

HOPE CHURCH SHAW

England & Wales · Charity number 1179929

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-09-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AND THE CHURCH RULES, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN SHAW , OLDHAM AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; ANDB. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire
- Oldham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£59,945	£41,473	-	-
2024-04-30	£40,907	£25,643	-	-
2023-04-30	£40,907	£33,826	-	-
2022-04-30	£33,564	£34,726	-	-
2021-04-30	£34,019	£29,095	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian McDaid		2023-06-25
DAVID COLLINS		2023-10-15
Emmanuel Oyowe		2022-04-24
Graham Cook		2024-05-26
John Warner		2023-06-18
Nahum Evans		2022-04-24

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Trustees Annual Report

Year ending 30th April 2025

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This report seeks to summarise the progress that has been made during the year to meet the objectives of the CIO. This report is split into a number of different areas to cover the activities that were undertaken during the year.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

1. Church Membership

This year we saw a relatively stable number of people in membership, and it remains around 30. However, we are thankful that our Sunday services continue to grow, and we have a number who attend regularly but have not yet been brought into membership.

2. Church Ministries

There are a number of church ministries that are in place and operate on a regular basis. Each of them is listed below with a summary of activities that have taken place during the year.

a. Sunday Services

The Sunday Services provide the main focus of the Church, and generally we achieve somewhere between 50-60 people. Throughout the year we have seen a number of people come to the church for Sunday Worship – not all have remained regular, but some have, and we continue to encourage them and make them welcome. We have seen an increasing number of people of different ethnicities coming to join us, and this is especially encouraging. In our sermons we continued with our theme of looking to the return of Christ and explored further what sort of people we should be as we look for this life changing event. In January we were directed by the Holy Spirit to open up the book of Revelation and to look in detail at what this prophetic book tells us about the culmination of the end times.

We understand the necessity of the Holy Spirit to be at work amongst us to change us so that we demonstrate the love of God to one another and to the people who live in the community of Shaw.

Prayer

We have continued to press our congregation into understanding the vital need for prayer. We know that God is more than capable of building His church on His own, but He gloriously seeks partnership with His people in prayer. In that sense none of the ministry we seek to deliver will make any head way unless and until we pray. We continued with our Monday morning prayer meeting, and we achieved between 6 and 10 people each time. These have been some very blessed times, and we have heard God speak to us during these times. We also include a time of prayer during our midweek Life Group meetings and before our Sunday morning worship services.

b. Sunday School

Sunday school attendance has now grown with new children attending, growing to an average of 10-12 attending each week. Positive relationships are building among the children. Following earlier requests, we have received help from one additional teacher and others who are willing to help in the class. The Sunday school is key to instructing our young children and remains supported by only a few faithful volunteers. We will continue to seek additional members to help with this work. We need those whom God has gifted to work with children to help with this work.

c. Mid-week meetings

Our 2 Life Group meetings have continued to function throughout the year and provide the opportunity for those attending to discuss together and to delve further into the sermon that was delivered on the preceding Sunday. The groups do help to establish a closer relationship with those attending, but we have not seen the numbers attending increasing. We regularly encourage everyone on a Sunday morning to join one of these groups, and we would be delighted to see a third group being needed.

Youth Group

The youth group continues to be quite small in number but has continued to meet a need. We continue to look for more leaders and helpers to engage in this vital ministry. It continues to meet only fortnightly during the sermon as part of our Sunday service but then monthly on a Friday evening which is more focused on social activities and for the young people to get to know one another as friends.

d. Street Evangelism

This ministry is responsible for organising, strategizing, and executing planned activities for the Street Evangelism and other activities in line with Jesus's great commission to the church (Matthew 28:18-20) and the church's vision. This activity plays an important role in connecting with the larger community of Shaw, seeking to meet deeply felt needs in the community and act as a channel of feedback to the local church about the community of Shaw.

