

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Tameside & Glossop)

The Trustees for the Charity present their annual report for the year ending 31st March 2021. Financial Statements have been prepared and submitted separately.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration Number 1129418

Registered Office:

**Hope Christian Centre
Stalybridge Road
Mottram
Cheshire SK14 6NF**

Bankers:

**Virgin Money
26 Market Avenue
Ashton-Under-Lyne
Lancashire
OL6 6AN**

OBJECTS

The Church is governed by the CIO Charity Constitution adopted on 21st November 2019 and Church Constitution dated May 2009 and updated on 21st November 2019, to reflect the change to a CIO, the principal objects for the benefit of the public being:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
2. To relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to promote and preserve good health, by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit.

These objects are exactly the same in both the CIO and Church Constitutions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following were serving as Trustees within the year, 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Timothy Verrall (Church Elder)	Appointed 6 th April 2010
Howard Robert Priest	Appointed 26 th March 2019
Philip Chorley	Appointed 27 th March 2019
Sandra Helen Davidson	Appointed 27 th March 2019
Simon Paul Davidson (Church Elder)	Appointed 10 th June 2019

Tim Verrall remains both Acting Chairman and Acting Secretary.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements giving a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards without any material departures; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with Charity Law, the Charity and Church Constitutions. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RESERVES POLICY:

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy, which they consider appropriate to enable the company to meet its developing commitments and obligations. To this end, the policy is to retain funds equivalent to approximately 2 months staff and administration costs.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT:

The Trustees confirm that, when exercising their powers and duties, they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR:

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the church was no longer able to meet for Sunday morning services at Arundale Primary School. The restrictions, introduced in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus, also made it impossible for the church to meet in person. Pre-recorded sermons, sung worship, bible readings and prayer, were broadcast via You Tube and other meetings were held via telephone conference calls and Zoom.

The majority of Trustee activity for this period, were to do with helping the Eldership of the Church to apply the Covid 19 restrictions correctly.

Even though no longer in use for Sunday morning services, Hope Christian Centre remained in use as a storage facility for the local Food Bank and as office and recording space for one of the Elders.

The loss of funding from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC), who had previously provided significant funding to support a befriending service overseen by our Community Worker, and as the effects of the pandemic started to take effect, it became obvious that it significant cuts to the 2020/21 budget would be needed. This was achieved, mainly as the result of the Senior Leader (Martyn Cooling) voluntarily electing to reduce his salary by 50%. Largely as a result of a successful funding application, the budget for 2021/22 has improved somewhat.

Despite a stressful start to the financial year and the Covid 19 restrictions, the charity was able to achieve its principal objectives throughout 2020/21.

As a result of the effects of Covid 19, it became increasingly obvious that the work of the charity that is Hope Community Church was of significant importance, as the church continued to care for those connected to it and to reach out to the local community.

Though Hope Christian Centre wasn't being used as much as normal, it still needed to be maintained in a good and safe condition. The Trustees have continued to ensure that this is done in a cost effective and appropriate manner and to make the building ready for when the restrictions allow some of the ministries to recommence. Covid restrictions have made this difficult to achieve at times and as a result, some issues still need to be resolved.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS:

We believe that, despite the problems encountered as a result of Covid 19, the financial year 2020/21 has been an extremely important and challenging time for the Church, as it has continued to give generously to mission both overseas and in the UK and to take our responsibility to pray for the people we give to. The effects of the pandemic and the financial issues we faced in 2020/21, reminded us that we need to continue to -

- Be a Church that is hopelessly and helplessly dependent upon God.
- Seek a fresh revelation of His glory and power and our own fragility and mortality.
- Increasingly engage with the local community in a variety of ways.
- To always proclaim, as well as demonstrate, the love of God.
- Strive to live in such a way as to pursue:
 - Honour for Christ
 - Health for His Church
 - Hope for our Community
- Continue to discover what it means to be a Kingdom of Priests to our God and Father.
- Continue to strengthen relationships with other Churches in the local area.
- Manage the Charity that is Hope Community Church (Tameside & Glossop) more effectively, to enable the people that are Hope Community Church the freedom to achieve the above aims.

The need for the Church to pursue these aims has been heightened by the needs that have been made even more apparent as the effects of Covid 19 continue, such as the issues around loss of employment, loneliness, family breakdown and mental health.

This Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Timothy Verrall (Acting Chairman and Acting Secretary)



HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH		Charity No (if any)	1129418	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/2020	To	Period end date	31/03/2021

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	152,456	27,462	-	179,918	167,114
Charitable activities	S02	0	300	-	300	624
Other trading activities	S03	0	0	-	-	0
Investments	S04	0	0	-	-	15
Separate material item of income	S05	0	0	-	-	0
Other	S06	0	0	-	-	0
Total	S07	152,456	27,762	-	180,218	167,753
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	140,610	19,356	-	159,966	185,492
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	140,610	19,356	-	159,966	185,492
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	11,845	8,406	-	20,251	- 17,739
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	11,845	8,406	-	20,251	- 17,739
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	- 100	100	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	11,745	8,506	-	20,251	- 17,739
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	969,848	11,403	-	981,251	-
Total funds carried forward	S22	981,594	19,909	-	1,001,502	981,251

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees
/directors/ members of

Hope Community Church (Tameside & Glossop)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no.:

1129418

Company no.:

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's
statement

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

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed:

Date: 30 January 2022

Name: Fiona Norton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address: 150 Lock Lane

Partington

M31 4PW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems (E.g. Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanation by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and in the case of accruals accounts any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report, and in the case of a charitable company with the director's report.)

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**