

# **Hope House Church Mablethorpe Trustees annual report 2023**

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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.

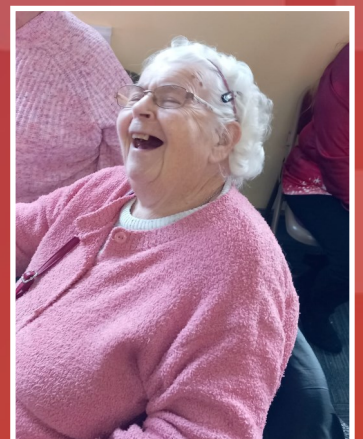
2023 has seemed a far more settled, normal year after the extraordinary interruptions of the pandemic. We have been able to return to full face to face meetings and even our Church networks national celebration was able to take place for the first time since 2019.

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.



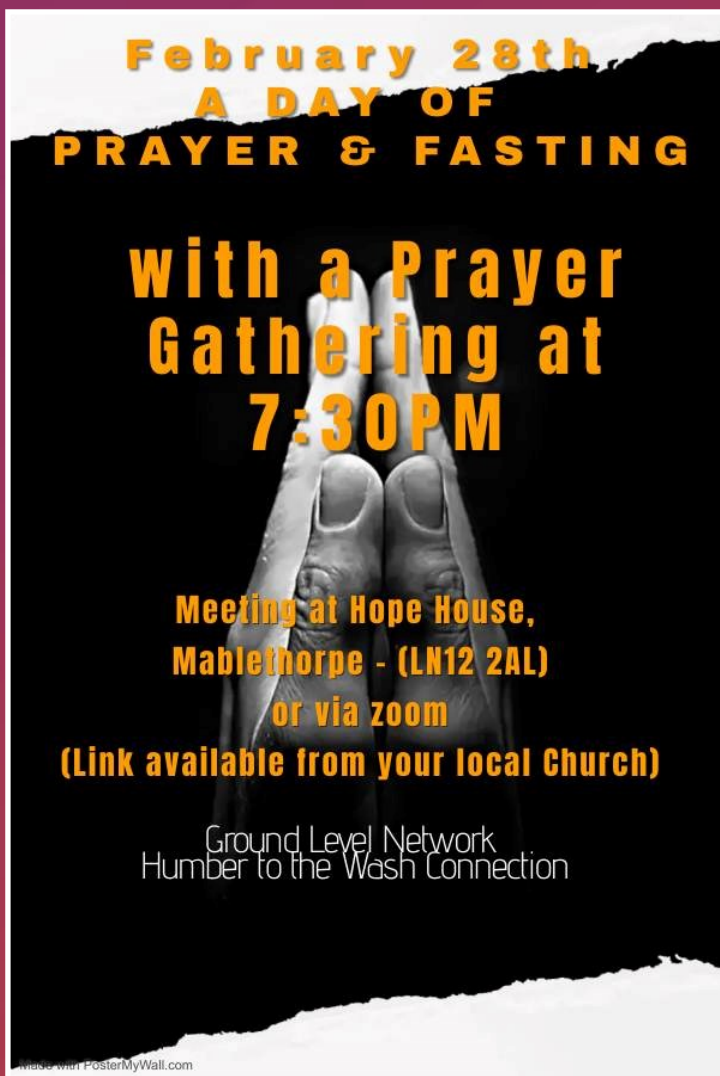


Our Sunday services follow a biblical teaching theme.

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 minutes 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 circumstances.

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 to one support and homeless support; all of this to be provided through a team of volunteers.


We knew this would 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 celebrating her retirement with Open House clients. Middle & bottom: 70+ Christmas hampers ready to go out to people we are supporting through Open House.





# Chosen:



HOPE  
HOUSE CHURCH

# Chosen

Meeting for ladies-Chat, worship, prayer, laughter, growth..

**Tuesdays**  
1.30pm-2.30pm  
At Hope House Church  
Mablethorpe

New Group  
Starting  
9th May  
2023

**All ladies are welcome!**

Our Chosen ladies group started on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.





