241.86	-
0140 - Other Income	1683.02	309.15	-	1992.17	1550.29
Income from charitable activities Totals	<u>93295.39</u>	<u>474.15</u>	<u>61769.60</u>	<u>155539.14</u>	<u>93564.07</u>
<b>Investments</b>					
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other income</b>					
0118 - Rental Income	6026.92	-	-	6026.92	2270.90
Other income Totals	6026.92	-	-	6026.92	2270.90
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	<b><u>100460.86</u></b>	<b><u>1496.12</u></b>	<b><u>61769.60</u></b>	<b><u>163726.58</u></b>	<b><u>101224.87</u></b>

**Expenditure on:****Raising funds**

Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
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**Expenditure on charitable activities**

1000 - Ministry Salaries	19943.44	-	-	19943.44	19005.64
1007 - Ministry Employers Costs NI	-	-	-	-	-
1008 - Ministry Employers Costs Pension	598.26	-	-	598.26	570.18
1020 - Ministry Mileage & Travel & Expenses	167.49	-	-	167.49	290.93
1025 - Training & CPDL	1444.17	-	-	1444.17	749.60
1030 - Support Staff - Salaries	5280.00	-	-	5280.00	-
1032 - Support Staff - Pension ERS	70.20	-	-	70.20	-
1050 - Benevolence Gifts - Church Family	1591.99	-	-	1591.99	546.64
1051 - Benevolence Gifts - Other	1479.02	28.00	-	1507.02	5108.55
1100 - Visiting Speakers	917.30	-	-	917.30	473.93
1150 - Special Sunday/Service Costs	1935.90	-	-	1935.90	191.64
1500 - Mission - Ongoing Support	9365.00	-	-	9365.00	9540.00
1525 - Mission - One Off Support & Visits	37.08	-	-	37.08	901.41
1550 - Mission - Directed Gifts	-	-	1910.05	1910.05	1881.15
1600 - Alpha	-	-	-	-	179.59
1610 - Evangelism & Discipleship	-	459.34	-	459.34	-
1650 - Hospitality	1657.74	-	-	1657.74	1237.34
2000 - Children & Youth	1205.67	-	-	1205.67	65.25
2017 - Outreach - Professional Fees	1050.00	-	-	1050.00	156.00
2018 - Outreach - Hospitality	1796.70	-	-	1796.70	270.17
2019 - Outreach - Resources	2592.22	-	-	2592.22	568.09
2020 - Little Stars	-	1158.45	-	1158.45	901.12
2021 - Little Stars Craft	-	-	-	-	-
2022 - Coffee Afternoon Expenses	1249.85	-	-	1249.85	-
2700 - Rent - Sunday & Lock-up	-	-	-	-	164.00
2702 - Rent	-	-	-	-	-
2705 - Insurance	1116.29	-	-	1116.29	1000.42
2709 - Equipment	5791.56	-	-	5791.56	5029.27
2710 - Repairs & Renewals	66.16	-	-	66.16	1023.75
2715 - Books, Publications & Media	15.29	-	-	15.29	169.37
2720 - Licenses & Subscriptions	3013.33	-	-	3013.33	2670.18
2725 - Professional Fees	5889.82	-	-	5889.82	3930.61
2800 - Office Sundries	1024.21	-	-	1024.21	425.72
2801 - St Barnabas Running Costs Other	-	-	-	-	-
2802 - St Barnabas Renovation Costs	455.53	-	39999.60	40455.13	4420.00
2803 - St Barnabas Utilities	2797.88	-	-	2797.88	9627.48
2804 - St Barnabas Repair & Maintenance	8106.58	-	-	8106.58	6441.57
2805 - St Barnabas Cleaning & Hygiene	2802.72	-	-	2802.72	1966.96
2806 - St Barnabas Toiletries & Consumable	20.19	-	-	20.19	21.83
2807 - St Barnabas Building & Contents Insurance	-	-	-	-	1029.01
2810 - Telephone Broadband & Mobiles	348.24	-	-	348.24	566.21
2820 - Bank Charges	1.58	3.30	-	4.88	131.44
2830 - Donation Costs & Commissions	-	-	-	-	-
3000 - Depreciation Charge - Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
3001 - Depreciation Charge - Fixtures & Fitting	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditure on charitable activities total	<u>83831.41</u>	<u>1649.09</u>	<u>41909.65</u>	<u>127390.15</u>	<u>81255.05</u>
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**Living Hope Dudley**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106417

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# Accounts

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**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL**  
(LIVING HOPE CHURCH)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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## Reference and Administrative Details

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### Trustees

Mrs Lois Claire Parkes\*^ (Retired December 2023)

Mr Daniel Parkes\*

Mr David Cookson

Mr Peter Hopper (From October 2023 onwards)

Mrs Nicola Low (From October 2023 onwards)

*\*Mrs Lois Claire Parkes and Mr Daniel Parkes are unrelated – not connected by birth or family.*

*^Mrs Lois Claire Parkes retired October 2023*

### Charity Name and Registration Number

Living Hope International 1106417

### Operating Name and Registered Office Address

Living Hope Church

Former Church of St Barnabas

Middlepark Road

Dudley

West Midlands

DY1 2LD

### Lead Pastor

Mrs Lisa Parkes

### Charity Finance Manager

Mrs Tracey Tromans FCCA

### Organisational structure

The charity was created by Trust Deed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004.

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## Governance and Management

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### Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting.

### Risk policy and review

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

During this period the most significant risks to the charity have been those associated with (1) Increasing church and neighbourhood activities to meet increasing need in the communities we serve and (2) managing operational costs of the church building following the surprise closure of the 'anchor tenant' (Silverbells Pre-school) in April 2023.

- **Increased Need and Opportunity:** Responding to identified and emerging needs in the church and the local communities we serve required more volunteers and increased voluntary hours each week as we launched and maintained new mid-week activities in addition to those previously established.
- **Financial Risks associated with building operating costs:** This was the first full year that the charity was responsible for the operating costs of the former St Barnabas Church building – at a time where global energy prices remained high and subsequent operating costs were significantly higher than originally forecast. Additionally, the charity had to respond quickly and effectively to the surprise closure of Silverbells Pre-school who were the building's 'anchor tenant' during weekdays.
- **Closure of Silverbell Pre-School:** The governing committee of **Silverbells pre-school** (a separate, unconnected, and unrelated party to the church) notified us of their decision to close due to insufficient government funding in April 2023 shortly after notifying their staff. In May 2019, we (Living Hope Church) launched a joint venture with Silverbells called **Little Stars** - a stay and play for children 0-3 years old and their parents/carers each Thursday afternoon. The Silverbells governing committee were required to sell off the nursery's assets, including the toys and equipment used in our joint stay and play venture.

The surprise announcement of the Silverbells closure was hugely disappointing for us and the wider community. We moved into the former St Barnabas church building in September 2022 with new investment into the building and the community – and we were excited to develop our partnership with Silverbells, just as they were with us. We recognise the decision to close the pre-school must have been extremely difficult and upsetting for the Silverbells governing committee.

Ensuring we effectively managed the risk of a further reduction of activities and services (e.g., Little Stars stay and play) while mitigating the impact of the loss of rental income became a top priority for trustees at the start of this reporting period.

