

Hope Chapel

England & Wales · Charity number 1134290

Details

Other names HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2010-02-15

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPALS AND USAGE'S FOR THE TIME BEING OF CONGREGATIONALISM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION TRUSTS.THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION RELIEVE NEED AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: Hope is a Christian Church with 4 dreams (be a church that kids love, be a place of Hope for the marginalised, be a place of 24/7 prayer and to be a benefit to the community). These dreams are facilitated through a Sunday morning service and Sunday evening gatherings, Mums and Toddlers groups, a youth group, hosting community events, prayer meetings and many other organic groups and activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£218,119	£219,153	-	-
2023-09-30	£202,117	£181,763	-	-
2022-09-30	£236,269	£318,165	-	-
2021-09-30	£224,084	£241,696	-	-
2020-09-30	£262,403	£174,081	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alice Bond		2014-03-12
Andrew Hunter		2026-02-08
Claire Allan		2023-02-26
Daniel Soar		2026-02-08
Emma Drewett		2023-02-26
Kate Soar		2026-02-08
REV CHRIS BOND		
Sophie Hunter		2026-02-08
William Drewett		2023-02-26

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Accounts

HOPE CHAPEL

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity Number: 1134290

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status:

Hope Chapel was created by a trust deed in July 2000 as a member of the Congregational Federation of England and Wales. It is also a registered charity (number 1134290). In 2023 the church name was changed to 'Hope Chapel' from 'Hope Community Church.' This name change was to simplify communication and identification of the church.

Hope operates from the Hope Chapel site in Hotwells, Bristol. The elders are the managing trustees and the Congregational Federation is the custodian trustee of the property.

Hope Chapel's HM Revenue and Customs charity reference is XR32133.

Managing Trustees:

The managing trustees are the elders who, throughout the year to 30 September 2024 and to the signing date of the report, were:

Claire Allan	Appointed Feb 2023
Alice Bond	Appointed Feb 2005
Chris Bond	Appointed Feb 2005
Bill Drewett (Chair)	Appointed Feb 2023, Chair from August 2023
Emma Drewett (Treasurer)	Appointed Feb 2023
Esther Lambert	Appointed Feb 2020
Helen Westbury	Appointed Feb 2020
Peter Westbury (Chair)	Appointed Feb 2020, Chair until August 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the charity are as follows:

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles and usages for the time being of congregationalism and in accordance with any specific requirements in the foundation trusts.

The church may also advance education, relieve need and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The charity's trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duty.

Vision

Hope Chapel's vision is "to bring hope to all people through the good news of Jesus Christ."

Within this we particularly pursue these four dreams that give us a focus amongst other churches within Bristol:

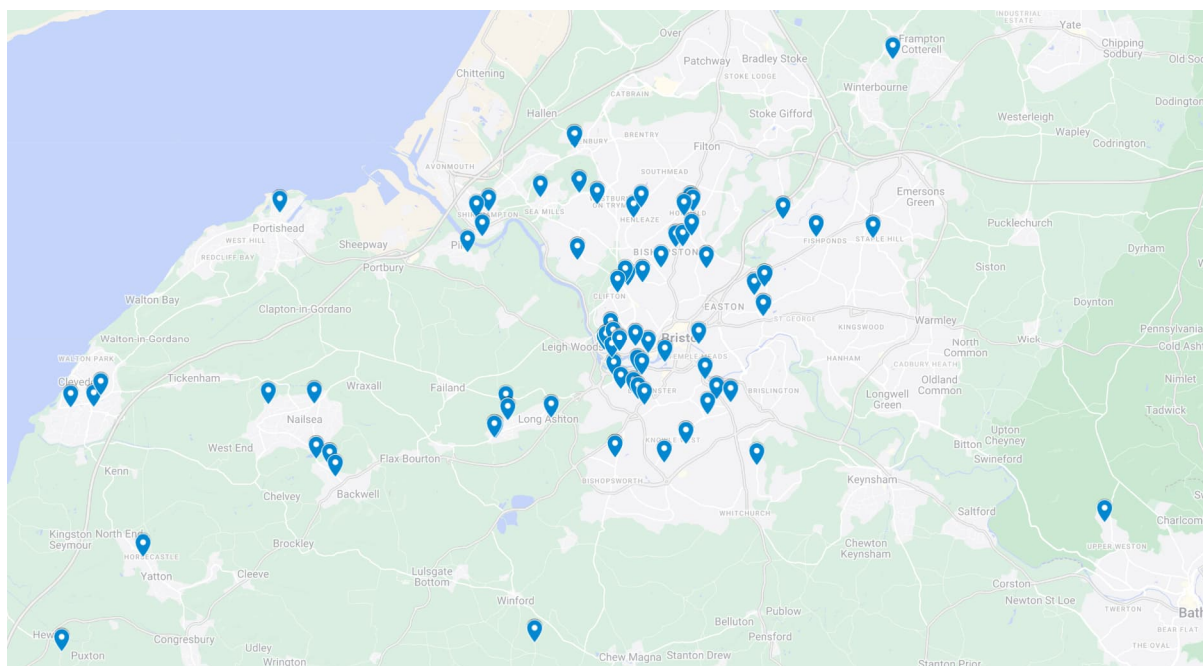
- To be a prayer centre for the city.
- To be a family for people on the margins of society.
- To be a church that children love.
- To be at the heart of the community.



These dreams sharpen our focus as a church, recognising that we serve the city best when we focus on our strengths and the specific areas to which God has called us. Most members of Hope have been drawn to the church because they are passionate about one or more of the dreams or because they are drawn to the culture of the church, which in itself has been shaped by these dreams.

Strategy

Minster - Our strategy for effectiveness and growth has been inspired by the Celtic concept of 'minsters.' In Celtic Britain, minsters were the first Christian buildings. These were a mid-point between a monastery (separate from society with rhythms of prayer and spiritual discipline) and parish church (hands on in leading worship and providing for the needs of the local community). They were regional in their scope, sending out their members as lay missionaries to the region around the minster. They were gathering places for learning, refuge, poverty relief, education, enterprise, and had within them rhythms of prayer and worship, much like Hope Chapel. The map below shows the locations of Hope households, with Hope members living as followers of Jesus within their workplaces and local communities across Bristol and the surrounding area.



Hope Chapel Households Map

Depth - Our emphasis has also been on establishing a greater depth of relationship, discipleship, and prayer within a smaller church membership, rather than on growing a numerically larger church. We look to 'send out' individuals or couples or families after a season of being part of Hope, to bring what they have grown in to other settings. To date we have prioritised this over the idea of planting other church congregations.

Purpose – A third aspect of strategy is to support each individual in finding and living in their God-given purpose. Ephesians 2.10 writes that God has prepared good works for each person to do. Alongside workplace and local community, our 'boats' (more below) provide another opportunity for people to minister in line with their gifts, passion and purpose.

Organisation

During the year the staff team was as follows:

Chris Bond	Pastor (full time)
Alice Bond	Pastor (2 days per week)
Hannah Lehmann	Administrator (4 days per week)
Aaron Mathias	Caretaker (15 hours per week)
Claire Collins	Finance administrator (1 day per week) – ended September 2024
Dylan Lindo Jones	Finance Administrator (1 day per week) – began September 2024
Charlie Carron	Youth Pastor (3 days per week)
Micah Partridge	Youth Intern (24 hours placement time per week)

Hope operates to a large extent as a volunteer organisation and much of the work of the staff team is supporting and facilitating the work of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are members of Hope (see below) or people who worship at Hope but have not formally become members. Each Sunday service involves approximately 20 volunteers in addition to the employed pastors, on teams including hospitality, worship & PA, welcoming, and the different children's groups.

The elders who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed on page 1. The pastors and associate pastors of the church are elders ex officio. The other elders are members of Hope who have been nominated and appointed by the members of the church to serve as elders for a term of three years.

2023-2024

As we have pursued our vision to bring hope to all people through the good news of Jesus Christ, and particularly given focus to our four dreams, the following are notable features of this year:

Our Dream Is.... To Be A Prayer Centre For The City

- Knife crime had risen in Bristol through 2023 and there were 5 fatal gang related stabbings up until 5th March 2024. In response Hope led in collaboration with other city churches calling a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Bristol. This event, held on 6th March 2024 saw churches across the city open their doors for prayer, an early morning Zoom prayer time with over 50 churches represented, a gathering in the Cathedral in the evening led by a large group and variety of church leaders in prayer, testimony, repentance and worship. Since that day there have been no further fatal gang stabbings in Bristol.
- On 16th July, Hope celebrated 25 years of the Prayer Centre. Churches were invited to send several generations of prayer leaders to the event which both told the story of prayer in Bristol over 25 years (from the Prayer Centre perspective) and prayed for and commissioned younger generations. All agreed that it was a powerful evening of worship and rich encouragement.
- Hope, largely through pastor Chris Bond, is very involved in cross church prayers including a 7am weekly online Bristol church leader's prayer gathering. This meeting has strengthened friendship and collaboration across churches. Hope hosted an in person prayer breakfast for church leaders in September.
- There is still much potential for the Prayer Centre to be used by people within Hope and across the city more regularly. The aim is to build on this through 2025. Hope has also asked God's House International Centre, the church that Hope partners with closely in the city, to pass on their learning and experience in prayer to better equip Hope Chapel to pray in 2025.

Our Dream Is.... To Be At The Heart Of The Community

- The relationship with Hotwells School has continued to be strong. Chris Bond serves as Chair of Governors. We use the school grounds for a children's group on a Sunday morning. The school has used Hope for events through the year including 'Christmas in a Box' and the Hope team were involved with 'Easter in a Box' at Holy Trinity Church site. The school staff hold meetings in the crypt and Hope has hosted other events including a PTA disco.
 - The Ukrainian community has continued to find a strong home in Hope Chapel even though most of the other hubs that were setup for Ukrainians fleeing the war have now closed across the city because they are no longer needed. There is a tight sense of community and fun here.
 - The Hong Kong church has also developed deeper roots. Previously part of the Good Neighbour Church network, the Hope Chapel congregation were told that they could no longer be supported by the Good Neighbour network because they did not have the resources to support all of their sites across multiple cities. The congregation has continued to meet though, leading themselves with support from the Hope Chapel staff team and infrastructure. They continue to host events for elderly Hong Kongers in Bristol and these are very well attended.
 - Amongst our various 'boats,' and 'life groups', Celebrate Recovery is another strong community within Hope Chapel, the local area and for the city. This Christ-centred 12 Step
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recovery community is for people with various habits and addictions but in many ways just helps anyone to lead a healthy life of humility and growth through following Jesus each day.

Our Dream Is.... To Be A Church That Children Love

- Youth have continued to thrive, growing numerically and as they have grown in age, those who often might be expected to attend services and gatherings less have continued to prioritise being actively present at Hope Sunday services and events. Micah, our Youth Intern has been an excellent support to Youth Pastor Charlie Carron.
- Church Members have encouraged us to look to appoint a Children's Pastor for the growing numbers of children inside the church and also to be able to reach out to other children outside the church. In our Elders and Church Members Business Meetings this year we have discussed and prayed this role and decided in February that we would look to appoint a Children's Pastor for 2.5 days per week. The role was first advertised in May 2024 in an environment where several churches in the city were recruiting for that sort of role and finding it difficult to recruit. We had not recruited by year end (though now, in the following financial year we have recruited an excellent Children's Pastor). Additional giving from church members was encouraged in order to fund this post. We saw an increase in giving in response.
- Little Stars toddler group ended this year as there was not a team available to lead it. This community event has been much appreciated over the years and we hope to be able to start it again at some point.
- Youth and Children's camp events over the year included Spree for older primary school children, and DCYC (Devon Christian Youth Camp) for youth. These were hugely popular and helped to form strong cohorts of friends and grow faith.

Our Dream Is.... To Be A Family For People On The Margins Of Society

- Hope On Wednesday, a discipleship group for men and women with backgrounds in prison and addiction has continued this year, though smaller in numbers. Food Bank has seen changes in clients to include more who are homeless this year. The Wednesday soup lunch is a much appreciated gathering place for people around the table with an average of perhaps 12 people each week. Yes Friends ethical clothing company staff team have been regular people around the table. This year they outgrew their storage and office space within Hope Chapel and have moved to a larger premises in Bedminster. They were very good tenants whose business shared many of the values of Hope.
- A regular feature for the church calendar is preparing gift bags for Bristol prisoners each November. A production line is setup to do this at the end of the service, as it is in several churches across the city under the umbrella of the Sixty One prison ministry.

Other Notable Features

Besides the four dreams, other features of the year include:

- Partnership with God's House International Centre. Marvin Rees, previously Mayor of Bristol challenged the churches in the city by saying that the divisions along lines of race and class in Bristol also exist within the churches. He said that the church should be leading the way in 'stitching the city together.' In response to that we have formed an intentional partnership with God's House (GHIC). This is a largely (but not exclusively) African Pentecostal church with their building in Staple Hill, Bristol. Collaboration this year has included a joint carol service in 2023 where all of the church came to Hope Chapel and we combined our traditions for a wonderful time together. Hope went to GHIC for Good Friday. We joined in with events including their football tournament, and GHIC joined Hope for our annual Living Free course. This partnership is having quite an impact in the city.
- We have changed our approach to Church Business Meetings, making them more prayerful and workshop type spaces. They had previously been more structured around communication of a message from the front. This new approach is working well to be more prayerful and collaborative amongst members.
- We had an excellent weekend away at Heatree Activity Centre in June. The venue was beautiful, about 130 Hopers came, our theme was on using our gifts with the aid of the 6 Types of Working Genius tool, and it helped build community further within the church.

Activities in 2023-2024

Hope pursues its vision through:

1. Gathering as a whole church in a single Sunday morning service to worship God and to inspire and equip church members and those seeking God (this is deliberately one service that brings together people of all ages and many different social backgrounds).
2. Running various mid-week ministries in Hope Chapel and around the city.
3. Accountable relationships, discipleship courses and events.
4. Encouraging members that their homes, workplaces and local communities are settings for all to advance the Christian faith in a wide variety of ways.
5. Sending and supporting mission partners locally, nationally and internationally.

1. Sunday Gatherings

Our weekly Sunday morning service continues to be our main gathering as a whole church. We have continually decided against starting a second or evening service so as to maintain the intergenerational richness of the church. Our growing youth have increasingly been meeting in different forms on Sunday evenings including a monthly youth worship evening service.

Our Sunday teaching has largely been around the Sermon on the Mount. Alice Bond and Bill Drewett have each been following their own series with each speaking on one Sunday per month. The first Sunday of each month has continued to be a time of extended prayer and worship.

The second halves of our services involve children and youth joining groups in different locations whilst adults hear these talks and have more worship. We've moved these round different locations through the year to find enough space and the best spaces for these groups. The youth outgrew the 264 Hotwell Road living room so are now meeting in the Prayer Centre, with Little Gems in the Crypt, babies in the Meeting Room and Kids over at the school.

2. Mid-Week Ministries (Boats & Life Groups)

Hope's mid-week ministries are listed below under the other dreams to which they relate. In line with the 'Beach and Boat Vision' these ministries are described as 'boats', communities of Hope members who are together on a missional purpose as shown in the drape that hangs in the hall in Hope Chapel.

We also currently have 4 Life Groups. Known in other churches as cell groups or home groups or similar, these provide an opportunity for people to build relationship with others and grow in their faith in a home setting.



Beach & Boat Vision drape, showing how Hope operates as a church. Members gather on the beach to worship and pray together and commission the boats which then go out 'on mission'.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a prayer centre for the city:

- Hope Monthly Day of Prayer – monthly 24 hours of prayer for Bristol with each hour of prayer hosted by a different person or people from within Hope.
- Our 24/7 prayer room is used by many individuals from across the city including monthly city leaders prayers

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a family for people on the margins of society:

- Hope On Wednesday – discipleship group for (mostly) men with backgrounds in addiction.
- Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centred 12 Step group for people with addictions and life altering behaviours.
- Mentor Me – a Bristol ministry under the umbrella of Sixty-One that connects people due to leave prison with a mentor who can support them as they adapt to life outside prison. Several people within Hope serve as mentors.
- Food Bank – Hope Chapel is an outlet for the Trussell Trust North West Bristol Foodbank; a Hope team host the Food Bank and a café each Wednesday morning.
- Soup Run – as part of the Bristol Churches Soup Run, a Hope team takes soup to the homeless on one night each month.
- Ukrainian Refugee Hub – A weekly hub for Ukrainian Refugees to eat together, have community and plenty of opportunities for play for the children. We've been delighted that a number of volunteers from a church of displaced individuals from Hong Kong help with the hub.
- The Well – a community providing supported living for young care leavers.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a church that children love and Hope's dream - to be at the heart of the community:

- Aside from the involvement of children on Sundays, Little Stars toddler group meets every Monday morning and welcomes about 25 local families who find friendship and encouragement alongside the joys and challenges of parenting young children.
 - Our Youth Pastor continues to lead a team of volunteers in running various youth groups and events including weekly discipleship groups, monthly worship & encounter evenings and ad hoc youth socials.
 - Roger & Angie Allen lead the Knowle West 'boat', leading the Lee Abbey community in Knowle West.
 - Partnership with Hotwells Primary School – mutual use of buildings.
 - Hope also leases the building to outside organisations that are not necessarily Christian but that are beneficial for the local community, including a Tango club, the annual Hotwells
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Pantomime (4 nights of performance each March with more than 1,000 local people performing and watching), local orchestra, other ad hoc events.

3. Homes, Workplaces and Local Communities

Hope's roots are in Congregationalism. This Christian denomination emphasizes the 'priesthood of all believers' and 'every member ministry.' These biblical concepts from 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, teach that every Christian should participate in the life of the church. This is not a privilege reserved for ordained clergy. Furthermore, the church is not confined to services or certain times and places, but is designed to bring the presence of Jesus into every area of life. Archbishop William Temple said in 1944 "We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use their daily opportunities afforded them in their various crafts and workshops." In light of this, a significant emphasis is given within the life of the church to members' homes, workplaces and local communities as their places of godly influence and ministry.

