



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2023		Day 31st	Month March	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Living Hope UK
Other names charity is known by	Living Hope Grace and Truth Church/Living Hope GTC
Registered charity number (if any)	1175020
Charity's principal address	Jervoise Street
	West Bromwich
	Postcode B70 9LZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Deborah Pearce	Chairperson		
2	Rev Julie Porter	Treasurer		
3	Rev Carvel Thomas		1 st April 2023 – 30 th June 2023	
4	Rev Beverley Kwame		30 th June 2023 – 31 st March 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The current trustees were elected by the members when the charity was established. New trustees are elected at the AGM. If it is not possible for a trustee vacancy to be filled at the AGM, the existing trustees can appoint new trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

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

- To advance the Christian religion.
- To engage in community outreach to help the disadvantaged in society by promoting social inclusion through various activities.

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

- We hold weekly worship services, including Sunday worship, bible study & prayer meetings.
- We have run various Bible Courses in the UK and Uganda via video conferencing, equipping people with the knowledge and understanding of the Bible.
- We also stream our Sunday Services live on YouTube, which is reaching people who are unable to attend our services in the building.
- We ran a foodbank to help people in the local community who were in need.
- The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and have ensured we have fully met the guidance on ensuring our activities are for the Public Benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- All of our church services are open to the public. On a weekly basis we held the following services to advance the Christian Faith: Sunday Worship, Bible Study and Prayer meetings.
- Our weekly Bible Study was held online via video conferencing which enabled more people join and participate in the Bible Study.
- Through these various church/worship services we had the platform to share the Christian faith and have engaged with members of the public to bring about a positive change in their lives and circumstances.
- The Bible College has continued to grow, and we have enrolled over 50+ students in Uganda and several students in the UK who successfully completed their studies and graduated with us.
- The courses have helped individuals to gain qualifications and knowledge on the Christian Faith to further their understanding and assist them in developing their Christian ministry.
- We have held Leadership training seminars for leaders in Christian Ministry to support them and develop their leadership skills.
- We have held conferences, seminars and evangelical events which have been open to the public to advance the Christian faith.
- Through our work in Uganda we have been able to provide food, medical resources, stationery for school children and clothes and shoes for children and the elderly.
- Our media ministry continued to grow and we continued to stream our Sunday Worship live on You Tube. This enabled those who are ill or unable to attend services in person to still benefit from the services.
- As part of our media ministry, we edit the live service and share the sermon on our YouTube channel. Throughout the course of the year we have seen an increase in our subscribers and have received positive feedback on the benefits people have received.
- We started a foodbank for the local community in September 2023 and engaged with local organisations who help the homeless. We also engaged with a women's hostel and provided food parcels to assist them and their children.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity holds reserves to ensure expenses can be met in the event of a shortfall in income

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity is in a good financial position with sufficient funds held in the current account and also funds held for our building fund and Missions projects.

The main source of income is through members donations

Our expenditure has enabled us to enhance our media ministry to reach a larger audience in advancing the Christian faith.

Through our missions' expenses we have been able to engage with a greater amount of people in Uganda to share the Christian Faith with them.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	REV DEBORAH PEARCE	REV JULIE PORTER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	TREASURER
Date	30 TH DECEMBER 2024	


LIVING HOPE UK – INCOME AND EXPENSES ACCOUNTS

1ST APRIL 2023 – 31ST MARCH 2024



Opening Balance		£ 25,775.18
Offering		£ 30,075.27
Building Fund		£ 13,072.51
Donations		£ 6,696.00
Gift Aid		£ 1,788.30
Missions		£ 240.00
Bible College		£ 2,367.50
Bank Interest		£ 228.94
TOTAL INCOME		£ 80,243.70
EXPENSES		
Rent	£ 10,140.00	
Gas	£ 1,289.26	
Electric	£ 2,799.61	
Water	£ 161.17	
Phone/Internet	£ 627.66	
Insurance	£ 998.88	
Administration	£ 861.66	
Mission	£ 2,457.25	
Catering/Refreshments	£ 3,411.94	
Ministers Remuneration	£ 1,240.00	
Travel Expenses	£ 943.27	
Tutor Fees	£ 1,910.00	
Computers and software	£ 1,415.52	
Media Equipment	£ 302.10	
Music Equipment	£ 717.18	
Maintenance	£ 1,939.87	
Youth Department	£ 266.98	
Gifts	£ 836.91	
CCTV	£ 904.80	
Building Work	£ 1,048.79	
Savings	£ 275.00	
Misc	£ 935.89	
	£ 35,483.74	
CLOSING BALANCE		£ 44,759.96

SIGNED BY INDEPENDENT VERIFIER:


SIGNATURE: 

PRINT NAME: LISA UJJAL

DATE: 17/01/2025

APPROVED BY:

CHAIRPERSON

SIGNATURE: 

PRINT NAME: REV DEBORAH PEARCE

DATE: 20/12/2024

TREASURER

SIGNATURE: 

PRINT NAME: REV JULIE PORTER

DATE: 20/12/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Living Hope UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1175020

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

17/01/25

Name:

LISA UJJAL

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

Address:

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

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