

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1107871

Details

Other names COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH SWANLEY

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05314519](#)

Registered 2005-02-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN SWANLEY KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST.3.1.2 TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT 3.1.3 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS BY THE ORGANISATION OF COURSES FOR THE TEACHING OF THE SKILLS OF PARENTHOOD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.3.1.4 TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SWANLEY AFORESAID AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Gospel service. Evangelism. Attending leaders conference. Worship training. Involvement in Swanley Churches Together. Parent & toddler group. Youth & children's work. Food BankYouth Conferences. School assemblies.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SWANLEY, KENT.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,912	£44,407	-	-
2024-03-31	£42,413	£21,205	-	-
2023-03-31	£42,413	£21,208	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,991	£25,752	-	-
2021-03-31	£46,835	£45,091	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALWYN EARNSHAW		
Kertrina Gearing		2025-11-19
MRS J WITHERS		
PHILIP BERNARD HALFORD		2013-01-09
Sarah Frances Ritchie		2019-07-01

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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Trustees and directors	A Earnshaw P Halford S Ritchie J Withers
Company Secretary	Mrs J Withers
Registered & Principal Office	102 Swanley Lane Swanley Kent BR8 7LH
Accountants	Pearce Accounts Limited 58 Sermon Drive Swanley Kent BR8 7HT
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY**DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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J Withers
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Achievements and Performance**Sunday Worship**

HCC continues to meet at Horizon School Swanley. During the year, attendances at Sunday gatherings grew slightly, with a many visitors attending the annual Christmas Carol Service, where the emphasis is on reaching out to the wider community by presenting the Christmas story.

Children's & Youth Work

Our Sunday children's work continued to flourish under Beth Earnshaw's leadership. Our group continues to have a significantly higher than national average of Looked After Children (including children under special guardianship orders and fostered children) and adopted children. This affects how the leaders are both preparing and delivering the sessions. Special attention is given to providing therapeutic responses to behavioural and emotional needs expressed.

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Children's & Youth Work (continued)

All our children's workers continue to hold the required DBS checks and undergo regular safeguarding training. The church commenced a parent and toddler group in September 2024. Using the premises of another local church, the group, started by church members, has been successful in attracting people from the local community. The church is keen to provide a public benefit and deliberately chose a day to run the group when there was little other provision for toddlers and their carers, helping improve needed provision across the town. A further gap in service provision in Swanley was identified in the area of youth services. Partnering with Christ Church Swanley, in September 2024 a fortnightly youth group was started, which now provides a valuable service to upwards of 20 youth (both with church links and predominantly without).

Ukraine War – Financial and Material Relief

With the war in Ukraine continuing, HCC members have continued to provide both finances and material goods for relief of suffering in Ukraine. £1,425 has been directed through Hope Church Orpington (www.hopechurchuk.org) for the purchase and delivery of relief supplies for the Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees in Poland – this is a lower figure than the previous year, reflecting our links in Ukraine having increased difficulty operating. The goods are channelled through known church links in Poland the Ukraine.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team of Sarah Ritchie, Georgina Heasman and Carolynne Price-Haworth continue to provide an excellent level of service for us. We continue as members of thirtyone: eight (www.thirtyoneeight.org) who provide advice as needed and DBS checks. DBS checks are renewed within the three year best-practice guidelines.

Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

Extensive work continued throughout the year to make sure we have the recommended policies, procedures and risk assessments in place so that the trustees fulfil their duties towards the church.

During the year the following policies were written or revised: -

Policies

- Complaints Handling - written Dec 2023, - Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Conflict of Interest - written Dec 2023, - Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Equal Opportunities - written Sept 2024, Reviewed Sept 2025.
- GDPR Data Protection - written Mar 2025.
- Grant Making - written Dec 2023, Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Investment - written Dec 2023 Reviewed Mar 2025.
- DBS Model Handling, Use, Secure, Storage, Retention and Disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure Information - written Sept 2024.
- Paying Staff - written Dec 2023 - Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Reserves - written - Dec 2023, - Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Risk Management - written Dec 2023, - Reviewed Mar 2025
- Safeguarding * - written Mar 2024, - Reviewed Mar 2025.
- Social Media Usage - written Mar 2025.
- Volunteer Management - written Dec 2023, Reviewed Mar 2025.

Risk Assessments

- NewDay Camp Attendance - written Jul 2024.
- Sunday School/Creche - written Sept 2024.
- Sunday Main Service Winter - written 2024.
- Toddler Group (@ Elim Swanley)- written Sept 2024.
- Youth (@ Christchurch Swanley) - written Sept 2024.

Other Activities

Building on last year's work, HCC has continued to work at activities to build community: during the winter months after many Sunday services with community meals (serving both church members and non-church members) and in the summer months organised walks which were popular with many friends from outside the church.

HCC continues to run the Alpha Course, which is designed to help people explore the Christian faith in line our Memorandum and Articles of Association which state that one of our objectives is to advance the Christian faith.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY**DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025****(Continued)****Other Activities (continued)**

HCC is a referral agency for Swanley Foodbank (www.swanleydistrict.foodbank.org.uk) whom we continue to support financially and with volunteers.

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Financial Review

Church income for the year was £42,912 Expenditure was £44,4074. At the end of the year there was an overall deficit of £1495 (mainly reflecting increased staff costs).

Alwyn Earnshaw continues to work part time for HCC, mainly in the role of leadership training and teaching. During the year, Sarah Ritchie was employed to provide administrative support to help with the increasing workload of the church.

