HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

England & Wales · Charity number 1176585

Details

Other names	MABLETHORPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-01-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:-4.1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) THE PREACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH AND THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES AND THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE INCLUDING VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OR TAPES AND BY ANY OTHER MEDIA WHICH IS OR MAY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND4.2. THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY, ILL-HEALTH, POOR EDUCATION OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT AND SUCH OTHER ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE.

Activities: Christian Church

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£105,464	£100,965	-	-
2023-12-31	£147,528	£115,594	-	-
2022-12-31	£94,335	£99,655	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,184	£103,993	-	-
2020-12-31	£122,423	£113,525	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lorna Janet Mountain	Chair	2017-12-14
Claire Suddaby		2023-09-21
Deborah Jane Sutcliffe		2021-03-18
Jean Ann Dunton		2026-01-22

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Accounts

Hope House Church Mablethorpe

Trustees annual report 2024

1 January 2024-31 December 2024

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Welcome:

Welcome to the trustees annual report for Hope House Church—Mablethorpe.

This report provides an overview of some of the key activities of the Church throughout 2024.

In March we celebrated 15 years since we held our first service at Hope House. Over the past 15 years the Lord has provided many opportunities to serve him for which we are very thankful.

Photo, taken at the 15th anniversary service, shows Church members including Edna Matkin for whom this was her last service before going to be with the Lord.

Sunday worship:

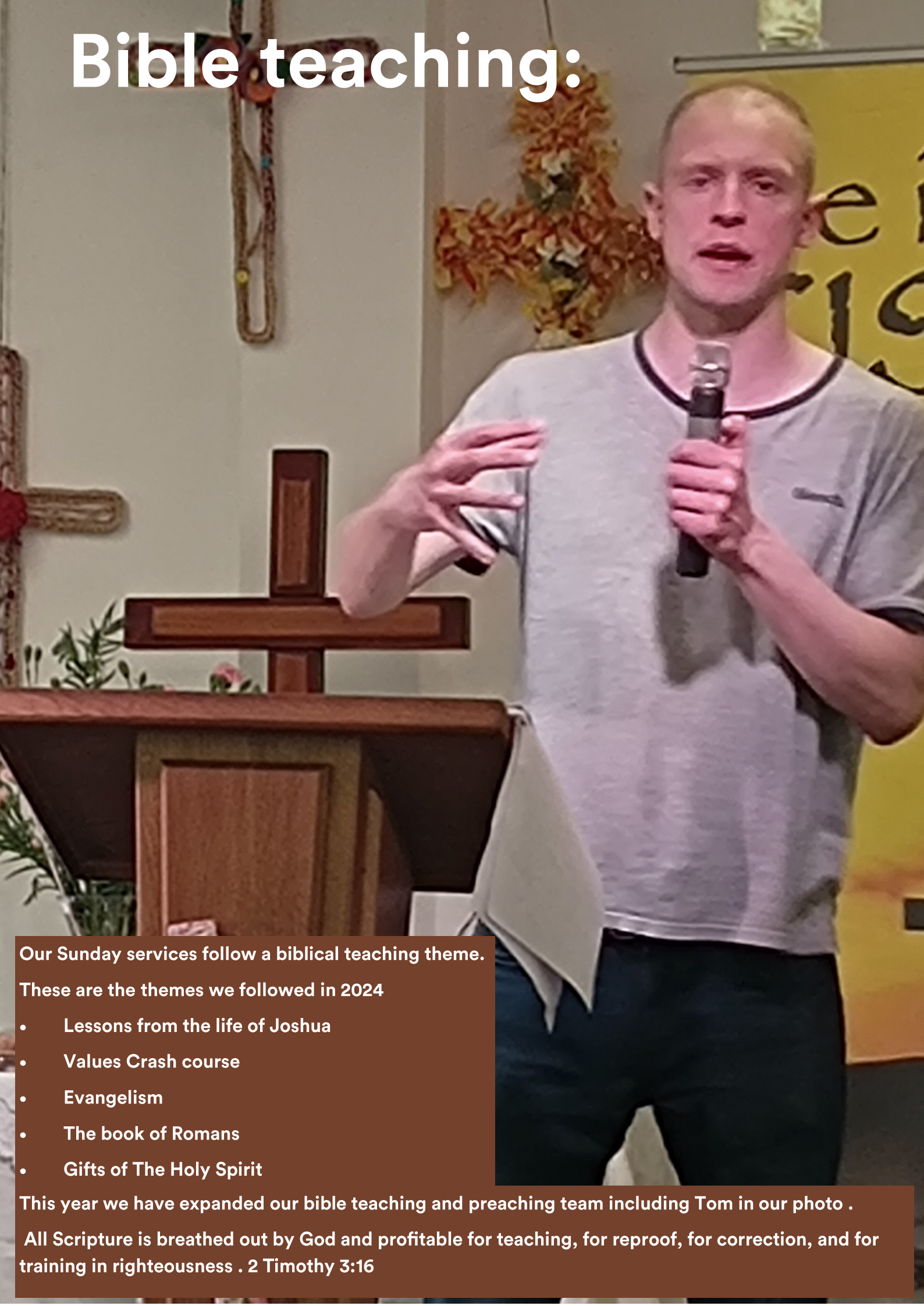
Worship has always been at the heart of Hope House Church. We are thankful to Dave and Deb who have faithfully led us in live worship every Sunday throughout the year.

We also have communion together every second Sunday.

We also have a sketch every week which tells a different bible story.

The bible says ‘Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!’ Psalm 150:6

Bible teaching:



Our Sunday services follow a biblical teaching theme.

These are the themes we followed in 2024

- Lessons from the life of Joshua
- Values Crash course
- Evangelism
- The book of Romans
- Gifts of The Holy Spirit

This year we have expanded our bible teaching and preaching team including Tom in our photo .

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness . 2 Timothy 3:16

Baptisms:

In June we held a baptismal service. We had three people who were baptised; Donna, Dee and Rose. This was a very special day for all involved and made extra special by a surprise visit from Rose's brother who came all the way from Canada with his wife to share in Rose's baptism. Photo shows Rose and her brother sharing as part of the service

Chosen:

Our Chosen ladies group has been going well this year, meeting every Tuesday afternoon for about an hour, we do a variety of things at the group, from craft, flower arranging to praying for one another.

We recently reviewed the year and all agreed we were happy with how the group has been going. These are some of the things we have done this year:

Enjoyed an evening together doing ceramic painting; Putting on a monthly community lunch,

Enjoyed a day doing crafts, organised a pudding night, organised fundraising events for the homeless fund, raised enough money to fund a Christmas buffet for the community. We also wrote a psalm together and made a banner (it's almost finished!)

We all agreed that the group offered love and support; all of us said we just enjoy being together.

We thank God for the opportunity we have to meet on a regular basis to chat pray and worship together. Friendship is truly a gift from God. Photo shows ladies out doing ceramic painting.

Men United:

At the beginning of 2024 we started a new mens group at Hope House called ‘Men United’. We meet twice a month, once a month on the second Wednesday evening to encourage one anothers faith and once a month on the fourth Saturday to share in a social event together. We have had opportunity to share together from the bible, do a wide variety of activities together and get to know one another more. The photo shows our mens group on a 10 pin bowling social evening.

Paul Loh visit:

In June we once again had a visit from Paul Loh from Singapore. Paul has been visiting us for a number of years, sharing with us and encouraging us. Paul shared with local Church leaders as well as sharing thoughts on the book of Romans which we were sharing on at the time. In the photo Paul shared at our Men United breakfast. Also Jan who cooked us all an excellent full English breakfast.

Leaders conference:

Hope House Church are part of the Ground level network of Churches. In May, three of our leadership team attended the Ground level leaders conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire. We received great teaching and encouragement from the event. We also attended monthly leaders meetings and quarterly key leaders meetings with Groundlevel. We also coordinated four local leaders breakfasts in the local area. Photo shows a packed leaders conference.

Reaplay:

Reaplay music workshops launched in August to draw people together through music and build their confidence through music and social connection. The 10 workshops were led by Dave Beck and well attended. At the end of the sessions a concert was put on at the end of November to a packed Hope House. The Reaplay group also played a couple of Christmas songs at the Carols by Candlelight concert. The workshops were free due to generous funding from The Bishop of Lincolns Social Justice Fund. Photo shows one of the Reaplay group at the concert in November.

Childrens work:

Sunday morning children's and youth meetings which have been running for around 30 years, continued in 2024 with games, stories, crafts and activities. Each Sunday we provided things to do on small tables at the back in the all age's part of the service with a sketch after the worship time aimed at the children, but enjoyed by adults as well. We had started the sketches during the online services during the pandemic to illustrate bible passages, so we decided to continue. It gives the adults a flavour of what the children were learning about each week. In 2025, we are looking to revamp the group to make it more accessible for families where parents would like their children to come along, but might not want to come along themselves.

Church weekend:

In August we held our third annual Church weekend. Our hosts were Jim & Elaine Haley who shared with us about being adventurous. We started on the Friday evening, had all day together on Saturday and the Sunday service. We had fun using a beach chalet as a base on the Saturday, had good teaching, worship and food together.

Churches Together:

Hope House support the work of Churches Together in the community.

We held prayer meetings, an Easter March of witness and celebration events. Churches Together also organised 2 teams to go into 2 local primary schools to present 'Open the book' presentations to the children.

Photo shows the Churches Together March of Witness which took place on Good Friday.

Glow-worms:

Glow-worms is a long running part of the Hope House community work On the go for around 28 years, the winning formula of a safe space for babies and toddlers and their families, carers and friends to meet and play; continues to be enjoyed by local families. Some of the adults coming along used to be Glow-worms children themselves!

We have had another active year as usual. We received funding from Family Hubs to purchase new toys and equipment including new equipment for sensory play. The photo shows children enjoying an ice cream while they are out for the annual sponsored toddle along Mablethorpe seafront.

Homeless work:

Hope House provides supported living accommodation for men who are homeless. At the start of 2024 we had 2 houses but the lease on one house came up for renewal and for a variety of reasons we decided to not extend it and we handed it back to the owner in June. We worked to increase our capacity at the other house from 4 to 5 beds and were helped in this work through generous donations from Mablethorpe Town Council, The Rotary Club of Alford & Mablethorpe, The Ground Level Network of Churches and other individual donors. The end result was an overall reduction from 7 to 5 beds.

During the year we provided accommodation for 13 men, of which 11 moved on. 5 were found suitable long term housing, 2 moved back to be with family and 3 were evicted for breach of rules.

We held a Homeless information day in August which was well supported and we received over £1000 in donations from the event plus further support afterwards. The photo shows the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Mablethorpe who attending our homeless information day. Also in the photo are House manager Tom Marsden and Pastor Nigel Collins.

Awaken celebration:

The Awaken celebration is a gathering of the Ground Level Churches from right across the network for a time of worship, great teaching and family time together over the August bank holiday weekend. There are a wide range of activities for children and adults. We had a few camping and a larger group who visited on the Sunday. We were very grateful to the event organisers for arranging bursaries to enable some of our families to attend the event.

Hope House also provided our community bus to help bring people from the accommodation to the site. This was greatly appreciated by those who had no vehicle of their own.

The photo was used by the Awaken event in their publicity and shows the Hope House community bus outside the main tent.

Alpha:

In September we launched our first Alpha course for more than 20 years. We met on Wednesday evenings and saw between 6 and 12 guests attending the evenings. We also trained a team of 6 people to lead Alpha courses.

Each evening started with a meal prepared by Claire and her team of helpers, followed by the Alpha video teaching and a discussion. We also held a Holy Spirit Day at Grimsby joining with City Church who hosted us. Overall, a successful first course which we are hoping to make a regular part of our Church life as we move forward into 2025.

Arise celebration:

We joined with other Ground Level Churches across Lincolnshire to hold the third Arise Celebration at The Storehouse Church in Skegness whch is one of our partner Ground Level Churches.

Held over the first weekend of July, the event was well supported by around 9 Churches. The theme for the weekend was ‘Surfing the wave,’ and our own Pastor Nigel Collins spoke at the opening event.

Worship, preaching, seminars, childrens activities, food and great friendship all added up to a wonderful weekend together.

Great fellowship:

We have hosted great opportunities for the Church to be together, from fellowship meals following some of our Sunday services, to birthday parties for Church members, harvest suppers, Christmas parties, themed evenings, monthly light lunches organised by our Chosen Ladies, or valentines events, we have had some great times together. Thank you to everyone who put in the work to make these events so special for everyone to enjoy.

#bettertogether

Harvest:

Once again we used our Harvest Service to collect food for the 2 local foodbanks (Furnichurch & Sutton food larder) A significant amount of food was donated and we were able to supply a car load of food to each of the foodbanks.

We also held a Harvest Supper which provide an opportunity for friendship and connection.

Carols by candlelight:

Our popular carols by candlelight returned this year with a couple of changes to the traditional format of carols and readings in a festive atmosphere.

This year, we introduced a Nativity tableau where people could dress up and be photographed. This was very popular, especially with families. We were also joined by the newly formed Reaplay music group, who under the direction of their leader Dave Beck, performed 2 carols, an amazing achievement from a group, some of whom had not played an instrument until a few weeks before. Thank you to everyone involved, especially Deb & Dave who led the worship.

Christmas dinner :

New this year was a Christmas Day dinner, intended for those who would otherwise be alone or isolated over the Christmas period.

A group of around 25 people met for a full Christmad dinner with all the trimmings, social activities and entertainment. A great time was had by everyone.

The Rotary Club of Mablethorpe and Alford contributed some funding towards the day along with some personal donations from supporters. This enabled the whole day to be provided free of charge

Christmas hampers:

Donations from individuals and organisations enabled us to once again provide 25 high quality food parcels to people who were struggling financially over the Christmas period. The parcels consisted of both luxury and essential food items.

One of our volunteers is seen here preparing the hampers ready to be given out. Thank you to every-one who supported our Christmas hampers project.

Volunteers:

Volunteers provide so much time and gifting to Hope House to help us fulfill our ministry to the community. From food collection / distribution, leading services, providing care, support and meals, maintenance, backgrouind administration etc, volunteers fulfil an estimated 5000 hours p.a. of time to us at Hope House.

Thank you to everyone who volunteer their time to help us at Hope House.

The photo shows some of our volunteers erecting the Christmas tableau at the front of Hope House.

Finances:

Thank you to everyone who supported financially during 2024.

Our total income was £105,463. Total expenditure was £100,964. We had an operating surplus of £4499 on the year. Sunday offerings were £35707.

The trustees have done some work this year to create an up to date reserves policy. The charity is presently operating within the reserve levels set by the trustees. The trustees are satisfied that we have sufficient finances to continue our work.

Thank you to Deb Sutcliffe who has worked very hard as our treasurer during the year. Thank you also to David Smith who completed his responsibilities as past treasurer during the year.

A full financial report is included separately with this report.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19.

Plans for 2025:

As we end 2024 and look forward to 2025, we are reflecting upon a word given to us at our Church weekend in August to be ‘adventurous.’ We will continue with our regular meetings and service to our Church members and wider community but we believe God may be calling us to new things which will require us to act in faith.

We will continue to pursue the growth of the Church through bringing people to faith in Jesus.

|We are looking to relaunch our children's work in 2025 under the name ‘ Hope House kids club’

We will continue to invest in our next generation leaders.

The picture shows the people of Israel crossing the sea and was the inspiration for the word for us to be on an adventure. It was painted by Dave Bilson one of our members who is partially sighted.

Leadership & governance:

Our trustees help us meet our legal obligations as a registered charity. They are responsible for all financial and legal matters of the Church. Our trustees meet monthly.

At the end of the year our trustees were: (L-R) Deborah Sutcliffe (Treasurer) Claire Suddaby (Also on the leadership team) & Lorna Mountain (Chair)

Our leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. They oversee the teaching and preaching programme and approve appointments within the Church. They also provide oversight and help to group leaders. Our leadership team has met approximately every 6 weeks.

At the year end, our leadership team are (L-R) Tom Marsden, Lauren Swift, Earl Dunton, Judy and Nigel Collins, Claire Suddaby (Not in this photo but also a trustee)

Public benefit:

We have provided Sunday worship services on virtually every Sunday of the year. These services always include Christian worship, bible teaching, childrens sessions and prayer. Every second week we provide a communion service. These services are also broadcast live to the internet.

The Chosen ladies group provides Christian support and care to women in the Church and wider community. The Men United group provides connection and support to men both in the Church and community.

Glow-worms carers and toddlers group meets weekly to provide connection and support for parents with young children and a base for play.

We operate the community bus, which had to stop being used by community groups during the pandemic. We have seen increased use by 9 community groups.

We provide a supported living house in Mablethorpe to help men who are homeless. We can house up to 5 men. We had 11 men move on from our house during the year. For most of the year all our beds were full.

Our buildings serve as a resource to our community. As well as our Church work, our buildings provide a base for addiction counselling and mental health support groups.

Our building provides a hub for end of day food distribution on 4 days of the week and excellent support facilites for those who are street homeless including a shower and washing facilities.

We provided a free Christmas Day meal for those who are lonely and isolated plus monthy community lunches.

