

Hope Church Rhydyfelin

England & Wales · Charity number 1170304

Details

Other names	HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD, Hope Church Rhydyfelin
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-11-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN WALES AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; (B) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN WALES AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND (C) THE FURTHERANCE OF SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: The charity has held regular public meetings on a Sunday where we have met together to worship God, preach from the Bible and have fellowship together. Involved with New Wine Cymru's 'Mission Wales' week where teams of Christians walked town centres offering prayer to people and advancing the Gospel. Hosts a free Youth Club in Rhydyfelin to reduce the impact of poverty on young people through Eden

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Rhondda Cynon Taff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£22,810	£25,967	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,015	£37,455	-	-
2022-12-31	£236,111	£303,432	-	-
2021-12-31	£108,375	£55,249	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,933	£43,775	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Ryan	Chair	2017-06-29
Andrew Murray		2023-06-17
Timothy James Davies		2025-03-13

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Accounts

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
AKA Hope Church Rhydyfelin**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY 2024 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**C Management Services
69 Velindre Road
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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Jon Ryan (Chair from October 24) Ryan Denne (Chair until resignation in October 2024) Andrew Murray Mayuri Hargest (resigned April 2025) Anna Pitt (resigned May 2025) Andrew Davies (resigned July 2025) Tim Davies (appointed March 2025) Jason Ferreira (appointed May 2025)
Pastor:	Jon Ryan
Treasurer:	Anna Pitt (until May 2025), Tim Davies (present)
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1170304
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd November 2016
Address for correspondence:	Hope Rhydyfelin Masefield Way, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd CF37 5ES
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
Bankers:	HSBC 37 Cardiff Road Caerphilly Mid Glamorgan CF83 1WE

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2024.

Structure, Governance, and Management

Appointments

New Trustees are appointed from within the church/charity by existing trustees. New trustees are provided with a copy of the organisation's governing document, the charity's latest accounts and meeting minutes, as well as various links to online guides and resources in order to help assist them in their role.

The role of chair of trustees was passed to existing trustee Jon Ryan in October 2024.

Meetings

Meetings occur approximately quarterly depending on agendas. Trustees discuss safeguarding, finance, personnel and property; making decisions about the direction of the charity as deemed necessary. Meetings in 2024 were held online for ease and accessibility to all trustees. Meeting notes from the meetings were made available to all trustees.

Spending

Spending either of interest or above £500 is run by Trustees first informally. Salaries are re-evaluated every 6 months. No salary changes occurred in the year.

Communication

For convenience, much of the communication between trustees was done using informal communication methods such as WhatsApp. E-mail communication was used for more formal communication between trustees. E-mails are stored and can be used as evidence of decisions alongside Trustee meeting minutes.

Oversight

The Charity is connected with several organisations: the Catalyst network of churches (part of New Frontiers), New Wine Cymru, and the Evangelical Alliance. These organisations continue to provide insight and guidance, supporting the church and bringing wider recognition.

Objectives and Activities

Charity Purposes

The charity's objects remain:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world;
- (b) The prevention or relief of poverty in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world; and
- (c) To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity.

Activities

In accordance with objective (a)

In 2024 the charity held regular public meetings to worship God, preach from the Bible and have fellowship together. Guest speakers from other local churches were a regular feature as well as our "All-Age Services", which were held roughly once a month. The all-age services in particular often brought in families from the local community who had not previously attended our more traditional services, and provided great opportunities to share the christian faith with those not very familiar with it.

Collaborations and friendships with other local churches continued to grow in 2024. For a second year we had teams of South Koreans come to pray for us collectively as local churches. Each day the team moved to a different location and there were lots of interactions and shared prayers between the different congregations. As a response to the increased sense of unity between the local churches in April 2024 a "prayer and praise" service was launched. These have been held once every two or three months since.

Our weekly online Bible studies, where we studied the book of Psalms continued into October, and in place of life-groups, a men's group and a women's group were established in March. These groups provide great opportunities for growing friendships and encouraging people in their faith.

In January we had the privilege of baptising two of the young adults that had been attending our services for over a year.

In accordance with objective (b)

We continued to support the work of the foodbank throughout the year, providing regular donations, as well as a special donation given as part of our harvest festival themed all-age service. The number of food vouchers given out decreased from the previous year which was good to see.

In accordance with objective (c)

As in previous years, we worked in collaboration with Rhydyfelin Community Group, supporting community events during the summer and concluding the year with volunteers dressed as elves chasing Santa Claus around Rhydyfelin shouting merry christmas and giving out free chocolates to children. Even though there was heavy rainfall people still lined the streets with beaming faces. Continuing with the event despite the severe weather seemed to make people appreciate the efforts that were made even more, and we had many lovely messages from people in the community as a result thanking us for our hard work.

Statement on Public Benefit

The charity trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity during the year.

Achievements and Performance

Overall the charity's objectives have been achieved. Objectives (a) and (c) have been met more fully than objective (b), which has largely been due to many plans for poverty relief relying on the use of the building which still requires a lot of repair and renovation prior to use.

Financial Review

The charity has received continued giving through stewardship, monthly donations, one-off donations and sponsorship of our full-time community worker. Most funds are raised through members giving monthly to the charity.

The charity does not have a reserves policy, but it has been decided approximately £2000-£3000 would be the appropriate level of total unprotected funds required to end the activities of the charity not already provided for or paid for within 3 months. This includes 'redundancy' type payments to any employees, stopping direct debits and rent payments and informing members they may wish to stop giving temporarily or permanently.

Initial Funds (1 st January 2024):	£10,362.90	(inc. £3,073.56 reserves)
Concluding Funds (31st December 2024):	£ 7,205.75	(inc. £3,133.55 reserves)

Operational funding has mostly been met by monthly or weekly giving by members who attend weekly meetings. Average regular operational giving for 2024 (including all sponsorship, stewardship giving and monthly giving), was approximately £1,812 per month [2023: £2,378] excluding Gift Aid. £250 [2023: £300] of this is direct sponsorship of our community worker. No Gift Aid was claimed during 2024 (2023: £5,206). This was reclaimed after the end of the Financial Period.

Financial Summary (1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024)

Total income: £22,809.85 [2023: £34,015.35]
Total expenditure: £25,967.00 [2023: £37,455.11]

Total Net income (expenditure): (£3,157.15) [2023: (£3,440.76)]

There is a small overall net outflow of funds during the course of the year similar to the previous year, but this represents the ongoing commitment of the charity towards the community to maintain activities regardless of monetary value.

Our current account has been quite stable thanks to decreased costs (no longer having a paid Pastor) and the generosity of supporters. Additionally, the monthly giving of members is still generally stable but does fluctuate as the church congregation varies.

It is worth noting that no gift aid for the previous year was claimed in this period, it was claimed the following financial year. Inclusion of the gift aid claimed in the following financial year of £4,445.70 would result in a small surplus of income over expenditure of £1,288.55.

Our publicly available financial review is attached as Appendix A.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by

Signature.....

Name

Date 23rd September 2025

Position

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:
C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date 23rd September 2025

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	18,017	3,970	21,987	33,738
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	763	-	763	210
Interest received		60	-	60	67
Total Receipts		18,840	3,970	22,810	34,015
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	22,803	3,164	25,967	37,455
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		22,803	3,164	25,967	37,455
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(3,963)	806	(3,157)	(3,440)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		10,362	-	10,362	13,802
Fund balances at 31 st December 2024		6,399	806	7,206	10,362

The notes on pages 11-12 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
The value of the assets owned are	£	£
Buildings (Purchase price)	237,500	237,500
Equipment (Insurance value)	6,604	6,604
	244,104	244,104

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	7,206	10,362
	7,206	10,362

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8,020	3,348
Incorrectly charged electricity	392	-
	8,412	3,348
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	300	300

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 23rd September 2025

Signed

Name

The notes on pages 11-12 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gift Aid donations	11,510	1,000	12,510	13,392
Sponsorship for Heather	-	2,970	2,970	3,581
Other donations	6,507	-	6,507	11,560
Tax recovered	-	-	-	5,205
	18,017	3,970	21,987	33,738

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-	-	-
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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other sundry receipts	-	-	-	200
Refunds	763	-	763	10
	763	-	763	210

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	14,929	1,902	16,831	24,751
Eden/Message expenses	-	1,068	1,068	1,092
Speaker expenses	-	-	-	317
Other ministry/evangelism expenses	1,049	-	1,049	819
	15,978	2,970	18,948	26,979

b. Support and Administration

Premises rental and expenses	3,773	194	3,967	7,547
Administration and general expenses	917	-	917	331
Insurance & professional fees	1,266	-	1,266	1,158
Training & conferences	30	-	30	-
	5,986	194	6,180	9,036

c. Grants

Evangelical Alliance	240	-	240	240
New Wine Cymru	600	-	600	600
Catalyst Network	-	-	-	500
PCY	-	-	-	100
	840	-	840	1,440

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one part-time employed member of staff who is connected to trustee Jon Ryan. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Expenses of £269 were paid to trustee Jon Ryan and were paid in his capacity as Pastor of the church to attend conferences and to reimburse him for resources for his training.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year are as follows:

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Property Development Fund	-	1,000	(194)	-	806
	-	1,000	(194)	-	806

APPENDIX A: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHARITY

2024 Financial Review

Hope’s leadership structure was subject to continued change during 2024 with the chair of Trustees stepping down and Jon Ryan taking over which impacted on the effectiveness of the charity, as expected. Fundraising for the building remained on hold during 2024, whilst maintaining minimum repairs to the building.

Income:

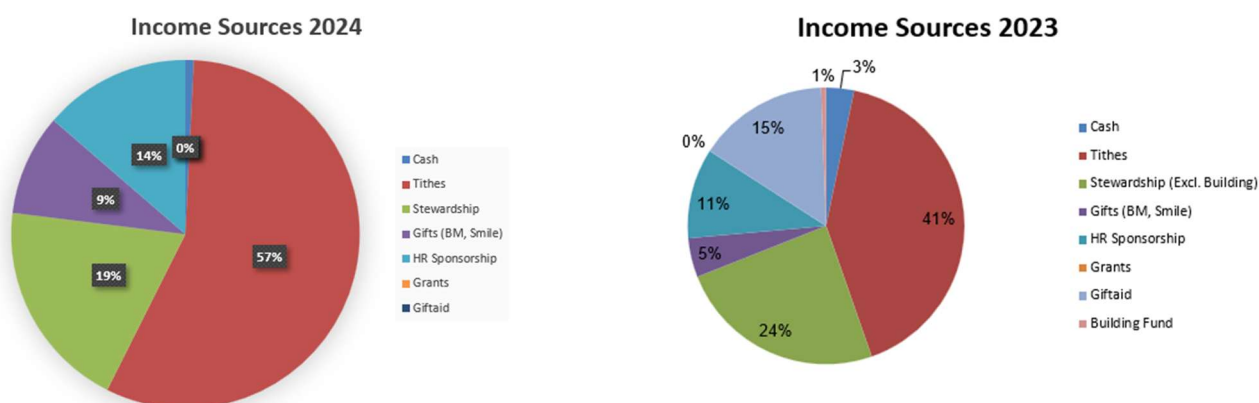
Regular giving dropped during 2024 due to a changing congregation. Our Gross income was nearly £22,000 (£34,000 in 2023). General income averaged £1,500 a month (from £2,000 in 2023). HR’s sponsors gave £2,970 which was another slight reduction from last year but still covers approximately 25% of her salary. No transfers were required from reserves and we gained £59.99 interest.

	Av. Monthly	Yearly
Income from Giving	£ 1,501.41	£ 18,016.93
Income from Supporters	£ 247.50	£ 2,970.00
Building Fundraising	-	£ 1,000.00
Gift Aid Income (2023)	-	£ -
Refunds		£ 762.93
Interest		£ 59.99
Total Gross Income	£ 1,900.82	£ 22,809.85
Transfers from reserves		£ -

No claim for gift aid was made during the year, however we continued to receive gifts through the year from Brynmawr and a generous one-off gift of £1,000 directly towards the building fund. We continued to be fortunate enough to receive gifts through the year from Brynmawr.

Sources									
Cash	Tithes	Stewardship (Excl. Building Fund)	Gifts (BM, Smile)	HR Sponsorship	Grants	Giftaid	Interest	Building Fund	
£ 170.86	£ 12,315.00	£ 4,253.07	£ 2,040.93	£ 2,970.00	£ -	£ -	£ 59.99	£ 1,000.00	
0.75%	53.99%	18.65%	8.95%	13.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%	4.38%	

Income sources show similar proportion of giving again, although a higher proportion was from tithing than stewardship largely due to the changing make-up of the congregation giving directly through tithing rather than through stewardship.



Expenditure:

Hope’s Expenditures decreased by £11,000 during 2024, this is in large part due to no longer paying £8,000 to the Pastor, smaller reductions in running and community costs (totalling £1,700) and a significant reduction in building expenditure (£1,400) whilst the building project was paused. Only £193 was spent on the building purely to maintain the state of disrepair.