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e. Coffee 3:16

Last year, we began the process of developing the refreshment area of the church building into a coffee shop and in October we were able to fully open this new ministry. Its purpose is to provide a safe and welcoming place for the people of Shaw to come in and find a warm welcome, great coffee and light lunches, and homemade cakes. We have been able, through the efforts of a good number of committed volunteers, to open 3 days a week. It has been a delight to see people from Shaw come into 3:16 and to sense that there is something different about this place. In the feedback we have received, it has been evident that not only do they enjoy the fayre we offer but more especially the welcome they receive all the volunteers and a real sense of peace that pervades the building. This is the fragrance of Jesus.

As we have extended our menu offer from just cakes, we realised that this ministry required an overseeing manager to give direction and oversight to this work. As Trustees we agreed that this manager role should be paid and we sought to advertise it within the fellowship. We prepared a job description and carried out an interview process to find a manager who God had called. In March we appointed Hannah Evans as the Coffee 3:16 manager. This role has already made a difference to the delivery of this ministry and has allowed the Elders who were initially overseeing it to step back. We look forward to the continued success of this ministry, and we have already established a substantial number of regulars. Whilst all the necessary training and environmental health registrations have been successfully made, we are still awaiting our Environmental Health inspection by the Local Authority.

f. Community Connections

After a number of years of hosting the Age UK Luncheon Club on a Friday lunchtime, Age UK were unable to continue to operate this club due to lack of funding. We encouraged all those who regularly attended this luncheon club to come and join us in Coffee 3:16 but as yet we have had no takers.

We have now been connected with the Shaw and Crompton Events Committee for some years. This is a volunteer organisation that seeks to put on community events based in Shaw. We were invited again to take part in the events for the Christmas light switch on. We planned to sing carols for them as part of this event but due to exceptional storm conditions the event was cancelled. We hope to be able to do this again next year.

g. Blessing Box

We have continued to operate a Blessing Box in the church. This is not a full Food Bank but does provide a source of free food to those in the community who are increasingly struggling with the cost-of-living pressures. The food is provided by the fellowship, and we have also been able to connect with Asda, who have also provided us with some food. This has been a way of meeting the needs of very vulnerable people in the town. We have a number of people who now come regularly to Coffee 3:16 with whom we are able to share pre-prepared food parcels.

3. Financial Status

The current overall financial position of the CIO has stabilised throughout this year. There was an income of £59,945 and an expenditure of £41,473. All of the assets of the CIO are made up of the church building and the physical equipment necessary to operate the church functions and cash in the bank. At the end of this year there was £65,381 in the bank.

The Charity continues to hold a mortgage with The Kingdom Bank which is tied to the main church building. Monthly payments for interest and repayment have been fully met. The self-contained flat in the church premises continues to be let and income of £6,000 was received from this. Following the appointment of a salaried Manager for Coffee 3:16 all the payroll, NI and tax exposures have been managed by Stewardship. Coffee 3:16 does not yet fully meet this financial obligation, and therefore the Church account meets the deficit.

Work has also begun on upgrading the storeroom upstairs to provide a purpose-built Sunday School/Youth room. In this year £1,116 was spent but the full cost of around £25,000 will occur next year. The cash assets of the charity are able to meet this expected expenditure

4. Safeguarding

During the year we continued with a Safeguarding Lead but without a Deputy (we continue to seek someone competent to fill this role. The DSL was supported by 2 Elders. Training was completed for all Trustees using the online training services of Christian Safeguarding Services. Our policy that was revised last year was issued and we have continued to review it and believe that further enhancement will be required. This will be carried out as part of next year's review as we believe that the policy currently remains acceptable.

There have been no issues or incidents during this year that have required any Safeguarding intervention. The Trustees are not aware of any issues that require monitoring or oversight. The DSL continues to update DBS assessments for existing and new volunteers.

Risk assessment documents have been completed for all the activities that happened within the church.

Financial review

During the year income reduced slightly, to £59,945, and expenditure also increased slightly to £41,473, compared to last year. As a result, the cash held by the charity increased by £18,471, to £65,381. These reserves are unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. These funds will be used to complete the work on creating a Sunday School room in what is now a large storeroom.

Reserves policy

Our current cash reserves remain significantly in excess of our minimum set in our policy dated Aug 2024. The Trustees believe that the Charity remains in a strong financial position even with the higher expected expenditure for next year.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Changes to Trustee Board at the time of signing of this annual report.