Having built up cash reserves than has historically been the case, the trustees decided to invest £10,000 with Green Pastures (www.greenpastures.co.uk), an organisation providing homes and support for people facing homelessness. Providing real public benefit was a part of the decision-making process, and there is a particular local interest with a local Green Pastures home in Dartford, only 6 miles from Swanley.

Trustees of HCC

During the period covered by the report, Alwyn Earnshaw continued as chairman. The trustees are actively looking to expand the group to increase its diversity, depth and skill set.

Conclusion

2024-2025 has seen the charity grow in the services it provides to the church and community, and the trustees are grateful for members' continued support both in volunteering and giving.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

RISKS

The charity has assessed the risks to which it is exposed and has taken steps to mitigate those risks. The main risks faced by the charity are in respect of maintaining funding levels in order to continue with the present level of services. We are considering a fundraising program in the forthcoming year to ensure that funding levels are comfortable for the charity.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In planning activities for the year, the trustees confirm that the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act). This is discussed within the achievement and performance section of this report.

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state to affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:-

- select suitable policies and the apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

This Report was approved by the Trustees on



Trustee *A. EARNSHAW*



P. HALFORD TRUSTEE

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I have examined the financial statements on pages 6 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of opinion

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Debbie Pearce
Pearce Accounts Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
58 Sermon Drive
Swanley
Kent BR8 7HT

Dated: 17.11.2025

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	31st March 2025			31st March 2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	40,878	1,375	42,253	44,633
Investment income	93		93	106
Incoming resources from charitable activities	566		566	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	41,537	1,375	42,912	44,739
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	42,912	745	43,657	33,390
Governance costs	750		750	720
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	43,662	745	44,407	34,110
NET DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(2,125)	630	(1,495)	10,629
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	68,777	48	68,825	58,196
Total funds carried forward	66,652	678	67,330	68,825

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming and expended resources derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

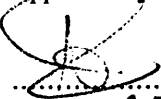
	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	137
CURRENT ASSETS			
	6	<u>72,167</u>	<u>71,046</u>
		72,167	71,046
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>4,837</u>	<u>2,358</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>67,330</u>	<u>68,688</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>67,330</u></u>	<u><u>68,825</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		66,652	68,777
Restricted funds	9	<u>678</u>	<u>48.00</u>
		<u><u>67,330</u></u>	<u><u>68,825</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

For the financial period ended 31st March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Trustees on



Trustee A. EARNSHAW



P. HALFORD TRUSTEE

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy in the period to which it relates.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 10% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% reducing balance basis

1.5 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the purposes specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.6 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity' without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

1.7 Designated funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where a legal obligation to transfer economic benefit exists.

1.9 Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging:	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	<u>137</u>	<u>321</u>

3. STAFF COSTS

	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,505	12,545
Pension costs	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,050</u>
	<u>23,305</u>	<u>13,595</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 1 (2024 – 1).

4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year to 31 March 2025, Hope Community Church Swanley incurred wages costs of £21,505 and pension costs of £1,850 relating to the employment of Mr A Earnshaw (2024 £12,545 and £1,050), a Trustee of the charity.
Ms S Ritchie received £2,304 for her services.

Small incidental expenses totalling £236 (2024 - £1,365), were reimbursed to A Earnshaw, £99 (2024 £nil) to G Withers and £144 (2024 £nil) to S Ritchie who were Trustees, during the year.
Trustees also made donations to the charity totalling £6,687 (2024: £11,190).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Balance B/Forward	623	3,211	3,834
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>
Depreciation			
Balance B/Forward	623	3,074	3,697
Depreciation Charge		137	137
Disposal Adjustment	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>

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6. DEBTORS

	£	£
	2025	2024
Gift aid	23,058	16,889
Other debtors	<u>780</u>	<u>677</u>
	<u>23,838</u>	<u>17,566</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Accruals	4,837	1,308
Pension creditor	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050</u>
	<u>4,837</u>	<u>2,358</u>

8. PENSION SCHEME

During the year payments totalling £1,800 (2024 - £1,050) were paid into a defined contribution pension scheme. £nil was outstanding at year end (2024 - £nil).

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

During the year donations were received specifically to support Ukraine, at year end a balance of £678 (2024 £48) collected was held to be paid over.

10. LIMITED LIABILITY STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by its Trustees.

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12. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and gifts	36,085	38,849
Parent and toddler	566	-
Gift aid	6,168	5,784
Bank interest received	93	106
TOTAL INCOME	<u>42,912</u>	<u>44,739</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	21,505	12,545
Pensions	1,800	1,050
Self employed costs	2,304	-
Speakers expenses	350	-
Donations	3,835	6,500
Parent and toddler costs	1,033	-
Rent and insurance	7,367	7,238
PPS & Advertising	211	414
Hall fees and catering	1,491	775
Equipment	704	226
Children and youth work	1,451	2,987
Depreciation computer equipment	137	321
Bank charges	61	60
Computer expenses	710	688
Sundry expenses	410	442
Accountancy Fees	750	720
Payroll Services	288	144
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>44,407</u>	<u>34,110</u>
DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>(1,495)</u>	<u>10,629</u>

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Ukraine Crisis

With the war in Ukraine continuing, HCC members have continued to provide both finances and material goods for relief of suffering in Ukraine. Nearly £2,500 has been directed through Hope Church Orpington (www.hopechurchuk.org) for the purchase and delivery of relief supplies for the Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees in Poland. The goods are channelled through known church links in Poland the Ukraine.

Safeguarding

During the year, Alwyn Earnshaw stepped back from being Safeguarding Lead, and his place on the team was taken by Carolynne Price-Howarth, who brings with her a wealth of experience, both in providing children's work and safeguarding.

