

HOPE CHURCH, CREWE

England & Wales · Charity number 1145555

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2012-01-20

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.2 THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:3.2.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF CREWE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;3.2.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF CREWE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Sunday Church meetings and Sunday school Special services for Christmas Easter and Harvest Prayer meetings and Home groups Schools work Youth and kids club Christians Against Poverty supporters Alpha course Drop in for asylum seekers Community Grocery Toddler group Community cafe Love Crewe mission events

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£148,898	£132,771	-	-
2024-04-05	£176,358	£143,278	-	-
2023-04-05	£130,215	£124,901	-	-
2022-04-05	£113,699	£105,326	-	-
2021-04-05	£94,330	£74,254	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EMMA RACHEL HOWELL		2012-01-20
JOE LAYCOCK		2012-01-20
Jayne Harris		2021-02-01
Philip Howell		2014-08-05
Stephen Johnson		2023-10-01

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year 24		Day5	Month4	Year 25

Section A tails

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

24 Catherine Street	
Crewe	
Cheshire	
Postcode	CW26HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock	Trustee		
3	Philip Howell	Trustee, Church Leader		
4	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
5	Stephen Johnson	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

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Prayer meetings support the life of the church with meetings once a week and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss a variety of topics.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-18 year olds.

On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items. We also provide bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support. There is a weekly Ukrainian hub which is accessed by local Ukrainians, where they support one another and receive help.

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A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run three times a year, with other churches in Crewe and is open to anyone. This has taken place online.

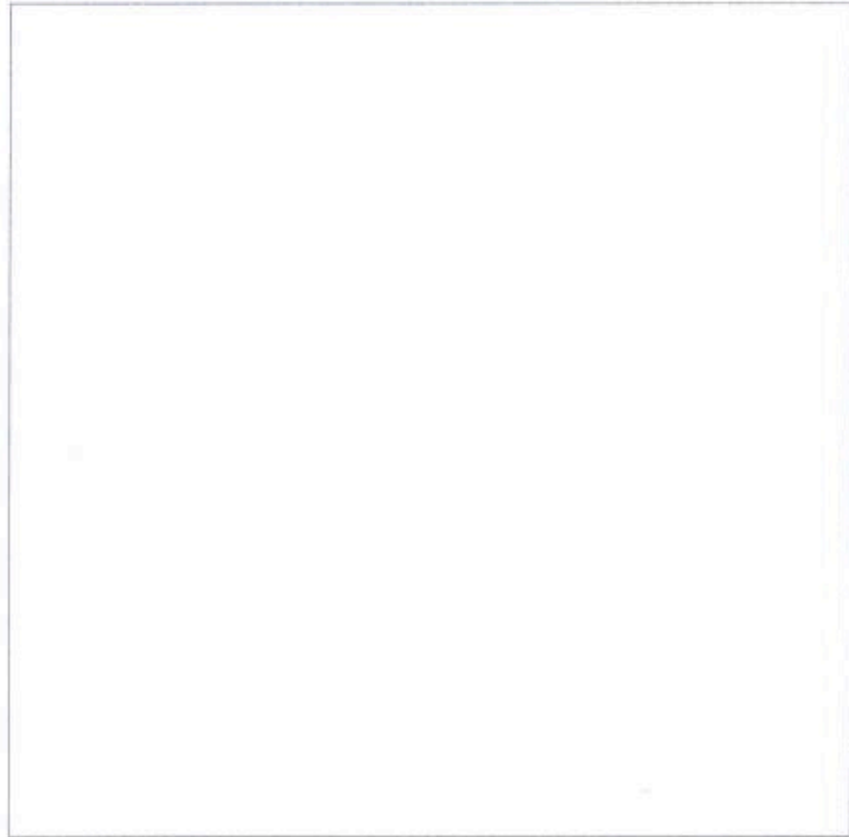
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Hope church is also a contributor to the local food bank.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This has been another year of change for us. We were making plans to run a Community Grocery, Children's centre and community cafe with the Always Ahead charity in the former Flag Lane Baths. This project was closed down by 'the powers that be' in September. In January this year we found a suitable building for lease from which we could run these projects. We have been making plans alongside lawyers, architects and the local council. The hope is to start in Autumn 25.

Church is still growing and we are recognising the changing nature of Crewe in people moving in and out and shift work affecting regular attendance. Having said that we are still growing and an increasing number are serving in Church. It is a wonderful mix of life and nationalities and backgrounds and ages. We had a team of Interns for an outreach week in September, who served the local area and church and helped us with outreach in Crewe town centre.

There were a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 20 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

Home groups meet fortnightly in the different areas of Crewe, where we worship, pray, study the Bible and support one another. Prayer meetings are held weekly on a Tuesday morning and fortnightly in the evening, which are always encouraging. As we have had fewer asylum seekers in Church we have been able to pray without needing translation. The Farsi Bible study has still continued to help those in Crewe to grow in their faith.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, was blessed with a grant from Bentley for the second year, which has enabled us to provide for the needs of those who attend. We regularly see 80 people who come for help and advice and support. It is still a place of laughter and we have been able to help many in their transitions from hotel to rented accommodation and into jobs.