4. Sending and Supporting Mission Partners Locally, Nationally and Internationally

- Roger and Angie Allen continue in their work enabling church unity and partnership through the different spheres of life across the city of Bristol.
- James and Sally Harding have moved to Sandhurst in James' capacity as a padre within the British Army.
- Hope supports Silas & Annie Crawley in their development of prayer in Bristol
- We support Beloved, a local charity offering support to women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol and the surrounding areas and give opportunities for them to be disciple in the Christian faith where wanted.
- We support Bristol School's Connections who equip the church in Bristol to serve their local schools and help the, create imaginative prayer spaces for spiritual development.
- We support STEP, working with children in the Middle East.
- We support Futsoul – a Futsal club that unites communities across Bristol through playing football.

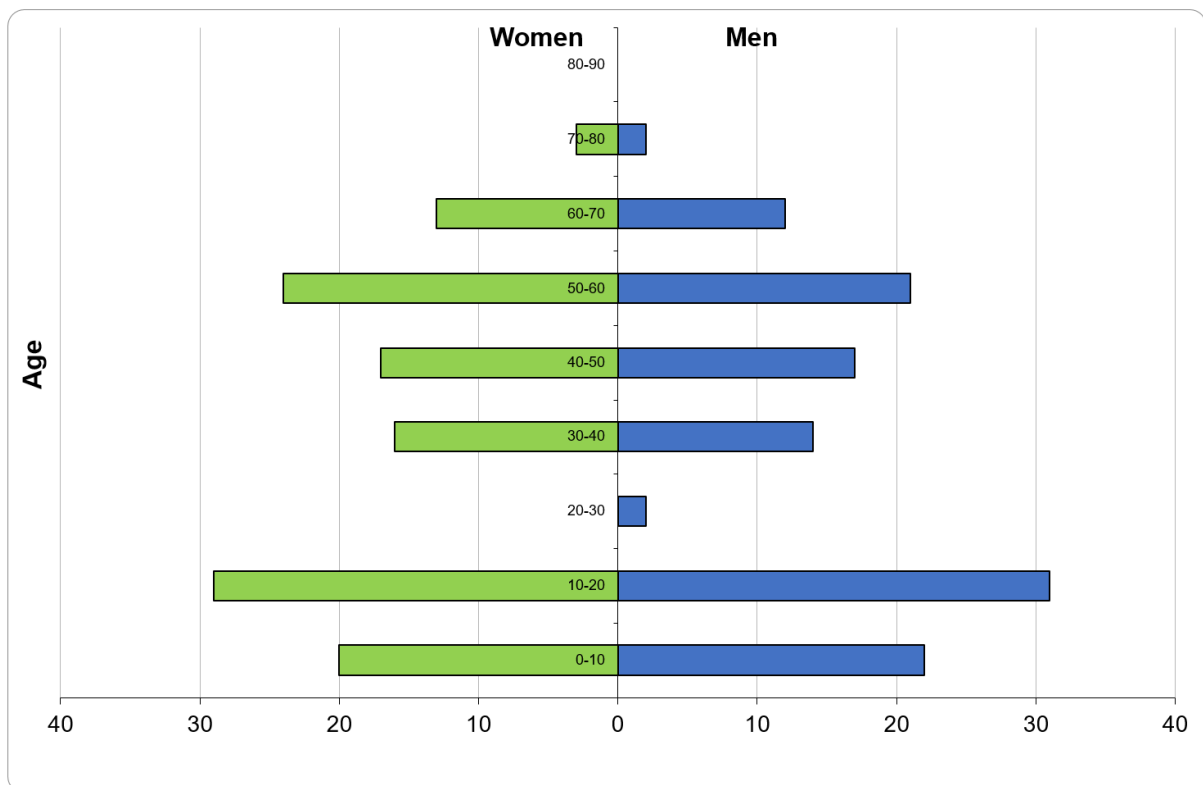
Church Membership

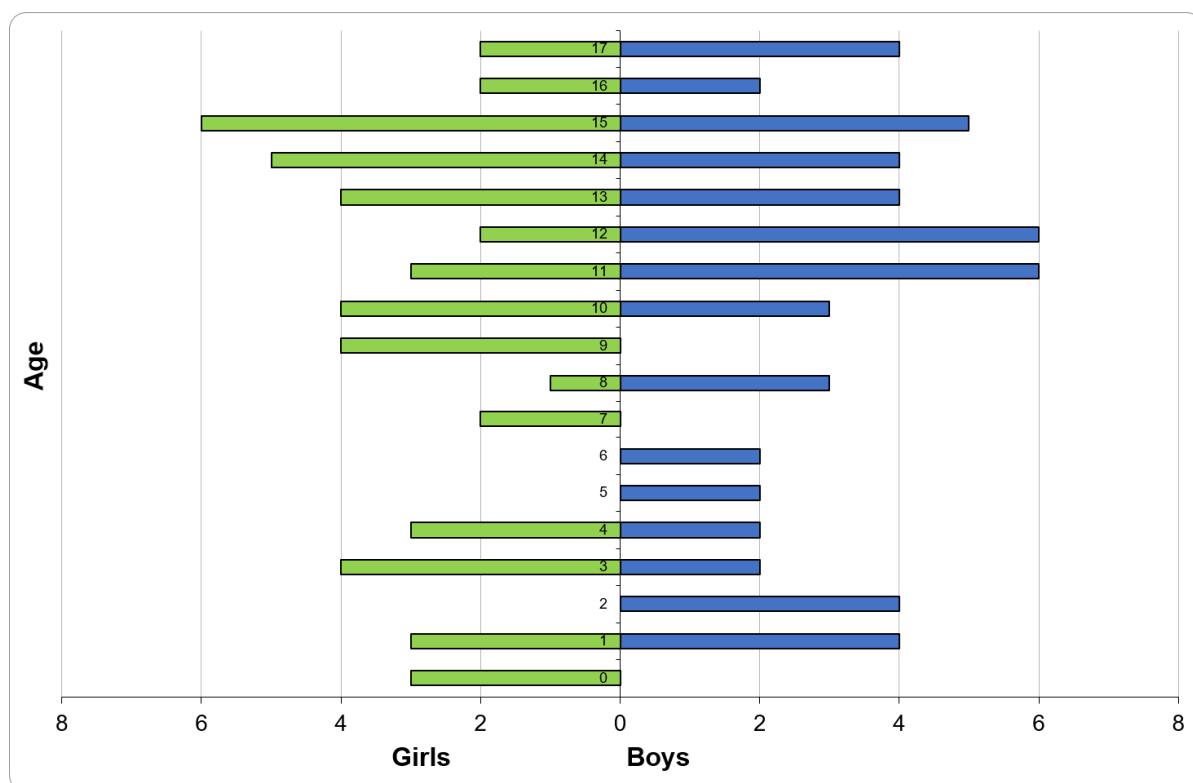
Those attending the church, who subscribe to its values and beliefs, and who feel called and committed to the church are encouraged to become ‘members’ of Hope.

Adults can become members through having their names put forward at a church meeting and are then invited to become members of the church by making a public commitment before the congregation and are welcomed into church membership. The commitment of church membership is an agreement to live within the community of the church in the sharing of time and resources and to live in accountable relationships with each other.

Membership of Hope involves members discerning God’s together what God is saying to the church. This includes members attending and voting at church meetings and contributing to the appointment of elders and some staff roles.

Hope currently has 96 formal adult “members”, 266 subscribers to the Fortnightly Email, 161 adults on the database, and 105 children and youth. The population pyramids overleaf show the age and gender demographics.





Trustee and Members’ Meetings

Church members vote to appoint ‘elders’ who oversee the church. These are also the trustees of the charity. The elders have met twice each month through 2023-2024 for meetings that combine the charity’s governance with the spiritual leadership of the church. Matters that were relevant to members for decision making were brought to members’ meetings. Four members’ meetings were held this year.

The non-staff elders are:

- Claire Allan
- Bill Drewett
- Emma Drewett
- Esther Lambert
- Peter Westbury
- Helen Westbury

Chris & Alice Bond are elders as a part of their roles as pastors.

Elder meetings have also included regular governance issues such as reviewing the church finances, safeguarding and other matters.

Building Hire

Some local community groups hire the church building for events and regular meetings. These all provide some additional income to the church. We enjoy a mutual relationship with Hotwells Primary School with them using Hope Chapel for various events and Hope using their hall and green space for children on a Sunday morning.

Yes Friends ethical clothing business relocated out of Hope Chapel this year having outgrown the office and storage space. For the past year they occupied previously under-utilised space, paid some useful rental income and contribute positively to the social fabric of the building. We were glad to be able to provide spaces for them through this phase of their growth and will look out for opportunities to host similar enterprises that share Hope's values.

Reserves & Financial Position

Average giving to the church by members and regulars (gift aided and non-gift aided) over the last year has been £13,033 per month. This has remained fairly consistent throughout the year and is just £252 less than last year. The number of people/households giving has been on average 55. There is some monthly fluctuation and a slight downward trend since a peak of regular givers that was reached at the end of last financial year of 59.

Total unrestricted income from October 2023 to end September 2024 is £215,814 giving an average monthly income of £17,985 over the year. This is slightly up compared with the monthly average from the previous financial year of £16,843.

Total unrestricted expenditure from October 2023 to end September 2024 is £201,910 giving a monthly average expenditure of £16,825 over the year and an average monthly surplus of £1,160. £6,319 was transferred from unrestricted funds to cover restricted expenditure leaving a surplus of £7,585 added to the unrestricted reserves.

Total unrestricted reserves at year end are £319,515. Of this amount, £270,046 is the value of the building, fixtures and equipment and £49,469 is cash reserves. At the end of September 2023 total unrestricted reserves were £311,930 of which £39,668 was cash reserves.

The reserves policy adopted by the members is to keep cash balances held in unrestricted funds in the range from £10,000 to £40,000. These cash balances are expected to be sufficient to accommodate short-term cash flow fluctuations, but the church does not seek to generate substantial surpluses or to build up excessive reserves.

The trustees and church members decided not to appoint new associate pastors immediately following Andrew and Rebekah Stansbury, given the financial position last year where expenditure exceeded income for a time, and to enable the opportunity to consider the church's staffing needs in light of changes since the Pandemic and in light of other changes within the staff team. The church decided this year to appoint a Children's Pastor.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's governing document. 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.

By order of the trustees on..... Feb 13 2025

**Emma Drewett****Treasurer****Chris Bond****Pastor**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Chapel (the Charity) for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

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Date: Feb 13 2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	195,079	2,305	197,384	237,955
Charitable activities	3	20,735	-	20,735	9,120
Total income		<u>215,814</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>218,119</u>	<u>247,075</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	201,910	17,243	219,153	229,649
Total expenditure		<u>201,910</u>	<u>17,243</u>	<u>219,153</u>	<u>229,649</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	7	13,904	(14,938)	(1,034)	17,426
Transfers between funds	14	(6,319)	6,319	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>7,585</u>	<u>(8,619)</u>	<u>(1,034)</u>	<u>17,426</u>
Total funds at start of year	14	311,930	11,228	323,158	305,732
Total funds at end of year	14	<u>319,515</u>	<u>2,609</u>	<u>322,124</u>	<u>323,158</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All activities are classed as continuing.

The comparative statement of financial activities is shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

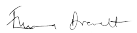
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 September 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		<u>270,046</u>		<u>272,262</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	12	7,530		7,318	
Cash at bank		<u>49,309</u>		<u>48,117</u>	
			56,839		55,435
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(4,761)</u>		<u>(4,539)</u>
Net current assets			<u>52,078</u>		<u>50,896</u>
Net assets			<u><u>322,124</u></u>		<u><u>323,158</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted	15		319,515		311,930
Restricted	15		2,609		11,228
			<u><u>322,124</u></u>		<u><u>323,158</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on Feb 13 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Emma Drewett
Treasurer



Chris Bond
Pastor

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

b) Income

Income from donors is included within income when receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.

Governance costs which are included within support costs of charitable activities include all those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% per annum reducing balance
Church Building	Not depreciated
Fixtures	10% straight line

The church building was gifted to Hope Community Church in October 2002. At the time of the church building asset was not recognised within the accounts. FRS 102 SORP requires charities to recognise and value assets such as the church building on the balance sheet at fair value at the time of the gift. Fair value is able to be estimated by the trustees and the property is recognised at this deemed cost as if it had always been treated in this way.

Due to the nature of the Grade II church building and the trustees' responsibility to maintain it, a policy of not depreciating the asset has been chosen.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short term maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

h) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note 14 of the financial statements.

2 Donations

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Regular donations	163,031	-	163,031
Youth Intern	-	1,000	1,000
One-off donations	156	1,305	1,461
Gift aid	31,892	-	31,892
	<u>195,079</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>197,384</u>
Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Regular donations	163,283	-	163,283
12 Buildings	-	16,900	16,900
Youth Worker Grant	-	8,270	8,270
Donations for hardship fund	-	1,588	1,588
One-off donations	435	18,200	18,635
Gift aid	29,279	-	29,279
	<u>192,997</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>237,955</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Conferences and courses	9,830	-	9,830	30
Rental income	9,977	-	9,977	8,635
Little Stars	-	-	-	44
Other income	928	-	928	411
	<u>20,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,735</u>	<u>9,120</u>

All charitable activity income in the prior year was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants (note 5)	20,930	1,292	22,222
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	121,778	-	121,778
Building improvements	259	-	259
Pastoral expenditure	884	-	884
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	3,654	-	3,654
Conferences and courses	14,381	-	14,381
Under 18s	3,532	-	3,532
Hope on Wednesday	1,346	-	1,346
Refugee hub	-	4,024	4,024
Youth Intern costs	-	10,217	10,217
Hope Chapel Annexe	-	1,710	1,710
Support costs (note 6)	35,146	-	35,146
	<u>201,910</u>	<u>17,243</u>	<u>219,153</u>
Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants (note 5)	14,855	2,159	17,014
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	130,562	7,595	138,157
Building improvements	883	25,588	26,471
Pastoral expenditure	998	-	998
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	4,172	-	4,172
Conferences and courses	492	-	492
Under 18s	1,781	-	1,781
Hope on Wednesday	1,105	107	1,212
Refugee hub	-	2,971	2,971
Hope Chapel Annexe	-	9,466	9,466
Support costs (note 6)	26,915	-	26,915
	<u>181,763</u>	<u>47,886</u>	<u>229,649</u>

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5 Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches City Fund	3,800	-	3,800
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,050	-	1,050
Beloved	2,565	-	2,565
Bristol Schools Connection	2,425	-	2,425
Crawley OCOD	4,225	-	4,225
R&A Allen - Chrysalis Ministry	4,225	-	4,225
Links International	800	-	800
Futsoul 360	750	-	750
Sixty-One - Christmas gift bags	340	-	340
STEP (UK)	750	-	750
Hardship fund	-	292	292
<i>To individuals</i>	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>20,930</u>	<u>1,292</u>	<u>22,222</u>

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches City Fund	3,000	-	3,000
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,800	-	1,800
Beloved	1,500	-	1,500
Bristol Schools Connection	1,500	-	1,500
Bees for HM Bristol Prison	455	-	455
Crawley OCOD	3,300	-	3,300
R&A Allen - Chrysalis Ministry	3,300	-	3,300
Hardship fund	-	1,659	1,659
<i>To individuals</i>	-	500	500
	<u>14,855</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>17,014</u>

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6 Support costs

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Insurance	3,307	2,878
Heat, light and water	8,590	4,709
Cleaning	1,594	1,528
Equipment	1,437	983
Repairs and maintenance	4,255	1,789
Memberships	1,138	1,140
Security, health and safety	1,748	1,273
Telephone	1,384	1,967
Postage, printing and stationery	2,619	1,840
Depreciation	3,163	3,086
Bank charges	60	60
Licences, legal and professional	1,202	901
Sundry	1,685	1,149
Governance costs	2,964	3,612
	<u>35,146</u>	<u>26,915</u>

All support costs in the prior year were unrestricted.

7 Net income / expenditure for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	3,163	3,086
Independent examination fee	2,520	2,280
	<u>5,683</u>	<u>5,366</u>

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were:	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	109,839	123,373
Social security costs	3,455	5,095
Pension costs	8,484	9,689
	<u>121,778</u>	<u>138,157</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average monthly headcount of employees during the year was 6 (2023: 7).

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £66,046 (2023: £66,956).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

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10 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	192,997	44,958	237,955
Charitable activities	9,120	-	9,120
Total income	<u>202,117</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>247,075</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	181,763	47,886	229,649
Total expenditure	<u>181,763</u>	<u>47,886</u>	<u>229,649</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	20,354	(2,928)	17,426
Transfers between funds	(8,688)	8,688	-
Net movement in funds	<u>11,666</u>	<u>5,760</u>	<u>17,426</u>
Total funds at 1 October 2022	300,264	5,468	305,732
Total funds at 30 September 2023	<u>311,930</u>	<u>11,228</u>	<u>323,158</u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2023	250,000	26,399	23,141	299,540
Additions	-	-	947	947
At 30 September 2024	<u>250,000</u>	<u>26,399</u>	<u>24,088</u>	<u>300,487</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2023	-	5,280	21,998	27,278
Charge for the year	-	2,640	523	3,163
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>7,920</u>	<u>22,521</u>	<u>30,441</u>
Net book Value				
At 30 September 2024	<u>250,000</u>	<u>18,479</u>	<u>1,567</u>	<u>270,046</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>250,000</u>	<u>21,119</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>272,262</u>

The church buildings comprise Hope Chapel.