Photo shows some of our volunteers who provided the Christmas day dinner.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

SC Bookkeeping Services

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mrs D Sutcliffe Mrs C Suddaby Mr D Smith resigned 26/9/24
Charity number	1176585
Registered address	Hope House 97 Victoria Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 2AL
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
Independent Examiner	Mrs Sara M Cooper Associate of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers SC Bookkeeping Services Howard House Old Trusthorpe Road Sutton on Sea Lincolnshire LN12 2LL
Solicitors	Anthony Collins solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have compiled the financial accounts of Hope House Church Mablethorpe from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work, or this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and have compiled with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institue.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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Date: 20.05.25

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE CHURCH MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 5-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

    * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
    * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
    * to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper - Associate of The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
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20.05.2025

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL

The financial statement on pages 5-9 were approved by the Trustees on12th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

D Sutcliffe
12.06.2025

L Mountain
12.06.2025

Hope House Church - Mablethorpe
Receipts and Payments for year end 31st December 2024

	RECEIPTS		**2024**	**2023**
1	Tithes and Offerings	Note 1	35,707.79	52,931.31
2	Specific Donations	Note 2	9,856.00	29,968.42
3	Gift Aid Refund		5,233.20	5,353.99
4	Grants Received	Note 3	11,594.00	9,996.00
5	Rent Received	Note 4	38,859.75	42,740.87
6	Room Hire		550.00	420.00
7	Events Income		83.10	1,405.46
8	Bus fees and Trips		2,527.00	2,902.00
10	Bank Interest		196.40	63.23
11	Glow-worms Income		786.70	535.00
12	Misc Income		70.00	1,211.45
	Total Receipts		**105,463.94**	**147,527.73**
	PAYMENTS			
13	Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts	Note 5	5,360.00	6,077.35
14	Salary and Pension		46,126.06	37,211.95
15	Minibus		1,685.53	2,581.11
16	Supported Housing	Note 6	13,916.63	23,061.49
17	Premises Costs	Note 7	15,230.12	9,445.80
18	Homeless and Hardship	Note 8	1,574.06	3,443.91
19	Open House, Outreach and events	Note 9	4,934.25	4,579.62
20	Professional Fees and Subscriptions		3,533.64	1,878.10
21	General expenses		1,625.46	1,403.27
22	Youth activities		603.54	839.30
23	Interest on Mortgage		3,725.79	4,206.43
24	Mortgage capital repaid * see below	Note 10		22,428.96
25	Capital Assets purchased			-2,493.30
26	Grant expenditure	Note 11	2,649.75	929.93
	Total Payments		**100,964.83**	**115,593.92**
	Operating Profit		**4499.11**	**31,933.81**
	*			
	Mortgage capital repaid from reserve funds			
	held by Kingdom Bank		10,672.18	

Hope House Church - Mablethorpe
Restricted Funds at end 31st December 2024

		Balance bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Balance end 2023
Hardship Fund	Note 12	424.14	800.00	325.98	898.16
Homeless Fund	Note 2	1,703.46	1,201.00	1,254.25	1,650.21
CDS Action	Note 13	2,042.24	0.00	2,042.24	0.00
ELDC	Note 14	3,375.47	0.00	3,375.47	0.00
Evan Cornish	Note 15	1,476.02	0.00	1,476.02	0.00
Tudor Trust		424.00	0.00	205.85	218.15
New Building		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance		206.25	12,949.00	2,876.80	10,278.45
Total Restricted Funds		**10651.58**	**14950.00**	**11556.61**	**14044.97**

Hope House Church - Mablethorpe
Assets and Liabilities for year ended 31st December 2024

	ASSETS	2024	2023
1	Buildings	240,862.31	**240,862.31**
2	Minibus	9,982.42	17,448.90
3	Equipment	5,697.75	7,596.99
	Total Fixed Assets	**256,542.48**	**265,908.20**
4	Deposit Account	0	10,475.78
5	Current Accounts	72,450.59	69,970.02
6	Cash in hand	529.56	691.65
	Total Current Assets	72,980.15	81,137.45
	Total Assets	**329,522.63**	**347,045.65**
	Liabilities		
	Kingdom Mortgage	41,960.41	54,616.82
	DfT Grant	9,933.00	17,383.00
	Total Liabilities	**51,893.41**	**71,999.82**
	Net Assets	**277,629.22**	**275,045.83**

Hope House Church – Mablethorpe

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2024

1	**Tithes and Offerings £35,707.79** This included: - £34,353.59 in regulars tithes and weekly offerings - £1,354.20 from various donations
2	**Specific Donations £9,856.00** This included: - £3,205 given to church appeal for repair/renovation costs - £1,500 bequeathed donation for work in HHH accommodation to provide a 5th room - £976 from fundraiser day for our homeless work - £1,190 donated for work in HHH accommodation to provide a 5th room - £1,200 for Christmas food hampers, gifts and Christmas Day Lunch - Plus various small donations
3	**Grants Received £11,594** - A grant of £1,600 was received from the Bishop of Lincoln Trust for a course and concert for music therapy. £250 of this covered room hire, the remainder for the course provider, refreshments and the concert. - A grant of £500 was received from LCC for Glow-worms to purchase new toys and teaching materials. - Funding of £11,594 was received from LCCC for replacement windows. -
4	**Rent Received £38,859.75** - From Furnichurch for premises £6,996 - Supported Housing - tenants rents £17,499.14 - Housing Benefit £14,364.61
5	**Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts £5,360** B Ng, missionary for £600 Manchester house of prayer Ground Level £1,350 Kidz2911 £570 Wycliffe UK £1,440 Mary's meals £500 for visiting preachers £900
6	**Supported Housing £13,916.63** - Rent to Landlord £4,000 (ended in May 2024) - Residents food & Housekeeping £3,951.37 - Utilities £2,117 - Maintenance and Equipment £3,848.26
7	**Premises Costs £15,230.12** This is the total cost of running the premises, including: - Insurance £2,116.56 - Utilities £7,860.66

	- Repair/Maintenance £5,252.90 -
8	**Homeless and Hardship Funds £1,574.06** - Homeless fund is used to provide emergency overnight B&B accommodation, tents, sleeping bags, clothes, toiletries and food for the homeless people who come to us for help - Hardship fund is used to assist people who are struggling financially, e.g. bus fares to get to the DWP office in Skegness, essential clothing. This year also purchased a mattress for young couple.
9	**Open House, Outreach and Events £4,934.25** This includes: - Food purchases for meals and events throughout the year - Housekeeping and cleaning materials - Christmas foods and presents for those who access out end of day food distribution throughout the year - In 2024 we ran an Alpha course - The Music Therapy course, Reaplay, was held from August to November.
10	**Mortgage Capital Repaid** The Trustees agreed that reserve funds held with the Kingdom Bank, which the bank confirmed were no longer required as security for the mortgage, should be used to pay a lump sum off the capital Mortgage. These funds were £10,672.18.
11	**Grant Expenditure £2,649.75** Funds from the ELDC grant for moving costs were used for our residents as they moved into their own accommodation for things such as, paint, carpets, white goods and furnishings.
12	**Hardship Fund** Receipts of £540 includes a transfer from general church funds of £500.
13	**CDS Action £2042.24** £1,312.60 spent on repairs for supported housing accommodation. The balance of £849.64 was transferred to the Supported Housing fund, to close this fund.
14	**ELDC £3,375.47** £2,649.75 spent on repairs for supported housing accommodation. The balance of £725.72 was transferred to the Supported Housing fund, to close this account.
15	**Evan Cornish £1,476.02** £1,253.01 spent on improved door security and electrical work for supported housing accommodation. The balance of £223.01 was transferred to the Supported Housing fund, to close this account.

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Welcome:

Welcome to the trustees annual report for Hope House Church—Mablethorpe.

This report provides an overview of some of the key activities of the Church throughout the year.

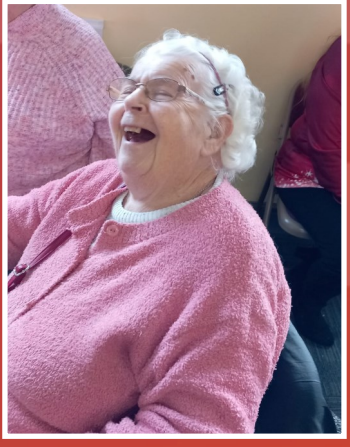
2023 has seemed a far more settled, normal year after the extraordinary interuptions of the pandemic. We have been able to return to full face to face meetings and even our Church networks national celebration was able to take place for the first time since 2019.

We are now a smaller Church than pre pandemic times but the spiritual life and activity of the Church remains healthy and we have a good core team of people who are very committed to the Church.

We have consistently worshipped together both in person at Hope House and by broadcasting our Sunday services online to a mix of people across a wide area. We have weekly Childrens meeting, prayer meetings and a womens group. We have connected with the wider Church through the activities of Churches Together in the town and Groundlevel (of which we are a member) across the area and nationally.

We continue to effectively serve our community through end of day food distribution, homeless support (including 7 supported living beds in our accommodation) and help and advise.

This report provides details of the key areas and activities of the year.



Sunday worship:

At the heart of Hope House is a worshipping community. Our Sunday service has been our most attended meeting throughout the year. Every Sunday we have live worship with Deb, Dave & Lisa (Also until mid way through the year with Joe) We also hold a childrens meeting alongside our Sunday service. All our Sunday services have been broadcast to a small but committed online community who join us on social media.

While numbers have been small, normally only around 30 people in person at Hope House, there has been a great sense of love and support within the fellowship.

Photos: Top. Sunday morning meeting with Joe leading worship.

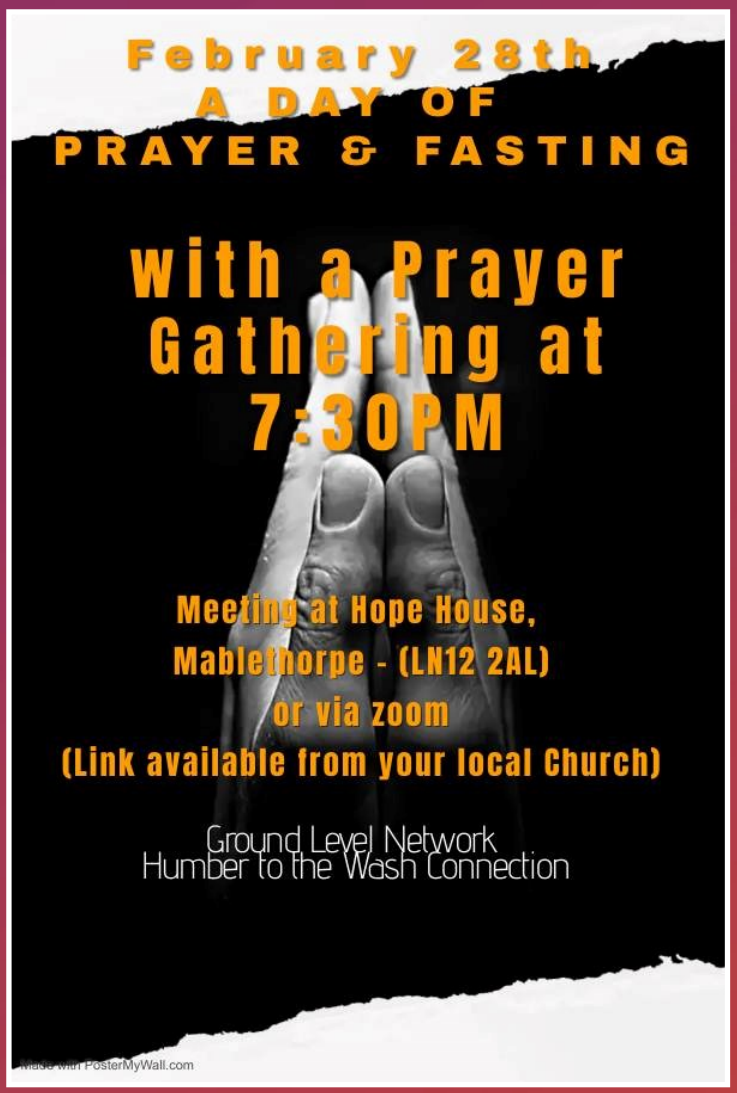
Middle: Prayer is at the heart of our worship service. Bottom left: Deb & Dave leading Sunday worship. Bottom right: Childrens activities are a regular part of our Sunday worship service.

Our Sunday services follow a biblical teaching theme.

Throughout 2023 the subjects we covered were:

- The Values of Hope House Church
- Who you are in Christ.
- The power of speech
- Believing for growth.

Prayer life:



We provide a number of ways for the Church to pray together.

We held a 'Start the week with prayer' meeting every Monday morning. This meeting provides 30 minuites of prayer which people can connect with at Hope House or online.

We have also connected with Ground Level Churches across the area to facilitate area prayer meetings. Hope House provided one of the prayer hubs for local Churches to meet and connect with the other prayer hubs across our county.

We also organise a prayer team from across the country who provide confidential prayer to people who are facing a crisis. We are very grateful to this team who often have to pray into very difficult circumstnces.

We also provided the venue for the Churches Together annual prayer gathering (see separate article elsewhere in this report.)

#prayerchangesthings

Open House:

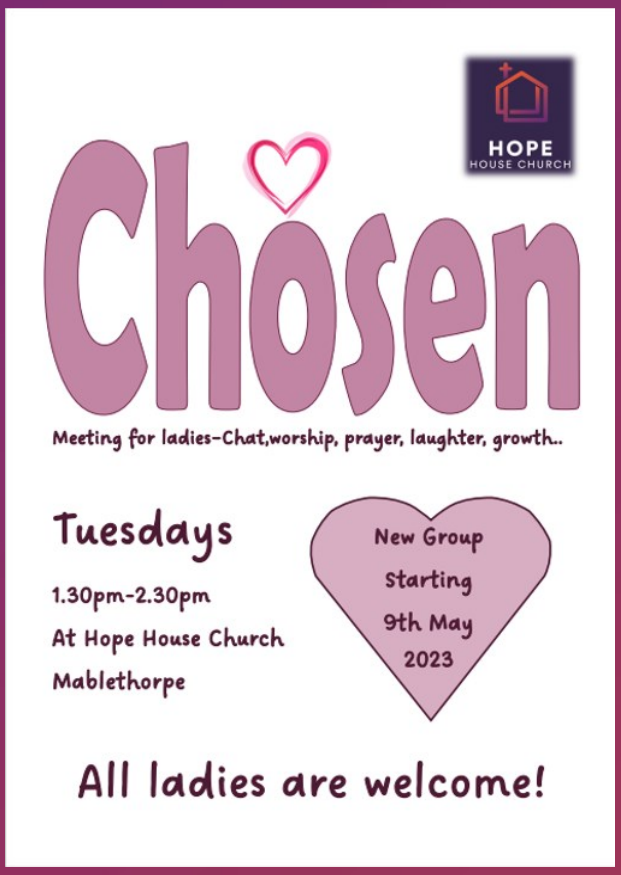
Open House is the banner under which we carry out the outreach work of Hope House Church. This has historically been provided through the provision of a café. Our manager, Claire's salary was funded for the past 2.5 years by Tudor Trust. Her funding ended in March 2023 and Claire decided she would take the opportunity to retire at that time.

This gave the Church leadership time to review how we provided support moving forward and the difficult decision was made to close the café and focus our support upon food distribution, one ot one support and homeless support; all of this to be provide through a team of volunteers.

We knew this woud represent a big challenge as Claire was an excellent organiser but at the year end we have managed to operate a very busy food distribution network on 4 days of the week, homeless support and one to one support on 3-4 days each week. This has been a major change which has taken some time to adjust to but we are now confidently looking to 2024.

Top left: Claire clelebrating her retirement with Open House clients. Middle & bottom: 70+ Christmas hampers ready to go out to people we are supporting through Open House.

Chosen:



Our Chosen ladies group started on 9 th May 2023

The purpose of the group is to assist the members of the group to :

- Grow in our faith.
- Worship and praise God
- Bless and encourage one another.
- Reach out into the community.
- Have fun together.
- To witness that Christ is enough for us
- Pray for one another and for our community.

We meet every Tuesday afternoon for about an hour, we do a variety of things at the group, from

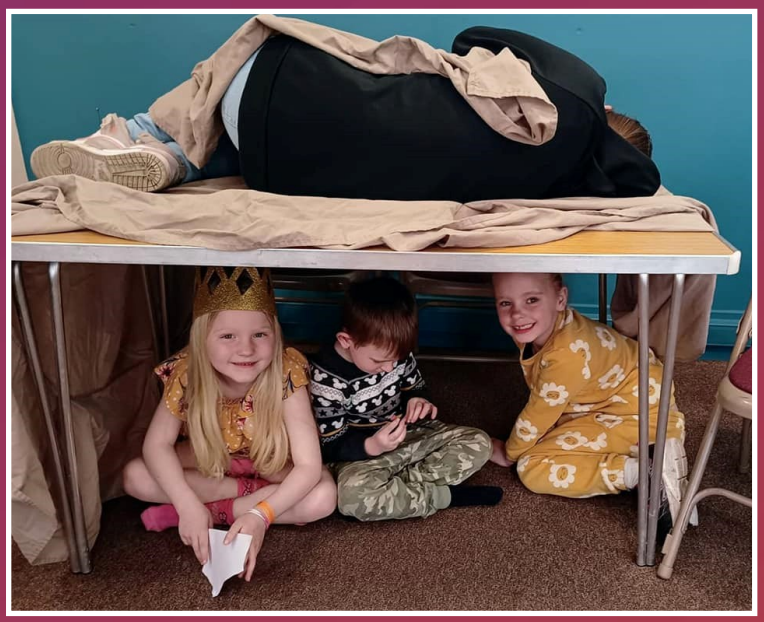
craft, flower arranging to praying for one another.

We have organised a monthly community lunch called Lite Lunch, we run a bring and buy stall on the days we do the lunch. The proceeds from the bring and buy stall enabled us to put on a free

Christmas buffet for everyone that comes into Hope House.

Since the group started we have welcomed about 14 ladies, not everyone comes each week , but people come when they can . We pray for one another and have recently committed to pray each week for those we know who live with poor mental health.

Childrens work:



At the moment as well as Glow-worms baby and toddler group, we continue with providing activities for children and youth who accompany their families on a Sunday morning to church. We always include a slot in the all age part of the main Sunday service which gives a teaching point from the activities we do with the children separately. This is often enjoyed by all as it is multisensory and accessible to all ages and abilities.

A number of older teenagers have moved on from the group leaving mainly younger children and one teenager presently. We have adjusted our teaching materials to accommodate this focusing first of all on a quick skip through the first main stories of the bible, and then continuing with particular subjects from the bible.

We mainly centre on activities to bring out the main learning points from the week's bible theme such as games (which all ages can enjoy together), storytelling, object lessons and choice items such as crafts, colouring or puzzles. Numbers of leaders and helpers has increased with a dedicated team of those willing to help. We have had discussions in the latter part of the year about revamping what we do on a Sunday morning to make it more accessible to families who would rather drop off their children as they would at a club. It will be interesting to see how we can develop this in the coming year.

Glow-worms:

Our Glow-worms baby and toddler group continues to be popular in the local area. We cater for all little ones under 5 with their parents, grandparents, carers, aunt-ies etc. We have some families now where the adults who come along were once Glow-worms themselves!!

Judy and Carole continue to run the group with the help of Kelly who stepped up in the latter part of the year to help when Carole was unwell and in hospital.

The group has seen steady numbers and throughout the year we have seen new little ones come along to join us, and others move on to nursery and school. We had a busy summer doing our

popular toddle for the charity Barnardo's in the Sum-mer. This year we also visited the Lifeboat Station, and did a family trip to Sundown Park which turned out to be one of the rainiest days of the summer, but cheered up for us in the afternoon!

Our weekly themes have been popular with children dressing for the part such as the colour red, and our week on pumpkins, also princes and princesses.

For Christmas we visited for the first time Rand Farm which was a lovely experience of not only

seeing Santa, but mother Christmas, some of the elves and making Christmas biscuits.

For our last day at Christmas time we had our popular Christmas Party with lots of singing games and of course Santa himself.

Church weekend:

Following on from the success of our first ever Church weekend, held last year, we decided to do a second one this year.

We had a wonderful time over the Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning with Shirley Hardy from Grimsby.

Over the weekend, Shirley shared about how her and her husband had felt Gods call to leaflet drop all of Lincolnshire with gospel material in the 1970's and how they had undertaken this work within less than 2 years. All of this while based in our area. Shirley had gone on to lead prayer campaigns for national evangelists and in recent years had undertaken mission work to remote communites in Australia. Quite an incredible testimony for a lady in here 80's who had been told as a child that her diasabilities meant she could do very little. Shirley was accompanied by Andy and Irene who led worship. We had a great weekend of testimony, celebration and food. The poor weather didn't dampen spirits.

Photos: Top: Shirley Hardy shared her amazing story. Centre: The Church had fun together. Bottom left: Andy & Irene Gringer joined us to lead worship. Bottom right: BBQ in the rain!

Baptisms:

We have been delighted to baptise 6 people at 2 baptismal events during the year.

Baptismal services are always a great time of celebration for the whole Church and both of these events provided a wonderful time together.

Unfortunately one of the baptismal pools sprung a bad leak the night before the service, causing the main hall to be flooded out. Fortunately, after one frantic late nights work, there was no delay in the service going ahead and following a week of using two dehumidifiers continuously, there was no permamant damage done!

In the case of a number of the baptismal candidates, their commitment was the culmination of their completing a life course which was delivered by Claire.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit . Acts 2:38

Churches Together:

Churches Together are very active in Mablethorpe and Hope House are delighted to support the work of the wider Church in the community.

Hope House hosted the first meeting of Churches Together in 2023, an evening prayer gathering.

We also joined with the local Churches for the first March of Witness since 2019 which was one of the best attended for many years.

Our Pastor, Nigel Collins was Chairman of Churches Together and one of our other member Earl Dunton was treasurer until the Churches Together AGM in November.

Judy from Hope House helped organise teams from Churches Together to go into local primary schools to present Open the Book bible stories.

In September Hope House hosted the first of 2 celebrations held by Churches Together which were well attended.

Photos, Top: Churches Together celebration service. Centre: Open the book team.

Bottom: Easter March of witness open air meeting.

Arise celebration:

Ground Level Churches from the East Lindsey area arranged the second Arise celebration weekend at Skegness. The first event, held last year had been intended to allow the wider Church to gather for worship after our national celebration was cancelled due to the after effects of COVID. We took the decision to hold the second year event as we felt it had been good for the Church to gather and be together.

