

# HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA

England & Wales · Charity number 1180123

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-09-28

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT INCLUDING THROUGH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY.2. TO FULFUL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** The advancement of the Evangelical Christian faith in the Rhondda Valleys, South Wales and across the world.The alleviation of poverty in the Rhondda Valleys, South Wales and across the world.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Rhondda Cynon Taff

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£119,548	£125,375	-	-
2024-08-31	£135,125	£124,345	-	-
2023-08-31	£102,340	£87,445	-	-
2022-08-31	£60,404	£86,468	-	-
2021-08-31	£125,458	£74,677	-	-
2020-08-31	£83,893	£102,424	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Linda Davies		2022-11-24
GREG MOSS		2020-10-03
Jonathan Burton		2026-02-05
Matthew Leach		2026-05-13
Rebecca Rigg		2024-11-25
Rev Paul Harding		2026-02-05

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# Accounts

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1180123
<b>Registered office</b>	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypany CF40 1AN
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr Benjamin Franks Dr Katie Jayne Goldring (until November 2025) Mr Gregor Moss Mrs Alison Davies Rebecca Rigg (from 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024) Jonathan Burton (from 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026)
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc 91 Taff Street Pontypridd CF37 4SN  CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kongs Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ  The Co-operative Bank plc PO Box 101 Balloon Street Manchester M4 4BE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Paul Burnell ACMI C Mgmt Services Ltd 69 Velindre Road Cardiff CF14 2TF

## **Hope Church Rhondda**

### **(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

#### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

##### **Governance and Structure**

Hope Church Rhondda was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 28 September 2018.

Hope Church Rhondda operates under the spiritual leadership of a team of elders; Mr. Benjamin Franks (lead pastor), Mr Simon Dalton and Mr Jon Burton, as well as a small team of the church family.

The names of the trustees on 31st August 2025 are:

- Mr. Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)
- Dr Katie Goldring (intends to step down in November 2025)
- Mr Gregor Moss
- Mrs Alison Davies
- Mrs Rebecca Rigg (appointed on 25th November 2024)

##### **Premises**

Hope Church Rhondda operates from Units 1&2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany, CF40 1AN. Hope Church Rhondda also meets at the Waun-wen Community Centre, Rhiwgarn Road, Trebanog, Porth, CF39 9LX, and Offices 9&7 Parc Busnes Treorci on the Abergorki Industrial Estate, Ynyswen, Treorchy, CF42 6DL.

##### **Staffing**

During this time period there have been 4 paid members of staff working for the charity:

Mr Simon Dalton was employed from August 2018 as pastor and continues in this role.

Mr Jon Burton was employed as the pastor of the Trebanog congregation from October 2023 and continues in this role.

Mrs Sally Ann Evans commenced in April 2022 as administrator and pastoral worker. She continues her role as a pastoral worker, having reduced her hours in order to drop the administrative duties.

Mrs Becky Davies was employed from July 2022 as community outreach worker (Trebanog) and women's pastoral worker and continues in this role.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honorarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor.

Mr Daniel Rigg underwent a training placement with the church as part of a church planting residency program for the Advance Network, which started in September 2023. He continues to provide leadership support for the Upper Rhondda congregation.

##### **Finances**

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank (91 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SN), CAF Bank (25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ) and the Co-operative Bank (PO Box 101, Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE).

Mr Owen Davies continued the role of Treasurer, with support from Mrs Alison Davies. Xero computer software is used to manage the church expenditure and to manage the budget.

Hope Church Rhondda is affiliated to Advance, a global movement of churches partnering together to advance the Gospel through planting and strengthening churches. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

### **Objectives of Hope Church Rhondda**

1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT INCLUDING THROUGH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY.
2. TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

These objectives are met by the activities undertaken by Hope Church Rhondda. These are divided into two main areas which are detailed below.

### **Activities of Hope Church Rhondda**

#### **1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

#### **Religious Activities**

- **Sunday Meetings** - In January 2024, Hope Church Rhondda became one church in three locations; Tonypany, Trebanog and the Upper Rhondda. It continues in this way, with Sunday services happening in Trebanog on Sunday mornings, and Tonypany and the Upper Rhondda meeting in the afternoons. All three locations provide a kid's club for under 11s during these meetings.
- **Men's and Women's ministries** - During the year, specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church. These include monthly evening meals for the women of the church and a monthly 'Men's Breakfast'.
- **Community Christmas events** - Hope Church Rhondda ran a number of Christmas events for the community, including a family carol service and a traditional carol service in Tonypany, a community carol service in collaboration with another local church (St. Matthew's) in Treorchy, and an all-age Christmas service and music quiz in Trebanog.
- **Outreach in the local estate, Trebanog** - Over the last year, Hope Church Rhondda has continued to build strong links with the council team working with the Waun-wen Community Centre in Trebanog. Mrs Becky Davies has continued in her work, supporting the running of community events, kids clubs and quiz nights, as well as establishing a new weekly event in September 2024 for women on the estate called 'Chips n Church', where a group of women gather for chips and explore Christianity together.

#### **Children's, Youth and Families Work**

We take safeguarding seriously and recognise it is an essential component to our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All our children and youth workers have undertaken a DBS check. We follow a safeguarding policy informed by thirtyone:eight (formerly Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and often seek their advice about safeguarding concerns. We hold regular safeguarding training. The Safeguarding Officer continues to provide a report to the trustees twice a year.

- **Children's programmes and a youth group** run during Sunday services with age specific children's activities.

- **'Hope Toddlers'** is the weekly, free baby and toddler group run in the Hope Church building in Tonypany. It is regularly attended by 20+ families.
- Hope Church Rhondda hosted a **'Light Party'** at the Waun Wen Centre for families as an alternative to Halloween celebrations.
- **Children's Holiday Club** (for primary school aged children) ran in Trebanog in the first week of summer holidays, as well as a number of other events for families throughout the valley, including games in Treorchy park, an outdoor "paint and plant" event in Treherbert in collaboration with a local gardening project, and a family fun afternoon in the church building in Tonypany.
- We have provided **pastoral care to a number of families** with a range of support needs, including families with new babies and those facing bereavement, relationship breakdown or other challenging circumstances.

## 2. THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

- **Foodbank Hope Church Rhondda** operates a weekly food collection point as part of the Rhondda Foodbank for users in the local area. This is run by a group of staff and volunteers from Hope Church Rhondda and other churches in the local area who organise food donations, put together parcels of food for families in crisis and signpost to other local services where appropriate. Tea and coffee is provided and volunteers are available to be a listening ear for families in crisis. The foodbank is based on the church premises but administration is the responsibility of the Trussell Trust.
- **Rhondda Baby Bank** continues in Trebanog, providing essential items for parents such as nappies, wipes and clothing in our 'Bags of Hope'.
- Hope Church Rhondda continues to support individuals to access support for substance misuse through collaboration with **'Challenge Valleys'** substance misuse charity.
- The free, weekly drop-in **Lunch Club** in the Tonypany building has continued and is well attended and openly accessible to the local community.
- **Grace Fund** - Hope Church Rhondda has a fund set up to be able to support individual church members who are experiencing financial hardship. This is usually to fund individual items and is provided confidentially at the discretion of the church leaders. During this time the church has funded individuals to receive counselling. A record is kept of this spending and large expenditure is approved by the trustees.

Additionally Hope Church Rhondda supports the following charities:

- **Tearfund** - an international charity focused on the global relief of poverty.
- **Open Doors** - a charity that supports the persecuted church worldwide.
- **Advance** - an international network for planting and strengthening churches.

### Public Events

Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, the following public events were publicised through leaflets and social media:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Services

3. Alpha Course - a course introducing people to the Christian religion

### Looking to the Future

In the year ahead we plan to:

- **Consider ways to expand the work started in the Upper Rhondda.** Leadership capacity in the Upper Rhondda remains relatively limited; however, this year has seen an increase in outreach events compared to previous years, particularly during the summer holiday week. An Alpha course is planned for the autumn term of 2025, and the team continues to explore how best to engage with the local community.
- **Continue to build links with the local community and community centre in Trebanog.** There have already been many opportunities for collaboration with the local council, who recognise the benefit of having Hope Church Rhondda integrated into the community in Trebanog. We will continue to explore opportunities to expand this, including building on the successes of previous events such as the quiz nights and 'Chips and Church'.
- **Continue to strengthen the work established in Tonypanyd** including exploring new opportunities for outreach into the local community, utilising the Tonypanyd building more during the week and growing current volunteer teams and leadership capacity. The trustees continue to explore the prospect of acquiring the property adjacent to the current building, which could be utilised for community projects such as a drop-in youth space or community pantry.

The senior leadership team and trustees recognise that in order to continue to develop in the areas stated above the **leadership capacity of the church will need to increase**, most likely by recruitment of additional leaders. It is planned that Mr Daniel Rigg, who has been undertaking the church planting residency programme in the Upper Rhondda congregation, will join the staff team part time as the pastor of that congregation from September 2026. This is particularly timely as the trustees and elders are prayerfully considering how Mr Benjamin Franks' role might evolve in the future, including how responsibilities might be adjusted over time to ensure a sustainable and healthy pattern of leadership.

### Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to a shortfall of £5,827 (2024: £12,951). Total funds carried forward at the year-end were £193,099 (2024: £198,926).

C Mgmt Services Ltd conducted an independent examination, but it is noted they have been involved in the payroll administration, and therefore an independent chartered qualified accountant was appointed to verify the gross figures of payroll.

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



**Jonathan Burton**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Hope Church Rhondda ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity Trustees of Hope Church Rhondda, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's Accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the Accounts did not accord with those records;
- the Accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed

*Paul Burnell*

Paul Burnell ACMI  
C Mgmt Services Ltd  
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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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**Statement of financial activities**  
**For the year ending 31 August 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31 August 2025	Year ended 31 August 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	93,393	13,451	106,844	133,660
Other income	3	12,704	-	12,704	1,465
Total income		<b>106,097</b>	<b>13,451</b>	<b>119,548</b>	<b>135,125</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4	111,668	13,707	125,375	124,345
Total expenditure		<b>111,668</b>	<b>13,707</b>	<b>125,375</b>	<b>124,345</b>
Net movement in funds for the year		<b>(5,571)</b>	<b>(256)</b>	<b>(5,827)</b>	<b>10,780</b>
Total funds brought forward (restated)		198,554	372	198,926	188,146
Total funds carried forward		<b>192,983</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>193,099</b>	<b>198,926</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 August 2025**

		31 August 2025		31 August 2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	11		97,259		92,779
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		107,444		110,333	
Debtors		0		336	
		<u>107,444</u>		<u>110,669</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>11,604</u>		<u>4,522</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			95,840		106,147
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>			0		0
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>193,099</u></u>		<u><u>198,926</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	8		192,983		198,554
Restricted Funds	9		116		372
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>193,099</u></u>		<u><u>198,926</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Jonathan Burton**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2025**

**1 Charity status**

Hope Church Rhondda is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales, number 1180123. The registered office is Hope Church Rhondda, Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany CF40 1AN.