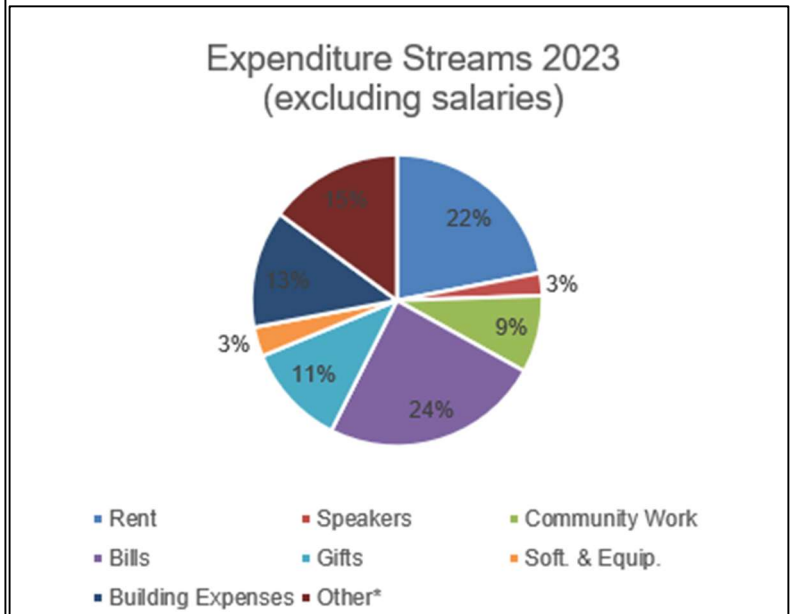
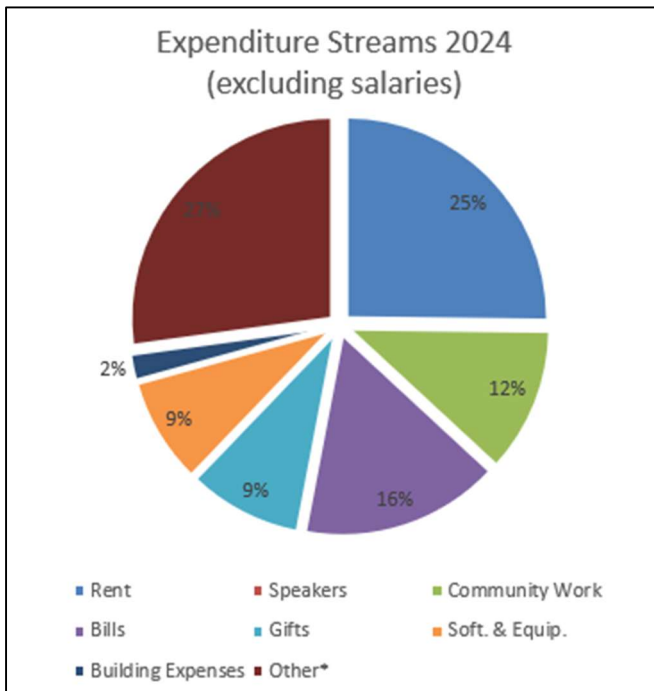
	Av. Monthly	Yearly	% Church	2023	Change
Salaries	£ 1,402.57	£ 16,830.80	65.30%	£ 24,750.80	-£ 7,920.00
Running Costs	£ 586.20	£ 7,034.35	27.29%	£ 8,111.61	-£ 1,077.26
Community and external costs	£ 159.02	£ 1,908.21	7.40%	£ 2,531.88	-£ 623.67
Building Expenses	£ 16.14	£ 193.64		£ 1,657.82	-£ 1,464.18
Expenditure Total	£ 2,163.92	£ 25,967.00	£ -	£ 37,052.11	-£ 11,085.11
Transfer to reserves		£ -			
NET INCOME	-£ 263.10	-£ 3,157.15			

Hope largest expenditure continues to be on HR’s salary (inc. pension) accounting for 65% of total expenditure, excluding the building fund. This is expected due to how the church operates, though our largest proportion yet sadly. For transparency, HR’s salary is £1,306pcm (after pension deductions but before tax @ Jan 2025).

Streams	Speakers	Salaries	Tax & Pension	Community Work	Bills	Gifts	Soft. & Equip.	Building Expenses	Other*
Rent	£ 316.60	£ 22,522.72	£ 2,228.08	£ 1,091.88	£ 3,096.36	£ 1,440.00	£ 416.24	£ 1,657.82	£ 1,892.81

*Other: DBS, Payroll, insurance, childrens work, marketing, J Ryan expenses

Bills have decreased in proportion, community work, gifts and “other” expenditure have increased in proportion. The main reason for the increase in “other” expenditure is an increase in stationary, children’s work, marketing and training and conference costs as the church has looked to increase it’s focus on reaching out to the community.



Hope Church Rhydyfelin

England & Wales - Charity number 1170304

Accounts

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

**C Management Services
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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Ryan Denne (Chair) Andrew Davies Mayuri Hargest Andrew Murray (appointed 17 th June 2023) Anna Pitt (appointed 17 th June 2023) Jon Ryan Andrew Thomas (resigned 8 th January 2023)
Pastor:	Jon Ryan (was Andrew Davies)
Treasurer:	Anna Pitt
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1170304
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd November 2016
Address for correspondence:	Hope Community Church 126 Morien Crescent Rhydyfelin CF37 5PT
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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2023. The report outlines similar activities as in previous years. By far the most significant difference was the ongoing management of the near derelict building purchased in 2022. Regrettably, extensive plans for this development have continued to be hindered by the increased scope of the repairs needed and clearance taking much longer than anticipated.

Structure, Governance, and Management

New Trustees are appointed from within the church/charity by existing trustees. They are provided with a copy of the organisation's Constitution, finance reports, and any other information deemed necessary to assist them in their role. Meetings occur approximately quarterly depending on agendas. Trustees discuss safeguarding, finance, personnel and property; making decisions about the direction of the charity as deemed necessary. Any spending either of interest or above £500 is run by Trustees first informally. Meetings this year were held online for ease and accessibility to all trustees. For convenience, much of the communication between trustees was done using informal communication methods such as WhatsApp. E-mail communication was used for more formal communication between trustees. E-mails are stored and can be used as evidence of decisions alongside Trustee meeting minutes.

Structure and governance had significant changes throughout 2023. Two of the leadership team (and trustees) moved on in 01/23 and 08/23 respectively. One being the chair and treasurer. Additionally, the main leadership role (Pastor) was handed over from Andrew to Jon during the year, and as such Andrew's salary was slowly phased out. Two more trustees were appointed, and the Treasurer role was handed over with continued support as needed. Through this handover, the trustees met less frequently as new roles were grasped. An extensive wider support network has been established to continue the support of the charity.

During the year the building which had been purchased, although not suitable to meet in publically was cleared out and a post box fitted allowing it to become used as the charity's primary business address in October 2023. The weekly meeting location continued to be Rhydyfelin Community Centre. Community work has continued and the number of households supported has remained high due to the severity of the cost of living crisis.

The salaries and outgoings of the church are re-evaluated every 6 months. No salary changes occurred in the year and, where activities could not continue as normal, roles were redistributed and refocused among volunteers and our one employee.

The Charity is connected with several organisations: Catalyst Network of churches, New Wine Cymru (other churches around South Wales), and the Evangelical Alliance. These organisations continue to provide insight and guidance, supporting the church and bringing wider recognition.

Objectives

The charity's objects remain:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world;
- (b) The prevention or relief of poverty in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world; and
- (c) To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity.

Achievements and Activities

In 2023 the charity held regular public meetings to worship God, preach from the Bible and have fellowship together, in accordance with object (a). We have also collaborated with other churches in and around South Wales building friendships and associations between ourselves, in accordance with object (a) and (c). Since the establishment of the wider support network for the charity we have been keen to strengthen ties with other churches and charities similar to our own through groups such as Pontypridd Christian Concern.

The charity met together to pray for one another, have fellowship together, and discuss teaching from the 'God's Big Story' series, and a weekly bible study was held virtually most Wednesdays. These have grown the church in friendship with one another, enabled us to meet one another's needs and brought accessibility for those unable to join on a Sunday in accordance with objective (b).

Our community work in accordance with (b) which seeks to reduce the impact of poverty on youth and families in and around South Wales has remained vital to many members of the community. Due to the cost of living crisis, we issued a far greater number of foodbank vouchers than in previous years.

We were able to provide service to the community in accordance with objective (b) through the work of our community worker and volunteers. As in previous years, we worked in collaboration with Rhydyfelin Community Group, supporting community events during the summer and concluding the year by having Santa Claus pulled around Rhydyfelin on a sleigh. This brought great joy with over 2000 people seen waiting for Santa to pass by their street. This was again one of the most far-reaching events we were involved in and helped build our reputation as a church, being seen as a force for good in the community.

Performance & Goals

The church/charity met approximately 48 times throughout the year for worship and teaching from the bible on a Sunday afternoon. A normal service reached around 10 households, and on special 'all age' services with creative themes, an additional 5 households were reached.

Our full-time community worker continued to organise and oversee the majority of work represented above, empowering the church to carry out its serving objective (b).

We were able to continue giving charitable donations to the Catalyst network of churches, give monthly to support New Wine Cymru and the Evangelical Alliance, giving £1440 to organisations and individuals. We also gave £6000 to help support an individual in the church to enable their oversight and support of other churches we are close to.

Overall our objectives have been achieved. Objective (a) has been met in Sunday meetings, mid-week meetings and through collaboration with other churches through Catalyst, New Wine, the Evangelical Alliance, and Ponty Christian Concern. Objective (b) has been extensively met with the Community work ministry; foodbank and personal support; members supporting one another and their neighbours; and through supporting other ministries along with objective (c).

Management of Property

The charity's most exciting (and daunting!) endeavour so far has been the management of what was Rhydyfelin Sports Bar. Purchased in 2022, much of 2023 was spent clearing out possessions, making progress on making it safe, repairing issues, and looking for grants for refurbishment. We believe the cost for a full renovation to be approximately £350,000. A business plan is available on request, though it is an ongoing process.

Financial Review

The charity has received continued giving through stewardship, monthly donations, one-off donations and sponsorship of our full-time community worker. Most funds are raised through members giving monthly to the charity. There were some restricted funds for an individual.

The charity does not have a reserves policy, but it has been decided approximately £2000-£3000 would be the appropriate level of total unprotected funds required to end the activities of the charity not already provided for or paid for within 3 months. This includes 'redundancy' type payments to any employees, stopping direct debits and rent payments and informing members they may wish to stop giving temporarily or permanently.

The reserves/savings account was set up in May 2019 which stores our restricted funds. Through 2023 this has been where monies raised for the building purchase have been transferred and stored.

Initial Funds (1 st January 2023):	£13,802.23	(inc. £9,006 reserves)
Concluding Funds (31st December 2023):	£10,362.90	(inc. £3,073 reserves)

Operational funding has mostly been met by monthly or weekly giving by members who attend weekly meetings. Average regular operational giving for 2023 (including all sponsorship, stewardship giving and monthly giving), was approximately £2378 per month excluding Gift Aid. £300 of this is direct sponsorship of our community worker. We also claimed £5,206 from Gift Aid on previous years' giving.

Financial Summary (1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023)

Total income: £ 34,015.35

Total expenditure: £ 37,455.11

Total Net income (loss): £ - 3,440.76

This is a small overall loss but represents the ongoing commitment of the charity towards the community to maintain activities regardless of monetary value. Our current account has been quite stable thanks to decreased costs (no longer renting church office) and the generosity of supporters.

Additionally, the monthly giving of members is still generally stable but does fluctuate as the church congregation varies, and we have been able to continue to claim Gift Aid which would increase the net income by approximately £5000 to a small gain.

Our publicly available financial report is attached as Appendix A. Throughout 'HR' refers to the community worker's initials, not Human Resources.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by

Signature.....

Name .Jonathan Ryan.....