Love Crewe has been holding regular celebrations which has united many churches and believers. The monthly leaders lunch is a source of information and connection for all. We were able to take part in the town Light Switch on and point to the real meaning of Christmas. The service in Queen's park saw more churches taking part and we are enjoying the unity between us. There was a week's mission by the Message Academy who went into schools and took part in youth groups and the park service.

The youth work now has a new team, which has grown over the year and the numbers attending similarly. The kids work has a strong team and lots of children and the creche has become a vital part of Sundays for many.

Hope + Coffee provides a wonderful space for local people and church people to relax together and enjoy refreshments, plus access cheap gifts and clothes. It has a wonderful welcoming atmosphere and the mix of people and conversations is joyful!

Section D

Achievements and performance

Our weekend away was held in March at Cloverley hall and we enjoyed time together having fun and responding to the challenge from the book of Ephesians. We had youth workers as well as children's workers this time and it was a great blessing. The youth also attended the Ichthus Revive weekend in February, which they all enjoyed, as they met with many other young people from around the country.

Revive was also a highlight as it is every year. We were able to bring 15 asylum seekers and there were over 70 of us from Crewe, which was due to the Jubilee reduced price. Many people were challenged and there has been a wonderful increase in enthusiasm and participation in serving in Church.

We are very grateful to the continuing provision of surplus food from Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs. To date we have given out 145,000 meals.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty and connects with many local charities, organisations and churches

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: Hope Church Crewe

On accounts for the year ended

5th April 2025 Charity no (if any) 1145555

Set out on pages

3 & 4 (Remember to include the page numbers if additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

09/09/2025

Name:

ALAN PLATT

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

RETIRED BANK MANAGER Adv Dip Retail Banking Practice

Address:

12 TATE DRIVE CREWE CW1 5FZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Crewe

Reg No. 1145555

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aid Receipts	17,735	-	-	17,735	19,443
General Donations and gifts under gift aid	101,994	-	-	101,994	116,062
Interest	2,558	-	-	2,558	579
HCC Hire	4,435	-	-	4,435	2,731
Shop Income	2,639	-	-	2,639	4,628
Special Projects/Grant	-	19,538	-	19,538	25,502
Fire	-	-	-	-	7,389
Book Sale	-	-	-	-	25
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	129,360	19,538	-	148,898	176,358
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	129,360	19,538	-	148,898	176,358
A3 Payments					
Gift for ministry and support	17,335	-	-	17,335	17,343
Ministers' remuneration	48,000	-	-	48,000	49,570
Training	763	-	-	763	820
Kids Church	1,081	-	-	1,081	1,164
Outreach	923	-	-	923	452
Church Events	22,996	-	-	22,996	21,208
Mission Activities/Love Crewe	1,310	-	-	1,310	1,931
Rent	6,240	-	-	6,240	6,240
Tel/Stationery /Postage	559	-	-	559	752
Equipment Hire/Costs	1,112	-	-	1,112	1,539
Special Projects/Grant	-	20,803	-	20,803	15,478
Misc	250	-	-	250	1,302
Shop	1,442	-	-	1,442	3,055
HCC	2,745	-	-	2,745	2,509
Utilities	3,911	-	-	3,911	3,850
Asylum Seekers (Church spend)	3,302	-	-	3,302	16,066
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	111,968	20,803	-	132,771	143,278
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	111,968	20,803	-	132,771	143,278
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,392	- 1,265	-	16,127	33,080
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,065	30,024	-	98,089	65,009
Cash funds this year end	85,457	28,759	-	114,216	98,089

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	27,405	8,759	-
	Deposit Account	57,683	20,000	-
	Petty Cash	369	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,457	28,759	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

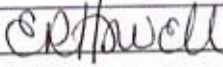
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building/Welsh Chapel	Restricted	50,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA HOWELL	10/9/25