The Safeguarding Team of Sarah Ritchie, Georgina Heasman and Carolynne Price-Haworth continue to provide an excellent level of service for us. We continue as members of thirtyone:eight (www.thirtyoneeight.org) who provide advice as needed and DBS checks.

Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments

Extensive work has been done throughout the year to make sure we have the recommended policies, procedures and risk assessments in place so that the trustees fulfil their duties towards the church.

During the year the following policies were drafted, written or revised: - Complaint Handling, Conflict of Interest, Grant Making, Investment, Paying Staff, Reserves, Risk Management and Safeguarding. Work will continue going forward to finalise the following policies: Equal Opportunities, GDPR & Data Protection and Social Media Usage.

Other Activities

During the year, HCC has worked at activities to build community: during the winter months we followed many Sunday services with community meals and in the summer months organised walks which were popular with many friends from outside the church.

The church now partners with Kintsugi Hope (www.kintsugihope.com), a charity which strives to make a difference to people's mental wellbeing. Three of our members have been trained to deliver the course, and one course has now been run. Attendees from inside and outside of the church have both offered positive feedback on the impact the course has had on them.

HCC continues to run Alpha, a course designed to help people explore the Christian faith, and which subsequently had a positive impact on Sunday attendances.

Two of our church members continue to serve as governors at Horizon Primary Academy, in whose premises we meet each Sunday.

HCC is a referral agency for Swanley Foodbank (www.swanleydistrict.foodbank.org.uk) whom we continue to support financially and with volunteers.

Plans are currently in the early stages to start both a toddler group and a youth group as a means of being of benefit to wider community of Swanley. Both areas have been identified as having gaps in provision as the old toddler group was lost during the Covid 19 season and the school no longer being able to be used as a venue, it is hoped to be able to use another church hall as a venue. There has been a lack of youngsters to be able to run a youth group. It is envisioned to run this jointly with the URC Church in Swanley and we are in talks to use their premises.

Following recent training courses, work is in the early stages of setting up a leadership team to support the work of the church elders. The main driver is to increase capacity in what we can undertake as a church.

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During the period covered by the report, Alwyn Earnshaw has continued acting as chairman, the other trustees have continued in their current roles. Despite some setbacks, the trustees are actively looking to expand the group to increase its diversity, depth and skill set, hopefully drawing from the pool created through the leadership team program.

Conclusion

2023-2024 has been a year of making sure we have everything in place to ensure that the work of HCC can go forward on a more solid and secure footing. The trustees are grateful for members' continued support both in volunteering and generous financial giving.

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This Report was approved by the Trustees on 17/02/2024



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Trustee

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

I have examined the financial statements on pages 6 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of opinion

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Debbie Pearce
Pearce Accounts Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
58 Sermon Drive
Swanley
Kent BR8 7HT

Dated: 17.12.2024

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	31st March 2024			31st March 2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	41,025	3,608	44,633	42,354
Investment income	106		106	59
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-		-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	41,131	3,608	44,739	42,413
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	29,830	3,560	33,390	20,488
Governance costs	720		720	720
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	30,550	3,560	34,110	21,208
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	10,581	48	10,629	21,205
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	58,196	-	58,196	36,991
Total funds carried forward	68,777	48	68,825	58,196

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming and expended resources derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

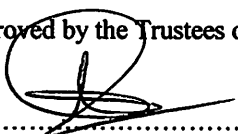
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	137	458
CURRENT ASSETS			
	6	<u>71,046</u>	<u>58,458</u>
		71,046	58,458
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,358</u>	<u>720</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>68,688</u>	<u>57,738</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>68,825</u></u>	<u><u>58,196</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		68,777	58,196
Restricted funds	9	<u>48</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>68,825</u></u>	<u><u>58,196</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

For the financial period ended 31st March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Trustees on 17/12/2024


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Trustee

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy in the period to which it relates.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 10% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% reducing balance basis

1.5 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the purposes specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.6 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity' without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

1.7 Designated funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where a legal obligation to transfer economic benefit exists.

1.9 Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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2.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES		
	Net resources are stated after charging:	2024	2023
		£	£
	Depreciation of owned assets	<u>321</u>	<u>321</u>
3.	STAFF COSTS		
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	12,545	-
	Pension costs	<u>1,050</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>13,595</u>	<u>-</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 1 (2023 – 0).

- 4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**
During the year to 31 March 2024, Hope Community Church incurred wages costs of £12,545 and pension costs of £1,050 relating to the employment of Mr A Earnshaw, a Trustee of the charity. No remuneration was paid in the year to 31 March 2023.

Small incidental expenses totalling £1,365 (2023 - £1,401), were reimbursed to A Earnshaw, and £nil (2023 £32) to G Withers who were Trustees, during the year.

Trustees also made donations to the charity totalling £11,190 (2023: £12,385).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Balance B/Forward	623	3,211	3,834
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>
Depreciation			
Balance B/Forward	623	2,753	3,375
Depreciation Charge		321	321
Disposal Adjustment	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,074</u>	<u>3,376</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>458</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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6. DEBTORS

	£ 2024	£ 2023
Gift aid	16,889	11,065
Other debtors	<u>677</u>	<u>652</u>
	<u>17,566</u>	<u>11,757</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Accruals	1,308	720
Pension creditor	<u>1,050</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,358</u>	<u>720</u>

8. PENSION SCHEME

During the year payments totalling £nil (2023 - £nil) were paid into a defined contribution pension scheme. £1,050 was outstanding at year end (2023 - £nil).