The Congregational Federation of England and Wales is the holding (custodian) trustee for all the above property. The elders of Hope Community Church became the managing trustees in October 2002.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	7,530	7,318
	<u>7,530</u>	<u>7,318</u>

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13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	1,111	1,063
Taxation and social security	1,130	1,196
Accruals	2,520	2,280
	<u>4,761</u>	<u>4,539</u>

14 Movement in funds

Year ended 30 September 2024

	1 Oct 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Youth Intern	3,000	1,000	(10,217)	6,217	-
Donations for hardship funds	190	-	(292)	102	-
Restricted gifts	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Refugee Hub	4,304	305	(4,024)	-	585
Hope Chapel Annexe	3,734	-	(1,710)	-	2,024
	<u>11,228</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>(17,243)</u>	<u>6,319</u>	<u>2,609</u>
Unrestricted funds					
DesGive	-	-	-	1,864	1,864
General funds	311,930	215,814	(201,910)	(8,183)	317,651
	<u>311,930</u>	<u>215,814</u>	<u>(201,910)</u>	<u>(6,319)</u>	<u>319,515</u>
Total funds	<u>323,158</u>	<u>218,119</u>	<u>(219,153)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322,124</u>

Year ended 30 September 2023

	1 Oct 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Buildings	-	16,900	(25,588)	8,688	-
Youth worker grant	2,325	5,270	(7,595)	-	-
Youth Intern	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Restricted gifts	107	-	(107)	-	-
Donations for hardship funds	261	1,588	(1,659)	-	190
Agency	-	500	(500)	-	-
Refugee Hub	2,775	4,500	(2,971)	-	4,304
Hope Chapel Annexe	-	13,200	(9,466)	-	3,734
	<u>5,468</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>(47,886)</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>11,228</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	300,264	202,117	(181,763)	(8,688)	311,930
	<u>300,264</u>	<u>202,117</u>	<u>(181,763)</u>	<u>(8,688)</u>	<u>311,930</u>
Total funds	<u>305,732</u>	<u>247,075</u>	<u>(229,649)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,158</u>

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14 Movement in funds (Continued)

Fund Descriptions

Restricted Funds

The Buildings fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the church building.

The Youth worker grant represents monies received to pay for salaries for a youth worker.

Youth Intern is funding for the SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) internship role for the 2023-2024 academic year. This contributes to the SWYM placement fee and the cost of accommodation and living.

The restricted gifts fund is used for monies given to the church which are to be passed on to recipients designated by the donors.

The donations for hardship funds represent monies received with a specific purpose of giving to members financially affected by Covid-19.

The agency fund represents a donation or gift that is given to Hope Chapel and then passed straight on to another individual or organisation that is related to and consistent with the church's charitable purposes. Examples include an anonymous gift to an individual who is in financial hardship, or a gift to a charity that is a partner of Hope Chapel.

The Refugee Hub fund relates to a weekly event at Hope Chapel hosting Ukrainian refugees with a cooked meal, play space for children and relational space for adults. Finances associated with this are mostly spent on food, with some expenditure on equipment, such as a bouncy castle.

Hope Chapel Annexe is funding for the building project of a self-contained care-taker's dwelling on the Hope Chapel site.

Designated Funds

DesGive

Hope commits to giving away a proportion of its income. The total allocated to the projects that Hope supports was less than the total Hope intends to give away. Therefore the unspent giving was collected in order to be allocated to a new project once one was identified. The Trustees made the decision in October 2024 to donate the funds put aside in the 2024 financial year to a project in Pakistan.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 September 2024

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	2,609	2,609
Unrestricted funds	270,046	49,469	319,515
	<u>270,046</u>	<u>52,078</u>	<u>322,124</u>

As at 30 September 2023

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	11,228	11,228
Unrestricted funds	272,262	39,668	311,930
	<u>272,262</u>	<u>50,896</u>	<u>323,158</u>

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16 Related party transactions

In the year two trustees were remunerated as employees of the charity as below:

Current Year		Gross wages	Employers pension	Total
	Role			
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	40,204	3,216	43,420
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	16,082	1,287	17,369
		<u>56,286</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>60,789</u>
Prior Year Comparative		Gross wages	Employers pension	Total
	Role			
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	38,300	3,064	41,364
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	15,320	1,226	16,546
Andrew Stansbury - Term Ended April 2023	Associate Pastor	18,301	1,523	19,824
Rebekah Stansbury - Term Ended April 2023	Associate Pastor	1,708	132	1,840
		<u>73,629</u>	<u>6,945</u>	<u>79,574</u>

The approved governing document of the charity contains the legal authority upon which this remuneration is made.

Other than disclosed above, no trustee received any payment during the year.


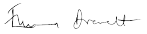
Aggregate donations from trustees, key management personnel and other related parties was £14,730 (2023: Nil).

No related party transactions occurred in the year other than disclosed above or elsewhere in the financial statements.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status:

Hope Community Church was created by a trust deed in July 2000 as a member of the Congregational Federation of England and Wales. It is also a registered charity (number 1134290). In 2023 the church name was changed to 'Hope Chapel.' This name change was to simplify communication and identification of the church.

Hope operates from the Hope Chapel site in Hotwells, Bristol. The elders are the managing trustees and the Congregational Federation is the custodian trustee of the property.

Hope Chapel's HM Revenue and Customs charity reference is XR32133.

Managing Trustees:

The managing trustees are the elders who, throughout the year to 30 September 2023 and to the signing date of the report, were:

Claire Allan	Appointed Feb 2023
Alice Bond	Appointed Feb 2005
Chris Bond	Appointed Feb 2005
Bill Drewett (Chair)	Appointed Feb 2023, Chair from August 2023
Emma Drewett (Treasurer)	Appointed Feb 2023
Joyceline Dsouza	Term Ended Feb 2023
Rosh John (Treasurer)	Term Ended Feb 2023
Esther Lambert	Appointed Feb 2020
Andrew Stansbury	Term Ended April 2023
Rebekah Stansbury	Term Ended April 2023
Helen Westbury	Appointed Feb 2020
Peter Westbury (Chair)	Appointed Feb 2020, Chair until August 2023

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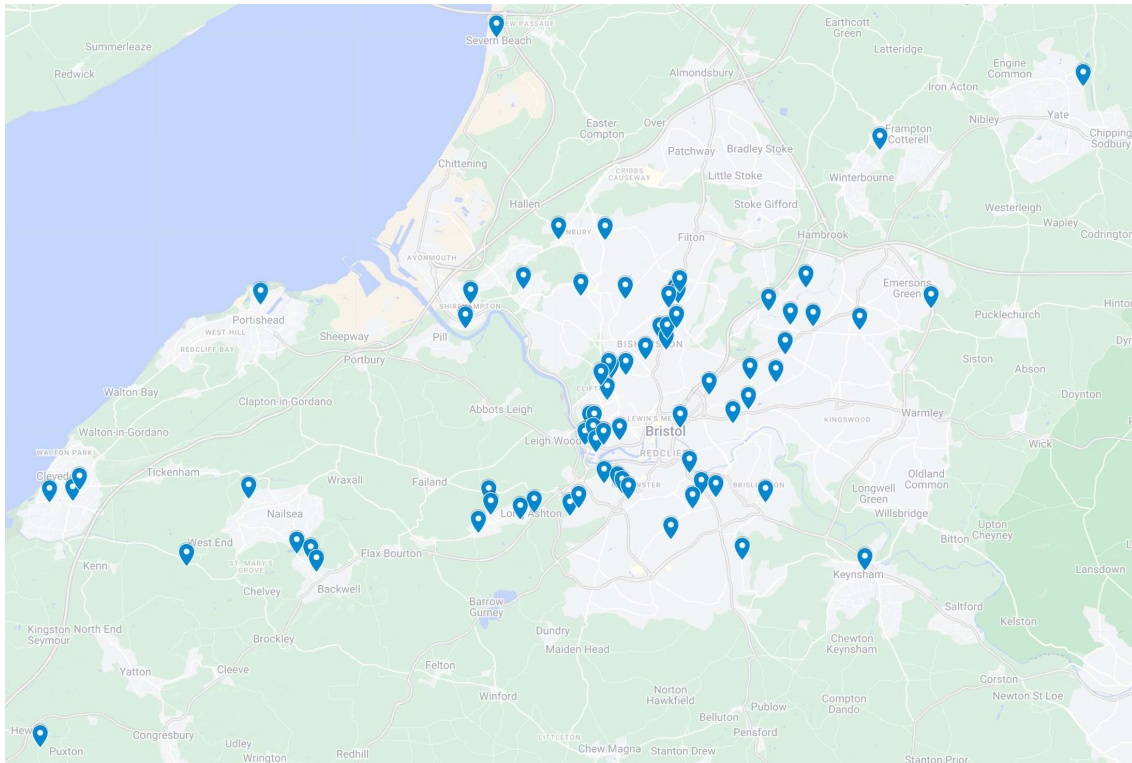
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Strategy

Minster - Our strategy for effectiveness and growth has been inspired by the Celtic concept of 'minsters.' In Celtic Britain, minsters were the first Christian buildings. These were a mid-point between a monastery (separate from society with rhythms of prayer and spiritual discipline) and parish church (hands on in leading worship and providing for the needs of the local community). They were regional in their scope, sending out their members as lay missionaries to the region around the minster. They were gathering places for learning, refuge, poverty relief, education, enterprise, and had within them rhythms of prayer and worship, much like Hope Chapel. The map below shows the locations of Hope households, with Hope members ministering through their workplaces and local communities across Bristol and the surrounding area.



Hope Chapel Households Map

Depth - Our emphasis has also been on establishing a greater depth of relationship, discipleship, and prayer within a smaller church membership, rather than on growing a numerically larger church. We look to 'send out' individuals or couples or families after a season of being part of Hope, to bring what they have grown in to other settings. To date we have prioritised this over the idea of planting other church congregations.

Purpose – A third aspect of strategy is to support each individual in finding and living in their God-given purpose. Ephesians 2.10 writes that God has prepared good works for each person to do. Alongside workplace and local community, our 'boats' (more below) provide another opportunity for people to minister in line with their gifts, passion and purpose.

Organisation

During the year the staff team was as follows:

Chris Bond	Pastor (full time)
Alice Bond	Pastor (2 days per week)
Andrew Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share) until April 2023
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share) until April 2023
Hannah Lehmann	Administrator (4 days per week)
Aaron Mathias	Caretaker (15 hours per week)
Claire Collins	Finance administrator (1 day per week)
Charlie Carron	Youth Pastor (3 days per week)
Micah Partridge	Youth Intern (24 hours placement time per week)

Hope operates to a large extent as a volunteer organisation and much of the work of the staff team is supporting and facilitating the work of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are members of Hope (see below) or people who worship at Hope but have not formally become members. Each Sunday service involves approximately 20 volunteers in addition to the employed pastors, on teams including hospitality, worship & PA, welcoming, and the different children's groups.

The elders who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed on page 1. The pastors and associate pastors of the church are elders ex officio. The other elders are members of Hope who have been nominated and appointed by the members of the church to serve as elders for a term of three years.

The elders are the key management personnel of the charity.

Activities in 2022-2023

Hope pursues its vision through:

1. Gathering as a whole church in a single Sunday morning service to worship God and to inspire and equip church members and those seeking God (this is deliberately one service that brings together people of all ages and many different social backgrounds).
2. Running various mid-week ministries in Hope Chapel and around the city.
3. Accountable relationships, discipleship courses and events.
4. Encouraging members that their homes, workplaces and local communities are settings for all to advance the Christian faith in a wide variety of ways.
5. Sending and supporting mission partners locally, nationally and internationally.

1. Sunday Gatherings

Our weekly Sunday morning service continues to be our main gathering as a whole church. We have continually decided against starting a second or evening service so as to maintain the intergenerational richness of the church. Our growing youth have increasingly been meeting in different forms on Sunday evenings including a monthly youth worship evening service.

Through this financial year our Sunday teaching has included a series called 'God's Economy of Superabundance,' looking at how we live in the midst of a cost of living crisis; 'Prayer Learning Community,' where we looked at prayer and how we pursue our calling to be a prayer centre for the city; and 'The Ecosystem of God's Kingdom,' on what the Kingdom of Heaven is and how we see God's Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. The youth have been immersed in the Sermon on the Mount for much of the year.

The second halves of our services involve children and youth joining groups in different locations whilst adults have a talk and more worship. We've moved these round different locations through the year to find enough space and the best spaces for these groups. The youth outgrew the 264 Hotwell Road living room so are now meeting in the Prayer Centre, with Little Gems in the Crypt, babies in the Meeting Room and Kids over at the school.

2. Mid-Week Ministries (Boats & Life Groups)

Hope's mid-week ministries are listed below under the other dreams to which they relate. In line with the 'Beach and Boat Vision' these ministries are described as 'boats', communities of Hope members who are together on a missional purpose as shown in the drape that hangs in the hall in Hope Chapel.

This year we also launched 4 Life Groups. Known in other churches as cell groups or home groups or similar, these provide an opportunity for people to build relationship with others and grow in their faith in a home setting.



Beach & Boat Vision drape, showing how Hope operates as a church. Members gather on the beach to worship and pray together and commission the boats which then go out 'on mission'.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a prayer centre for the city:

- One Church One Day – monthly 24 hours of prayer for Bristol with each hour of prayer hosted by a different person or people from within Hope. We focussed on 4 'gathering slots' as we re-connected with each other in prayer after COVID. These slots were:
 - 7-8am 'Starting the watch' prayer
 - 10am-1pm – Tuesday prayer day – gathering of intercessors from across the city to worship and pray over the city.
 - 6-7.30pm – Church family dinner – a meal for anyone in the church
 - 7.30-9.30pm – Worship & Prayer – 2 hours of worship and prayer together
- Our 24/7 prayer room is used by many individuals from across the city including monthly city leaders prayers

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a family for people on the margins of society:

- Hope On Wednesday – discipleship group for (mostly) men with backgrounds in addiction.
- Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centred 12 Step group for people with addictions and life altering behaviours.

- Mentor Me – a Bristol ministry under the umbrella of Sixty-One that connects people due to leave prison with a mentor who can support them as they adapt to life outside prison. Several people within Hope serve as mentors.
- Food Bank – Hope Chapel is an outlet for the Trussell Trust North West Bristol Foodbank; a Hope team host the Food Bank and a café each Wednesday morning.
- Soup Run – as part of the Bristol Churches Soup Run, a Hope team takes soup to the homeless on one night each month.
- Ukrainian Refugee Hub – A weekly hub for Ukrainian Refugees to eat together, have community and plenty of opportunities for play for the children. We've been delighted that a number of volunteers from a church of displaced individuals from Hong Kong help with the hub.
- The Well – a community providing supported living for young care leavers.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a church that children love and Hope's dream - to be at the heart of the community:

- Aside from the involvement of children on Sundays, Little Stars toddler group meets every Monday morning and welcomes about 25 local families who find friendship and encouragement alongside the joys and challenges of parenting young children.
- Our Youth Pastor continues to lead a team of volunteers in running various youth groups and events including weekly discipleship groups, monthly worship & encounter evenings and ad hoc youth socials.
- Roger & Angie Allen lead the Knowle West 'boat', leading the Lee Abbey community in Knowle West.
- Partnership with Hotwells Primary School – mutual use of buildings, Chris Bond is Chair of Governors for the school.
- Hope also leases the building to outside organisations that are not necessarily Christian but that are beneficial for the local community, including an NHS baby clinic, a Tango club, the annual Hotwells Pantomime (4 nights of performance each March with more than 1,000 local people performing and watching), local orchestra, other ad hoc events.

3. Homes, Workplaces and Local Communities

Hope's roots are in Congregationalism. This Christian denomination emphasizes the 'priesthood of all believers' and 'every member ministry.' These biblical concepts from 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, teach that every Christian should participate in the life of the church. This is not a privilege reserved for ordained clergy. Furthermore, the church is not confined to services or certain times and places, but is designed to bring the presence of Jesus into every area of life. Archbishop William Temple said in 1944 "We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use their daily opportunities afforded them in their various crafts and workshops." In light of this, a significant emphasis is given within the life of the church to members' homes, workplaces and local communities as their places of godly influence and ministry.

4. Sending and Supporting Mission Partners Locally, Nationally and Internationally

- Roger and Angie Allen continue in their work enabling church unity and partnership through the different spheres of life across the city of Bristol.
- James and Sally Harding have moved to Sandhurst in James' capacity as a padre within the British Army.
- Hope supports Silas & Annie Crawley in their development of prayer in Bristol.
- We support Beloved, a local charity offering support to women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol and the surrounding areas and give opportunities for them to be disciple in the Christian faith where wanted.
- We support Bristol School's Connections who equip the church in Bristol to serve their local schools and help the, create imaginative prayer spaces for spiritual development.
- We support In Ministry to Children in Colombia.