Date 22/10/24

Position .Chair of Trustees.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:
C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date: 22nd October 2024

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	30,157	3,581	33,738	42,361
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	10	200	210	193,750
Interest received		67	-	67	27
Total Receipts		30,234	3,781	34,015	236,138
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	33,674	3,781	37,455	303,432
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		33,674	3,781	37,455	303,432
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(3,440)	-	(3,440)	(67,294)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st January 2023		13,802	-	13,802	81,096
Fund balances at 31 st December 2023		10,362	-	10,362	13,802

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
The value of assets owned are:		
Buildings (purchase price)	237,500	237,500
Equipment (Insurance value)	<u>6,604</u>	<u>5,613</u>
	244,104	243,113

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>10,362</u>	<u>13,802</u>
	10,362	13,802

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	3,348	4,096
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	300	300

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 22nd October 2024

Signed:

Name:

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gift Aid donations	13,392	-	13,392	16,385
Other donations	11,560	200	11,760	19,893
Tax recovered	5,205	-	5,205	6,083
	<u>30,157</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>30,357</u>	<u>42,361</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-		
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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grant received	-	-	-	183,000
Other sundry receipts	-	-	-	6,315
Sponsorship for Eden/Heather	-	3,581	3,581	4,435
Refunds	10	-	10	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>3,581</u>	<u>3,591</u>	<u>193,750</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	22,262	2,489	24,751	28,850
Eden/Message expenses	-	1,092	1,092	1,835
Speaker expenses	317	-	317	170
Other ministry/evangelism expenses	819	-	819	1,011
	<u>23,398</u>	<u>3,581</u>	<u>26,979</u>	<u>31,866</u>

b. Support and Administration

Premises rental and expenses	7,347	200	7,547	265,170
Administration and general expenses	331	-	331	166
Insurance & professional fees	1,158	-	1,158	1,144
	<u>8,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,036</u>	<u>266,480</u>

c. Grants

Evangelical Alliance	240	-	240	240
New Wine Cymru	600	-	600	600
Catalyst Network	500	-	500	160
PCY – contribution for schools	100	-	100	86
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>5,086</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one part-time employed member of staff, and another individual that is paid who is self-employed. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The Pastor, Andrew Davies, who is also a Trustee, was paid on a self-employed basis, and received payments totalling £8,000 in his capacity as Pastor of the church before leaving this role.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

APPENDIX A: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHARITY

2023 Financial Review

During 2023 Hope’s Structure changed significantly due leadership moving on in various forms which no doubt had an impact on the effectiveness of the charity as expected. Fundraising for the building paused whilst the building was assessed and repaired (repeatedly).

Incomes:

Regular giving dropped slightly. Our Gross income was nearly £34,000 (£236,000 2022 thanks to building fund). General income averaging £2,080 a month (from £2,300 in 2022). HR’s sponsors gave £3,580 which was slightly lower than previous years but still covered approximately 35-40% of her salary. Stewardship giving returned for general use from the purchase of the building. Over the year £6,000 was retrieved from reserves, and given specifically to support AD in ministry. We gained £67 interest.

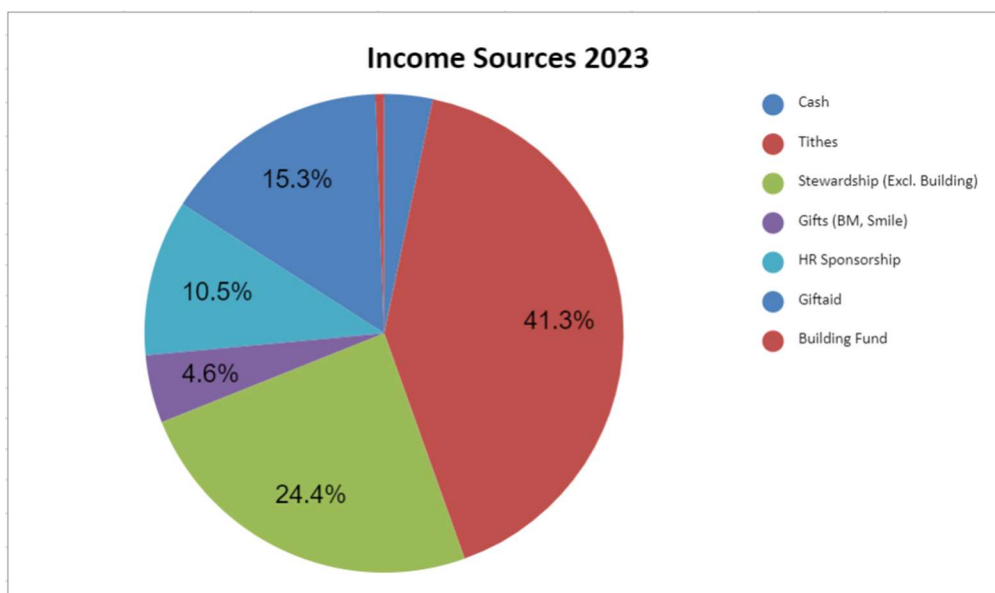
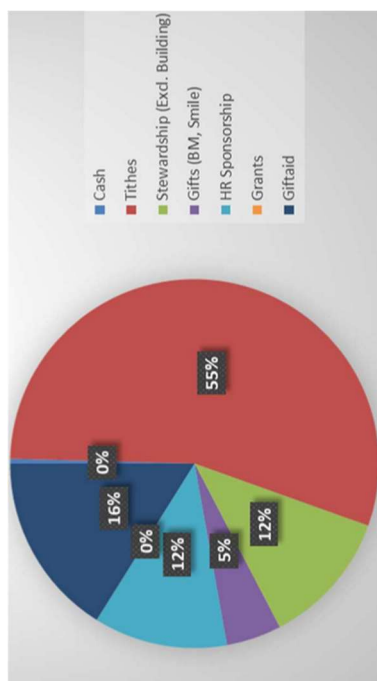
	Av. Monthly	Yearly	
Income from Giving	£ 2,080.18	£ 24,962.18	
Income from Supporters	£ 298.38	£ 3,580.60	
Building Fundraising	-	£ 200.00	
Gift Aid Income (2021)	-	£ 5,205.57	
Total Gross Income	£ 2,834.61	£ 34,015.35	
Transfers from reserves + interest		£ 5,933.00	AD restricted giving

We were also fortunate to claim over £5200 through gift aid on 2022’s applicable income. We continued to be fortunate enough to receive gifts through the year from Brynmawr.

Sources	Cash	Tithes	Stewardship (Excl. B	Gifts (BM, Smile)	HR Sponsorship	Grants	Giftaid	Building Fund
£	1,109.28	£ 14,012.79	£ 8,280.58	£ 1,559.53	£ 3,580.60	£ -	£ 5,205.57	£ 200.00
	3.27%	41.28%	24.39%	4.59%	10.55%		15.33%	0.59%

Income sources show similar proportion of giving again though more proportion was for stewardship than tithing, they both totalled approximately 65%:

2022



Expenditures:

Hopes Expenditures have stayed roughly the same as last year, though community work decreased slightly in expenditure. We only spent 5% on building work, though this was purely to maintain the state of disrepair.

	Av. Monthly	Yearly	% Church
Salaries	£ 2,062.57	£ 24,750.80	69%
Running Costs	£ 675.97	£ 8,111.61	23%
Community and external costs	£ 210.99	£ 2,531.88	7%
Building Expenses	£ 138.15	£ 1,657.82	5%
Expenditure Total	£ 3,121.26	£ 37,455.11	
Transfer to reserves		£ -	
NET INCOME	-£ 292.23	-£ 3,506.76	

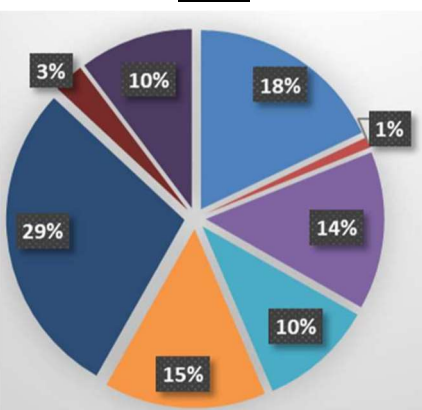
Expenditure streams are still biggest on HR & AD Salaries (69% of total expenditure including tax and pension contributions for HR) □ This is expected due to how the church operates, though our largest proportion yet sadly. However, as AD has transitioned roles his salary was phased out. For transparency, salaries are HR: £1,306 pcm (before tax @ Jan 2024).

Streams	Speakers	Salaries	Tax & Pension	Community Work	Bills	Gifts	Soft. & Equip.	Building Expenses	Other*
£ 2,792.60	£ 316.60	£ 22,522.72	£ 2,228.08	£ 1,091.88	£ 3,096.36	£ 1,440.00	£ 416.24	£ 1,657.82	£ 1,892.81

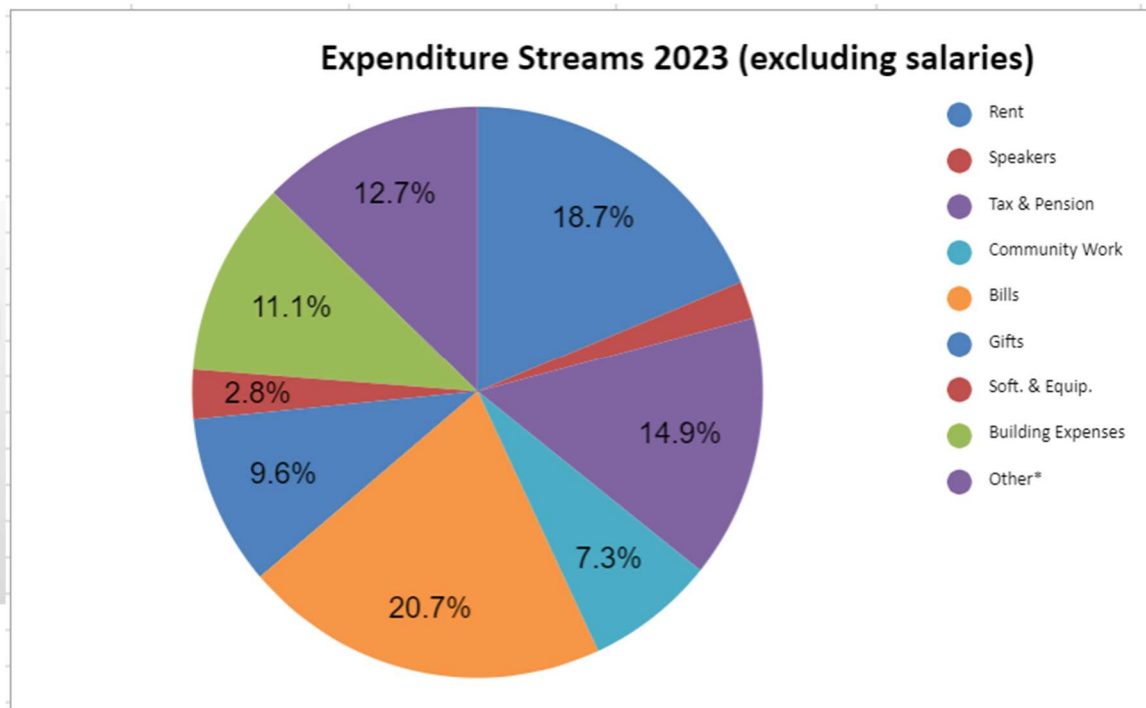
*Other: DBS, Payroll, insurance, childrens work, marketing, J Ryan expenses

Bills have increased in proportion, community work and gifts have decreased in proportion. The rest remained roughly the same. Rent decreased in cost. Comparative 2022 excludes building expenses.

2022



Expenditure Streams 2023 (excluding salaries)



Hope Church Rhydyfelin

England & Wales - Charity number 1170304

Accounts

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

Aka Hope Church Rhydyfelin

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

**C Management Services
69 Velindre Road
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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Ryan Denne (Chair) Andrew Davies Mayuri Hargest Andrew Murray (appointed 17 th June 2023) Anna Pitt (appointed 17 th June 2023) Jon Ryan Andrew Thomas (resigned 8 th January 2023)
Pastor:	Andrew Davies
Treasurer:	Ryan Denne
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1170304
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd November 2016
Address for correspondence:	Hope Community Church 126 Morien Crescent Rhydyfelin CF37 5PT
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
Bankers:	HSBC 92a Taff St Pontypridd CF37 4SR

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2022. The report outlines similar activities as previous years, although there were still some ongoing differences in activities and meetings compared to previous years due to changes since the Covid-19 Pandemic. By far the most significant event in the 2022 year was the successful purchase of our new building! Thanks to generous grants and fundraising outlined below, the derelict former Rhydyfelin Sports Bar is now owned by Hope Church Rhydyfelin. We have extensive plans for this development, although these have been hindered by increased cost of living crisis and the building being in a more derelict state than appreciated.

Structure, Governance and Management

New Trustees are appointed by existing trustees from membership of church / charity. They are provided with a copy of the organisation's Constitution, finance reports and any other information deemed necessary to assist them in the role. Meetings occur approximately quarterly depending on agendas. Trustees discuss safeguarding, finance, and decisions about the direction of the charity deemed necessary beyond the Church Leadership Team. The Church Leadership Team meet formally once per month and informally frequently- day to day management, pastoral care, and planning to follow the vision of the church / charity occurs in these meetings. Any spending either of interest or above £500 is run by Trustees first informally. This year meetings were held both in person and online for ease and accessibility to all trustees. Informal communication by WhatsApp and email remained high for convenience. Emails are stored and can be used as evidence of decisions alongside Trustee meeting minutes.

It is worth stating that the end of 2022 and early 2023 have seen some governance changes to the charity with two trustees stepping down and two others stepping in, and the leadership of the church transitioning to one couple with their wider support network.

At the beginning of the year, two buildings were being rented and the primary business address remains 126 Morien Crescent (church office). The weekly meeting location was Rhydyfelin Community Centre. Community work has increased and the number of households supported has increased due to the cost of living crisis. We have completed the purchase of our building in the community in May 2022 and fundraising happened throughout 2020-22.