None of the Trustees is liable to contribute any amount towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019)" and the Charities Act 2011.

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Although these estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors, they are merely estimations and could therefore differ from actual outcomes.

**Basis of preparation**

Hope Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Income Recognition**

- Regular giving, collections and donations are recognised when the funds have been received.
- Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised only when it has been received from HMRC.
- Grants (from whatever source) are recognised only when they have been received.
- Rent, room hire and other similar fees are recognised on a receivable basis, when an invoice has been raised.

**Expenditure Recognition**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when an invoice is received or when a legal obligation to meet that liability is created.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Assets, including buildings, are valued at cost.

Assets costing more than £200 are capitalised.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

- Buildings – 33 years
- Office & AV/PA equipment – 6 years
- Furniture, fixtures & fittings – 10 years.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ending 31 August 2025**

**Going concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity has adopted the exemption available in FRS 102 not to include a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift Aid donations	55,160	-	55,160	35,089
Other donations	20,018	-	20,018	34,651
Tax recovered	-	-	-	44,662
Grant Income	18,215	13,451	31,666	19,258
	<b>93,393</b>	<b>13,451</b>	<b>106,844</b>	<b>133,660</b>
Other income				
Conferences and events	11,694	-	11,694	-
Hire of rooms	770	-	770	1,434
Other income	220	-	220	-
Interest	20	-	20	31
	<b>12,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,704</b>	<b>1,465</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,097</b>	<b>13,451</b>	<b>119,548</b>	<b>135,125</b>

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**4 Charitable Activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries, pensions and expenses	61,613	-	61,613	63,713
Foodbank	-	-	-	550
Baby Bank	97	-	97	200
Warm Space	-	143	143	737
Advance Movement	2,630	-	2,630	2,600
Children & Youth	713	-	713	702
Ministry costs	1,460	113	1,573	8,081
Event costs	10,644	-	10,644	4,307
Church Weekend Away	1,300	-	1,300	729
Grants & donations	2,188	-	2,188	7,330
	<b>80,645</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>80,901</b>	<b>88,949</b>
<b>b. Support and Administration</b>				
Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	2,226	-	2,226	1,048
Building costs, inc. utilities	12,829	13,451	26,280	13,475
IT & Telecoms	1,179	-	1,179	1,402
Administration costs	9,112	-	9,112	12,073
Catering	2,171	-	2,171	2,804
Insurance	1,911	-	1,911	1,497
Advertising & Marketing	49	-	49	466
Travel	625	-	625	962
Miscellaneous expenses	139	-	139	700
Depreciation	782	-	782	969
	<b>31,023</b>	<b>13,451</b>	<b>44,474</b>	<b>35,396</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,668</b>	<b>13,707</b>	<b>125,375</b>	<b>124,345</b>

**5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The charity has four part-time employed staff: its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Whilst no salary is paid to Ben Franks, the pastor and a Trustee, he received an honorarium of £3,000 per year paid directly to his pension fund.

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for the year ending 31 August 2025**

**6 Employees**

**Employment Costs**

	<b>Year ended 31 August 2025</b>	<b>Year ended 31 August 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages & salaries	55,065	56,074
Social security & Pension costs	6,548	7,639
	<b>61,613</b>	<b>63,713</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Trustees who are unpaid apart from the pastor, Ben Franks, for whom regular payments are made into his pension scheme as an honorarium. The total honorarium of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,000 (2024: £3,000).

**Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	<b>Year ending 31 August 2025</b>	<b>Year ending 31 August 2024</b>
Charity staff	2.3	2.3

**7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Year ending 31 August 2025</b>	<b>Year ending 31 August 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	6,630	1,848
Taxes, social security and pensions	4,974	2,674
	<b>11,604</b>	<b>4,522</b>

**8 Unrestricted Funds**

The Trustees have determined that all grants received are to be treated as Unrestricted apart from any specifically classified as Restricted.

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Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2025

8 Unrestricted Funds (Continued)

	Balance at 1 Sept 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2025
General Fund	198,554	106,097	111,668	192,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,554</b>	<b>106,097</b>	<b>111,668</b>	<b>192,983</b>

Unrestricted Funds

The following Unrestricted grants were received and expended in the year ending 31 August 2025:

	£
Lauderdale Trust	16,315
James Williams Trust	1,900
	<u>£18,215</u>

9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2025
	£	£	£	£
RCTCBC Winter Hardship Fund	372	-	256	116
Churches Trust	-	13,451	13,451	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>13,451</b>	<b>13,707</b>	<b>116</b>

The following Restricted grant was received in the year ending 31 August 2025:

Churches Trust (for the Tonypandy Roof)	<u>£13,451</u>
	<u>£13,451</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	97,259	-	97,259	92,779
Current assets	107,328	116	107,444	110,669
Current liabilities	(11,604)	-	(11,604)	(4,522)
	<b>192,983</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>193,099</b>	<b>198,926</b>

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**11 Fixed Assets - Tangible**

	<b>Land and Buildings Freehold</b>	<b>Fixtures, Fittings &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost			
At 1 Sept 2024	97,574	17,906	115,480
Additions	0	5,263	5,263
At 31 Aug 2025	<u>97,574</u>	<u>23,169</u>	<u>120,743</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 Sept 2024	6,161	16,540	22,701
Charge for the year	719	64	783
At 31 Aug 2025	<u>6,880</u>	<u>16,604</u>	<u>23,484</u>
Net Book Value:			
At 31 Aug 2025	<u>90,694</u>	<u>6,565</u>	<u>97,259</u>
At 31 Aug 2024	<u>91,413</u>	<u>1,366</u>	<u>92,779</u>

**12 Taxation**

Hope Church Rhondda is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

**13 Payments to Connected Persons**

The pastor, Ben Franks, who is a Trustee, received an honorarium of £3,000 (2024: £3,000) paid into his pension scheme.

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180123

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# Accounts

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1180123
<b>Registered office</b>	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypany CF40 1AN
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr Benjamin Franks Dr Katie Jayne Goldring Mr Gregor Moss Mrs Alison Davies Mr Owen Cottom (stood down as Trustee on 22/01/2024)
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc 91 Taff Street Pontypridd CF37 4SN  CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kongs Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ  The Co-operative Bank plc PO Box 101 Balloon Street Manchester M4 4BE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Richard Hearn MSc Econ RH Business Services 13 Clark Street Treorchy CF42 6BE

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024**

**Governance and Structure**

Hope Church Rhondda was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 28 September 2018.

Hope Church Rhondda operates under the spiritual leadership of Mr. Benjamin Franks, lead pastor supported by Mr Simon Dalton, pastor and a small team of the church family.

The names of the trustees on 31 August 2024 are:

- Mr Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)
- Dr Katie Goldring
- Mr Gregor Moss
- Mrs Alison Davies
- Mr Owen Cottom (stood down as Trustee on 22/01/24)

**Premises**

Hope Church Rhondda operates from Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany, CF40 1AN. It also meets at The Waun Wen Community Centre, Rhiwgarn Road, Trebanog, Porth, CF39 9LX and at Offices 9-10, Parc Busness Treorci, Ynyswen, Treorchy CF42 6DL

**Staffing**

During this time period there have been 4 paid members of staff working for the charity: Mr Simon Dalton employed from August 2018 as pastor.

Mr Jon Burton was employed as a pastor for the Trebanog congregation from October 2023.

Mrs Sally Ann Evans commenced in April 2023 as administrator and pastoral worker and continued in this role. Mrs Rebecca Davies was employed from July 2023 as community outreach worker (Trebanog) and women's pastoral worker and continued in this role.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honorarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor.

**Finances**

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank, CAF Bank and, from June 2024, The Co-operative Bank.

Mr Owen Davies continued the role of Treasurer. Xero computer software is used to manage the church expenditure and to manage the budget.

Hope Church Rhondda is affiliated to Advance, a global movement of churches partnering together to advance the Gospel through planting and strengthening churches. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

### **Objectives of Hope Church Rhondda**

1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT INCLUDING THROUGH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY.

2. TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

These objectives are met by the activities undertaken by Hope Church Rhondda. These are divided into two main areas which are detailed below.

### **Activities of Hope Church Rhondda**

**1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

#### **Religious Activities:**

- **Sunday Meetings** Until January 2024 one Sunday worship service was held weekly during the afternoon. This incorporated a kid's club for under 11's and a youth meeting for 11-14s. Attendance was around 70 people with an age range from babies to retired people. From January 2024 Hope Church Rhondda became one church in three locations, with an additional new congregation meeting in Trebanog on a Sunday morning and a new congregation meeting in Ynyswen on a Sunday afternoon. These three meetings all incorporated a kid's club.
- **Men's and Women's ministries** During the year specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church - these include evening meals for the women of the church and a monthly 'Men's Breakfast'. The women attended a weekend away in April 2024.
- **Community Christmas Carols**- we hosted our annual community carol service followed by turkey roll lunch at Hope Church Tonypany.
- **Prayer** - In January 2024 we had a week of prayer events that included a circus themed family prayer session.
- **Outreach in the local estate - Trebanog.** Over the last year we have continued to build strong links with the council team working within the Waun Wen Community Centre in Trebanog and collaborated with them in hosting events (including community fun days). Mrs Becky Davies has continued her work supporting the running of drop in coffee clubs, homework clubs and community events. We ran a community nativity event and Easter treasure hunt. Additionally we ran a summer holiday club attended by local children. Hope Church Rhondda also hosted a music quiz attended by members of the church and the local community.

#### **Children's, Youth and Families Work**

We take safeguarding seriously and recognise it is an essential component to our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All our children and youth workers have undertaken a DBS check. We follow a safeguarding policy informed by thirtyone:eight (formerly Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and often seek their advice about safeguarding concerns. We hold regular safeguarding training. The Safeguarding Officer provides a report to the Trustees twice a year.

- **Children's programme and a youth group** run during Sunday services with age specific children's activities.
- **Thursday evening Kid's club** in a local housing estate. We were able to continue providing a weekly kids club for junior school aged children supported by the council run community centre.