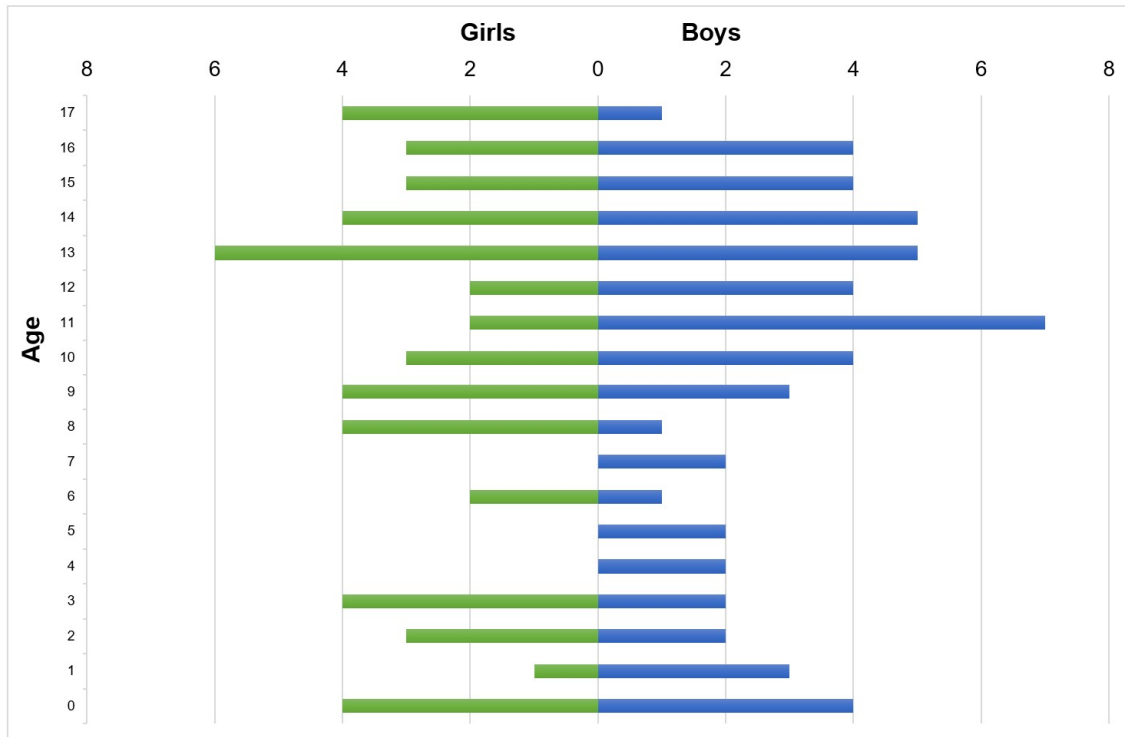
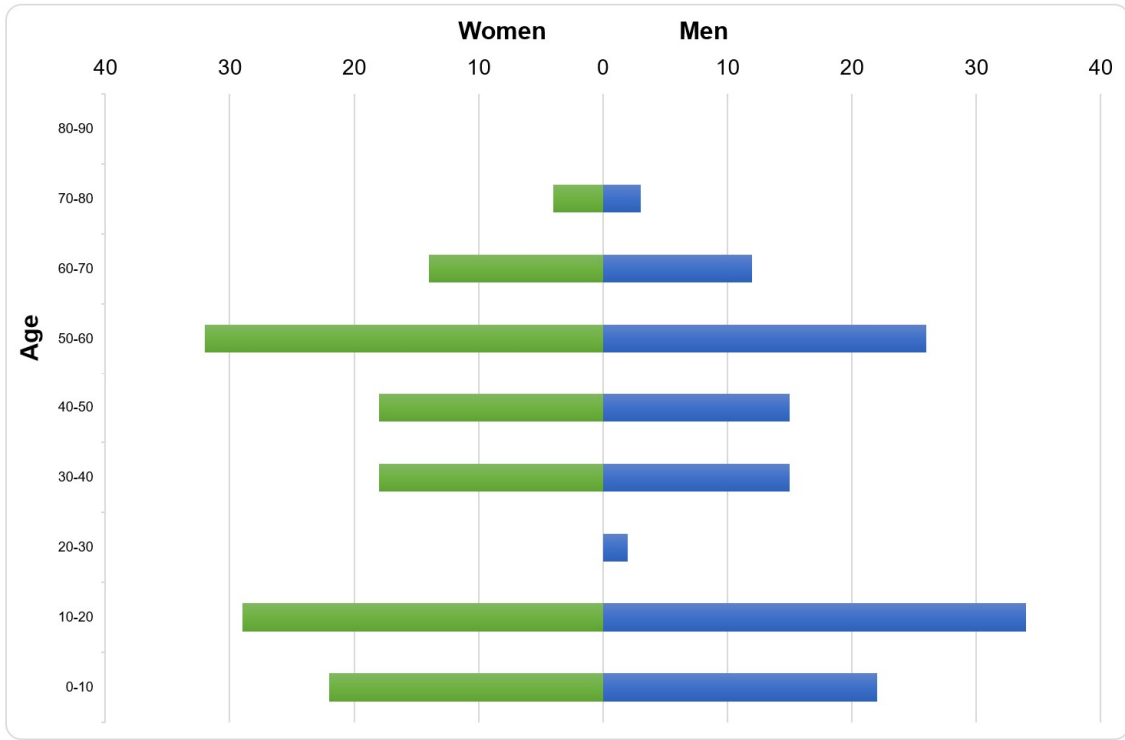
Church Membership

Those attending the church, who subscribe to its values and beliefs, and who feel called and committed to the church are encouraged to become 'members' of Hope.

Adults can become members through having their names put forward at a church meeting and are then invited to become members of the church by making a public commitment before the congregation and are welcomed into church membership. The commitment of church membership is an agreement to live within the community of the church in the sharing of time and resources and to live in accountable relationships with each other.

Membership of Hope involves members discerning God's together what God is saying to the church. This includes members attending and voting at church meetings and contributing to the appointment of elders and some staff roles.

Hope currently has 104 formal adult "members", 263 subscribers to the Fortnightly Email, 162 adults on the database, and 105 children and youth. The population pyramids overleaf show the age and gender demographics.



Trustee and Members' Meetings

Church members vote to appoint 'elders' who oversee the church. These are also the trustees of the charity. The elders have met fortnightly through 2022-2023 for meetings that combine the charity's governance with the spiritual leadership of the church. Matters that were relevant to members for decision making were brought to members' meetings. Four members' meetings were held this year.

The non-staff elders are:

Claire Allan
Bill Drewett
Emma Drewett
Esther Lambert
Peter Westbury
Helen Westbury

Chris & Alice Bond and Andrew & Rebekah Stansbury are elders as a part of their roles as pastors. Andrew & Rebekah Stansbury finished their elder term when they ended their employment contracts.

Elder meetings have also included regular governance issues such as reviewing the church finances, safeguarding and other matters.

Building Hire

Some local community groups hire the church building for events and regular meetings. These all provide some additional income to the church. We enjoy a mutual relationship with Hotwells Primary School with them using Hope Chapel for various events and Hope using their hall and green space for children on a Sunday morning.

Yes Friends ethical clothing business relocated their office and storage space to Hope Chapel this year and operate from the building during the week. They occupy previously under-utilised space, pay some useful rental income and contribute positively to the social fabric of the building.

Reserves & Financial Position

Average giving to the church by members and regulars (gift aided and non-gift aided) over the last year has been £12,120 per month. Regular giving has increased steadily over the year by approximately £2,000 per month since October. The number of people/households giving over the year has risen from 46 in January 2023 to 59 in September 2023. There is some monthly fluctuation but a general upward trend.

Total unrestricted income from October 2022 to end September 2023 is £202,117 giving an average monthly income of £16,843 over the year. Total unrestricted expenditure from October 2022 to end September 2023 is £181,763 giving a monthly average expenditure of £15,147 over the year. Unrestricted free reserves at 30 September 2023 are £39,668 (2022: £24,916).

The reserves policy adopted by the members is to keep cash balances held in unrestricted funds in the range from £10,000 to £40,000. These cash balances are expected to be sufficient to accommodate short-term cash flow fluctuations, but the church does not seek to generate substantial surpluses or to build up excessive reserves. At 30 September 2023, cash balances held in unrestricted funds amounted to £48,117 (2022: £28,146).

The trustees and church members decided not to appoint new associate pastors immediately following Andrew and Rebekah Stansbury, given the financial position last year where expenditure exceeded income for a time, and to enable the opportunity to consider the church's staffing needs in light of changes since the Pandemic and in light of other changes within the staff team. Charlie Carron was employed as Youth Pastor and Alice Bond was employed as Co-Pastor since Andrew and Rebekah were first appointed. Micah Partridge has also joined the team as Youth Intern for the academic year starting September 2023. He will also perform some operational duties. With the growing number of children who are younger than the youth age trustees and members have been considering the need for a children's and families pastor.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's governing document. 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.

By order of the trustees on.

Emma Drewett
Treasurer

Chris Bond
Pastor

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Community Church (the Charity) for the year ended 30th September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	192,997	44,958	237,955	222,122
Charitable activities	3	9,120	-	9,120	14,147
Total income		<u>202,117</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>247,075</u>	<u>236,269</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	181,763	47,886	229,649	318,165
Total expenditure		<u>181,763</u>	<u>47,886</u>	<u>229,649</u>	<u>318,165</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	7	20,354	(2,928)	17,426	(81,896)
Transfers between funds	14	(8,688)	8,688	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>11,666</u>	<u>5,760</u>	<u>17,426</u>	<u>(81,896)</u>
Total funds at start of year	14	300,264	5,468	305,732	387,628
Total funds at end of year	14	<u>311,930</u>	<u>11,228</u>	<u>323,158</u>	<u>305,732</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All activities are classed as continuing.

The comparative statement of financial activities is shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 September 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		<u>272,262</u>		<u>275,348</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	12	7,318		8,839	
Cash at bank		<u>48,117</u>		<u>28,146</u>	
			55,435		36,985
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(4,539)</u>		<u>(6,601)</u>
Net current assets			<u>50,896</u>		<u>30,384</u>
Net assets			<u><u>323,158</u></u>		<u><u>305,732</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted	15		311,930		300,264
Restricted	15		11,228		5,468
			<u><u>323,158</u></u>		<u><u>305,732</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

Emma Drewett
Treasurer

Chris Bond
Pastor

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

b) Income

Income from donors is included within income when receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.

Governance costs which are included within support costs of charitable activities include all those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% per annum reducing balance
Church Building	Not depreciated
Fixtures	10% straight line

The church building was gifted to Hope Community Church in October 2002. At the time of the church building asset was not recognised within the accounts. FRS 102 SORP requires charities to recognise and value assets such as the church building on the balance sheet at fair value at the time of the gift. Fair value is able to be estimated by the trustees and the property is recognised at this deemed cost as if it had always been treated in this way.

Due to the nature of the Grade II church building and the trustees' responsibility to maintain it, a policy of not depreciating the asset has been chosen.

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

f) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short term maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

h) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note of the financial statements.

2 Donations

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Regular donations	163,283	-	163,283
12 Buildings	-	16,900	16,900
Youth Worker Grant	-	8,270	8,270
Donations for hardship fund	-	1,588	1,588
One-off donations	435	18,200	18,635
Gift aid	29,279	-	29,279
	<u>192,997</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>237,955</u>
Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Regular donations	118,723	-	118,723
12 Buildings	-	42,957	42,957
Youth Worker Grant	-	16,000	16,000
Donations for hardship fund	-	643	643
One-off donations	-	18,135	18,135
Gift aid	25,664	-	25,664
	<u>144,387</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>222,122</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Conferences and courses	30	-	30	6,397
Rental income	8,635	-	8,635	7,599
Little Stars	44	-	44	-
Other income	411	-	411	151
	<u>9,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>14,147</u>

All charitable activity income in the prior year was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants (note 5)	14,855	2,159	17,014
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	130,562	7,595	138,157
Building improvements	883	25,588	26,471
Pastoral expenditure	998	-	998
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	4,172	-	4,172
Conferences and courses	492	-	492
Under 18s	1,781	-	1,781
Hope on Wednesday	1,105	107	1,212
Refugee hub	-	2,971	2,971
Hope Chapel Annexe	-	9,466	9,466
Support costs (note 6)	26,915	-	26,915
	<u>181,763</u>	<u>47,886</u>	<u>229,649</u>
Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants (note 5)	15,740	14,960	30,700
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	130,916	19,428	150,344
Building improvements	-	93,427	93,427
Pastoral expenditure	572	-	572
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	2,190	-	2,190
Conferences and courses	10,387	-	10,387
Under 18s	998	-	998
Hope on Wednesday	282	461	743
Refugee hub	-	1,350	1,350
Support costs (note 6)	27,454	-	27,454
	<u>188,539</u>	<u>129,626</u>	<u>318,165</u>

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

5 Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches City Fund	3,000	-	3,000
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,800	-	1,800
Beloved	1,500	-	1,500
Bristol Schools Connection	1,500	-	1,500
Bees for HM Bristol Prison	455	-	455
Crawley OCOD	3,300	-	3,300
R&A Allen - Chrysalis Ministry	3,300	-	3,300
Hardship fund	-	1,659	1,659
<i>To individuals</i>	-	500	500
	<u>14,855</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>17,014</u>

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches City Fund	3,000	-	3,000
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,800	-	1,800
SixtyOne	340	-	340
Beloved	1,500	-	1,500
Bristol Schools Connection	1,500	-	1,500
Love Bristol	250	-	250
Crawley OCOD	3,300	-	3,300
Hardship fund	-	950	950
<i>To individuals</i>	4,050	14,010	18,060
	<u>15,740</u>	<u>14,960</u>	<u>30,700</u>

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6 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Insurance	2,878	-	2,878	2,871
Heat, light and water	4,709	-	4,709	4,152
Cleaning	1,528	-	1,528	879
Equipment	983	-	983	250
Repairs and maintenance	1,789	-	1,789	5,276
Memberships	1,140	-	1,140	1,112
Security, health and safety	1,273	-	1,273	1,444
Telephone	1,967	-	1,967	1,732
Postage, printing and stationery	1,840	-	1,840	1,782
Depreciation	3,086	-	3,086	3,170
Bank charges	60	-	60	90
Licences, legal and professional	901	-	901	860
Sundry	1,149	-	1,149	1,328
Governance costs	3,612	-	3,612	2,508
	<u>26,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,915</u>	<u>27,454</u>

All support costs in the prior year were unrestricted.

7 Net income / expenditure for the year

	2023 £	2022 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	3,086	3,170
Independent examination fee	2,280	1,272
	<u>2,280</u>	<u>1,272</u>

8 Staff costs

	2023 £	Restated 2022 £
The aggregate payroll costs were:		
Wages and salaries	123,373	134,544
Social security costs	5,095	5,460
Pension costs	9,689	10,340
	<u>138,157</u>	<u>150,344</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average monthly headcount of employees during the year was 7 (2022: 8).

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £66,956 (2022: £76,719).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

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10 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	144,387	77,735	222,122
Charitable activities	14,147	-	14,147
Total income	<u>158,534</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>236,269</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	188,539	129,626	318,165
Total expenditure	<u>188,539</u>	<u>129,626</u>	<u>318,165</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	(30,005)	(51,891)	(81,896)
Transfers between funds	(2,499)	2,499	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(32,504)</u>	<u>(49,392)</u>	<u>(81,896)</u>
Total funds at 1 October 2021	332,768	54,860	387,628
Total funds at 30 September 2022	<u>300,264</u>	<u>5,468</u>	<u>305,732</u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2022	250,000	26,399	23,141	299,540
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	<u>250,000</u>	<u>26,399</u>	<u>23,141</u>	<u>299,540</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2022	-	2,640	21,552	24,192
Charge for the year	-	2,640	446	3,086
At 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>5,280</u>	<u>21,998</u>	<u>27,278</u>
Net book Value				
At 30 September 2023	<u>250,000</u>	<u>21,119</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>272,262</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>250,000</u>	<u>23,759</u>	<u>1,589</u>	<u>275,348</u>

The church buildings comprise Hope Chapel.

The Congregational Federation of England and Wales is the holding (custodian) trustee for all the above property. The elders of Hope Community Church became the managing trustees in October 2002.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	7,318	8,839
	<u>7,318</u>	<u>8,839</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	1,063	2,745
Taxation and social security	1,196	2,584
Accruals	2,280	1,272
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>6,601</u>

14 Movement in funds

Year ended 30 September 2023

	1 Oct 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	30 Sep 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Buildings	-	16,900	(25,588)	8,688	-
Youth worker grant	2,325	5,270	(7,595)	-	-
Youth Intern	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Restricted gifts	107	-	(107)	-	-
Donations for hardship funds	261	1,588	(1,659)	-	190
Agency	-	500	(500)	-	-
Refugee Hub	2,775	4,500	(2,971)	-	4,304
Hope Chapel Annexe	-	13,200	(9,466)	-	3,734
	<u>5,468</u>	<u>44,958</u>	<u>(47,886)</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>11,228</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	300,264	202,117	(181,763)	(8,688)	311,930
	<u>300,264</u>	<u>202,117</u>	<u>(181,763)</u>	<u>(8,688)</u>	<u>311,930</u>
Total funds	<u>305,732</u>	<u>247,075</u>	<u>(229,649)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,158</u>

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

14 Movement in funds (Continued)

Year ended 30 September 2022

	1 Oct 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Buildings	47,985	42,957	(93,427)	2,485	-
Youth worker grant	5,753	29,385	(32,813)	-	2,325
Hope on Wednesday	447	-	(461)	14	-
Restricted gifts	107	-	-	-	107
Donations for hardship funds	568	643	(950)	-	261
Agency	-	625	(625)	-	-
Refugee Hub	-	4,125	(1,350)	-	2,775
	<u>54,860</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>(129,626)</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>5,468</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	332,768	158,534	(188,539)	(2,499)	300,264
	<u>332,768</u>	<u>158,534</u>	<u>(188,539)</u>	<u>(2,499)</u>	<u>300,264</u>
Total funds	<u>387,628</u>	<u>236,269</u>	<u>(318,165)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,732</u>

The Buildings fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the church building.

The Youth worker grant represents monies received to pay for salaries for a youth worker.

Youth Intern is funding for the SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) internship role for the 2023-2024 academic year. This contributes to the SWYM placement fee and the cost of accommodation and living.

The Hope on Wednesday fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the ministry of the Hope on Wednesday group.

The restricted gifts funds is used for monies given to the church which are to be passed on to recipients designated by the donors.

The donations for hardship funds represent monies received with a specific purpose of giving to members financially affected by Covid-19.

The agency fund represents a donation or gift that is given to Hope Community Church and then passed straight on to another individual or organisation that is related to and consistent with the church's charitable purposes. Examples include an anonymous gift to an individual who is in financial hardship, or a gift to a charity that is a partner of Hope Community Church.

The Refugee Hub fund relates to a weekly event at Hope Chapel hosting Ukrainian refugees with a cooked meal, play space for children and relational space for adults. Finances associated with this are mostly spent on food, with some expenditure on equipment, such as a bouncy castle.

Hope Chapel Annexe is funding for the building project of a self-contained care-taker's dwelling on the Hope Chapel site.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 September 2023

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	11,228	11,228
Unrestricted funds	272,262	39,668	311,930
	<u>272,262</u>	<u>50,896</u>	<u>323,158</u>

As at 30 September 2022

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	5,468	5,468
Unrestricted funds	275,348	24,916	300,264
	<u>275,348</u>	<u>30,384</u>	<u>305,732</u>

16 Related party transactions

In the year four trustees were remunerated as employees of the charity as below:

Current Year	Role	Gross wages	Employers pension	Total
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	38,300	3,064	41,364
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	15,320	1,226	16,546
Andrew Stansbury - Term Ended April 2023	Associate Pastor	18,301	1,523	19,824
Rebekah Stansbury - Term Ended April 2023	Associate Pastor	<u>1,708</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>1,840</u>
Prior Year Comparative	Role	Gross wages	Employers pension	Total
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	36,644	2,931	39,575
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	14,868	1,189	16,057
Andrew Stansbury	Associate Pastor	28,133	2,251	30,384
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate Pastor	<u>4,686</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>5,100</u>

The approved governing document of the charity contains the legal authority upon which this remuneration is made.

