

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

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

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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	Mr Benjamin Franks Dr Katie Jayne Goldring Mr Gregor Moss Mrs Alison Davies Mr Owen Cottom (stood down as Trustee on 22/01/2024)
Bankers	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
Independent Examiner	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:

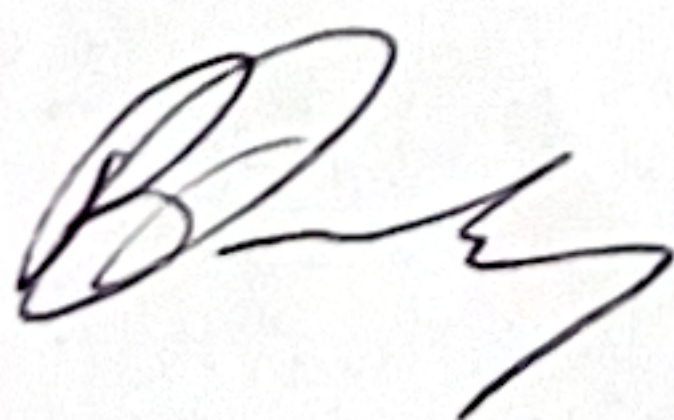
- **Consider ways to expand the work started in the Upper Rhondda.** At present the leadership capacity (and that of the core team) in the Upper Rhondda has limited the number of activities in the week that can be provided. The team continues to assess how to engage with the local community in the Upper 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

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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 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.

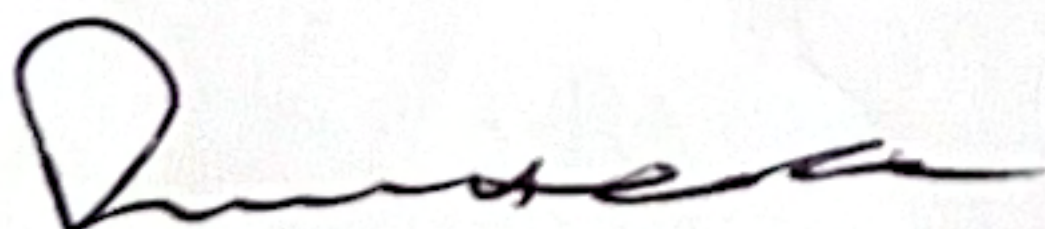
Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

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 2024

		31 August 2024		31 August 2023 (Restated)	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	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>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>4,522</u>		<u>7,496</u>	
Net current assets			106,147		97,024
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-		-
Net Assets			<u>198,926</u>		<u>188,146</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	8		198,554		188,146
Restricted Funds	9		372		-
Total Funds			<u>198,926</u>		<u>188,146</u>

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



Ben Franks
Chair of Trustees

Date: 13 June 2025

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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.

Notes to financial statements
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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 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
	132,551	1,109	133,660	93,500
Other income				
Conferences and events			-	-
Hire of rooms	1,434		1,434	8,836
Other income			-	-
Interest	31		31	4
	1,465	-	1,465	8,840
Total	134,016	1,109	135,125	102,340

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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
	88,212	737	88,949	59,157
b. Support and Administration				
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
	35,396	-	35,396	30,232
Total	123,608	737	124,345	89,389

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.

Notes to financial statements
for the year ending 31 August 2024

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
	63,713	47,983

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	2.3	1.8

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
	4,522	7,496

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
Total	188,146	134,016	123,608	198,554

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
Total	-	1,109	737	372

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

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

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ending 31 August 2024

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)
	198,554	372	198,926	188,146

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	91,413	1,366	92,779
At 31 Aug 2023 (Restated)	92,131	(1,009)	91,122

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 (2023: £3,000) paid into his pension scheme.