There have been no changes to personnel making up the Trustee Board since year end.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Emmanuel Oyowe

Date: 29/11/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

HOPE CHURCH SHAW

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Church Shaw ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025 on pages 8 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin ACA

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Date:

HOPE CHURCH SHAW
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		36,781	-	-	36,781	47,117
Gift aid receipts		6,385	-	-	6,385	5,707
Charitable activities		9,184	-	-	9,184	-
Rental and hire income		7,595	-	-	7,595	8,258
Total receipts		59,945	-	-	59,945	61,082
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	33,214	-	1,718	34,932	34,739
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	960	-	-	960	5,077
		34,175	-	1,718	35,892	39,815
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	5,581	5,581	-
		-	-	5,581	5,581	-
Total payments		34,175	-	7,299	41,473	39,815
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		25,770	-	(7,299)	18,471	21,267
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		25,770	-	(7,299)	18,471	21,267
Cash funds as at last year end		39,611	-	7,299	46,910	25,643
Cash funds at this year end	A	65,381	-	-	65,381	46,910

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

HOPE CHURCH SHAW
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total	Total
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	65,381	-	-	65,381	46,910
	<u>65,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,381</u>	<u>46,910</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,248	-	-	1,248	2,009
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	428
	<u>1,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>2,437</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Mortgage	2,423	-	-	2,423	2,391
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Fee for independent Examination	1,020	-	-	1,020	864
	<u>3,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,443</u>	<u>3,255</u>
Falling due after one year:					
Mortgage	83,680	-	-	83,680	86,103
	<u>83,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,680</u>	<u>86,103</u>
Total	<u>87,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,123</u>	<u>89,358</u>

The mortgage amount borrowed in 2023 was £90,000 over 20 years secured on the church property. The current interest rate is 6.4%.

D Assets retained for charity's own use	Purchase cost	Value 2025	Value 2024
	£	£	£
Church building (freehold)	90,000		
Contents and equipment		28,863	28,863
		<u>28,863</u>	<u>28,863</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

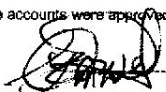
The charity leased a commercial building until the building was purchased in August 2023. The purchase cost is shown.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by



date

09/11/2025

Emmanuel Oyowe

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HOPE CHURCH SHAW
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	3,139	-	-	3,139	-
Rent	-	-	-	-	4,956
Mortgage	8,076	-	-	8,076	5,632
Repairs, maintenance, equipment	5,563	-	-	5,563	5,280
Utilities	4,611	-	-	4,611	5,588
Café project	6,213	-	7,299	13,512	7,159
Ministry costs including training	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,842
Insurance	1,131	-	-	1,131	897
Governance, legal and professional fees	864	-	-	864	2,688
Subscriptions and licences	1,666	-	-	1,666	629
Other costs	-	-	-	-	70
	<u>33,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,299</u>	<u>40,513</u>	<u>34,739</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations	700	-	-	700	-
Individuals	260	-	-	260	5,077
	<u>960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>5,077</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Hannah Evans, wife of Trustee Nahum Evans, was employed as the café manager and received payment of £2,750 plus pension contributions of £34.20.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	39,611	59,945	(34,175)	-	65,381
	<u>53,578</u>	<u>59,945</u>	<u>(34,175)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,381</u>
Restricted funds					
Café	7,299	-	(7,299)	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>60,877</u>	<u>59,945</u>	<u>(41,473)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,381</u>

The Café fund relates to donations provided specifically for the Café refurbishment project.

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We understand the necessity of the Holy Spirit to be at work amongst us to change us so that we demonstrate the love of God to one another and to the people who live in the community of Shaw. Our worship ministry continues to be strengthened and whilst Nahum Evans remains our worship leader, we have had others who have stepped up to support and supplement this vital ministry. We now have a number of additional people assisting with our Sunday Worship.

