

Hope House Church Mablethorpe

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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.

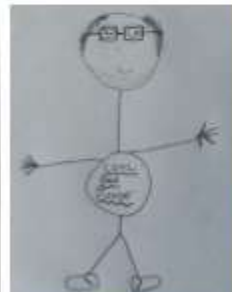
We created a pastoral call team to ensure every person over 70 received a daily phone call and every member received a weekly call during the first lockdown. During second lockdown, every person over 70 receives 3 calls a week and occasion calls to all members. These calls have been a great help to many 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 aim remained the same and he told Moses he would be like a God to Pharaoh. (7:13) 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, Pharaoh's advisors can perform a similar 'miracle', yet Aaron's 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 Aaron's staff and Pharaoh's 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: (5) on new round of Chemo and a little chap called Isaac who has heart problems and downs syndrome

Please pray also for Joshua (14) off school with awful head aches

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. 🙏



Happy birthday to:
Mick Collins
Dave Wilson
Helen Shepherd





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.

Mid week Church Service

Every Thursday - 2.00pm @ Hope House

Starts on 16th July 2020

Face to Face

Reflective worship - Prayer - Word - Communion - Fellowship

We would love to see you

Due to social distancing requirements, places are limited.

#bettertogether

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 Bilson's 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 our 1000th meal. Bottom left, Jan one of our volunteers cooking a batch of meals.





VOLUNTEERS



Our great team of volunteers





PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Start the week with prayer

Mondays @ 9.30am

via the HHC Facebook page or YouTube channel

Come and join us.

In the morning, O Lord you hear my voice.
In the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait in expectation. Psalm 5 v 3.
#prayerchangesthings



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.

GROUND LEVEL EAST COAST CONNECTION
DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

**EVENING *of*
PRAYER**

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE AT 7:30PM

ZOOM INVITE TO BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR PASTOR

ALSO, EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE DAY VIA YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

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 received, 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



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.



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.





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 won't 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 x 16ft 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

 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	
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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 Institute.

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
Old Trusthorpe Road
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 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
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

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Church & Café	Covid	Community Projects	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£		£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>						
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
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
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
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	183,432	2,242	16,514	21,058	223,246	209,433
<u>CHANGE IN RESERVES</u>						
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	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
<u>Children & Youth Groups</u>					
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
ASSETS & LIABILITIES BY FUND					
	Fixed Assets	Bank & Cash	Total Assets	Liabilities	NET ASSETS
	£	£	£	£	£
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
<u>Children & Youth Groups</u>					
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
		<u>11,329</u>	<u>5,182</u>
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	
		<u>16,754</u>	<u>13,640</u>
	<u>Outreach Projects Income</u>		
Note 3	Open House	1,611	5,591
	Covid-19 (Meals for housebound)	1,892	
		<u>3,503</u>	<u>5,591</u>
Note 4	Churches Together		
	Quiz Night		72
	Other		16
		<u>0</u>	<u>88</u>
Note 5	Children & Youth Projects:		
	<u>Admissions / Refreshments:</u>		
	Glow-worms	72	409
	Youth	<u>72</u>	<u>409</u>
	<u>Events & Trips</u>		
	Glow-worms: Trips	35	531
	Sponsored Toddler		305
	Youth Group: Trips	<u>35</u>	<u>836</u>
		<u>107</u>	<u>1,245</u>

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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
	<u>766</u>	<u>4,696</u>
Note 7		
Misc Income		
Recycling	<u>39</u>	<u>24</u>
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	
	<u>4,810</u>	<u>5,971</u>
Transfer to Hardship Fund	<u>500</u>	
	<u>5,310</u>	
	<u>Outreach Projects - Expenditure</u>	
Note 9		
Open House	913	3,303
Covid-19 Meals & Delivery	10,320	
	<u>11,233</u>	<u>3,303</u>
Note 10		
Churches Together Projects:		
Transfer to Churches Together		115
	<u>0</u>	<u>115</u>

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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
	<u>609</u>	<u>1,585</u>
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
	<u>744</u>	<u>1,143</u>
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
	<u>7,406</u>	<u>16,916</u>
*** Building Developments - analysis		
2 Boilers installed		6,720
Replacement windows		1,973
Fire Alarm improvements		680
Radiators replaced	2,064	1,276
	<u>2,064</u>	<u>10,649</u>

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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
	<u>463</u>	<u>1,332</u>
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
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Note 16 Homeless & Hardship Funds (restricted)		
Transfer from Church Funds	500	
Donations	1,861	1,267
Grants	745	400
Other	39	6
Income	<u>3,145</u>	<u>1,673</u>
Accommodation	1,237	1,464
Bus/train fares	139	171
Clothing/heating/food	141	344
Other	455	400
Expenditure	<u>1,972</u>	<u>2,379</u>
Balance at 1st Jan	3,996	4,702
Balance at 31st Dec	5,169	3,996

HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE
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 severely 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
	<u>13,777</u>
Expenses	
Food	8,645
Waste disposal	366
Fuel - delivery	916
Other	393
Water,Gas, Electricity	1,215
	<u>11,535</u>
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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Community Bus		
Scheme Joining fees	150	750
Trip Income	577	3,762
	<u>727</u>	<u>4,512</u>
Operating Costs		
Tax & Insurance	795	635
MOT & Inspections	328	493
Servicing & repairs	704	472
Fuel	132	767
	<u>1,959</u>	<u>2,367</u>
Surplus/Deficit	-1,232	2,145
Fund Balance cfwd	<u>3,959</u>	<u>5,191</u>
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	5,540
	<u>46,031</u>	<u>47,216</u>
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
	<u>41,586</u>	<u>38,911</u>
Surplus in period	4,445	8,305
Fund Balance cfwd	<u>12,400</u>	<u>7,955</u>
Community Projects Funds cfwd	<u>16,359</u>	<u>13,146</u>