

HOPE

Community Church

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Trustees' Annual Report 2020

The full title of the Charitable Trust is Hope Community Church (Brentwood), which was established by Trust Deed on July 5th, 2009. This report covers the Trust's activities for January 1st to December 31st, 2020.

The trustees for this period were Helen Gell (chair & secretary), Frank Ferguson (treasurer) and Mike Woodroof, (first meeting only – died April 3rd). Alisa Gill was appointed to replace MW, but immediately following the 2020 AGM, she resigned. The trustees have had difficulty, in the conditions prevailing throughout most of the year, in finding a suitable replacement. However, Margaret Woodroof (Mike's widow), and Desiree Le Roux agreed to become trustees in January 2021, and although not trustees during 2020, have reviewed the accounts and reports, and join with the other two trustees in attaching their names to this report, having considered it at the Annual General Meeting held on April 21st, 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust Deed determines the method for appointing or removing trustees and all trustees are required to subscribe and adhere to the charity's Statement of Beliefs. The minimum number of trustees is three and there is no maximum.

The trustees are responsible for the day to day financial management and administration of the church's property and funds. Annual budget proposals are presented to the trustees for approval, with a requirement that any proposed expenditure above these limits will itself be presented to the trustees for specific approval. A number of policies are in place to ensure the more effective and controlled running of the organisation, the safeguarding of those associated with it and compliance with Charity Commission guidelines. Church members who arrange and oversee the work with young people are all DBS checked, and the established child protection and safeguarding policies are reviewed periodically.

The church continued to be led by a Team of Elders:- Martin Crook, and Malcolm Sullivan; supplemented by James Gell and Tom McDonald, with oversight from a wider sphere within the Relational Mission family of churches, which is itself part of the international New Frontiers Church.

The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance (EA), Churches together in Hutton and Shenfield (CTHS) and Brentwood And District Evangelical Fellowship (BADEF).

Objectives, Activities and Achievements

The objects of the church are for the benefit of the public, firstly by way of advancing the Christian faith and secondly through the relief of sickness and financial hardship, and the promotion of good health and education. This may include the provision of counseling and support services. The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Consequently, the church supports through prayer, practical help and financial aid, a number of works in the local and wider community :-

- The release of people from poverty, in association with a charity: Christians Against Poverty.
- Hope Mums, a single mother support service run by one of our members.
- Manna Meals – a scheme for providing meals during school holidays for those children who qualify for free school meals during term time.
- The Hutton Community Centre.
- Lighthouse Furniture Project – a local organisation involved in the recycling of used furniture and, in conjunction with the local authority (Brentwood Borough Council), providing essentials for a new home, at minimal or no cost, for people being re-housed.
- Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust.
- Tearfund, periodically in response to international crises.
- Long Ridings School (in which we meet – except during the COVID19 restrictions).
- A church in Malaga, Spain with whom we have special links, and which undertakes similar community relief work there akin to the church's work here.
- The international and regional work of Relational Mission.

Regular Sunday services of public worship had to cease in March to comply with COVID19 restrictions. Online services have replaced them for those who are able to access the technology, but apart from that, there have been no other physical services. We were able to arrange a baptism service in January. The local groups which would normally meet in members' homes for teaching, prayer and worship, have also continued as online activities, as also have regular prayer meetings.

The church's involvement with the local community in providing for those most seriously affected by the lack of income during the pandemic increased very considerably during the year, not only in the way of financial support for local food agencies, but in the practical help given by many members in assisting in the collection, bagging and distribution of food to those in need.

Financial Review

The accounts show that our income has exceeded our expenditure and giving by some £10000, in no small part on account of the lower costs brought about by the lack of physically meeting together. The members of the church continue to worship God through faithful financial giving. This demonstrates the trust that they have in the leadership to hear from God as to where and how the finances should be used. Some of this has been to support other church related work. It is not intended that any deficit should be allowed. The primary source of funding is from personal giving by members of the congregation, mostly by standing orders. The charity does not own, or have a financial interest in, any property.

Accounts

There are no restricted funds held by the charity. Where funds are given for a specified purpose, the trustees ensure that they are applied to that purpose and to no other.

The accounts for this period were prepared by the treasurer and independently examined by Mrs. Fiona Wallace (copy report attached). They were presented to, and approved by, the trustees at the Annual General Meeting held on April 21st, 2021. The charity has an account at Barclays Bank, Shenfield & Hutton branch.

Frank Ferguson

Treasurer

April 22nd, 2021.

Hope Community Church - Income and Expenditure Analysis Jan - Dec 2020			
	2020		
	January	February	March
INCOME - Direct to bank or paid in at branch			
Standing orders etc. (incl. CAF)	£2,468.00	£2,243.00	£2,607.00
Cash - weekly offering	£274.00	£156.00	£176.00
Tax Reclaim		£3,909.00	
Specifically designated gifts			
Other non-gift		£6.88	£289.77
Bank Interest	£15.66	£13.71	£14.69
TOTAL INCOME	£2,757.66	£6,328.59	£3,087.46
EXPENDITURE & OUTGOINGS			
People Costs			
Salaries	£468.00	£468.00	£468.00
Employers NI	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Payroll costs	£37.85	£37.85	£37.85
Admin Costs			
Capital Equipment & Repairs			
Administration & office	£0.99	£200.99	£1.99
Mobile phone contract	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00
Insurance and bank			
Web hosting + support			
Church Suite program			
Data back-up	£3.30	£3.30	£3.30
Venue Hire	£420.00	£420.00	£420.00
Storage Hire	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00
Conference, training & education			
Travel & Accommodation			
Affiliation & Membership subs		£100.00	
Youth & Children (incl Newday)			
Worship (incl CCLI & projection)			
PA			
Hospitality & catering		£37.15	
Safeguarding incl CCPAS/ 31:8			
Ministry Resources			
Evangelistic activities			
Hope Mums		£254.17	
Transforming Lives for Good (Make Lu	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00
Manna Meals			
Expenditure sub-totals	£967.14	£1,558.46	£968.14
Pockit Load - Natalie			£100.00
Pockit Outlay - Natalie	£0.99	£0.99	£1.99
Pockit Balance - Natalie	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
GIVING			
Regional funding - Relational Mission	£350.00	£350.00	£350.00
Brentwood Schools CWT	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Christians Againt Poverty	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Malcolm Sullivan	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
Ministry gifts			£100.00
Pastoral support			
Recognition giving			
Other - specify in comments	£130.00		£50.00
Giving sub-totals	£710.00	£580.00	£730.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	£1,676.15	£2,137.47	£1,796.15



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (BRENTWOOD)

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2020

Charity no
(if any)

1131190

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that
disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

F Wallage

Date:

18/2/21

Name:

FIONA S WALLACE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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