



## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ADMASTON**

Period: 2024/25

#### **Aim and Vision**

The aim of the church is to bring glory to God through being a caring Christian community, discipling people in the way of Christ, and witnessing to the wider community.

Our vision is to see Christ build his church as many come to trust him as real disciples, know their sins forgiven, and are led and empowered by His Spirit; and to see other similar churches planted in the Telford area.

The above is in accordance with our Statement of Faith and our Values.

#### **Objectives**

The Objectives of Hope Community Church Admaston remain as set out in the Constitution dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013:

“The objects of the CIO is to advance the Christian Faith, in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule “Statements of Faith”, for the benefit of the public in the North Telford area, in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of opportunity for prayer, worship, teaching, fellowship, communion, the public celebration of Christian festivals and evangelism to enlighten others about the Christian Faith, and the provision of pastoral care to the community.”

#### **Achievements and Performance**

This is our twelfth Annual Report and covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

##### **Establishing a Church**

The average attendance on a Sunday over the 12 month period was 37.3 persons (2023/4 = 37.3). This is stable. We have seen some younger persons join during the year as well as older ones. We remain committed to seeking to reach the younger age groups.

##### **Discipleship.**

We have expanded our small groups to five ( was three ) and two on-line “Microgroups”.

##### **Prayer**

We have offered opportunities to pray together monthly on a Monday night, weekly on a Sunday morning, and weekly on a Wednesday morning on Zoom.

We have continued to have adhoc prayer days and half-days, though these have been less than previous years.

## **Worship, Teaching and Communion**

Each Sunday and at some other events opportunity for public worship has been offered to all who wish to participate. Tony Finch has continued to write new songs which has contributed to our worship. We continue to have a monthly rota between 2 main worship leaders with a pool of about 7 participants for the band. Others also occasionally lead.

During the year we have had series covering the following themes: The 7 “I am”s of John, Acts, How to share the Gospel, Being a Christian in the daily life, and Ephesians.

We continued the monthly lunches during the period, and had occasional breakfasts.

## **Celebration of Christian festivals**

We have had special events for Christmas and Easter. These have been fantastic events and well attended. There has been a lot of organisation and preparation for these with a huge input from volunteers for which we are most grateful.

## **Evangelism**

People from the church have continued to work evangelistically with St Christopher’s Trust. This has included the “Fun Week” as well as regular mothers and toddlers activities, the café and groups for men and women.

We have continued distribution of the Hope Magazine to about 4000 homes which is reliant on volunteers.

We also had a follow up Mission 24 event in June in cooperation with other local churches which was encouraging.

## **Pastoral Care**

We have coordinated pastoral care for needy members and sought to ensure that people are contacted regularly.

As a church, we have also given regularly to the local Foodbanks.

## **Ecumenical**

The church has retained and developed close ties with other churches in the North Telford area. This is aided through the St Christopher’s Trust work. This has all been through both online and in person prayer regularly and occasional special events such as the Good Friday service and the Mission24 week.

## **Regional Newfrontiers participation**

The local Christ Central Shropshire region has been an important encouragement to the church leaders. There are regular leaders’ gatherings. There have also been in person and online events at a national/international level which have been of great encouragement.

## **Beyond Telford**

During the period, we have strongly supported churches conducting humanitarian aid and evangelism in Ukraine and Zambia through the charity BREADTrust. We have encouraged our congregation to sponsor children through the Compassion programme and in disaster response

appeals. We have also continued to support The Children's Mission in Uganda with financial contributions towards them developing a school. This included Roland making one trip to Zambia under Breadtrust and two to Uganda on behalf of Hope Church. This culminated in January 2025 with a social media campaign to raise money for an additional class: this was achieved in 2 weeks and the classroom completed in another 2 weeks so that children could continue their education.

## **Social Media**

Over the last few years, Tony Finch has been leading our social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube. A large element of this has been producing his own songs for wider access. During the year, the YouTube channel has grown to 5000 subscribers, with aggregate views in excess of 2.2 million (since commencement of the channel) and there is a high level of viewing from many countries which are high on the Open Doors persecution index.

## **Financial Review**

Our income during the year was £75253 (2023/24: £35027).

The trend in the increase in cash giving seen last year has continued during this year. That apart the majority of the large increase in income is down to specific one-off donations :

Christ Central Region £30,000

Christ Central Telford £1200

Uganda fund raising and sponsorship £2150

Payment for Quinta church family weekend £1785

Apart from these the "normal" income sits at £40128 (an increase of £5101 on previous year).

The church continues to benefit from the Government Gift Aid scheme receiving a total of £6752.

Our expenditure during the year (net of Uganda and Quinta monies) was £32849 (2023/24: £33077). Giving a surplus for the year of £7279 (2022/23 £1949).

The four major areas of financial actual expenditure were

Staff Costs £19232 (58%) – increased due to the full year employment of an Administrator and an increase in Roland West's payments (see below).

Rent £3720 (11%) – for (mainly) Sunday use of the main hall at Admaston House, a dedicated small office and rental of room for Funtastic Church.

Giving £2897 (9%) – this has increased from last year due to our financial position.