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year 23		Day5	Month4	Year24

Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
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3	Philip Howell	Trustee, Church Leader		
4	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
5	Stephen Johnson	Trustee	1/10/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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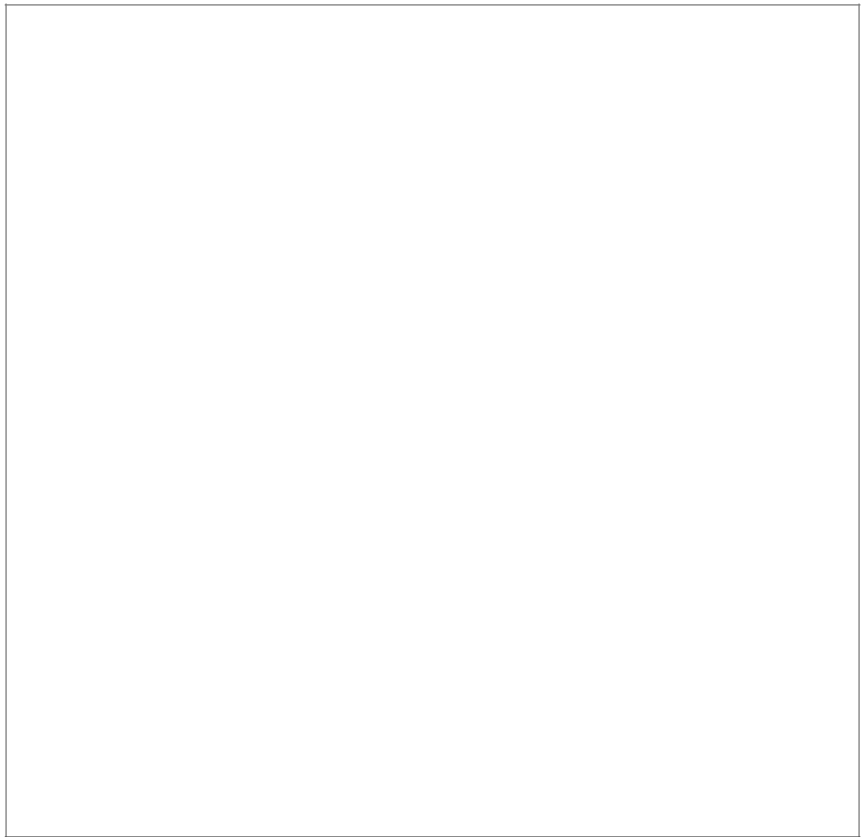
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This has been a year of change with people moving out of the area and new people moving into the area who found the Church. It is a wonderful cross section of people from many nationalities and backgrounds.

We had three baptismal services this year, which were well attended by regulars and visitors and a wonderful celebration of people following Jesus.

There were a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 20 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

We have transitioned to 'area' home groups, so that everyone has access to a group and people can connect with those in their local area. Prayer meetings are held weekly in the day and fortnightly in the evening, which are always encouraging.

The Asylum seeker Bible study has been significant in the spiritual lives of all who attend, takes place weekly and has been a place of encouragement and support.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, was blessed with a grant from Bentley this year, which has enabled us to provide for the needs of those who attend. The clientele has changed, following the closure of 2 hotels, but we regularly see people from further afield, who have been moved away and we have many in local houses, coming for help and advice and support. It is still a place of laughter and we have been able to help many in their transitions from hotel to rented accommodation and into jobs.

Love Crewe has been holding regular celebrations which has united many churches and believers. The monthly leaders lunch is a source of information and connection for all. We were able to take part in the town Light Switch on and point to the real meaning of Christmas. The third Lyceum Carol service took place in December and we were glad to see so many visitors. The service in Queen's park saw more churches taking part and we are enjoying the unity between us.

There has been change in personnel in youth and kids work and we thank God for those who support this great ministry. The Christner family moved back to the USA after 11 years with us. A new creche has been running for some months, which has provided some Bible input and structured activities for pre school children.

Hope + Coffee has been running on Fridays and provides a wonderful space for local people and church people to relax together and enjoy refreshments, plus access cheap gifts and clothes. It has a wonderful welcoming atmosphere and the mix of people and conversations is always full of life! All the profits are given to the Nepal charity we support and to Hope Cafe for the asylum seeker work.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We had an excellent weekend away in March this year where Abi Willetts joined us and spoke on receiving God's healing stream into our lives, to clean areas and to bring fresh living water into our situations.

Revive is always a joy to individuals and church and we enjoyed having 10 asylum seekers join us. Everyone benefitted greatly from the atmosphere, time in God's presence and hearing his word, plus the fun in our camping corral.

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Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Hope Church Crewe

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1145555

Set out on pages

3 & 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Signed:

Date:

21/09/2024.

Name:

James Redmond

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

Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA)

Address:

54 Langley Drive

Crewe, Cheshire

CW2 8LN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

2 October 2018



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Crewe Reg No. 1145555

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 06/04/2023 To 05/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid receipts	19,443		-	19,443	15,974
General donations and gifts under gift aid	116,062		-	116,062	92,506
Interest	579		-	579	30
HCC Hire	2,731		-	2,731	3,841
Shop Income	4,628		-	4,628	4,863
Special Projects/Grants	1,708	23,793	-	25,502	3,072
Fire	7,389		-	7,389	9,849
Book sale	25		-	25	80
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	152,564	23,793	-	176,358	130,214
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	152,564	23,793	-	176,358	130,214
A3 Payments					
Gifts for ministry and support	17,343		-	17,343	18,737
Ministers' remuneration	49,570		-	49,570	48,329
Training	820		-	820	844
Kid's church	1,164		-	1,164	348
Outreach	452		-	452	1,062
Church events	21,208		-	21,208	11,133
Mission activities/Love Crewe	1,931		-	1,931	1,497
Rent	6,240		-	6,240	6,240
Tel/stationery/postage	752		-	752	1,200
Equipment/Hire costs	1,539		-	1,539	2,140
Special Projects/Grants	0	15,478	-	15,478	2,625
Books			-	-	363
Nat ins			-	-	346
Misc.	1,302		-	1,302	1,775
Shop	3,055		-	3,055	3,480
HCC	2,509		-	2,509	4,258
Utilities	3,850		-	3,850	3,887
Asylum Seekers (Church spend)	16,066		-	16,066	16,637
Sub total	127,800	15,478	-	143,278	124,901
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	127,800	15,478	0	143,278	124,901
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,765	8,316	0	33,080	5,313
A5 Transfers between funds			0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,300	21,708	0	65,009	59,695
Cash funds this year end	68,065	30,024	0	98,089	65,009