It is pleasing to report that despite these challenges this has been a successful year, where significant increases in income, together with tightly controlled expenditure, has resulted in strong financial and operational performance of the charity.

Little Stars stay and play has continued (despite the absence of a joint venture partner) and is now thriving together with several new mid-week groups and activities that have launched and been maintained.

## Safeguarding

Trustees are assured of the ongoing implementation (and appropriate updates) to our safeguarding processes and procedures during this period. Our Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy is reviewed and updated as required. We continued to engage with our independent safeguarding advisors Thirtyone:eight (formerly Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) in the effective management of safeguarding risk and response to any concerns identified or disclosed during this reporting period.

## Networks and Membership Groups

Living Hope Church is a member of the ELIM NETWORK. Elim is a growing movement of Christian congregations in the UK and Ireland committed to making disciples, developing leaders, growing churches, and reaching nations. Our affiliation with ELIM was strengthened during this period with ministry input from several Elim ministers as well as network groups and communities for leaders.

We value our partners from local churches including through the DUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the LOVE BLACK COUNTRY network (THE BLACK COUNTRY NET) where our Lead Pastor, Lisa Parkes, continues to serve on the leadership core team. Staff and volunteers from partner churches and charitable organisations have supported our work in this period.

## Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith
- To advance education, in particular, but not exclusively by providing training to leaders of activities
- To relieve poverty, sickness and distress in any part of the world

## Activities, Achievements and Performance

This period (April 2023 to March 2024) was the first full year in our new building (the former St Barnabas Church building, Middlepark Road, Russells Hall, Dudley).

Following the surprise decision of Silverbells Pre-school to close in April 2023 we set an 'emergency budget' to tightly control expenditure in response to the loss of our anticipated income from the use of the building each day in school term time.

Despite this challenging start to the reporting period, we are delighted to report a very successful financial year. Building on the significant increase in tithes and offerings from the church congregation last year we have seen a further increase in this reporting period (+47% compared to last financial year). Securing more regular donors and current donors increasing their regular monthly donations in-year have contributed to this strong financial performance. Because a proportion of the increased donations received are from UK Tax Payers, we also benefitted from a 36% increase in Gift Aid received compared to last year.

Beyond donations from individuals, we received a £10,000 'Awards for All' grant in this period which was used for continued development work and renovation of the building.

Building operating costs in this period were c.20% higher than what was budgeted for, largely due to higher utility costs (Gas and Electric) and higher than expected in-year costs of repairs and maintenance (small

works). However, it is important to note that the increased income more than covered the additional expenditure/operating costs.

In respect of our charitable objects and church priorities, more was achieved this year because of the increased income received (that was better than what was budgeted for). We also recorded a 20% end of year operating surplus meaning nearly £20,000 was added to the charity's reserves to be used for future major capital projects – which are a requirement of our lease agreement with the Church of England.

A new roof for the main church hall was installed in March 2024 which was part-funded by a grant from Enover Community Trust (an environmental body which supports community and environmental projects). As the grant income received, and the building capital expenditure incurred for this project were both in April 2024 they will be included next year in our 2024-2025 financial statements.

Easter 2023 events and activities were a highlight for us at the start of this reporting period with services in our building in Middlepark road for the first time. Sunday gatherings were maintained in person throughout the period with increasing use of the building midweek by church groups and other community groups as the year progressed. Highlights included the dedication of children and our first adult baptisms in our new building which coincided with our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary in September 2023. Church youth activities also resumed for the first time since the COVID pandemic during this period.

Regular building usage this period included the following:

- Sunday church gatherings
- Tea Dance
- Monthly youth gatherings (Sunday afternoons)
- Midweek Connect Courses
- Midweek Alpha Course – a precursor to a future community Coffee Afternoon group
- Little stars stay and play toddler group
- Pilates Health and Fitness sessions
- Girlguiding Brownies

The building was also used several times during this period as a polling station for local, regional and national elections.

We hosted community celebrations and events of national significance during this period including for The King's coronation and a community summer fun day and BBQ party. Our work to provide fun, engaging and faith-filled input into children in the communities we serve continued throughout the period on Sundays and with a community 'light party' (alternative to Halloween) in the October half term school holiday.

We reviewed our work to further our charitable objectives overseas using this period with update reports and visits from overseas missionaries. Our long-established support for the Albania Mission continued this period with a visit to Albania (from our Lead Pastor) to review the work on the ground and the impact of the charity's support for the mission.

The build into Christmas 2023 included our first 'Christmas Fest' community event in partnership with Friends of Russells Hall Park – which included a Santa's grotto, live music, Christmas stalls and free face painting for children. In preparing for Christmas, we hosted a series of Midweek Advent groups where each of the Advent themes (hope, peace, joy, love) were explored together through creative worship together with guidance for practical implementation in day-to-day life.

Our Christmas programme, the second in our new building, included Christmas carol services and a community service called 'The Story' which featured children telling the Christmas nativity story. Each year we support a local charity at Christmas, this year we furthered our support for and partnership with CHADD

(Churches Housing Association of Dudley and District) which included hosting a midweek carol service for the organisation in our building led jointly by our Lead Pastor and the Bishop of Dudley who is Chair of CHADD.

### **Future Developments**

2024/25 will be a year of further growth in our new building in respect of church attendance, community group activities/building use, and deeper partnerships with our local schools and other charitable organisations.

We plan for 2024/25 to be a year where large capital projects are completed, and capital funding required for the next phase of building developed is secured.

We plan to further increase the number of church-led activities building on the successful growth of Sunday and midweek groups in this reporting period.

### **Financial Review**

The net incoming unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to £31,698 (2023 outgoing unrestricted and designated resources £13,150). The net outgoing restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to (£11,728) (2023 net outgoing restricted resources totalled £16,443). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 4 of the accounts. At 31st March 2024 unrestricted funds amounted to £47,574 (2023 £14,261) designated funds amounted to £1,753 (2023 £3,758) and restricted funds amounted to £425 (2023 £11,763)

### **Reserves and reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of two months minimum operating costs as a contingency fund.

Approved by the trustees on 8th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr Daniel Parkes

Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report.**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*

S A Reeves FCCA

S A R Accountants  
Broadway

Worcs

12th November 2024

<b><u>LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY</u></b>						
<b><u>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</u></b>						
<b><u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</u></b>						
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and offerings	5a	70,903	-	-	70,903	55,760
Donations	5b	1,275	115	6,050	7,440	2,600
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	14,184	-	-	14,184	10,435
Grants	5d	-	-	1,140	1,140	10,000
Receipts from charitable activities	5e	7,528	30	-	7,558	3,823
Interest and dividends	5f	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>93,890</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>7,190</b>	<b>101,225</b>	<b>82,618</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	60,187	2,150	18,918	81,255	112,211
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>60,187</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>18,918</b>	<b>81,255</b>	<b>112,211</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>33,703</b>	<b>(2,005)</b>	<b>(11,728)</b>	<b>19,970</b>	<b>(29,593)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>(390)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23		14,261	3,758	11,763	29,782	59,375
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47,574</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>29,782</b>

<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024</b>						
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
		47,574	1,753	425	49,752	29,782
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>4</b>	<b>47,574</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>49,752</b>	<b>29,782</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
		1,273	-	-	1,273	1,003
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
		-	104	-	104	139
		-	326	-	326	487
<b>NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</b>						
<b>1 Trustees' Remuneration and benefits</b>						
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.						
<b>2 Staff Costs</b>						
The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1) No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000						
<b>3 Related party transactions</b>						
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024 or during the previous year.						