- **'Hope Toddlers'** weekly baby and toddler group was started in the Hope Church building in Tonypandy and was regularly attended by 20+ families.
- Hosted a **'Light Party'** at Hope Church Rhondda and the Waun Wen Centre as an alternative to Halloween celebrations.
- We have provided pastoral care to a number of families with a range of support needs, including families with new babies, and those needing support with house clearance and maintenance.
- Children's Holiday Club (for primary school aged children) ran in Trebanog in the first week of summer holidays (July 2024). A family fun day was also held in the Tonypandy building with activities such as a bouncy castle and games.

## 2. THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

- **Foodbank Hope Church Rhondda** operates a weekly food collection point as part of the Rhondda Foodbank for users in the local area. This is run by a group of staff and volunteers from Hope Church Rhondda and other churches in the local area who organise food donations, put together parcels of food for families in crisis and signpost to other local services where appropriate. Tea and coffee is provided and volunteers are available to be a listening ear for families in crisis. The foodbank is based on the church premises but administration is the responsibility of the Trussell Trust.
- **Rhondda Baby Bank** was established in Trebanog providing essential items for parents such as nappies, wipes and clothing in our 'Bags of Hope'
- Supported individuals to access support for substance misuse through collaboration with **'Challenge Valleys'** substance misuse charity.
- Commenced a drop in lunch club in the Tonypandy building which was free to attend and openly accessible to the local community
- Launched a free 'Cuppa and Craft' club as a means to invite people into a warm and welcoming space and to encourage social interaction in our community

Additionally Hope Church Rhondda supports the following charities:

- **Tearfund**  
An international charity focused on the global relief of poverty
- **Open Doors**  
We give money to Open Doors, a charity that supports the persecuted church worldwide.
- **Advance**  
An international network for planting and strengthening churches
- **Grace Fund**  
Hope Church Rhondda has a fund set up to be able to support individual church members who are experiencing financial hardship. This is usually to fund individual items and is provided confidentially at the discretion of the church leaders. During this time the church has funded individuals to receive counselling. A record is kept of this spending and large expenditure is approved by the trustees.

### **Public Events**

Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, 'the following public events were publicized through leaflets, social media and the church weekly email:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Service
3. Holiday Clubs

### **Looking to the Future**

In the year ahead we plan to:

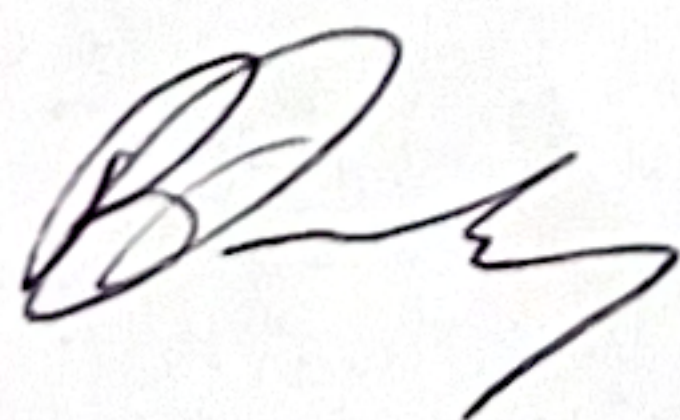
- **Consider ways to expand the work started in the Upper Rhondda.** At present the leadership capacity (and that of the core team) in the Upper Rhondda has limited the number of activities in the week that can be provided. The team continues to assess how to engage with the local community in the Upper Rhondda Area.
- **Continue to build links with the local community and community centre in Trebanog** - there has already been many opportunities for collaboration with the local council who recognise the benefit of having Hope Church Rhondda integrated into the community in Trebanog. We will continue to explore opportunities to expand this.
- **Continue to strengthen the work established in Tonypandy** including exploring new opportunities for outreach into the local community, including through sport and utilising the Tonypandy building more during the week. The trustees continue to explore the prospect of acquiring the property adjacent to the current building which could be utilised for community projects such as a drop in youth space.

The senior leadership team and trustees recognise that in order to continue to develop in the areas stated above the leadership capacity of the church will need to increase, most likely by recruitment of additional leaders. An individual has been completing a church planting residency programme in the Ynyswen congregation, and the trustees are exploring whether this person could be employed as an additional pastor in September 2025.

### **Financial Review**

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to a surplus of £10,780 (2023 (Restated): £12,951). Total funds carried forward at the year-end were £198,926 (2023 (Restated): £188,146).

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



**Ben Franks**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 13 June 2025

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Hope Church Rhondda ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity Trustees of Hope Church Rhondda, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

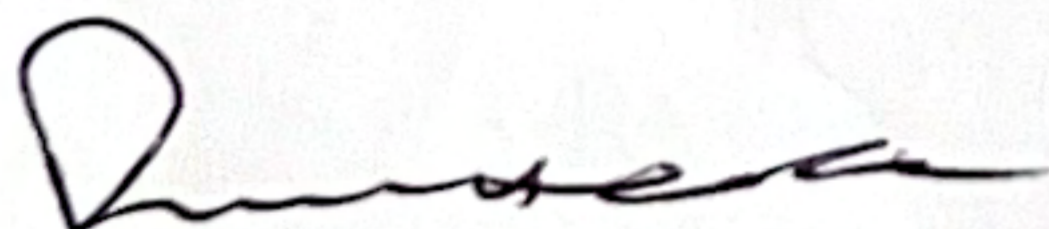
**Independent Examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the Accounts did not accord with those records;
- the Accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed



**Richard Hearn MSc Econ**  
RH Business Services  
13 Clark Street  
Treorchy  
CF42 6BE

Date: 13 June 2025

Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Statement of financial activities  
For the year ending 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31 August 2024	Year ended 31 August 2023 (Restated)
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	132,551	1,109	133,660	93,500
Other income	3	1,465	-	1,465	8,840
Total income		<b>134,016</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>135,125</b>	<b>102,340</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4	123,608	737	124,345	89,389
Total expenditure		<b>123,608</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>124,345</b>	<b>89,389</b>
Net movement in funds for the year		<b>10,408</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>12,951</b>
Total funds brought forward (restated)		188,146	-	188,146	175,195
Total funds carried forward		<b>198,554</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>198,926</b>	<b>188,146</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Hope Church Rhondda  
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Balance sheet  
as at 31 August 2024

		31 August 2024		31 August 2023 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	11		92,779		91,122
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		110,333		103,196	
Debtors		336		1,324	
		<u>110,669</u>		<u>104,520</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>4,522</u>		<u>7,496</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			106,147		97,024
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>			-		-
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>198,926</u></u>		<u><u>188,146</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	8		198,554		188,146
Restricted Funds	9		372		-
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>198,926</u></u>		<u><u>188,146</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Ben Franks**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 13 June 2025

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2024**

**1 Charity status**

Hope Church Rhondda is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales, number 1180123. The registered office is Hope Church Rhondda, Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany CF40 1AN.

None of the Trustees is liable to contribute any amount towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019)" and the Charities Act 2011.

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Although these estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors, they are merely estimations and could therefore differ from actual outcomes.

**Basis of preparation**

Hope Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Income Recognition**

- Regular giving, collections and donations are recognised when the funds have been received.
- Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised only when it has been received from HMRC.
- Grants (from whatever source) are recognised only when they have been received.
- Rent, room hire and other similar fees are recognised on a receivable basis, when an invoice has been raised.

**Expenditure Recognition**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when an invoice is received or when a legal obligation to meet that liability is created.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Assets, including buildings, are valued at cost.

Assets costing more than £200 are capitalised.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

- Buildings – 33 years
- Office & AV/PA equipment – 6 years
- Furniture, fixtures & fittings – 10 years.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ending 31 August 2024**

**Going concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity has adopted the exemption available in FRS 102 not to include a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid donations	35,089		35,089	70,163
Other donations	34,651		34,651	17,047
Tax recovered	44,662		44,662	-
Grant Income	18,149	1,109	19,258	6,290
	<b>132,551</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>133,660</b>	<b>93,500</b>
Other income				
Conferences and events			-	-
Hire of rooms	1,434		1,434	8,836
Other income			-	-
Interest	31		31	4
	<b>1,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>8,840</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,016</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>135,125</b>	<b>102,340</b>

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**4 Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, pensions and expenses	63,713		63,713	47,983
Foodbank	550		550	979
Baby Bank	200		200	690
Warm Space		737	737	-
Advance Movement	2,600		2,600	2,701
Children & Youth	702		702	381
Ministry costs	8,081		8,081	2,122
Event costs	4,307		4,307	1,289
Church Weekend Away	729		729	562
Grants & donations	7,330		7,330	2,450
	<b>88,212</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>88,949</b>	<b>59,157</b>
<b>b. Support and Administration</b>				
Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	1,048		1,048	348
Building costs, inc. utilities	13,475		13,475	11,220
IT & Telecoms	1,402		1,402	957
Administration costs	12,073		12,073	4,892
Catering	2,804		2,804	2,270
Insurance	1,497		1,497	2,184
Advertising & Marketing	466		466	703
Travel	962		962	437
Miscellaneous expenses	700		700	266
Depreciation	969		969	6,955
	<b>35,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,396</b>	<b>30,232</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,608</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>124,345</b>	<b>89,389</b>

**5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The charity has four part-time employed staff: its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Whilst no salary is paid to Ben Franks, the pastor and a Trustee, he received an honorarium of £3,000 per year paid directly to his pension fund.

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6 Employees

Employment Costs

	Year ended 31 August 2024	Year ended 31 August 2023
	£	£
Wages & salaries	56,074	42,402
Social security & Pension costs	7,639	5,581
	<u>63,713</u>	<u>47,983</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Trustees who are unpaid apart from the pastor, Ben Franks, for whom regular payments are made into his pension scheme as an honorarium. The total honorarium of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,000 (2023: £3,000).

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Year ending 31 August 2024	Year ending 31 August 2023
Charity staff	<u>2.3</u>	<u>1.8</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Year ending 31 August 2024	Year ending 31 August 2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,848	1,497
Taxes, social security and pensions	2,674	5,999
	<u>4,522</u>	<u>7,496</u>

8 Unrestricted Funds

The Trustees have determined that all grants received are to be treated as Unrestricted apart from any specifically classified as Restricted. Consequently, all grants received in the previous year ending 31 August 2023 have been reclassified from Restricted to Unclassified, and the Financial Statements restated.