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c. Sunday School

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We still only have two people leading Sunday School but there have been additional people who have stepped up to help during the classes as assistants. This is not ideal and there remains a clear need for more Sunday school teachers, and we continue to encourage people in the church to help with this important ministry. Whilst the need for more teachers is pressing it is important that the person doing the teaching is gifted in that area.

d. Mid-week meetings

For the first part of the year, we continued with our two Life Groups. These groups were established to create smaller groups that could grow together and be able to share more personally the things that were either an encouragement or a challenge to their Christian Walk. We continued to discuss the subjects raised in the sermons on the preceding Sunday and this gave an opportunity for people to discuss further any difficulties they had with what had been preached.

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The youth group continues to be quite small in number but has seen a number of the older ones leave. This has left us with a fresh group but one that is much younger in age and faith and so brings its own challenges. It continues to meet only fortnightly during the sermon as part of our Sunday service but then monthly on a Friday evening which is more focused on social activities and for the young people to get to know one another as friends.

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g. Coffee Mornings

We have continued to run a weekly Coffee Morning on Thursdays. This is open to anyone from the fellowship to meet for a chat and if required prayer too. We regularly have had about 14-15 people each time we have met, and this has been a great time of fellowship. We have had some regular attenders who do not attend the church on a Sunday, and this has been a means of exposing them to the fellowship. They have generally been people who we have made contact with through the blessing box ministry, and we have sought to focus the distribution of these food parcels during the Coffee Mornings as this allows a greater level of interaction between them and the church fellowship.

h. Coffee Shop & Book Shop

At the end of last year, we felt God call us to extend our Coffee Mornings into something much bigger that would become a hub for people in the community of Shaw to come and enjoy good coffee, a warm welcome and a friendly environment. This would be a means of making a connection with the people of Shaw and would not be overtly evangelistic but rather would be to build bridges. For most of this year we have been working towards that goal. We have significantly refurbished the Church's existing refreshment area to make it into a functional Coffee Shop. This has taken a significant effort from a small group of men from the church but also has been allowed by the gracious donations from the church fellowship. We have received £12,660 in directed gifts for the Coffee Shop and we have used about 60% already this year. We still have a lot to do including the purchase of an espresso machine, barista training and Food Hygiene training for all those preparing food. We hope to be fully open in the second half of next year and have sufficient volunteers to open 3 days a week. This will be a not-for-profit operation and will be fully incorporated in the financials of the church. The church has verified that this ministry is covered under our existing insurance policy and no changes are required to cover this new activity. We have already registered the Coffee Shop with the local Environmental Health Office but have not yet been inspected.

i. Community Connections

We continue to host the Age UK Luncheon Club on a Friday lunchtime. This continues to work well, and the Age UK team are now an established part of the weekly activities of the church. There are about 30 regulars at this event and offers both food and fellowship to the older more vulnerable in the community. The club is full and there is a waiting list for those seeking to attend.

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3. Financial Status

The current overall financial position of the CIO has improved through the year. There was an income of £61,082 (an increase of about £20,000) and an expenditure of £39,815. All of the assets of the CIO are made up of the church building and the physical equipment necessary to operate the church functions and cash in the bank. At the end of this year there was £46,910 in the bank.

During the year the Trustees obtained a £90,000 mortgage from The Kingdom Bank to purchase the church building from the current Landlord. This sale was completed in August 2023 and the church now owns the building in its own right. This has meant that the church no longer pays rent and the difference between the rent and the mortgage payments results in an annual saving of about £8,700. This has put the church on a much stronger financial footing.

4. Safeguarding

During the year our Safeguarding Lead has relocated and left the church. As a consequence, our Deputy now taken over as our Safeguarding Lead. We have issued our Safeguarding Policy that was in draft last year and now covers vulnerable adults as well. We have still to arrange formal training for all those who have a role in Safeguarding within the church and this will be completed as soon as possible. Our Safeguarding Lead was formally trained last year. All details of leaders DBS checks have been collated on a spreadsheet and there are some that require renewal. We have also had some new members who will require DBS checking to be completed. We are in the process of re-registering with an umbrella organisation for Safeguarding and are currently looking to use Christian Safeguarding Services.

Risk assessment documents have been completed for all the activities that happened within the church.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £20,200, to £61,100, and expenditure increased by £6,000, to £39,800. As a result, the cash held by the charity increased by £21,300, to £46,900, of which £7,300 was restricted for use with the Coffee Shop. The remainder is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

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The trustees have updated the Reserves Policy and have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £2,800 so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. Our current cash reserves are significantly in excess of this minimum and will be used to make repairs to one section of the flat roof and open up a new Sunday School room in the unused upstairs storeroom.