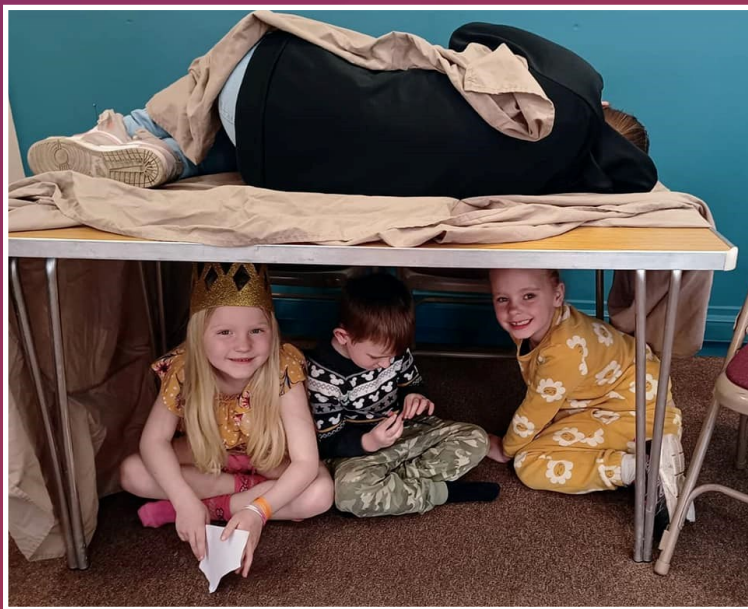
# Childrens work:



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, aunts 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 Summer. 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 communities in Australia. Quite an incredible testimony for a lady in here 80's who had been told as a child that her disabilities 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 de-humidifiers 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 families 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 calendar 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 building (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.

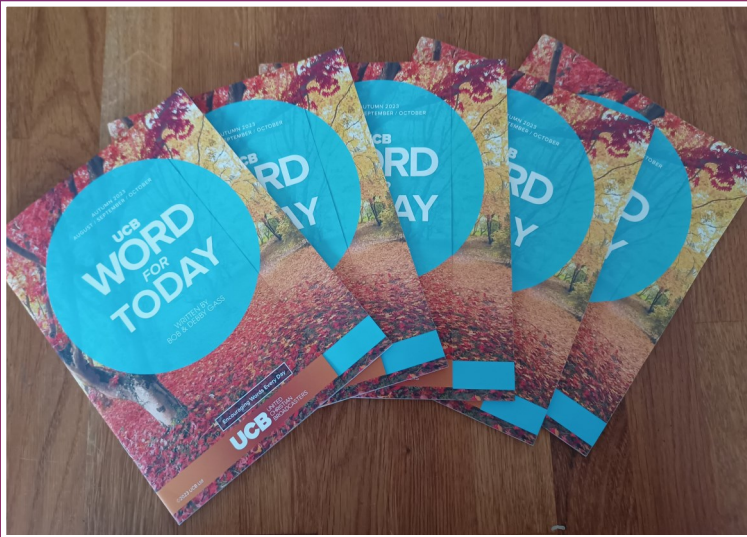
As in previous years, we also held an all age Christmas Day service.

Photos: Top left & bottom right: Illuminated nativity. 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 husband 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.



## PASTOR PAUL LOH

HOSTED ON BEHALF OF GROUND LEVEL'S EAST COAST CONNECTION.

**SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 6PM**  
**AT THE STOREHOUSE**

HOSTED BY  
**THE STOREHOUSE**  
NORTH PARADE, SKEGNESS, PE53 1BY

We once again had a visit from Pastor Paul Loh from 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 convention 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 monthly 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 mental 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 facilities for those who are street homeless.



**HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

 Bookkeeping Services



**HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE**

**YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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## HOPE HOUSE CHURCH - MABLETHORPE

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	Mr J Coburn resigned 31.08.23 Mrs L. Mountain (chair) Mr D Smith Mrs C Suddaby appointed 21.09.23 Mrs D Sutcliffe	
<b>Charity number</b>	1176585	
<b>Registered address</b>	Hope House 97 Victoria Road Mablethorpe Lincolnshire LN12 2AL	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc Mablethorpe	Kingdom Bank Ltd Ruddington, Nottingham
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	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	
<b>Solicitors</b>	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 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**  
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**Lincolnshire**  
**LN12 2LL**

**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:

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D J Sutcliffe

16.10.2024

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L Mountain

16.10.2024



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

	<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
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
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>147,527.73</b>	<b>94,335.01</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
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
	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>115,593.92</b>	<b>99,653.97</b>
	<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>31,933.81</b>	<b>-5,318.96</b>

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

	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
1	Buildings	240,862.31	240,862.31
2	Minibus	17,448.90	24,920.87
3	Equipment	7,596.99	6,804.25
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>265,908.20</b>	<b>272,587.43</b>
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
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>347,015.65</b>	<b>327,074.22</b>
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Kingdom Mortgage	54,616.82	77,045.78
	DfT Grant	17,383.00	24,833.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>71,999.82</b>	<b>101,878.78</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>275,015.83</b>	<b>225,195.44</b>



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

		<b>Balance bfwd</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance end 2023</b>
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
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>6785.48</b>	<b>8930.54</b>	<b>5064.44</b>	<b>10651.58</b>

## Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

1	<b>Tithes and Offerings                      £52,931.31</b> This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- £34,998.48 in regulars tithes and weekly offerings</li> <li>- a £15,000 donation from L&amp;R Rolstone for the church to use as required</li> <li>- a £1,000 donation for Christmas foods and hampers distributed to people in need who access food distribution throughout the year</li> <li>- plus various small donations</li> </ul>
2	<b>Specific Donations        £29,548.42</b> This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- £1,514.54 from D Summers towards the Homeless Fund and Supported Housing fund</li> <li>- £5,000 donation in memory of Sylvia, to be used for the Supported Housing Manager salary, the donor is known to us but has asked to remain anonymous</li> <li>- £1,000 from Stewardship Organisation for distribution of foods during the summer holidays</li> <li>- Plus various small donations</li> </ul>
3	<b>Grants Received     £5,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This was the final payment, £5,000, of the grant from the Tudor Trust for the salary of the Open House Manager.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Rent Received          £42,740.87</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From Furnichurch for premises                      £6,387</li> <li>- Supported Housing - tenants rents                £17,446.62</li> <li style="padding-left: 100px;">- Housing Benefit                £18,457.25</li> </ul>
5	<b>Church Tithe &amp; Ministry Gifts    £6,077.35</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From the Tithe Fund    £4,540 <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> B Ng, missionary for                      £600  Manchester house of prayer  Ground Level                                      £1,350  Kidz2911    £440  R Young, missionary for                      £1,000  Wycliffe UK  Wycliffe UK    £1,150 </div> </li> <li>- From fund-raising event for Wycliffe                £205</li> <li>- From Church funds for visiting preachers        £1,332.35</li> </ul>



6	<b>Supported Housing                £23,061.49</b> - Rent to Landlord                                      £9,600 - Residents food & Housekeeping                  £5,516.87 - Utilities     £5,383.17 - Maintenance and Equipment                      £2,561.45
7	<b>Premises Costs                    £9,445.80</b> This is the total cost of running the premises, including: - Insurance    £2,303.46 - Utilities     £4,037.51 - Repair/Maintenance                                £2,320.17 -
8	<b>Homeless and Hardship Funds    £3,443.91</b> - 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	<b>Open House, Outreach and Events    £4,579.62</b> 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	<b>Capital Assets purchased           (£2,493.30)</b> 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	<b>Grant Expenditure                    £929.93</b> The ELDC grant was used to purchase cookers, a fridge and soft furnishings for 2 men to moved on from our supported accommodation.
12	<b>Hardship Fund</b> Receipts of £540 includes a transfer from general church funds of £500.