Magazine and other printing costs £2885 (9%) - mostly for magazine printing for hand delivery to circa 4000 houses in the area

## **Financial Policies**

The Trustees have a reserves policy which requires that the church holds a balance equivalent to 3 months of expected operating expenditure.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

During the year, Roland West, Tony Finch, Kevin Croker and Helen King have continued as Trustees. The trustees met once during the year, but had other regular contact to resolve any arising issues.

In line with the Charity Commission guidelines, the Trustees intend to appoint an Independent Examiner for the Financial Accounts.

During the year, the leadership team has continued with Roland West, Susan West, and Tony Finch. The leaders have continued to meet fortnightly to review all matters of church life and development.

Hope Community Church is strongly reliant on volunteers who play an essential role in the life of the church in many ways. There are rotas for a variety of specific jobs. A good level of pastoral care has been noted. Our thanks go to all participants.

During the 2024/25 year Roland West (senior church leader) has been paid £14465 for 2.1 days per week (2023/24: £13800 for 2.1 days per week). This is done on a contracted basis and includes all ongoing expenses. Only purchases on behalf of the church are separately recovered. Roland is absent for all Trustee discussions with regards to this matter. The other Trustees have agreed to extend the contract from April 2024 for a further 12 months.

This report is approved by the Trustees on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Roland West (Chairman).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RLW' followed by a stylized flourish.

Hope Community Church - Finances 2024/25

INCOME	FORECAST		ACTUALS					Forecast Variance	2023/24 Actuals	2022/23 Actuals	2021/22 Actuals	2020/21 Actuals	2019/20 Actuals
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Quinta	0.00	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!					
Christ Central Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30000.00	1200.00	31200.00	31200.00					
GoFundMe (Uganda)	0.00	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!					
Uganda - Child Sponsor	0.00	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!					
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EXPENDITURE	BUDGET							Spend & Forecast Final	Budget Remaining					
	Annual	Per Qtr												
Children and Youth Work	131.00	32.75	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	142	26	108	0	76
Food & Refreshments	1300.00	325.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	960	676	358	65	577
Giving - Charity Groups	2500.00	625.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	2657	2250	2769	1430	1270
Giving - Love Fund	600.00	150.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	689	1832	3130	770	742
Giving - Misc (bal to 10%)	295.50	73.88	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	600	0	31	799	500
Insurance & Licences	420.00	105.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	406	179	381	176	173
Magazine & Printing	2700.00	675.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	2578	2407	2275	1480	2199
IT	670.00	167.50	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	662	660	897	476	276
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Equipment	300.00	75.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	602	223	380	1236	63
Discipleship & Outreach	550.00	137.50	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	1092	374	777	1751	88
Misc	500.00	125.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	918	392	534	931	1247
Hope Fresh Start	0.00	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	0	0	0	0	180
Hope Debt Advice	0.00	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	0	0	0	0	38
Unallocated	1036.50	259.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1036.50	0	0	0	0	0
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To Savings Account	0.00				30000.00		30000.00	-30000.00						
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Bank - Net			#REF!		#REF!
Bank - Savings A/C			£50,000.00		£50,000.00
Cash in Hand	at 31/03/23 £17.15	current	#REF!	forecast y.e.	#REF!
Overall	at 31/03/23 £22,136.99	current	#REF!	forecast y.e.	#REF!

# Hope Community Church Admaston

## Accounts - ye 31/03/25

					Previous year to 31/03/24		
<b>INCOME</b>	Donations	Gift Aid - Not Restricted	19558		18628		
		Gift Aid - Restricted	3400		3186		
		Non Gift Aid	5786		3850		
		Cash	4232		3373		
		New Elder	<u>400</u>	33376	<u>0</u>	29037	
	Gift Aid	General	4909		4718		
		Restricted	1000		647		
		Cash	<u>843</u>	6752 (40128)	<u>625</u>	5990 (35027)	
	Other Income	Quinta	1785		0		
		Savings Interest	211				
		Christ Central	30000		0		
		Christ Central Telford	1200		0		
		Uganda School (GoFundMe)	1891		0		
		Uganda - Child Sponsors	<u>249</u>	<u>35336</u> 75464	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> 35027	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Children and Youth Work		184		142		
	Food & Refreshments		623		960		
	Giving - Charity Groups		2288		2657		
	Giving - Love Fund		426		689		
	Giving - Misc		189		600		
	Insurance & Licences		416		406		
	Magazine & Printing		2885		2578		
	IT		751		662		
	Pay		19232		18572		
	Rent - Hall & Office		3720		3200		
	Equipment		147		602		
	Discipleship & Outreach		1644		1092		
	Misc		<u>344</u>	32849	<u>918</u>	33078	
	NON STANDARD		3898		0		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Uganda School		1930		0		
	Uganda Child Sponsor		<u>283</u>	<u>6111</u> 38960	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> 33078	
	Income over Expenditure (net profit)			<b>36504</b>		<b>###</b>	

<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	As at 01/04/24	Bank - Current	24639		
		Bank - Savings	0		
		Cash	<u>596</u>	25235	
	Net Profit 31/03/25		<u>36504</u>	<b>61739</b>	
As at 31/03/25		Bank - Current	11300		
		Bank - Savings	50211		
		Cash	<u>228</u>	<b>61739</b>	

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**Charity 1152758**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year to 31st March 2025**

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Ken Young  
5th May 2025

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