

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

**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

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st 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.

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** 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

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 hold regular safeguarding training. Additionally, a safeguarding audit was conducted in 2021 with plans for a 'Safeguarding Sunday' highlighting the importance of safeguarding to the wider congregation.

- **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.

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.
- Hosted a '**Pay as You Feel Barbers**' at Church as part of the Foodbank with free haircuts available for Foodbank customers.
- **Rhondda Baby Bank** 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.

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.

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 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: 23rd June 2023

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 31st 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: 23rd June 2023

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

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 2022

		31st August 2022		31st August 2021 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	11		98,945		102,598
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		79,076		100,941	
Debtor		987		241	
		<u>80,063</u>		<u>101,182</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,515</u>		<u>1,223</u>	
Net current assets			77,548		99,959
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-		-
Net Assets			<u><u>176,493</u></u>		<u><u>202,557</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	8		170,497		191,354
Restricted Funds	9		<u>5,996</u>		<u>11,203</u>
Total Funds			<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: 23rd June 2023

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, 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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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
	48,810	5,700	54,510	130,608
Other income				
Conferences and events			-	-
Hire of rooms	5,894		5,894	1,550
Other income			-	-
	5,894	-	5,894	1,550
Total	54,704	5,700	60,404	132,158

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
	43,760	10,378	54,138	48,149
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
	31,801	529	32,330	28,320
Total	75,561	10,907	86,468	76,469

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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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
	35,754	35,522

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	1.1	1.1

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
	2,515	1,223

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
Total	191,354	54,704	75,561	170,497

*£5,000 restated from Unrestricted to Restricted

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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	-
	11,203	5,700	10,907	5,996

** £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)
	170,497	5,996	176,493	202,557

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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	88,867	10,078	98,945
At 31 Aug 2021	91,827	10,771	102,598

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.