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	26,925	10,024	-
	Deposit account	40,787	20,000	-
	Petty cash	354	0	-
	Total cash funds	68,065	30,024	0
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

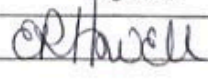
Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Restricted	50,000	-
Building/Welsh Chapel		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA HOWELL	30/9/24

HOPE CHURCH, CREWE

England & Wales - Charity number 1145555

Accounts



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

06/04/2022

To

05/04/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid receipts	15,974	-	-	15,974	14,574
General donations and gifts under gift aid	92,321	185	-	92,506	80,511
Interest	-	30	-	30	2
HCC Hire	3,841	-	-	3,841	940
Shop Income	4,863	-	-	4,863	-
Special Projects/Grants	-	3,072	-	3,072	7,820
Fire	9,849	-	-	9,849	9,852
Book sale	80	-	-	80	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	126,928	3,287	-	130,214	113,699
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	126,928	3,287	-	130,214	113,699
A3 Payments					
Gifts for ministry and support	18,737	-	-	18,737	14,312
Ministers' remuneration	48,329	-	-	48,329	48,288
Training	844	-	-	844	927
Kid's church	348	-	-	348	2,454
Outreach	1,062	-	-	1,062	385
Church events	11,133	-	-	11,133	11,802
Mission activities/Love Crewe	1,497	-	-	1,497	1,431
Rent	6,240	-	-	6,240	4,320
Tel/stationery/postage	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,750
Equipment/Hire costs	2,140	-	-	2,140	4,404
Special Projects/Grants	-	2,625	-	2,625	6,517
Books	363	-	-	363	-
Nat ins	346	-	-	346	351
Misc.	1,775	-	-	1,775	1,429
Shop	3,480	-	-	3,480	-
HCC	4,258	-	-	4,258	4,162
Utilities	3,887	-	-	3,887	2,794
Asylum Seekers (Church spend)	16,637	-	-	16,637	-
Sub total	122,276	2,625	-	124,901	105,326
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	122,276	2,625	0	124,901	105,326
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,652	662	0	5,313	8,373
A5 Transfers between funds			0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,649	21,047	0	59,695	51,322
Cash funds this year end	43,300	21,708	0	65,009	59,695

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	43,300	1,750	-
	Deposit account	0	19,958	-
	Petty cash	0	0	-
	Total cash funds	43,300	21,708	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

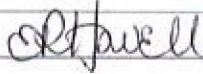
Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Restricted	50,000	-
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	E. HOWELL	9/9/23



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

HOPE CHURCH CREWE

On accounts for the year ended

5th APRIL 2023

Charity no (if any)

1145555

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

26th August 2023

Name:

JAMES REDMOND

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

FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)

Address:

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CREWE, CHESHIRE
CW2 8LN



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year22		Day5	Month4	Year23

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock			
3	Janice Smith	Trustee		
4	Philip Howell	Trustee Church Leader		
5	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of belief in Crewe, the UK or the world.
To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.

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When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

There are weekly Sunday meetings, which are open to all. Hope kids takes place during this meeting for 4-11 year olds and a creche for pre-school children. Young people also have a fortnightly meeting during the sermon. There are special services for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. On some Sundays a bring and share lunch is held, to which all are invited. There are also baptismal services for new believers and dedication services for parents who wish to bring their baby up in the church. Prayer meetings support the life of the church with meetings once a week and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss a variety of topics.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-18 year olds.

On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items such as bedding. We also provide bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support. There is a weekly Ukrainian hub which is accessed by local Ukrainians, where they support one another and receive help.

We started Hope + Coffee this year, which is a local hub for people to come and purchase coffee and cake, second hand books, clothes and gifts and new books, plus items made by a Nepali charity which teaches people to sew. It has been a lovely way for local people to benefit from very cheap prices and meet up with others. Many make it part of their week.

A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run three times a year, with other churches in Crewe and is open to anyone. This has taken place online.

Hope church's website provides information of how to become a Christian, and includes information about the church. It is updated regularly.

Hope church is also a contributor to the local food bank.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D

Achievements and performance

Our Church weekend away in February was a real blessing to the fellowship. Josh and Tobi Peters took the sessions and we enjoyed the day away, with a number of asylum seekers joining us for the day.

Street Pastors has restarted and a number of new people from the fellowship have joined the team..