Drawing on the gifts of local Pastors and Church leaders, we put on a full programme of preaching, seminars and worship over three days on the theme of 'Supernatural.' Our own Pastor, delivered a seminar on The gifts of the Holy Spirit and Deb from our worship team played keyboard for the main Sunday session.

Following the Sunday meeting, there were number of baptisms on Skegness beach.

Top left: Pastor Mandy Smith from Alford shared at the Sunday morning meeting. Top right: Baptisms took place on Skegness beach to end the weekend together. Below top & bottom: The Storehouse Church at Skegness was packed to capacity for the Sunday morning meeting of the Arise celebration weekend.

In brief:

The Hope House bus took a team of 9 walkers representing 4 different Churches from Churches Together, to Skegness for a 16 mile sponsored walk to help raise funds for the community work of Churches Together in Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea. The walk raised in excess of £1000 which is an excellent effort.

Projects include 'school move on' books for local Primary School Children, Open the book bibles for the primary schools and Christmas presents for the men in the Hope House hostel.

In October we held our Harvest festival service at which we collected long life foods for distribution to the two local food banks.

A large amount of food was given and we were able to provide a generous donation to both schemes.

We also held a Harvest Supper on the Wednesday evening which was well attended.

In April one of our Hope House members, Tom Guest went to be with the Lord.

Tom was a well known local character who always had a story to share and was a great support to many.

The photo shows Tom around 10 years ago when he attended a 24 hour pool tournament to support our Hope House youth group in their fund raising activities.

A celebration of Toms life was held at Hope House in May.

Awaken celebration:

There has not been a national Ground Level Churches celebration since 2019 but after a four year break the newly named event 'Awaken' was back.

As a Church we had 8 people camping on site and 12 others who attended the event on at least one day. On the Sunday, we operated the mini bus to the event.

There was the usual round of excellent worship, main platform speakers, seminars and great fun time together at the Church camp.

We are very Grateful to the Ground Level Network for providing bursaries for 3 of our familes to attend the event at no cost to them.

Photos top: Big Top worship. Centre: A number of the Hope House visitors at our camping area enjoying time together. Bottom: The big top is an amazing experience, joining thousands in worship together.

Lunches & Socials:

A major part of Hope House life revolves around fellowship, food and celebration. This was foundational to the early Church life 2000 years ago and we believe it is vital to maintaining good strong Church community today.

We held a number of special gatherings from Church lunches, special events such a Valentine, Harvest and Christmas meals together.

In the summer we also enjoyed a garden BBQ at the home of Claire and Pete.

The Chosen ladies group also put on some light lunches and some fund raising meals to help support mission work. Thank you to the Chosen Ladies group for putting on some excellent food and events for all to enjoy.

#bettertogether

Homelessness:

A significant part of the ministry of Hope House is providing supported living for men who have been or are facing homelessness.

We provide 2 houses for homeless men which can accommodate up to 7 men.

In July we were joined by Tom, who has experience of working with Churches and the homeless. Tom worked alongside our Pastor during the year being trained to take on the manager role in the New Year.

The work is supported by a small team of volunteers who do great work in supporting the men.

Photos: Top left: Tom joined us in July as a support worker with the men. Bottom photos: All our men received a chocolate advent calender from Church members who join our service from Holland each week.

Hope House Homes Statistics

Since we opened in 2017 we have housed 83 men

In 2023 15 men moved on. Of those:
8 moved into their own accommodation
2 returned to their family homes
4 walked out (1 later made contact for support)
1 went to a Rehab unit
(and successfully completed his programme)

Easter:

Easter was special this year as we joined with Churches across the town for a Good Friday March of Witness, the first to be held since 2019. Our Pastor Nigel preached on the pullover and Dave from ministry team lead worship for the whole event. (Photo below and bottom)

We joined other Churches in placing a huge cross at the front of the buiding (decorated with flowers from Easter Sunday) (photo left)

Our Easter Sunday service also included special activities for the Children (Bottom left)

Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Christmas:

Christmas was packed with a range of activities as always.

The front of Hope House was once again illuminated with a nativity scene which was on display for 30 days.

We held a Christmas special for families with food, activities and prizes. We had some new families attend.

We held our traditional carols by candlelight service which was also broadcast online.

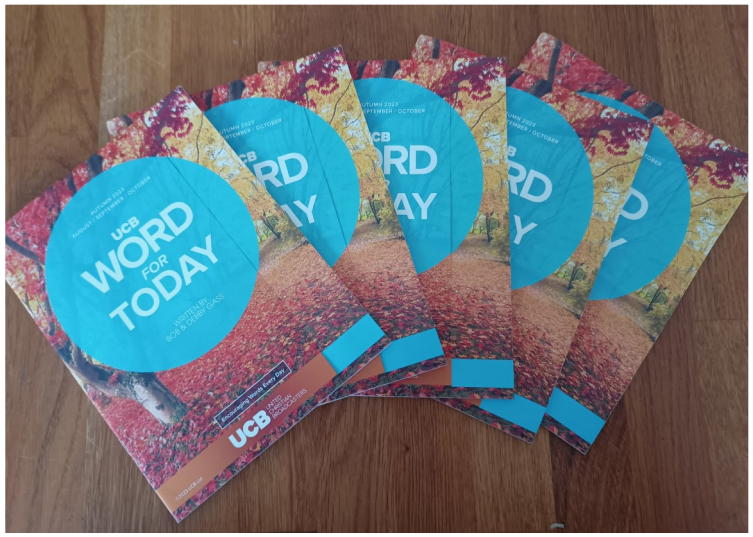
We held a Christmas buffet lunch for our volunteers and guests which was also very well attended.

We received funding from 'Love Christmas,' other organisations and volunteers to supply 70 Christmas hampers to people in need at Christmas.

As in previous years, we also held an all age Christmas Day service.

Photos: Top left & botton right: Illuminated nativitiy. Middle left: Entertainment at the Christmas buffet lunch. Bottom left: Christmas special activities.

News in brief:



We were able to supply a number of 'Word for Today' to people encouraging them to read the bible. We also supplied free bibles to people. We also published over 750 issues of our newsletter in paper form (also shared digitally to social media) which on most issues includes a Christian message.

Claire took 4 people through the Life Course an introduction to the basics of the Christian Faith.

In 2023 we said goodbye to one of our long term Hope House members. Carol, who along with her husband Barry used to spend the summer months in Mablethorpe, took the decision following the death of her husnd last year, to sell her caravan and move to live with her family.

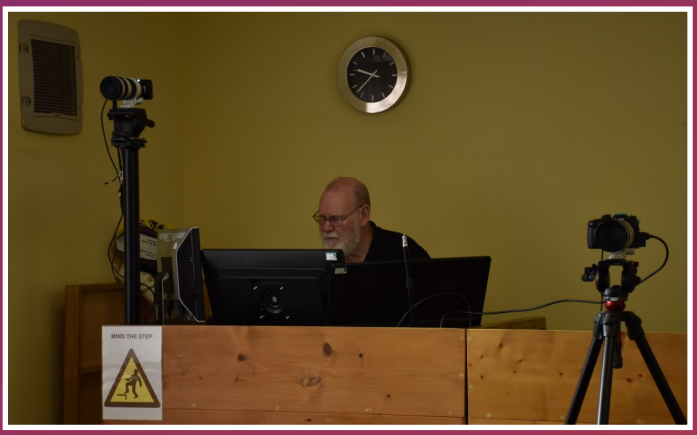
We miss Carol who has been an active member, who for a number of years served as a trustee of the Church as well as providing practical help.

Photo left: Carol being prayed for by the Church at her last service with us before leaving to be closer to family.

We once again had a visit from Pastor Paul Loh form Singapore. Paul delivered two sessions of teaching at Mablethorpe as well as at Churches around the area.

His time with us ended with an area celebration held at The Storehouse Church in Skegness.

Volunteers:



Volunteers are key to all that happens at Hope House. Our team are passionate about their work and make Hope House what it is.

Sunday welcome team.

Catering team

Maintenance work

Kitchen staff.

Serving team for Open House.

Cleaning.

Ordering and purchasing.

Leadership planning team.

Trustees.

Childrens workers.

Pastoral support.

Bus driving

Administration

House support workers.

Worship team

Technical support

Treasurer.

Food distribution team

Top left:: Volunteers packing 70 Christmas hampers for distribution.

Middle: Our tech team broadcast our service every Sunday live to our congregation and to the world via social media.

Bottom: Kristine, one of our 'Chosen ladies group' members with a superb range of cakes at their afternoon tea fund raiser.

Our volunteers contribute a massive

5000 hours p.a. (conservative estimate)

News in brief:

We continue to be active member of the GroundLevel Network of Churches.

Groundlevel provide teaching, encouragement and support to Church leaders.

We attended the annual leaders conv ention in Swanwick and the National celebration 'Awaken' in Lincoln. We were very grateful to Groundlevel for funding 3 family bursaries to attend.

In July we had a visit from Richard Young along with two of his children Naomi and Miriam. Richard works for Wycliffe Bible Translators in technical support. Richard shared how technical advances have helped speed up bible translation. Hope House have supported Richard and his wife Milena and family for a number of years. In previous years Richard was a member of the Church with his mother and father.

The Hope House community bus saw a more active year after losing most of its user groups during the pandemic.

It was used by a travel group, youth clubs, Church groups, the local blind society, Churches etc.

The bus served 9 community groups and travelled over 3000 miles during the year.

The photo shows the bus at the Awaken Christian Celebration at Lincoln where it transported members of the Church for the Sunday celebration.

Plans for 2024:

Our theme as we ended 2023 was 'Believing for growth,' and as we enter 2024 we putting in place strategies to help the Church to grow during the year.

We plan to launch a new mens ministry group and also to run an Alpha course, the first that we have done for a number of years.

An important area of ministry is the work with the homeless men and we plan to transition the management of this work to our new support worker Tom, so that the Church Pastor Nigel can be released to work more on the ministry of the Church and its growth.

During 2023 we focused on events that brought people together, we feel this is a vital ministry of the Church and will continue to focus on events that build Church community.

Psalm 37:5 (ESV)

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Finances:

We are very grateful for peoples generous giving to the ministry of Hope House, without which most of the work we do would not be possible.

We have seen a reduction in regular monthy giving in the last quarter of the year. We will need to address this or reduce our operating costs in 2024.

We have seen alarming and significant rises in virtually all our operating costs. We have worked hard to address these during 2023 but with no sign of any reductions on the horizon we will need to maintain a tight rein on our overheads into 2024.

We believe that our income and reserves are sufficient for us to operate without any financial burden as we enter into 2024.

The trustees are very grateful to those who support our work through faithful and sacrificial giving throughout the year.

A full set of accounts for the year are included with this report.

Philippians 4:19.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Leadership & Governance:

Hope House Church– Mablethorpe is a registered charity number 1176585.

Leadership team:

Our leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. They oversee the teaching and preaching programme and approve appointments within the Church. They also provide oversight and help to group leaders. Our leadership team has met approximately every 6 weeks.

At the year end, our leadership team were:

Nigel & Judy Collins

David Smith

Earl Dunton

Claire Suddaby

Trustees:

Our trustees help us meet our legal obligations as a registered charity. They are responsible for all financial and legal matters of the Church. Our trustees meet monthly.

At the end of the year our trustees were:

Lorna Mountain (Chair of trustees)

David Smith (leadership team representative)

Deborah Sutcliffe

Joseph Coburn (Till 31-08-23)

Claire Suddaby (from 22-09-23)

Public Benefit:

We have provided Sunday worship services on virtually every Sunday of the year. These services always include Christian worship, bible teaching, childrens sessions and prayer. Every second week we provide a communion service. These services are also broadcast live to the internet.

We operated an Open House café till March ,providing a meeting place and support for any who wanted to attend. We also provided a TTime meeting during the winter months till March. Both the Open House and TTime were our contribution to the Churches Safe warm spaces which were provided during the cold period for people experiencing fuel poverty.

The Chosen ladies group provides Christian support and care to women in the Church and wider community.

Glow-worms carers and toddlers group meets weekly to provide connection and support for parents with young children and a base for play.

We operate the community bus, which had to stop being used by community groups during the pandemic. We have seen increased use by 9 community groups.

We provide 2 supported living homeless houses in Mablethorpe to support men who are homeless. We can support up to 7 men. We had 15 men move on from our houses during the year.

Our buildings serve as a resource to our community. As well as our Church work, our buildings provide a base for mens metal health support and a group for addiction counselling.

Our building provides a hub for end of day food distribution on 4 days of the week and excellent support facilites for those who are street homeless.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

SC Bookkeeping Services

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J Coburn resigned 31.08.23 Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mr D Smith Mrs C Suddaby appointed 21.09.23 Mrs D Sutcliffe
Charity number	1176585
Registered address	Hope House 97 Victoria Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 2AL
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Mablethorpe Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
Independent Examiner	Mrs Sara M Cooper Associate of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers SC Bookkeeping Services Howard House Old Trusthorpe Road Sutton on Sea Lincolnshire LN12 2LL
Solicitors	Anthony Collins solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have compiled the financial accounts of Hope House Church Mablethorpe from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work, or this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and have compiled with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthorpe Road
Sutton on Sea
Lincolnshire
LN12 2LL

Date: 16.10.24

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE CHURCH MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on page 5 to 8.

Respective responsabilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

    * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
    * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
    * to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper - Associate of The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthorpe Road
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16.10.2024

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL

The financial statement on pages 30-34 were approved by the Trustees on 16th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Sutcliffe

16.10.2024

L Mountain

16.10.2024

Hope House Church - Mablethorpe
Receipts and Payments for year end 31st December 2023

	RECEIPTS		**2023**	**2022**
1	Tithes and Offerings	Note 1	52,931.31	39,927.05
2	Specific Donations	Note 2	29,968.42	2,014.64
3	Gift Aid Refund		5,353.99	4,041.79
4	Grants Received	Note 3	9,996.00	0.00
5	Rent Received	Note 4	42,740.87	38,780.16
6	Room Hire		420.00	370.00
7	Events Income		1,405.46	6,075.25
8	Bus fees and Trips		2,902.00	1,833.00
10	Bank Interest		63.23	15.13
11	Glow-worms Income		535.00	1,227.99
12	Misc Income		1,211.45	50.00
	Total Receipts		**147,527.73**	**94,335.01**
	PAYMENTS			
13	Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts	Note 5	6,077.35	7,375.00
14	Salary and Pension		37,211.95	41,023.51
15	Minibus		2,581.11	2,903.43
16	Supported Housing	Note 6	23,061.49	20,197.46
17	Premises Costs	Note 7	9,445.80	8,686.55
18	Homeless and Hardship	Note 8	3,443.91	1,253.52
19	Open House, Outreach and events	Note 9	4,579.62	6,802.05
20	Professional Fees and Subscriptions		1,878.10	2,025.32
21	General expenses		1,403.27	215.00
22	Youth activities		839.30	1,182.65
23	Interest on Mortgage		4,206.43	3,188.34
24	Mortgage capital repaid		22,428.96	3,532.14
25	Capital Assets purchased	Note 10	-2,493.30	1,269.00
26	Grant expenditure	Note 11	929.93	0.00
	Total Payments		**115,593.92**	**99,653.97**
	Operating Profit		**31,933.81**	**-5,318.96**

Hope House church - Mablethorpe
Assets and Liabilities for year end 31st December 2023

	ASSETS	**2023**	**2022**
1	Buildings	240,862.31	240,862.31
2	Minibus	17,448.90	24,920.87
3	Equipment	7,596.99	6,804.25
	Total Fixed Assets	**265,908.20**	**272,587.43**
4	Deposit Account	10,475.78	10,475.78
5	Current accounts	69,940.02	42,702.55
6	Cash in Hand	691.65	1,308.46
	Total Current Assets	81,107.45	54,486.79
	Total Assets	**347,015.65**	**327,074.22**
	Liabilities		
	Kingdom Mortgage	54,616.82	77,045.78
	DfT Grant	17,383.00	24,833.00
	Total Liabilities	**71,999.82**	**101,878.78**
	Net Assets	**275,015.83**	**225,195.44**

Hope House Church - Mablethorpe
Restricted Funds at end 31st December 2023

		Balance bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Balance end 2023
Hardship Fund	Note 12	383.27	540.00	499.13	424.14
Homeless Fund	Note 2	1,253.70	3,394.54	2,944.78	1,703.46
CDS Action		2,042.24	0.00	0.00	2,042.24
ELDC	Note 3	0.00	4,996.00	1,620.53	3,375.47
Evan Cornish		1,476.02	0.00	0.00	1,476.02
Tudor Trust		424.00	0.00	0.00	424.00
New Building		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance		206.25	0.00	0.00	206.25
Total Restricted Funds		**6785.48**	**8930.54**	**5064.44**	**10651.58**

Hope House Church – Mablethorpe

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2023

1	**Tithes and Offerings £52,931.31** This included: - £34,998.48 in regulars tithes and weekly offerings - a £15,000 donation from L&R Rolstone for the church to use as required - a £1,000 donation for Christmas foods and hampers distributed to people in need who access food distribution throughout the year - plus various small donations
2	**Specific Donations £29,548.42** This included: - a £20,000 donation specifically to pay a lump sum off the church mortgage, the donor is known to us but has asked to remain anonymous - £1,514,54 from D Summers towards the Homeless Fund and Supported Housing fund - £5,000 donation in memory of Sylvia, to be use for the Supported Housing Manager salary, the donor is known to us but has asked to remain anonymous - £1,000 from Stewardship Organisation for distribution of foods during the summer holidays - Plus various small donations
3	**Grants Received £5,000** - This was the final payment, £5,000, of the grant from the Tudor Trust for the salary of the Open House Manager. - A grant of £4,996 from East Lindsey District Council to be used to help our tenants in supported housing as they move on to independent living, eg. For white goods, furnishings.
4	**Rent Received £42,740.87** - From Furnichurch for premises £6,387 - Supported Housing - tenants rents £17,446.62 - Housing Benefit £18,457.25
5	**Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts £6,077.35** - From the Tithe Fund £4,540 B Ng, missionary for Manchester house of prayer £600 Ground Level £1,350 Kidz2911 £440 R Young, missionary for Wycliffe UK £1,000 Wycliffe UK £1,150 - From fund-raising event for Wycliffe £205 - From Church funds for visiting preachers £1,332.35

6	**Supported Housing £23,061.49** - Rent to Landlord £9,600 - Residents food & Housekeeping £5,516.87 - Utilities £5,383,17 - Maintenance and Equipment £2,561,45
7	**Premises Costs £9,445.80** This is the total cost of running the premises, including: - Insurance £2,303.46 - Utilities £4,037.51 - Repair/Maintenance £2,320.17 -
8	**Homeless and Hardship Funds £3,443,91** - Homeless fund is used to provide emergency overnight B&B accommodation, tents, sleeping bags, clothes, toiletries and food for the homeless people who come to us for help - Hardship fund is used to assist people who are struggling financially, e.g. bus fares to get to the DWP office in Skegness, PPE clothing for work.
9	**Open House, Outreach and Events £4,579.62** This includes: - Food purchases for meals and events throughout the year - Housekeeping and cleaning materials - Christmas foods and presents for those who access out end of day food distribution throughout the year. -
10	**Capital Assets purchased (£2,493.30)** This is a negative figure due to book-keeping adjustments made to remove these from the Profit and Loss figures, as they are also listed on the Balance sheet. NB. this is a one-off adjustment and will not show in future years' accounts.
11	**Grant Expenditure £929.93** The ELDC grant was used to purchase cookers, a fridge and soft furnishings for 2 men to moved on from our supported accommodation.
12	**Hardship Fund** Receipts of £540 includes a transfer from general church funds of £500.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1176585

Accounts

Hope House Church-Mablethorpe

Trustees annual report 2022

Hope House Church-Mablethorpe

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Introduction:

This is the trustees annual report for Hope House Church—Mablethorpe for the year 2022. It is intended to provide a summary and overview of our key activities throughout the year

It has been good to have a full year back with face to face meetings following the interruptions caused by the COVID pandemic.