**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	14,261	93,890	60,187	(390)	47,574
<b>Designated</b>					
Evangelical & Discipleship	2,859	-	1,249	-	1,610
Little Stars	899	115	901	-	113
Roof fundraising	-	30	-	-	30
	3,758	145	2,150	-	1,753
<b>Restricted</b>					
Albania General	125	1,410	1,365	-	170
Albanian Bequest Fund	4,086	-	4,086	-	-
Awards 4 All	7,420	-	7,656	236	-
Elona School	132	640	517	-	255
Roof fund	-	4,000	4,000	-	-
Dudley MBC - Sip & Social	-	1,140	1,294	154	-
	11,763	7,190	18,918	390	425
<b>Total funds</b>	29,782	101,225	81,255	-	49,752

Comparatives for year ended 31st March 2023:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	16,110	58,981	69,478	8,648	14,261
<b>Designated</b>					
Evangelical & Discipleship	3,750	582	1,473	-	2,859
Vision Fund	2,999	9,648	12,217	(430)	-
Little Stars	100	807	-	(8)	899
	6,849	11,037	13,690	(438)	3,758
<b>Restricted</b>					
Albania General	405	1,880	2,160	-	125
Albanian Bequest Fund	17,747	-	13,661	-	4,086
Allchurches	46	-	-	(46)	-
Awards 4 All	-	10,000	2,580	-	7,420
Elona School	542	720	1,130	-	132
Holiday Activity	429	-	613	184	-
Innovation Fund - Little stars	10,729	-	4,138	(6,591)	-
Innovation Fund - Revive	2,517	-	4,195	1,678	-
Lottery - Revive	4,001	-	566	(3,435)	-
	36,416	12,600	29,043	(8,210)	11,763
<b>Total funds</b>	59,375	82,618	112,211	-	29,782

<b>NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</b>						
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</b>						
<b>5 Further analysis of Receipts</b>						
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Receipts						
a)	<b>Tithes and offerings</b>					
	Tithes & gifts	55,581	-	-	55,581	45,987
	Church offering	15,322	-	-	15,322	9,773
		<b>70,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,903</b>	<b>55,760</b>
b)	<b>Donations</b>					
	Specific donation - Albania	-	-	1,410	1,410	1,880
	Specific donation - Elona	-	-	640	640	720
	Other gifts and donations	1,275	115	4,000	5,390	-
		<b>1,275</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>2,600</b>
c)	<b>Gift Aid</b>					
	Gift Aid tax recovered	14,184	-	-	14,184	10,435
d)	<b>Grants</b>					
	Grants from institutions	-	-	1,140	1,140	10,000
e)	<b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
	Room hire and rent	5,978	-	-	5,978	3,823
	Other income	1,550	-	-	1,550	-
	Fundraising	-	30	-	30	-
		<b>7,528</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>3,823</b>
f)	<b>Interest and dividends</b>					
	Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>93,890</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>7,190</b>	<b>101,225</b>	<b>82,618</b>
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<b>LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY</b>						
<b>NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</b>						
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</b>						
<b>6 Further analysis of Payments</b>						
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Payments</b>						
a)	<b>Direct charitable activity</b>					
	Ministry salaries	19,006	-	-	19,006	18,112
	Ministry pension costs	570	-	-	570	543
	Ministry travelling & motor expenses	238	53	-	291	91
	Training & CPDL	617	133	-	750	654
	Benevolence Gifts	899	694	4,062	5,655	14,907
	Visiting speakers	474	-	-	474	217
	Special Sunday service costs	192	-	-	192	-
	Mission - outgoing support	9,540	-	-	9,540	9,540
	Mission - one off and directed gifts	901	-	1,881	2,782	3,969
	Evangelism and Alpha	37	142	-	179	307
	Hospitality	1,019	218	-	1,237	1,834
	Children & Youth	65	-	-	65	1,545
	Revive Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	2,160
	Revive craft & activities	-	-	-	-	781
	Revive consumables & packaging	-	-	-	-	23
	Revive food & refreshments	-	-	-	-	993
	Revive communications	-	-	-	-	82
	Revive - licenses & subscriptions	-	-	-	-	15
	Outreach - Professional fees	156	-	-	156	1,235
	Outreach - Hospitality	270	-	-	270	1,262
	Outreach - Resources	508	-	60	568	1,235
	Little Stars	-	901	-	901	2,068
	Little Stars craft	-	-	-	-	32
	Rent - Sunday & Lock up	164	-	-	164	1,611
	Rent - office	-	-	-	-	4,883
	Insurance	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,100
	Equipment	933	-	4,097	5,030	2,806
	Repairs & renewals	727	-	297	1,024	287
	Books, publications & media	161	9	-	170	10
	Licenses & subscriptions	2,670	-	-	2,670	2,578
	Professional fees	3,931	-	-	3,931	6,359
	Office sundries	426	-	-	426	1,021
	St Barnabas Renovation Costs	-	-	4,420	4,420	27,955
	St Barnabas Utilities	9,627	-	-	9,627	842
	St Barnabas Repair & Maintenance	2,366	-	4,076	6,442	303
	St Barnabas Cleaning & Hygiene	1,967	-	-	1,967	1,429
	St Barnabas Toiletries & Consumables	22	-	-	22	142
	St Barnabas Building and Contents insurance	1,029	-	-	1,029	142
	Telephone, broadband & mobiles	566	-	-	566	370
	Bank charges	106	-	25	131	145
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>60,187</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>18,918</b>	<b>81,255</b>	<b>113,588</b>

**Living Hope Dudley**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106417

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1106417**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2023  
FOR THE  
LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mrs Lois Claire Parkes\*

Mr Daniel Parkes\*

Mr David Cookson

*\*Mrs Lois Claire Parkes and Mr Daniel Parkes are unrelated – not connected by birth or family.*

The trustee board completed a skills audit and a strategic review of the board's roles and responsibilities during this year as part of trustee recruitment and succession planning activities in this reporting period. Subsequent trustee appointments were made outside of this accounting period in the Charity's AGM in October 2023.

Mr Peter Hopper

Mrs Nicola Low

**Charity Name and Registration Number**

Living Hope International 1106417

**Operating Name and Registered Office Address**

Living Hope Church  
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**Lead Pastor**

Mrs Lisa Parkes

**Charity Finance Manager**

Mrs Tracey Tromans FCCA

**Organisational structure**

The charity was created by Trust Deed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Governance and Management**

**Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting held in October.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

During this period the most significant risks have been those associated with (1) the return to 'normal operations' post-COVID-19 and the increased requirement for sustainable commitment from volunteers and (2) the management of operations in the church's new 'home'; a permanent building (the former Church of St Barnabas, Middlepark Road, Russells Hall).