The church attends 'Revive' annually, which is a Christian conference held in Ashburnham. It is a blessing to us in many ways, as individuals learn more about God, all ages enjoy their meetings and people have opportunity to grow in their faith. Our church group enjoys camping together and it was a joy to be able to attend Revive in 2022.

We are very grateful to Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty. We also help to support the town food bank.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;• investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	Hope Church receives finances from its members and operates according to a strict financial policy. Paid workers salaries are determined by a finance committee and are reviewed annually.
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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

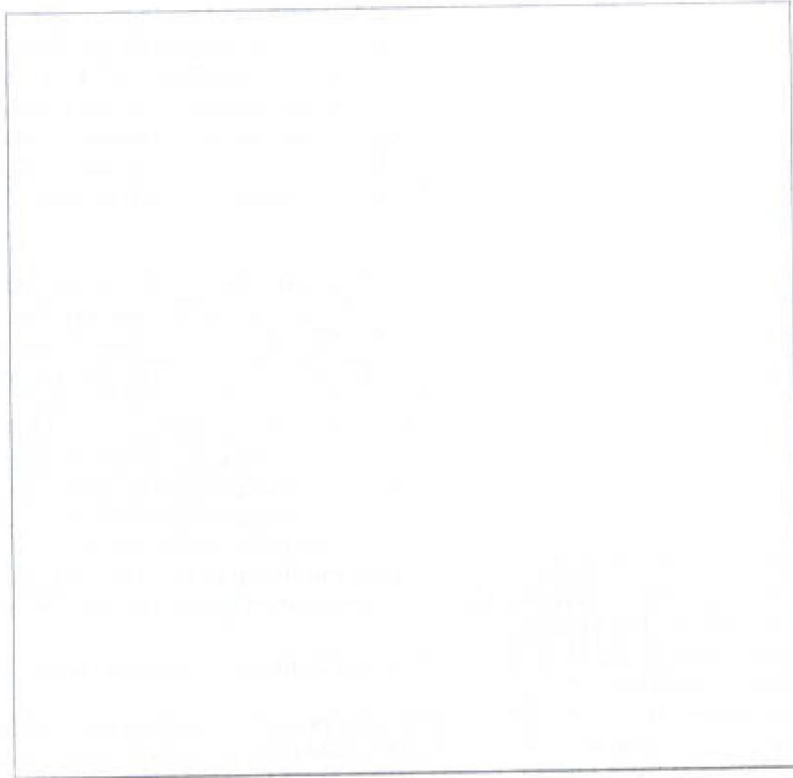
Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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HOPE CHURCH, CREWE

England & Wales - Charity number 1145555

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

HOPE CHURCH CREWE

On accounts for the year ended

5th APRIL 2022

Charity no (if any)

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

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

8/8/2022

Name:

SARAS REDMOND

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

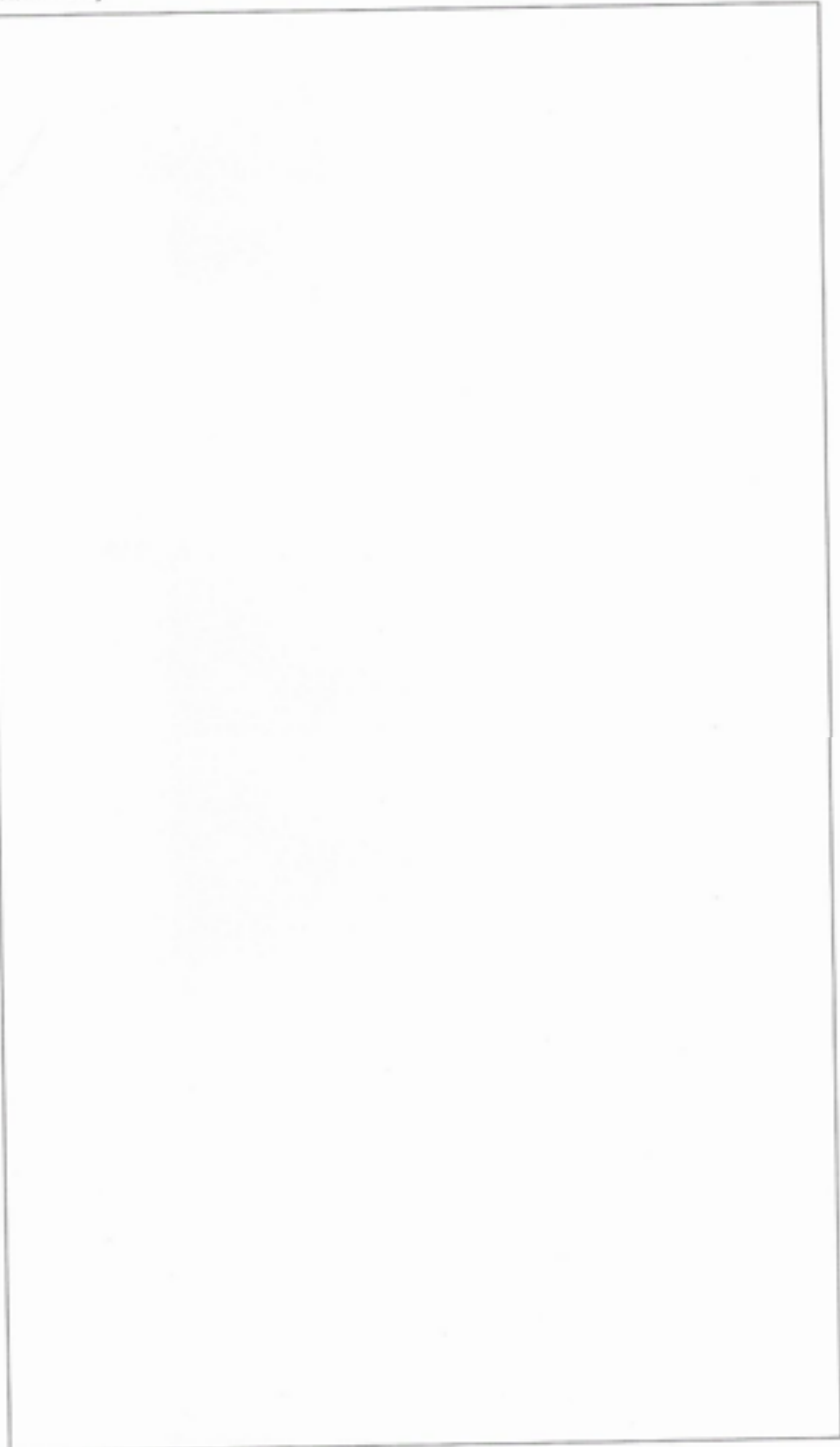
FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)