Our focus has been upon restoring face to face fellowship which had been so missing during the past year. We held worship services at Hope House every Sunday which included children's meetings. We continued to broadcast these services live online. We also held weekly prayer and mid week fellowship meetings, again these were available in person at Hope House or online, We held our first ever Church holiday weekend which was a big success and we joined with our area Ground Level Churches for the first ever 'Arise' area celebration which was held at Skegness. This was a real blessing, particularly as our national celebration at Lincoln had to be cancelled this year.

We continued with our community work, providing the Open House café and food distribution to people who are in need.

We continued to provide our 2 supported living houses for men who are homeless or facing homelessness.

Hope House worked with 'Churches Together' to provide 'Open the book' bible stories into 2 local primary schools. Working with other Churches we also presented a Passion Play on the promenade at Mablethorpe on Good Friday. More detail and a summary of our activities is in this report. Photo below, worship at our Church holiday weekend.

Church services:

Its been good to have a full year of being back together for worship and fellowship at Hope House.

We held Sunday worship throughout the year and for the majority of the time this also included a children's meeting.

We also held mid week meetings which followed up on the theme we shared on the Sunday.

We continued to broadcast our Sunday and mid week meetings via the internet and we have continued to see a number of people connecting in this way.

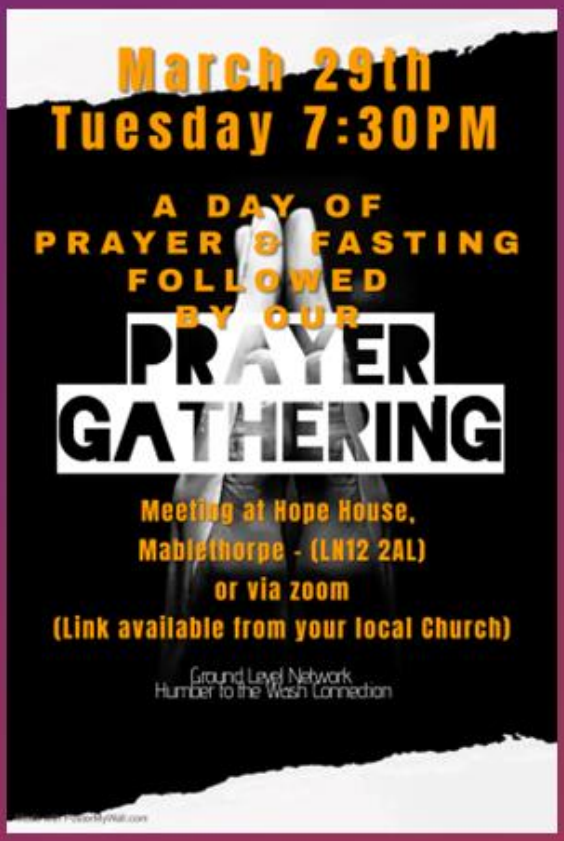
We have a great worship team who are committed to bringing live worship to our Sunday services.

We held communion on every second Sunday throughout most of the year.

Our teaching themes covered 'The nature of God,' A study of Nehemiah, and a study on 'Christian healing.' We also did a number of Q&A sessions during the summer.

We also held a number of special events at Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc which are mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Prayer life:



We believe in the power of prayer and have upheld a regular prayer life together throughout the year.

As well as making prayer a part of our Sunday meetings, we held weekly 'Start the week with prayer' meetings on Mondays which could be joined in person at Hope House or online.

We also joined with three Groudlevel days of Prayer & Fasting for which we hosted the local area for an evening prayer meeting which connected us with three other prayer centres across the county.

We also have an online prayer team who pray through prayer requests which we receive.

#prayerchangesthings

Mid week fellowship:

We held mid week fellowship groups on a Wednesday afternoon.

These meetings provide a point of contact for friendship as well as providing the opportunity to explore further the themes that have been covered on a Sunday morning in the main service.

These meetings are also broadcast online via social media

#bettertogether

Open House:

Open House, the outreach arm of Hope House continued to be very active.

We provided end of day food on 4 days a week to any that need it. This food is provided by the CO-OP store, Greggs and now also by Tesco. Through the generosity of these companies, we have been able to redirect thousands of pounds worth of food to people in need.

We also provided a weekly community lunch and also a café 4 days a week. We also have support available to any people in need.

With concern being raised about significant rises in fuel costs, we joined with other Churches and organisations to provide 'Safe warm spaces' for people who were in fuel poverty.

We added an evening Ttime event for those

We were greatly honoured to see our community work recognised by Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council when we were awarded the Gregory Cup for our community work.

Hope House is also a centre to support the homeless which is covered in a separate section of this report.

Photo below: Mayor of Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea presenting the Gregory Cup to Nigel & Claire from Hope House Church.

Children/youth:

Although our numbers were small, we continued to have a wide age range of children and youth from those who were at primary right up to school leaving age, so it has been difficult to find a range of teaching and activities that fit with all.

However, we were able to do this through bible based teaching, but mainly centred this around lots of games and activities; where those involved had lots to do rather than sit and listen. We also had lots of snacks. The snacks were specifically asked for by some of the older ones.

We continued with youth type activities on a Sunday morning such as table top football or air hockey as a way to get rid of energy before doing the games and activities centred on biblical teaching.

One particular session that stands out was about how to help ourselves when we feel angry, and we looked at the causes of anger. It was interesting to see that several of our young people admitted to feeling 'hangry', being hungry making them angry!

So that parents and others could get a taste of the teaching we were doing in the youth room on a Sunday morning; we continued with sketches as part of the main meeting before the children/youth went out to their own meetings. These tied in with the teaching for children/youth for the day and were mainly biblical stories dramatically presented or object lessons. We continued to use the wall for displaying things that we had made and wordsearches or colouring. We also have tried to put on Facebook pictues of us in action so that others can see what we have been up to.

We were treated to a freshly painted notice board and wall in blue, the colour that the youth/children had chosen themselves.

Glow-worms:

Numbers at Glowworms baby and toddler group continued to be steady throughout the year. We always welcome new faces as the months go by, and many of the families have stayed with us long term.

We have also had a few returners (where the children in the family have moved on to nursery or school, and the family have then gone on to have other babies and returned to us)

We have also welcomed several families where the parents were once Glow-worms children themselves.

Several outings took place. In the summer we did our usual walk to raise funds for Barnardo's by toddling along the seafront and back with a cheeky ice cream involved half way.

At Christmas we went to a wildlife park on a very cold day, but we were able to see the animals and make reindeer food as well as seeing Santa and having lunch in the café area to warm ourselves up. We took the Hope House community bus so that families who had no transport of their own were able to join in.

The photographer came in November for annual portrait pictures, and gave us a free group photo.

Church weekend:

We held our first ever Church family weekend in July.

The purpose, was to restore fellowship time which had been so lacking over the past year or so.

Our hosts for the weekend were Tim and Linda Ng who are retired missionaries who have worked in Hong Kong & Macau. As a Church we have financially supported Tim & Linda in the past.

They were joined by their daughter Bethanie and husband Paul, both of whom work with Manchester International House of prayer.

The weekend consisted of worship, testimony, preaching, time relaxing at a beach chalet, and plenty of food to share.

We had over 40 people who booked in for some or all of the weekend.

We hope to do another Church holiday weekend in 2023.

Churches Together:

Hope House continues to support the work of Churches Together in Mablethorpe & Sutton.

This has been a busy year, with Churches joining on Good Friday to present a Passion Play which was performed on the central promenade in Mablethorpe to a large crowd of people which had gathered.

Churches Together also continued to do 'Open the Book' bible presentations into two local Primary Schools . There are two teams from virtually every Church in the town which carry out these assemblies throughout the year.

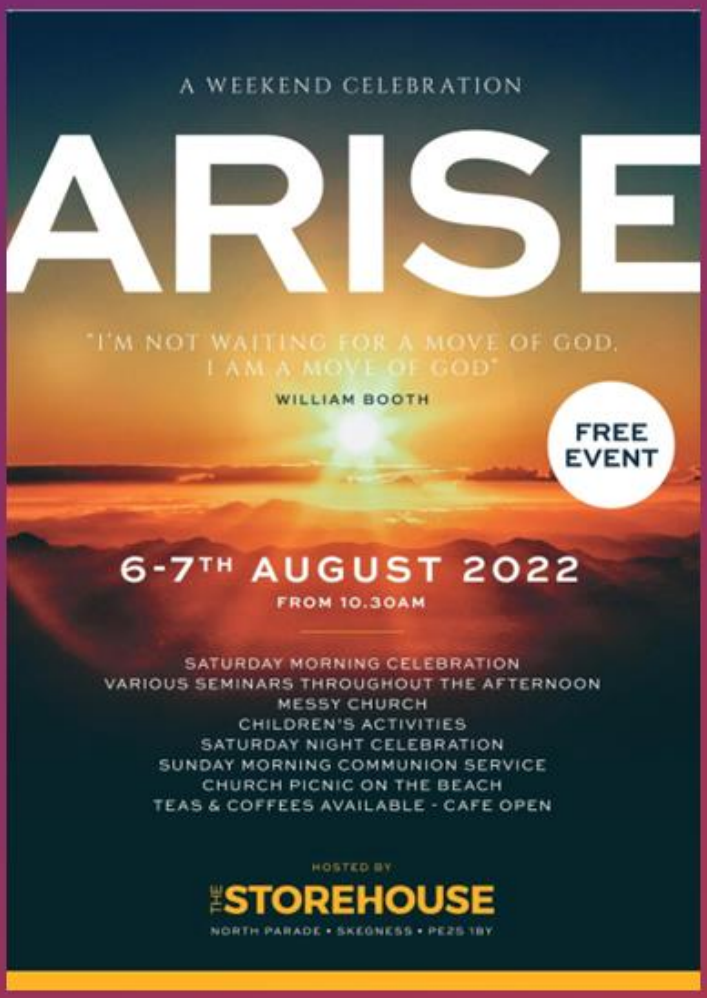
Hope House also hosted the New Year prayer gathering for Churches Together at the start of the year.

This year, for the first time, we joined with a number of Churches in order to provide 'Safe warm Spaces for people who are struggling to meet their heating bills during the winter months. It was agreed that all the Churches that provided warm spaces would not make a charge and also provide some form of refreshments at no cost.

Picture to the left shows members from local Churches presenting 'Open the book'.

Below: The crucifixion scene from the Passion play.

Arise celebration:



GroundLevel Churches have held a national celebration every year for the past 4 decades. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic it did not take place in 2022 and so it was decided by a group of local GroundLevel Church leaders to host a local celebration for the Churches.

This was held at The Sterorehouse Church at Skegness in early August and was supported by all the local GroundLevel Churches as well as some from further away.

The weekend consisted of 3 main celebration meetings, an afternoon of seminars and plenty of time for food and friendship.

The whole weekend was themed around 'Arise' and was well supported by the participating Churches.

The meetings and seminars were mainly led by local Pastors and the main Sunday meeting was led by Pastor Nigel from our own Church. We hope to support a further event in 2023.

In brief:

Andrew & Nick did a sponsored walk to raise money for the Hope House homeless fund. With the money that Andy & Nick raised sleeping bags, tents, torches and thermos flasks were provided to increase the stock of vital items Hope House holds to support those who are sleeping rough.

Nick himself had a short period at Hope House Homes in our supported living accommodation and wanted to say a Thank you' for the support he had received.

Thank you Andy, Nick and all those who have raised funds for Hope House throughout the year.

Sue, one of our Open House volunteers retired at the end of the year. Sue has been involved in our food distribution and also helping in the Open House café. In the photo Sue is seen receiving a bunch of flowers from fellow workers and some of our Open House visitors.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers, each one plays a vital role in ensuring Hope House is able to operate effectively.

We joined with other Ground Level Churches in the local area to once again support a visit from Paul Loh, a bible teacher from Singapore.

Paul spent 2 days holding meetings in Mablethorpe as well as other meetings in the area.

We hope to work with Ground level Churches to arrange a further visit in 2023.

Thank you Paul for giving the time to be with our Churches.

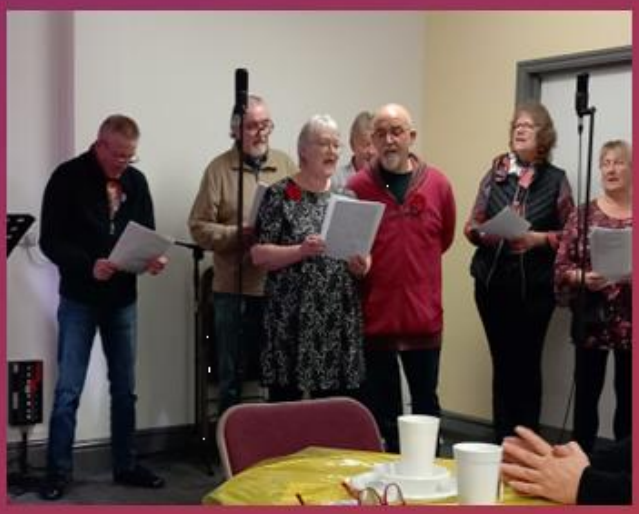
Socials:

We believe that Church is at its best when it spends time together. Once again we devoted time to bring the Church together for social activities which had been so lacking during recent periods of lockdown.

We enjoyed times of friendship through T Time, an evening meal and games, which was our Churches contribution to the 'Safe warm spaces' provided by Churches in Mablethorpe during the winter.

We also held a number of social events, including a singing evening which led to the establishment of the Hope House Choir.

We had a harvest supper, a BBQ and community lunches which were of benefit to Church members as well as the wider community.



Our Church weekend, mentioned elsewhere in this report included much social time, with the use of beach huts, a pizza evening and fish and chip supper.

#bettertogether

Homelessness:

We manage 2 houses which provide supported living accommodation to men who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In total we have 7 beds available.

During the year, we housed 14 men in our accommodation. Our aim is to get the men ready for independent living through developing their life skills and where possible by helping them find employment. While this is not always possible to achieve, generally speaking, most of the men who we support do make noticeable progress during their time with us.

Our houses are run by a manager and a small team of volunteers.

We also have excellent facilities at Hope House that enable us to support those who are street homeless. We are able to provide sleeping bags, washing & drying facilities, meals, phone calls, internet connection and clothing.

We work closely with the district council homeless team who also often use our facilities to meet or interview people who are homeless.

We also arranged some social activities for our residents, breakfasts, walks and bowling. Below, Jan, one of our volunteer house helpers takes some of our men out to enjoy 10 pin bowling.

Christmas:

Christmas is always a busy time at Hope House and this year was no exception.

A new Christmas illuminated tableaux was installed at the front of Hope House for the Christmas period. This once again proved popular in the local community.

We joined with 'Love Christmas' to distribute 50 bags of love to those in need at Christmas time. Thank you to the small team of volunteers who obtained the food and prepared it to go out.

We also held our Carols by Candlelight concert which was well attended by Church members and the local residents. Our newly formed Church choir sang at the service.

We provided Christmas lunches and a Christmas buffet for those who we support.

As in previous years, we held an all age Christmas Day service.

News in brief:

We are very grateful to Tudor Trust who have provided funding for the salary of our Open House manager for the second year running (Tudor Trust have agreed to fund the position till March 2023)

The funding has enabled our Open House café, food distribution and essential support work to continue.

Left: We are saddened to report that 2 key members of Hope House Church went to be with the Lord during 2022. Mike Collins and Barry Wilson were both committed and hard working members of the Church who will be sadly missed by us all.

Below: At our Harvest Festival we once again collected long life foods which we distributed to the local food banks at Sutton and Mablethorpe. We also held a harvest supper on the Monday evening following the service.

Volunteers:

Volunteering is key to the lifeblood of Hope House. A wide variety of jobs are carried out by a team of devoted volunteers. Thank you to every one of you for all you do.

Sunday welcome team.

Catering team

Maintenance work

Kitchen staff.

Serving team for Open House.

Cleaning.

Ordering and purchasing.

Leadership planning team.

Trustees.

Childrens workers.

Pastoral support.

Bus driving

Administration

House support workers.

Worship team

Technical support

Treasurer.

Food distribution team

Top left: Designing & building the new Christmas tableau.

Bottom left: Huge Christmas buffet....thank you Jan.

Right centre: Getting 50 Christmas hampers ready.

Our volunteers contribute a massive

5000 hours p.a. (conservative estimate)

News in brief:

The Church is part of the Ground Level network. We attend leadership days and connect with Ground Level Churches in the local area for prayer breakfasts, days of prayer & fasting and support.

Sadly, the first national celebration for 3 years, planned for August had to be cancelled but hopefully will take place again in 2023.

In November, our leaders and trustees spent a day away together at the beautiful Gibraltar Point nature reserve to do some planning and thinking together for the future.

The day was funded by some money given to us by Tudor Trust (who helped to sponsor our Open House manager)

Josh, who is one of our young people, did an 8 mile bike ride to raise funds for 'Twin a bin' This was an incredible effort for Josh who for 4 years has battled Chronic Fatigue.

Well done Josh and thank you for considering others.

Plans for 2023:

As we come to the end of 2022 and look forward to 2023, we know that we will be facing some changes. One reason for this is our Open House Manager, Claire will retire in March 2023 and we plan to not replace her. This will mean the closure of our Open House café but we will continue to focus upon those in the most desperate need through our food distribution, work with the homeless and support for people in need.

We also are praying for a person to work alongside our manager in our homeless accommodation.

We also want to continue to provide opportunities to reconnect through fellowship which has been so lacking due to isolation during the pandemic. Our numbers attending meetings post pandemic are down slightly compared to beforehand and we will continue to try and ensure people feel connected and supported.

Jeremiah 29:11

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declared the Lord, 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Finances:

Giving has remained healthy throughout the year, despite the rising cost of living which has been affecting many of our members.

We have seen a significant rise in our own utility costs during the year. We have done what we can to keep these under control.

We believe that our income and reserves are sufficient for us to operate without any financial burden as we enter into 2023.

The trustees are very grateful to those who support our work through faithful giving throughout the year.

A full set of accounts for the year are included at the end of this annual report.

Philippians 4:19.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Leadership & Governance:

Hope House Church– Mablethorpe is a registered charity number 1176585.

Leadership team:

Our leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. They oversee the teaching and preaching programme and approve appointments within the Church. They also provide oversight and help to group leaders. Our leadership team has met approximately every 6 weeks.

At the year end, our leadership team were:

Nigel & Judy Collins

David Smith

Earl Dunton

Claire Suddaby

Trustees:

Our trustees help us meet our legal obligations as a registered charity. They are responsible for all financial and legal matters of the Church. Our trustees meet monthly.

At the end of the year our trustees were:

Lorna Mountain (Chair of trustees)

David Smith (leadership team representative)

Deborah Sutcliffe (Appointed 18 March 2021)

Joseph Coburn

Public Benefit:

This year has seen us getting back to a more normal procedure. We provided Sunday morning services each week along with children's meetings. These meetings were also broadcast online. We also provided weekly prayer meetings and mid week fellowship meetings. Both these meetings could be attended in person or joined online.

Our Open House café operated throughout the year, providing a meeting place and support for any who wanted to attend. We also provided a TTime meeting during the winter months (from October). Both the Open House and TTime were our contribution to the Churches Safe warm spaces which were provided during the cold period for people experiencing fuel poverty.

Glow-worms carers and toddlers group meets weekly to provide connection and support for parents with young children and a base for play.

We operate the community bus, which had to stop being used by community groups during the pandemic. We have seen a gradual increase in its use again during the year but it is not back to level pre pandemic.

We provide 2 supported living homeless houses in Mablethorpe to support men who are homeless. We can support up to 7 men but have been averaging between 5 & 6 during the year.