- **Building refurbishment and readiness:** The church 'moved into its new home' on the Russells Hall estate throughout the summer and autumn 2022 under a license to occupy, with a full lease agreement with the Church of England (Diocese of Worcester) in place from January 2023. A summer programme of works to refurbish the building were completed, funded through the strategic investment of reserves. Professional refurbishment works were further enhanced by the support of volunteers with light duties including painting (for which we are most grateful).
- **Financial Risks associated with building running costs:** The church took full responsibility for the operating costs of the building during this period – at a time where global energy prices were escalating, and subsequent operating costs were significantly higher than originally forecast.
- **Post pandemic return to in-person routines:** Multiple challenges (including workload) associated with a return to in-person gatherings (and a transition away from online models) including new and sustained volunteering from church members.
- **New relationships and partnerships:** Work to build relationships with local businesses and community groups including building users and partner organisations serving the Russells hall estate and central Dudley.

**Safeguarding**

Trustees are assured of the ongoing implementation (and appropriate adaptation) of our safeguarding processes and procedures during this period. Our Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy is reviewed and updated as required. We continued to engage with our independent safeguarding advisors Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS) in the effective management of safeguarding risk and response to any concerns identified or disclosed during this reporting period.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Networks and Membership Groups**

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Volunteers from partner churches and organisations supported our work in this period (particularly with the refurbishment and grounds maintenance of our new building). We value our partners from local churches including through the DUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the LOVE DUDLEY network (THE BLACK COUNTRY NET) where our Lead Pastor, Lisa Parkes, now serves on the leadership core team.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith
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**Achievements and Performance**

This period (April 2022 to March 2023) was the first full year free from COVID restrictions. We have rebuilt the pre-pandemic routines of regular in-person gatherings, both for Sunday congregational worship and several community events and activities midweek and at weekends throughout the year.

This has been a strong financial year for the charity with a 62% increase in income compared to last financial year. Development of new revenue sources (grant funding) provides effective supplementary income for developments of our building and community work. Significant increases in tithes and offerings from the church congregation (+48% compared to the previous year) provided comfort and assurance to trustees that the strategic investment of reserves made in this period is appropriate and does not negatively impact the financial stability and sustainability of the charity. Beyond the strategic investment of reserves for the refurbishment of the former St Barnabas Church building, the outgoings in this period included the transfer of the Albania bequest fund which was made with assurances that all appropriate statutory and non-statutory guidance was being followed. This is listed in the accompanying financial statements of direct charitable activity and is included in the listing of Benevolence Gifts in note 6a.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Achievements and Performance cont.**

In-person Easter events and activities were a highlight for us at the start of the period with services hosted in our temporary home at Park Congregational Church across the Easter weekend. We celebrated with church members getting baptised in our first post-pandemic baptisms in May 2022. We led our local communities in celebrations and reflections of national significance including The Platinum Jubilee celebrations hosted at Park Congregational Church and providing a book of remembrance following The Queen's death in September 2022. Our Pastor, Lisa Parkes, led a service of reflection and remembrance at 'Top Church, Dudley' alongside the Bishop of Dudley, Rt Revd Martin Gorick, for all those in the local community who had lost family, friends, and colleagues in the pandemic.

Our work with children and young people was re-established in this period. We provided memorable experiences for our young people including camping at the national ELIM Limitless Youth festival in the summer and for our children with an 'Light Party' (alternative to Halloween) in the October half term school holiday.

It was in this period that we moved into our permanent 'new home' on the Russells Hall estate (the former Church of St Barnabas building in Middlepark road). Refurbishment work undertaken by building contractors throughout the summer, alongside notable contributions from church volunteers and other from the local community, ensured the building was refurbished and redecorated in time for our 20th Anniversary celebrations and community fun day to celebrate the official opening of our new home. We hosted more than 300 people in our new building across this celebration weekend (10th and 11th September 2022) which provided opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the last 20 years and set out exciting opportunities for future years.

Our Christmas programme 2022 was the first in our new location and included outdoor Christmas carol singing as well as Christmas services and an extension of our REVIVE project with school holiday food and children's theatre for local primary school aged children. Each year we support another local charity at Christmas, this year we supported the Black Country Santa Toy appeal with the donation of toys for children from disadvantaged and vulnerable families in the area.

In January 2023 we launched our first evening Alpha course in our new building as well as opening up the church hall for a range of church-led and community-led activities and groups. We also piloted an afternoon drop-in group as part of the national 'Warm Space' initiative through the winter months.

In this period, we re-connected with our partners working to further our charitable objectives overseas both via video-calls into our Church services and through welcoming visits to our building to receive mission update reports. Our affiliation as an ELIM network church was also strengthened with visits from Stuart Blount, National Director of Ministry, as well as support for our Lead Pastor and wider leadership team from regional leaders and pastoral groups.

Our Little Stars stay and play joint venture with Silverbells pre-school ran throughout this period. Although the pre-school itself announced their decision to close in April 2023 shortly after this accounting period our Little Stars 'stay and play' has continued into the next reporting period.

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**Future Developments**

2023/24 will be a year of consolidation in our new building and continued growth in numbers and partnerships. We plan for 2023/24 to be a year where new community partnerships and relationships are established and sustained. We expect to secure the capital funding required for the next phase of building repair and refurbishment and we expect to increase the number of community activities and events throughout the year.

We plan to increase the number of church-led midweek activities and to build on the successful re-launch of our Sunday gatherings with our first Baptism service to mark the first-year anniversary in the new building.

**Financial Review**

The net outgoing unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to (£13,150) (2022 outgoing unrestricted and designated resources £3,473). The net outgoing restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to (£16,443) (2022 incoming restricted resources totalled £15,880). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 4 of the accounts. At 31st March 2023 unrestricted funds amounted to £14,261 (2022 £16,110) designated funds amounted to £3,758 (2022 £6,849) and restricted funds amounted to £11,763 (2022 £36,416)

**Reserves and reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of two months minimum operating costs as a contingency fund.

Approved by the trustees on 30th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Mr Daniel Parkes

Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report.**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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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:

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*

S A Reeves FCCA  
S A R Accountants  
Broadway  
Worcs

30th January 2024

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and offerings	5a	45,374	10,386	-	55,760	37,813
Donations	5b	-	-	2,600	2,600	2,930
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	9,784	651	-	10,435	8,234
Grants	5d	-	-	10,000	10,000	2,097
Receipts from charitable activities	5e	3,823	-	-	3,823	-
Interest and dividends	5f	-	-	-	-	35
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>58,981</b>	<b>11,037</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>82,618</b>	<b>51,109</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	69,478	13,690	29,043	112,211	70,462
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>69,478</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>29,043</b>	<b>112,211</b>	<b>70,462</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(10,497)</b>	<b>(2,653)</b>	<b>(16,443)</b>	<b>(29,593)</b>	<b>(19,353)</b>
Transfers between funds		8,648	(438)	(8,210)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/22		16,110	6,849	36,416	59,375	78,728
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14,261</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>11,763</b>	<b>29,782</b>	<b>59,375</b>