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8 Unrestricted Funds (Continued)

	Balance at 1 Sept 2023 (Restated)	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2024
General Fund	188,146	134,016	123,608	198,554
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,146</b>	<b>134,016</b>	<b>123,608</b>	<b>198,554</b>

Unrestricted Funds

The following Unrestricted grants were received and expended in the year ending 31 August 2024:

	£
RCTCBC Community Facilities Support	540
Lauderdale Trust	12,430
James Williams Trust	1,900
Sarang Union Foundation	2,500
RCTCBC - Neighbourhood Network Fund	779
	<u>£18,149</u>

9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2023 (Restated)	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund		1,109	737	372
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>372</b>

The following Restricted grant was received in the year ending 31 August 2024:

RCTCBC Winter Hardship Fund (Warm Space)	<u>£1,109</u>
	<u>£1,109</u>

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**10 Analysis of net assets between Funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	92,779		92,779	91,122
Current assets	110,297	372	110,669	104,520
Current liabilities	(4,552)		(4,522)	(7,496)
	<b>198,554</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>198,926</b>	<b>188,146</b>

**11 Fixed Assets - Tangible**

	Land and Buildings Freehold	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total Assets
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 Sept 2023 (Restated)	97,574	15,280	112,854
Additions	-	2,626	2,626
At 31 Aug 2024	97,574	17,906	115,480
Depreciation			
At 1 Sept 2023 (Restated)	5,443	16,289	21,732
Charge for the year	718	251	969
At 31 Aug 2024	6,161	16,540	22,701
Net Book Value:			
At 31 Aug 2024	<b>91,413</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>92,779</b>
At 31 Aug 2023 (Restated)	<b>92,131</b>	<b>(1,009)</b>	<b>91,122</b>

**12 Taxation**

Hope Church Rhondda is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

**13 Payments to Connected Persons**

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**Hope Church Rhondda**

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### **Governance and Structure**

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The names of the trustees on 31st August 2023 are:

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- Dr Katie Goldring
- Mr Owen Cottom
- Mr Gregor Moss
- Mrs Alison Davies was appointed on 24th November 2022

### **Premises**

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### **Staffing**

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Mrs Sally Ann Evans commenced in April 2022 as administrator and pastoral worker and continues on this role.

Mrs Rebecca Davies was employed from July 2022 as community outreach worker (Trebanog) and women's pastoral worker and continues in this role.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honorarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor.

Additionally, Mr Jon Burton underwent a training placement with the church as part of a church planting residency program for the Advance Network which ended in August 2022. He continues to provide leadership support for the Trebanog congregation.

### **Finances**

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These objectives are met by the activities undertaken by Hope Church Rhondda. These are divided into two main areas which are detailed below.

### **Activities of Hope Church Rhondda**

#### **1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

##### **Religious Activities**

- **Sunday Meetings** A Sunday worship service is held weekly during the afternoon. This incorporates a kid's club for under 8's and a youth meeting for 8-14s. Attendance was around 70 people with an age range from babies to retired people.
- **Men's and Women's ministries** During the year specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church - these include evening meals for the women of the church and a monthly 'Men's Breakfast'. The men attended a weekend away in April 2023 to a climbing and outdoor activity centre in South Wales.
- **Community Christmas Carols**- we hosted our annual community carol service followed by turkey roll lunch at Hope Church Tonypany.
- **Outreach in local estate - Trebanog.** In July 2021 we started meeting on Thursday evening in Trebanog on the Rhiwgarn Estate in the council run community Centre and continued to meet there weekly (now on Monday evening). We have built strong links with the council team within the centre and collaborated with them in events (including community fun days). We ran a community carol service at the community centre which partnered with other community groups (for example inviting a local choir to attend and launching a kid's choir). Additionally, we ran a week of events in the summer holidays ending with a outreach day 'Love Trebanog' in which we replanted the community garden, litter picked, washed cars, supported people to remove rubbish from their gardens into hired skips and completed the day with a music event, facepaints and BBQ.

##### **Children's, Youth and Families Work**

We take safeguarding seriously and recognise it is an essential component to our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All our children and youth workers have undertaken a DBS check. We follow a safeguarding policy informed by thirtyone:eight (formerly Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and often seek their advice about safeguarding concerns. We hold regular safeguarding training. A service dedicated to promoting safeguarding in our church was held in October 2022 highlighting the message that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

- **Children's programme and a youth group** run during Sunday services with age specific children's activities.
- **Thursday evening Kid's club** in a local housing estate. We were able to start providing a weekly kids club for junior school aged children supported by the council run community centre.

- **'Hope Toddlers'** weekly baby and toddler group was started using the Hope Church building in Tonypanyd and was regularly attended by 20+ families.
- Hosted a **'Light Party'** at Hope Church Rhondda and the Waun Wen Centre as an alternative to Halloween celebrations.
- We have provided pastoral care to a family whose mother was admitted to hospital for a long period of time. The Church has also provided care and support to several families who have moved to the UK from Nigeria.
- Children's Holiday Club (for primary school aged children) ran in Tonypanyd and Trebanog in the first week of summer holidays.

## 2. THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

- **Foodbank Hope Church Rhondda** operates a weekly food collection point as part of the Rhondda Foodbank for users in the local area. This is run by a group of staff and volunteers from Hope Church Rhondda and other churches in the local area who organise food donations, put together parcels of food for families in crisis and signpost to other local services where appropriate. Tea and coffee is provided and volunteers are available to be a listening ear for families in crisis. The foodbank is based on the church premises but administration is the responsibility of the Trussell Trust.
- **Rhondda Baby Bank** was established in Trebanog providing essential items for parents such as nappies, wipes and clothing in our 'Bags of Hope'
- Supported individuals to access support for substance misuse through collaboration with **'Challenge Valleys'** substance misuse charity.
- Commenced a 'warm space' with support of council funding to help people during the cost of living space have an accessible and warm space they can utilise. Refreshments were also provided.
- Several families within the church have provided homes for individuals and families who have left Ukraine since the commencement of the war. The church has collectively sought to provide a welcoming and safe space for these families including using the church on one occasion to host a Ukrainian social evening.

Additionally Hope Church Rhondda supports the following charities:

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Hope Church Rhondda has a fund set up to be able to support individual church members who are experiencing financial hardship. This is usually to fund individual items and is provided confidentially at the discretion of the church leaders. During this time the church has funded individuals to receive counselling. A record is kept of this spending and large expenditure is approved by the trustees.

## Public Events

Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, the following public events were publicized through leaflets, social media and the church weekly email:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Service
3. Alpha Course - a course introducing people to the Christian religion

## Looking to the Future

In the year ahead we plan to:

- **Consider ways to re-establish the work started in Treorchy.**  
Prior to the pandemic a congregation had been started there but this was curtailed by the venue becoming unavailable during the pandemic and this remained the case even after restrictions were lifted. This has meant there has not been an obvious alternative (despite looking into purchasing a property) and so this impeded the progress of this congregation. The Trustees and senior pastors continue to consider the options for the Treorchy congregation. The church is in the process of recruitment for a new candidate for the church planting residency programme, previously completed by Jon Burton, in order to develop the work in Treorchy.
- **Continue to build links with the local community and community centre in Trebanog** and pursue long term leadership options for a congregation based in Trebanog.
- **Continue to strengthen the work established in Tonypanyd** including exploring new opportunities for outreach into the local community. This includes exploring whether the property adjacent to the current building could be utilised for community projects.

The senior leadership team and trustees recognise that in order to continue to develop in the areas stated above the **leadership capacity of the church will need to increase**, most likely by recruitment of additional leaders.

## Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to a surplus of £14,895 (2022: deficit £26,309). Total funds carried forward at the year-end were £191,143 (2022: £176,248).

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



Ben Franks  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Hope Church Rhondda ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity Trustees of Hope Church Rhondda you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's Accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the Accounts did not accord with those records;
- the Accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed



**Richard Hearn MSc Econ**  
RH Business Services  
13 Clark Street  
Treorchy  
CF42 6BE

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Hope Church Rhondda  
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Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ending 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/08/2023	Year ended 31/08/2022 (Restated)
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	87,210	6,290	93,500	54,510
Other income	3	8,840	-	8,840	5,648
Total income		<b>96,050</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>102,340</b>	<b>60,158</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4	78,476	8,969	87,445	86,467
Total expenditure		<b>78,476</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>87,445</b>	<b>86,467</b>
Net movement in funds for the year		<b>17,574</b>	<b>(2,679)</b>	<b>14,895</b>	<b>(26,309)</b>
Total funds brought forward (restated)		170,252	5,996	176,248	202,557
Total funds carried forward		<b>187,826</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>191,143</b>	<b>176,248</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these Financial Statements.

Hope Church Rhondda  
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Balance Sheet  
as at 31 August 2023

		31st August 2023		31st August 2022 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	11		94,190		98,945
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		103,155		79,076	
Debtor		1,324		741	
		<u>104,479</u>		<u>79,817</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>7,526</u>		<u>2,514</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			96,953		77,303
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>			-		-
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>191,143</u></u>		<u><u>176,248</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	8		187,826		170,252
Restricted Funds	9		3,317		5,996
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>191,143</u></u>		<u><u>176,248</u></u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Ben Franks**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2023**

**1 Charity status**

Hope Church Rhondda is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales, number 1180123. The registered office is Hope Church Rhondda, Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypanyd CF40 1AN.

None of the Trustees is liable to contribute any amount towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019)" and the Charities Act 2011.

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Although these estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors, they are merely estimations and could therefore differ from actual outcomes.

**Basis of preparation**

Hope Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Income Recognition**

- Regular giving, collections and donations are recognised when the funds have been received.
- Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised only when it has been received from HMRC.
- Grants (from whatever source) are recognised only when they have been received.
- Rent, room hire and other similar fees are recognised on a receivable basis, when an invoice has been raised.

**Expenditure Recognition**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when an invoice is received or when a legal obligation to meet that liability is created.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Assets, including buildings, are valued at cost.

Assets costing more than £200 are capitalised.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

- Buildings – 33 years
- Office & AV/PA equipment – 6 years
- Furniture, fixtures & fittings – 10 years.