Our buildings serve as a resource to our community. As well as our Church work, our buildings provide a base for carer support groups, addiction counselling, an art group and a support group for people with Parkinson's.

Our building provides a hub for end of day food distribution and support for those who are street homeless.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

SC Bookkeeping Services

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J Coburn resigned 31.08.23 Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mr D Smith Mrs C Suddaby appointed 21.09.23 Mrs D Sutcliffe
Charity number	1176585
Registered address	Hope House 97 Victoria Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 2AL
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Mablethorpe Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
Independent Examiner	Mrs Sara M Cooper Associate of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers SC Bookkeeping Services Howard House Old Trusthorpe Road Sutton on Sea Lincolnshire LN12 2LL
Solicitors	Anthony Collins solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have compiled the financial accounts of Hope House Church Mablethorpe from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work, or this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and have compiled with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institue.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
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Date: 16.10.2023

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE CHURCH MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on page 5 to 13.

Respective responsabilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

    * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
    * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
    * to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper - Associate of The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
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16.10.2023

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL

The financial statement on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on 16th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Smith	L Mountain
16.10.2023	16.10.2023

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		Church & café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
RECEIPTS		£		£	£	£	£
Tithes & Offerings		37,508				37,508	32,344
Gift Aid Tax Refund		4,042				4,042	4,088
Donations	Note 1	4,024		210	200	4,434	3,405
Grants Received	Note 2					0	18,150
Rent - Furnichurch		6,360				6,360	6,360
Hall & Accommodation		370				370	80
Open House - income	Note 3	4,689				4,689	4,274
Children & Youth Projects	Note 4				1,228	1,228	957
Homeless & Hardship				32,420		32,420	36,121
Other Outreach Projects	Note 5	1,386		1,833		3,219	164
Miscellaneous Income	Note 6	50				50	222
Bank interest		15				15	19
Total Receipts		**58,444**	**0**	**34,463**	**1,428**	**94,335**	**106,184**
PAYMENTS							
Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts	Note 7	7,375				7,375	4,350
Salaries		27,703		3,321	10,000	41,024	45,539
Study/Craft Materials						0	
Open House Costs	Note 8	4,425			89	4,514	7,359
Children & Youth Activities	Note 9				1,183	1,183	1,798
Homeless & Hardship	Note 14			21,026	1,254	22,280	24,615
Other Events	Note 10	2,038			667	2,705	1,750
Premises Costs	Note 11	5,041			54	5,095	5,194
Equipment		233			1,442	1,675	1,067
Minibus Costs				2,903		2,903	1,376
Phone, Internet, Stationery		672				672	577
General Admin. Costs	Note 12	40			175	215	833
Professional Fees/ Memberships		2,025				2,025	1,903
Mortgage Interest		3,188				3,188	2,209
Total Expenses		**52,740**	**0**	**27,250**	**14,864**	**94,854**	**98,570**
Purchase Fixed Assets		1,269				1,269	1,224
Repay Loan & Mortgage		3,532				3,532	4,199
Total Payments		**57,541**	**0**	**27,250**	**14,864**	**99,655**	**103,993**
Inter-Fund Transfers	Note 13	4,950		-4,487	-463	0	-463
Net Inflow of Cash in Year		**5,853**	**0**	**2,726**	**-13,899**	**-5,320**	**2,191**
Bank & Deposit a/c 01 January 2022		22,740		13,611	23,456	59,807	57,616
Bank & Deposit a/c 31 December 2022		**28,593**	**0**	**16,337**	**9,557**	**54,487**	**59,807**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Church & Café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
ASSETS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Buildings	240,862				240,862	240,862
Equipment	6,611		88	194	6,893	8,039
Motor Vehicle				24,833	24,833	32,283
	247,473		88	25,027	272,588	281,184
Deposit account	10,476				10,476	10,476
Current accounts	17,496		15,821	9,557	42,874	48,730
Cash in hand	621		516		1,137	600
Bank Balances & Cash	28,593	0	16,337	9,557	54,487	59,806
TOTAL ASSETS	**276,066**	**0**	**16,425**	**34,584**	**327,075**	**340,990**
LIABILITIES						
Mortgage	77,046				77,046	80,578
Grant DfT				24,833	24,833	32,283
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**77,046**		**0**	**24,833**	**101,879**	**112,861**
NET ASSETS	**199,020**	**0**	**16,425**	**9,751**	**225,196**	**228,129**
CHANGE IN RESERVES						
Reserves Bfwd	190,688	0	13,728	23,713	228,129	223,246
Cash Inflow	5,853	0	2,726	-13,898	-5,319	2,190
Fixed Assets Purchased	1,269				1,269	1,224
Depreciation	-2,322		-29	-64	-2,415	-2,486
Asset Disposal					0	-244
Mortgage payment	3,532				3,532	4,199
	199,020	**0**	**16,425**	**9,751**	**225,196**	**228,129**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
MOVEMENT OF EACH RESTRICTED FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		Balance bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Inter Fund Transfers	Balance cfwd
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£	£
Evans Cornish		1,476				1,476
Tudor Trust	(see below)	6,667		10,000		-3,333
Tudor Trust 2		797		373		424
Dentist CDC		4,489		2,053	-393	2,043
Pastoral Funds		85				85
Homeless/ Hardship Fund	Note 14	3,491	200	1,254		2,437
Carpet Fund		206				206
New Building		1,000				1,000
		18,211	200	13,680	-393	4,338
Children & Youth Groups						
Glow-worms		5,088	1,228	1,111	-70	5,135
Youth Group (Bridge)		156		72		84
		5,244	1,228	1,183	-70	5,219
Total Restricted Funds		**23,455**	**1,428**	**14,863**	**-463**	**9,557**

ASSETS & LIABILITIES BY FUND		Fixed Assets	Bank & Cash	Total Assets	Liabilities	NET ASSETS
		£	£	£	£	£
Evans Cornish			1,476	1,476		1,476
Tudor Trust	(see below)		-3,333	-3,333		-3,333
Tudor Trust 2			424	424		424
Dentist CDC			2,043	2,043		2,043
Pastoral Funds			85	85		85
						0
Homeless/ Hardship Fund			2,437	2,437		2,437
Carpet Fund			206	206		206
New Building			1,000	1,000		1,000
		0	4,338	4,338	0	4,338
Children & Youth Groups						
Glow-worms		113	5,135	5,248		5,248
Youth Group		81	84	165		165
		194	5,219	5,413		5,413
Total Restricted Funds		**194**	**9,557**	**9,751**	**0**	**9,751**

Note: Tudor Trust Grant (£5,000) scheduled for December 2022 was received on 8th February 2023

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022

			2022	2021
Note 1	**Donations Received**		£	£
	Anonymous		290	992
	Hardship Fund		200	105
	Covid-19			1,528
	Supported Housing project		210	280
	Open House		2,412	400
	Sponsored walk		437	
	For Christmas food parcels		800	
	Other		85	100
			4,434	3,405
Note 2	**Grants Received**			
	Dentist CDC			5,000
	Tudor Trust			10,000
	Tudor Trust 2			2,000
	Local Government - Covid-19			1,000
	Small Grants - Homeless Fund			150
	Other			
			0	18,150
	Outreach Projects Income			
Note 3	**Open House**		4,689	3,949
	Covid-19	(Meals for housebound)		325
			4,689	4,274
Note 4	**Children & Youth Projects:**			
	Admissions / Refreshments:	Glow-worms	233	329
		Youth		
			233	329
	Events & Trips			
	Glow-worms:	Trips	580	
		Sponsored Toddle	415	628
	Youth Group:	Trips		
			995	628
			1,228	957

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		2022	2021
		£	£
Note 5	**Other Outreach Projects:**		
	Harvest Supper	122	150
	Jubilee	99	
	Church Weekend	420	
	Themed evenings	635	
	Sunday Lunch	110	
	Minibus	1,833	14
		3,219	164
Note 6	**Misc Income**		
	Sale of assets		222
	Compensation received	50	
Note 7	**Tithes & Ministry Gifts**		
	Ground Level	2,350	1,350
	R&M Young - Wycliffe Translators	2,380	1,040
	Kidz 2911 - Zimbabwe	1,320	1,320
	Churches Together All Lincolnshire	100	100
	Guest Speakers etc	625	
	Streaming equipment for local church		500
	Harvest gift		40
	Manchester House of Prayer	600	
		7,375	4,350
	Outreach Projects - Expenditure		
Note 8	Open House	4,514	2,729
	Covid-19 Meals & Delivery		4,132
	Equipment (Grant funded)		498
		4,514	7,359

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		2022 £	2021 £
Note 09	**Children & Youth work:**		
	Food and craft materials	116	444
	Glow-worm trip	544	
	Youth outing	72	
	Christmas/ Easter events	36	134
	Barnados Big Toddle	415	628
	Equipment		592
		1,183	1,798
Note 10	**Other Events**		
	Special Services	70	84
	Harvest	128	144
	Sunday lunch	46	
	Jubilee Celebration	216	
	Christmas events	1,057	784
	Volunteers - Thank You	198	725
	Other events	90	13
	Church Weekend	396	
	Trips (Grant Funded)	504	
		2,705	1,750
Note 11	**Premises Costs**		
	Insurance	2,314	2,209
	Water/Electricity/Gas	2,274	2,123
	Building Repairs	407	718
	Housekeeping	100	144
	Building developments		
		5,095	5,194
Note 12	**General Admin costs**		
	Retirement/Leavers Gifts		230
	Pastoral	40	
	Leadership training	175	478
	Banners/Literature		44
	Other		81
		215	833

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		2022 £	2021 £
Note 13			
	Inter-Fund Transfers		
From:	Supported Housing	-4,800	-4,800
To:	General Fund (rent)	4,800	4,800
From:	General Fund		-194
To:	Covid 19		194
	write off balance		
From:	Restricted Funds (Dental)	-393	
To:	Bus Trip costs	243	
To:	Church Trip costs	150	
		0	
From:	Restricted Funds (Glow-worms)	-70	
To:	Bus	70	
		0	
Note 14			
	Homeless & Hardship Funds (restricted)		
	Donations	200	105
	Grants		150
	Other		
	Income	200	255
	Accommodation	689	1,164
	Bus/train fares	227	90
	Clothing/heating/food	108	250
	Other	230	430
	Expenditure	1,254	1,934
	Balance at 1st Jan	3,490	5,169
	Balance at 31st Dec	**2,436**	**3,490**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

	2022	2021
Community Bus	£	£
Scheme Joining fees	200	50
Trip Income	1,946	64
	2,146	114
Operating Costs		
Tax & Insurance	1,035	795
MOT & Inspections	400	531
Servicing & repairs	537	10
Fuel	931	41
	2,903	1,377
Surplus/Deficit	-757	-1,263
Fund Balance cfwd	1,939	2,696
Supported Housing Project		
Specific Donations	210	280
Rent from Residents	13,940	12,872
Housing Benefit received	18,480	23,249
Grant Funding		
	32,630	36,401
Housekeeper salary	3,321	10,405
Rent to Landlord	14,400	14,400
Food etc	4,199	4,697
Equipment	175	1,185
Household expenses	6,727	5,883
Other	325	1,315
	29,147	37,885
Surplus in period	3,483	-1,484
Fund Balance cfwd	14,398	10,915
Community Projects Funds cfwd	**16,337**	**13,611**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Covid 19

During the years 2020 and 2021 much of the work of Hope House and the associated Open House ministry was severly disrupted by the onset of the pandemic and two lock downs.
The café was closed and the kitchen was deployed to feed housebound people.
The community bus was used to deliver meals to people's homes.

Hope House is immensely grateful for the support provided by Local Government and individuals to fund this outreach work.

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Donations		815
Local Govt grants		1,000
Donations re meals & food		1,038
	0	2,853
Expenses		
Food		3,197
Waste disposal		297
Fuel - delivery		608
Other		37
Water,Gas, Electricity		1,150
	0	5,289
Fund balance at start of year		2,242
Fund balance at end of year	0	-194
Transfer from General Fund		194
Fund closed	0	0

In addition to the above Open House received end-of-day food from Greggs and Co-Op.
These were also distributed to persons in need through Hope House.

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Introduction:

Welcome to the Hope House Church Mablethorpe, trustees annual report for 2021. This document is intended to give an overview of the activities of the Church throughout the year.

For most businesses, charities and individuals, 2021 will be remembered for the continued impact of the COVID19 pandemic. Our activities continued to be impacted, although work done by our team during the previous year, when COVID19 first spread, ensured we were well prepared for the effects of lockdown (January—April 2021)

In April 2021, after 14 months away, we were able to begin face to face meetings again at Hope House. We initially started with mid week fellowship meeting and then, 1 month later, for Pentecost, we started Sunday meetings again. Having broadcast all our meetings to the internet for the past year, we took the decision to make our main meetings 'hybrid' moving forward; a meeting which can be attended in person or joined live online.

All throughout the pandemic, the Hope House building has been used as a community hub to serve the local areas needs: in particular for the preparation and delivery of hot meals to people who were isolated in their homes. This continued until mid May when our emphasis moved back to providing meals at Hope House to encourage people to connect back into the wider community after a long period of isolation. We also continued to provide end of day food sourced from local supermarkets and food outlets, to people who are in need. This work has grown quite significantly during the year, both in terms of the amount of food we source and in the number of people who use this service.

The transition from our building being used exclusively as a community hub, back to being a place of worship that is open to the public, involved a large amount of work. Having been closed to the general public for so long, there was much to be done to prepare to reopen and we are very grateful to the small team who worked hard to ensure we were once again ready for action.

Once we reopened in May, we focused our efforts upon reconnecting people into community, something we believe is a great strength of the Christian Church. We held a number of extra social events and special celebrations to enable people to feel connected.

Right: Last delivery of hot meals, 14 May 2021. 9057 meals delivered over a 15 month period.

#Prayerchangesthings:

Prayer has continued to be at the heart of Hope House. Much of our prayer time had to be moved online throughout the year.

Every Monday we held a 'Start the week with prayer' meeting, 30 minutes of prayer at the start of the week. These meetings were online and when possible, we held 'hybrid' meetings which could be attended in person or online.

Our network of Churches 'GroundLevel' held three days of prayer & fasting for our county. These consisted of an event planned in the local Church and an area wide 'Zoom' prayer gathering in the evening.

Churches Together normally plan a prayer meeting to start the year. Due to lockdown, this year it was held online. We had representatives from most of the Churches present at the meeting.

Photo left: When we first started our 'start the week with prayer' meeting, one of our founder members, Jennifer Collins, found a prayer journal she had kept from the first days of our Church meeting in 1986.

We focused upon prayer in each of our online meetings held during the pandemic and have kept a focus on prayer during all of our Sunday and mid weeks meetings.

#prayerchangesthings

Online community:

2021 started with an immediate return to lockdown and all our Hope House meetings returned to online using social media. This remained the case until April when we began holding limited mid week meetings at Hope House. In person Sunday meetings returned in May.

Nigel & Judy led the online meetings from their home and we maintained a full programme of Sunday worship, mid week fellowship and Monday prayer meetings.

In April we started holding hybrid meetings once again which could be attended in person or joined online.

During lockdown, we also held a Friday night online Zoom social event which included games, and prizes.

A fund raising programme held in 2020 enabled us to purchase some good quality cameras and a broadcasting box to enable us to provide high quality live broadcasts to those joining us online. We are very grateful to one of our trustees, Joe who not only helped us but a number of other Churches in the area achieve a higher level of broadcast quality.

Going online has expanded our ministry to people who we had lost touch with or never previously known. It has been encouraging to see a few people who used to attend Church but had now moved to different areas of the county, reconnecting and also getting connected back into their local Churches.

Celebrate:

As the Church battled with the COVID pandemic, we put a big focus upon celebrating together. In some cases our celebrating had to be online but we also had opportunity to meet together and enjoy time with one another.

We started the year with an online service to both celebrate the past year and to look forward to 2021.

We also celebrated our anniversary service and Mothers day in March, again these were online events.

Easter and Pentecost are two big Christian celebrations. Easter was also online only but we did join Churches Together in placing a cross outside the Church which we decorated with flowers from Easter Sunday.

Pentecost was our first opportunity to meet together in person at Hope House. It was great to be back together again after time apart.

We celebrated Harvest with a service at which we collected food for the local food banks but for the first time we also included a harvest supper together which was very popular.

We ended the year with a Christmas carol concert which was held both in person at Hope House and online via social media.

We also held a number of social events, particularly during the summer months. These are covered elsewhere in this report.

Re-opening:

After 14 months of closure Hope House reopened for midweek meetings on 21st April 2021 and for Sunday meetings for Pentecost on 23rd May 2021.

During the pandemic, Hope House had been used as a food preparation and distribution centre as well as for food provision to those in need. A large amount of work took place to ensure Hope House was ready to reopen and a small team of voluteers worked tirelessly to ensure we were ready to open.

Also, to ensure we could provide hybrid meetings (meetings which can be viewed live online or attended in person) we made some significant improvements to the internet capability of Hope House as well as installing a couple of high quality cameras for live streaming our meetings.

Meetings were initially café style with strict social distancing within the room and people limited to small groups.

In keeping with a promise, the Pastor paid for ice creams for all who attended our first meeting back after the pandemic.

Photos: Top left: Sue cleaning the main hall. Centres left: café style social distanced meetings. Below left new reception being prepared by Val & Pete. Below: free ice cream to celebrate being back in the building.

Open House:

Open House reopened in May after another period of lockdown. We have seen a good number of people coming in for drinks, meals, support and friendship.

The Open House has also provided a base for mental health support groups, carers groups, art groups as well as our own activities.

The community lunch also returned in May and most weeks this has been at full capacitiy. We also provide breakfasts on a Wednesday and an arts group on a Thursday.

During the closure, we had funding from East Lindsey District Council to convert our disabled toilet to include a shower wet room for the homeless. This provides an improved facility in addition to our washers, dryers, clothing, meals and access to services which we presently provide for those who are on the streets. (See more details elsewhere in this report)

We also provide end of day food to people in need. We have seen a rise in the number of people who are registered with us to have access to end of day food. Presently we have around 50 people registered at any one time and daily we will give out food to around 30 families or individuals. We are grateful to the Co-Operative supermarket, Greggs, Tesco and Mablethorpe Primary Academy (who paid for Fair Share membership) for their daily supply of food, without this support we would be unable to provide this service.

Our Open House manager Claire, had her salary funded by Tudor Trust throughout the year (part of 3 years of funding for this post) and we are very grateful for this support.

Photos Top: One of the groups who use Open House enjoying time together. Middle: Our team of hard working volunteers waiting to serve the community lunch. Bottom: We receive end of day food to distribure to those in need. Most days, all the food we receive is given away.

Children/youth:

We were not able to open our Children's/Youth activities straight away when the Church Sunday service started after the pandemic. However, the youngsters were keen to get their activities going again as soon as we could.

Our children/youth are more interested in ***doing*** something rather than listening. So we've done a lot of hands on/moving about activities this year as you can see from the photos. Also quizzes, power points, being creative, praying and lots of other things.

Our average age has been 12, although we have had children as young as 4 and as old as 16 join in with us from time to time. The group tends to be older juniors and secondary school age. It not an easy age range to put together activities and teaching, so we have tended to do a lot of games from which you can do spiritual teaching and morale codes. We have covered a variety of bible stories, some of which we have looked at with PowerPoints and some through the sketches that have been produced as part of the all ages part of the Sunday service.

Jenga seems to have been popular for teaching and just for having fun with. We have also had a go at chocolate Jenga, where you get to eat the chocolate fingers you use instead of the usual wooden Jenga.

We have worked our way through lots of topics such as:

- What is a Christian.
- The importance of the bible
- How can I pray.
- The 10 commandments
- The commandments that Jesus said were the most important

We've also eaten lots of ***FOOD*** !!!! That was one of the things the children/youth wanted to do as we started back. So we have had pancakes, cakes, breakfast cereal, toast, biscuits amd lots of sweets! Not much fruit and veg Im afraid!