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		14,261	3,758	11,763	29,782	41,628
Deposit accounts		-	-	-	-	17,747
	<b>4</b>	<u>14,261</u>	<u>3,758</u>	<u>11,763</u>	<u>29,782</u>	<u>59,375</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>1,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>773</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixtures & Fittings		<u>-</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>185</u>
Equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>727</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2024  
were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Daniel Parkes  
Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration and benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**2 Staff Costs**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1)  
 No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**3 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	16,110	58,981	69,478	8,648	14,261
<b>Designated</b>					
Evangelical & Discipleship	3,750	582	1,473	-	2,859
Vision Fund	2,999	9,648	12,217	(430)	-
Little Stars	100	807	-	(8)	899
	6,849	11,037	13,690	(438)	3,758
<b>Restricted</b>					
Albania General	405	1,880	2,160	-	125
Albanian Bequest Fund	17,747	-	13,661	-	4,086
Allchurches	46	-	-	(46)	-
Awards 4 All	-	10,000	2,580	-	7,420
Elona School	542	720	1,130	-	132
Holiday Activity	429	-	613	184	-
Innovation Fund - Little stars	10,729	-	4,138	(6,591)	-
Innovation Fund - Revive	2,517	-	4,195	1,678	-
Lottery - Revive	4,001	-	566	(3,435)	-
	36,416	12,600	29,043	(8,210)	11,763
<b>Total funds</b>	59,375	82,618	112,211	-	29,782

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**5 Further analysis of Receipts**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Receipts					
a) <b>Tithes and offerings</b>					
Tithes & gifts	35,601	10,386	-	45,987	31,675
Church offering	9,773	-	-	9,773	6,138
	<u>45,374</u>	<u>10,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,760</u>	<u>37,813</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Specific donation - Albania	-	-	1,880	1,880	2,220
Specific donation - Elona	-	-	720	720	710
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,930</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	9,784	651	-	10,435	8,234
	<u>9,784</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,435</u>	<u>8,234</u>
d) <b>Grants</b>					
Grants from institutions	-	-	10,000	10,000	2,097
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>2,097</u>
e) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Room hire and rent	3,823	-	-	3,823	-
	<u>3,823</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>-</u>
f) <b>Interest and dividends</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	35
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>58,981</u>	<u>11,037</u>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>82,618</u>	<u>51,109</u>

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>a) Direct charitable activity</b>					
Ministry salaries	15,437	-	2,675	18,112	17,508
Ministry pension costs	543	-	-	543	525
Training & CPDL	418	236	-	654	306
Benevolence Gifts	2,007	-	12,900	14,907	2,561
Visiting speakers	217	-	-	217	220
Travelling & motor expenses	91	-	-	91	25
Mission - outgoing support	9,540	-	-	9,540	9,540
Mission - direct gifts	-	-	3,969	3,969	2,840
Evangelism and Alpha	207	100	-	307	226
Hospitality	1,712	122	-	1,834	1,346
Children & Youth	444	1,101	-	1,545	467
Revive Holiday Club	15	-	2,145	2,160	722
Revive craft & activities	-	-	781	781	4,908
Revive professional fees	-	-	-	-	5,614
Revive consumables & packaging	-	-	23	23	142
Revive food & refreshments	-	-	993	993	438
Revive communications	14	-	68	82	452
Revive - licenses & subscriptions	-	-	15	15	120
Outreach - Hospitality	937	-	325	1,262	-
Outreach - Resources	947	-	288	1,235	-
Little Stars	-	-	2,068	2,068	1,240
Little Stars craft	-	-	32	32	802
Rent - Sunday & Lock up	1,611	-	-	1,611	1,108
Rent - office	4,883	-	-	4,883	6,254
Insurance	1,100	-	-	1,100	686
Equipment	2,706	-	100	2,806	4,736
Repairs & renewals	287	-	-	287	8
Books, publications & media	-	10	-	10	117
Licenses & subscriptions	2,578	-	-	2,578	1,704
Professional fees	6,359	-	-	6,359	4,697
Office sundries	989	32	-	1,021	630
St Barnabas Renovation Costs	13,286	12,089	2,580	27,955	-
St Barnabas Utilities	842	-	-	842	-
St Barnabas Repair & Maintenance	303	-	-	303	-
St Barnabas Cleaning & Hygiene	1,429	-	-	1,429	-
St Barnabas Toiletries & Consumables	142	-	-	142	-
Telephone, broadband & mobiles	370	-	-	370	421
Bank charges	64	-	81	145	99
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>69,478</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>29,043</b>	<b>112,211</b>	<b>70,462</b>

**Living Hope Dudley**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106417

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1106417**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2022  
FOR THE  
LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**

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**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Our work during this period has been undertaken within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mr Jeremy Parkes (retired October 2021)

Mrs Lois Claire Parkes\*

Mr Christopher Vincent Welch (retired October 2021)

Mr Daniel Parkes\*

Mr David Cookson

*\*Mrs Lois Claire Parkes and Mr Daniel Parkes are unrelated – not connected by birth or family.*

**Charity Name and Registration Number**

Living Hope International 1106417

**Operating Name and Registered Office Address**

Living Hope Church

Brindley House

48-50 Hall Street

Dudley

West Midlands

DY2 7DT

**Lead Pastor**

Mrs Lisa Parkes

**Organisational structure**

The charity was created by Trust Deed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Governance and Management**

**Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting held in October.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

During this period the most significant risks have been those associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the management of operations coming out of national restrictions to re-establish weekly gatherings and in-person activities.

- Inability to meet together regularly in person (inside an appropriate building) for congregational worship (during the first half of this period).
- Excessive workload associated with leading and managing 'online church' and associated ministries alongside increased community mission (COVID-response) in the first half of this period.
- Multiple challenges associated with re-establishing and re-starting regular in-person gatherings each week following relaxation of government restrictions (in the second half of this period).

**Safeguarding**

Trustees are assured of the ongoing implementation (and appropriate adaptation) of our safeguarding processes and procedures during this period. Our Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy is reviewed and updated as required. Despite the operational challenges of COVID-19 we continued to engage with our independent safeguarding advisors Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS) in the effective management of safeguarding risk and response to any concerns identified or disclosed.

**Networks and Membership Groups**

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Volunteers from partner churches and organisations were secured for our work in this period (particularly with our REVIVE Project). We are grateful to our partners from local churches including through the DUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the LOVE DUDLEY network (THE BLACK COUNTRY NET).

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Objectives and Activities**

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**Achievements and Performance**

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated government restrictions continued to impact aspects of how Living Hope Church operated and how activities were undertaken in relation to its charitable objects during the first half of this period.

The 'new ways of working' established during 'national lockdowns' provided a platform to build on for church congregation and volunteers.

'LHC Online Church' (broadcasted via 'YouTube' and hosted virtually via 'Zoom') continued to be the most prominent expression of collective worship during the first half of this period. Church members connected together more readily using social media platforms and we were encouraged by new people engaging with the church through our online content (and despite having no prior association with the church).

Our first full in-person gathering for collective worship was Easter Sunday 2021; we met in-person for a 'drive in' Easter service on the car park of our church offices at Brindley House, Dudley. Online broadcasts for Sunday services continued until the Autumn when we re-started our in-person collective worship. We are grateful for the support and generosity of other local churches who made their buildings available to us for our Sunday services. We met at Grace Community Church (Pensnett) in September before moving to Park Congregational Church (Dudley) in October, where we gathered each week for the remainder of this period.

During this period our work in relation to our charitable objectives transitioned from activities significantly influenced by COVID restrictions to the re-start of more traditional / typical in-person activities. Building on the innovations established as a result of the pandemic, while returning to more typical activities in the second half of this period, we delivered:

- 20 online services, planned, filmed, edited, watched and discussed online afterwards
- 4 advent (Christmas 2021) online devotionals and accompanying social media activities
- A successful Christmas Campaign with our partners CHADD; donating gifts (including pyjamas) to women and children in safe refuge for protection from domestic abuse.
- 5 Car Park / Drive-In church services including Easter Sunday 2021
- 27 weekly in-person Sunday gatherings, hosted at 2 different local churches (as schools and community buildings continued to be unavailable to us)
- Further growth and development of our REVIVE PROJECT (working with a wide range of church volunteers throughout Dudley).