The salaries and outgoings of the church are re-evaluated every 6 months, no salary changes occurred in the year and, where activities could not carry on as normal, roles were redistributed and refocused among volunteers and employees.

The Charity is connected with a number of organisations: Catalyst Network of churches, New Wine Cymru (other churches around South Wales), and the Evangelical Alliance- these continue to add other levels of guidance and support for the church and brings wider recognition, we also support these as other ministries.

Objectives

The charity's objects remain:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world;
- (b) The prevention or relief of poverty in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world; and
- (c) To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity.

Achievements and Activities

In 2022 the charity held regular public meetings to worship God, preach from the Bible and have fellowship together, in accordance with object (a). We have also collaborated with other churches in and around South Wales building friendships and associations between ourselves, in accordance with object (a) and (c). Since the pandemic we have been keen to strengthen ties with other churches and charities similar to our own through groups such as Pontypridd Christian Concern together meetings and informal collaboration.

The charity virtually met together to pray for one another, have fellowship together, and discuss the teaching from the Sunday meeting, and a weekly bible study was held virtually each Friday. These have grown the church in friendship with one another and enabled us to meet one another's needs and brought accessibility for those unable to join on a Sunday in accordance with objective (b).

Our community work in accordance with (b) which seeks to reduce the impact of poverty on youth and families in and around South Wales has completed a transition from youth work to community work and our paid employee's role has transitioned likewise. The part of youth work remaining is our session specifically for those youth interested in pursuing the Christian faith called "God and Grub" in accordance with object (a).

We were able to provide service to the community in accordance with objective (b) by our community worker and volunteers helping those in need in the community who reached out. This included phoning an elderly resident every week; collecting prescriptions and food shopping for residents in need or isolating / shielding; delivering craft bags for free to 180+ children in Rhydyfelin themed around Easter, Summer and Christmas. Working in collaboration with RCTCBC and the Pontypridd Mayor, this year's activities again concluded by having Santa Claus pulled around Rhydyfelin on a sleigh. This brought joy and the Christmas Gospel to many households- with over 1300 people seen waiting for Santa to pass by their street. This was our most far reaching event- and we were able to give out many activity bags for free.

The level of foodbank support has increased this year with many homes asking for foodbank vouchers which we were able to provide. We have also been in touch with Foodbank for setting up our own bank or pantry in our building once refurbished from derelict.

We were able to fundraise for the purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar both within church and within the community of Rhydyfelin, though the majority of fundraising came from

sourcing funds from grants from trusts and foundations - see section below for more details.

Performance & Goals

The church / charity met together approximately 48 times throughout the year for worship and teaching from the bible on a Sunday afternoon. This reached around 20 households including 13 infants / children. Our goal is that this would continue to increase as we see more people commit to the Christian faith in the local area.

Our full time community worker continued to organise and oversee the majority of work represented above, empowering the church to carry out its serving objective (b).

Our youth work and community work have reached in excess of 240 different children and 100 different families since starting, all in the locality of Rhydyfelin. These have been reached through the above. Our goal is that we would continue to support these families in a number of ways.

We were able to continue giving charitable donations to the Catalyst network of churches, give monthly to support New Wine Cymru and the Evangelical Alliance, giving over £1300 to organisations and individuals, and through us £4000 contributed to an individual to enable the planting of new churches in and around Brecon.

Overall our objectives have been achieved, if changed somewhat since the pandemic to a more holistic community approach rather than specifically through youth work.. Objective (a) has been met in Sunday meetings, mid-week meetings and in collaboration with other churches through Catalyst, New Wine and the Evangelical Alliance. Objective (b) has been extensively met with the Community work ministry; foodbank and personal support; members supporting one another and their neighbours; and through supporting other ministries along with objective (c).

Purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar

The charities most exciting (and potentially daunting!) endeavours so far has been the purchase of the former Rhydyfelin Sports Bar. During our time running an Alpha course in early 2020 (pre Covid), we were offered the chance to purchase Rhydyfelin Sports Bar from the owner, and through 2020-2022 proceeded to fundraise and apply for grants until we were successful in our purchase of the land and building to save it from demolition. The owner wished to demolish it to build 8 houses. Fundraising in house and externally- we were able to raise over the full amount needed to purchase and begin renovations.

See Appendix Financial Report for more information on the breakdown of costs. Below is an extract of the business plan and our proposed plans for the building:

Extract of Business plan for Purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar- Proposals

Community Cafe

We will transform the current bar area into a family-friendly cafe with a range of board games accessible and a soft play area for younger children. We will employ a manager to run the cafe, and volunteering opportunities will be available to community members to help them back into work. The cafe's prices will be at a level accessible to the community with a "Pay It Forward" service so those financially struggling can still get a drink.

Community Hire

Before COVID, groups in the community, such as line dancing groups, would regularly hire the main hall. We will continue to make the hall available when not in use by the church for community hire. We also aim to restore the skittles alley to make it both functional and safe for use.

Support Groups and Training

To help fight poverty in the community, we will be running regular “life skills” sessions covering topics such as budgeting, cooking and online safety. Several people in the community expressed an interest in mental health support groups. As such, we hope to put those in place with the help of trained professionals.

Youth and Childrens Work

Our well-established youth club, which sees an average of 25-30 young people every week, will find its new home in the main hall. Previously, younger children have been disappointed they have not met the minimum age requirement of 11 to attend the youth club. Our own space would enable us to run a second club for children in the 6-10 age range, which we anticipate will be incredibly popular.

Each week at our youth club, we provide games consoles with a variety of games to combat poverty isolation, crafts to encourage imagination, board games and a chill-out area. We also have a short talk section of the evening, discussing topics relevant to the youth.

Our smaller youth club sessions, such as “God and Grub”, previously limited due to space constraints, will have a larger dedicated space elsewhere in the building. We hope to get the youth involved in decorating the room so they can make it their own.

We have recently had several new parents in the Church and feel it is an excellent time to start a parent and toddler group for church members and parents in the community.

Breakfast Club

During school holidays, demand for Foodbank parcels always increases as parents lose access to free school meals. To help with this, we plan to operate a free breakfast club during each school holiday. This will be open to all members of the community with no restrictions. We will provide basic breakfasts of cereal, toast or fruit, for a balanced meal. We hope this will alleviate any financial burdens on parents as they struggle to feed their children during this period.

Crafternoons

Something we have wanted to do as a church for a while is host afternoons of arts and crafts for adults called “crafternoons”. We hope these sessions will positively impact people's mental health and aid the formation of new friendships in the community.

Support For The Elderly

In addition to the Cafe and “Crafternoon” sessions that we think will appeal to the older generations, we will also hold evenings specifically for them. We also hope to start free monthly meals for the elderly as we heard that that was popular in the community previously and stopped due to lack of funding.

Our Progress has been significant, through our proposed timings have been altered significantly due to a number of factors. Unfortunately the time between being in the building and using it in Feb 2020 and the purchase in May 2022, significant damage and dereliction occurred- there has been a hole in the roof, plumbing stolen, irreparable damage to the boiler room, and general break-ins and vandalism. Previous employees have also abandoned rooms full of unwanted & soiled possessions. Since the previous owner was to demolish he, regrettably, did not stop these or change the value of the land.

As a result we have had to first secure, repair, sort, clear, and clean the building before it can be refurbished and used fit for purposes outlined above. With a small team this has

been pretty successful and we have had windows replaced, new shutters installed, roof damage has been attempted to be repaired a number of times but the leak is illusive so far. We have spent time with volunteers cleaning up glass, sorting and dismantling abandoned possessions and have had to liaise with council and businesses for responsible disposal and recycling of the extensive amount of material left behind.

At time of writing (May 2023) one year after purchase, the building is very different from when purchased and is nearly ready for refurbishment. As our fundraising was for the purchase of a building less derelict than we found, we need more time to fundraise to refurbish before we can open publically to fulfil our desires to serve the community with foodbanks, training, community centre and such as outlined above.

Financial Review

The charity has received continued giving through stewardship, monthly donations, and support sponsoring our full-time community worker. Most funds are raised through members giving monthly to the charity. Considerable funds were restricted and spent during the purchase of the building.

The charity does not have a reserves policy, but it has been decided approximately £2000-£3000 would be the appropriate level of total unprotected funds required to end the activities of the charity not already provided for or paid for within 3 months. This includes 'redundancy' type payments to any employees, stopping direct debits and rent payments and informing members they may wish to stop giving temporarily or permanently.

The reserves / savings account was set up in May 2019 which stores our restricted funds-through 2021 and 2022 this has been where monies raised for the building purchase have been transferred and stored.

Initial Funds (1 st January 2022):	£81,096.23	(inc. £74,700 reserves)
Concluding Funds (31st December 2022):	£13,802.23	(inc. £9,000 reserves)

Operational funding mostly met by monthly or weekly giving by members who attend weekly meetings. Average regular operational giving for 2022 (including all sponsorship, stewardship giving, monthly giving), was approximately £2511 per month excluding Gift Aid. £330 of this was direct sponsorship of our community worker.

We were able to claim £6,082 from Gift Aid on previous years giving.

We received £183,000 towards the building purchase and renovation throughout the year, much of this pledged / approved in the year before but transferred for purchase. In April we transferred £86,000 from our reserves to the current account in readiness to purchase the remaining balance of the building.

Headlines

(1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022)

Total income: £ 236,137.52

Total expenditure: £ 303,431.52

Total Net income: £ - 67,294

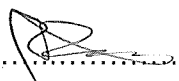
This is a significant loss at face value, but of course represents purchasing a building! Excluding the purchase of the building purchase our income was approximately £38,000 (excluding gift aid which will be claimed in 2023) and expenditure approximately £44,000,

though this figure realistically still includes monies spent on the process. Of the £9000 in reserves at the end of the year £6000 is restricted.

Additionally, the monthly giving of members is still generally increasing as the church congregation grows and changes, though less individuals are sponsoring our community worker, we have been able to continue to claim Gift Aid which lets us break even. At time of writing (May 2023) balances are approximately £12,970 (no restricted funds) of which £5,000 is in reserves (£2,000 restricted, £3,000 reserves).

Our publicly available financial report is attached as Appendix A. It includes slightly more detail on incomes and expenditures, and a whole section related to the building purchases. Rather than being re-written here it is attached for your viewing. Throughout 'HR' refers to the community worker's initials, not Human Resources.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by

Signature.....

Name: Ryan Denne

Date: 18th October 2023

Position: Trustee and Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:
C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date: 18th October 2023

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	27,049	15,312	42,361	96,657
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	6,315	187,435	193,750	11,718
Interest received		-	27	27	-
Total Receipts		33,364	202,774	236,138	108,375
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	42,175	261,257	303,432	55,246
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		42,175	261,257	303,432	55,246
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(8,811)	(58,483)	(67,294)	53,129
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st January 2022		22,613	58,483	81,096	27,967
Fund balances at 31 st December 2022		13,802	-	13,802	81,096

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. Fixed Assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
The value of assets owned are:		
Buildings (purchase price)	237,500	-
Equipment (Insurance value)	<u>5,613</u>	<u>5,130</u>
	243,113	5,130

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>13,802</u>	<u>81,096</u>
	13,082	81,096

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	4,096	3,966
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	300	300

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 18th October 2023

Signed:

Name: Ryan Denne

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Gift Aid donations	16,385	-	16,385	15,865
Other donations	4,581	15,312	19,893	75,126
Tax recovered	6,083	-	6,083	5,666
	<u>27,049</u>	<u>15,312</u>	<u>42,361</u>	<u>96,657</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-		
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4. Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grant received	-	183,000	183,000	4,500
Other sundry receipts	6,315	-	6,315	1,313
Sponsorship for Eden/Heather	-	4,435	4,435	5,585
Refunds	-	-	-	320
	<u>6,315</u>	<u>187,435</u>	<u>193,750</u>	<u>11,718</u>

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	24,750	4,100	28,850	28,849
Eden/Message expenses	-	1,835	1,835	2,211
Speaker expenses	170	-	170	-
Other ministry/evangelism expenses	1,011	-	1,011	2,257
	<u>25,931</u>	<u>5,935</u>	<u>31,866</u>	<u>33,317</u>

b. Support and Administration				
Premises rental and expenses	9,848	255,322	265,170	19,250
Administration and general expenses	166	-	166	347
Insurance & professional fees	1,144	-	1,144	1,280
Training & conferences	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,158</u>	<u>255,322</u>	<u>266,480</u>	<u>20,877</u>

c. Grants

Evangelical Alliance	240	-	240	240
New Wine Cymru	600	-	600	600
Pontypridd Christian Youth	160	-	160	147
Brecon Church Pioneering	4,000	-	4,000	
Others	86	-	86	65
	<u>5,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>1,052</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one full-time employed member of staff, and another individual that is paid who is self-employed. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The Pastor, Andrew Davies, who is also a Trustee, was paid on a self-employed basis, and received payments totalling £12,000 in his capacity as Pastor of the church.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year areas follows:

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing
	£	£	£	in the year	balance
				£	£
Covid grants	1,500	-	1,500	-	-
Sports Bar Fundraising	52,483	15,339	71,884	-	(4,062)
Sponsorship for Heather/Eden	-	4,435	4,435	-	-
Allchurches Trust grant	4,500	-	4,500	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
Welsh Government - CFP	-	125,000	125,000	-	-
Norwood & Newton	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
James Pantyfedwen	-	8,000	8,000	-	-
Hobson Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Laing	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
	<hr/> 58,483	<hr/> 202,774	<hr/> 265,319	<hr/> -	<hr/> (4,062)

Covid grants: Grants given to support expenditure through the Covid pandemic

Sports Bar Fundraising: Funds raised in relation to the planned purchase of the Sports Bar building

Sponsorship for Heather/Eden: Donations received toward the cost of Heather's work through the church with Eden

Allchurches Trust grant: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

Garfield Weston: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

Welsh Government Community Facilities Program: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

Norwood & Newton: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

James Pantyfedwen: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

Hobson Trust: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

Laing: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

This year in the Financial Statement I think it would be useful to see a breakdown of all the costs for the building so far in total- this includes some information from 2021's financial year when fundraising really took off. All figures to nearest pound.