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2023**

**Going concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity has adopted the exemption available in FRS 102 not to include a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**3 Donations and legacies**

**Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid donations	70,163	-	70,163	37,578
Other donations	17,047	-	17,047	11,232
Tax recovered	-	-	-	-
Grant Income	-	6,290	6,290	5,700
	<b>87,210</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>93,500</b>	<b>54,510</b>
Other income				
Conferences and events	-	-	-	-
Hire of rooms	8,836	-	8,836	5,648
Other income	-	-	-	-
Interest	4	-	4	-
	<b>8,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>5,648</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,050</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>102,340</b>	<b>60,158</b>

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4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, pensions and expenses	42,237	5,746	47,983	36,094
Foodbank		979	979	207
Baby Bank		690	690	-
Advance Movement	2,701	-	2,701	9,056
Children & Youth	381	-	381	668
Ministry costs	2,122	-	2,122	2,758
Event costs	128	1,161	1,289	75
Church Weekend Away	562	-	562	0
Grants & donations	2,450	-	2,450	5,280
	<b>50,581</b>	<b>8,576</b>	<b>59,157</b>	<b>54,138</b>
b. Support and Administration				
Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	348	-	348	1,555
Building costs, inc. utilities	11,220	-	11,220	10,190
IT & Telecoms	957	-	957	1,390
Administration costs	4,892	-	4,892	10,387
Catering	1,908	393	2,301	1,160
Insurance	2,184	-	2,184	1,348
Advertising & Marketing	703	-	703	178
Travel	437	-	437	196
Miscellaneous expenses	266	-	266	1,652
Depreciation	4,980	-	4,980	4,273
	<b>27,895</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>28,288</b>	<b>32,329</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,476</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>87,445</b>	<b>86,467</b>

5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The charity has three part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Whilst no salary is paid to Ben Franks, the pastor and a Trustee, he received an honorarium of £3,000 per year paid directly to his pension fund.

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for the year ending 31 August 2023

6 Employees

Employment Costs

	Year ending 31/08/2023	Year ending 31/08/2022
	£	£
Wages & salaries	42,402	31,644
Social security & Pension costs	5,581	3,878
	<b>47,983</b>	<b>35,522</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Trustees who are unpaid apart from the pastor, Ben Franks, for whom regular payments are made into his pension scheme as an honorarium. The total honorarium of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,000 (2022: £3,000).

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Year ending 31/08/2023	Year ending 31/08/2022
Charity staff	1.8	1.1

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Year ending 31/08/2023	Year ending 31/08/2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,527	1,399
Taxes, social security and pensions	5,999	1,115
	<b>7,526</b>	<b>2,514</b>

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2022 (Restated)	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2023
General fund	170,252	96,050	78,476	187,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,252</b>	<b>96,050</b>	<b>78,476</b>	<b>187,826</b>

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9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2023
	£	£	£	£
Foodbank	996	-	979	17
Moondance Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
James Williams Trust		2,300	2,300	-
RCTCBC-Neighbourhood Network Fund		1,000	-	1,000
RCTCBC-Neighbourhood NF (Baby Bank)		965	690	275
Alfred Haines Charitable Trust		2,025	-	2,025
	<b>5,996</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>3,317</b>

The grants and donations received for various restricted funds are for the following purposes:

- Foodbank: funds received to cover the costs of the Foodbank.
- Moondance Foundation: for social engagement projects, particularly in Trebanog.
- James Williams Trust: to assist payment of the salary of Rebecca Davies
- RCTCBC-Neighbourhood Network Fund: to assist in the work in Trebanog
- RCTCBC-Neighbourhood Network Fund (Baby Bank): to cover costs of the Baby Bank
- Alfred Haines Charitable Trust: to assist in the work in Trebanog

10 Analysis of net assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	94,190	-	94,190	98,945
Current assets	101,162	3,317	104,479	79,817
Current liabilities	(7,526)	-	(7,526)	(2,514)
	<b>187,826</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>191,143</b>	<b>176,248</b>

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
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**11 Fixed Assets - Tangible**

	<b>Land and Buildings Freehold</b>	<b>Fixtures, Fittings &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 Sept 2022	97,574	15,055	112,629
Additions	-	225	225
At 31 Aug 2023	97,574	15,280	112,854
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 Sept 2022	8,707	4,977	13,684
Charge for the year	-	4,980	4,980
At 31 Aug 2023	8,707	9,957	18,664
<b>Net Book Value:</b>			
At 31 Aug 2023	88,867	5,323	94,190
At 31 Aug 2022	88,867	10,078	98,945

**12 Taxation**

Hope Church Rhondda is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

**13 Payments to Connected Persons**

- The pastor, Ben Franks, who is a Trustee, received an honorarium of £3,000 (2021: £3,000) paid into his pension scheme.

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180123

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# Accounts

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Trustees' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1180123
<b>Registered office</b>	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypandy CF40 1AN
<b>Trustees</b>	Benjamin Franks Dr Katie Jayne Goldring Mr Owen Cottom Mr Gregor Moss
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank 91 Taff Street Pontypridd CF37 4SN
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Richard Hearn MSc Econ RH Business Services 13 Clark Street Treorchy CF42 6BE

**Hope Church Rhondda**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

**Governance and Structure**

Hope Church Rhondda was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 28 September 2018.

Hope Church Rhondda operates under the spiritual leadership of Mr. Benjamin Franks, lead pastor supported by Mr Simon Dalton, pastor and a small team of the church family.

The names of the trustees on 31st August 2022 are:

- Mr. Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)
- Dr Katie Goldring
- Mr Owen Cottom
- Mr Gregor Moss

**Premises**

Hope Church Rhondda operates from Units 1&2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany, CF40 1AN

**Staffing**

During this time period there have been 2 paid members of staff working for the charity: Mr Simon Dalton employed from August 2018 as pastor.

Mrs Elizabeth Burton (nee Goldring) employed from February 2020 as pastoral and administrative worker and ended her employment in February 2022. She was replaced by Sally Ann Evans who commenced her role in April 2022.

Mrs Rebecca Davies was employed from July 2022 as community outreach worker (Trebanog) and women's pastoral worker.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honorarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor. He undertook a planned sabbatical from June to August 2021.

Additionally, Mr Jon Burton underwent a training placement with the church as part of a church planting residency program for the Advance Network.

Mr Dominic Bates completed a placement with Hope Church Rhondda as part of a theological degree at Regents Bible College. Hope Church Rhondda contributed towards his study fees.

**Finances**

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank, 91 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SN.

The Treasurer role was temporarily filled by Ben Franks with bookkeeping support from C Management Services Ltd. From July 2022 Mr Owen Davies took on the role of Treasurer. Xero computer software is used to manage the church expenditure and to manage the budget.

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### 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

#### Religious Activities

- **Sunday Meetings** A Sunday worship service is held weekly during the afternoon. This incorporates a kids' club for under 8's and a youth meeting for 8-14s. Attendance was around 60 people with an age range from babies to retired people.
- **Men's and Women's ministries** During the year specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church.
- **Community Christmas 'Carols by Torchlight'** - we hosted our annual community carol service outside using the local rugby club as a venue.
- **Outreach in local estate - Trebanog.** In July 2021 we started meeting on Thursdays in Trebanog on the Rhiwgarn Estate in the Council run Community Centre and continued to meet there weekly. We have built strong links with the Council team within the Centre and collaborated with them in events. We also ran a community carol service at the Community Centre.
- Hosted a **Tamil speaking congregation** to support several Sri Lankan families living in the local area.

#### Children's, Youth and Families Work

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- **Children's work** during Sunday services. When easing of restrictions allowed, a new family service was launched which adhered to strict social distancing guidance: however, over the year this changed so that children's work was then integrated into the main afternoon service.
- **Thursday evening Kids' club** in local housing estate We were able to start providing a weekly kids' club and adult group.
- **'Hope Toddlers'** weekly baby and toddler group was started using the Hope Church building in Tonymandy and was regularly attended by 20+ families.

- Hosted a **'Light Party'** Hope Church Rhondda as an alternative to Halloween celebrations.
- Hosted **'The Marriage Course'** as a means to support and strengthen marriages in the church.

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Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, the following public events were publicised through leaflets, social media and the church weekly email:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Service
3. Alpha Course - a course introducing people to the Christian religion

## Looking to the Future

In the year ahead we plan to:

- **Consider ways to re-establish the work started in Treorchy.**  
Prior to the pandemic a congregation had been started there but this was curtailed by the venue becoming unavailable during the pandemic and this remained the case even after restrictions were lifted. This has meant there has not been an obvious alternative (despite looking into purchasing a property) and so this impeded the progress of this congregation. The Trustees and senior pastors continue to consider the options for the Treorchy congregation.
- **Continue to build links with the local community and community centre in Trebanog** and pursue long term leadership options for a congregation based in Trebanog.
- **Continue to strengthen the work established in Tonypandy** including exploring new opportunities for outreach into the local community. This includes exploring whether the property adjacent to the current building could be utilised for community projects.

The senior leadership team and Trustees recognise that in order to continue to develop in the areas stated above the **leadership capacity of the church will need to increase**, most likely by recruitment of additional leaders.

## Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to a deficit of £26,064 (2021: surplus £55,689). Total funds carried forward at the year-end were £176,493 (2021: £202,557). The primary reason for the deficit was that a number of agreed grants received in 2020/21 were not spent until the current year, and no claim was made for a refund of Gift Aid from HMRC (2021: £12,448).

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



Ben Franks  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Hope Church Rhondda ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity Trustees of Hope Church Rhondda you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's Accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The Accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed



**Richard Hearn MSc Econ**  
RH Business Services  
13 Clark Street  
Treorchy  
CF42 6BE

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

**Hope Church Rhondda**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Statement of financial activities**  
**For the year ending 31 August 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/08/2022	Year ended 31/08/2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	48,810	5,700	54,510	130,608
Other income	3	5,894	-	5,894	1,550
Total income		<b>54,704</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>60,404</b>	<b>132,158</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4	75,561	10,907	86,468	76,469
Total expenditure		<b>75,561</b>	<b>10,907</b>	<b>86,468</b>	<b>76,469</b>
Net movement in funds for the year		<b>(20,857)</b>	<b>(5,207)</b>	<b>(26,064)</b>	<b>55,689</b>
Total funds brought forward (restated)		191,354	11,203	202,557	146,868
Total funds carried forward		<b>170,497</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>176,493</b>	<b>202,557</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Balance sheet  
as at 31 August 2022

		31st August 2022		31st August 2021 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	11		98,945		102,598
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		79,076		100,941	
Debtor		<u>987</u>		<u>241</u>	
		80,063		101,182	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>2,515</u>		<u>1,223</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			77,548		99,959
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>			-		-
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>176,493</u></u>		<u><u>202,557</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	8		170,497		191,354
Restricted Funds	9		<u>5,996</u>		<u>11,203</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>176,493</u></u>		<u><u>202,557</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Ben Franks**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2022**

**1 Charity status**

Hope Church Rhondda is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales, number 1180123. The registered office is Hope Church Rhondda, Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypanyd CF40 1AN.