Other than disclosed above, no trustee received any payment during the year.

Aggregate donations from trustees, key management personnel and other related parties was Nil (2022: £Nil).

No related party transactions occurred in the year other than disclosed above or elsewhere in the financial statements.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status:

Hope Community Church (Hope) was created by a trust deed in July 2000 as a member of the Congregational Federation of England and Wales. It is also a registered charity (number 1134290).

Hope operates from the Hope Chapel site in Hotwells, Bristol. The elders are the managing trustees and the Congregational Federation is the custodian trustee of the property.

Hope Community Church's HM Revenue and Customs charity reference is XR32133.

Managing Trustees:

The managing trustees are the elders who, throughout the year to 30 September 2022 and to the signing date of the report, were:

Chris Bond
Alice Bond
Andrew Stansbury
Rebekah Stansbury
Peter Westbury (Chair)
Helen Westbury
Esther Lambert
Rosh John (Treasurer)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the charity are as follows:

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles and usages for the time being of congregationalism and in accordance with any specific requirements in the foundation trusts.

The church may also advance education, relieve need and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The charity's trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duty.

Vision

Hope's vision is to seek God's kingdom through the pursuit of four key objectives known as Hope's Four Dreams:

- To be a prayer centre for the city.
- To be a family for people on the margins of society.
- To be a church that children love.
- To be at the heart of the community.



These dreams sharpen our focus as a church, recognising that we are part of a wider church in the city of Bristol and serve the city best when we focus on our strengths and the specific areas to which God has called us. Most members of Hope have been drawn to the church because they are passionate about one or more of the dreams or because they are drawn to the culture of the church, which in itself has been shaped by these dreams.

Organisation

During the year the staff team was as follows:

Chris Bond	Pastor (full time)
Alice Bond	Pastor (2 days per week)
Andrew Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Hannah Lehmann	Administrator (4 days per week)
Aaron Mathias	Caretaker (15 hours per week)
Claire Collins	Finance administrator (1 day per week)
Charlie Carron	Youth Pastor (3 days per week)

Hope operates to a large extent as a volunteer organisation and much of the work of the staff team is supporting and facilitating the work of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are members of Hope (see below) or people who worship at Hope but have not formally become members. Each Sunday service involves approximately 20 volunteers in addition to the employed pastors, on teams including hospitality, worship & PA, welcoming, and the different children's groups.

The elders who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed on page 1. The pastors and associate pastors of the church are elders ex officio. The other elders are members of Hope who have been nominated and appointed by the members of the church to serve as elders for a term of three years.

The elders are the key management personnel of the charity.

Activities in 2021-2022

Hope pursues its vision through:

1. Gathering as a whole church in a single Sunday morning service to worship God and to inspire and equip church members and those seeking God (this is deliberately one service that brings together people of all ages and many different social backgrounds).
2. Running various mid-week ministries in Hope Chapel and around the city.
3. Fours, discipleship courses and events.
4. Encouraging members that their homes, workplaces and local communities are settings for all to advance the Christian faith in a wide variety of ways.
5. Sending and supporting mission partners locally, nationally and internationally.

1. Sunday Gatherings

September 2021 marked the return of our in-person, indoor Sunday gatherings, having been online, in homes and outside Hope Chapel through the pandemic. We focussed on corporate worship and reconnecting as a church family. It was painful but important to process the COVID season together especially as we hadn't been able to be as close to each other in that time and a number of church members left the church over the pandemic years. It also meant on our return to in-person activities that there were a number of new people to welcome. It felt as though all those who left and those who joined did so at the same moment, although the reality is that the transitions happened during the various lockdowns but were only seen in the flesh come September 2021.

As we journeyed through the academic year, it became clear that we wanted to reinforce and re-teach our foundations for the next season of what God had for us as a church. We ran an in-house Living Free course in the spring and had an amazing church weekend away together in May. Chris & Alice, our Senior Pastors, had a 4-month sabbatical from July-October and we spent that time teaching into our 4 dreams, with a focus of hearing from members in the church who embody and live out various of the 4 dreams. Chris & Alice returned raring to go, renewed and rested.

2. Mid-Week Ministries (Hope's Boats)

Hope's mid-week ministries are listed below under the other dreams to which they relate. In line with the 'Beach and Boat Vision' these ministries are described as 'boats', communities of Hope members who are together on a missional purpose as shown in the drape that hangs in the hall in Hope Chapel.



Beach & Boat Vision drape, showing how Hope operates as a church. Members gather on the beach to worship and pray together and commission the boats which then go out 'on mission'.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a prayer centre for the city:

- One Church One Day – monthly 24 hours of prayer for Bristol with each hour of prayer hosted by a different person or people from within Hope. We focussed on 4 'gathering slots' as we re-connected with each other in prayer after COVID. These slots were:
 - 7-8am 'Starting the watch' prayer
 - 10am-1pm – Tuesday prayer day – gathering of intercessors from across the city to worship and pray over the city.
 - 6-7.30pm – Church family dinner – a meal for anyone in the church
 - 7.30-9.30pm – Worship & Prayer – 2 hours of worship and prayer together
- Our 24/7 prayer room is used by many individuals from across the city including monthly city leaders prayers

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a family for people on the margins of society:

- Hope On Wednesday – discipleship group for (mostly) men with backgrounds in addiction.
- Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centred 12 Step group for people with addictions and life altering behaviours.
- Mentor Me – a Bristol ministry under the umbrella of Sixty-One that connects people due to leave prison with a mentor who can support them as they adapt to life outside prison. Several people within Hope serve as mentors.
- Food Bank – Hope Chapel is an outlet for the Trussell Trust North West Bristol Foodbank; a Hope team host the Food Bank and a café each Wednesday morning.
- Soup Run – as part of the Bristol Churches Soup Run, a Hope team takes soup to the homeless on one night each month.
- Ukrainian Refugee Hub – A weekly hub for Ukrainian Refugees to eat together, have community and plenty of opportunities for play for the children. We've been delighted that a number of volunteers from a church of displaced individuals from Hong Kong help with the hub.



English lessons ran weekly in the crypt open to all wanting to learn English – attended well especially by displaced people from Hong Kong and Ukraine.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a church that children love and Hope's dream - to be at the heart of the community:

- Aside from the involvement of children on Sundays, Little Stars toddler group meets every Monday morning and welcomes about 25 local families who find friendship and encouragement alongside the joys and challenges of parenting young children.
- Our Youth Pastor continues to lead a team of volunteers in running various youth groups and events including weekly discipleship groups, monthly worship & encounter evenings and ad hoc youth socials.
- Partnership with Hotwells Primary School, sharing Hope Chapel for the annual Year 6 play, and other ad hoc events
- Hope also leases the building to outside organisations that are not necessarily Christian but that are beneficial for the local community, including an NHS baby clinic, a Tango club, the annual Hotwells Pantomime (4 nights of performance each March with more than 1,000 local people performing and watching), local orchestra, other ad hoc events.

3. Fours, Discipleship Courses and Events

- Members of Hope are encouraged to be part of '4s' – these are small groups of 3 or 4 people who meet regularly to pray together and encourage each other in their Christian life.
- Men's breakfast continues as a monthly early morning meeting (now on Zoom)
- The annual Living Free course was run in-person and had over 30 attendees from Hope
- We are also planning a Parenting for Faith course early in the new year to help equip parents to disciple their children at home.

4. Homes, Workplaces and Local Communities

Hope's roots are in Congregationalism. This Christian denomination emphasizes the 'priesthood of all believers' and 'every member ministry.' These biblical concepts from 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, teach that every Christian should participate in the life of the church. This is not a privilege reserved for ordained clergy. Furthermore, the church is not confined to services or certain times and places, but is designed to bring the presence of Jesus into every area of life. Archbishop William Temple said in 1944 "We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use their daily opportunities afforded them in their various crafts and workshops." In light of this, a significant emphasis is given within the life of the church to members' homes, workplaces and local communities as their places of godly influence and ministry.

5. Sending and Supporting Mission Partners Locally, Nationally and Internationally

- Roger and Angie Allen continue in their work enabling church unity and partnership through the different spheres of life across the city of Bristol.
- James and Sally Harding have moved to the Parachute Regiment in James' capacity as a padre within the British Army.
- Andy and Sophie Hunter returned from their work with St. Stephen's society in Hong Kong and re-joined the church.
- Hope supports Silas & Annie Crawley in their development of prayer in Bristol
- We support Beloved, a local charity offering support to women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol and the surrounding areas and give opportunities for them to be disciple in the Christian faith where wanted.
- We support Bristol School's Connections who equip the church in Bristol to serve their local schools and help the, create imaginative prayer spaces for spiritual development.

6. Internal Plastering Project

During this financial year, we have undertaken a major re-plastering project in the main hall. After the roof and gutter were repaired last year, we were now in a place to hack off the water-damaged plaster in the hall and replace with lime based plaster and replace the damaged covings.



Example of the damage to the internal plaster



Hall walls after initial hacking off of old plaster



After the completion of the project



Main north wall after completion

The project was funded with residual funds in our restricted building maintenance fund and also a grant provided by the Enover Community Trust

Church Membership

Those attending the church, who subscribe to its values and beliefs, and who feel called and committed to the church are encouraged to become 'members' of Hope.

Adults can become members through having their names put forward at a church meeting and are then invited to become members of the church by making a public commitment before the congregation and are welcomed into church membership. The commitment of church membership is an agreement to live within the community of the church in the sharing of time and resources and to live in accountable relationships with each other.

Membership of Hope involves members discerning God's together what God is saying to the church. This includes members attending and voting at church meetings and contributing to the appointment of elders and some staff roles.

Hope currently has 97 formal adult "members", 255 subscribers to the Fortnightly Email, 166 adults on the database, and 100 children and youth.

Trustee and Members' Meetings

Church members vote to appoint 'elders' who oversee the church. These are also the trustees of the charity. The elders have met fortnightly through 2021-2022 for meetings that combine the charity's governance with the spiritual leadership of the church. Matters that were relevant to members for decision making were brought to members' meetings. Four members' meetings were held this year.

The non-staff elders are:

Esther Lambert
Rosh John
Joy John
Peter Westbury
Helen Westbury

Chris & Alice Bond and Andrew & Rebekah Stansbury are elders as a part of their roles as pastors.

Elder meetings have also included regular governance issues such as reviewing the church finances, safeguarding and other matters.

Building Hire

Some local community groups hire the church building for events and regular meetings. These all provide some additional income to the church. We enjoy a mutual relationship with Hotwells Primary School with them using Hope Chapel for various events and Hope using their hall and green space for children on a Sunday morning.

Reserves & Financial Position

The 8% increase in general fund income from the last financial year arose from an increase in giving to the church of approximately £8,000 (before adding Gift Aid), increased Gift Aid income, increased rental income (Hope Chapel rentals restarted after the Pandemic), and payments for the church weekend away. There looks to be a 16% increase in general fund expenditure, but £10,000 of this was a contribution from the general fund to the internal building works. The adjusted increase in general fund expenditure was 9.7%. This increase in expenditure came from the church weekend away (mostly paid for by payments for the weekend, though there were a number of bursaries within this) of £8,396 and increased costs of running the organization (such as higher utility bills) and also the higher staff salary bill from the increased number of employees.

The trustees and members have been particularly attentive to the church's finances as regular expenditure has exceeded regular income and cash reserves have been reduced through the year. The trustees were comfortable with spending some of these larger than usual reserves in line with the charities objectives, but are also looking to increase income through prayer and better communication to those who are part of Hope to consider giving to the church on a regular basis. Regular income has risen for the first two months of the next financial year (October and November 2022) and this will remain an area of observation with potential to look to reduce costs if required in 2023.

The reserves policy adopted by the members is to keep cash balances held in unrestricted funds in the range from £10,000 to £40,000. These cash balances are expected to be sufficient to accommodate short-term cash flow fluctuations, but the church does not seek to generate substantial surpluses or to build up excessive reserves. At 30 September 2022, cash balances held in unrestricted funds amounted to £28,146.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's governing document. 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.

Mar 27 2023

By order of the trustees on

Rosh John

Rosh John

Treasurer

Chris Bond

Chris Bond

Pastor

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Community Church (the Charity) for the year ended 30 September 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

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Mar 27 2023

Date:

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	144,387	77,735	222,122	220,242
Charitable activities	3	14,147	-	14,147	3,842
Total income		<u>158,534</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>236,269</u>	<u>224,084</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	188,539	129,626	318,165	241,696
Total expenditure		<u>188,539</u>	<u>129,626</u>	<u>318,165</u>	<u>241,696</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	7	(30,005)	(51,891)	(81,896)	(17,612)
Transfers between funds	14	(2,499)	2,499	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(32,504)</u>	<u>(49,392)</u>	<u>(81,896)</u>	<u>(17,612)</u>
Total funds at start of year	14	332,768	54,860	387,628	405,240
Total funds at end of year	14	<u>300,264</u>	<u>5,468</u>	<u>305,732</u>	<u>387,628</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All activities are classed as continuing.

The comparative statement of financial activities is shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 September 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		<u>275,348</u>		<u>278,518</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	12	8,839		9,441	
Cash at bank		<u>28,146</u>		<u>107,618</u>	
			36,985		117,059
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(6,601)</u>		<u>(7,949)</u>
Net current assets			<u>30,384</u>		<u>109,110</u>
Net assets			<u>305,732</u>		<u>387,628</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted	15		300,264		332,768
Restricted	15		5,468		54,860
			<u>305,732</u>		<u>387,628</u>

Mar 27 2023

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

Rosh John

Rosh John
Treasurer

Chris Bond

Chris Bond
Pastor

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

b) Income

Income from donors is included within income when receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.

Governance costs which are included within support costs of charitable activities include all those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% per annum reducing balance
Church Building	Not depreciated
Fixtures	10% straight line

The church building was gifted to Hope Community Church in October 2002. At the time of the church building asset was not recognised within the accounts. FRS 102 SORP requires charities to recognise and value assets such as the church building on the balance sheet at fair value at the time of the gift. Fair value is able to be estimated by the trustees and the property is recognised at this deemed cost as if it had always been treated in this way.

Due to the nature of the Grade II church building and the trustees' responsibility to maintain it, a policy of not depreciating the asset has been chosen.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

f) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

g) **Unrestricted funds**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

h) **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Donations

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Regular donations	118,723	-	118,723
12 Buildings	-	42,957	42,957
Youth Worker Grant	-	16,000	16,000
Donations for hardship fund	-	643	643
One-off donations	-	18,135	18,135
Gift aid	25,664	-	25,664
	144,387	77,735	222,122
Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Regular donations	110,558	-	110,558
12 Buildings	-	60,742	60,742
Youth Worker Grant	-	16,000	16,000
Donations for hardship fund	-	83	83
One-off donations	2,631	70	2,701
Gift aid	23,272	-	23,272
HMRC job retention grant	6,886	-	6,886
	143,347	76,895	220,242

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Conferences and courses	6,397	-	6,397	183
Rental income	7,599	-	7,599	3,412
Other income	151	-	151	247
	<u>14,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,147</u>	<u>3,842</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants (note 5)	15,740	14,960	30,700
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	130,916	19,428	150,344
Building improvements	-	93,427	93,427
Pastoral expenditure	572	-	572
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	2,190	-	2,190
Conferences and courses	10,387	-	10,387
Under 18s	998	-	998
Hope on Wednesday	282	461	743
Refugee hub	-	1,350	1,350
Support costs (note 6)	27,454	-	27,454
	<u>188,539</u>	<u>129,626</u>	<u>318,165</u>

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants (note 5)	17,540	2,080	19,620
Building improvements	-	64,543	64,543
Pastoral expenditure	369	-	369
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	1,245	-	1,245
Conferences and courses	1,481	-	1,481
Under 18s	427	-	427
Bristol Night Shelter	70	-	70
Support costs (note 6)	21,727	-	21,727
	<u>159,562</u>	<u>82,134</u>	<u>241,696</u>

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5 Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches city fund	3,000	-	3,000
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,800	-	1,800
SixtyOne	340	-	340
Beloved	1,500	-	1,500
Bristol schools connection	1,500	-	1,500
Love Bristol	250	-	250
Crawley OCOD	3,300	-	3,300
R hardship fund	-	950	950
 <i>To individuals</i>	 4,050	 14,010	 18,060
	<u>15,740</u>	<u>14,960</u>	<u>30,700</u>

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<i>To Institutions</i>			
Churches city fund	3,000	-	3,000
Interserve	1,050	-	1,050
Crisis Centre Ministries (In Hope)	1,750	-	1,750
SixtyOne	340	-	340
Links international	1,200	-	1,200
Beloved	625	-	625
Bristol schools connection	625	-	625
R hardship fund	-	2,080	2,080
 <i>To individuals</i>	 8,950	 -	 8,950
	<u>17,540</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>19,620</u>

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6 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Insurance	2,871	-	2,871	2,584
Heat, light and water	4,152	-	4,152	3,906
Cleaning	879	-	879	479
Repairs and maintenance	5,276	-	5,276	4,909
Memberships	1,112	-	1,112	-
Security, health and safety	1,444	-	1,444	1,012
Telephone	1,732	-	1,732	1,927
Postage, printing and stationery	1,782	-	1,782	1,700
Depreciation	3,170	-	3,170	707
Bank charges	90	-	90	87
Licences, legal and professional	860	-	860	818
Sundry	1,328	-	1,328	713
Governance costs	2,508	-	2,508	1,640
	<u>27,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,454</u>	<u>21,727</u>

All support costs in the prior year were unrestricted funds

7 Net income for the year

	2022 £	2021 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	3,170	707
Independent examination fee	2,508	1,068
	<u>5,678</u>	<u>1,775</u>

8 Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
The aggregate payroll costs were:		
Wages and salaries	106,595	101,548
Social security costs	27,969	17,738
Pension costs	15,780	12,928
	<u>150,344</u>	<u>132,214</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average monthly headcount of employees during the year was 8 (2021: 7).