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

During the year donations were received specifically to support Ukraine, at year end a balance of £48 collected was held to be paid over.

10. LIMITED LIABILITY STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by its Trustees.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and gifts	37,314	38,937
Gift aid	5,040	6,081
Bank interest received	59	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>42,413</u>	<u>45,018</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	-	12,736
Pensions	-	750
Donations	9,955	4,789
Rent and insurance	5,758	2,615
PPS & Advertising	662	752
Hall fees and catering	402	-
Equipment	784	1,018
Children and youth work	1,557	1,009
Depreciation computer equipment	321	195
Bank charges	72	96
Computer exps	489	-
Sundry expenses	488	880
Accountancy Fees	720	780
Payroll Services	-	132
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>21,208</u>	<u>25,752</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>21,205</u>	<u>19,266</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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Trustees and directors	A Earnshaw P Halford S Ritchie J Withers G Withers (appointed 14 November 2022)
Company Secretary	Mrs J Withers
Registered & Principal Office	102 Swanley Lane Swanley Kent BR8 7LH
Accountants	Pearce Accounts Consultancy Services 58 Sermon Drive Swanley Kent BR8 7HT
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The Directors who are also the Trustees present their annual report with financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2023.

LEGAL STATUS

Hope community church Swanley is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Trustees holding office during the financial year were:

J Withers
A Earnshaw
P Halford
S Ritchie
G Withers (appointed 14 November 2022)

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Church is run on a day to day basis by the pastor together with volunteer support staff. They report on a regular basis to the Trustees.

Trustees are appointed by a majority vote of the existing Trustees, appropriate training and support is provided to new Trustees adapting to their role.

Aims and Purposes

The trustees of Hope Community Church (HCC) have the responsibility of ensuring the promotion of its mission as laid out in the Memorandum of Association.

This mission includes the advancement of the Christian faith, and relieving people in conditions of need, hardship, or those who are aged or sick.

Objectives and Activities

HCC is committed to making the benefits of the faith available to as many who want to access them, and seeks to work beyond its own worship life to make those benefits available.

When planning HCC's activities for the year, the trustees along with the church elders have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday Worship

During the year, attendances at Sunday gatherings increased slightly, with a good number of visitors at the Christmas Café Church where the emphasis is on reaching out to the wider community.

Children's Work

Our Sunday children's work continued to flourish under Suzanne Barnaby and Beth Earnshaw's leadership. How we cater for the groups has been heavily influenced by the high percentage of Looked After Children that we have attending and their often traumatised backgrounds. The church has a number of adoptive and foster parents, and in the children's work we cater for adopted children, fostered children and those under special guardianship. All of our children's workers have recent DBS checks and undergo regular safeguarding training.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Swanley Foodbank (Trussell Trust)

Wendy Halford has stepped down as manager of the Foodbank, but the church continues to help those in need and food poverty by a regular financial gift to the Foodbank, one of our members volunteering with them and HCC functioning as a referral agency to allow people to access the food parcels.

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New Activities

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Cost of Living Crisis

HCC tried to help the church, and any others that members invited, with the winter's cost of living crisis by providing free meals 2 or 3 times a month after Sunday worship. Meals were very well supported and attended.

Financial Review

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Conclusion

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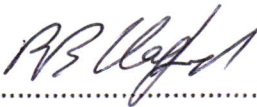
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Dated: 12.12.2023

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	31 March 2023			31 March 2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	42,354		42,354	45,018
Investment income	59		59	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-		-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	42,413	-	42,413	45,018
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	20,488		20,488	24,840
Governance costs	720		720	912
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	21,208	-	21,208	25,752
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	21,205	-	21,205	19,266
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	36,991	-	36,991	17,725
Total funds carried forward	58,196	-	58,196	36,991

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming and expended resources derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023


	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	458	779
CURRENT ASSETS		58,458	36,932
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(720)</u>	<u>(720)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>58,196</u>	<u>36,212</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>58,196</u></u>	<u><u>36,991</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		58,196	36,991
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>58,196</u></u>	<u><u>36,991</u></u>

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Approved by the Trustees on


 Trustee 12/12/2023

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy in the period to which it relates.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 10% straight line basis
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Restricted funds are to be used for the purposes specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

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Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity' without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

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1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where a legal obligation to transfer economic benefit exists.

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

2.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES		
	Net resources are stated after charging:	2023	2022
		£	£
	Depreciation of owned assets	<u>321</u>	<u>195</u>
3.	STAFF COSTS		
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	-	12,736
	Pension costs	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>13,486</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 0 (2022 – 1).

- 4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**
During the year to 31 March 2022, Hope Community Church incurred wages costs of £12,736 and pension costs of £750 relating to the employment of Mr A Earnshaw, a Trustee of the charity and Mrs H Earnshaw, his wife. No remuneration was paid in the year to 31 March 2023.

Small incidental expenses totalling £1,401 (2022 - £1,009), were reimbursed to A Earnshaw, and £32 (2022 £nil) to G Withers who were Trustees, during the year.

Trustees also made donations to the charity totalling £12,385 (2022: £3,950).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Balance B/Forward	623	3,211	3,834
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>
Depreciation			
Balance B/Forward	623	2,432	2,860
Depreciation Charge		321	321
Disposal Adjustment	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>2,753</u>	<u>3,376</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>458</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>779</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

6. DEBTORS

	£ 2023	£ 2022
Gift aid	11,065	6,065
Other debtors	<u>652</u>	<u>420</u>
	<u>11,757</u>	<u>6,485</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Accruals	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>

8. PENSION SCHEME

During the year payments totalling £nil (2022 - £750) were paid into a defined contribution pension scheme. No amounts were outstanding at year end (2022 - £nil).

