



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2022

To 31/08/2023

Charity name: Hope Church Bedlington

Charity registration number: 1153786

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>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</p> <p>2) To relieve poverty and/or provide care for those who are in need because of sickness, age, distress or some other reason.</p> <p>3) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>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.</p> <p>2) The Church continues to run weekly small group meetings which offer those attending the opportunity for support, furthering their faith and prayer.</p> <p>3) The Church began to establish a community garden which will provide a space for the local community</p> <p>4) The Church opened a community clothes hub to provide free school uniform and other children's clothing.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of guidance issued by the charity commission and have regard to this when making decisions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	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.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment is not undertaken by the CIO
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers in pursuing its objectives.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main Sunday Meetings for Hope Church continue to attract new people to the Church.</p> <p>Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader as well as taking on a part-time community clothes hub manager in April 2023.</p> <p>The Church financially supports, and its members practically support, the charity 'R21' which works with families who have suffered from domestic abuse.</p> <p>A community garden was established, taking over a piece of derelict land in Bedlington Station. A team of Church members have volunteered to clear the land and begin to</p>

		<p>establish a community garden. The aim of the garden is to serve to local community and particularly the estate in which it is situated, giving a space for activities that help foster relationships that care and support the community as well as a space for the community to gather and experience nature, growth and creativity.</p> <p>A clothes bank has been setup by Hope Church. A team of volunteers, led by a clothes hub manager sort donated clothing to provide free school uniform to anyone in need of it as well as other children's clothing.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year the CIO had an excess of income over expenditure of £15,258 and a total expenditure of £80,431. During the year 3 months operating expenses were continually held as reserves. The Church continues to receive regular donations from its members.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>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.</p> <p>A building fund exists, and the associated funds are reserved for the purpose of establishing premises.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£74,562
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The majority of the church income comes from donations from individuals who support the objectives of the CIO.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	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.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution dated 21 st December 2014
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	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 information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The CIO has in place a written procedure for the appointment of new Trustees
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	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).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Hope Church enjoys a strong relationship with The Catalyst Network of Churches, particularly Mosaic Church Leeds, which leads our local partnership.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hope Church Bedlington
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1153786

Charity's principal address	Community Help Hub 30 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB

	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	Adrian Mills Gibbins			
4	Thomas Gallagher		Appointed 15/10/23	
5	Oliver Nicholas Seymour		Appointed 21/1/24	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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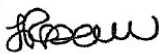

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sally Poxon	Adrian Gibbins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	15/2/24	10/3/24



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Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington	No (if any) 1153786
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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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					
Donations from members	70,686	-	-	70,686	66,021
Donations from special gift days	2,429	50	-	2,479	22,724
Gift Aid Tax refund	17,641	12	-	17,653	20,234
Funding received	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	194	2,881	-	3,075	1,163
Other income	1,796	-	-	1,796	127
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	92,746	2,943	-	95,689	110,269
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,746	2,943	-	95,689	110,269
A3 Payments					
Staff remuneration	37,720	-	-	37,720	33,915
Evangelism & Alpha	1,521	-	-	1,521	2,425
Overseas Ministry & Support	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,000
Conferences, training & travel	623	-	-	623	756
Childrens' & Young People work exps	818	-	-	818	542
Venue hire	6,256	-	-	6,256	7,213
Rent, utilities & maintenance	10,649	-	-	10,649	8,785
Community Projects	3,569	-	-	3,569	-
Housing Project/Debt Advice	6,600	-	-	6,600	9,683
Gifts & donations	3,463	-	-	3,463	4,464
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	4,113	-	-	4,113	150
Professional services	1,756	-	-	1,756	10,216
Admin & support expenses	343	-	-	343	407
Sub total	80,431	-	-	80,431	79,556
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,431	-	-	80,431	79,556
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,315	2,943	-	15,258	30,713
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,247	185,779	-	248,026	217,312
Cash funds this year end	74,562	188,722	-	263,284	248,025

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	15,362	-	-
	Co-operative Bank Account	8,043	-	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	51,157	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	81,933	-
	Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account		79,800	
	Reliance Bank Account	-	26,989	-
		Total cash funds	74,562	188,722
	(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	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Sally Poxon	22/03/2024	



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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 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1153726

Set out on pages

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(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").

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:

Date:

17/11/2023

Name:

DAVID ANN FIELDING

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

Address:

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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.