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £76,719 (2021: £75,878).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

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10 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	143,347	76,895	220,242
Charitable activities	3,842	-	3,842
Total income	<u>147,189</u>	<u>76,895</u>	<u>224,084</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	159,562	82,134	241,696
Total expenditure	<u>159,562</u>	<u>82,134</u>	<u>241,696</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	(12,373)	(5,239)	(17,612)
Transfers between funds	26,399	(26,399)	17,612
Net movement in funds	<u>14,026</u>	<u>(31,638)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds at 1 October 2020	318,742	86,498	405,240
Total funds at 30 September 2021	<u>332,768</u>	<u>54,860</u>	<u>387,628</u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2021	250,000	26,399	23,141	299,540
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	<u>250,000</u>	<u>26,399</u>	<u>23,141</u>	<u>299,540</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2021	-	-	21,022	21,022
Charge for the year	-	2,640	530	3,170
At 30 September 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>21,552</u>	<u>21,552</u>
Net book Value				
At 30 September 2022	<u>250,000</u>	<u>23,759</u>	<u>1,589</u>	<u>275,348</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>250,000</u>	<u>26,399</u>	<u>2,119</u>	<u>278,518</u>

The church buildings comprise Hope Chapel.

The Congregational Federation of England and Wales is the holding (custodian) trustee for all the above property. The elders of Hope Community Church became the managing trustees in October 2002.

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12 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	8,839	9,441
	<u>8,839</u>	<u>9,441</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	4,017	7,949
Taxation and social security	2,584	-
	<u>6,601</u>	<u>7,949</u>

14 Movement in funds

Year ended 30 September 2022

	1 Oct				30 Sep
	2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Buildings	47,985	42,957	(93,427)	2,485	-
Youth worker grant	5,753	29,385	(32,813)	-	2,325
Hope on Wednesday	447	-	(461)	14	-
Restricted gifts	107	-	-	-	107
Donations for hardship funds	568	643	(950)	-	261
Agency	-	625	(625)	-	-
Refugee Hub	-	4,125	(1,350)	-	2,775
	<u>54,860</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>(129,626)</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>5,468</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	332,768	158,534	(188,539)	(2,499)	300,264
	<u>332,768</u>	<u>158,534</u>	<u>(188,539)</u>	<u>(2,499)</u>	<u>300,264</u>
Total funds	<u>387,628</u>	<u>236,269</u>	<u>(318,165)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,732</u>

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14 Movement in funds (Continued)

Year ended 30 September 2021

	1 Oct 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Buildings	78,185	60,742	(64,543)	(26,399)	47,985
Youth worker grant	5,264	16,000	(15,511)	-	5,753
Hope on Wednesday	447	-	-	-	447
Restricted gifts	37	70	-	-	107
Donations for hardship funds	2,565	83	(2,080)	-	568
	<u>86,498</u>	<u>76,895</u>	<u>(82,134)</u>	<u>(26,399)</u>	<u>54,860</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	318,742	147,189	(159,562)	26,399	332,768
	<u>318,742</u>	<u>147,189</u>	<u>(159,562)</u>	<u>26,399</u>	<u>332,768</u>
Total funds	<u>405,240</u>	<u>224,084</u>	<u>(241,696)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,628</u>

The Buildings fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the church building.

The youth worker grant represents monies received to pay for salaries for a youth worker

The Hope on Wednesday fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the ministry of the Hope on Wednesday group.

The restricted gifts funds is used for monies given to the church which are to be passed on to recipients designated by the donors.

The donations for hardship funds represent monies received with a specific purpose of giving to members financially affected by Covid-19

The agency fund represents a donation or gift that is given to Hope Community Church and then passed straight on to another individual or organisation that is related to and consistent with the church's charitable purposes. Examples include an anonymous gift to an individual who is in financial hardship, or a gift to a charity that is a partner of Hope Community Church.

The Refugee Hub fund relates to a weekly event at Hope Chapel hosting Ukrainian refugees with a cooked meal, play space for children and relational space for adults. Finances associated with this are mostly spent on food, with some expenditure on equipment, such as a bouncy castle.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 September 2022

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	5,468	5,468
Unrestricted funds	275,348	24,916	300,264
	<u>275,348</u>	<u>30,384</u>	<u>305,732</u>

As at 30 September 2021

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	54,860	54,860
Unrestricted funds	278,518	54,250	332,768
	<u>278,518</u>	<u>109,110</u>	<u>387,628</u>

16 Related party transactions

In the year three trustees were remunerated as employees of the charity as below:

	Role	Gross wages	Employers pension	Total
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	36,644	2,931	39,575
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	14,868	1,189	16,057
Andrew Stansbury	Associate pastor	28,133	2,251	30,384
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate pastor	<u>4,686</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>5,100</u>

The approved governing document of the charity contains the legal authority upon which this remuneration is made.

Other than disclosed above, no trustee received any payment during the year.

Aggregate donations from trustees, key management personnel and other related parties was £Nil (2021: £7,260).

No related party transactions occurred in the year other than disclosed above or elsewhere in the financial statements.

Hope Chapel

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**Status:**

Hope Community Church (Hope) was created by a trust deed in July 2000 as a member of the Congregational Federation of England and Wales (CFEW). It is also a registered charity (number 1134290).

Hope operates from the Hope Chapel site in Hotwells, Bristol. The elders are the managing trustees and the Congregational Federation is the custodian trustee of the property.

Hope Community Church's HM Revenue and Customs charity reference is XR32133.

Managing Trustees:

The managing trustees are the elders who, throughout the year to 30 September 2021 and to the signing date of the report, were:

Chris Bond
Alice Bond
Andrew Stansbury
Rebekah Stansbury
Peter Westbury (Chair)
Helen Westbury
Esther Lambert
Rosh John (Treasurer)
Joyceline Dsouza

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Charities Aid Foundation Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the charity are as follows:

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles and usages for the time being of congregationalism and in accordance with any specific requirements in the foundation trusts.

The church may also advance education, relieve need and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The charity's trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duty.

Vision

Hope's vision is to seek God's kingdom through the pursuit of four key objectives known as Hope's Four Dreams:

- To be a prayer centre for the city.
- To be a family for people on the margins of society.
- To be a church that children love.
- To be at the heart of the community.

These dreams sharpen our focus as a church, recognising that we are part of a wider church in the city of Bristol and serve the city best when we focus on our strengths and the specific areas to which God has called us. Most members of Hope have been drawn to the church because they are passionate about one or more of the dreams or because they are drawn to the culture of the church, which in itself has been shaped by these dreams.



Hope's Four Dreams painted on the foyer wall at Hope Chapel

Organisation

During the year the staff team was as follows:

Chris Bond	Senior Pastor (full time)
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor (2 days per week – began March 2020)
Andrew Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Hannah Lehmann	Administrator (4 days per week)
Aaron Mathias	Caretaker (15 hours per week)
Claire Collins	Finance Administrator (1 day per week)
Charlie Carron	Youth Pastor (3 days per week)

Hope operates to a large extent as a volunteer organisation and much of the work of the staff team is supporting and facilitating the work of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are members of Hope (see below) or people who worship at Hope but have not formally become members. Each Sunday service involves approximately 20 volunteers in addition to the employed pastors, on teams including hospitality, worship & PA, welcoming, and the different children's groups.

The elders who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed on page 3. The pastors and associate pastors of the church are elders ex officio. The other elders are members of Hope who have been nominated and appointed by the members of the church to serve as elders for a term of three years.

The elders are the key management personnel of the charity.

Activities in 2020-2021

Hope pursues its vision through:

1. Gathering as a whole church in a single Sunday morning service to worship God and to inspire and equip church members and those seeking God (this is deliberately one service that brings together people of all ages and many different social backgrounds).
2. Running various mid-week ministries in Hope Chapel and around the city.
3. Fours, discipleship courses and events.
4. Encouraging members that their homes, workplaces and local communities are settings for all to advance the Christian faith in a wide variety of ways.
5. Sending and supporting mission partners locally, nationally and internationally.

1. Sunday Gatherings

During the course of 2021 the church elders went on a discernment process to try and hear God's voice for the role of Sunday gatherings going forward. We particularly resonated with an image shared with us of how a lazy eye is treated in children – the strong eye is covered temporarily in order to strengthen the weak eye. Sunday gatherings had been our strong eye, and discipleship in our households has been our weaker eye. COVID had forced a covering over our 'strong eye', Sunday gatherings, and forced us to focus and invest in discipleship at home. However, as the year progressed, the elders concluded that, just like with a pair of eyes, Sunday gatherings and household church are designed to work in tandem to give the strongest vision. We decided to continue meeting every Sunday but continue to emphasise in our teaching, written content and informal conversations that the focus of the church is to release all members into the area of calling and mission that God has designed them for and to focus on discipleship in their household.

As well as the above, we have changed the shape of our Sunday gatherings to sow further into our dream of being a church that children love. We want our Sunday gatherings to be full of Jesus and full of fun. We now have our sung worship time all together and want to help all ages to be equipped to worship Jesus from with honesty, intentionality and passion. We are very much learning how to do this.

We have introduced praying for anyone who has a birthday around a given Sunday and asking God for words of original design and have been encouraged by the eagerness of the church, especially our under 18s, to hear God's voice for each other and to speak words of encouragement to each other.

We also are delivering our teaching in a mixed way, not always through a talk in church on Sunday. Sometimes we release a midweek podcast ahead of a Sunday gathering, sometimes we do more seminar style teaching but our aim is to have high engagement and conversation between members every Sunday. We want the church to be actively involved in each other's discipleship journey week in, week out.

2. Mid-Week Ministries (Hope's Boats)

Hope's mid-week ministries are listed below under the other dreams to which they relate. In line with the 'Beach and Boat Vision' these ministries are described as 'boats', communities of Hope members who are together on a missional purpose as shown in the drape that hangs in the hall in Hope Chapel.

This year we have intentionally increased our support and coaching for those leading boats and intent to further grow our beach and boats vision over the coming years. Examples of how we have increased our investment is through termly 'inspirational people' meals that supports those leading boats that work with the vulnerable and also monthly zooms for Hoppers who have left Bristol but are leading expressions of church where they now are.



Beach & Boat Vision drape, showing how Hope operates as a church. Members gather on the beach to worship and pray together and commission the boats which then go out 'on mission'.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a prayer centre for the city:

- Tuesday Prayer Day – every Tuesday morning Silas and Annie Crawley host a prayer school with extended worship and prayer ministry appointments. Thirty to forty people attend each week from Hope and other churches across the city. This is currently virtual.
- One Church One Day – monthly 24 hours of prayer for Bristol with each hour of prayer hosted by a different person or people from within Hope. These are carried out through in a wide variety of styles and focuses both on petitioning God for His Kingdom, as well as seeking His presence. It is often difficult to identify the impact of such prayer, but we strongly believe that our prayers are powerful and effective and play a crucial role in seeing Bristol renewed by God's Spirit and in seeing Hope as a church flourish. As a part of OCOD this year we have started 'worship lab' – a training environment for our young people to learn and play with sung worship.
- RENEW fitness and prayer – weekly hour of prayer during exercise.
- Other ad hoc prayer events such as visits from YWAM and Korean prayer teams.
- Many regular prayer meetings for different areas of life and the city. The prayer centre is accessible 24/7 for known individuals and groups, and is equipped with shower, kitchen and other resources needed for hosting prayer gatherings of up to 50 people.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a family for people on the margins of society:

- Hope On Wednesday – discipleship group for (mostly) men with backgrounds in addiction and/or past convictions.
- Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centred 12 Step group for people with addictions and life altering behaviours.
- Mentor Me – a Bristol ministry under the umbrella of Sixty-One that connects people due to leave prison with a mentor who can support them as they adapt to life outside prison. Several people within Hope serve as mentors.
- Food Bank – Hope Chapel is an outlet for the Trussell Trust North West Bristol Foodbank; a Hope team host the Food Bank and a café each Wednesday morning.
- Winter Night Shelter – for six nights across six weeks each winter Hope joins with other churches across Bristol in supporting a seasonal shelter for up to 12 homeless guests overseen by St. Mungos. During the pandemic this has been run through a B'n'B, which has been hugely beneficial for the guests. This year we provided meals on 6 consecutive Sundays.
- Soup Run – as part of the Bristol Churches Soup Run, a Hope team takes soup to the homeless on one night each month.
- Homes not Houses – A new initiative overseen by InHope in partnership with Hope into Action (<https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk>) to establish 5 homes in the Bristol region to be a part of solving homelessness in the city.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a church that children love and Hope's dream - to be at the heart of the community:

- We have started a number of new Youth initiatives, including a Sunday evening older girls discipleship group and a monthly boys expedition. Both have been great successes.
- Partnership with Hotwells Primary School, sharing Hope Chapel for the annual Year 6 play, carol service, harvest festival and more.
- Hope also leases the building to outside organisations that are not necessarily Christian but that are beneficial for the local community, including an NHS baby clinic, a Tango club, the annual Hotwells Pantomime (4 nights of performance each March with more than 1,000 local people performing and watching), local orchestra, other ad hoc events.
- Knowle West Boat – based at the Lee Abbey community, this boat serves the Knowle West community around Filwood.
- Feel Good Cafe – offers prophetic 'insight readings' in several cafes around Bristol and Bath.

3. Fours, Discipleship Courses and Events

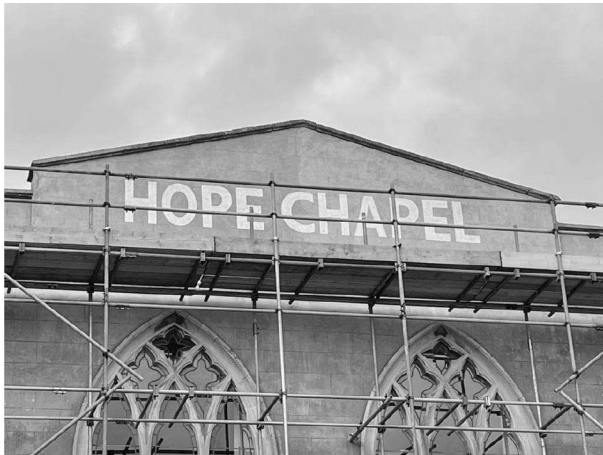
- Members of Hope are encouraged to be part of '4s' – these are small groups of 3 or 4 people who meet regularly to pray together and encourage each other in their Christian life.
- Men's breakfast continues as a monthly early morning meeting (now on Zoom).
- We will be running a living free course again in 2022.

4. Homes, Workplaces and Local Communities

Hope's roots are in Congregationalism. This Christian denomination emphasizes the 'priesthood of all believers' and 'every member ministry.' These biblical concepts from 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, teach that every Christian should participate in the life of the church. This is not a privilege reserved for ordained clergy. Furthermore, the church is not confined to services or certain times and places, but is designed to bring the presence of Jesus into every area of life. Archbishop William Temple said in 1944 "We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use their daily opportunities afforded them in their various crafts and workshops." In light of this, a significant emphasis is given within the life of the church to members' homes, workplaces and local communities as their places of godly influence and ministry.

5. Sending and Supporting Mission Partners Locally, Nationally and Internationally

- Roger and Angie Allen continue in their work enabling church unity and partnership through the different spheres of life across the city of Bristol.
- James and Sally Harding have moved to the Parachute Regiment in James' capacity as a padre within the British Army.
- Andy and Sophie Hunter continued with their work with the Society of St Stephen (and Jackie Pullinger) in Hong Kong throughout 2021, but have recently returned to Bristol and are taking a break from the work they were doing.
- Hope is supporting Silas and Annie Crawley in their development of prayer within Bristol.
- We support Beloved, a local charity offering support to women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol and the surrounding areas and give opportunities for them to be disciple in the Christian faith where wanted.
- We support Bristol School's Connections who equip the church in Bristol to serve their local schools and help them create imaginative spaces for spiritual development.



Above is a picture of the re-painted sign and a photo of the original sign from the 1800s.

Gutter Repair

The old gutter lining was failing and letting water through – the image to the left below shows the gutter stripped and ready for the new, rubber loose-lay system now installed (image below right).



Roof Repair & Solar Installation Project

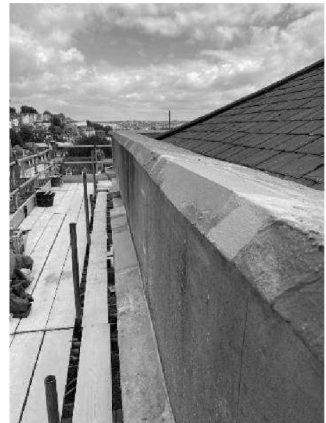
Following a Quinquennial survey completed in 2018, we have been working towards completing a significant repair to our guttering system, repairing roof-level masonry and installing a safety wire around the roof to enable maintained and gutter clearing. As well as the repairs, we decided to explore installing a significant solar panel array to help move us towards being a greener church.

As a part of the project we re-painted 'Hope Chapel' onto the front of the building as it used to be when it was originally built.



Masonry Repairs

In a number of areas there were significant cracks and failed masonry in need of repair. Picture below left shows an example of some of the issues and below right after repair.



Safety Wire

One of the primary reasons as to why the old gutters flooded was because of a build-up of leaves and debris in the gutters. There was no safe way to clear and maintain the gutters, so we installed a safety wire and have trained staff in how to use the equipment to maintain and clean the gutters on a regular basis. Picture below shows the completed safety wire.



Solar

As a part of the project, we installed over 40 solar panels on the East and South facing aspects of the roof. This will enable us to generate 13KwH and we should earn back the investment through savings and selling energy to the grid in 12.7 years. Below pictures show the solar arrays. A Tesla Powerwall battery is due to be installed in March, further increasing our savings and earnings.