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

During this period our REVIVE Project continued to be a critical programme delivering online holiday clubs and food parcels for families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Having established a model for growth last year, we further developed the programme particularly for the Easter and Whitsun school holidays, 2021. Local schools identified families who would benefit the most and Dudley Council part-funded food and resources via additional grants. Growing beyond our previous operations, and in partnership with Black Country Food Bank, Church leaders, members and volunteers from local churches worked together to meet unprecedented need with an unprecedented response.

Our REVIVE PROJECT work in this period included:

- Online Holiday Club Content (games, puppets, dances etc.) broadcasted LIVE via YouTube to families throughout Dudley
- 120+ volunteers from 20+ different churches
- 1000+ packs of food and arts and crafts activities delivered to homes
- 2 distribution centres enabling the sorting, packing and efficient & effective delivery of food to children from 25+ different schools

The growth and impact of our work with this project is illustrated clearly with the numbers of disadvantaged and vulnerable children supported:

- 110 children in the school Summer holidays 2020
- 271 children in the October half term holidays 2020
- 521 children in February half term 2021
- 1000 children in Easter and Whitsun holidays 2021

Feedback from families who benefitted from our REVIVE project in this period included:

*“Thank you for being so kind to us in our time of need”*

During this period our community youth engagement work (undertaken in partnership with PHASE TRUST) continued in the form of ‘detached youth work’ meeting outside with local teenagers each week. These activities were re-established in Grange Park, Dudley, adjacent to the Park Congregational Church building that we were using for Sunday gatherings for the second half of this period. As COVID guidance and appropriate risk assessments were updated, we were able to provide a safe, warm environment (in the church building) as well as food and refreshments for young people during the winter months.

The global pandemic continued to impact the work of our mission partners in Albania and Lebanon during this period. Planned pastoral and ministry visits overseas continued to be postponed, however, the confidence to innovate with our mission partners overseas (including online video calls and meetings) meant we were able to host ‘LIVE video conversations’ and interviews during our Sunday church services in the second half of this period.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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This ensured many more people were updated, engaged, re-introduced, or introduced to the work of our overseas partners for the first time.

**Future Developments**

2022/23 will be an exciting and significant year for us. We plan for 2022/23 to be a year of building and re-building. We plan to re-build our weekly in-person congregational gatherings each Sunday.

We have plans for our first baptism service (post-pandemic) and we look forward to prominent in-person celebrations at Christmas and Easter as well as to acknowledge the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Building on our Elim Network membership, we plan, subject to COVID guidance, to take a group of young people to attend the Limitless Festival in August 2022.

September 2022 marks our 20-year anniversary as Living Hope Church. We plan to host a community weekend that combines anniversary celebrations and the official opening of a new 'home' for our church.

We plan to establish our 'home' on the Russells Hall estate – a community we have served for many years. Through agreement with the Church of England Diocese of Worcester, we plan to move into the former Church of St Barnabas building, providing a permanent home for congregational worship and a community hub centre to better meet the needs of the local communities we serve in Dudley.

We look forward to re-building many of the mid-week activities and programmes that were postponed or 'moved online' during the pandemic. We look forward to building new activities and programmes (including those made possible by a new permanent 'home') that meet the needs of people and enable us to demonstrate the hope of God's love more effectively.

**Financial Review**

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**Reserves and reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of two months minimum operating costs as a contingency fund.

Approved by the trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and signed on their behalf by Mrs Lois Parkes.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

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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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*

S A Reeves FCCA  
S A R Accountants  
Redditch

20th January 2023

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and offerings	5a	37,713	100	-	37,813	35,753
Donations	5b	-	-	2,930	2,930	3,100
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	8,234	-	-	8,234	9,672
Grants	5d	-	-	2,097	2,097	57,404
Receipts from charitable activities	5e	-	-	-	-	770
Interest and dividends	5f	-	-	35	35	10
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>45,947</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>51,109</b>	<b>106,709</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	49,064	456	20,942	70,462	78,464
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>49,064</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>20,942</b>	<b>70,462</b>	<b>78,464</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(3,117)</b>	<b>(356)</b>	<b>(15,880)</b>	<b>(19,353)</b>	<b>28,245</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/21		19,227	7,205	52,296	78,728	50,483
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/22</b>	4	<b>16,110</b>	<b>6,849</b>	<b>36,416</b>	<b>59,375</b>	<b>78,728</b>

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		16,110	6,849	18,669	41,628	61,016
Deposit accounts		-	-	17,747	17,747	17,712
	<b>4</b>	<u>16,110</u>	<u>6,849</u>	<u>36,416</u>	<u>59,375</u>	<u>78,728</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>664</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixtures & Fittings		<u>-</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>248</u>
Equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>1,085</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th January 2023  
were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Lois Parkes  
Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration and benefits**

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any benefits from employment during the year.

**2 Staff Costs**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 2)  
 No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**3 Related party transactions**

During the year Lisa Parkes, daughter in law of trustee Jeremy Parkes, received remuneration of £17,508 (2021 £14,631) and pension contributions of £525 (2021 £515).

**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	19,227	45,947	49,064	-	16,110
<b>Designated</b>					
Evangelical & Discipleship	4,206	-	456	-	3,750
Vision Fund	2,999	-	-	-	2,999
Little Stars	-	100	-	-	100
	7,205	100	456	-	6,849
<b>Restricted</b>					
Albania General	175	2,220	1,990	-	405
Albanian Bequest Fund	17,712	35	-	-	17,747
Allchurches	4,485	-	4,488	49	46
Elona School	(168)	710	-	-	542
Holiday Activity	8,367	(3,000)	4,821	(117)	429
Heart of England Baptist	5,000	-	3,397	(1,603)	-
Innovation Fund - Little stars	6,842	5,097	1,210	-	10,729
Innovation Fund - Revive	-	-	289	2,806	2,517
Lottery - Revive	9,883	-	4,747	(1,135)	4,001
	52,296	5,062	20,942	-	36,416
<b>Total funds</b>	78,728	51,109	70,462	-	59,375

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**5 Further analysis of Receipts**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
a) <b>Tithes and offerings</b>					
Tithes & gifts	31,575	100	-	31,675	35,052
Church offering	6,138	-	-	6,138	701
	<u>37,713</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,813</u>	<u>35,753</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Specific donation - Albania	-	-	2,220	2,220	1,920
Specific donation - Elona	-	-	710	710	720
Specific donation - Lebanon	-	-	-	-	460
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,930</u>	<u>3,100</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	8,234	-	-	8,234	9,672
	<u>8,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,234</u>	<u>9,672</u>
d) <b>Grants</b>					
Grants from institutions	-	-	2,097	2,097	57,404
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,097</u>	<u>2,097</u>	<u>57,404</u>
e) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Holiday hunger/Revive Income	-	-	-	-	770
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>770</u>
f) <b>Interest and dividends</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	35	35	10
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>45,947</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>5,062</u>	<u>51,109</u>	<u>106,709</u>