Income

We have in total raised £274,456 for the building of which, approximately £86,000 was from individuals. In 2022 when the purchase and grants came in this amounted to the figure of £198,312.

Expenditure

We have in total spent £275,914 on the building. The majority of this was the building itself, but nearly £26,000 has been spent elsewhere on that purchase. In 2022 this amounted to the previously mentioned figure of £259,384.

Building Breakdowns				Expenditure	
Incomes				Expenditure	
Source	Amount			Source	Amount
2020 giving (personal)	£ 5,431			Solicitors	£ 3,768
2021 giving (personal)	£ 65,213			Equipment	£ 700
2022 giving (personal)	£ 15,312			Deposit	£ 12,500
NLCC	£ 1,000			Purchase	£ 237,500
All Churches Trust	£ 4,500			Roof	£ 3,768
Norwood & Newton	£ 15,000			Shutters	£ 9,720
James Pantyfedwen	£ 8,000			Electrical	£ 220
Communities Facilities Programme	£ 125,000			Windows	£ 2,500
Garfeild Weston Foundation	£ 20,000			Roof Tiles	£ 942
Hobson Trust	£ 10,000			Asbestos Survey & Removal	£ 2,444
Liang	£ 5,000			Utility Bills	£ 950
				Planning Permission	£ 460
				Misc	£ 442
Total	£ 274,456			Total	£ 275,914

Future

We have made excellent progress with the building from the considerable state of disrepair it was sold in. The building is secure with all new shutter systems in place, the roof is in the process of being repaired, the rooms are slowly being cleared in turn and we have new ceiling tiles throughout ready to be replaced. We still need to do a significant amount of work, more than anticipated, to make the building usable for the community work we have planned- see building projects and JR for more specific details. This means we are now applying for grants to renovate and repair the inside. If you have contributed financially, small or large, prayerfully, little or often, and physically, your support is hugely appreciated and we cannot emphasise how grateful we are. Thank you!

APPENDIX A: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHARITY

2022 Financial Review

A lot happened in 2022- Hope bought a building which makes figures look dauntingly large, and, in the general recovery from Covid-19 and due to personal factors, a number of people moved on from church through the year as its structure begins to change. As such the financial perspective changed over the course of the year and is more difficult than usual to summarise.

Incomes:

During 2022 Hope's income streams have been variable due to grant money coming in for the purchase of the building, and regular giving dropped over the year. Gross income was over £236,000 but of this over £198,000 (84%) was specifically for the building purchase and beginning renovations (as such the 'average' gross income is not reflective of an average month!).

General income averaging £2,300 a month (from £3,100 in 2021). HR's sponsors gave £4,435 which was slightly lower than previous years but still covers approximately 40% of her salary. Stewardship giving returned for general use from the purchase of the building. Over the year £92,000 was retrieved from reserves, the majority in April for the purchase of the building.

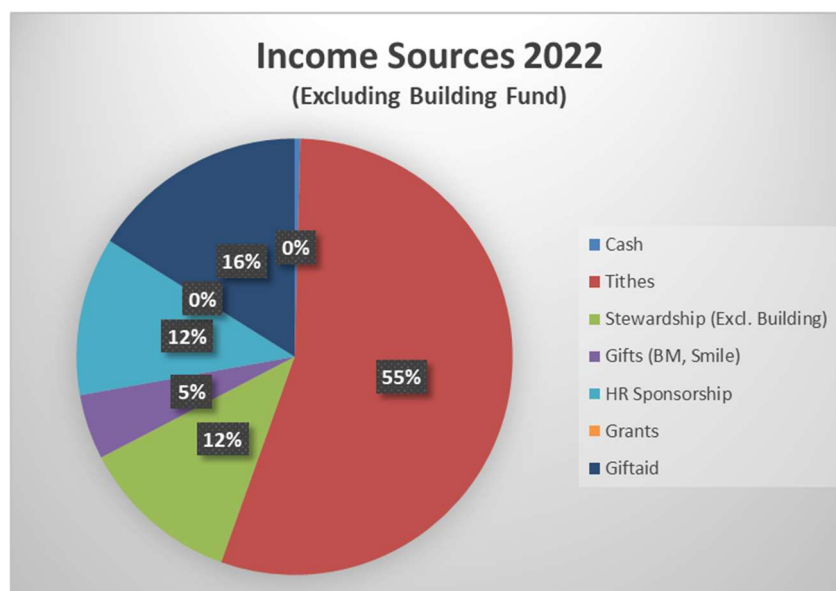
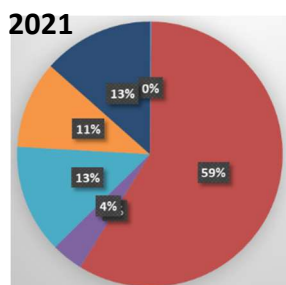
	Av. Monthly	Annually	
Income from Giving	£ 2,273.37	£ 27,280.45	
Income from Supporters	£ 369.58	£ 4,435.00	
Sports Bar Fundraising	-	£ 198,312.46	
Gift Aid Income (2021)	-	£ 6,082.67	
Total Gross Income	£ 19,675.88	£ 236,110.58	
Transfers from reserves		£ 92,054.97	(April £86K- Purchase)

We were also fortunate to claim just over £6000 through gift aid on 2021's applicable income. We continued to be fortunate enough to receive gifts through the year from Brynmawr.

Sources	Tithes	Stewardship (Excl. Bu	Gifts (BM, Smile)	HR Sponsorship	Grants	Giftaid	Building Fund
Cash	£ 160.00	£ 4,497.25	£ 1,817.70	£ 4,435.00	£ -	£ 6,082.67	£ 198,312.46

Note: Grants here meaning grants not for the building. Generous grants outlined below for the building.

Income sources show similar proportion of giving all round: an increase from Stewardship; decrease in Tithe proportions and grants; HR sponsorship, gifts & Gift aid stayed at a similar proportions.



Expenditures:

Hopes Expenditures have increased, thanks to higher bills, more meetings coming back from covid, and due to the building purchase. If we divide things out, Church expenditure was £44,000 and building expenditure was nearly £260,000 (£237,500 purchase, the rest for repair / solicitor's fees / bills etc.)

	Av. Monthly	Annualy	% Church
Salaries	£ 2,404.17	£ 28,850.00	65%
Running Costs	£ 689.67	£ 8,275.98	19%
Community and external costs	£ 576.79	£ 6,921.50	16%
Building Expenses	£ 21,615.34	£ 259,384.04	
Expenditure Total	£ 25,285.96	£ 303,431.52	
Transfer to reserves		£ 26,344.95	

Over the year £26,000 was transferred to reserves. Some before the purchase, some afterwards to replenish reserves due to cash flow at time of purchase. As of Jan 2023 we have £9,000 in reserves, of which £6,000 is restricted. In 2022 we had a Net income of negative £67,000 because we bought the building a large 'loss' is expected, but we have of course gained an asset with huge potential for the community and charity. Whilst difficult to extract, removing the specific building costs from the equations lead to a figure of negative £6000. Majority of this will be recovered form gift aid leading us to roughly break even at a loss of around £1000 this year. The Trustees are meeting in January to discuss spending breakdowns and analyse trends to correct this.

NET INCOME	£ 5,610.08	-£ 67,320.94	We bought a building!
(Sans Buidling)		-£ 6,249.36	Lot's of transition

Expenditure streams are still biggest on HR & AD Salaries (65% of church expenditure including tax and pension contributions for HR) → This is expected due to how the church operates, though an increase in proportion from 2020 as some community costs were lower. Roughly 20% goes on operating costs and 16% on community work.

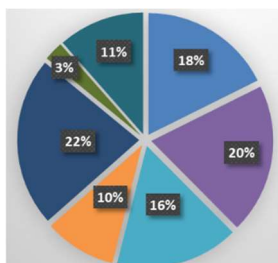
For transparency, salaries are unchanged. AD: £1,000 pcm, HR: £1,306 pcm (before tax @ Jan 2023).

Streams	Speakers	Salaries (AD, HR)	Tax & Pension	Community Work	Bills	Gifts	Soft. & Equip.	Building Expense	Other*
Rent	£ 170.00	£ 26,316.51	£ 2,533.49	£ 1,835.50	£ 2,602.88	£ 5,086.00	£ 490.69	£ 259,384.04	£ 1,829.29

*Other: DBS, Payroll, insurance, childrens work, marketing

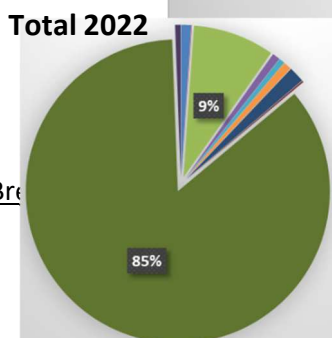
Bills and Gifts have increased in proportion, Tax and community work decreased in proportion. Rent remained the same proportion along with Other. Total 2022 shows 85% of outgoings were building related and 9% salary related, the remaining 6% is what is broken down in detail and totals £17,000.

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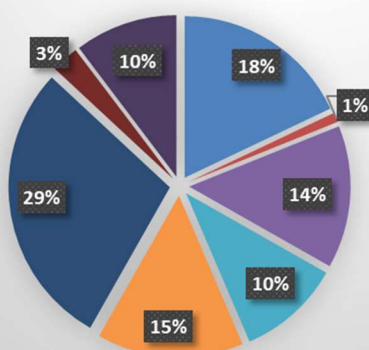


Total 2022

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Expenditure Streams 2022
(Excluding Salaries & Building)



- Rent
- Speakers
- Salaries (AD, HR)
- Tax & Pension
- Community Work
- Bills
- Gifts
- Building Expenses
- Other*

Hope Church Rhydyfelin

England & Wales - Charity number 1170304

Accounts

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

**C Management Services
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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Ryan Denne (Chair) Andrew Davies Mayuri Hargest Jon Ryan Andrew Thomas
Pastor:	Andrew Davies
Treasurer:	Ryan Denne
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1170304
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd November 2016
Address for correspondence:	Hope Community Church 126 Morien Crescent Rhydyfelin CF37 5PT
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
Bankers:	HSBC 92a Taff St Pontypridd CF37 4SR

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2021. The report follows the same structure as previous years, although there were still some ongoing differences in activities and meetings compared to previous years due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

Structure, Governance and Management

New Trustees are appointed by existing trustees from membership of church/charity. They are provided with a copy of the organisation's Constitution, finance reports and any other information deemed necessary to assist them in the role. Meetings occur approximately quarterly depending on agendas. Trustees discuss safeguarding, finance, and decisions about the direction of the charity deemed necessary beyond the Church Leadership Team. The Church Leadership Team meet formally once per month and informally frequently- day-to-day management, pastoral care, and planning to follow the vision of the church/charity occurs in these meetings. All spending of interest or above £500 is run by the Trustees for approval. This year meetings were held in person, when safe and legal to do so, and virtually when restrictions where the former was not possible. As a result of reduced face-to-face communication use of technology, such as WhatsApp and e-mail increased over the year.. E-mails were used as evidence of decisions made by Trustees and to distribute meeting minutes.

At the beginning of the year, two buildings were being rented and the primary business address remains 126 Morien Crescent (church office). The weekly meeting location was Rhydyfelin Community Centre. Previous youthwork and community work was still paused due to the pandemic. However, as referred to later, the opportunity arose to purchase a building in the community in late 2020 and fundraising happened throughout 2021. See later section on Rhydyfelin Sports Bar.

The salaries and outgoings of the church are re-evaluated every 6 months. No salary changes occurred in the year, and where activities could not carry on as normal, roles were redistributed and refocused among volunteers and employees.

The Charity is connected with a number of organisations: Catalyst Network of churches, New Wine Cymru (other churches around South Wales), and the Evangelical Alliance. These organisations continue to provide guidance and support for the church as well as bringing wider recognition.

Objectives

The charity's objects remain:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world;
- (b) The prevention or relief of poverty in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world; and

- (c) To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity.

