

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

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1180123
Registered office	Hope Church Rhondda Units 1-2 Dunraven Street Tonypany CF40 1AN
Trustees	Benjamin Franks Dr Katie Jayne Goldring Mr Owen Cottom Mr Gregor Moss Mrs Alison Davies
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 91 Taff Street Pontypridd CF37 4SN CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kongs Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
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 2023

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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 2023 are:

- Mr. Benjamin Franks (chair and main point of contact)
- Dr Katie Goldring
- Mr Owen Cottom
- Mr Gregor Moss
- Mrs Alison Davies was appointed on 24th November 2022

Premises

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

Staffing

During this time period there have been 3 paid members of staff working for the charity: Mr Simon Dalton employed from August 2018 as pastor.

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

Hope Church Rhondda banks with Barclays Bank, 91 Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4SN and, from 1st January 2023, also with CAF Bank, registered office 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

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 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 Tonypany 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 Tonypany 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:

- **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. 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: 11th June 2024

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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 31st 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
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13 Clark Street
Treorchy
CF42 6BE

Date: 11th June 2024

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

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 2023

		31st August 2023		31st August 2022 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	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>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>7,526</u>		<u>2,514</u>	
Net current assets			96,953		77,303
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-		-
Net Assets			<u>191,143</u>		<u>176,248</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	8		187,826		170,252
Restricted Funds	9		<u>3,317</u>		<u>5,996</u>
Total Funds			<u>191,143</u>		<u>176,248</u>

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



Ben Franks
Chair of Trustees

Date: 11th June 2024

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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, 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

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
	87,210	6,290	93,500	54,510
Other income				
Conferences and events	-	-	-	-
Hire of rooms	8,836	-	8,836	5,648
Other income	-	-	-	-
Interest	4	-	4	-
	8,840	-	8,840	5,648
Total	96,050	6,290	102,340	60,158

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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
	50,581	8,576	59,157	54,138
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
	27,895	393	28,288	32,329
Total	78,476	8,969	87,445	86,467

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 31/08/2023	Year ending 31/08/2022
	£	£
Wages & salaries	42,402	31,644
Social security & Pension costs	5,581	3,878
	47,983	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 (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
	7,526	2,514

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
Total	170,252	96,050	78,476	187,826

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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
	5,996	6,290	8,969	3,317

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)
	187,826	3,317	191,143	176,248

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11 Fixed Assets - Tangible

	Land and Buildings Freehold £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total Assets £
Cost			
At 1 Sept 2022	97,574	15,055	112,629
Additions	-	225	225
At 31 Aug 2023	97,574	15,280	112,854
Depreciation			
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
Net Book Value:			
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.