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Payments</b>					
a) <b>Direct charitable activity</b>					
Ministry salaries	15,717	-	1,791	17,508	22,181
Ministry pension costs	525	-	-	525	709
Training & CPDL	246	60	-	306	150
Benevolence Gifts	2,561	-	-	2,561	2,030
Visiting speakers	220	-	-	220	120
Travelling & motor expenses	25	-	-	25	-
Mission - outgoing support	9,540	-	-	9,540	10,040
Mission - direct gifts	850	-	1,990	2,840	2,821
Evangelism and Alpha	166	60	-	226	11
Hospitality	1,346	-	-	1,346	227
Children & Youth	437	30	-	467	309
Revive Holiday Club	-	-	722	722	9,308
Revive craft & activities	6	-	4,902	4,908	6,180
Revive professional fees	-	-	5,614	5,614	6,098
Revive consumables & packaging	-	-	142	142	2,421
Revive food & refreshments	213	-	225	438	79
Revive communications	57	-	395	452	124
Revive - licenses & subscriptions	-	-	120	120	33
Little Stars	-	-	1,240	1,240	1,001
Little Stars craft	-	-	802	802	665
Rent - Sunday & Lock up	1,108	-	-	1,108	936
Rent - office	6,254	-	-	6,254	5,007
Rent - other	-	-	-	-	53
Insurance	686	-	-	686	454
Equipment	1,737	-	2,999	4,736	490
Repairs & renewals	8	-	-	8	135
Books, publications & media	111	6	-	117	278
Licenses & subscriptions	1,704	-	-	1,704	1,013
Professional fees	4,397	300	-	4,697	4,389
Office sundries	630	-	-	630	516
Telephone, broadband & mobiles	421	-	-	421	534
Bank charges	99	-	-	99	152
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>49,064</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>20,942</b>	<b>70,462</b>	<b>78,464</b>

**Living Hope Dudley**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106417

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1106417**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2021  
FOR THE  
LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
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**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered charity number**

1106417

**Principal address**

Brindley House  
48-50 Hall Street  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY2 7DT

**Trustees**

Mrs Lois Claire Parkes  
Mr Daniel Parkes  
Mr Jeremy Parkes  
Mr David Cookson  
Mr Christopher Vincent Welch

**Lead Pastor**

Mrs Lisa Parkes

**Independent examiner**

Sally-Ann Reeves FCCA  
Shire Barn  
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**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021

**Organisational structure**

Living Hope International Charity is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 3rd October 2004 and is a registered charity, No. 1106417.

**Governance and Management**

**Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting held in October.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

During this period the most significant risks have been those associated with the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Inability to meet together regularly in person (and inside an appropriate building) for congregational worship.
- Excessive workload for the Lead Pastor and small team of volunteers leading and managing 'online church' and associated ministries alongside increased community mission (COVID-response)

**Safeguarding**

Trustees are assured of the ongoing implementation (and appropriate adaptation) of our safeguarding processes and procedures during this period. Our Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy is reviewed and updated as required. Despite the operational challenges of COVID-19 we continued to engage with our independent safeguarding advisors Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS) in the effective management of safeguarding risk and response to any concerns identified or disclosed.

**Networks and Membership Groups**

Volunteers from partner churches and organisations were secured for our work in this period (particularly with our REVIVE Project). We are grateful to our partners from local churches including through the DUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the LOVE DUDLEY network (THE NET). For some years our church leaders have considered, reviewed and evaluated potential membership networks and church denominations. During this period the church leaders took the decision to join the ELIM NETWORK. Elim is a growing movement of Christian congregations in the UK and Ireland committed to making disciples, developing leaders, growing churches and reaching nations. It is envisaged that formally joining the Elim Network will further enable us to benefit from being part of a bigger family of churches while continuing to hold our own church vision and identity. Becoming a member of the Elim Network does not change the legal status of our charity and we retain our own local church leadership team as well as charity trustees.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith
- To advance education, in particular but not exclusively by providing training to leaders of activities
- To relieve poverty, sickness and distress in any part of the world

**Achievements and Performance**

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted many aspects of how Living Hope Church operated and how activities were undertaken in relation to its charitable objects during this period. Church members were required to demonstrate flexibility and agility in meeting together online through large parts of the period as government restrictions prevented church gatherings from taking place in person as they would typically happen. A number of our mid-week community activities including our coffee afternoon and our stay and play group were paused or 're-imagined' online. Working with Dudley CVS (council voluntary services) we supported vulnerable people in our community (who were no longer able to access our mid-week activities). They received phone calls, visits and grocery deliveries throughout this period.

'LHC Online Church' (broadcasted via 'YouTube' and hosted virtually via 'Zoom') became the most prominent expression of collective worship during this period. Church members connected together more readily using social media platforms and we were encouraged by new people engaging with the church through our online content (and despite having no prior association with the church).

Church members also embraced new, creative opportunities to reach the local communities we serve – often outside – and often in connection with the wider community engagement and support work being undertaken to alleviate potential poverty and isolation arising as a result of the pandemic.

Through our online presence we have reached more people than ever before and new people (who have never been to church) have accessed church online. Feedback from new people watching LHC online include:

*"I've been watching online, when you next open, let me know, I would like to start coming."*

*"I don't know how I came across Living Hope Church, it just appeared in my newsfeed. The GPS series really spoke to me because I feel a little lost at the moment and trying to find my way."*

The appreciation of our in-person work that continued in the community was also summarised with this feedback from a mother from our LITTLE STARS, stay and play group:

*"It was lovely to see everyone tonight. It's nice to see there are people out there who genuinely care for our lonely and vulnerable community members. I am thinking of starting to come to church once we are back to normal."*

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

During this period our work in relation to our charitable objectives changed significantly and included:

- 45 online services, planned, filmed, edited, watched and discussed online afterwards
- 24 advent devotionals delivered for each day in the run up to Christmas 2020
- 700+ crafts, and activities gift bags delivered to families on our estates (our Little Stars group)
- 25 people in a hybrid meeting (in person and online) studying the Bible Society's 'The Bible Course' together midweek each week.
- Our new website, designed and launched ([livinghopechurch.org.uk](http://livinghopechurch.org.uk))
- And a new, even bigger REVIVE PROJECT

During this period our REVIVE Project became a critical programme delivering online holiday clubs and food parcel deliveries for families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Local schools identified families who would benefit the most and Dudley Local Authority part-funded food and resources via additional grants. Church leaders, members and volunteers from within our congregation and from a wide range of our partner local churches enabled the project to grow from a small holiday club for children from one school in 2019-2020 to a much bigger operation.

Our REVIVE PROJECT work in this period has grown beyond our initial expectation and planning including:

- Online Holiday Club Content broadcast LIVE via YouTube (games, puppets, dances etc.)
- 100+ volunteers from 15 different churches
- 700+ packs of food and arts and crafts activities delivered to homes
- 2 distribution centres enabling the sorting, packing and delivery of food to children from 21 different schools

The growth and impact of our work with this project is illustrated clearly with the numbers of disadvantaged and vulnerable children supported:

- 110 children in the summer 2020
- 271 children in the Autumn 2020
- 521 children in February half term 2021

During this period our community youth engagement work (undertaken in partnership with PHASE TRUST) moved initially to online and social media platforms. As government advice was updated we undertook 'detached youth work' meeting weekly with teenagers outdoors at local parks.