Achievements and Activities

In 2021 the charity held regular public meetings virtually to worship God, preach from the Bible and have fellowship together, in accordance with object (a). We have also collaborated with other churches in and around South Wales building friendships and associations between ourselves, in accordance with object (a) and (c). When restrictions began to lift we held public meetings in person to do the same.

The charity continued to pause holding termly 'Bouncy Castle Church' meetings where the community is invited in, for free, to bring a sense of fun and togetherness to Rhydyfelin. These events were increasingly well attended with over 100 guests at our 'Bouncy Castle Carol Service' in December 2019 in accordance with objectives (a) and (b). We look to continue these in the future.

The charity virtually met together to pray for one another, have fellowship together, and discuss the teaching from the Sunday meeting, and a weekly bible study was held virtually each Friday. These have grown the church in friendship with one another and enabled us to meet one another's needs and brought accessibility for those unable to join on a Sunday in accordance with objective (b).

As in 2020, the usual annual church and youth camps we would usually attend were cancelled due to the covid 19 pandemic.

Our community work per object (b) which seeks to reduce the impact of poverty on youth and families in and around South Wales, had to continue to be flexible and find new ways of working during the year due to the challenges of the ongoing pandemic. In particular, our community worker provided phone calls to people who felt isolated, transportation to those in need, and delivered prescriptions and food shopping for people who were self-isolating/shielding. Young people did not engage well with conferencing technology such as zoom and so social media content such as 'Tuesday Thoughts' were put together to engage with community members via digital routes.

Working in collaboration with RCTCBC and the Pontypridd Mayor, this year's activities once again concluded by having Santa Claus pulled around Rhydyfelin on a sleigh. This brought festive joy to many households in Rhydyfelin with over 1000 people seen waiting for Santa to pass by their street.

As many of our normal activities had been suspended it provided time to apply for grants to raise funding for the purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar. More information on this is below.

Performance & Goals

The church/charity met (virtually or in-person) together approximately 48 times throughout the year for worship and teaching from the bible on a Sunday afternoon. This reached around 18 households including 7 children. Our goal is that this would continue to increase as we see more people commit to the Christian faith.

Our full-time community worker continued to organise and oversee the majority of work represented above, empowering the church to carry out objective (b).

To date our youth work and community work have reached in excess of 240 different children and 100 different families since starting, all in the locality of Rhydyfelin. These have been reached through the above. Our goal is that we would continue to support these families in a number of ways.

We were able to continue giving charitable donations to the Catalyst network of churches, give monthly to support New Wine Cymru and the Evangelical Alliance, giving nearly £2,000 to organisations and individuals.

Overall our objectives have been achieved, if lessened in some ways due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Objective (a) has been met in Sunday meetings, mid-week meetings and in collaboration with other churches through Catalyst, New Wine and the Evangelical Alliance. Objective (b) has been extensively met with the Community work ministry; members supporting one another and their neighbours, and through supporting other ministries along with objective (c).

Purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar

One of the most exciting developments so far for the charity has been the prospect of buying a building in Rhydyfelin. During our time running an Alpha course in early 2020 (pre-Covid), we were offered the chance to purchase Rhydyfelin Sports Bar from the owner, and in 2020 started proceedings to acquire the building to save it from demolition. 2021 was spent fundraising from within the church and applying to external organisations for grants. We raised approximately £60,400 from Stewardship, where individuals gave money towards the project. We also raised nearly £7,000 from one-off direct donations.

In May 2021 we used £12,500 to pay a 5% deposit for the building, in good faith of our intentions. The seller graciously continued to extend the completion date allowing us the time needed to raise all the funds required.

We looked into 35 different grant applications, of which 19 were applied to. Several in addition to this were no longer able to grant due to the pandemic or administration reasons, some we were not eligible for applying. Of the 19 applied for, seven were successful- six of which in 2021:

Name	Description	Grant pledged
James Pantyfedwen Foundation	Supporting Chapels and churches from all parts of Wales.	£8,000
The Norwood and Newton Settlement	Awarding grants to Free Churches in England and Wales to help with building schemes	£15,000
Garfeild Weston Foundation	Aim to support organisations that have effective solutions to helping those most in need	£20,000
Laing Family Trusts	A group of grant-making trusts with a Christian Foundation	£5,000
Hobson Charity	Supporting Charities which desire to relieve poverty, suffering and distress of those in need, including the provision of facilities in the interests of their social welfare	£10,000

All Churches Trust (Now Benefact Trust) Awarded in 2021	Empowering Christian Organisations to make a positive difference in the lives of the people and communities they serve.	£4,500
Community Facilities Programme (applied for in 2022)	Welsh Government capital grant scheme used to improve community facilities which are useful to, and well used by, people in the community	£125,000

Note: Due to the application processes, only All Churches Trust granted their money in 2021, the remaining were pledged and to be received at completion.

At time of writing (June 2022) all grants received and the building has been purchased! We are freehold owners of the building and now plan to repair and renovate the derelict building for use as a community centre providing training and foodbank, a family friendly café with soft play area, and a church hall and offices for the charity to operate solely out of.

Business plan available on request, an extract of is provided below:

Extract of Business plan for Purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar- Proposals

Community Cafe

We will transform the current bar area into a family-friendly cafe with a range of board games accessible and a soft play area for younger children. We will employ a manager to run the cafe, and volunteering opportunities will be available to community members to help them back into work. The cafe's prices will be at a level accessible to the community with a "Pay It Forward" service so those financially struggling can still get a drink.

Community Hire

Before COVID, groups in the community, such as line dancing groups, would regularly hire the main hall. We will continue to make the hall available when not in use by the church for community hire. We also aim to restore the skittles alley to make it both functional and safe for use.

Support Groups and Training

To help fight poverty in the community, we will be running regular "life skills" sessions covering topics such as budgeting, cooking and online safety. Several people in the community expressed an interest in mental health support groups. As such, we hope to put those in place with the help of trained professionals.

Youth and Childrens Work

Our well-established youth club, which sees an average of 25-30 young people every week, will find its new home in the main hall. Previously, younger children have been disappointed they have not met the minimum age requirement of 11 to attend the youth club. Our own space would enable us to run a second club for children in the 6-10 age range, which we anticipate will be incredibly popular.

Each week at our youth club, we provide games consoles with a variety of games to combat poverty isolation, crafts to encourage imagination, board games and a chill-out area. We also have a short talk section of the evening, discussing topics relevant to the youth.

Our smaller youth club sessions, such as "God and Grub", previously limited due to space constraints, will have a larger dedicated space elsewhere in the building. We hope to get the youth involved in decorating the room so they can make it their own.

We have recently had several new parents in the Church and feel it is an excellent time to start a parent and toddler group for church members and parents in the community.

Breakfast Club

During school holidays, demand for Foodbank parcels always increases as parents lose access to free school meals. To help with this, we plan to operate a free breakfast club during each school holiday. This will be open to all members of the community with no restrictions. We will provide basic breakfasts of cereal, toast or fruit, for a balanced meal. We hope this will alleviate any financial burdens on parents as they struggle to feed their children during this period.

Crafternoons

Something we have wanted to do as a church for a while is host afternoons of arts and crafts for adults called "crafternoons". We hope these sessions will positively impact people's mental health and aid the formation of new friendships in the community.

Support For The Elderly

In addition to the Cafe and "Crafternoon" sessions that we think will appeal to the older generations, we will also hold evenings specifically for them. We also hope to start free monthly meals for the elderly as we heard that that was popular in the community previously and stopped due to lack of funding.

Financial Review

The charity has received continued giving through stewardship, monthly donations, and support sponsoring our full-time community worker. Most funds are raised through members giving monthly to the charity. Considerable funds are restricted for purchasing Rhydyfelin Sports bar.

The charity does not have a reserves policy, but it has been decided approximately £2000-£3000 would be the appropriate level of total unprotected funds required to end the activities of the charity not already provided for or paid for within 3 months. This includes 'redundancy' type payments to any employees, stopping direct debits and rent payments and informing members they may wish to stop giving temporarily or permanently.

The reserves/savings account was set up in May 2019 which stores our restricted funds. Through 2021 this has been where monies raised for the building purchase have been transferred and stored.

Initial Funds (1 st January 2021):	£27,967.45	(inc. £14,300 reserves)
Concluding Funds (31 st December 2021):	£81,096.23	(inc. £74,700 reserves)

Operational funding is mostly met by monthly or weekly giving by members who attend weekly meetings. Average regular operational giving for 2021 (including all sponsorship, stewardship giving, and monthly giving), was approximately £2665 per month excluding Gift Aid. £465 of this is direct sponsorship of our community worker.

We were able to claim £5,666 from Gift Aid on the previous years giving.

We received £70,700 for the building purchase. In May we transferred £12,500 from our reserves to pay the deposit of the building purchase this is excluded from

Headlines

(1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021)

Total income:	£108,374.59
Reserves income:	£ 60,395.24
Total expenditure:	£ 55,249.34
Total Net income:	£ 53,125.25

This is a significant income, but all of this (and more) has been put into restricted funds for the sports bar purchase. Our current account has been very stable thanks to much-decreased costs as activities could not run in the same way, the opening balance has gone from £13,677 to £6,407 as funds received at the end of 2020 were immediately put into the reserves.

Additionally, the monthly giving of members is still generally increasing as the church congregation grows, more individuals are sponsoring our community worker and we have been able to continue to claim Gift Aid. At the time of writing (June 2022) balances are approximately £24,270 (20,000 restricted for refurbishment) with £15,000 in reserves (£10,000 restricted, £5,000 reserves).

Our publicly available financial report is attached as Appendix A. Throughout 'HR' refers to the community worker's initials, not Human Resources.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by

Signature:
R Denne

Name: Ryan Denne

Date: 27th July 2022

Position: Treasurer & Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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For and on behalf of:
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69 Velindre Road
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Date: 27th July 2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	30,444	66,213	96,657	36,096
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	1,633	10,085	11,718	22,892
Interest received		.	-		5
Total Receipts		32,077	76,298	108,375	58,993
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	34,081	21,165	55,246	43,775
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		34,081	21,165	55,246	43,775
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(2,004)	55,133	53,129	15,218
Transfers between funds		-	-		
Fund balances at 1 st January 2021		24,617	3,350	27,967	12,749
Fund balances at 31 st December 2021		22,613	58,483	81,096	27,967

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2021 £
The value of assets owned are:	
Equipment	<u>5,130</u>
	5,130

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>81,096</u>	<u>27,967</u>
	81,096	27,967

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2021 £	2020 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	3,966	5,666
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	300	280

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 27th July 2022

Signed:

Name: Ryan Denne

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Gift Aid donations	15,865	-	15,865	17,120
Other donations	8,913	66,213	75,126	11,896
Tax recovered	5,666	-	5,666	7,080
	<u>30,444</u>	<u>66,213</u>	<u>96,657</u>	<u>36,096</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-		
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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grant received	-	4,500	4,500	7,415
Other sundry receipts	1,313	-	1,313	7,405
Sponsorship for Eden/Heather	-	5,585	5,585	5,402
Refunds	320	-	320	2,670
	<u>1,633</u>	<u>10,085</u>	<u>11,718</u>	<u>22,892</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	25,475	3,374	28,849	28,582
Eden/Message expenses	-	2,211	2,211	2,392
Speaker expenses	-	-	-	180
Other ministry/evangelism expenses	2,257	-	2,257	894
	<u>27,732</u>	<u>5,585</u>	<u>33,317</u>	<u>32,048</u>

b. Support and Administration

Premises rental and expenses	3,670	15,580	19,250	4,841
Administration and general expenses	347	-	347	1,271
Insurance & professional fees	1,280	-	1,280	1,204
Training & conferences	-	-	-	1,721
	<u>5,297</u>	<u>15,580</u>	<u>20,877</u>	<u>9,037</u>

c. Grants

Evangelical Alliance	240	-	240	240
New Wine Cymru	600	-	600	600
Pontypridd Christian Youth	147	-	147	1,000
Samaritans Purse	65	-	65	850
	<u>1,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>2,690</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one full-time employed member of staff, and another individual that is paid who is self-employed. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The Pastor, Andrew Davies, who is also a Trustee, was paid on a self-employed basis, and received payments totalling £12,000 in his capacity as Pastor of the church.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year areas follows:

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Covid grants	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Sports Bar Fundraising	1,850	66,213	(15,580)	-	52,483
Sponsorship for Heather/Eden	-	5,585	(5,585)	-	-
Allchurches Trust grant	-	4,500	-	-	4,500
	<u>3,350</u>	<u>76,298</u>	<u>(21,165)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,483</u>

Covid grants: Grants given to support expenditure through the Covid pandemic

Sports Bar Fundraising: Funds raised in relation to the planned purchase of the Sports Bar building

Sponsorship for Heather/Eden: Donations received toward the cost of Heather's work through the church with Eden

Allchurches Trust grant: Grant received toward the cost of work on the Sports Bar building

APPENDIX A: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHARITY

2021 Financial Review

Incomes:

During 2021 Hope's Incomes changed significantly due to our fundraising to purchase Rhydyfelin Sports Bar. Regular giving dropped slightly as all Stewardship giving was now for the building fund, and some members changed desired location of giving from general to specifically for the building fund. Our Gross income was over £108,000 (£59,000 2020)- of this over £70,000 was raised for the building.