None of the Trustees is liable to contribute any amount towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019)" and the Charities Act 2011.

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Although these estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors, they are merely estimations and could therefore differ from actual outcomes.

**Basis of preparation**

Hope Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Income Recognition**

- Regular giving, collections and donations are recognised when the funds have been received.
- Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised only when it has been received from HMRC.
- Grants (from whatever source) are recognised only when they have been received.
- Rent, room hire and other similar fees are recognised on a receivable basis, when an invoice has been raised.

**Expenditure Recognition**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when an invoice is received or when a legal obligation to meet that liability is created.

**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Assets, including buildings, are valued at cost.

Assets costing more than £200 are capitalised.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

- Buildings – 33 years
- Office & AV/PA equipment – 6 years
- Furniture, fixtures & fittings – 10 years.

**Hope Church Rhondda**  
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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ending 31 August 2022**

**Going concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity has adopted the exemption available in FRS 102 not to include a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Gift Aid donations	37,578		37,578	45,157
Other donations	11,232		11,232	41,303
Tax recovered			-	12,448
Grant Income		5,700	5,700	31,700
	<b>48,810</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>54,510</b>	<b>130,608</b>
Other income				
Conferences and events			-	-
Hire of rooms	5,894		5,894	1,550
Other income			-	-
	<b>5,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>1,550</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,704</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>60,404</b>	<b>132,158</b>

Hope Church Rhondda  
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Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2022

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, pensions and expenses	34,394	1,700	36,094	35,522
Foodbank		207	207	92
Advance Movement	1,056	8,000	9,056	5,315
Children & Youth	197	471	668	130
Ministry costs	2,758		2,758	1,579
Event costs	75		75	2,515
Church Weekend Away			-	396
Grants & donations	5,280		5,280	2,600
	<b>43,760</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>54,138</b>	<b>48,149</b>
b. Support and Administration				
Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	1,555		1,555	630
Building costs, inc. utilities	9,661	529	10,190	11,917
IT & Telecoms	1,390		1,390	717
Administration costs	10,387		10,387	4,753
Catering	1,160		1,160	389
Insurance	1,348		1,348	1,247
Advertising & Marketing	178		178	2,025
Travel	196		196	-
Miscellaneous expenses	1,653		1,653	2,273
Depreciation	4,273		4,273	4,369
	<b>31,801</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>32,330</b>	<b>28,320</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,561</b>	<b>10,907</b>	<b>86,468</b>	<b>76,469</b>

5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The charity has three part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Whilst no salary is paid to Ben Franks, the pastor and a Trustee, he received an honorarium of £3,000 per year paid directly to his pension fund.

Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2022

6 Employees

Employment Costs

	Year ending 31/08/2022	Year ending 31/08/2021
	£	£
Wages & salaries	31,240	31,644
Social security & Pension costs	4,514	3,878
	<u>35,754</u>	<u>35,522</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Trustees who are unpaid apart from the pastor, Ben Franks, for whom regular payments are made into his pension scheme as an honorarium. The total honorarium of the key management personnel of the charity was £3,000 (2021: £3,000).

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Year ending 31/08/2022	Year ending 31/08/2021
Charity staff	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.1</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Year ending 31/08/2022	Year ending 31/08/2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,399	
Taxes, social security and pensions	1,116	1,223
	<u>2,515</u>	<u>1,223</u>

8 Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2022
	£	£	£	£
General fund	* 191,354	54,704	75,561	170,497
<b>Total</b>	<u>191,354</u>	<u>54,704</u>	<u>75,561</u>	<u>170,497</u>

\*£5,000 restated from Unrestricted to Restricted

Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2022

9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Aug 2022
	£	£	£	£
Foodbank	1,203		207	996
Moondance Foundation	5,000			5,000
Child Trust Fund **	5,000		5,000	-
Heb Ffin	-	3,000	3,000	-
James Williams Trust	-	1,700	1,700	-
Community Investment Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<b>11,203</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>10,907</b>	<b>5,996</b>

\*\* £5,000 restated from Unrestricted to Restricted

The grants and donations received for various restricted funds are for the following purposes:

- Foodbank: funds received to cover the costs of the Foodbank.
- Moondance Foundation: funds received for social engagement projects.
- Child Trust Fund; Heb Ffin: funds received for training church planters and forwarded from the charity to Advance UK charity.
- James Williams Trust: funds received to pay the salary of Lizzie Goldring (to February 2022).
- Community Investment Fund: funds received for community minded causes and used in Trebanog.

10 Analysis of net assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	98,945		98,945	102,598
Current assets	74,067	5,996	80,063	101,182
Current liabilities	(2,515)		(2,515)	(1,223)
	<b>170,497</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>176,493</b>	<b>202,557</b>

Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2022

11 Fixed Assets - Tangible

	Land and Buildings Freehold	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total Assets
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 Sept 2021	97,574	14,435	112,009
Additions	-	620	620
At 31 Aug 2022	97,574	15,055	112,629
Depreciation			
At 1 Apr 2021	5,747	3,664	9,411
Charge for the year	2,960	1,313	4,273
At 31 Aug 2022	8,707	4,977	13,684
Net Book Value:			
At 31 Aug 2022	<b>88,867</b>	<b>10,078</b>	<b>98,945</b>
At 31 Aug 2021	<b>91,827</b>	<b>10,771</b>	<b>102,598</b>

12 Taxation

Hope Church Rhondda is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

13 Payments to Connected Persons

- The pastor, Ben Franks, who is a Trustee, received an honorarium of £3,000 (2021: £3,000) paid into his pension scheme.
- Elizabeth Goldring, a connected person to a Trustee, Katie Goldring, was paid a salary at a rate of £12,480 per annum (2021: £12,480) until she ended her employment in February 2022.
- Fresh Flow Business Services Ltd, a company owned by the pastor, Ben Franks, and his wife was paid £120 by the charity for services undertaken during the year.

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180123

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# Accounts

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**Charity number: 1180123**

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2021**

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**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1180123
<b>Registered office</b>	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypany CF40 1AN
<b>Trustees</b>	Ben Franks Gregor Moss (from October 2020) Katie Jayne Goldring Owen Cottom
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank 91 Taff Street Pontypridd CF37 4SN
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Steve Ellum Steve Ellum & Associates Chartered Accountants Adulam House Glan Yr Afon Llanelli SA15 3QB

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

This is the report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st August 2021 for Hope Church Rhondda.

**Governance and Structure**

Hope Church Rhondda was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 28 September 2018.

Hope Church Rhondda operates under the spiritual leadership of Mr. Benjamin Franks, lead pastor supported by Mr Simon Dalton, pastor and a small team of the church family. The names of the trustees on 31st August 2021 are:

- Mr. Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)
- Dr Katie Goldring
- Mr Owen Cottom
- Mr Gregor Moss (appointed October 2020)

**Premises**

Hope Church Rhondda operates from Units 1&2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany, CF40 1AN .

**Staffing**

During this time period there have been 2 paid members of staff working for the charity: Mr Simon Dalton employed from August 2018 as pastor.

Miss Elizabeth Goldring employed from February 2020 as pastoral and administrative worker.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honorarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor. Ben took a sabbatical from his role between June 2021 and August 2021

Additionally, Mr Jon Burton underwent a training placement with the church as part of a church planting residency program for the Advance Network. The church made a contribution towards housing for Jon as part of this arrangement. Another short term intern, Mr Ben Landers, worked with the staff team between September 2020 and January 2021.

Mr Kenneth Hughes ceased his role as cleaner.

**Finances**

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank, 91 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SN.

The Treasurer was Mr John Sutton but he stepped down in Summer 2021 and this position was temporarily filled by Ben Franks with bookkeeping support from C Management Services Ltd. Xero computer software is used to manage the church expenditure and to manage the budget.

## **Affiliations**

Hope Church Rhondda is affiliated to Advance, a global movement of churches partnering together to advance the Gospel through planting and strengthening churches. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

## **Objectives of Hope Church Rhondda**

**1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT INCLUDING THROUGH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY.**

**2. TO FULFILL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.**

These objectives are met by the activities undertaken by Hope Church Rhondda. These are divided into two main areas which are detailed below.

The activities of Hope Church Rhondda were disrupted by the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Hope Church Rhondda followed government guidance during the pandemic and undertook a comprehensive risk assessment for each of its activities to ensure the safety of the participants, including retaining contact information for the purposes of Track and Trace whilst this was government recommendation to do so.

## **Activities of Hope Church Rhondda**

**1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

### **Religious Activities**

- **Sunday Meetings**

A Sunday worship service is held weekly during the afternoon. This incorporates a kid's club for under 8's and a youth meeting for 8-14s. Attendance is around 50 people with an age range from babies to retired people. A second congregation in Treorchy was established in September 2019 and met in a local community hall on Sunday mornings - unfortunately after the covid pandemic the building that the congregation had been meeting in became unavailable and so the congregation moved to a different village in Ton Pentre

Following government advice during Covid-19, in person religious services were prohibited between March and July 2020. During this time, Facebook, Youtube and Zoom platforms were utilised. When restrictions were lifted in the summer of 2020, in person meetings recommenced with two services to allow for social distancing. In November 2020 the services were paused in line with the Wales 'fire break' restrictions and did not recommence until March 2021.

- **Men's and Women's ministries**

During the year specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church.

- **Advance Theology Course**

A theology course was run, initially online and when restrictions eased during the summer, in person at the premises of Hope Church Rhondda.

- **Alpha course**

The Alpha course is an evangelistic tool used to promote the christian faith. The Alpha course was run online using Zoom.

- Community Christmas 'Carols by Carlight'  
In light of ongoing covid restrictions, we were unable to run our usual carol service. Instead we were able to utilise a local sports centre car park provided a carol service that people were able to participate in from the safety of their own cars (and was additionally broadcast on local radio).
- Outreach in local estate - Trebanog.  
In July 2021 we started meeting on Thursdays in Trebanog on the Rhiwgarn Estate in the council run community centre.

### **Children's, Youth and Families Work**

We take safeguarding seriously and recognise it is an essential component to our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All our children and youth workers have undertaken a DBS check. We follow a safeguarding policy informed by thirtyoneeight (formerly Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and hold regular safeguarding training.