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Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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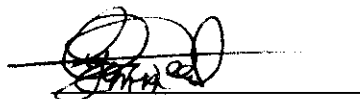
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Karen Monks - Resigned on 26th May 2024

Graham Cook – Elected on 26th May 2024

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Emmanuel Oyowe

Date: 11/08/2024

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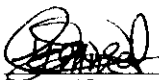
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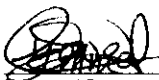
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At the time of writing the Trustees of Hope Church Shaw are as follows: Karen Monks, Ivan Wooller, Emmanuel Oyowe, Nahum Evans and Marie Sutcliffe. During the year David Percy resigned his membership of the Church and as Trustee. This report seeks to summarise the progress that has been during the year to meet the objectives of the CIO. This report is split into a number of different areas to cover the activities that were undertaken during the year.

1. Church Membership

This has been a difficult year for the church and a number of things have added to the issues that remained coming out of lockdown restrictions as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. Whilst we had worked hard during these restrictions to maintain an on-line broadcast of weekly services, we have seen a few people not return to regular attendance on a Sunday morning. In addition, there were a number of issues that arose within the fellowship that related to the practical outworking of the vision for the Church in particular the connection of the church with the local community of Shaw. This essentially related to the establishment of an outreach Café operated by the church aimed at drawing in people who normally have no connection with church. The communication and engagement of the fellowship was considered by some to have been ineffective and presented as a 'fait a complet'. This began to arouse other differences amongst us and eventually led to the resignation of 10 members, approximately 30% of the formal membership. This was difficult for the whole fellowship and brought a real sense of hurt and pain which we are still seeking to work through.

However, on the positive side we have seen 5 new people come into formal membership and a further 2 seeking to be brought in. This has been particularly encouraging as 2 of them are the Husband and Wife of a family who have recently all come to faith in Jesus (see Baptisms). At the end of the year, we had a total of 26 members, having started the year with 31.

2. Baptisms

During the year we have had a total of 8 baptisms, 3 of them have been as a result of new people coming into a personal faith relationship with Jesus. This is a great encouragement to us all as this is the primary objective that we believe Jesus has given to us as His church on earth – to make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Two of them were Iranian asylum seekers who had been in the UK for some time and were moved to Oldham under the NAS system. Both had professed

faith in Iran and that was the reason for them seeking asylum. As a church we had welcomed them and supported them. Both of them have now received leave to remain.

3. Church Ministries

There are a number of church ministries that are in place and operate on a regular basis each of them is listed below with a summary of activities that have taken place during the year.

a. Sunday Services

The Sunday Services provide the main focus of the Church and generally we achieve somewhere between 50-60 people though towards the end of the year we saw this reduce slightly as people resigned their membership and therefore no longer met with us on a Sunday. Having said that we have seen a number of new people join us regularly on a Sunday and whilst they are generally not new believers, they have none the less felt led to join with us. The loss of members has meant that those who were being used to lead and preach in these services are no longer available and we have had to re-organise ourselves. This has meant that others have been able to step up. This has been especially true in the areas of leading worship and preaching and we have been blessed that God has provided gifted people to move into these roles. We had begun the year looking at the Gospel of John and have now moved to look at the book of Colossians. We have also been able to have a number of visiting ministers from other churches and this has brought a freshness to the ministry of the Word of God.

b. Sunday school

From April 2021 Sunday School moved from zoom meetings to physical meetings at church. Initially there were COVID restrictions that were in place. As we have had some changes in membership of the church, 5 children stopped attending Sunday School. However new families have been coming to church, and our regular attendance is between 6 and 10 primary school aged children.

We have been focusing on building relationships within the group and learning about God's love for us and how we can share His love with the community around us. We have learnt about the Good Samaritan and how we can be good neighbours. The children participated in a sponsored 'Danceathon' and raised £350 to help people escaping the war in Ukraine.