General income averaging around £3,100 a month (from £3,400 in 2020). HR's sponsors gave £5,585 in total which was consistent with 2020 and covers approximately half her salary. Stewardship giving increased dramatically due to Building Fund drive. £12,500 was retrieved from the reserves /building fund to pay a 5% deposit in May.

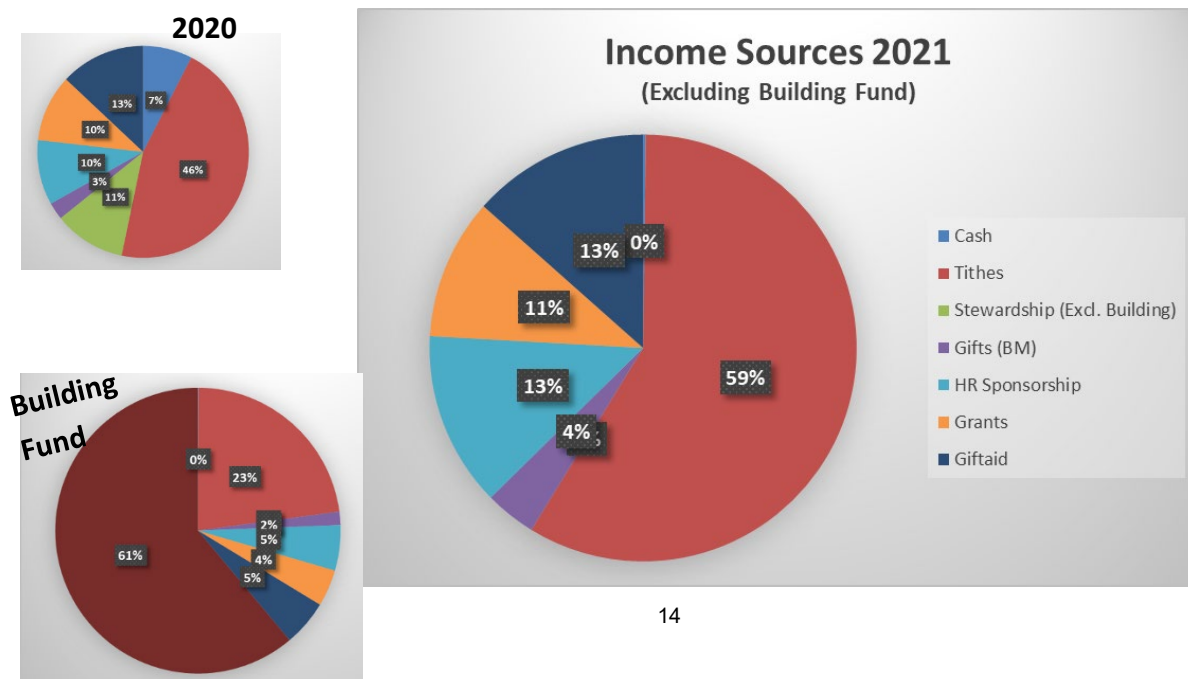
	Av. Monthly	Annualy	
Income from Giving	£ 2,200.84	£ 26,410.02	
Income from Supporters	£ 465.42	£ 5,585.00	
Sports Bar Fundraising	-	£ 70,713.37	
Gift Aid Income (2020)	-	£ 5,666.20	
Total Gross Income	£ 9,031.22	£108,374.59	
Transfers from reserves		£ 12,500.00	(May - Deposit)

We were also fortunate to claim over £5500 through gift aid on 2020's applicable income. We continued to be fortunate enough to receive gifts through the year from Brynmawr. No grants for community work had to be repaid due to events cancelled due to Covid-19.

Sources	Cash	Tithes	Stewardship	Gifts (BM)	HR Sponsorship	Grants	Giftaid*	Building Fund
	£ 85.00	£24,692.00	£ -	£ 1,633.02	£ 5,585.00	£ 4,500.00	£ 5,666.20	£66,213.37

Note: Stewardship gifts for building included in 'Building Fund'. £4500 grant from All Churches Trust used in the building fund but counted in Grants.

Income sources show similar proportion of giving from tithes & Stewardship combined. HR sponsorship stayed at a similar proportion. Cash giving decreased understandably. If we include building fund we see most of our income was for this purpose (61%).



Hopes Expenditures have stayed roughly the same as last year, if we exclude building costs. We expend roughly £40,000 equally between internal running costs and more external community work costs (including salaries). If we take salaries out separately this continues.

This year we were able to transfer a further £72,895 to the building fund. Including the deposit already paid and successful grant applications we are at a total of £135,000 at time of writing.

Thanks to the fantastic fundraising and giving from friends and family we had a record NET income of £53,000 in 2021. Our balance in our current account did reduce from £13,000 to £6,000 but this will be bolstered by the gift aid we are able to claim on 2020's income. Last year we put the claim into the building fund, hence the apparent 'loss' of £7000.

	Av. Monthly	Annual	
Salaries	£ 2,404.17	£ 28,850.04	52.2%
Running Costs	£ 463.89	£ 5,566.73	10.1%
Community and external costs	£ 437.71	£ 5,252.57	9.5%
Building Expenses	£ 1,298.33	£ 15,580.00	28.2%
Expenditure Total	£ 4,604.11	£ 55,249.34	
Transfer to reserves		£ 72,895.24	
NET INCOME	£ 4,427.10	£ 53,125.25	

Expenditure streams are still biggest on HR & AD Salaries (52% of total expenditure including tax and pension contributions for HR) → This is expected due to how the church operates, though a decrease in proportion from 2020.

For transparency, salaries are AD: £1,000 pcm, HR: £1,306 pcm (before tax @ Jan 2021).

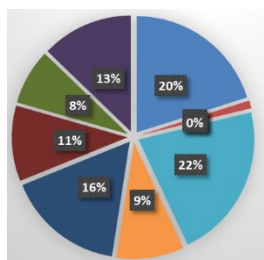
A costly 28% of our expenditure went towards building expenses (Deposit, solicitors fees, searches). This

Streams	Speakers	Salaries (AD, Tax & Pension)	Community Work	Bills	Gifts	Soft. & Equip.	Building Expenses	Other*
Rent	£ 2,383.12	£ 26,156.08	£ 2,693.96	£ 2,211.07	£ 1,287.50	£ 3,041.50	£ 347.49	£ 15,580.00
	£ -							£ 1,548.62

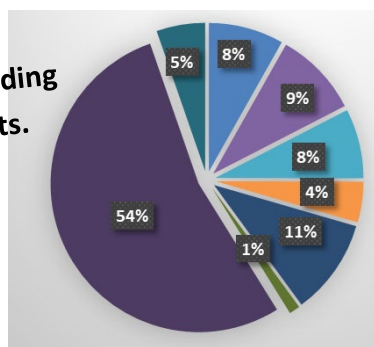
*Other: DBS, Payroll, insurance, childrens work, marketing

Most spending has stayed at a similar level. Gifts have increased. Community Expenses and Salary's remained the same. Rent continued to decrease along with Bills, Software and Other. See bottom left for full breakdown.

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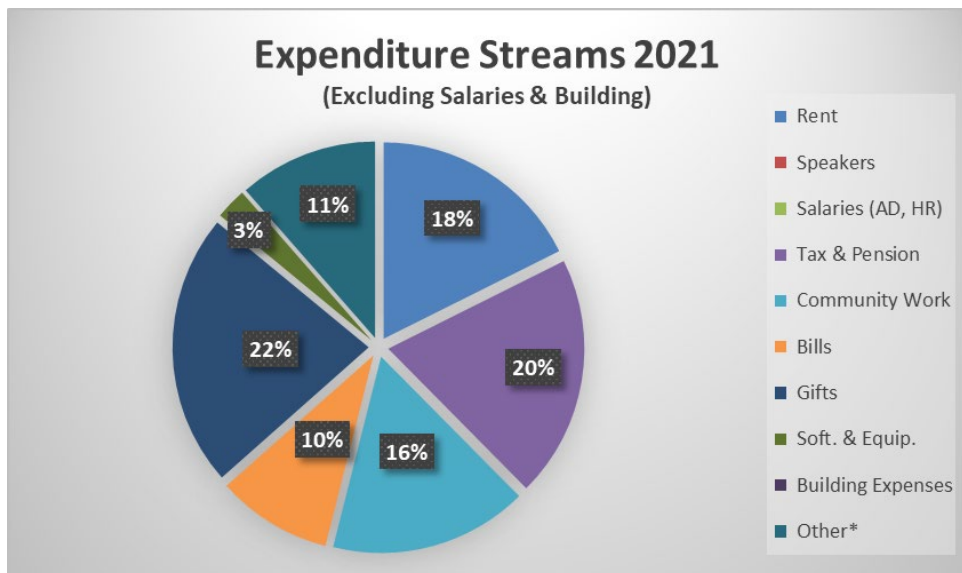


Building costs.



Expenditure Streams 2021

(Excluding Salaries & Building)



Hope Church Rhydyfelin

England & Wales - Charity number 1170304

Accounts

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Ryan Denne (Chair) Andrew Davies Mayuri Hargest Jon Ryan Andrew Thomas
Pastor:	Andrew Davies
Treasurer:	Ryan Denne
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1170304
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd November 2016
Address for correspondence:	Hope Community Church 126 Morien Crescent Rhydyfelin CF37 5PT
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
Bankers:	HSBC 92a Taff St Pontypridd CF37 4SR

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 1st January 2021. The report follows the same structure as previous years, although there were some ongoing differences in activities and meetings due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Structure, Governance and Management

New Trustees are appointed by existing trustees from within the church/charity. They are provided with a copy of the organisation's Constitution, finance reports and any other information deemed necessary to assist them in the role. Meetings occur approximately quarterly, depending on agendas. Trustees discuss safeguarding, finance, and decisions about the direction of the charity deemed necessary beyond the Church Leadership Team. The Church Leadership Team meet formally once per month and informally on a more regular basis. Managing day to day pastoral care and execution of the churches vision through planning, strategy and prayer.

Any spending either of interest or above £500 is run by Trustees first informally. This year meetings were held on virtually and informal communication by WhatsApp increased as we were unable to meet regularly in person.

At the beginning of the year, four buildings were being rented, and the primary business address remains 126 Morien Crescent (church office). The weekly meeting location was Rhydyfelin Community Centre, youth work happens weekly at the Ilan Centre and 126 Morein Crescent, and we ran an Alpha Course at Rhydyfelin Sports Bar.

The salaries and outgoings of the church are re-evaluated every 6 months. No salary changes occurred in the year and no persons were placed on the Furlough scheme offered by the government. It was deemed all employees work was essential to the running of the church/charity, and where activities could not carry on as normal, roles were redistributed and refocused among volunteers and employees.

The Charity is connected with a number of organisations: Catalyst Network of churches, New Wine Cymru (other churches around South Wales), and the Evangelical Alliance- these continue to add other levels of guidance and support for the church and brings wider recognition.

Objectives

The charity's objects remain:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world;
- (b) The prevention or relief of poverty in Wales and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world; and
- (c) To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity.

Achievements and Activities

In 2020 the charity held regular public meetings on a Sunday afternoon until COVID-19 prevented meeting in person. Since then, we have used web-based conferencing solutions and video sharing websites to worship God, preach from the Bible, and have fellowship together according to object (a). We have collaborated with other churches in and around South Wales, building friendships and partnerships per objects (a) and (c).

In accordance with objects (a) and (b), the church/charity hosted termly 'Bouncy Castle Church' meetings. These meetings were increasingly well attended with over 100 guests at our 'Bouncy Castle Carol Service' in December 2019. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable in 2020 to continue these events. We aim to re-launch these popular events in the second half of 2021, government guidelines permitting. As a substitute for these events, we provided free bags of activities for the community on several occasions.

COVID-19 also prevented us from holding regular meetings in homes on Tuesday evenings. Groups instead used web-based conferencing solutions to pray for one another, have fellowship together, and discuss the teaching from the Sunday meeting per objective (b). These have helped nurture friendships with one another in the church and have brought accessibility to those who would be unable to join physical meetings.

At the start of 2020, we ran a successful Alpha Course in accordance with object (a). Friends and neighbours were invited to learn more about the Christian faith and have a healthy, home-cooked meal. We had around five people not directly connected with the charity join us.

Our usual annual camps for church and youth were both cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our community work, which seeks to reduce the impact of poverty on youth and families in and around South Wales, in accordance with object (b) had to change this year. The youth club service that ran for free from the Ilan Centre, where youth partake in games, team building, crafts and hear about Christian beliefs according to object (a) paused in March due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Very excitingly, this year's activities concluded by having Santa Claus ride around Rhydyfelin on a sleigh. This brought joy and the Christmas Gospel to many households- with over 1000 people seen waiting for Santa to pass by their street. This was our most far-reaching event by far- and we were able to give out many activity bags for free, again, following covid guidelines at the time.