9. LIMITED LIABILITY STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by its Trustees.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and gifts	37,314	38,937
Gift aid	5,040	6,081
Bank interest received	59	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>42,413</u>	<u>45,018</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	-	12,736
Pensions	-	750
Donations	9,955	4,789
Rent and insurance	5,758	2,615
PPS & Advertising	662	752
Hall fees and catering	402	-
Equipment	784	1,018
Children and youth work	1,557	1,009
Depreciation computer equipment	321	195
Bank charges	72	96
Computer exps	489	-
Sundry expenses	488	880
Accountancy Fees	720	780
Payroll Services	-	132
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>21,208</u>	<u>25,752</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u><u>21,205</u></u>	<u><u>19,266</u></u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1107871

Accounts

Company Number: 5314519 (England & Wales)

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

The Directors who are also the Trustees present their annual report with financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2022.

LEGAL STATUS

Hope community church Swanley is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Trustees holding office during the financial year were:

G Withers (resigned 1st September 2021)

J Withers

A Burgess (resigned 1st September 2021)

A Earnshaw

P Halford

S Ritchie

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aims and objectives of the charity are:

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in Swanley, Kent and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.

To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

To advance education (particularly but not exclusively relating to marriage and family relationships) by the organisation of courses for the teaching of the skills of parenthood in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate in the said location and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

To provide community facilities for recreational and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the persons who have need by reason of their youth, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, and with the object of improving their conditions of life in Swanley aforesaid and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time think fit.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Church is run on a day to day basis by the pastor together with volunteer support staff. They report on a regular basis to the Trustees.

Trustees are appointed by a majority vote of the existing Trustees, appropriate training and support is provided to new Trustees adapting to their role.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
(Continued)

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

It has been a difficult year for all the churches due to the COVID pandemic. As we have been unable to meet normally, it has been hard to maintain our commitment to achieve public benefit. This has been largely achieved through the church's outreach and via contact with church and non-church children and subsequently, their parents. The Zoom meetings that have been substituted for our formal meetings, have attracted participants from outside our community and subsequently, it is possible to report a small increase in our church numbers.

At the end of last year, I reported that I was stepping down as Chair of Trustees. However this did not come to fruition as the person who expressed an interest in taking on this role decided not to so I have continued for another year.

This report is written in the shadow of the Covid pandemic through which we have all passed in one way or another. I am pleased to report however, that due to the superb work of church members, which will be alluded to on an individual basis later in the report, Hope Community Church, Swanley, has survived through the lockdowns. We have lost a few members, not just through Covid, but this has been offset by new additions through our outreach programme.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Alwyn Earnshaw

Alwyn set up various Zoom meetings both on Sundays and mid-week for prayer and home groups. We also continued meeting for morning prayer three times a week via Zoom.

Before the lockdowns and tiered structure became severe, church members had socially distanced meetings outside a coffee shop in Swanley on Saturday mornings. This provided opportunities for church members to meet face to face and also a chance to meet other friends and continue to have a presence in the community.

Throughout the pandemic lockdown periods, Alwyn has kept in contact with most of the members via social media platforms and email.

I am pleased to report that Alwyn has gained an MA from Moreland College.

Suzanne Barnaby, Beth and Helen Earnshaw and others

Children's work

As we entered the first Lockdown in March 2020, due to the global pandemic, arrangements were put in place to ensure our children continued to receive encouragement in their understanding and relationship with God.

From Easter through to the summer, a number of videos were recorded;

Daily bible stories were read by Helen (70 in total) and suggestions given for craft, prayers and fellowship.

Weekly themed videos presented by Suzanne with stories and information about Easter, Prophets, Miracles and Bible Characters (21 in total).

The children also received hand delivered craft activities and a posted parcel of activities each week. Some of the children were from outside of the church but the church parents had shown what HCC were doing and asked for the same material.

A WhatsApp group was also created for parents of all the children to pass on information and encouragement and to keep in touch.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
(Continued)

The year continued to be a difficult one with the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic, with many activities being curtailed or drastically changed. As a consequence, our ability to achieve public benefit was restricted until Covid restrictions began to ease.

During the year, the church moved from existing online to beginning to meet together in a face-to-face context again.

The school, whose premises we hire for public meetings, were initially reluctant to have us use their facilities during the term time. Consequently, our year started out with Sunday Zoom meetings, altering to meeting in the school playground from mid-July, and eventually returning indoors (with associated social distancing and other precautions) in early September 2021. Meetings were curtailed briefly in December 2021 as Covid cases climbed once again.

Remarkably, given all the disruption, our 'in-person' Sunday meetings regathered most of our pre-Covid congregation, with some additions. All in all, numbers returned to pre-Covid levels.

Our long-standing chair of trustees, Graham Withers, stepped back during the year, with Alwyn Earnshaw stepping in to cover the role.

CHURCH LIFE

Pastor Alwyn Earnshaw:

Alwyn, who has served as our pastor since 2001, stepped back from his paid role at the end of August, but has remained with the church as an elder and continues to serve as a trustee.

Plans to replace him in the role are not being rushed into to allow the effects of the pandemic to be fully appreciated. Several of our activities have ceased/been curtailed and there was a desire to make sure our future plans were clear before we invested charity funds in a new pastor.

Children's Work:

This continued to flourish under the leadership of Suzanne Barnaby and Elisabeth Earnshaw, along with many other volunteers from within the church.