- Children's work during Sunday services  
When easing of restrictions allowed, a new family service was launched which adhered to strict social distancing guidance.
- Thursday evening Kid's club in local housing estate  
We were able to start providing a weekly kids club and adult group. Additionally we hosted a free magic show for the community featuring finalists from 'Britain's Got Talent'.

## **2. THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

- Foodbank  
Hope Church Rhondda operates a weekly food collection point as part of the Rhondda Foodbank for users in the local area. This is run by a group of staff and volunteers from Hope Church Rhondda and other churches in the local area who organise food donations, put together parcels of food for families in crisis and signpost to other local services where appropriate. Tea and coffee is provided and volunteers are available to be a listening ear for families in crisis. The foodbank is based on the church premises but administration is the responsibility of the Trussell Trust.

During the pandemic, we were able to continue this service and reopened the church as a drop in distribution centre when covid restrictions allowed.

- Contribution to our town  
Hope Church Rhondda is located on the high street of Tonypany. Tonypany has high levels of unemployment and many businesses have closed on the high street. The church is committed to the economic regeneration of Tonypany and recognises that this will have far reaching benefits to the community. The church contributes to a committee focused on the economic renewal and regeneration of Tonypany.
- Self isolation support  
During the pandemic we were able to support our local community by providing support to people self isolating with collecting groceries and prescriptions and phone calls to those who were socially isolated or lived alone.

## Financial Giving

- Rhondda Foodbank  
A local charity operating a Trussell Trust Foodbank for those in need of emergency food parcels.
- Caersalem  
Hope Church Rhondda supports Caersalem, a welsh speaking church.
- Tearfund  
An international charity focused on the global relief of poverty
- Open Doors  
We give money to Open Doors, a charity that supports the persecuted church worldwide.
- Grace Fund  
The Church has a fund set up to be able to support individual church members who are experiencing financial hardship. This is usually to fund individual items and is provided confidentially at the discretion of the church leaders.

## Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £55,689 (2020: £9,797). Total funds carried forward at the year end were £202,557 (2018: £146,868).

## Looking to the Future

Hope Church Rhondda is committed to seeing church communities grow in the Rhondda Valleys. A second congregation in Treorchy was established but then was forced to relocate to Ton Pentre as a suitable venue to host meetings could not be found. During the summer of 2020 the group met in the local community centre in Ton Pentre. Despite discussions as to how to finance a building in Treorchy, a suitable premise did not become available and so the trustees have decided to shift focus to building the staff team and the human resources of the charity.

## Public Events

Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, ' the following public events were publicized through leaflets, social media and the church weekly email:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Service
3. Alpha Course - a course with meal introducing people to the christian religion
4. Easter fun day - unfortunately this was cancelled

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



Ben Franks  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of Hope Church Rhondda  
For the Year to 31 August 2021**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Church Rhondda**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Church Rhondda for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed



.....  
**Steve Ellum**  
Steve Ellum & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
Independent examiner  
Adulam House  
Glan Yr Afon  
Llanelli SA15 3QB

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Statement of financial activities  
For the year ending 31 August 2021**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Year ended 31/08/21 £</b>	<b>Year ended 31/08/20 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	123,908	6,700	130,608	77,830
Other income		1,550	-	1,550	6,063
<b>Total income</b>		<u>125,458</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>132,158</u>	<u>83,893</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4	74,677	1,792	76,469	102,424
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>74,677</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>76,469</u>	<u>102,424</u>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		50,781	4,908	55,689	(18,531)
Total funds brought forward		145,573	1,295	146,868	165,399
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>196,354</u>	<u>6,203</u>	<u>202,557</u>	<u>146,868</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Balance sheet  
as at 31 August 2021**

	Note	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021		31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	11		102,598		103,485
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		100,941		44,387	
Debtor		241		-	
		<u>101,182</u>		<u>44,387</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>1,223</u>		<u>1,004</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>99,959</u>		<u>43,383</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			-		-
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>202,557</u>		<u>146,868</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	9		6,203		1,295
Unrestricted funds	8		<u>196,354</u>		<u>145,573</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>202,557</u>		<u>146,868</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Ben Franks**  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2021**

**1 Charity status**

Hope Church Rhondda is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales, number 1180123. The registered office is Hope Church Rhondda, Units 1-2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany CF40 1AN.

Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**Basis of preparation**

Hope Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Hope Church Rhondda**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ending 31 August 2021**

<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Gift Aid donations	45,157	-	45,157	39,628
Other donations	41,303	-	41,303	22,352
Tax recovered	12,448	-	12,448	-
Grant Income	25,000	6,700	31,700	15,850
	<b>123,908</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>130,608</b>	<b>77,830</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Conferences and events	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,550	-	1,550	6,063
	<b>1,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>6,063</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,458</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>132,158</b>	<b>83,893</b>
<b>4 Charitable activities</b>				
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Salaries, pensions and expenses	33,822	1,700	35,522	33,970
Foodbank	-	92	92	1,710
Advance Movement	5,315	-	5,315	2,937
Children & Youth	130	-	130	813
Ministry costs	1,579	-	1,579	927
Event costs	2,515	-	2,515	1,276
Church Weekend Away	396	-	396	1,339
Grants & donations	2,600	-	2,600	1,702
	<b>46,357</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>48,149</b>	<b>44,674</b>
<b>b. Support and Administration</b>				
Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	630	-	630	240
Building costs, inc. utilities	11,917	-	11,917	42,041
IT & Telecoms	717	-	717	1,144
Administration costs	4,753	-	4,753	5,160
Catering	389	-	389	858
Insurance	1,247	-	1,247	1,354
Advertising & Marketing	2,025	-	2,025	2,689
Travel	-	-	-	686
Miscellaneous expenses	2,273	-	2,273	3,578
Depreciation	4,369	-	4,369	-
	<b>28,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,320</b>	<b>57,750</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>76,469</b>	<b>102,424</b>

**Hope Church Rhondda**  
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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ending 31 August 2021**

**5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The charity has three part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Whilst no salary is paid to Ben Franks, the pastor and a Trustee, he received an honorarium of £3,000 per year paid directly to his pension fund. Elizabeth Goldring, a connected person to a Trustee, Katie Goldring, was paid a salary of £12,480 per annum.

**6 Employees**

<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>Year ending 31/8/21</b>	<b>Year ending 31/8/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages & salaries	31,644	29,989
Social security & Pension costs	3,878	3,981
	<u>35,522</u>	<u>33,970</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The charity is managed on a day to day basis by the trustees who are unpaid apart from the pastor, Ben Franks, for whom we make regular payments into his pension scheme as an honorarium. The total honorarium of the key management personnel of the charity were £3,000 (2020: £3,000).

**Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents were as follows:

	<b>Year ending 31/8/21</b>	<b>Year ending 31/8/20</b>
Charity staff	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.8</u>

**7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Year ending 31/8/21</b>	<b>Year ending 31/8/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors		
Taxes, social security and pensions	1,223	1,004
	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,004</u>

**Hope Church Rhondda  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2021**

**8 Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 Sept 2020</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Balance at 31 August 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General fund	145,573	125,458	74,677	196,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,573</b>	<b>125,458</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>196,354</b>

**9 Restricted Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 Sept 2020</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Balance at 31 August 2021</b>
Foodbank	1,295	-	92	1,203
Moondance Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000
James Williams Trust	-	1,700	1,700	-
	<b>1,295</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>6,203</b>

The grants and donations received for various restricted funds are for the following purposes:

Foodbank Fund: Funds received to cover costs of the Foodbank

Moondance Foundation: Funds received for social engagement projects

James Williams Trust: Funds received to pay salary of Lizzie Goldring

**10 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2021 Total funds</b>	<b>2020 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	102,598	-	102,598	103,485
Current assets	94,979	6,203	101,182	44,387
Current liabilities	(1,223)	-	(1,223)	(1,004)
	<b>196,054</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>202,557</b>	<b>146,868</b>

**Hope Church Rhondda  
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**Notes to financial statements  
for the year ending 31 August 2021**

**11 Fixed assets - Tangible**

	Land and Buildings freehold	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment	Total Assets
Cost			
At 1 Sept 2020	97,574	10,953	108,527
Additions	-	3,482	1,936
At 31 Aug 2021	97,574	14,435	110,463
Depreciation			
At 1 Apr 2020	2,873	2,169	5,042
Charge for the year	2,874	1,495	4,369
At 31 Aug 2021	5,747	3,664	9,411
Net Book Value			
At 31 Aug 2021	91,827	10,771	102,598
At 31 Aug 2020	94,701	8,784	103,485

**12 Taxation**

This is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180123

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# Accounts

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**HOPE CHURCH  
RHONDDA**

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**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020**

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**C Management Services  
69 Velindre Road  
Whitchurch  
Cardiff  
CF14 2TF**

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Ben Franks Katie Jayne Goldring Howard Kellett (resigned 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020) Owen Cottom
<b>Pastors:</b>	Ben Franks Simon Dalton
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Philip John Sutton
<b>Charitable position:</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1180123
<b>Governing Document:</b>	Foundation CIO Constitution dated 28/9/18
<b>Address for correspondence:</b>	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypandy CF40 1AN
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road Whitchurch CARDIFF CF14 2TF
<b>Bankers:</b>	Barclays Bank Pontypridd

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## **HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

This is the report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st August 2020 for Hope Church Rhondda.

#### **Governance and Structure**

Hope Church Rhondda was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 28 September 2018.

Hope Church Rhondda operates under the spiritual leadership of Mr. Benjamin Franks, lead pastor supported by Mr Simon Dalton, pastor and a small team of the church family.

The names of the trustees on 31st August 2020 are:

Mr. Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)

Dr Katie Goldring

Mr Howard Kellett

Mr Owen Cottom (appointed January 2019)

#### **Premises**

Hope Church Rhondda operates from Units 1&2 Dunraven Street, Tonypany, CF40 1AN .

#### **Staffing**

During this time period there have been 4 paid members of staff working for the charity:

Mrs Sarah Sutton, employed from September 2016 as a part time youth and community worker (10 hours per week). She also managed the usage of the church building by local community groups (7 hours per week). Sarah resigned from her role in January 2020.

Mr Kenneth Hughes employed from August 2017 as a cleaner (4 hours per week).

Mr Simon Dalton employed from August 2018 as pastor.

Miss Elizabeth Goldring employed from February 2020 as pastoral and administrative worker.

Additionally, Mr Benjamin Franks received an honourarium and continued in his non-stipendiary role as lead pastor.

