

**HOPE CHURCH
RHONDDA**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2020**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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

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HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST 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

20th May 2021

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:

C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmnt Services Ltd)

69 Velindre Road

Cardiff CF14 2TF

HOPE CHURCH RHONDDA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
<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
Total Receipts		65,038	18,855	83,893	140,674
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	69,514	32,910	102,424	77,776
Governance costs					
Total payments		69,514	32,910	102,424	77,776
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(4,476)	(14,055)	(18,531)	62,898
Transfers between funds		10,980	(10,980)		
Fund balances at 1 st Sept 2019		36,568	26,330	62,898	-
Fund balances at 31 st August 2020		43,072	1,295	44,3670	62,898

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

1. Fixed Assets

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

The insured values are:

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

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 20th 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 31ST AUGUST 2020

1. Accounting Policies

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

2. Voluntary receipts	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 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
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:

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing
	£	£	£	in the year	balance
	£			£	£
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	-	-
	15,350	18,855	32,910	-	1,295