Glow-worms:

When we re-opened Glow-worms after the pandemic, families were desperate to get out and meet up. There were a lot of children born during the pandemic who had not been able to socialise at all, some of them nearly 2 years old. So initially there was a mad rush for people to come along and join the group.

For the first time ever we had to create a booking in system to limit numbers which for a while was full every week; as we had to limit numbers for covoid restrictions. We did try putting on a second group, but there were very few takers for this and eventually things settled down so that we were able to accommodate everyone again on a Friday morning which has always been our popular weekday slot.

As with a lot of groups; as things have opened up again after the pandemic, and people have gone back to work/nursery/children's groups our numbers have dropped. However, we have managed to maintain reasonable numbers in spite of there being more on offer for pre-schoolers in the area than there ever has been.

We have been able to give a lot away to families too, lots of fresh fruit and veg and bread from the end of day food scheme; also there have been donations of toys, clothes and shoes which have enabled families to have a little more at Christmas.

Photos: Top. Santa came to visit at the Christmas party. Middle. First week back aftet lockdown was very popular. Bottom. 2021 group photo.

Social get togethers:

For everyone at Hope House what has been lacking during the months of isolation has been person to person interaction.

To help ease isolation we held a number of purely social events which gave people the opportunity to be together.

During the summer months, after our Sunday worship service, we held socal events each week during the school summer holiday. These included a BBQ, use of a beach chalet, kite flying, a visit to Queens Park and a trip to a local nature reserve for a picnic and explore.

Some of these get togethers were well attended, others had only a few gathering but in every case we had a thoroughly enjoyable time together.

We also held a number of celebration events which are mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Top left: We had a great turn out for our beach chalet afternoon together. Left middle: Kite flying on Sherwood field. Left: Exploring the tank at the nature reserve. Bottom left and bottom right: Thanks to Claire & Pete for a lovely BBQ at their home.

#bettertogether

Community help:

2021 saw us entering year two of a global pandemic and Hope House was again used as a community hub to serve local people in need.

Left middle: We provided 9057 meals to people who were isolating during COVID with our last meal being delivered in May.

Top left; We also provided end of day food bags to people in need. Over 3500 food bags were provided during the pandemic and we are very grateful to The Co Operative Store Mablethorpe, Greggs and latterly Tesco for their generous provision of food which makes this possible. We also partnered with Mablethorpe Primary Academy who funded the provision of a delivery from Fair Share which supplemented further the food bags.

Below: As well as food we provided hundreds of items of clothing to people in need. We are grateful to 'Spoilt for choice' a local clothing outlet who provide us with vans full of brand new clothing free of charge.

In May we re-opened our Open House café and had a very busy period as restrictions eased and people looked to get out.

Bottom left: Our Open House manager Debbie retired in January and Claire who previously ran our Hope House accommodation took over as manager. Thank you Deb for all you have done.

Churches Together:

Hope House has been an active member of Churches Together in Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe & Sutton on Sea.

Our usual activities were somewhat resitricted due to COVID but we did display crosses outside local Churches for Easter. These were decorated from Easter Sunday and the photographs were displayed on social media. (photo top left)

At Christmas we put on an Open Air Nativitiy. This is the second time we have done this presentation. The nativity was enacted at three locations and was well attended over each of the evenings. All the local Churches had members who came forward to play parts, truly a Churches Together event. (Photo below right)

Churches Together also continued to do 'Open the book' in two local schools. During the pandemic, our activities were suspended, but we kept in touch with the teachers, sending gifts at Christmas to both the schools.

Churches Together also continued to support the work of Furnichurch, a local Christian furniture charity and the homeless accommodation provided by Hope House.

We managed to hold a sponsored walk to help replace some of our depleted funds during the pandemic. To reduce the risk of spreading COVID, each Church just put forward one walker for the event. (photo bottom left)

Homelessness:

We have continued to operate two supported living houses for men who are homeless.

The houses are run by the church Pastor assisted by a team of volunteers who help with house visits.

One of the highlights of this year was seeing Tony (left) move on to live in his own flat. Tony came to us having been sleeping behind a local business and has made excellent progress while with us.

We have also seen other men move on to live independently and it is encouraging to see how many past residents keep in touch or come in to Open House to visit.

Equally, our homeless work has faced some challenges during the year. Our manager resigned in May and so far we have not replaced him .

As is to be expected, we have also had some residents who have found it hard to keep the house rules and have either moved on or been asked to leave.

Each resident attends a daily morning meeting at which plans for the day are discussed. We also pray about the day ahead. Also, each resident has a weekly 1 to 1 meeting which focuses upon working towards independent living.

We have a small team of women volunteers who visit the houses in the evenings and provide friendship and support to the men. We are very grateful to this dedicated team who go above and beyond in their care for the men, often taking them out for social events or providing treats for them.

Hope House is also equipped with many facilities to help those who are street homeless. These include a shower, meals, washer and dryer, internet access, clothing and support in contacting the local council homeless team.

We are grateful for a grant from CDS Action Charitable trust who provide funding for new sofas in our accommodation as well as funding to decorate our hallways. They also funded new crockery for our Open House which does work with the homeless.

Volunteers:

Volunteers remain essential to the life of Hope House Church. Here are just some of the responsibities that our volunteers carry out at Hope House.

Sunday welcome team.

Catering team

Maintenance work

Kitchen staff.

Serving team for Open House.

Cleaning.

Ordering and purchasing.

Leadership planning team.

Trustees.

Childrens workers.

Pastoral support.

Bus driving

Administration

House support workers.

Worship team

Technical support

Photos: Top left preparing meals to go to the community during the pandemic. Middle: English breakfasts on a Wednesday....always popular. Bottom left. Congratulations to volunteer Kelly who married Martin in September. They had their wedding breakfast at Hope House.

Our volunteers contribute a massive

3500 hours p.a.

(conservative estimate)

Community support:

This has once again been a year of incredible community support from a range of different organisations and individuals.

We have received food from Co-op, Greggs, Tesco, Golden Sands and many individuals.

We have been given funding by Tudor Trust to pay the salary of our Open House manager. We have had individuals and organisations fund raise for our community work either through the provision of money or goods.

We are very thankful for everyone who has donated to our work throughout the year, it makes a huge difference.

Harvest celebrations:

Every year, we hold a Harvest celebration, this year was no exception.

We once again asked people to bring tinned or longlife foods for distribution to the local food banks. We were able to deliver a good car boot full of food to the Furnichurch food larder which covers Mablethorpe and to the Sutton on Sea foodbank.

This year, for the first time and as part of an effort to address loneliness and isolation, we held a Harvest festival Supper. This proved popular and we had a fun evening together. As well as an excellent buffet, we had a quiz and entertainment from Dave.

Photos: Right: Dave leading everyone in a sing along. Bottom: Once again people were amazingly generous in their harvest offering for the local food banks. Top left: it was a packed Hope House for the harvest supper together.

Christmas:

Despite the increasing challenges of meeting together we managed to put on a full range of Christmas activities. We held a volunteers Christmas party; we joined with Overboard Church to host a Christmas concert with Danny Oates at the Dunes Theatre, we also displayed the giant illuminated nativity for a second year and we once again held a Christmas carol concert, with this years event having limited socially distanced seating at Hope House and also being broadcast live online to our social media channels.

The voluteers Christmas Party was funded by a grant which was given by Tudor Trust which was specifically given to help us support our volunteers through the pandemic.

We also held our traditional Christmas Day service, this year was a hybrid service which people could enjoy at Hope House or online in their own homes.

Photos: Top right: Worship leader Danny Oates once again visited to host the Kings Chamber Christmas tour.

Bottom left and right: The giant illuminated nativitiy was back by popular demand. Thanks to a small team who helped erect it for everyone to enjoy. Top left: Its Christmas party time for our great team of volunteers.

In brief:

Left: Alan is one of the Hope House volunteers who has been driving the community bus to deliver meals during the pandemic. Alan reached retirement age while volunteering. Alan initially came to our homeless accommodation but the best news is that he got his own home during the year. Sadly for us, that meant that Alan moved too far away to continue his volunteering with us. Thank you Alan for all you have done for us and we hope you enjoy your new home and retirement.

Left: We received funding from the CDS Action charitable trust for funding for new crockery for Open House, new sofas for the lounge in our accommodation, new furniture and decorationg in our homeless hostel and for money to provide trips to help people overcome isolation. In the photo is the new crockery (we also had brand new cutlery as well) ready to be used as we opened up the Open House in May. The funding came because a local dentist saw our community work during the pandemic and nominated us for the funding. Thank you.

Left: We received so much support over the Christmas period from so many people. We are grateful to Haven Holidays caravan owners who provied us with a credit of £500 at a local cash and carry which we used to provide Christmas goods to people in need. We also recieved funding from 'Love Christmas' a Christian charity of £200 which was match funded by a generous donation from 'Spoilt for Choice' a local clothing retailer who also provided us with a large amount of new clothing throughout the year.

We were able to provide 60 large Christmas hampers to people in need. Thank you everyone who supported our Christmas work.

More in brief:

Left: We are very grateful to East Lindsey District Council who provided us with funding to help convert our disabled toilet into a wet room which could then also be used as a shower room for those who are street homeless. This excellent facility has already improved the life of a number of people who were street homeless and has also been used by some 'vanlifers' who live in the area.

We also received funding through the same package to convert one of our upstairs store rooms into a fully equipped toilet and shower room for our homeless accommodation. The pandemic made living in the Hope House accommodation very difficult as we previously only had 2 very small shower rooms which were immediately next to one another. In the event of one of the residents getting COVID, isolation would have proven very difficult. The new bathroom solved this, allowing any person who was infectious to live in isolation on a separate floor with their own facilities.

Fortunately both houses remained COVID free but the bathroom continues to provide much improved facilities.

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We provided 60 large Christmas hampers to families and individuals who were in need.

Left: We received a certificate of recognition from Coastal Community Challenge for our work during the pandemic.

Plans for 2022:

As we look forward to 2022, we enter it with a focus upon the following:

Celebrate: At a time when there has been little to celebrate, we will continue to emphasise celebration.

Prayer: We have experienced the power of prayer during the past 2 years. Prayer keeps people connected and releases God's power. We intend to continue as a praying Church

Gather: People have missed the opportunity to be together. We will continue to hold events which enable people to enjoy time together especially for those whom gathering has become a worry.

Serve; We will continue to serve our community, especially those in need. We will give special emphasis to the growing concern about rising fuel costs and how that will impact those we help. We are looking to become a 'Safe warm space' for those who will need it.

Good news: In a world where bad news has become the normal, we will put emphasis on sharing the good news of the gospel

Finances:

Many people have faced financial hardship over the past year and this has impacted upon many charities. Our giving has remained consistent throughout the year and we are very grateful to everyone who has supported the work of Hope House.

We have worked hard to encourage people to use online giving especially when we have been unable to gather in person. This has been embraced by most of our members and has helped us to maintain a consistent level of giving while the Church was unable to meet.

We are aware that rising utility costs have a significant impact upon us as a charity, our members and those we support. We may face a double impact of these rising costs, as those we support will be looking for safe warm places to go during the day and we will have to meet rising fuel costs. We see this as an area for faith to be active and help meet peoples needs as we trust God for the necessary provision.

At this time, we consider the present finances to be adequate to enable us to continue our charitable activities for 2022. We believe God is able to provide for all our needs.

For a number of years now, David Smith, one of our trustees has overseen our finances with excellent accounting procedures. This will be Davids last full year overseeing the finances and he will be handing over to Debbie Sutcliffe for 2022. We are very grateful to David for his work not just in overseeing our finances but making considerable improvements over the years. The trustees are indebted to David for all he has done.

Leadership & Governance:

Hope House Church– Mablethorpe is a registered charity number 1176585.

Leadership team:

Our leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. They oversee the teaching and preaching programme and approve appointments within the Church. They also provide oversight snd help to group leaders. Our leadership team normally meet every 2 weeks but during the pandemic meetings have been reduced and often held online.

At the year end, our leadership team were:

Nigel & Judy Collins

David Smith Earl Dunton

Claire Suddaby

Trustees:

Our trustees help us meet our legal obligations as a registered charity. They are responsible for all financial and legal matters of the Church. Our trustees meet monthly and have continued to do so online throughout the pandemic.

At the end of the year our trustees were:

Lorna Mountain (Chair of trustees)

David Smith (leadership team representative)

Deborah Sutcliffe (Appointed 18 March 2021)

Joseph Coburn

Carol Wilson resigned as a trustee on 2 March 2021. The trustees are grateful for Carols help.

Public Benefit:

As a community based Church, our community benefit can be clearly seen. We provided Sunday services every week during the pandemic, often held online. Our Sunday meeting also includes a childrens / youth meeting. We also hold regular prayer and fellowship meetings during the week.

Our Open House reopened in May of this year, providing a meeting place, food, drinks, end of day food, washers and dryers, internet all free of charge to those in need. Since reopening we have focused upon connecting those who are struggling with anxiety and isolation.

Glow-worms carers and toddlers group meets weekly to provide connection and support for parents with young children and a base for play. During periods of COVID lockdown, online activities were provided.

We operate the community bus, which provides low cost transport to local community groups. During lockdown, all these groups ceased to meet and the bus was used to deliever meals to people who were isolating in the pandemic. The bus drove over 6000 miles delivering meals. We are now working to rebuild our base of community group users.

We provide 2 supported living homeless houses in Mablethorpe to support men who are homeless. We can support up to 7 men but have been averaging between 4 and 5 during the year.

Our buildings serve as a resource to our community. As well as our Church work, our buildings provide a base for carer support groups, addiction councelling, mental health support, art groups, over 55 social groups all who have started to meet up again after months of closure. We often provide our facilities free of charge or at low cost where the group provides a community benefit.

Our building provides a hub for end of day food distribution and support for those who are street homeless.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

SC Bookkeeping Services

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J Coburn Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mr D Smith Mrs D Sutcliffe appointed 18.03.2021
Charity number	1176585
Registered address	74 Wellington Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 1HT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Mablethorpe Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
Independent Examiner	Mrs Sara M Cooper Associate of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers SC Bookkeeping Services Howard House Old Trusthorpe Road Sutton on Sea Lincolnshire LN12 2LL
Solicitors'	Robinsons 10-11 St. James Court Larges Street Friargate Derby DE1 1BT

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have compiled the financial accounts of Hope House Church Mablethorpe from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work, or this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and have compiled with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthorpe Road
Sutton on Sea
Lincolnshire
LN12 2LL

Date: 5th October 2022

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE CHURCH MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on page 5 to 13.

Respective responsabilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

    * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
    * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
    * to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper - Associate of The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
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LN12 2LL

Date: 5th October 2022

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on 5th October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Smith

Date: 5th October 2022

L Mountain

Date: 5th October 2022

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS		**Church & café**	**Covid**	**Community Projects**	**Restricted Funds**	**TOTAL 2021**	**TOTAL 2020**
		£		£	£	£	£
Tithes & Offerings		32,344				32,344	30,512
Gift Aid Tax Refund		4,088				4,088	7,325
Donations	Note 1	1,392	1,528	380	105	3,405	11,329
Grants Received	Note 2		1,000		17,150	18,150	16,754
Rent - Furnichurch		6,360				6,360	6,360
Hall & Accommodation		80				80	390
Open House - income	Note 3	3,949	325			4,274	3,503
Children & Youth Projects	Note 4				957	957	107
Homeless & Hardship				36,121		36,121	45,292
Other Outreach Projects	Note 5	150		14		164	766
Miscellaneous Income	Note 6	222				222	39
Bank interest		19				19	46
Total Receipts		**48,604**	**2,853**	**36,515**	**18,212**	**106,184**	**122,423**
PAYMENTS							
Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts	Note 7	4,350				4,350	4,810
Salaries		25,134		10,405	10,000	45,539	46,163
Study/Craft Materials						0	66
Open House Costs	Note 8	2,729	4,132		498	7,359	11,233
Children & Youth Activities	Note 9				1,798	1,798	609
Homeless & Hardship				22,681	1,934	24,615	27,171
Other Events	Note 10	1,012			738	1,750	744
Premises Costs	Note 11	4,020	1,150		24	5,194	7,406
Equipment		1,067				1,067	394
Minibus Costs				1,376		1,376	1,959
Phone, Internet, Stationery		577				577	990
General Admin. Costs	Note 12	348	7		478	833	463
Professional Fees/ Memberships		1,903				1,903	1,720
Mortgage Interest		2,209				2,209	2,423
Total Expenses		**43,349**	**5,289**	**34,462**	**15,470**	**98,570**	**106,151**
Purchase Fixed Assets		1,224				1,224	3,388
Repay Loan & Mortgage		4,199				4,199	3,986
Total Payments		**48,772**	**5,289**	**34,462**	**15,470**	**103,993**	**113,525**
Inter-Fund Transfers	Note 13	4,606	194	-4,800		0	0
Net Inflow of Cash in Year		**4,438**	**-2,242**	**-2,747**	**2,742**	**2,191**	**8,898**
Bank & Deposit a/c 01 January 2021		18,302	2,242	16,358	20,714	57,616	48,718
Bank & Deposit a/c 31 December 2021		**22,740**	**0**	**13,611**	**23,456**	**59,807**	**57,616**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Church & Café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
ASSETS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Buildings	240,862				240,862	240,862
Equipment	7,664		117	258	8,039	9,545
Motor Vehicle				32,283	32,283	39,733
	248,526		117	32,541	281,184	290,140
Deposit account	10,476				10,476	10,475
Current accounts	12,264		13,611	23,455	49,330	47,141
Bank Balances & Cash	22,740	0	13,611	23,455	59,806	57,616
TOTAL ASSETS	**271,266**	**0**	**13,728**	**55,996**	**340,990**	**347,756**
LIABILITIES						
Mortgage	80,578				80,578	84,777
Grant DfT				32,283	32,283	39,733
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**80,578**		**0**	**32,283**	**112,861**	**124,510**
NET ASSETS	**190,688**	**0**	**13,728**	**23,713**	**228,129**	**223,246**
CHANGE IN RESERVES						
Reserves Bfwd	183,432	2,242	16,514	21,058	223,246	209,431
Cash Inflow	4,437	-2,242	-2,746	2,741	2,190	8,898
Fixed Assets Purchased	1,224				1,224	3,388
Depreciation	-2,360		-40	-86	-2,486	-2,457
Asset Disposal	-244				-244	
Mortgage payment	4,199				4,199	3,986
	190,688	**0**	**13,728**	**23,713**	**228,129**	**223,246**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
MOVEMENT OF EACH RESTRICTED FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Balance bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Inter Fund Transfers	Balance cfwd
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
Evans Cornish	1,500		24		1,476
Tudor Trust	6,667	10,000	10,000		6,667
Tudor Trust 2		2,000	1,203		797
Dentist CDC		5,000	511		4,489
Pastoral Funds	85				85
					0
Homeless/ Hardship Fund	5,170	255	1,934		3,491
					0
Carpet Fund	206				206
					0
New Building	1,000				1,000
	14,628	17,255	13,672	0	18,211
Children & Youth Groups					
Glow-worms	5,204	957	1,073		5,088
Youth Group (Bridge)	882		726		156
	6,086	957	1,799	0	5,244
Total Restricted Funds	**20,714**	**18,212**	**15,471**	**0**	**23,455**

	Fixed Assets	Bank & Cash	Total Assets	Liabilities	NET ASSETS
ASSETS & LIABILITIES BY FUND					
	£	£	£	£	£
Evans Cornish		1,476	1,476		1,476
Tudor Trust		6,667	6,667		6,667
Tudor Trust 2		797	797		797
Dentist CDC		4,489	4,489		4,489
Pastoral Funds		85	85		85
					0
Homeless/ Hardship Fund		3,491	3,491		3,491
Carpet Fund		206	206		206
New Building		1,000	1,000		1,000
	0	18,211	18,211	0	18,211
Children & Youth Groups					
Glow-worms	150	5,088	5,238		5,238
Youth Group	108	156	264		264
	258	5,244	5,502		5,502
Total Restricted Funds	**258**	**23,455**	**23,713**	**0**	**23,713**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