Our work mainly serves the children of church attendees, but it is open to, and is accessed by non-members too. During the year we initially continued to provide our Zoom offering for the children, which was supported by hand-delivered craft activities. Both children of parents who attended the church and some who did not, continued to be served by our children's work. Numbers were maintained during this time.

As we started to meet face-to-face after the end of July, the composition of the group changed with several new additions of 'looked-after' children (both fostered and adopted). This precipitated a review of how we were working, and along with Hope Church, Orpington, we paid for specialist training from Join the Dots Solutions (<https://www.jointhedots.solutions/>) to help us better serve the needs of children with trauma in their backgrounds. The organisation exists to equip faith organisations and their teams to become trauma informed.

As a result of the training, the way of presenting the children's work has been adjusted to better serve those in attendance.

Since our Parent and Toddler group was mothballed with the first national lockdown, and as the school were unwilling to have the group use their hall when restrictions were eased, a smaller work has carried on and been developed. Some church mums now meet with friends and contacts in homes on a Thursday afternoon, providing much needed social contact for both them and their children.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
(Continued)

Ukraine Crisis:

In February 2022 Russia started its invasion of Ukraine, which Hope Community Church was quick to respond to. A commitment was made to hold a monthly collection of finances and goods to facilitate relief of Ukrainian refugees. Initially, collected goods (from in and outside the church) were sent out through local groups who were then transporting the items to mainland Europe. Soon though we began to support the work of Hope Church, Orpington (www.hopechurchuk.org) who in partnership with the Catalyst network of UK churches, which already had links in Poland and Ukraine, were sending goods and finance out monthly to help the relief work. Some church funds were committed to that work, with the majority of the rest coming from the generosity of church members.

Swanley Foodbank:

Church member Wendy Halford has continued as volunteer manager for the Swanley and District Foodbank doing a great job heading up this work which reaches and helps many struggling with the effects of poverty by the provision of food parcels. The church also supplied a regular financial gift to help with the Foodbank's general running costs and continues to serve as a referral agency to allow access to help from the Foodbank.

FINANCES:

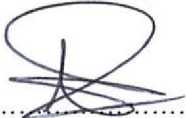
Church income has been broadly maintained. With our hire costs for Sunday meetings not happening in the previous financial year, and up to the end of July in this year, and Alwyn stepping down as full-time paid pastor in August 2021, income has exceeded expenditure and the church is now holding more funds than has historically been the norm. This situation will be kept under review by the trustees in liaison with the church elders.

TRUSTEES:

APPROVAL

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

This Report was approved by the Trustees on


 A. EARNSHAW
 Trustee 15-12-2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

I have examined the financial statements on pages 7 to 12. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of opinion

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

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Dated: 16.12.2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	31 March 2022			31 March 2021
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	45,018		45,018	46,835
Investment income	-		-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-		-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	45,018	-	45,018	46,835
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	24,840		24,840	44,110
Governance costs	912		912	981
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	25,752	-	25,752	45,091
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	19,266	-	19,266	1,744
Transfers	-		-	-
Total funds brought forward	17,725		17,725	15,981
Total funds carried forward	36,991	-	36,991	17,725

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

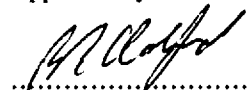
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FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	779	974
CURRENT ASSETS		36,932	17,887
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(720)</u>	<u>(1,136)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,212</u>	<u>16,751</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		 <u><u>36,991</u></u>	 <u><u>17,725</u></u>
 FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		36,991	17,725
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on 15/12/2022


..... P. B. HALFORD
Trustee

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2. NET INCOMING RESOURCES		
Net resources are stated after charging:	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	<u>195</u>	<u>253</u>
3. STAFF COSTS		
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,736	30,566
Pension costs	<u>750</u>	<u>1,800</u>
	<u>13,486</u>	<u>32,366</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 1 (2021 – 2).

- 4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**
During the year to 31 March 2022, Hope Community Church incurred wages costs of £12,736 (2021 - £30,566) and pension costs of £750 (2021 - £1,800) relating to the employment of Mr A Earnshaw, a Trustee of the charity and Mrs H Earnshaw, his wife.

Small incidental expenses totalling £1,009 (2021 - £21), were reimbursed to A Earnshaw, £nil (2021 - £100) to G Richie and £nil (2021 £70) to G Withers who were Trustees, during the year. Trustees also made donations to the charity totalling £3,950 (2021: £12,149).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Balance B/Forward	623	3,211	3,834
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>
Depreciation			
Balance B/Forward	623	2,237	2,860
Depreciation Charge		195	195
Disposal Adjustment	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>2,432</u>	<u>3,055</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31st March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>779</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>974</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
	2022	2021
Gift aid	6,065	8,314
Other debtors	<u>420</u>	<u>404</u>
	<u>6,485</u>	<u>8,718</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Taxation and social security	-	351
Accruals	<u>720</u>	<u>785</u>
	<u>720</u>	<u>1,136</u>

8. PENSION SCHEME

During the year payments totalling £750 (2021 - £1,800) were paid into a defined contribution pension scheme. No amounts were outstanding at year end (2021 - £nil).