Address:

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CREWE, CHESHIRE
CW2 8LN.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Crewe

Reg No. 1145555

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

06/04/2021

To

05/04/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid receipts	14,574	-	-	14,574	19,840
General donations and gifts under gift aid	79,806	705	-	80,511	86,579
Interest	-	2	-	2	15
HCC Hire	940	-	-	940	80
Love Crewe	-	-	-	-	2,164
Special Projects/Grants	-	7,820	-	7,820	-
Fine	9,862	-	-	9,862	9,862
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	106,172	8,527	-	113,699	94,330
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	106,172	8,527	-	113,699	94,330
A3 Payments					
Gifts for ministry and support	14,312	-	-	14,312	12,686
Ministers' remuneration	48,288	-	-	48,288	46,160
Training	927	-	-	927	865
Kids church	2,454	-	-	2,454	878
Outreach	385	-	-	385	26
Church events	11,802	-	-	11,802	1,194
Mission activities/Love Crewe	1,431	-	-	1,431	4,063
Rent	4,320	-	-	4,320	-
Tel./cable/internet/postage	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,173
Equipment/hire costs	4,404	-	-	4,404	2,266
Special Projects/Grants	-	6,517	-	6,517	850
	-	-	-	-	-
Net inc.	361	-	-	361	328
Misc.	1,429	-	-	1,429	766
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
HCC	4,162	-	-	4,162	430
Utilities	2,794	-	-	2,794	2,588
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	98,809	6,517	-	105,326	74,254
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	98,809	6,517	0	105,326	74,254
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,362	2,010	0	8,373	20,076
A5 Transfers between funds			0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,286	19,096	0	61,322	31,246
Cash funds this year end	38,649	21,047	0	59,696	51,322

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	38,649	1,303	-
	Deposit account	0	19,743	-
	Petty cash	0	0	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	38,649	21,047	0


	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Restricted	\$0,000	-
Building/Welsh Chapel		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
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		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	E. HOWELL	11/8/22



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year21		Day5	Month4	Year22

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock			
3	Janice Smith	Trustee		
4	Philip Howell	Trustee Church Leader		
5	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
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How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
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Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items such as bedding. We also provide

bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support.

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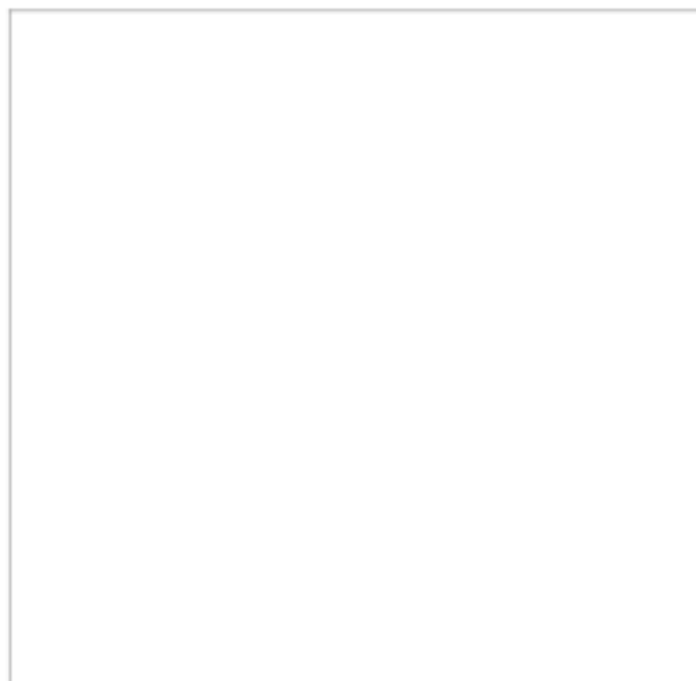
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have continued live-streamed Church service alongside meeting in person. We moved back to The Oaks as soon as was possible and have removed restrictions on social distancing as permitted nationally.

