

Trustees Annual Report 2023/4

In accordance with our Constitution the object[s] of the CIO are:

- 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; and
- b. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the church in general meeting further the work of the Church.

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 number of new people brought into membership and we thank God for bringing them to us. None of them were new converts and all came to us from other churches and fellowships. Overall, the church membership has now risen to 31. 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. In our sermons we had in the first part of the year been looking at the book of Romans and also looking at how that speaks to us as the body of Christ. This focus on the body of Christ has been present throughout the year. For the last 3 months of the year, we felt God direct us to speak on the subject of Christ's return and from January this has been a second focus. We believe that God is showing us the sort of people we should be in these end times, and how He wants us to grow together to be the body of Christ.

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.

b. 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 have continued with our Monday morning prayer meeting, and we have 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 meeting and before our Sunday morning worship services.

c. 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. The Sunday school now uses books called Go Teach which the children seem to enjoy, and it has required less preparation for the Sunday School teachers. The use of Bible story videos has also helped with the burden of preparing each Sunday.

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.

e. Youth Group

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.

f. Street Evangelism

This ministry is responsible for organising, strategising, 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.

The Outreach ministry holds their regular evangelism once a month during autumn and winter and twice a month during the summer months. They go into the local community of Shaw to share the gospel, by sharing Gospel tracts and having meaningful conversations with the public and praying for those who request for prayers. Whilst this group goes out on the streets a second group remains in the church in intercessory prayer for those connections that are being made on the streets. Although this year we have seen little breakthrough in people coming to Jesus for salvation we believe that as we continue to sow seed, it will at some point lead to a harvest.

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.

We have for some years now been connected with the Shaw and Crompton Events Committee. 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 opened the church to serve teas and coffees and to speak with people who came in. We will continue to work with them as much as we can to engage in the activities they put on.

j. 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.

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.

Reserves policy

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.

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.

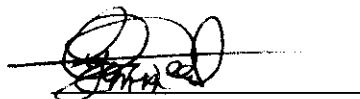
The following changes to personnel making up the Trustee Board have taken place since year end.

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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Year ended 30 April 2024

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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 2024 on pages 3 to 5 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.

Jaimée Young

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Date:

HOPE CHURCH SHAW
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		34,212	-	12,905	47,117	26,565
Gift aid receipts		3,909	-	1,798	5,707	7,127
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	305
Income from letting of property		8,258	-	-	8,258	6,730
		<u>46,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>61,082</u>	<u>40,727</u>
<i>Capital and similar receipts</i>						
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	180
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>46,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>61,082</u>	<u>40,907</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	27,580	-	7,159	34,739	29,671
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,377	-	700	5,077	4,156
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>31,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,859</u>	<u>39,815</u>	<u>33,826</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		14,422	-	6,844	21,267	7,081
Transfers between funds	5	(455)	-	455	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>13,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,299</u>	<u>21,267</u>	<u>7,081</u>
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,009	-	-	2,009	844
Other debtors	428	-	-	428	-
	<u>2,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>844</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Mortgage	8,084	-	-	8,084	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	1,634
Fee for Independent Examination	864	-	-	864	720
	<u>8,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,948</u>	<u>2,354</u>
Falling due after one year:					
Mortgage	80,410	-	-	80,410	-
	<u>80,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,410</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>89,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,358</u>	<u>2,354</u>

The amount borrowed in 2023 was £90,000 over 20 years. The current interest rate is 6.55%.

D Assets retained for charity's own use	Purchase cost	Value 2024 £	Value 2023 £
Church building (freehold)	90,000		
Contents and equipment		28,863	25,770
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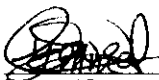
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E Guarantees and secured debts

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Rent	4,956	-	-	4,956	16,800
Mortgage	5,632	-	-	5,632	-
Repairs, maintenance, equipment	5,280	-	-	5,280	3,485
Utilities	5,588	-	-	5,588	2,546
Café project	-	-	7,159	7,159	-
Ministry costs including training	1,842	-	-	1,842	2,299
Insurance	897	-	-	897	878
Governance, legal and professional fees	2,688	-	-	2,688	2,405
Subscriptions and licences	629	-	-	629	802
Other costs	70	-	-	70	454
	<u>27,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>34,739</u>	<u>29,671</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others					
Organisations < £1,000	-	-	-	-	736
Individuals	4,377	-	700	5,077	3,420
	<u>4,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>5,077</u>	<u>4,156</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	25,643	46,379	(31,957)	(455)	39,611
	<u>25,643</u>	<u>46,379</u>	<u>(31,957)</u>	<u>(455)</u>	<u>39,611</u>
Restricted funds					
Café	-	14,458	(7,159)	-	7,299
Other	-	245	(700)	455	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>(7,859)</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>7,299</u>
Total funds	<u>25,643</u>	<u>61,082</u>	<u>(39,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,910</u>

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

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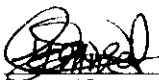
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HOPE CHURCH SHAW
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Rent	4,956	-	-	4,956	16,800
Mortgage	5,632	-	-	5,632	-
Repairs, maintenance, equipment	5,280	-	-	5,280	3,485
Utilities	5,588	-	-	5,588	2,546
Café project	-	-	7,159	7,159	-
Ministry costs including training	1,842	-	-	1,842	2,299
Insurance	897	-	-	897	878
Governance, legal and professional fees	2,688	-	-	2,688	2,405
Subscriptions and licences	629	-	-	629	802
Other costs	70	-	-	70	454
	<u>27,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>34,739</u>	<u>29,671</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others					
Organisations < £1,000	-	-	-	-	736
Individuals	4,377	-	700	5,077	3,420
	<u>4,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>5,077</u>	<u>4,156</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	25,643	46,379	(31,957)	(455)	39,611
	<u>25,643</u>	<u>46,379</u>	<u>(31,957)</u>	<u>(455)</u>	<u>39,611</u>
Restricted funds					
Café	-	14,458	(7,159)	-	7,299
Other	-	245	(700)	455	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>(7,859)</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>7,299</u>
Total funds	<u>25,643</u>	<u>61,082</u>	<u>(39,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,910</u>

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