9. LIMITED LIABILITY STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by its Trustees.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and gifts	38,937	38,171
Gift aid	6,081	8,664
TOTAL INCOME	<u>45,018</u>	<u>46,835</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	12,736	30,566
Pensions	750	1,800
Parent and toddler costs	-	-
Donations	4,789	8,850
Rent and insurance	2,615	220
PPS & Advertising	752	1,201
Hall fees and catering	-	20
Equipment	1,018	-
Travel expenses	-	-
Children and youth work	1,009	352
Depreciation computer equipment	195	244
Depreciation fixtures & fittings	-	10
Conferences	-	95
Bank charges	96	69
Computer exps	-	-
Sundry expenses	880	683
Accountancy Fees	780	720
Payroll Services	132	261
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>25,752</u>	<u>45,091</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>19,266</u>	<u>1,744</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1107871

Accounts

Company Number: 5314519
(England & Wales)

Charity Registered Number: 1107871

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Trustees and directors

G Withers
A Burgess
A Earnshaw
P Halford
B Burgess
S Ritchie

Company Secretary

Mrs J Withers

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The Directors who are also the Trustees present their annual report with financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

LEGAL STATUS

Hope community church Swanley is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Trustees holding office during the financial year were:

G Withers
J Withers
A Burgess
A Earnshaw
P Halford
B Burgess
S Ritchie

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aims and objectives of the charity are:

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in Swanley, Kent and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.

To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

To advance education (particularly but not exclusively relating to marriage and family relationships) by the organisation of courses for the teaching of the skills of parenthood in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate in the said location and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

To provide community facilities for recreational and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the persons who have need by reason of their youth, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, and with the object of improving their conditions of life in Swanley aforesaid and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time think fit.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Church is run on a day to day basis by the pastor together with volunteer support staff. They report on a regular basis to the Trustees.

Trustees are appointed by a majority vote of the existing Trustees, appropriate training and support is provided to new Trustees adapting to their role.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

It has been a difficult year for all the churches due to the COVID pandemic. As we have been unable to meet normally, it has been hard to maintain our commitment to achieve public benefit. This has been largely achieved through the church's outreach and via contact with church and non-church children and subsequently, their parents. The Zoom meetings that have been substituted for our formal meetings, have attracted participants from outside our community and subsequently, it is possible to report a small increase in our church numbers.

At the end of last year, I reported that I was stepping down as Chair of Trustees. However this did not come to fruition as the person who expressed an interest in taking on this role decided not to so I have continued for another year.

This report is written in the shadow of the Covid pandemic through which we have all passed in one way or another. I am pleased to report however, that due to the superb work of church members, which will be alluded to on an individual basis later in the report, Hope Community Church, Swanley, has survived through the lockdowns. We have lost a few members, not just through Covid, but this has been offset by new additions through our outreach programme.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Alwyn Earnshaw

Alwyn set up various Zoom meetings both on Sundays and mid-week for prayer and home groups. We also continued meeting for morning prayer three times a week via Zoom.

Before the lockdowns and tiered structure became severe, church members had socially distanced meetings outside a coffee shop in Swanley on Saturday mornings. This provided opportunities for church members to meet face to face and also a chance to meet other friends and continue to have a presence in the community.

Throughout the pandemic lockdown periods, Alwyn has kept in contact with most of the members via social media platforms and email.

I am pleased to report that Alwyn has gained an MA from Moreland College.

Suzanne Barnaby, Beth and Helen Earnshaw and others

Children's work

As we entered the first Lockdown in March 2020, due to the global pandemic, arrangements were put in place to ensure our children continued to receive encouragement in their understanding and relationship with God.

From Easter through to the summer, a number of videos were recorded;

Daily bible stories were read by Helen (70 in total) and suggestions given for craft, prayers and fellowship.

Weekly themed videos presented by Suzanne with stories and information about Easter, Prophets, Miracles and Bible Characters (21 in total).

The children also received hand delivered craft activities and a posted parcel of activities each week. Some of the children were from outside of the church but the church parents had shown what HCC were doing and asked for the same material.

A WhatsApp group was also created for parents of all the children to pass on information and encouragement and to keep in touch.

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From September 2020 onwards, we began Zoom meetings for Doves (4-8 year olds) following the Church meeting on Sundays. This is ongoing until we begin to meet again.

Craft and information packs have continued to be delivered each week for the Zoom meetings.

Whilst 19 (20 at present) packs have been prepared, not all children have been able to access the Zoom meetings. Generally there are 6-10 participants.

Although plans are in place for the content of further sessions, as with all aspects of our lives at the moment, the how, where, when of meetings continues to be discussed in line with the 'Roadmap' set out by the Government.

All of Hope Community Church have been kept informed about Children's Work, through their weekly zoom meetings; Sunday mornings, House groups, Prayer Meetings and via the Whatsapp Church group. As part of a series on the Church entitled FRESH and how/ when we are able to meet together again, Suzanne also led a meeting to think about our Children's Work post Lockdown.

These are the main aims mentioned,

-to continue to teach them scriptures increasing their FAITH

Outreach

Our main outreach, evangelistic work continues to be through the Good News Paper (GNP). This has been delivered to approximately 600 houses in the area. Normally, these deliveries would be followed up by house calls, but this has not been possible. Extra Christian literature, such as Pocket Testament League books were also distributed at Christmas and Easter. However, the occasional coffee mornings at care homes in the area had to be stopped.

Regular Zoom meetings of evangelists attached to Outreach UK have taken place and act as a useful forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies for reaching the non-churched population. Once the restrictions are lifted on social contacts, the home visits will resume.

Right at the end of the year, Trevor Dickerson, National Field Officer for Outreach UK and evangelist for Hope Community Church, decided to leave and move to Herefordshire. Graham Withers has now taken responsibility for GNP distribution and house calls. This facet of the church's work will be enlarged and anew distribution team recruited.