			2021	2020
Note 1	**Donations Received**		£	£
	Anonymous		992	538
	Homeless Fund			480
	Hardship Fund		105	200
	Covid-19		1,528	6,135
	Supported Housing project		280	1,626
	Open House		400	
	Beyond the Walls	(Internet broadcasting)		2,170
	Other		100	180
			3,405	11,329
Note 2	**Grants Received**			
	Dentist CDC		5,000	
	Tudor Trust		10,000	10,000
	Tudor Trust 2		2,000	
	Local Government - Covid-19		1,000	5,750
	Small Grants - Homeless Fund		150	745
	Other			259
			18,150	16,754
	Outreach Projects Income			
Note 3	**Open House**		3,949	1,611
	Covid-19	(Meals for housebound)	325	1,892
			4,274	3,503
Note 4	**Children & Youth Projects:**			
	Admissions / Refreshments:	Glow-worms	329	72
		Youth		
			329	72
	Events & Trips			
	Glow-worms:	Trips		35
		Sponsored Toddle	628	
	Youth Group:	Trips		
			628	35
			957	107

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Note 5	**Other Outreach Projects:**		
	Church Lunches		39
	Harvest Supper	150	
	Minibus	14	727
		164	766
Note 6	**Misc Income**		
	Recycling		39
	Sale of assets	222	
		222	39
Note 7	**Tithes & Ministry Gifts**		
	Ground Level	1,350	1,350
	R&M Young - Wycliffe Translators	1,040	960
	Kidz 2911 - Zimbabwe	1,320	1,320
	Churches Together All Lincolnshire	100	100
	Worship leaders		880
	Guest Speakers etc		100
	Streaming equipment for local church	500	
	Harvest gift	40	
	Furnichurch		100
		4,350	4,810
	Outreach Projects - Expenditure		
Note 8	Open House	2,729	913
	Covid-19 Meals & Delivery	4,132	10,320
	Equipment (Grant funded)	498	
		7,359	11,233

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		2021 £	2020 £
Note 9	**Children & Youth work:**		
	Food and craft materials	444	560
	Glow-worm trip		49
	Christmas/ Easter events	134	
	Barnados Big Toddle	628	
	Equipment	592	
		1,798	609
Note 10	**Other Events**		
	Easter	84	
	Harvest	144	
	Christmas events	784	715
	Volunteers - Thank You	725	
	Other events	13	29
		1,750	744
Note 11	**Premises Costs**		
	Insurance	2,209	2,222
	Water/Electricity/Gas	2,123	1,723
	Building Repairs	718	972
	Housekeeping	144	425
	Building developments		2,064
		5,194	7,406
Note 12	**General Admin costs**		
	Retirement/Leavers Gifts	230	
	Bank charges		88
	Internet streaming software		188
	Leadership training	478	
	Banners/Literature	44	151
	Other	81	36
		833	463

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2,021 £	2,020 £
Note 13			
Inter-Fund Transfers			
From:	Supported Housing	-4,800	-4,800
To:	General Fund (rent)	4,800	4,800
From:	General Fund	-194	
To:	Covid 19	194	
	write off loss on project		
		0	0
Homeless & Hardship Funds (restricted)			
Transfer from Church Funds			500
Donations		105	1,861
Grants		150	745
Other			39
Income		255	3,145
Accommodation		1,164	1,237
Bus/train fares		90	139
Clothing/heating/food		250	141
Other		430	455
Expenditure		1,934	1,972
Balance at 1st Jan		5,169	3,996
Balance at 31st Dec		**3,490**	**5,169**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Covid 19

During the years 2020 and 2021 much of the work of Hope House and the associated Open House ministry was severly disrupted by the onset of the pandemic and two lock downs.
The café was closed and the kitchen was deployed to feed housebound people.
The community bus was used to deliver meals to people's homes.

Hope House is immensely grateful for the support provided by Local Government and individuals to fund this outreach work.

Statement of Receipts and Payments in respect of this project in 2020 /2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Donations	815	6,135
Local Govt grants	1,000	5,750
Donations re meals & food	1,038	1,892
	2,853	13,777
Expenses		
Food	3,197	8,645
Waste disposal	297	366
Fuel - delivery	608	916
Other	37	393
Water,Gas, Electricity	1,150	1,215
	5,289	11,535
Fund balance at start of year	2,242	0
Fund balance at end of year	-194	2,242
Transfer from General Fund	194	
Fund closed	0	

In addition to the above Open House received end-of-day food from Greggs and Co-Op.
These were also distributed to persons in need through Hope House.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2021
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Bus	2021 £	2020 £
Scheme Joining fees	50	150
Trip Income	64	577
	114	727
Operating Costs		
Tax & Insurance	795	795
MOT & Inspections	531	328
Servicing & repairs	10	704
Fuel	41	132
	1,377	1,959
Surplus/Deficit	-1,263	-1,232
Fund Balance cfwd	2,696	3,959
Supported Housing Project		
Specific Donations	280	824
Rent from Residents	12,872	14,554
Housing Benefit received	23,249	30,653
Grant Funding		
	36,401	46,031
Housekeeper salary	10,405	11,587
Rent to Landlord	14,400	14,400
Food etc	4,697	6,113
Equipment	1,185	1,736
Household expenses	5,883	6,666
Other	1,315	1,084
	37,885	41,586
Surplus in period	-1,484	4,445
Fund Balance cfwd	10,915	12,399
Community Projects Funds cfwd	**13,611**	**16,358**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1176585

Accounts

Hope House Church Mablethorpe

Registered charity No 1176585

Trustees annual report for 2020

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INTRODUCTION

There will probably not be a single trustees report for 2020 that will not mention that this has been the most extraordinary year. The COVID19 pandemic has had a devastating effect upon the physical health and commercial life of our nation. Hope House Church, like many businesses and charities and community groups have had to adapt quickly to the immediate needs of our members, those we support and the wider community in which we live.

Our year started incredibly normally. As we entered 2020, we felt the Lord had spoken a word to us for the New Year that 'A WAVE IS COMING.' We had intended to use this word to teach the Church on evangelism but as we entered the year we felt the Lord told us to WAIT. We spent the first weeks of 2020 simply waiting and teaching the Church the significance of waiting on God. Little did we realise how significant these words would be as 2020 unfolded.

Our year started normally. Top left Glow-worms activities. Right, Top & bottom, Shrove Tuesday Fun night.

Bottom left, running club donate £1,000 for our Homeless work. Note, no social distancing masks etc.

ALL CHANGE

On Sunday 15th March, we held what was to be our last Sunday worship service at Hope House for the year. We were becoming aware of the increasing problem of coronavirus which was now spreading rapidly throughout the UK.

On 17th March a joint meeting of Hope House Church trustees and leaders took the decision that because of rising cases of COVID19, we would suspend our meetings at Hope House and look to hold our meetings online until things improved. We decided our focus would be upon:

- Keeping the members connected in whatever way we could.
- Keeping our members safe.
- Our building would only open for 1 hour a day to provide the essential food bags to people in need.

On Wednesday 18th March we were contacted by some local councillors who were looking to support people who were isolated due to COVID19 by providing them with meals delivered to their door. Hope House were asked if they would undertake this work on behalf of the community. At this stage we did not know exactly how many people would need support.

On Thursday 19th March, our trustees had their first socially distanced meeting at Hope House (See photo above) They agreed we should try to help our community out by providing meals as requested. We were not exactly sure at this stage what it would entail but we equally felt that the Lord was calling us to take this step and to trust him for his provision to enable us to do the work.

On Sunday 22nd March Nigel and Judy Collins were joined by Claire Suddaby as we broadcast a first livestream service to the Churches Facebook Page from Hope House. This was only possible with the technical brilliance of Joe Coburn one of our trustees who /Cont

ALL CHANGE (CONTINUED)

Cont / helped us achieve a broadcast. We were encouraged to see that so many of our members managed to connect to this service and we even had a number of people join us who we had known in the past. Part of this service included prayer requests and a number of these were posted up by people.

On the 23rd March the Prime Minister announced a national lockdown. This was probably a shock to all who heard it but we also had a sense that within a short period we had prepared well for what was an unknown future.

We agreed to do an online mid week fellowship on the Wednesday (25th March) from Nigel & Judy's house which we managed to achieve using Facebook Live. Again we had good numbers connecting in to the meeting.

During this week, we started to receive calls from people who were isolated in their homes and who needed the hot meals we were providing. (More about this in the community support section of this report)

On Sunday 28th March, we broadcast a service using Facebook Live from our home (Due to lockdown) This was to become the place for all Sunday services and mid week meetings for the remainder of the year (See below)

KEEPING CONNECTED

One of our main focuses during the pandemic has been to keep people connected as best we can.

We have broadcast an online service every Sunday and a mid week fellowship group on most Wednesdays (we took a couple of weeks off during summer) every week since the pandemic started.

We created a pastoral call team to ensure every person over 70 received a daily phone call and every member received a weekly call during the first lockdown. During second lockdown, every person over 70 receives 3 calls a week and occasion calls to all members. These calls have been a great help to many who are otherwise isolated.

By the end of March, we started to produce a weekly newsletter to our Church members. This was particularly aimed at the few who could not connect to our social media platforms.

We did numerous competitions for children (although many adults enjoyed them as well) to help them keep connected in to Church. (See photographs below)

We held online family fun nights on Friday evenings via Zoom

In September we started an Online 'Start the week with prayer' which has seen a regular core group of people connect together for 30 minutes of prayer at 9.30am on a Monday morning.

We introduced Streamyard, an online platform to enable us to more widely broadcast our services and make them easier to connect to. This included establishing a YouTube channel, building a brand new Facebook Page and doubling the membership of our old Facebook group.

KEEP CONNECTED

During a prolonged period of lockdown we have put a lot of time into keeping people connected.

Left: On Friday evenings since mid October we have done 'Friday Fun Nights' on Zoom, connecting families and friends for 30 minutes of fun.

Below left. We have produced 'Hope House News' and distributed it to those who cannot connect to us on social media.

Below: Loads of competitions and activities have been sent out to children to keep them entertained during lockdown.

Thank you to a small pastoral team who have made regular phone calls to all church members, helping to keep connected and safe. #keepconnected

Stories of Hope

This week at Hope House church.

Notes from Nigel's Sunday talk
Moses

Exodus chapters 5, 6 and 7 up to verse 13

Moses & Aaron go to Pharaoh
Exodus chapters 5, 6 and 7 up to verse 13

Learning lessons in the tough times

Exodus 7: 7 says Moses was 80 years old and Aaron his brother was 83. After all these years of preparation, Moses was about to enter his purpose and calling.

On the first occasion when Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh, their request for a festival in the desert was not well received. In fact, Pharaoh rejected The Lord as unknown to him, saw the Israelite slaves as lazy and increased their workload in making bricks so that they had to provide their own straw (it was previously provided to them) and yet had to still maintain the same output of bricks. This led to complaining from the Israelites who saw Moses as just making their situation worse. Moses was left feeling angry with God for what had happened.
Despite this pressure from Pharaoh, God's aims remained the same and he told Moses he would be like a God to Pharaoh. (7:1)
Moses and Aaron return to Pharaoh a second time and on this occasion, Aaron throws his stick on the floor and it becomes a snake. Despite this incredible miracle, Pharaohs advisors can perform a similar 'miracle', yet Aarons snake devours theirs, a warning to the Egyptians that The Lord is greater than all their gods.
The verses end with the heart of Pharaoh being hardened (7:13)
There are some powerful lessons from this story:

1. Moses & Aaron are obedient to God and the whole experience is teaching them to simply trust The Lord.
2. Pharaoh does not recognise the Lord. (5:2) He had many gods but to him the Lord was unknown. Within a short period of time, Pharaoh would quickly come to realise that this unknown God was THE GOD over all.
3. Instead of things getting better for Moses and the Israelites, they got harder, this is even though Moses is being obedient to The Lord.
4. When things were getting worse for Moses, God remained the same (6:1) The plans of God are unchanged by the attempts of the enemy.
5. The enemy could match the miracles performed with Aarons staff and Pharaohs heart was hardened. When things do not go the way we expect, we must learn to remain faithful to God and trust him that he will make a way and ultimately will have the victory.

Prayer request for: Brian asks- I need prayer for Yvonne sister and brother in law jack who is still in hospital and Yvonne's sister now at home recovering with carers thanks for all your prayers

Please pray for Isla (5) on new round of Chemo and a little chap called Issac who has heart problems and downs syndrome

Please pray also for Joshua (14) off school with awfully bad headaches

Monday 12th Oct - What a way to start the week. We arrive at Hope House this morning to find that over the weekend we have been gifted anonymously a brand-new fridge. Whoever you are thank you. God is good.

FACE TO FACE

Lockdown 1 (23 March to 1 June) meant that meeting for face to face worship was not possible. Once restricted opportunities to meet were allowed, our leadership team decided that we would only meet when it was considered safe to do so. We decided that as restrictions would make our meetings very different, we would keep Sunday online and hold a mid week face to face meeting on a Thursday which would primarily be aimed at those who could not attend on Sundays. Social distancing restricted our numbers to 20/22 and we averaged around 15 people each Thursday. Each service focused upon live worship (no singing by the congregation), word, communion (strict safety rules applied) and prayer.

Our first face to face meeting was held on 16th July to a full (22 people) hall.

We were encouraged that the people who had been unable to join our online services were back attending the meetings at Hope House. We also saw some new people attend our services during this period which was a great encouragement as well as a number of people who had been persistently joining us online during the lockdown.

On Thursday 29th October we celebrated the first birthday of Everly Bilson who many people had been praying for since before her birth and we were all delighted to hear of her excellent progress. Everly's mum brought cakes for everyone who attended (see photo below). Unfortunately, this proved to be our last face to face meeting as a sharp rise in COVID cases locally meant that a decision to suspend face to face meetings was taken to ensure everyone's safety.

No further face to face meetings have taken place at Hope House this year, despite the government allowing places of worship to hold limited meetings we feel the safety of everyone needs to have priority and as such we have continued with our online meetings for the remainder of the year.

At the year end, our meeting hall has increasingly been turned over to community work, providing food parcels to people in need and hot meals to people who are isolated in their homes due to COVID. We have also distributed large quantities of clothing and essential household items to people in need from the hall.

Left: To celebrate Everly Bilsons birthday, each member of the congregation had a birthday cake at what turned out to be our last face to face meeting on 29th October.

COMMUNITY MEALS

When the first lockdown started in March 2020, we decided to support Church members who were isolating in their homes as best we could. A few days later we were approached by our local Town Council who asked if we could assist them to support people who were isolating with 1 hot meal a day delivered to their door. This was a confirmation to us of a word we had recently received from the Lord and although we did not know at that stage how many people we would be supporting, we were sure our response should be YES.

The lockdown meant that many of our Open House Volunteers had to immediately self isolate. However, an appeal to the local community had an amazing response and a team of around 20 people came forward to assist with food preparation, cooking, and delivery. Between March and the end of the year we have supplied an incredible 5850 meals to people's doors, with 45 meals being the highest number delivered daily. On top of this, we have been supplied with a vast amount of food from the local Co-Operative store and Greggs bakers. This, combined with food provided to us by businesses that were closing for lockdown and donations from the public enabled us to provide 2500 food bags to people who were struggling financially. The food distribution is done using a text back service. People register to receive a daily text informing them of what is available and a text back reserves a bag of food for collection. We have around 40 people registered at any one time and we do 20-25 food parcels daily.

Photo –right top—Christmas dinners being prepared. Bottom right—Deb our Open House manager prepares to serve our1000th meal. Bottom left, Jan one of our volunteers cooking a batch of meals .

VOLUNTEERS

Our great team of volunteers

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

During lockdown, the prayer life of the Church has really stepped up a gear. Every Sunday and mid week meeting has a section for prayer and we have seen many answers. From April till July, we held a 24 hour prayer, where every 30 minutes was covered in prayer. From October we started an online 'Start the week with prayer' 30 minutes of prayer together to start the week.

We joined the national 2020 prayer initiative organised by HOPE. On the 20th of every month at 20.20 hrs, we joined in prayer for 20 minutes. We started meeting at Hope House but by March we had to move the meeting online due to the pandemic. We had good numbers joining us online for the prayer meetings, some months joining with the national meeting, others praying locally.

We joined Ground Level in three days of prayer and fasting for our county of Lincolnshire. Local prayer events were organised during the day (for one we did a prayer walk, for another we joined with the nearest Ground Level Church at Alford for a joint meeting and for others we met online during the day).

In the evening of each prayer day, a county wide Zoom prayer meeting was arranged online where the 17 Ground level Churches in the county met together and prayed for a couple of hours. These meetings were generally well attended with 80-100 people meeting to pray together for our county.

IN BRIEF

One of the main fund raising events for the Churches Together community activities is the Skegness to Mablethorpe sponsored walk. This year, due to the limitations imposed by COVID, one member from each Church was asked to walk. Earl Dunton from our leadership team who is also the Churches Together treasurer took up the challenge and raised £350 In the process. Well done Earl and all involved

On August bank holiday weekend Ground-Level Churches normally camp together for the ONE Event Christian celebration on the Lincolnshire Showground. This year, the event was held online as 'ONE Event where you are' with speakers sharing via social media. The production was excellent but we were all missing the experience of camping together as a Church and seeing old friends.

We had a number of opportunities to share about our community work to camera. The BBC filmed for Look North about one of our guys from Hope House Homes who was helping deliver meals to those isolated during COVID, we were featured on the ONE celebration for our community work and Nigel (left) was filmed by the massive HIS food distribution charity for our support for people over Christmas

We launched our 'Beyond these walls' project in mid May; the aim, to fit our main Hall at Hope House with the technical broadcasting equipment to enable us to stream high quality live feed from our services to anybody who wants to join in. We raised just over £2,000 to enable us to complete the first phase. We have decided that for the future a 'hybrid' service is the way forward (one that enables people to be present in the building but also is broadcast so people can view it remotely).

HOPE HOUSE HOMES

Hope House homes operate two supported living houses in the town, both accommodate 4 people.

Since lockdown started in March we have had to limit the amount our residents can interact with the wider community; we have also had to limit the number of volunteers and workers who enter the houses. This has presented challenges and has meant for our house manager Claire an increased workload. Despite these restrictions, our residents have coped very well. Three men have moved onto independent living and have been given much support in order to achieve this. One of our residents is pictured left, with just some of the household items he was gifted by the wider community in preparation for his moving on.

A few of our residents have remained active in helping us serve the community during the year. A couple of residents helped with meal deliveries, one even got filmed by the BBC (see articles elsewhere in this report. One resident also helped to build the giant nativity at the front of Hope House.

In the summer, the trustees agreed that we should employ an assistant to Claire and in September Ian joined Claire in running the houses. Ian has settled in well and is passionate about helping homeless guys.

Ian arranged a couple of social evenings for the guys using money given by a local councillor from his grant. In the photo on the right, Ian can be seen to the right of the group, taking three house residents bowling.

THIS IS THE BBC

A few weeks into the pandemic and we were contacted by the BBC who wanted to come and film some of the work we were doing to support people who were isolated due to COVID.

When the crew arrived for a morning of filming they took a particular liking to one of our Hope House Homes residents who was helping with delivering food to people.

The story line revolved around how he had lost his job as a long distance lorry driver, had become homeless but was now using his skills to drive and deliver meals to people who were isolated. The short film was aired on all three news slots on the day it was broadcast, each time it was slightly different and it also received many views and comments on the BBC's social media.