Our average attendance on a Sunday is now around 140, with over 200 people who consider Hope Church their home. We have had people moving into the area who found the Church and many new Iranian and Eritrean asylum seekers who worship with us, plus a growing number of Ukrainians who have moved to the local area.

We had a number of baptismal services this year, and 1 baby dedication service, which were well attended by regulars and visitors.

We had a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 15 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

We decided to run Home groups on themes from September 2021, which brought many new people into regular small groups. Each group has also had a co-leader or 2, which will enable us to expand the number of groups as needed. Prayer meetings have also grown over the year with a clear development of intercession among us.

The Farsi Bible study now includes believers from Eritrea also and has been significant in the spiritual lives of all who attend, this is usually between 15-20.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, has increased to around 70 attendees weekly. We are giving out ever-increasing amounts of clothes and bikes and food. There is also an asylum seeker hotel in the town, which has doubled the number of those seeking asylum, which is approximately 200. There is great cooperation between the drop in and many council agencies who come along to help, such as Healthwatch, The Sexual Health team, Unaccompanied minors, and the local Health partnership.

Love Crews has continued to meet for prayer bimonthly, with a very successful Carol Service in the Lyceum theatre, at which Gavin Calver from the Evangelical Alliance spoke. There has been a monthly leaders lunch from September, which has connected many Churches.

Youth work has continued over the year with a consistent and growing group of young people. There has been a new team member in Hope Kids in Church and the children enjoy meeting together.

The Ministry Group has been formed this year, of the leaders of various ministry areas in Church. This gives opportunity to hear how each area is going and to discuss how future needs will be met. It has brought new people into leadership and gives great support to the overview of the Church's work.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We had a great weekend away at Cloverley Hall in February with Debbie Laycock as the speaker. It was attended by around 100, which is less than in previous years, but it was a encouragement and blessing to all.

Hope Church Central is used by a number of community groups during the week. Emerging Futures use it for cooking sessions, plus drop ins for various groups. The Greek Church also uses the Church on a Sunday morning and a Slovakian Church on one Saturday per month.

Street Pastors has restarted and a number of new people from the fellowship have joined the team..

The church attends 'Revive' annually, which is a Christian conference held in Ashburnham. It is a blessing to us in many ways, as individuals learn more about God, all ages enjoy their meetings and people have opportunity to grow in their faith. Our church group enjoys camping together and it was a joy to be able to attend Revive in 2021.

We are very grateful to Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty. We also help to support the town food bank.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves
The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) EMMA HOWELL

Full name(s) EMMA HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR

Date 11/8/22

HOPE CHURCH, CREWE

England & Wales - Charity number 1145555

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day 6	Month 4	Year 20		Day 5	Month 4	Year 21

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock	Trustee		
3	Janice Smith	Trustee		
4	Philip Howell	Trustee Church Leader		
5	Jayne Harris	Trustee	From 1/2/2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are very pleased that Jayne Harris has agreed to be a Trustee of Hope Church. She is also a member of the Leadership team.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of belief in Crewe, the UK or the world.
To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

In a normal year, there are weekly Sunday meetings, which are open to all. Hope kids takes place during this meeting for 4-11 year olds and a creche for pre-school children. Young people also have a fortnightly meeting during the sermon. There are special services for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. Most Sundays a bring and share lunch is held, to which all are invited. There are also baptismal services for new believers and dedication services for parents who wish to bring their child up in the church.

This year our Sunday meetings took place on facebook as a livestream or on Zoom for midweek prayer meetings. There were some who met in person at Hope Church Central, when permitted, so services became a hybrid of livestream and in-person Church.

Prayer meetings support the life of the church and we meet weekly online or in person and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss and ask questions about the teaching on Sunday. These have also taken place online and in person when possible.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-17 year olds. This has taken place online and also in person when possible. A young adult group (18-30s) meeting usually takes place weekly, but this year has met informally online irregularly.

There is an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations and offer table tennis and table football. This became a food delivery service during lockdown and a once-weekly provision in our building when permitted.

This year we have not held any Community Sales. This is where we sell second hand items at low prices to the local area, all profits are given away to charities. We have also not held any coffee mornings this year.

A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all. Neither of these have been possible due to Covid, but we intend to restart these when possible.

This year we have not undertaken any organised Street outreach. Normally this happens every week, where free teas and coffees are given out. Literature about the Christian faith is on hand and people are available to talk and to pray, should someone wish it.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This past year saw a move to livestream Church, which enabled many people to engage twice weekly with both Church and each other. Our 'closed' group has grown to roughly 230 members over the year. We have had some people engaging online who would not normally come to Church and people from other areas, which has been encouraging.