Budget

The overall budget for the project for the roof repair and solar installation was £141,000 (excl VAT) and the actual cost was £124,620.72 (excl VAT). We budgeted £29,000 for internal repairs, but the total cost of internal repairs is forecasted to be £40,576 (excl VAT). We faced a funding shortfall of just over £30,000 and have applied to a grant for this sum to enable us to undertake the necessary internal repairs associated with the water damage from the faulty gutters.

Church Membership

Those attending the church, who subscribe to its values and beliefs, and who feel called and committed to the church are encouraged to become 'members' of Hope.

Adults can become members through having their names put forward at a church meeting and are then invited to become members of the church by making a public commitment before the congregation and are welcomed into church membership. The commitment of church membership is an agreement to live within the community of the church in the sharing of time and resources and to live in accountable relationships with each other.

Membership of Hope Church enables individuals to have a say in the running of the church by attending and voting at church meetings and contributing to the election of the church leadership team.

We're unable to give an exact membership number due to current staff illness.

Trustee and Members' Meetings

Church members vote to appoint 'elders' who oversee the church. These are also the trustees of the charity. The elders have met fortnightly through 2020-2021 for meetings that combine the charity's governance with the spiritual leadership of the church. Matters that were relevant to members for decision making were brought to members' meetings. Three members' meetings were held this year.

The current elders non-staff elders have not changed this year:

Esther Lambert

Rosh John

Joyceline Dsouza

Peter Westbury

Helen Westbury

Elder meetings have also included regular governance issues such as reviewing the church finances, safeguarding and other matters.

In our church meetings over the past year there has been a strong focus on housing for the vulnerable. We continue to explore building a one-person affordable home on church land and partnering with Homes not Houses to run a local house for 3 or 4 people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness. We also agreed to pay Alice Bond for the work she does as Senior Pastor (previously this was done voluntarily).

Building Hire

Some local community groups hire the church building for events and regular meetings. These all provide some additional income to the church. We enjoy a mutual relationship with Hotwells Primary School with them using Hope Chapel for various events and Hope using their hall and green space for children on a Sunday morning. It has been a particular privilege to be able to continue hosting the food bank and the Well Child clinic during the pandemic.

Reserves & Financial Position

Total general fund income decreased by just over 13% while general fund expenditure increased by 6.1%, resulting in a general fund decrease for the year before transfers of -£12,373 (2019/20: +£19,467). We believe that the 2019/2020 financial year saw unusual donations from the church members to help the church navigate the pandemic. On top of this a number of established members have moved on and new members may not have started giving financially yet. We also employed Alice Bond 2 days per week in March 2020, which is a new expense for the church.

Restricted funds income amounted to £76,895 and total restricted funds expenditure was £82,134.

Total net assets at 30 September 2021 amounted to £387,628 a decrease over the year of £17,612. Total restricted funds at 30 September 2021 were £54,860, unrestricted funds were £332,768.

The reserves policy adopted by the members is to keep cash balances held in unrestricted funds in the range from £10,000 to £40,000. These cash balances are expected to be sufficient to accommodate short-term cash flow fluctuations, but the church does not seek to generate substantial surpluses or to build up excessive reserves. At 30 September 2021, cash balances held total to £107,618, which represents a decrease of £44,132 from 2020. This decrease was due to a roof repair and solar installation project. Unrestricted cash balances are considered to be £54,250.

Following a Quinquennial report in July 2018, a major overhaul of the chapel's gutters and the installation of an access safety wire were recommended. Following a fundraising drive in November 2019, we have raised the funds needed to complete these major works, estimated to cost £113,000 +VAT. Alongside this we are also installing solar panels on the building, at a cost of £22,000. A large portion of this work was paid for in this financial year, which is why our restricted fund balance has decreased markedly, however there are more invoices to pay for this work and also internal repairs to be completed on the church during the coming year. We anticipate our restricted building fund will be largely used up by September 2022.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

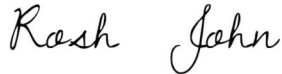
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's governing document. 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.

By order of the trustees on 3 March 2022.



Rosh John

Treasurer



Chris Bond

Pastor

Independent Examiners' Report on the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2021 which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

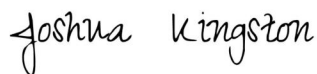
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 3 March 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	143,347	76,895	220,242	253,253
Charitable activities	3	3,842	-	3,842	9,150
Total Income		147,189	76,895	224,084	262,403
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	159,562	82,134	241,696	174,081
Total Expenditure		159,562	82,134	241,696	174,081
Net income / (expenditure)		(12,373)	(5,239)	(17,612)	88,322
Transfers between funds		26,399	(26,399)	-	-
Net movement in funds		14,026	(31,638)	(17,612)	88,322
Total funds at start of the year (Restated)	14	318,742	86,498	405,240	316,918
Total funds at end of the year	14	332,768	54,860	387,628	405,240

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above. All activities are classed as continuing

The comparative statement of financial activities is shown in note 10

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET			
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021			
	Note	2021	2020
		£	Restated
			£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	278,518	252,826
Current assets			
Debtors	12	9,441	9,316
Cash at bank		107,618	151,750
		117,059	161,066
Creditors: Amounts failing due within one year	13	(7,949)	(8,652)
Net current assets		109,110	152,414
Net assets		387,628	405,240
Funds			
Unrestricted	15	332,768	318,742
Restricted	15	54,860	86,498
		387,628	405,240

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 3 March 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Rosh John

Rosh John
Trustee

Chris Bond

Chris Bond
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

a) Income

Income from donors is included within income when receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

b) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered. Governance costs include all those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. Governance Costs are included within support costs.

c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% per annum reducing balance
Church building	Not depreciated
Fixtures	10 to 20 years straight line

The church building was gifted to Hope Community Church in October 2002. At the time of the church building asset was not recognised within the accounts. FRS 102 SORP requires charities to recognise and value assets such as the church building on the balance sheet at fair value at the time of the gift. Fair value is able to be estimated by the trustees and the property is recognised at this deemed cost as if it had always been treated in this way. In this financial year a prior year adjustment has been implemented to bring the church building into the accounts as an asset. See note 17.

Due to the nature of the Grade II church building and the trustees' responsibility to maintain it, a policy of not depreciating the asset has been chosen.

d) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

e) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

f) **Unrestricted funds**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

g) **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. **Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20
Regular donations	110,558	129,081	-	-	110,558	129,081
12Buildings	-	-	60,742	74,901	60,742	74,901
Youth Worker Grant	-	-	16,000	14,000	16,000	14,000
Donations for Hardship Fund	-	-	83	3,600	83	3,600
One-off donations	2,631	3,306	70	37	2,701	3,343
HMRC Job Retention Grant	6,886	1,503	-	-	6,886	1,503
Gift aid	23,272	26,825	-	-	23,272	26,825
	143,347	160,715	76,895	92,538	220,242	253,253

3. **Income from charitable activities**

	Total	Total
	£	£
	2020-21	2019-20
Conferences and courses	183	158
Rental income	3,412	7,759
Little Stars	-	356
Other income	247	877
	3,842	9,150

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year are unrestricted.

4. **Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20
Grants (note 5)	17,540	14,890	2,080	1,035	19,620	15,925
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	116,703	105,395	15,511	8,736	132,214	114,131
Building Improvements	-	-	64,543	13,496	64,543	13,496
Pastoral expenditure	369	503	-	-	369	503
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	1,245	1,489	-	-	1,245	1,489
Conferences and courses	1,481	1,566	-	-	1,481	1,566
Under 18s	427	1,632	-	-	427	1,632
Hope on Wednesday	-	-	-	416	-	416
Bristol Night Shelter	70	210	-	-	70	210
Support Costs (note 6)	21,727	24,713	-	-	21,727	24,713
	159,562	150,398	82,134	23,683	241,696	174,081

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

5. Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£		£	£
	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20
<i>To institutions</i>						
Churches City Fund	3,000	2,250	-	-	3,000	2,250
Interserve	1,050	1,800	-	-	1,050	1,800
Crisis Centre	1,750	3,500	-	-	1,750	3,500
Ministries (InHope)						
The George Muller Charitable Trust	-	500	-	-	-	500
SixtyOne	340	340	-	-	340	340
Links International	1,200	500	-	-	1,200	500
Beloved	625	-	-	-	625	-
Bristol Schools Connection	625	-	-	-	625	-
R Hardship Fund	-	-	2,080	-	2,080	-
<i>To individuals</i>	8,950	6,000	-	1,035	8,950	7,035
	17,540	14,890	2,080	1,035	19,620	15,925

6. Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	
	£		£	
	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20
Insurance	2,584	2,551	2,584	2,551
Heat, light and water	3,906	7,812	3,906	7,812
Cleaning	479	891	479	891
Equipment	1,245	607	1,245	607
Repairs and maintenance	4,909	2,141	4,909	2,141
Memberships	-	990	-	990
Security, health and safety	1,012	1,190	1,012	1,190
Telephone	1,927	1,416	1,927	1,416
Postage, printing and stationery	1,700	1,816	1,700	1,816
Depreciation	707	891	707	891
Bank charges	87	60	87	60
Licenses, legal and professional	818	938	818	938
Sundry	713	1,812	713	1,812
Governance costs	1,640	1,598	1,640	1,598
	21,727	24,713	21,727	24,713

All the support costs in the prior year were unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Depreciation	707	891
Independent examination fee	1,068	1,068

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

8. Staff Costs

The aggregate payroll costs were:	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	101,548	84,300
Social security costs	17,738	17,236
Pension costs	12,928	12,595
	132,214	114,131

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average monthly headcount of employees during the year was 7 (2020: 6).

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £75,878 (2020: £69,903).

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

10. Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	159,212	92,538	251,750	144,792
Charitable activities	10,653	-	10,653	23,282
Investments	-	-	-	59
Total income	169,865	92,538	262,403	168,133
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	150,398	23,683	174,081	143,910
Total expenditure	150,398	23,683	174,081	143,910
Net income/ (expenditure) and net movement in funds	19,467	68,855	88,322	24,223
Total funds at 1 October 2019 (Restated)	299,275	17,643	316,918	292,695
Total funds at 30 September 2020 (Restated)	318,742	86,498	405,240	316,918

11. Tangible fixed Assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2020 (Restated)	250,000	-	23,141	273,141
Additions	-	26,399	-	26,399
At 30 September 2021	250,000	26,399	23,141	299,540
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2020	-	-	20,315	20,315
Charge for the year	-	-	707	707
At 30 September 2021	-	-	21,022	21,022
Net book value				
At 30 September 2021	250,000	26,399	2,119	278,518
At 30 September 2020 (Restated)	250,000	-	2,826	252,826

The church buildings comprise Hope Chapel.

The Congregational Federation of England and Wales is the holding (custodian) trustee for the above property. The elders of Hope Community Church became the managing trustees in October 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

12. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	9,441	9,316
	9,441	9,316

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	7,949	6,104
Taxation and social security	-	2,548
	7,949	8,652

14. Movement in Funds

Year ended 30 September 2021	01-Oct-20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep-21 £
Restricted Funds					
Buildings	78,185	60,742	64,543	(26,399)	47,985
Youth Worker Grant	5,264	16,000	15,511	-	5,753
Hope on Wednesday	447	-	-	-	447
Restricted Gifts	37	70	-	-	107
Donations for Hardship Funds	2,565	83	2,080	-	568
	86,498	76,895	82,134	(26,399)	54,860
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	318,742	147,189	159,562	26,399	332,768
Total Funds	405,240	224,084	241,696	-	387,628
Year ended 30 September 2020	01-Oct-19 Restated £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	30 Sep-20 Restated £
Restricted Funds					
Buildings	16,780	74,901	13,496	-	78,185
Youth Worker Grant	-	14,000	8,736	-	5,264
Hope on Wednesday	863	-	416	-	447
Restricted Gifts	-	37	-	-	37
Donations for Hardship Funds	-	3,600	1,035	-	2,565
	17,643	92,538	23,683	-	86,498
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	299,275	169,865	150,398	-	318,742
Total Funds	316,918	262,403	174,081	-	405,240

The Buildings fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the church building.

The Youth Worker Grant represents monies received to pay for salaries for a Youth Worker.

The Hope on Wednesday fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the ministry of the Hope on Wednesday group.

The Restricted Gifts fund is used for monies given to the church which are to be passed on to recipients designated by the donors.

The Donations for Hardship Funds represent monies received with a specific purpose of giving to members financially affected by Covid-19.

The unrestricted general funds are available to be used for the general objectives of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 September 2021

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	54,860	54,860
Unrestricted funds	278,518	54,250	332,768
	278,518	109,110	387,628

As at 30 September 2020

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	Restated £	£	Restated £
Restricted funds	-	86,498	86,498
Unrestricted funds	252,826	65,916	318,742
	252,826	152,414	405,240

16. Related Party Transactions

In the year three trustees were remunerated as employees of the charity as below:

	Role	Gross Wages	Employer's pension	Total
		£	£	£
Chris Bond	Senior Pastor	35,576	2,846	38,422
Alice Bond	Senior Pastor	8,178	654	8,832
Andrew Stansbury	Associate Pastor	24,324	1,946	26,270
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate Pastor	7,800	624	8,424

The approved governing document of the charity contains the legal authority upon which this remuneration is made.

Other than disclosed above, no trustee received any payment during the year.

Aggregate donations from trustees, key management personnel and other related parties was £7,260 (2020: £13,155).

No related party transactions occurred in the year other than disclosed above or elsewhere in the financial statements.

17. Prior Year Restatement

Under FRS 102 SORP the church building has been recognised on the Balance Sheet as a prior year restatement. The deemed cost of the church building is £250,000, this has increased fixed asset cost brought forward and net book value by £250,000, along with unrestricted general funds brought forward. Free reserves have not been affected by this restatement.

Hope Chapel

England & Wales - Charity number 1134290

Accounts

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (1134290)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**Status:**

Hope Community Church (Hope) was created by a trust deed in July 2000 as a member of the Congregational Federation of England and Wales (CFEW). It is also a registered charity (number 1134290).

Hope operates from the Hope Chapel site in Hotwells, Bristol. The elders are the managing trustees and the Congregational Federation is the custodian trustee of the property.

Hope Community Church's HM Revenue and Customs charity reference is XR32133.

Managing Trustees:

The managing trustees are the elders who, at the start of the year covered by this report, were:

Chris Bond
 Alice Bond
 Paul Gibson (Treasurer)
 Rachel Gibson
 Richard Stansfield (Chair)
 Vicky Stansfield

Andrew Stansbury and Rebekah Stansbury joined the elder team and became trustees when they began their role as associate pastors. A new team of trustees/elders was prayerfully appointed in February 2020 and the new managing trustees are:

Chris Bond
 Alice Bond
 Andrew Stansbury
 Rebekah Stansbury
 Peter Westbury (Chair)
 Helen Westbury
 Esther Lambert
 Rosh John (Treasurer)
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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (1134290)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the charity are as follows:

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles and usages for the time being of congregationalism and in accordance with any specific requirements in the foundation trusts.

The church may also advance education, relieve need and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The charity's trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duty.

Vision

Hope's vision is to seek God's kingdom through the pursuit of four key objectives known as Hope's Four Dreams:

- To be a prayer centre for the city.
- To be a family for people on the margins of society.
- To be a church that children love.
- To be at the heart of the community.



Hope's Four Dreams painted on the foyer wall at Hope Chapel

These dreams sharpen our focus as a church, recognising that we are part of a wider church in the city of Bristol and serve the city best when we focus on our strengths and the specific areas to which God has called us. Most members of Hope have been drawn to the church because they are passionate about one or more of the dreams or because they are drawn to the culture of the church, which in itself has been shaped by these dreams

Organisation

During the year the staff team was as follows:

Chris Bond	Pastor (full time)
Andrew Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate pastor (part-time job share)
Hannah Lehmann	Administrator (4 days per week)
Aaron Mathias	Caretaker (15 hours per week)
Claire Collins	Finance Administrator (1 day per week)
Charlie Carron	Youth Pastor (2.5 days per week)

Alice Bond is lay pastor working in a voluntary capacity.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (1134290)

Hope operates to a large extent as a volunteer organisation and much of the work of the staff team is supporting and facilitating the work of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are members of Hope (see below) or people who worship at Hope but have not formally become members. Each Sunday service involves approximately 20 volunteers in addition to the employed pastors, on teams including hospitality, worship & PA, welcoming, and the different children's groups.

The elders who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed on page 1. The pastors and associate pastors of the church are elders ex officio. The other elders are members of Hope who have been nominated and appointed by the members of the church to serve as elders for a term of three years.

The elders are the key management personnel of the charity.

Activities in 2019-2020

Hope pursues its vision through:

1. Gathering as a whole church in a single Sunday morning service to worship God and to inspire and equip church members and those seeking God (this is deliberately one service that brings together people of all ages and many different social backgrounds).
2. Running various mid-week ministries in Hope Chapel and around the city.
3. Fours, discipleship courses and events.
4. Encouraging members that their homes, workplaces and local communities are settings for all to advance the Christian faith in a wide variety of ways.
5. Sending and supporting mission partners locally, nationally and internationally.

1. Sunday Gatherings

2020 has been a surprising year. Halfway through our financial year, the Coronavirus pandemic struck and this led us, along with people across the globe, to have to quickly respond to social distancing and working remotely. We had to move to our Sunday Gatherings being done via a livestream and this has continued throughout the 2nd half of the financial year.

Whilst not being able to gather together each week has been a significant challenge, it has also been a fertilizer for growing faith in the home. As a church we have felt God getting our attention that the home is the primary place of discipleship. Whether we live on our own, with friends or with family, how real our faith is at home is the starting place and the heartbeat of true discipleship. We have tried to embrace the discomfort of not being able to be together by focussing on how we can each grow in our direct connection with God and live from this intimate connection with Him.

Staying connected to our 4 dreams whilst navigating the pandemic has been key for us. One of our dreams, to be a church that children love, has been invested in this year through the appointment of a part-time youth pastor, Charlie Carron. Charlie joined us with a wealth of youth work experience and has been an excellent addition to the family here at Hope. His job is not to do our youth work for us, but to lead the church in investing in our youth together. Charlie joined us in February 2020 and had four Sundays before #1 lockdown, and so he has had to build relationship with our young people and their parents remotely, which has not been an easy task. Charlie has focussed on running youth groups on Zoom on Sunday evenings as well as, when restrictions allowed, running various youth groups on the church grounds. Charlie's post is being funded by two, three-year grants that we are incredibly thankful for. As elders, we are thankful to God for providing such a quality Youth Pastor.