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

The COVID-19 pandemic is a global pandemic and as such impacted the work of our mission partners in Albania and Lebanon during this period. Planned pastoral and ministry visits overseas were postponed during this period and meetings with our mission partners overseas were conducted via online video calls.

We continued to support the Albanian mission throughout this period and we increased our support to our missionary in Lebanon and her work 'on the ground' in response to the Beirut Port Explosion (August 2020) as well as COVID-19.

**Future Developments**

In 2021/22 we plan to build our in-person congregational gatherings (as COVID-19 restrictions allow). Since 2002 our church has met in various locations but most regularly and consistently at Milking Bank Primary School in Dudley. While we intend to continue to serve our local neighbourhoods of Milking Bank and Russells Hall, at this time we acknowledge COVID-secure measures in place do not enable a return to weekly congregational gatherings in the school building. Furthermore, we plan to develop our engagement with, and support for, additional neighbourhoods in our local community.

We plan to further develop our working relationships and partnership with other local churches including for the use of community church buildings in Dudley for our congregational gatherings. We also plan to engage further in explorative conversations regarding permanent building(s) for the activities of Living Hope Church in the coming period.

**Financial review**

The net incoming unrestricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to £4,223 and net incoming restricted resources amounted to £24,022. Transfers between funds are shown in note 3.

At 31st March 2021 the unrestricted cash funds after transfers total £19,227, designated cash funds after transfers total £7,205 and restricted funds after transfers total £52,296.

**Reserves and reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of two months minimum operating costs as a contingency fund.

The amount of 'free' reserves, not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets at 31st March 2021 amounts to £26,432 (2020 £24,316), and equates to approximately 7 months (2020: 4 months) of expenditure.

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

Mrs Lois Parkes - Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report.**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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:

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S A Reeves FCCA  
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Hewell Lane  
Tardebigge  
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9th November 2021

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and offerings	5a	35,753	-	-	35,753	49,071
Donations	5b	-	460	2,640	3,100	10,359
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	9,672	-	-	9,672	10,573
Grants	5d	600	-	56,804	57,404	-
Receipts from charitable activities	5e	770	-	-	770	-
Interest and dividends	5f	10	-	-	10	38
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>46,805</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>59,444</b>	<b>106,709</b>	<b>70,041</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	42,258	784	35,422	78,464	73,018
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>42,258</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>35,422</b>	<b>78,464</b>	<b>73,018</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>4,547</b>	<b>(324)</b>	<b>24,022</b>	<b>28,245</b>	<b>(2,977)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		1,815	(460)	(1,355)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/20		12,865	7,989	29,629	50,483	53,460
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/21</b>	4	<b>19,227</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>52,296</b>	<b>78,728</b>	<b>50,483</b>

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

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<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		19,227	7,205	34,584	61,016	32,771
Deposit accounts		-	-	17,712	17,712	17,712
	<b>4</b>	<u>19,227</u>	<u>7,205</u>	<u>52,296</u>	<u>78,728</u>	<u>50,483</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>3,228</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixtures & Fittings		<u>-</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>330</u>
Equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>1,619</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Lois Parkes  
Trustee

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration and benefits**

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any benefits from employment during the year (2020: J Parkes trustee remuneration £13,000 and expenses £528)

**2 Staff Costs**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2020: 3)  
 No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**3 Related party transactions**

During the year Lisa Parkes, daughter in law of trustee Jeremy Parkes, received remuneration of £14,631 and pension contributions of £515.

**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	12,865	46,805	42,258	1,815	19,227
<b>Designated</b>					
Evangelical & Discipleship	4,500	-	294	-	4,206
Lebonon Fund	-	460	-	(460)	-
Vision Fund	3,489	-	490	-	2,999
	7,989	460	784	(460)	7,205
<b>Restricted</b>					
Albania General	(260)	1,920	1,215	(270)	175
Albanian Bequest Fund	17,712	-	-	-	17,712
Allchurches	-	5,150	665	-	4,485
Elona School	442	720	1,336	6	(168)
Holiday Activity	-	21,600	13,233	-	8,367
Heart of England Baptist	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Innovation Fund - Little stars	4,903	5,097	2,830	(328)	6,842
Innovation Fund - Revive	6,832	8,657	15,262	(227)	-
Lottery - Revive	-	10,000	117	-	9,883
Winter Food Fund	-	1,300	764	(536)	-
	29,629	59,444	35,422	(1,355)	52,296
<b>Total funds</b>	50,483	106,709	78,464	-	78,728

**LIVING HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**5 Further analysis of Receipts**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
a) <b>Tithes and offerings</b>					
Tithes & gifts	35,052	-	-	35,052	49,071
Church offering	701	-	-	701	0
	<u>35,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,753</u>	<u>49,071</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Specific donation - Albania	-	-	1,920	1,920	0
Specific donation - Elona	-	-	720	720	0
Specific donation - Lebanon	-	460	-	460	0
	<u>-</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>0</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	9,672	-	-	9,672	10,573
	<u>9,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>10,573</u>
d) <b>Grants</b>					
Grants from institutions	600	-	56,804	57,404	10,359
	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,804</u>	<u>57,404</u>	<u>10,359</u>
e) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Holiday hunger/Revive Income	770	-	-	770	0
	<u>770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>0</u>
f) <b>Interest and dividends</b>					
Bank interest	10	-	-	10	38
	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>38</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>46,805</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>59,444</u>	<u>106,709</u>	<u>70,041</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>a) Direct charitable activity</b>					
Ministry salaries	15,230	-	6,951	22,181	39,049
Ministry pension costs	698	-	11	709	-
Training & CPDL	150	-	-	150	597
Benevolence Gifts - church family	2,030	-	-	2,030	1,811
Visiting speakers	120	-	-	120	715
Travelling & motor expenses	-	-	-	-	639
Mission - outgoing support	10,040	-	-	10,040	13,065
Mission - direct gifts	270	-	2,551	2,821	-
Evangelism	-	11	-	11	879
Hospitality	227	-	-	227	2,685
Children & Youth	309	-	-	309	642
Revive Holiday Club	-	-	9,308	9,308	-
Revive craft & activities	-	-	6,180	6,180	-
Revive professional fees	-	-	6,098	6,098	-
Revive consumables & packaging	-	-	2,421	2,421	-
Revive food & refreshments	-	-	79	79	-
Revive communications	-	-	124	124	-
Revive - licenses & subscriptions	-	-	33	33	-
Little Stars	-	-	1,001	1,001	-
Little Stars craft	-	-	665	665	-
Rent - Sunday & Lock up	936	-	-	936	-
Rent - office	5,007	-	-	5,007	8,950
Rent - other	53	-	-	53	-
Insurance	454	-	-	454	-
Equipment	-	490	-	490	-
Repairs & renewals	135	-	-	135	858
Books, publications & media	115	163	-	278	-
Licenses & subscriptions	1,013	-	-	1,013	1,795
Professional fees	4,269	120	-	4,389	-
Office sundries	516	-	-	516	889
Telephone, broadband & mobiles	534	-	-	534	349
Bank charges	152	-	-	152	95
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>42,258</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>35,422</b>	<b>78,464</b>	<b>73,018</b>