Moving forward we hope to start to sponsor a child abroad through a Christian charity. We also plan to involve the children in sharing the Good News of Jesus to our community of Shaw by making and placing painted rocks in our local park.

c. Mid-week meetings

We generally have about 12-15 people attending this meeting and it is an opportunity for us to study Gods word and pray. At the start of the year our Wednesday evening meeting was focused on further study and discussion on the sermon that was delivered on the preceding Sunday. The purpose was to encourage further meditation on the Word of God and to apply it further to our lives. We have also run a series on Prayer based on short book by RA Torrey. We are currently working through the Freedom in Christ course. This has been particularly helpful and has been a real help for many in bringing deliverance from the strongholds that have been established in our lives.

As we look forward to next year, we are looking to change how we use these mid-week meetings and wanting to establish Life Groups. We have, as leaders, thought through how these will work and we will now begin to communicate to the wider fellowship and will look to set them up in September.

d. Youth Group

The youth group has gone through some significant changes in this year with a number of the group leaving either because of moving away from the area or their parents leaving the church. This has meant that the group is both smaller and made up of different people and different ages. We currently have 4-5 attending and the meetings have been held fortnightly. We have also lost 3 of the leaders but have been able to replace them with 3 new people. The programme of meetings covers a variety of aspects and includes both social events and bible teaching sessions.

e. Street Evangelism

This ministry is responsible for organizing, strategizing and executing planned activities for the Street Evangelism. They play an important role in connecting with the larger community of Shaw who would rather not set foot in a church building where Christians gather for fellowship. The Outreach ministry holds their regular outreach meeting twice a month, going into the local community of Shaw to share the gospel, by sharing Gospel tracts and having meaning full conversations with the public in a respectful manner, praying for those who request for prayers and also praying for the inhabitants/residents of each street, that they may come to faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We have this year seen one lady come to faith having been approached whilst leaving the Tram at Shaw. Having spoken with her at the Tram Stop she was invited to come back to share food with us and subsequently came to Church on Sunday where she heard and responded to the Gospel.

f. Coffee Mornings

We have recently started a weekly Coffee Morning on a Thursday. This is open to anyone from the fellowship to meet for a chat and if required prayer too. This has only been going for about 3 sessions, and it is still early days, however we have had about 12-13 people each time we have met. For the future we are looking to see how we can use this as a

base to reach out into the community of Shaw and many of the ideas that were linked with the outreach café are being considered as future options. The intention is to make the church a recognized hub in the community where people can met and be introduced to the message of the Gospel and to the church in its midst.

g. Community Connections

We have for some years now been connected with the Shaw and Crompton Events Committee. This is a volunteer organization that seeks to put on community events based in Shaw. We have already been regular participants in the Christmas activities and have been invited to help in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. This is a useful connection, even if not a very spiritual one, as it gets us known in the community. We will continue to work with them as we can to engage in the activities they put on.

4. Financial Status

The annual financial report of the Charity has been submitted separately but the overall financial position of the CIO looks good. There was an income of £33,564 and an expenditure of £34,726. All of the assets of the CIO are made up of physical equipment necessary to operate the church functions and cash in the bank. At the end of this year there was £18,562 in the bank.



Income

Tithes / Offerings
HMRC GiftAid
Flat Rent
Use of premises (Age
Other income

Total Income

Expenditure

Church Rent
Building Maintenance
Church Equipment
Lighting / Heating / W
Love Gifts
Ministry / Stationary
Insurance/Licences
Internet/Website
Other Expenses