Performance & Goals

The church/charity gathered (online or in-person) together approximately 48 times throughout the year for worship and teaching from the bible on a Sunday afternoon. These services reached around twenty households, including five children. Our goal is to continue to increase in number as we see more people commit to the Christian faith.

Our youth work and community work have reached over 240 different children and 100 different families since starting, all in the locality of Rhydyfelin. This year, however, we decided to formally move on from being an active part of The Message Wales' 'Eden'

ministry, which part-funded us for three years to set up our youth work. The churches youth worker has been appointed as a community worker to serve the wider community, and our youth work has been re-branded to Six-19.

Charitable donations to the Catalyst network of churches, New Wine Cymru and the Evangelical Alliance continued this year. With a sum of nearly £2000 given to organisations and individuals.

Overall our objectives have been achieved despite our approaches having to change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Objective (a) has been met in Sunday meetings, mid-week meetings in collaboration with other churches through Catalyst, New Wine and the Evangelical Alliance. Objective (b) has been extensively met with the Community work (previously Eden) ministry. Objective (a), (b) and (c) have also been met with outreach events and our Alpha Course, which provided more information, discussion, and under

Building Fundraising

One of the most exciting developments so far for the charity has been the prospect of buying a building in Rhydyfelin. During our time running the Alpha course in Rhydyfelin Sports Bar, we built a relationship with the bar staff and the owner and have started proceedings to purchase the building. The owner previously wished to demolish the building to create housing but felt that action would be a loss to the community and agreed it would be better if we take ownership.

Located on the main road through Rhydyfelin, on a popular bus route, the location of the property and its visibility make it a perfect place for us to develop our church ministries and community work within Rhydyfelin. We at the time of writing (May 2021) have raised just over £90,000 as a result of internal fundraising and successful grant applications.

Financial Review

The charity has received continued giving through stewardship, monthly donations, and support sponsoring our full-time community worker. Most funds are raised through members giving monthly to the charity. Some funds are protected for purchasing Rhydyfelin Sports bar.

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The reserves/savings account was set up in May 2019 in which was deposited £10,000 reserved for use in 2020 when the anticipated shortfall from The Message grant caught up with running costs (we were making a net monthly loss when funding was complete in January 2019). Currently, this is now a savings account for the funds designated for the purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar.

Initial Funds (January 2020):	£12,749.69	(inc. £10000 reserves)
Concluding Funds (1st January 2021):	£27,967.45	(inc. £14300 reserves)

Funding mostly met by monthly or weekly giving by members who attend weekly meetings. Average regular giving for 2020 (including all sponsorship, stewardship giving, monthly giving), was approximately £3100 per month excluding Gift Aid. £450 of this is the direct sponsorship of our community worker.

We were able to claim £7000 from Gift Aid on previous years giving.

We received £5565 in grants for Covid-19 support and finance for our community work.

Headlines

(1st January 2020 - 1st January 2021)

Total income: £58,988.22

Reserves increase: £4,277.60

Total expenditure: £43,775.50

Total Net income: £15,212.72

This is a significant income- note that end of year reserves is just over £14,000, so the net income is nearly entirely being put into protected funds for the purchase of Rhydyfelin Sports Bar. Our current account has been very stable thanks to much-decreased costs as activities could not run in the same way (little rent was paid after March- only the office continued to be rented).

Additionally, the monthly giving of members is still generally increasing as the church congregation grows, more individuals are sponsoring our community worker and we have been able to continue to claim Gift Aid. At time of writing (May 2021) balances are approximately £10,500 with £48,000 in reserves.

Our publicly available financial report is attached as Appendix A. Throughout 'HR' refers to the community worker's initials, not Human Resources.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by

Signature:



Name: Ryan Denne

Position: Treasurer & Trustee

Date: 18th June 2021

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

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<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	10,075	12,817	22,892	15,531
Interest received		5	-	5	13
Total Receipts		46,176	12,817	58,993	42,973
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	34,308	9,467	43,775	47,673
Governance costs		-	-	-	
Total payments		34,308	9,467	43,775	47,673
Net Receipts/(Payments)		11,868	3,350	15,218	(4,700)
Transfers between funds		-	-		
Fund balances at 1 st January 2020		12,749	-	12,749	17,449
Fund balances at 31 st December 2020		24,617	3,350	27,967	12,749

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2020 £
The value of assets owned are:	
Equipment	<u>5,000</u>
	5,000

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>27,967</u>	<u>12,749</u>
	27,967	12,749

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	5,666	4,302
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	280	280

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 18th June 2021

Signed: 
Name: Ryan Denne

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH PONTYPRIDD

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Gift Aid donations	17,120	-	17,120	17,208
Other donations	11,896	-	11,896	4,987
Tax recovered	7,080	-	7,080	5,234
	36,096	-	36,096	27,429

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-		
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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grant received	-	7,415	7,415	4,167
Other sundry receipts	7,405	-	7,405	4,186
Sponsorship for Eden/Heather	-	5,402	5,402	5,690
Refunds	2,670	-	2,670	1,488
	10,075	12,817	22,892	15,531

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	23,222	5,360	28,582	27,898
Eden/Message expenses	-	2,392	2,392	3,480
Speaker expenses	180	-	180	200
Other ministry/evangelism expenses	479	415	894	903
	23,881	8,167	32,048	32,481

b. Support and Administration

Premises rental and expenses	4,841	-	4,841	7,306
Administration and general expenses	821	450	1,271	320
Insurance & professional fees	1,204	-	1,204	1,306
Training & conferences	1,721	-	1,721	4,435
	8,587	450	9,037	13,367

c. Grants

Evangelical Alliance	240	-	240	80
New Wine Cymru	600	-	600	600
Catalyst Network of Churches	1,000	-	1,000	940
Support for individual	-	850	850	205
	1,840	850	2,690	1,825

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one full-time employed member of staff, and another individual that is paid who is self-employed. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The Pastor, Andrew Davies, who is also a Trustee, was paid on a self-employed basis, and received payments totalling £12,000 in his capacity as Pastor of the church.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year areas follows:

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Covid grants	-	5,565	(4,065)	-	1,500
Sports Bar Fundraising	-	1,850	-	-	1,850
Sponsorship for Heather/Eden	-	5,402	(5,402)	-	-
	-	12,817	(9,467)	-	3,350

APPENDIX A: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHARITY

2020 Financial Review

Incomes:

Since 2019 Hope's Incomes have increased, largely due to grants and giving from stewardship increasing (2019 Gross £43,000). Additionally, income from giving / tithing increased significantly due to new commitments from attendees. This averaged around £3,400 a month (from £2,200 in 2019). HR's sponsors gave £5,402 in total which is excellent to have as consistent income and covers approximately half her salary. Stewardship giving increased dramatically due to Building Fund drive. We did find it necessary to retrieve £5,000 from our reserves in January to keep good cash flow.

	Monthly	Annualy	
Income from Giving	£ 3,411.73	£ 40,940.73	
Income from Supporters	£ 450.17	£ 5,402.00	
Income from Grants	-	£ 5,565.00	
Gift Aid Income (2019)	-	£ 7,080.49	
Total Gross Income	£ 4,915.69	£ 58,988.22	
Transfer from Reserves	-	£ 5,000.00	(Jan)

A considerable amount was retrieved from gift aid from 2019's tax paying tithes, the reason this was higher than last year is we were able to backdate claims on HR's sponsors. We continued to be fortunate enough to receive several gifts through the year from Brynmawr and others.

We were able to apply for grants to cover the community work the church carried out during the Covid-19 pandemic- We received £4,065 from the 'Covid Fund in Wales' to enable us to plan to run Life Skills courses in 2021, cover costs for software enabling online services and meetings, and cover costs for the activity packs we distributed to children and families around Rhydyfelin. We have also received £1500 towards our very popular bouncy castle churches to be run in 2021 where possible- this generous grant from the 'Church in Wales: Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children' will cover the costs of renting the llan centre and providing refreshments for the 100 children and parents from the community. This does not have to be repaid if they are unable to run.

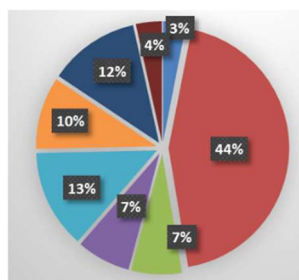
Sources						
Cash	Tithes	Stewardship	Gifts (BM)	HR Sponsorship	Covid Grants	Giftaid*
£ 4,106.80	£ 24,909.00	£ 2,398.31	£ 1,425.30	£ 5,402.00	£ 5,565.00	£ 7,080.49
		£ 3,581.71				

Income sources show approximately two thirds of our income is dependable, with an additional third coming from stewardship (bottom value for building fund only), grants, and gift-aid claim.

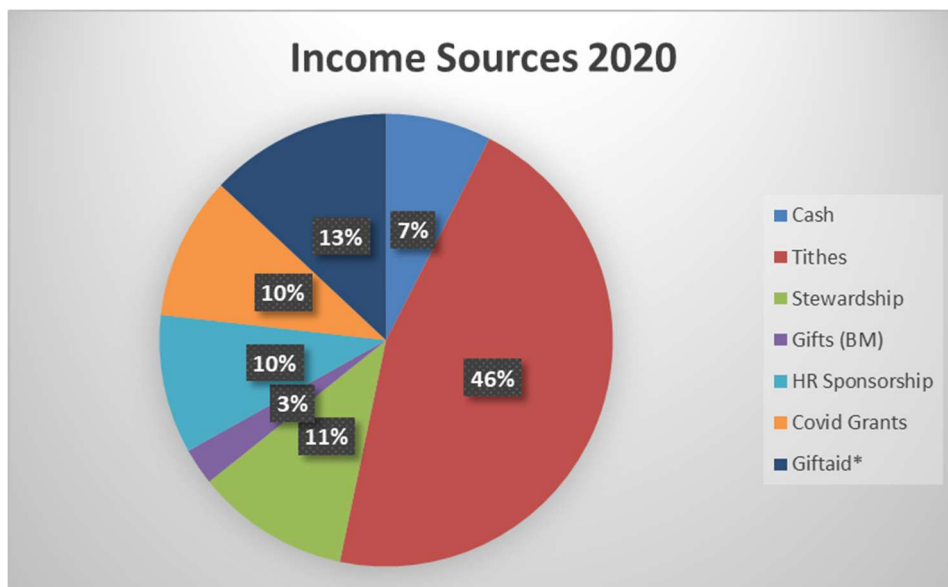
Proportionally, Tithing and stewardship increased, HR Sponsorship decreased proportionally.

--Note 2019 Orange denotes Message Wales income, not Covid grants--

2019



Income Sources 2020



Expenditures:

Hopes Expenditures have actually decreased this year due to our rent of community centres pausing over the Covid-19 pandemic. Hope spent approximately £3650 a month (£4000 in 2019). Previously we have split spending between 'Hope' and 'Eden' costs, but excitingly in 2020 we shifted away and integrated the community work into the church and left the Message Wales. Now displayed are our costs as Salaries, Running costs (internal) and community work (external).

After raising money for the building fund we were able to transfer just over £9,270 to reserves giving a total building fund of approximately £14,300- this does not count pledges which takes us over £20,000. Amazingly, we had a net income of £15,000 in 2020- at least £9,000 of which was expressly for the building fund.

	Monthly	Annually	
Salaries	£ 2,381.86	£ 28,582.32	65.3%
Running Costs	£ 578.22	£ 6,938.61	15.9%
Community and external costs	£ 687.88	£ 8,254.57	18.9%
Expenditure Total	£ 3,647.96	£ 43,775.50	
Transfer to Reserves	-	£ 9,272.56	(Nov-Dec)
NET INCOME	£ 1,267.73	£ 15,212.72	

Expenditure streams are typically biggest on HR & AD Salaries (65% of total expenditure including tax and pension contributions for HR) This is expected due to expenditure decreasing where we chose not to furlough or decrease salaries.

For transparency, salaries are AD: £1,000 pcm, HR: £1,306 pcm (before tax @ Dec 2020).

Pleasingly nearly 20% of our expenditure goes directly to the community work, through gifts, youth-work etc. or to external expenditure such as software and equipment. Our next biggest spending is Rent. Running costs account for around 16% of our expenditure.

Streams									
Rent	Speakers	Salaries (AD, HR)	Tax & Pencil	Community Exp	Bills	Gifts	Events#	Soft. & Equip	Other*
£ 3,294.62	£ 180.00	£ 26,113.80	£ 2,468.52	£ 2,392.04	£ 1,546.34	£ 2,690.00	£ 1,721.60	£ 1,270.93	£ 2,097.65
*Other: DBS, Payroll, insurance, childrens work, marketing									
#All refunded									

Most spending has stayed at a similar level. Community Expenses, Gifts, and Software & Equipment have increased since 2019. Rent decreased. Whilst we paid approximately £1,700 for youth to attend Newday, this was all refunded as the event was cancelled.

--Note Soft. & Equip. counted in other in 2019--