Horizon Primary Academy contact

The Good News Club which was run by HCC at Horizon Primary Academy, has stopped. The younger members of HCC who ran the club, under the direction of Alwyn, have now gone to university or are in employment. HCC has arranged talks with the Headteacher of Horizon with a view to restarting Sunday services at the school. We have put together a protocol for Sunday morning services to provide a Covid secure environment for the church to resume meetings which we hope will be approved by the school.

Other social contacts.

Wendy Halford, a member of HCC, continues to be the manager of the Swanley and District Food bank. The food bank has been busy and whilst now a CIO and independent of HCC, the church continues to support it financially and providing additional help at various times through the year for the distribution of food parcels.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
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Finances

Although HCC has been in lockdown in one form or another for over a year, our income has been broadly maintained. Andrew Burgess, Finance Trustee, resigned and moved to Suffolk. This role has been taken by Phil Halford, an existing Trustee.

Conclusion

Running the church and now coming out of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, has put pressure on Trustees and church members. We have been blessed by a strong leadership team, which has enabled the church to survive and look forward to almost a new beginning. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members and Trustees who have made this possible.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

RISKS

The charity has assessed the risks to which it is exposed and has taken steps to mitigate those risks. The main risks faced by the charity are in respect of maintaining funding levels in order to continue with the present level of services. We are considering a fundraising program in the forthcoming year to ensure that funding levels are comfortable for the charity.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In planning activities for the year, the trustees confirm that the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act). This is discussed within the achievement and performance section of this report.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state to affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:-

- select suitable policies and the apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

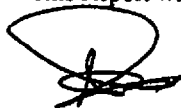
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT
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APPROVAL

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 22-11-2021



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Trustee

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

I have examined the financial statements on pages 7 to 12. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of opinion

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Debbie Pearce
Pearce Accounts Consultancy Services
Chartered Certified Accountants
58 Sermon Drive
Swanley
Kent BR8 7HT

Dated: 2/12/2021

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	31 March 2021			31 March 2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	46,835		46,835	51,724
Investment income	-		-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-		-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	46,835	-	46,835	51,724
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	44,110		44,110	53,426
Governance costs	981		981	980
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	45,091	-	45,091	54,406
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	1,744	-	1,744	(2,682)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	15,981	-	15,981	18,663
Total funds carried forward	<u>17,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,725</u>	<u>15,981</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming and expended resources derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021


	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	974	1,228
		17,887	15,894
CURRENT ASSETS			
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,136)</u>	<u>(1,141)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>16,751</u>	<u>14,753</u>
		<u>17,725</u>	<u>15,981</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		17,725	15,981
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>17,725</u>	<u>15,981</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

For the financial period ended 31st March 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Trustees on 22-11-2021



 Trustee

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy in the period to which it relates.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 20% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% reducing balance basis

1.5 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the purposes specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

1.6 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity' without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

1.7 Designated funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where a legal obligation to transfer economic benefit exists.

1.9 Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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2. NET INCOMING RESOURCES		
Net resources are stated after charging:	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	<u>253</u>	<u>307</u>
3. STAFF COSTS		
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,566	33,439
Pension costs	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>
	<u>32,366</u>	<u>35,239</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 2 (2020 – 2).

- 4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**
During the year to 31 March 2021, Hope Community Church incurred wages costs of £30,566 (2020 - £30,195) and pension costs of £1,800 (2020 - £1,800) relating to the employment of Mr A Earnshaw, a Trustee of the charity and Mrs H Earnshaw, his wife.

Small incidental expenses totalling £21 (2020 - £737), were reimbursed to A Earnshaw, £100 (2020 - £nil) to G Richie and £70 (2020 £nil) to G Withers who were Trustees, during the year. Trustees also made donations to the charity totalling £12,149 (2020: £13,940).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	20% RB	20% RB	Total
	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	
	£	£	£
Balance B/Forward	623	3,211	3,834
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>3,834</u>

Depreciation

Balance B/Forward	613	1,993	2,607
Depreciation Charge	10	243	253
Disposal Adjustment	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	<u>623</u>	<u>2,237</u>	<u>2,860</u>

Net Book Values

At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>974</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>10</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,227</u>

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SWANLEY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

6. DEBTORS

	£ 2021	£ 2020
Gift aid	8,314	8,801
Other debtors	<u>404</u>	<u>391</u>
	<u>8,718</u>	<u>9,192</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
Taxation and social security	351	356
Accruals	<u>785</u>	<u>785</u>
	<u>1,136</u>	<u>1,141</u>

8. PENSION SCHEME

During the year payments totalling £1,800 (2020 - £1,800) were paid into a defined contribution pension scheme. No amounts were outstanding at year end (2020 - £nil).

9. LIMITED LIABILITY STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by its Trustees.

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11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and gifts	38,171	41,295
Parent and toddler income	-	1,545
Gift aid	8,664	8,884
TOTAL INCOME	<u>46,835</u>	<u>51,724</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages	30,566	33,439
Pensions	1,800	1,800
Parent and toddler costs	-	1,735
Donations	8,850	9,250
Insurance	220	375
PPS & Advertising	1,201	1,687
Hall fees and catering	20	-
Equipment	-	385
Travel expenses	-	1,674
Children and youth work	352	2,120
Depreciation computer equipment	244	304
Depreciation fixtures & fittings	10	3
Conferences	95	100
Bank charges	69	60
Computer exps	-	80
Sundry expenses	683	414
Accountancy Fees	720	720
Payroll Services	261	260
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>45,091</u>	<u>54,406</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>1,744</u>	<u>(2,682)</u>