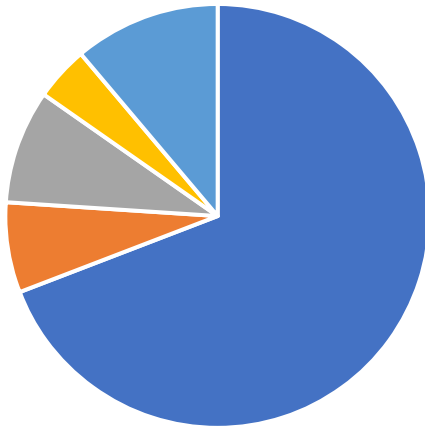
Total Expenditure

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Closing Balance

Opening Balance

Income



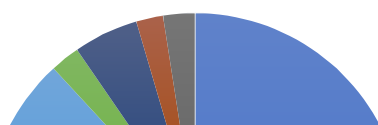
Financial Report Summary

01 May 2021 to 30 April 2022

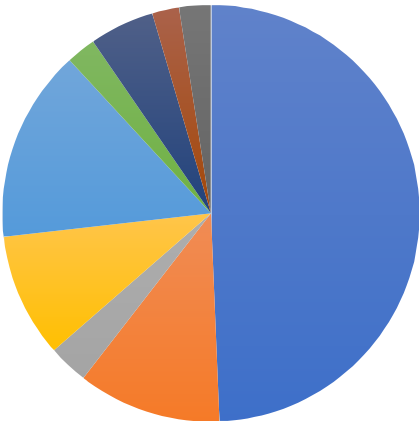
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	£1,747
	£720
	£853
£34,726	

urrent Account
£18,562
£19,725



Expenditure



Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of: **Hope Church Shaw**

On the accounts for the year ended _____ 30 April 2022 _____

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.
Independent examiner's statement.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner

Date: 18/06/22

Name : Andrew Shepherd FCA

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any) Address

HOPE CHURCH SHAW

England & Wales - Charity number 1179929

Accounts

Annual Report – Hope Church Shaw (April 2020-March 2021)

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and in line with the lockdown guidelines introduced by the government in March 2020, all church activities were stopped.

The Sunday morning services were moved online and were streamed through YouTube and the Midweek Meetings also were moved online onto the Zoom platform.

Any other meetings, such as Deacons Meetings, Elders Meetings, Members Meetings and Trustees Meetings were also moved onto the Zoom platform, and were not held in person.

Our intention in 2021 is to move meetings back to the church building, and to start activities again in the church building, once it is safe to do so, and is in line with the government guidance.

Richard Cowling
Trustee

2020/2021 Annual Financial Report Summary

From 01 May 2020 to 30 April 2021

Income

Tithes / Offerings	£23,264
HMRC GiftAid	£3,884
Flat Rent	£6,118
Use of premises (Age UK)	£252
Other Income	£500

Total Income **£34,019**

Expenditure

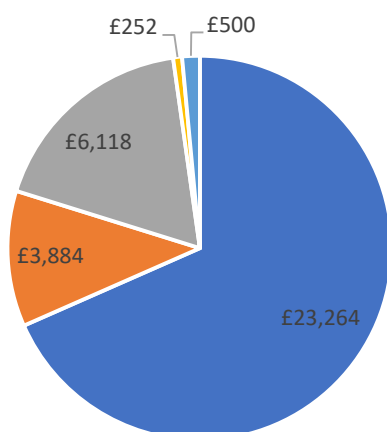
Church Rent	£16,800
Building / Maintenance / Insurance	£2,254
Lighting / Heating / Water / Internet	£3,019
Love Gifts	£5,414
Worship / Website / Stationary	£1,609

Total Expenditure **£29,095**

Opening balance on 1 May 2020: £14,801.06

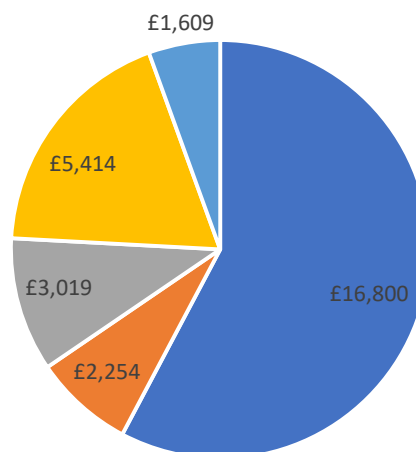
Closing balance on 30 April 2021: £19,724.97

Income



- Tithes / Offerings
- HMRC GiftAid
- Flat Rent
- Use of premises (Age UK)
- Other Income

Expenditure



- Church Rent
- Building / Maintenance / Insurance
- Lighting / Heating / Water / Internet
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On the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021

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Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner

Date: 21/6/2021

Name: ANDREW NORMAN STEPHENS FCA

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any) Address