The church has also funded an internship programme for two individuals, Jessie Brumfield and Isaac Little, who joined us for 12 months from the USA on a Tier 5 Charity Worker visa. The church covered the cost of their subsistence costs for the duration of their stay. This commenced in January 2020.

## Finances

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank, 91 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SN.

The Treasurer is Mr John Sutton. Xero computer software is used to manage the church expenditure and to manage the budget.

## Affiliations

Hope Church Rhondda is affiliated to Advance, a global movement of churches partnering together to advance the Gospel through planting and strengthening churches.

The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

## Objectives of Hope Church Rhondda

**1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT INCLUDING THROUGH PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY.**

**2. TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.**

These objectives are met by the activities undertaken by Hope Church Rhondda. These are divided into two main areas which are detailed below.

The activities of Hope Church Rhondda were disrupted by the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. In this report, activities have been divided into the time period prior to the pandemic (up to the end of March 2020) and the period of the ongoing pandemic between March 2020 and the end of August 2020.

Hope Church Rhondda followed government guidance during the pandemic and undertook a comprehensive risk assessment for each of its activities to ensure the safety of the participants, including retaining contact information for the purposes of Track and Trace.

## Activities of Hope Church Rhondda

**1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

### Religious Activities

- **Sunday Meetings**

A Sunday worship service is held weekly during the afternoon. This incorporates a kid's club for under 8's and a youth meeting for 8-14s. Attendance is around 50 people with an age range from babies to retired people. A second congregation in Treorchy was established in September 2019 and met in a local community hall on Sunday mornings.

Following government advice during Covid-19, in person religious services were prohibited between March and July 2020. During this time, Facebook, Youtube and Zoom platforms were utilised. When restrictions were lifted in the summer of 2020, in person meetings recommenced with two services to allow for social distancing.

- **Mid week community groups**

Four community groups met weekly for bible study, support and fellowship in the Tonypany area with an additional group commenced in the Treorchy area. These groups provide emotional and pastoral support for its members, for example support during bereavement, food rotas for new parents, practical help during periods of illness and befriending of those who are socially isolated.

During the pandemic these groups have been put on hold as they involved social gatherings of multiple households. Instead prayer meetings and theological courses were provided online and where needed bespoke practical and pastoral support was provided in line with government guidance.

- **Men's and Women's ministries**  
During the year specific sessions were held to build relationships and faith in the life of the church.
- **Advance Theology Course**  
A theology course was run, initially online and when restrictions eased during the summer, in person at the premises of Hope Church Rhondda.
- **Church Weekend away**  
A church weekend away had been planned to support the church members in May 2020. Unfortunately this was cancelled due to the pandemic but is intended to be rescheduled when government restrictions allow.
- **Alpha course**  
The Alpha course is an evangelistic tool used to promote the christian faith. The Alpha course was run online using Zoom.
- **Community Christmas Carol Service**  
This was attended by over 80 people and included traditional and modern carols and an explanation of the christmas message. An interactive nativity service was also held in Treorchy in Oak Tree Hall.

### **Children's, Youth and Families Work**

We take safeguarding seriously and recognise it is an essential component to our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All our children and youth workers have undertaken a DBS check. We follow a safeguarding policy informed by thirtyoneeight (formerly Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and hold regular safeguarding training.

- **Children's work during Sunday services**  
Our interactive children's programme includes age appropriate activities for 3-8 year olds and 8-14 year olds in order for them to have an introduction to the Christian faith.  
  
During the pandemic, children's work was moved online using zoom and an interactive app. When easing of restrictions allowed, a new family service was launched which adhered to strict social distancing guidance.
- **Club youth club**  
Club is a weekly group for 8-14 year olds which met for an hour and a half on Thursday evenings and involved craft activities, games, team building activities as well as some teaching on the christian religion. This group had around 20 participants.  
  
Due to covid-19 this group has been temporarily suspended with a hope to restart in the future.

- **Community Funday**  
Sadly, the annual community Funday held by the church and scheduled over the Easter weekend was cancelled due to Covid-19.

- **Marriage Course**  
In January 2020 the church ran a course to support the marriages of couples within the church.

## **2. THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY IN THE RHONDDA VALLEYS, SOUTH WALES AND ACROSS THE WORLD.**

- **Foodbank**  
Hope Church Rhondda operates a weekly food collection point as part of the Rhondda Foodbank for users in the local area. This is run by a group of staff and volunteers from Hope Church Rhondda and other churches in the local area who organise food donations, put together parcels of food for families in crisis and signpost to other local services where appropriate. Tea and coffee is provided and volunteers are available to be a listening ear for families in crisis. The foodbank is based on the church premises but administration is the responsibility of the Trussell Trust.

During the pandemic, we were able to continue this service but delivered food parcels to people's homes rather than people attending the church building.

- **Contribution to our town**  
Hope Church Rhondda is located on the high street of Tonypany. Tonypany has high levels of unemployment and many businesses have closed on the high street. The church is committed to the economic regeneration of Tonypany and recognises that this will have far reaching benefits to the community. The church contributes to a committee focused on the economic renewal and regeneration of Tonypany.
- **Self isolation support**  
During the pandemic we were able to support our local community by providing support to people self isolating with collecting groceries and prescriptions and phone calls to those who were socially isolated or lived alone.

## **Financial Giving**

- **Rhondda Foodbank**  
A local charity operating a Trussell Trust Foodbank for those in need of emergency food parcels.
- **Caersalem**  
Hope Church Rhondda supports Caersalem, a welsh speaking church.
- **Tearfund**  
An international charity focused on the global relief of poverty
- **Open Doors**  
We give money to Open Doors, a charity that supports the persecuted church worldwide.
- **Grace Fund**  
The Church has a fund set up to be able to support individual church members who are experiencing financial hardship. This is usually to fund individual items and is provided confidentially at the discretion of the church leaders.

## Looking to the Future

Hope Church Rhondda is committed to seeing church communities grow in the Rhondda Valleys. A second congregation in Treorchy is now established and the church leadership met in March 2020 to discuss other potential congregations. The church leaders continue to look for areas to develop in meeting the needs of the congregation and local community and have identified a need for a specialist addiction service. Following this discussion, partnership with local drug addiction service 'Challenge Valleys' has taken place with a hope to develop this further over the next year.

## Public Events

Whilst many of our activities are provided for our members and therefore advertised internally, ' the following public events were publicised through leaflets, social media and the church weekly email:

1. All Sunday Services
2. Carol Service
3. Alpha Course - a course with meal introducing people to the christian religion
4. Easter fun day - unfortunately this was cancelled

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20.5.2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Ben Franks  
Chair of Trustees

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 7-10.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state 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 Commission. 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 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 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

*Paul Burnell*

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Paul Burnell ACMI  
For and on behalf of:  
C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmt Services Ltd)  
69 Velindre Road  
Cardiff CF14 2TF

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	58,975	3,005	61,980	81,633
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	2,133	-	2,133	3,543
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	3,930	15,850	19,780	17,160
<i>Transfer of funds from old charity</i>					38,338
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>65,038</b>	<b>18,855</b>	<b>83,893</b>	<b>140,674</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Charitable activities	5	69,514	32,910	102,424	77,776
Governance costs					
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>69,514</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>102,424</b>	<b>77,776</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>(4,476)</b>	<b>(14,055)</b>	<b>(18,531)</b>	<b>62,898</b>
Transfers between funds		10,980	(10,980)		
Fund balances at 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2019		36,568	26,330	62,898	-
Fund balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020		43,072	1,295	44,3670	62,898

The notes on pages 11-12 form part of these accounts.

**HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**1. Fixed Assets**

	Buildings	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Other Equipment	Total
<b>Value</b>	97,574	2,452	6,665	1,835	108,526
<b>Less Depreciation</b>	2,873	193	1,975	-	5,041
<b>Total</b>	<u>94,701</u>	<u>2,259</u>	<u>4,690</u>	<u>1,835</u>	<u>103,485</u>

The insured values are:

	2020	2019
Buildings	607,754	551,250
Other equipment	<u>40,000</u>	<u>27,734</u>
Total	<u>647,754</u>	<u>578,984</u>

**2. Bank & Cash Balances**

	2020 £	2019 £
Investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>44,367</u>	<u>62,898</u>
	44,367	62,898

**3. Other Assets and Liabilities**

	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	14,562	4,655
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	275	250

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Ben Franks

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

## HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

<b>2. Voluntary receipts</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Gift Aid donations	39,628	-	39,628	48,926
Other donations	19,347	3,005	22,352	22,149
Tax recovered	-	-	-	10,558
	<u>58,975</u>	<u>3,005</u>	<u>61,980</u>	<u>81,633</u>

#### 3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	2,133			3,543
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#### 4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grant received	-	15,850	15,850	15,350
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Other sundry receipts	3,930	-	3,930	1,810
	<u>3,930</u>	<u>15,850</u>	<u>19,780</u>	<u>17,160</u>

#### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>a. Direct Charitable Costs</b>				
Salaries, pensions and expenses	26,770	7,200	33,970	36,418
Foodbank		1,710	1,710	412
Advance Movement	2,937		2,937	3,400
Children & Youth	813		813	313
Ministry costs	927		927	1,021
Event costs	1,276		1,276	6,248
Church Weekend Away	1,339		1,339	6,259
Grants & donations (note 5c)	1,702		1,702	2,180
	<u>35,764</u>	<u>8,910</u>	<u>44,674</u>	<u>56,251</u>

#### b. Support and Administration

Printing, postage, stationery & equipment	240	-	240	405
Building costs inc. utilities	18,041	24,000	42,041	5,000
IT & Telecoms	1,144	-	1,144	595
Admin costs	5,160	-	5,160	6,292
Catering	858	-	858	557
Insurance	1,354	-	1,354	1,050
Advertising and Marketing	2,689	-	2,689	1,100
Travel	686	-	686	533
Miscellaneous expenses	3,378	-	3,378	5,993
	<u>33,550</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>57,550</u>	<u>21,525</u>

#### c. Grants

Other organisations	1,702			2,180
	<u>1,702</u>			<u>2,180</u>

## 6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has three part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

## 7. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year areas follows:

	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfers in the year</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Impact Giving	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
James Williams Trust	6,350	850	7,200	-	-
Julian Hodge	6,000	-	6,000	-	-
Laing Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
Foodbank	-	3,005	1,710	-	1,295
Norwood & Newton		5,000	5,000	-	-
Voluntary Action Merthyr		5,000	5,000	-	-
Garfield Weston		5,000	5,000	-	-
	<b>15,350</b>	<b>18,855</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,295</b>