The best news of all is that shortly after the film was aired, the resident featured was able to move on to independent living.

Our community work was also filmed and featured in the ONE Event Christian celebration on August bank holiday weekend and we were also filmed by the HIS Church publicity department to be featured in some of their promotional work.

You can see the online version of the film by copying this link into your browser.

https://www.facebook.com/BBCLookNorth/videos/286643839370843

ABUNDANT PROVISION

This year we have been so blessed by the generous support of our community which has enabled us to help so many more people in need.

From food, carbon monoxide alarms, new clothing, to microwave ovens, we have been able to bless many people.

We have also received fridges, freezers, cookers and money to help us serve those who are isolated in our community due to COVID19. To everyone who has donated, thank you, we are very grateful.

Freely you have recieved , freely give. Matthew 10:8

AMAZING PROVISION

This year, like no other, we have been blown away by the support and provision that we have been entrusted to handle on behalf of our community during the pandemic.

We have seen many local companies, organisations and individuals giving to our community work, either financially, through material provision or even providing staff to assist with our community work.

We have published a list of those who have supported us elsewhere in this report.

We have been provided with money, to deliver the community work, food from restaurants and cafes to help with hot meals, clothing for those who are struggling, microwaves, monoxide detectors. Fridges for those on low incomes, sleeping bags and tents for the homeless, plus numerous other items to help those in need.

This has been an unprecedented community effort and a great privilege to be able to be a conduit to deliver this blessing to those who need it.

THANK YOU

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to the following organisations, businesses and individuals who have supported our community work during these unprecedented times

Alford Masons—Hamilton Lodge

Allsorts Timber

Big Local Coastal Community Challenge

Bishop of Lincoln's social justice fund

CO-Operative supermarket—Mablethorpe

Councillor Cullen—County Council grant

Councillor Howard—District Council grant

Greggs bakers

Haven—Golden Sands holiday park

Indian Flavour restaurant

Instance Automatics

Lincolnshire Community Foundation

Lord Bros Mablethorpe

Louth Potato Company

Mablethorpe Ice Cream CO.

Mablethorpe Primary Academy

Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council

McColls Newsagents

RIVO Outreach - Rotherham

Rotary Club of Alford & Mablethorpe

Safelincs—Alford

Scamans Eggs

Spoilt for Choice, Mablethorpe

Shirebake Potatoe Company

Stepping Stones cafe

The Beck

The Blitz cafe

Tongs of Spilsby

Tudor Trust

Plus numerous individual gifts of money, items or time

GLOWWORMS

Our online sessions have been popular, extending our usual reach from local to national. We have a devoted following of families, and some that dip in and out. The sessions can be watched on repeat and some of the children love to do this. Free crafts (presently paid for by Glow-worms funds) are sent out to those who want them to continue the weeks theme at home, and families send in photos of the children joining in, or their crafts. We have posted on our Facebook page things to keep busy for toddlers during lockdown. A lot of older brothers and sisters have also joined in with the online sessions.

Glow-worms ran on Friday mornings at Hope House up until March of 2020. We had taken a survey in January from those who visited regularly and had chosen to put on a sit down snack time and more trips out.

The sit down snack time was very popular giving the children chance to try new snack ideas. It made the room strangely quiet for a few minutes!

We ran a trip to 'Petite Street' in Holbeach where you can be a builder, Dr, vet, café owner and join the police all toddler and baby style.

Sadly this was our last trip out. (We usually have several over the year.) We had to cease meeting at Hope House in March due coronavirus. Some groups started using zoom, but Glow-worms opted for Facebook options so families can watch live or catch up later.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF

We were saddened to hear of the death of Carol Palmer. Carol, along with her husband John was baptised at Hope House on Easter Sunday 2016.

Although John and Carol both moved away from the area shortly afterwards, they remained in contact with a number of Church members.

Carol died following a long period of battling with cancer and will be missed by all at Hope House.

Alan, who came to live at Hope House Homes right at the start of lockdown, quickly got involved volunteering at Hope House helping deliver meals and preparing the food bags for people in need. Alan also collects food from the local supermarket late at night ready for people to collect the next day.

Alan reached retirement age during the year (although we wont let him retire from volunteering) so Kelly one of our Open House volunteers baked him a cake. Thank you Alan for all you do.

Despite the chaos caused by the pandemic to 'normal' Church life, we tried to maintain some normality with Easter, Christmas and Harvest celebrations held online.

The photo shows the collection of long life food which our members brought in for harvest and which we distributed to the two local food larders to help people in need; a tradition which we were able to continue despite the restrictions imposed by COVID.

We held two free rummages. People bring in good, clean but unwanted clothing and we distribute it free of charge to anyone who needs it. Despite the need for some rigid guidelines to ensure COVID compliance, our last rummage in November saw 32 bags of good quality clothing and other items given away to people in need. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing for our rummages.

THE GIANT NATIVITY

The real Christmas story provides great hope for the world. What better time to share that story than when everyone is in lockdown and feeling a bit glum. An initial idea from Claire Suddaby of a 'Giant Illuminated Nativity' went from concept to 32ft x16ft reality in just a few weeks. Lockdown meant the design had to be painted and prepared in Claire & Pete's back garden. The site assembly was carried out by a small team at the beginning of December ready for 'The Big Switch on viewed by 1200 people online on 5th December

We held an online competition alongside the nativity which was well supported and the nativity was illuminated every evening till New Year.

On the following page see the photos of the completed Nativity scene.

THE GIANT NATIVITY (CONT)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The carols by candlelight concert has become something of a Hope House Christmas tradition. This year due to COVID19 we filmed the concert in October and broadcast it via our Facebook and YouTube social media platforms on 20th December.

Using the hashtag #realchristmasstory, our service has been viewed more than 850 times online. 11 Church members were involved in a variety of ways.

Thanks to Joe Coburn for the filming, editing and broadcasting of what was a first class production and showed the Churches gifting at its very best.

Leadership & Governance:

Hope House Church—Mablethorpe is a registered charity No 1176585

Leadership team:

Our leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. They oversee the teaching and preaching programme and approve appointments within the church. They also provide help and oversight to our various group leaders. Our leadership team meet every two weeks throughout the year.

At the year end our leadership team were:

Nigel & Judy Collins

David Smith

Earl Dunton

Claire Suddaby

Trustees:

Our trustees help us meet our legal obligations as a charity. They are responsible for all financial and legal matters of the Church. Our trustees meet once a month.

At the end of the year our trustees were:

Lorna Mountain (Chair of trustees)

David Smith (Leadership representative & Treasurer)

Carol Wilson

Joseph Coburn.

Public benefit:

As a Church with a community focus, our public benefit can be clearly seen. We provided:

Morning service every week. Since March 2020, due to COVID19, this has been an Online service with occasional services at Hope House

Open House 4 days a week to anyone who needs help, support, friendship or a meal (and provided free of charge to anybody who cannot afford to make a contribution). Since the restrictions imposed by COVID19, our Open House team have focused upon supporting those who are isolated in their homes with meals and also providing food bags to those facing financial hardship.

For children and youth we provide:

Glow-worms mums and toddlers provides support and help to local carers and families. This has also been online since the pandemic started.

We manage and operate a Community bus that provides support to a number of local community groups. Since the pandemic this has been used to provide meals to people isolated due to COVID.

We administer a homeless fund that provides help and support to local homeless people. We operate 2 houses providing supported living for up to 8 homeless men

We provide a church building that is used by a number of community groups / service providers. Since the pandemic it has been used as a support hub for COVID19.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

SC Bookkeeping Services

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J Coburn Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mr D Smith Mrs D Sutcliffe appointed 18.03.2021
Charity number	1176585
Registered address	74 Wellington Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 1HT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Mablethorpe Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
Independent Examiner	Mrs Sara M Cooper Associate of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers SC Bookkeeping Services Howard House Old Trusthorpe Road Sutton on Sea Lincolnshire LN12 2LL
Solicitors'	Robinsons 10-11 St. James Court Larges Street Friargate Derby DE1 1BT

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have compiled the financial accounts of Hope House Church Mablethorpe from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work, or this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers and have compiled with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institue.

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
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Sutton on Sea
Lincolnshire
LN12 2LL

Date: 20.10.2021

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE HOUSE CHURCH MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on page 5 to 13.

Respective responsabilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

    * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
    * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
    * to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper - Associate of The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthorpe Road
Sutton on Sea
Lincolnshire
LN12 2LL

Date: 20.10.2021

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

TRUSTEES' APPROVAL

The financial statement on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on 21st October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Smith

Date: 21.10.2021

L Mountain

Date: 21.10.2021

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		Church & café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
RECEIPTS		£		£	£	£	£
Tithes & Offerings		30,512				30,512	27,874
Gift Aid Tax Refund		7,290			35	7,325	3,235
Donations	Note 1	2,888	6,135	480	1,826	11,329	5,182
Grants Received	Note 2		5,750	259	10,745	16,754	13,640
Rent - Furnichurch		6,360				6,360	6,300
Hall & Accommodation		390				390	4,130
Open House - income	Note 3	1,611	1,892			3,503	5,591
Churches Together Projects	Note 4					0	88
Children & Youth Projects	Note 5				107	107	1,245
Homeless & Hardship				45,292		45,292	46,236
Other Outreach Projects	Note 6	39		727		766	4,696
Miscellaneous Income	Note 7				39	39	24
Bank interest		46				46	0
Total Receipts		**49,136**	**13,777**	**46,758**	**12,752**	**122,423**	**118,240**
PAYMENTS							
Church Tithe & Ministry Gifts	Note 8	4,810				4,810	5,971
Salaries		24,590		11,587	9,986	46,163	44,114
Study/Craft Materials		66				66	85
Open House Costs	Note 9	913	10,320			11,233	3,303
Churches Together Events	Note 10					0	115
Children & Youth Activities	Note 11				609	609	1,585
Homeless & Hardship				25,199	1,972	27,171	32,017
Other Events	Note 12	744				744	1,143
Premises Costs	Note 13	4,127	1,215		2,064	7,406	16,916
Equipment		394				394	40
Minibus Costs				1,959		1,959	2,501
Phone, Internet, Stationery		990				990	1,048
General Admin. Costs	Note 14	463				463	1,332
Professional Fees/ Memberships		1,720				1,720	2,420
Mortgage Interest		2,423				2,423	2,996
Total Expenses		**41,240**	**11,535**	**38,745**	**14,631**	**106,151**	**115,587**
Purchase Fixed Assets		3,388				3,388	758
Repay Loan & Mortgage		3,986				3,986	3,413
Total Payments		**48,614**	**11,535**	**38,745**	**14,631**	**113,525**	**119,758**
Inter-Fund Transfers						0	0
Net Inflow of Cash in Year		**522**	**2,242**	**8,013**	**-1,879**	**8,898**	**-1,517**
Inter-Fund transfers	Note 15	4,300		-4,800	500		3,620
Bank & Deposit a/c 01 January 2020		13,481	0	13,146	22,091	48,718	46,615
Bank & Deposit a/c 31 December 2020		**18,303**	**2,242**	**16,359**	**20,712**	**57,616**	**48,718**

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Church & Café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
ASSETS	£		£	£	£	£
Buildings	240,862				240,862	240,862
Equipment	9,044		156	344	9,544	8,614
Motor Vehicle				39,733	39,733	47,183
	249,906		156	40,077	290,139	296,659
Deposit account	10,475				10,475	10,454
Current accounts	7,828	2,242	16,358	20,714	47,142	37,335
Cash in hand					0	931
Bank Balances & Cash	18,303	2,242	16,358	20,714	57,617	48,720
TOTAL ASSETS	**268,209**	**2,242**	**16,514**	**60,791**	**347,756**	**345,379**
LIABILITIES						
Mortgage	84,777				84,777	88,763
Grant DfT				39,733	39,733	47,183
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**84,777**		**0**	**39,733**	**124,510**	**135,946**
NET ASSETS	**183,432**	**2,242**	**16,514**	**21,058**	**223,246**	**209,433**
CHANGE IN RESERVES						
Reserves Bfwd	173,555		13,354	22,521	209,430	205,620
Transfer from MCF					0	3,867
Transfers	4,300		-4,800	500	0	
Cash Inflow	522	2,242	8,012	-1,877	8,899	-1,517
Fixed Assets Purchased	3,388				3,388	758
Depreciation	-2,319		-52	-86	-2,457	-2,688
Asset Disposal					0	0
Mortgage payment	3,986				3,986	3,413
Prior year adjustment					0	-20
	183,432	**2,242**	**16,514**	**21,058**	**223,246**	**209,433**

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MOVEMENT OF EACH RESTRICTED FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		Balance bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Inter Fund Transfers	Balance cfwd
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£	£
Coastal Comm Challenge		4,875		4,875		0
Bishop's Social Justice Fund		3,000		3,000		0
Evans Cornish		1,500				1,500
Tudor Trust			10,000	3,333		6,667
Pastoral Funds		85				85
Homeless/ Hardship Fund	Note 16	3,996	2,645	1,972	500	5,169
Carpet Fund		206				206
Boiler replacemnt		841		841		0
New Building		1,000				1,000
		15,503	12,645	14,021	500	14,627
Children & Youth Groups						
Glow-worms		5,705	107	609		5,203
Youth Group (Bridge)		882				882
		6,587	107	609	0	6,085
Total Restricted Funds		**22,090**	**12,752**	**14,630**	**500**	**20,712**

	Fixed Assets	Bank & Cash	Total Assets	Liabilities	NET ASSETS
ASSETS & LIABILITIES BY FUND					
	£	£	£	£	£
Coastal Comm Challenge					
Bishop's Social Justice Fund					
Evans Cornish		1,500	1,500		1,500
Tudor Trust		6,667	6,667		6,667
Pastoral Funds		85	85		85
					0
Homeless/ Hardship Fund		5,170	5,170		5,170
Carpet Fund		206	206		206
New Building		1,000	1,000		1,000
	0	14,628	14,628	0	14,628
Children & Youth Groups					
Glow-worms	200	5,204	5,404		5,404
Youth Group	144	882	1,026		1,026
	344	6,086	6,430		6,430
Total Restricted Funds	**344**	**20,714**	**21,058**	**0**	**21,058**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

			2020	2019
Note 1	**Donations Received**		£	£
	Anonymous		538	350
	Homeless Fund		480	914
	Hardship Fund		200	
	Covid-19		6,135	
	Replacement of Boiler			2,360
	Supported Housing project		1,626	
	New Building Fund			1,000
	Open House			450
	Beyond the Walls	(Internet broadcasting)	2,170	
	Other		180	108
			11,329	5,182
Note 2	**Grants Received**			
	Lincs Community Challenge			8,500
	Bishop of Lincoln Social Justice			3,000
	Evans Cornish			1,500
	Tudor Trust		10,000	
	Local Government - Covid-19		5,750	
	Small Grants - Homeless Fund		745	640
	Other		259	
			16,754	13,640
	Outreach Projects Income			
Note 3	**Open House**		1,611	5,591
	Covid-19	(Meals for housebound)	1,892	
			3,503	5,591
Note 4	**Churches Together**			
	Quiz Night			72
	Other			16
			0	88
Note 5	**Children & Youth Projects:**			
	Admissions / Refreshments:	Glow-worms	72	409
		Youth		
			72	409
	Events & Trips			
	Glow-worms:	Trips	35	531
		Sponsored Toddle		305
	Youth Group:	Trips		
			35	836
			107	1,245

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Note 6	**Other Outreach Projects:**		
	Friday Night Take-away		349
	Church Lunches	39	274
	Minibus	727	4,073
		766	4,696
Note 7	**Misc Income**		
	Recycling	39	24
Note 8	**Tithes & Ministry Gifts**		
	Ground Level	1,350	1,462
	R&M Young - Wycliffe Translators	960	1,040
	Kidz 2911 - Zimbabwe	1,320	1,430
	Churches Together All Lincolnshire	100	100
	Worship leaders	880	
	Guest Speakers etc	100	1,100
	Local need		540
	Men's Shed		250
	UBM		49
	Furnichurch	100	
		4,810	5,971
	Transfer to Hardship Fund	500	
		5,310	
	Outreach Projects - Expenditure		
Note 9	**Open House**	913	3,303
	Covid-19 Meals & Delivery	10,320	
		11,233	3,303
Note 10	**Churches Together Projects:**		
	Transfer to Churches Together		115
		0	115

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

			2020	2019
			£	£
Note 11	**Children & Youth work:**			
	Food and craft materials		560	70
	Glow-worm trip		49	536
	Christmas/ Easter events			90
	Leaving gifis			463
	Barnados Big Toddle			305
	Minibus			121
			609	1,585
Note 12	**Other Events**			
	Church Sunday Lunches			264
	Friday Night Take-away			499
	Christmas events		715	67
	Mental Health Group			100
	Other events		29	213
			744	1,143
Note 13	**Premises Costs**			
	Insurance		2,222	1,975
	Water/Electricity/Gas		1,723	2,654
	Building Repairs		972	479
	Housekeeping		425	1,159
	Building developments	***	2,064	10,649
			7,406	16,916
***	**Building Developments - analysis**			
	2 Boilers installed			6,720
	Replacement windows			1,973
	Fire Alarm improvements			680
	Radiators replaced		2,064	1,276
			2,064	10,649

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

			2020 £	2019 £
Note 14	**General Admin costs**			
	Retirement/Leavers Gifts			385
	Bank charges		88	
	Internet streaming software		188	
	Leadership training			458
	Pastoral support			186
	Banners/Literature		151	203
	Other		36	100
			463	1,332
Note 15				
	Inter-Fund Transfers			
	From:	General Fund	-500	
	To:	Hardship Fund	500	
	From	Supported Housing	-4,800	-4,800
		General Fund (rent)	4,800	4,800
			0	0
Note 16				
	Homeless & Hardship Funds (restricted)			
	Transfer from Church Funds		500	
	Donations		1,861	1,267
	Grants		745	400
	Other		39	6
	Income		3,145	1,673
	Accommodation		1,237	1,464
	Bus/train fares		139	171
	Clothing/heating/food		141	344
	Other		455	400
	Expenditure		1,972	2,379
	Balance at 1st Jan		3,996	4,702
	Balance at 31st Dec		**5,169**	**3,996**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Covid 19

During the year much of the work of Hope House and the associated Open House ministry was severly disrupted by the onset of the pandemic.
The café was closed and the kitchen was deployed to feed housebound people.
The community bus was used to deliver meals to people's homes.

Hope House is immensely grateful for the support provided by Local Government and individuals to fund this outreach work.

Statement of Receipts and Payments in respect of this project in 2020

	2020 £
Income	
Donations	6,135
Local Govt grants	5,750
Donations re meals & food	1,892
	13,777
Expenses	
Food	8,645
Waste disposal	366
Fuel - delivery	916
Other	393
Water,Gas, Electricity	1,215
	11,535
Funds Carried forward to 2021	2,242

In addition to the above Open House received end-of-day food from Greggs and Co-Op. These too were distributed to persons in need.

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Bus	2020 £	2019 £
Scheme Joining fees	150	750
Trip Income	577	3,762
	727	4,512
Operating Costs		
Tax & Insurance	795	635
MOT & Inspections	328	493
Servicing & repairs	704	472
Fuel	132	767
	1,959	2,367
Surplus/Deficit	-1,232	2,145
Fund Balance cfwd	3,959	5,191
Supported Housing Project		
Specific Donations	824	240
Rent from Residents	14,554	15,962
Housing Benefit received	30,653	25,474
Grant Funding		5,540
	46,031	47,216
Housekeeper salary	11,587	9,613
Rent to Landlord	14,400	16,274
Food etc	6,113	5,802
Equipment	1,736	715
Household expenses	6,666	6,267
Other	1,084	240
	41,586	38,911
Surplus in period	4,445	8,305
Fund Balance cfwd	12,400	7,955
Community Projects Funds cfwd	**16,359**	**13,146**