



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Hope Church Bedlington	
Other names charity is known by	Formerly: County Church Northumberland, County Church Wansbeck	
Registered charity number (if any)	1153786	
Charity's principal address	Community Help Hub	
	30 Front Street West	
	Bedlington, Northumberland	
	Postcode	NE22 5UB

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	Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Chairperson		
2	Dennis Beverley Clive Fancett	Secretary		
3	Gordon Frederick Brown	Treasurer	Resigned as Trustee on 31/8/22, continues as Treasurer	
4	Adrian Mills Gibbins			

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
Legal	Roger Snowdon	MacLachlan Solicitors, Blackmore Vale House Newbury, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QJ
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN
Legal	Richard Walker	Haighs Solicitors inc Stanley Hays, 124 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AB

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
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO Constitution dated 21st December 2014

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Additional trustees may be appointed for a term of up to 5 years by resolution of the existing trustees, subject to the nominated trustee signing a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee and a statement agreeing to uphold the doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith produced by The Evangelical Alliance.

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.

The CIO has in place a written procedure for the appointment of new Trustees

Hope Church is part of the Catalyst Network family of churches. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliances and the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (Thirtyone:eight)

Hope Church enjoys a strong relationship with The Catalyst Network of Churches, particularly Mosaic Church Leeds, which leads our local partnership.

The major risk is that an unexpected fall in monthly donations to the Church leaves it unable to meet its outgoings. As the CIO does not at this time own assets, most of its outgoings can be reduced quickly. The exceptions are the employment of a church leader and rental and utility bills for the Community Help Hub premises (although the CIO has negotiated a 3-month notice period on the premises to mitigate the latter risk). These are the potential vulnerable areas for the CIO.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

1) To advance Christianity in Northumberland and elsewhere, by any means or medium that is or may become available, in accordance with the Statement of Doctrine set out in the Schedule

2) To relieve poverty and/or provide care for those who are in need because of sickness, age, distress or some other reason.

3) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith

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)

1) The Church holds Sunday services which are open to members of the public and profiled in our publicity material. Three different "Kids Church" groups are also held during the Sunday services, offering games and Christian teaching to children aged 1 to 18 years old.

2) The Church continues to run weekly small group meetings which offer those attending the opportunity for support, furthering their faith and prayer.

3) The Church worked with local school Bedlington Academy to provide some of their Christian curriculum.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The primary objective of the CIO is not specifically grant-making and no specific policy exists. Individual requests are considered by the Church leaders based on their merit and their fit with the Church values as set out in the Schedule to the Trust Deed

The CIO recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers in pursuing its objectives.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Church had been meeting online during the Covid pandemic but returned to physical Sunday meetings from 5th September 2021, initially with hybrid physical and on-line meetings. Sunday meetings continue to attract new people to the Church

Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going.

In the Christmas period the Church Members carried out "acts of kindness" during which many activities were carried out to contribute to the local and global community (e.g. litter picking, donating to local food bank).

The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader.

The Church supports a local children's football club by running a tuck shop during the training.

The Church financially supports and its members practically support the charity 'R21' which works with families who have suffered from domestic abuse.

The Church provided a prayer space as a place for people to pray and mediate.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO aims to hold on reserve sufficient funds to meet anticipated expenditure over the following 3-month period. At this stage in the CIO's development, to do anything more than this is unrealistic, though the Trustees are aware the CIO has a 3-month term commitment on the lease of the Community Help Hub premises.

A building fund exists, and the associated funds are reserved for the purpose of establishing premises.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- 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.

The majority of the church income comes from donations from individuals who support the objectives of the CIO.

The CIO does not currently have surplus funds to invest on a very long-term basis and requires access to its money. The Trustees have therefore determined that any surplus funds should not be invested but placed in an immediate or short-term notice deposit account.

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)

Sally Rose-Marie Poxon

Dennis Fancett

Full name(s)

Sally Rose-Marie Poxon

Dennis Fancett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

7th October 2022

7th October 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington	No (if any) 1153786	Receipts and payments accounts		CC16a
For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022	

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					
Donations from members	43,427	22,594	-	66,021	61,636
Donations from special gift days	17,609	5,115	-	22,724	10
Gift Aid Tax refund	20,234	-	-	20,234	13,832
Funding received	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	36	1,127	-	1,163	1,343
Other income	127	-	-	127	552
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,433	28,836	-	110,269	77,373
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,433	28,836	-	110,269	77,373
A3 Payments					
Staff remuneration	33,915	-	-	33,915	33,496
Evangelism & Alpha	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,974
Overseas Ministry & Support	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,500
Travel & subsistence	319	-	-	319	117
Childrens' & Young People work exps	542	-	-	542	169
Conferences & training	437	-	-	437	580
Venue hire	7,213	-	-	7,213	963
Community Hep Hub	8,785	-	-	8,785	8,438
Housing Project/Debt Advice	4,500	5,183	-	9,683	817
Gifts & donations	4,464	-	-	4,464	8,616
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	150	-	-	150	154
Professional services	10,216	-	-	10,216	1,924
Admin & support expenses	407	-	-	407	1,553
Sub total	74,373	5,183	-	79,556	61,993
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74,373	5,183	-	79,556	61,993
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,060	23,653	-	30,713	15,380
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55,186	162,126	-	217,312	201,932
Cash funds this year end	62,246	185,779	-	248,025	217,312

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	Barclays Current Account	11,284	26,709	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	50,962	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,469	-
	Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,601	-
	Total cash funds	62,246	185,779	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
CCXX R2 accounts (SS)	G. Brown 2	GORDON BROWN	03/11/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

HOPE CHURCH - BEDLINGTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1153786

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

J. Fielding

Date:

2/11/2022

Name:

JASON ANDREW FIELDING

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

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BEDLINGTON, NORTHUMBRIA

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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.