Since August 2020 we have had some in-person attendance at Hope Church Central, from where we ran our meetings, which allowed roughly 15-18 people to attend with the Covid restrictions in place. This was an enormous encouragement to those who were isolated, single people and those who genuinely found encouragement and support from even the small contact that was allowed.

A number of families and individuals joined us over the year and we have had a new Start Rite discipleship group for new Christians.

When permitted we held 2 baptismal services which were a great encouragement to all.

The Farsi Bible study continued through the year, as it was a vital support to these men who were isolated and vulnerable, many in a new town with no personal relationships. The number of asylum seekers we were engaged with grew to 85, due to a massive increase in those being placed in Crewe. From January on we supported them with weekly food deliveries and brief conversations on the doorstep, but both were greatly appreciated. There has been a constant stream of asylum seekers needing help with documents, or practical matters, or just a listening ear as many are facing very difficult situations. Even in lockdown a socially distanced walk made a great difference for many.

We received food deliveries from Marks and Spencer and Aldi to support this work, and were also able to support Church members, neighbours, family members, and those in need a number of times through the difficult year. It enabled quick pastoral visits on the doorstep to see how people were, and also allowed people to help anyone they knew who was in need, as they could ask for a parcel or flowers to be delivered.

The Church has met many needs this year, both practically and spiritually. There were a number of times when people contacted us for clothes or household items and we were able to provide them. We helped those who had had accidents, or who were bereaved, or who lost a job, with food, meals and support. Phil and Emma took a number of funerals.

Love Crewe continued this year in the form of online zoom meetings and town-wide prayer meetings held on zoom. These were encouraging and especially the Christmas project drew many people. The Church Leaders decided to distribute 10000 Christmas parcels, with a hot chocolate sachet, Gospel of Luke and an invitation to an online Christmas Carol service. This was quite a feat, but happened successfully with many volunteers. 2 online Alpha courses took place with a number of people attending and some finding faith and joining churches.

The Youth work has continued over the year and has been a blessing to the Church young people in their isolation. We very much appreciate Steve and Glenda Christner and their team of helpers, who cared for the young people of high school age this year.

Neither the Church weekend away nor Revive, our annual conference, could happen in person, but we did value the Revive online sessions in August.

Crewe Street Pastors did not take place for most of this year. We did manage to go out for patrols from Sept to December when we were able to. This is another great project between the churches across the town. Each week there is a team that walks around the town centre area and talks to young people and is available to help. This will restart as soon as possible.

Phil is heading up a ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) group, which is a national organisation run by Christians, who work in partnership with local authorities and the police and many other charity groups. The aim is to focus on a few key areas in Crewe that have been identified by the police, research and local involvement, to bring change and improvement. This has also taken place online over the year.

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Full name(s) EMMA HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date 17/8/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
HOPE CHURCH CARE

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2021 Charity no
(if any) 1145555

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2021

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- + accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- + the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

07/8/2021

Name:

SARLES REDWOOD

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

FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED
CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)

Address:

54 LARVILEY DRIVE, CREWE, CHESHIRE,
CW2 8LN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Group

Reg No. 1142655

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	06/04/2020	To	05/04/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid receipts	15,640	-	-	15,640	17,852
Charitable donations and gifts under gift aid	65,788	780	-	66,579	85,909
Interest	-	15	-	15	42
HCC Hire	80	-	-	80	809
Love Church	2,164	-	-	2,164	73
Hope Trust	-	-	-	-	5
Fire	3,652	-	-	3,652	6,873
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	90,535	795	-	91,330	114,264
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	90,535	795	-	91,330	114,264
A3 Payments					
Gifts for ministry and support	12,888	-	-	12,888	15,094
Minister's remuneration	48,150	-	-	48,150	45,834
Training	663	-	-	663	623
Kid's church	478	-	-	478	1,806
Café/roast	28	-	-	28	807
Church events	1,784	-	-	1,784	10,488
Needs activities/love Groves	4,483	-	-	4,483	2,407
Rent	-	-	-	-	5,820
Travel/transport/parcels	1,173	-	-	1,173	2,302
Equipment hire costs	2,266	-	-	2,266	1,167
Special Projects	650	-	-	650	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Natura	325	-	-	325	325
Misc.	756	-	-	756	1,687
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
HCC	436	-	-	436	1,982
Utilities	2,688	-	-	2,688	2,253
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	74,254	-	-	74,254	59,017
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74,254	0	0	74,254	59,017
Net of receipts/payments	16,281	795	0	17,076	55,247
A5 Transfer between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,000	18,241	0	29,241	9,989
Cash funds this year end	27,281	19,036	0	46,317	29,241

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	32,286	0	
	Deposit account		19,036	-
	Petty cash		0	
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)</small>	32,286.23	19,036	0

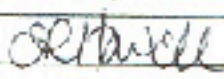
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building/Walsh Chape	Restricted	50,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees or
chief of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA HOWELL	17/8/21