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2. Mid-Week Ministries (Hope's Boats)

Hope's mid-week ministries are listed below under the other dreams to which they relate. In line with the 'Beach and Boat Vision' these ministries are described as 'boats', communities of Hope members who are together on a missional purpose as shown in the drape that hangs in the hall in Hope Chapel.



Beach & Boat Vision drape, showing how Hope operates as a church. Members gather on the beach to worship and pray together and commission the boats which then go out 'on mission'.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a prayer centre for the city:

- Tuesday Prayer Day – every Tuesday morning Silas and Annie Crawley host a prayer school with extended worship and prayer ministry appointments. Thirty to forty people attend each week from Hope and other churches across the city.
- One Church One Day – monthly 24 hours of prayer for Bristol with each hour of prayer hosted by a different person or people from within Hope. These are carried out through in a wide variety of styles including corporate sung worship, Taize prayer, prayer through drama for children, prayer through liturgy and more, and focuses both on petitioning God for His Kingdom, as well as seeking His presence. It is often difficult to identify the impact of such prayer, but we strongly believe that our prayers are powerful and effective and play a crucial role in seeing Bristol renewed by God's Spirit and in seeing Hope as a church flourish.
- RENEW fitness and prayer – weekly hour of prayer during exercise.
- Other ad hoc prayer events such as visits from YWAM and Korean prayer teams.
- Many regular prayer meetings for different areas of life and the city. The prayer centre is accessible 24/7 for known individuals and groups, and is equipped with shower, kitchen and other resources needed for hosting prayer gatherings of up to 50 people.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a family for people on the margins of society:

- Hope On Wednesday – discipleship group for (mostly) men with backgrounds in addiction.
- Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centred 12 Step group for people with addictions and life altering behaviours.
- Stapleton Road service for the homeless – run by Esther Lambert at Stapleton Road Congregational Church on a Wednesday lunchtime.
- Mentor Me – a Bristol ministry under the umbrella of Sixty-One that connects people due to leave prison with a mentor who can support them as they adapt to life outside prison. Several people within Hope serve as mentors.

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- Food Bank – Hope Chapel is an outlet for the Trussell Trust North West Bristol Foodbank; a Hope team host the Food Bank and a café each Wednesday morning.
- Winter Night Shelter – for six nights across six weeks each winter Hope joins with other churches across Bristol in providing a meal, bed and friendship for up to twelve homeless guests.
- Soup Run – as part of the Bristol Churches Soup Run, a Hope team takes soup to the homeless on one night each month.

Mid-week ministries relating to Hope's dream - to be a church that children love and Hope's dream - to be at the heart of the community:

- Aside from the involvement of children on Sundays, Little Stars toddler group meets every Friday morning and welcomes about 40 local families who find friendship and encouragement alongside the joys and challenges of parenting young children. In order to prevent transmission of Covid 19, Alice Bond (who runs the group) decided to stop running Little Stars completely in March 2020. This decision will be reviewed when the Covid 19 pandemic has been sufficiently resolved as to ensure a team from Hope Chapel can host a community toddler group safely
- During the Coronavirus pandemic, we have run youth groups, as mentioned above, and older children's sports club.
- Partnership with Hotwells Primary School, sharing Hope Chapel for the annual Year 6 play, carol service, harvest festival and more.
- Hope also leases the building to outside organisations that are not necessarily Christian but that are beneficial for the local community, including an NHS baby clinic, a Tango club, the annual Hotwells Pantomime (4 nights of performance each March with more than 1,000 local people performing and watching), local orchestra, other ad hoc events.

3. Fours, Discipleship Courses and Events

- Members of Hope are encouraged to be part of '4s' – these are small groups of 3 or 4 people who meet regularly to pray together and encourage each other in their Christian life.
- Men's breakfast continues as a monthly early morning meeting (now on Zoom)
- The annual Living Free course was delivered online and had more than 90 delegates
- We are also planning a Parenting for Faith course early in the new year to help equip parents to disciple their children at home.

4. Homes, Workplaces and Local Communities

Hope's roots are in Congregationalism. This Christian denomination emphasizes the 'priesthood of all believers' and 'every member ministry.' These biblical concepts from 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, teach that every Christian should participate in the life of the church. This is not a privilege reserved for ordained clergy. Furthermore, the church is not confined to services or certain times and places, but is designed to bring the presence of Jesus into every area of life. Archbishop William Temple said in 1944 "We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use their daily opportunities afforded them in their various crafts and workshops." In light of this, a significant emphasis is given within the life of the church to members' homes, workplaces and local communities as their places of godly influence and ministry.

5. Sending and Supporting Mission Partners Locally, Nationally and Internationally

- Jonathan and Helen Lee continue in their work locally and nationally.
- Roger and Angie Allen continue in their work enabling church unity and partnership through the different spheres of life across the city of Bristol.
- James and Sally Harding have moved to the Parachute Regiment in James' capacity as a padre within the British Army.
- Andy and Sophie Hunter continue with their work with the Society of St Stephen (and Jackie Pullinger) in Hong Kong.
- Laura Caddell has moved returned from South Sudan this year after working there with Medair.
- Sarah Parsons-Winter has made several trips to Kenya, supporting churches there.
- Hope is supporting Silas and Annie Crawley in their development of prayer within Bristol.
- This year we have also donated towards In Ministry to Children (IMC) in Colombia, as 2 church members, George & Krissy Tapp, have close ties to the charity.

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Church Membership

Those attending the church, who subscribe to its values and beliefs, and who feel called and committed to the church are encouraged to become 'members' of Hope.

Adults can become members through having their names put forward at a church meeting and are then invited to become members of the church by making a public commitment before the congregation and are welcomed into church membership. The commitment of church membership is an agreement to live within the community of the church in the sharing of time and resources and to live in accountable relationships with each other.

Membership of Hope Church enables individuals to have a say in the running of the church by attending and voting at church meetings and contributing to the election of the church leadership team.

Church membership number has reduced slightly from 119 to 116 this year. As usual there have been a number of people joining and moving on from Hope.

Trustee and Members' Meetings

Church members vote to appoint 'elders' who oversee the church. These are also the trustees of the charity. The elders have met fortnightly through 2019-2020 for meetings that combine the charity's governance with the spiritual leadership of the church. Matters that were relevant to members for decision making were brought to members' meetings. Three members' meetings were held this year.

Rachel Gibson, Paul Gibson, Richard Stansfield and Vicky Stansfield stepped down as elders in February 2020 after three years as elders. The church made a point in thanking them for the time they poured into being elders and the leadership they brought to the church. They were all exceptional elders.

5 new elders were elected in February 2020 to form a new eldership team alongside the Pastors and Associate Pastors:

Esther Lambert

Rosh John

Joyceline Dsouza

Peter Westbury

Helen Westbury

Elder meetings have also included regular governance issues such as reviewing the church finances, safeguarding and other matters.

Building Hire

Some local community groups hire the church building for events and regular meetings. These all provide some additional income to the church. We enjoy a mutual relationship with Hotwells Primary School with them using Hope Chapel for various events and Hope using their hall and green space for children on a Sunday morning. It has been a particular privilege to be able to continue hosting the food bank and the Well Child clinic during the pandemic.

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Reserves & Financial Position

Total general fund income increased by 2% while general fund expenditure increased by 11%, resulting in a general fund surplus for the year before transfers of £19,467 (2018/19: £31,833).

Restricted funds income amounted to £92,538 and total restricted funds expenditure was £23,683.

Total net assets at 30 September 2020 amounted to £161,066, an increase of £92,942 from prior year. Total restricted funds at 30 September 2020 were £86,498, unrestricted funds were £68,742.

The reserves policy adopted by the members is to keep cash balances held in unrestricted funds in the range from £10,000 to £40,000. These cash balances are expected to be sufficient to accommodate short-term cash flow fluctuations, but the church does not seek to generate substantial surpluses or to build up excessive reserves. At 30 September 2020, cash balances held total to £151,750, which represents an increase of £86,887 from 2019. However this increase is due to restricted donations related to building improvements. Please see note 2 of the accounts for further details.

Following a Quinquennial report in July 2018, a major overhaul of the chapel's gutters and the installation of an access safety wire were recommended. Following a fundraising drive in November 2019, we have raised the funds needed to complete these major works, estimated to cost £113,000 +VAT. Alongside this we are also installing solar panels on the building, at a cost of £22,000. We anticipate our cash balances to return to the target range before the next financial year end on completion of the works related to the building project.

Going concern

The trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of Covid-19 and the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.
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The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's governing document. 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.

By order of the trustees on 24 February 2021

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Treasurer

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Chris Bond

Pastor

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Independent Examiners' Report on the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Community Church (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Date: 24 February 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	159,212	92,538	251,750	144,792
Charitable activities	3	10,653	-	10,653	23,282
Investments		-	-	-	59
Total Income		169,865	92,538	262,403	168,133
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	150,398	23,683	174,081	143,910
Total Expenditure		150,398	23,683	174,081	143,910
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		19,467	68,855	88,322	24,223
Total funds at start of the year		49,275	17,643	66,918	42,695
Total funds at end of the year		68,742	86,498	155,240	66,918

The charity has not recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above. All activities are classed as continuing

The comparative statement of financial activities is shown in note 10

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (1134290)**BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	2,826	3,261
Current assets			
Debtors	12	9,316	5,472
Cash at bank		151,750	59,391
		161,066	64,863
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,652)	(1,206)
Net current assets		152,414	63,657
Net assets		155,240	66,918
Funds			
Unrestricted	14	68,742	49,275
Restricted	14	86,498	17,643
		155,240	66,918

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24 February 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Rosh John

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Trustee

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Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**1. Accounting policies**

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements, which have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements unless stated otherwise, are set out below.

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102). The trustees have considered the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic in assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees conclude that there are no material uncertainties in this regard. Please see the trustees report for further details.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

b) Income

Income from donors is included within income when receivable, except as follows:

- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.

Governance costs which are included within support costs of charitable activities include all those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment 25% per annum reducing balance

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

f) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

g) Unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

h) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£		£	£
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19
Regular donations	129,081	109,044	-	-	129,081	109,044
Buildings	-	-	74,901	-	74,901	-
Youth Worker Grant	-	-	14,000	-	14,000	-
Donations for Hardship Fund	-	-	3600	-	3600	-
One-off donations	3,306	13,054	37	580	3,343	13,634
Gift aid	26,825	22,039	-	75	26,825	22,114
	159,212	144,137	92,538	655	251,750	144,792

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£		£	£
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19
Conferences and courses	158	11,584	-	-	158	11,584
Rental income	7,759	9,903	-	-	7,759	9,903
HMRC Job Retention Grant	1,503	-	-	-	1,503	-
Little Stars	356	836	-	-	356	836
Bristol Night Shelter	-	-	-	600	-	600
Other income	877	359	-	-	877	359
	10,653	22,682	-	600	10,653	23,282

4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£		£	£
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19
Grants (note 5)	14,890	13,560	1,035	655	15,925	14,215
Staff salaries and payroll costs (note 8)	105,395	76,461	8,736	-	114,131	76,461
Building Improvements	-	-	13,496	5,818	13,496	5,818
Pastoral expenditure	503	810	-	-	503	810
Hospitality (including Sunday breakfasts)	1,489	3,310	-	-	1,489	3,310
Conferences and courses	1,566	12,390	-	-	1,566	12,390
Under 18s	1,632	1,241	-	-	1,632	1,241
Training	-	1,715	-	-	-	1,715
Hope on Wednesday	-	-	416	1,653	416	1,653
Prayer centre	-	-	-	139	-	139
Bristol Night Shelter	210	-	-	600	210	600
Support Costs (note 6)	24,713	25,558	-	-	24,713	25,558
	150,398	135,045	23,683	8,865	174,081	143,910

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5. Analysis of grants

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£		£	£
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19
<i>To institutions</i>						
Churches City Fund	2,250	-	-	-	2,250	-
Mentor me	-	600	-	-	-	600
Unseen	-	600	-	-	-	600
Interserve	1,800	1,350	-	-	1,800	1,350
Crisis Centre	3,500	2,850	-	-	3,500	2,850
Ministries(InHope)						
The George Muller Charitable Trust	500	600	-	-	500	600
SixtyOne	340	340	-	-	340	340
Congregational Federation	-	500	-	-	-	500
Links International	500	-	-	-	500	-
Designated gifts	-	-	-	655	-	655
<i>To individuals</i>	6,000	6,720	1,000	-	7,000	6,720
	14,890	13,560	1,000	655	15,890	14,215

6. Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	£		£	£
	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19
Insurance	2,551	2,600	2,551	2,600
Heat, light and water	7,812	7,779	7,812	7,779
Cleaning	891	1,216	891	1,216
Equipment	607	1,009	607	1,009
Repairs and maintenance	2,141	3,733	2,141	3,733
Memberships	990	712	990	712
Security, health and safety	1,190	1,272	1,190	1,272
Telephone	1,416	979	1,416	979
Postage, printing and stationery	1,816	1,443	1,816	1,443
Depreciation	891	1,087	891	1,087
Bank charges	60	60	60	60
Licenses, legal and professional	938	1,485	938	1,485
Sundry	1,812	1,163	1,812	1,163
Governance costs	1,598	1,020	1,598	1,020
	24,713	25,558	24,713	25,558

7. Net income for the year

	2019-20	2018-19
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	891	1,087
Independent examination fee	1,068	1,020

8. Staff Costs

	2019-20	2018-19
	£	£
The aggregate payroll costs were:		
Wages and salaries	84,300	70,422
Social security costs	17,236	2,260
Pension costs	12,595	3,779
	114,131	76,461

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average monthly headcount of employees during the year was 6 (2019: 5)

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel in the year was £69,903 (2019: £46,665).

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The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

10. Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	144,137	655	144,792	144,816
Charitable activities	22,682	600	23,282	17,806
Investments	59	-	59	13
Total income	166,878	1,255	168,133	162,635
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	135,045	8,865	143,910	162,851
Total expenditure	135,045	8,865	143,910	162,851
Net income/ (expenditure) and net movement in funds	31,833	(7,610)	24,223	(216)
Total funds at 1 October 2018	17,442	25,253	42,695	42,911
Total funds at 30 September 2019	49,275	17,643	66,918	42,695

11. Tangible fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 October 2019	22,685	22,685
Additions	456	456
At 30 September 2020	23,141	23,141
Depreciation		
At 1 October 2019	19,424	19,424
Charge for the year	891	891
At 30 September 2020	20,315	20,315
Net book value		
At 30 September 2020	2,826	2,826
At 30 September 2019	3,261	3,261

The church buildings comprise Hope Chapel.

The Congregational Federation of England and Wales is the holding (custodian) trustee for all the above property. The elders of Hope Community Church became the managing trustees in October 2002.

The very specialist nature of the church buildings makes it difficult to assess a meaningful market value and the trustees have decided not to include the value in the balance sheet. However, as a guide, the buildings insurance value is in the region of £3,000,000. We note that this is a departure from the Charity SORP and will look to include a valuation of Church Buildings in the following years accounts.

12. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	9,316	5,451
	9,316	5,451

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	6,104	1,206
Taxation and social security	2,548	-
	8,652	1,206

14. Movement in Funds

Year ended 30 September 2020	01-Oct-19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	30 Sep-20
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Buildings	16,780	74,901	13,495	-	78,185
Youth Worker Grant	-	14,000	8,736	-	5,264
Prayer Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Hope on Wednesday	863	-	416	-	447
Bristol night Shelter	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Gifts	-	37	-	-	37
Donations for Hardship Funds	-	3,600	1,035	-	2,565
	17,643	92,537	23,682	-	86,498
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	49,275	169,865	150,398	-	68,742
	49,275	169,861	150,396	-	68,742
Total Funds	66,918	262,403	174,081	-	155,240
Year ended 30 September 2019	01-Oct-18	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	30 Sep-19
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Prayer Centre	139	-	139	-	-
Hope on Wednesday	2,516	-	1,653	-	863
Buildings	22,598	-	5,818	-	16,780
Bristol night Shelter	-	600	600	-	-
Designated Gifts	-	655	655	-	-
	25,253	1,255	8,865	-	17,643
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	17,442	166,878	135,045	-	49,275
Total Funds	42,695	168,133	143,910	-	66,918

The Buildings fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the church building.

The Youth Worker Grant represents monies received to pay for salaries for a Youth Worker

The Prayer Centre fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the development of the prayer ministry.

The Hope on Wednesday fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the ministry of the Hope on Wednesday group.

The Bristol Night Shelter fund represents monies received that are to be spent on the provision of a night shelter for the homeless.

The Designated Gifts fund is used for monies given to the church which are to be passed on to recipients designated by the donors.

The Donations for Hardship Funds represent monies received with a specific purpose of giving to members financially affected by Covid-19

The unrestricted general funds are available to be used for the general objectives of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (1134290)**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020****15. Analysis of net assets between funds****As at 30 September 2020**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	86,498	86,498
Unrestricted funds	2,826	68,742	71,567
	2,826	155,240	158,065

As at 30 September 2019

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	17,643	17,643
Unrestricted funds	3,261	46,014	49,275
	3,261	63,657	66,918

16. Related Party Transactions

In the year three trustees were remunerated as employees of the charity as below:

	Role	Gross Wages	Employers pension	Total
		£	£	£
Chris Bond	Pastor	34,525	2,762	37,287
Andrew Stansbury	Associate Pastor	14,725	1,178	15,903
Rebekah Stansbury	Associate Pastor	14,725	1,178	15,903

The approved governing document of the charity contains the legal authority upon which this remuneration is made.

Other than disclosed above, no trustee received any payment during the year.

Aggregate donations from trustees, key management personnel and other related parties was £13,155 (£23,002).

No related party transactions occurred in the year other than disclosed above or elsewhere in the financial statements.