

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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Legal and administrative information

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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st 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: 29th 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 31st 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



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

Date: 29th June 2022

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ending 31 August 2021

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

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Balance sheet
as at 31 August 2021

	Note	31st August 2021		31st August 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	11		102,598		103,485
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		100,941		44,387	
Debtor		241		-	
		<u>101,182</u>		<u>44,387</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>1,223</u>		<u>1,004</u>	
Net current assets			<u>99,959</u>		<u>43,383</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			-		-
Net Assets			<u>202,557</u>		<u>146,868</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	9		6,203		1,295
Unrestricted funds	8		<u>196,354</u>		<u>145,573</u>
Total funds			<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: 29th June 2022

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**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.

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3 Donations and legacies

	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
	123,908	6,700	130,608	77,830

Other income

Conferences and events	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,550	-	1,550	6,063
	1,550	-	1,550	6,063

Total

125,458	6,700	132,158	83,893
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4 Charitable activities

	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
	46,357	1,792	48,149	44,674

b. Support and Administration

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	-
	28,320	-	28,320	57,750

Total

74,677	1,792	76,469	102,424
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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

Employment costs	Year ending 31/8/21 £	Year ending 31/8/20 £
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:

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

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

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

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8 Unrestricted Funds

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

9 Restricted Funds

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

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
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)
	196,054	6,203	202,557	146,868

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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 Apr2020	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.