

Registered Charity Number: 1183191

Hope Church Huddersfield

Unaudited

Report and Accounts

For the year ended 5 April 2025

HOPE CHURCH HUDDERSFIELD

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Trustees: Rev. L Allen
Mr D Dent
Mr P Godfrey
Mr G Powell
Mr P Thomson

Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Registration Number: 1183191

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HOPE CHURCH HUDDERSFIELD
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the period ended 5 April 2025.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's Governing Document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published in January 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and operates under a Constitution that was registered with the Charity Commission on 30 April 2019.

Governance

The Church is led by the Elders who are supported by a team of Deacons. All Elders also serve as Trustees. The Elders meet regularly to monitor the spiritual welfare, to discuss future plans and to review the current activities of the Church.

The Elder's decisions are subject to the scrutiny and where required the approval of Church members at the quarterly Church business meetings.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated by the current Trustees and are confirmed by a vote of Church members. All Trustees have to be re-confirmed by the Church members every 3 years.

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Huddersfield and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

When planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Church holds public Sunday services and runs other activities during the week. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their Christian faith in their local communities.

The Church also provides financial support to other individuals and organisations involved in Christian mission.

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Achievements and Performance

The Church has continued with its activities.

- Sunday services are conducted in both the morning and the evening. Live-streaming of the morning service on YouTube has continued to enable those unable to attend in person to participate. All services are open to members, other regular attendees and guests.
- Sunday school is run alongside the morning service for primary school age children. A crèche is provided for pre-school age children.

“Hope Hoppers” is a weekly group for babies, toddlers and their carers that is open to church families and guests.

“Toast” is a bi-weekly youth group for 11-14s from church families and their friends.

“Yorkshire Youth” is a once per school term event for 11-14s from church families and their friends run in conjunction with other local churches.

- Life Groups (small group meetings in member’s homes) meet weekly for bible study, prayer and to share fellowship. A Welcome Group for newcomers to the Church runs alongside Life Groups as and when required.

A Women’s bible study runs monthly.

- Student ministry includes regular student lunches (hosted by Church members). Students are also encouraged to be involved in the Huddersfield University Christian Union and the wider life of the Church.
- “Establish” (20s/30s age group) meets twice monthly on Sundays after the morning service.
- “Men’s football” takes place monthly and is an opportunity for men from the church and their friends to play five-a-side football.
- “Hope Telephone Befriending” is available to Church members who are feeling lonely or isolated.

“Help @ Hope” offers practical assistance with everyday tasks to Church members when things are difficult.

- Christmas activities included a ladies wreath making evening and carol services.

Easter activities included a cake decorating workshop.

- Church members distribute leaflets in Huddersfield town centre on the first Saturday in each month which explain the Christian faith and invite people to church services.

The ministries of the Church are overseen by its leadership and are carried forward by the Senior and Associate Pastors and with the extensive involvement of volunteers drawn from the Church membership and other regular attendees. This pattern is seen in all areas of Church life.

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The Church meets in rented premises on Sundays and hires premises for other events as required. A small commercial office is rented to provide work space for the Associate Pastor.

The Trustees, with the support of Church members, submitted and had an offer accepted for the purchase of a former social club building close to Huddersfield town centre in July 2024. Due diligence checks revealed that the building was in a worse state of repair than had been expected and that the cost of repairs and alterations to the building would be very substantial. In light of this information, Church members voted not to proceed with the purchase in January 2025.

The Trustees are continuing to actively looking for premises to purchase. It is anticipated that purchasing a building will enable the Church to further develop and extend its ministries.

Financial Review

An operating budget is approved annually by the Church Members Meeting and the day to day finances are administered by the Treasurer. Finance reports are provided to the Trustees and Church Members meeting.

Remuneration of employed staff is determined by the lay Trustees and is subject to Church Members approval as part of the operating budget.

Income for the year to 5 April 2025 was £178904 and expenditure was £153211 giving a surplus for this period of £25693. Income includes donations and bank interest totalling £65320 received for the Building Fund (Restricted). Expenditure includes payments totalling £24889 from the Building Fund (Designated) and £15000 from the Building Fund (Restricted).

Excluding these amounts, there was a General Fund surplus of £272 (deficit of £10 in 2023/24) for this period. The Trustees have approved a deficit budget for 2025/26 and are confident that the Church has sufficient funds to meet its commitments without compromising its reserves policy. However, they recognise that action may need to be taken to maintain the financial stability of the Church.

Total reserves at the end of the year are £444785, of which £183942 are Restricted and £175274 are Designated. Unrestricted general reserves at the end of the year are £85569.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed to maintain reserves equivalent to 6 months normal church expenditure which is c.£45000. This is more than adequately covered by the balances held.

The Trustees recognise that the Church is holding excess reserves.

The Church is actively looking to purchase a property. The balances in the Restricted (£183324) and Designated (£170229) Building funds are being held for this purpose.

Funding

The Church's funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members and other regular attendees together with associated Gift Aid.

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Risks

The Trustees have not identified any major risks to the Church.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr G Powell
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE CHURCH HUDDERSFIELD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

Mr R Turner MAAT
Wheawill & Sudworth Limited
Chartered Accountants
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24 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 05/04/25 £	Restricted funds 05/04/25 £	Total funds 05/04/25 £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
Donations and legacies	2	109928	56807	166735
Investments		1853	8513	10366
Other income		1803	0	1803
Total income		113584	65320	178904
<i>Expenditure on:</i>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3 & 4	138211	15000	153211
Total expenditure		138211	15000	153211
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfers		(24627)	50320	25693
<i>Transfers</i>				
Gross transfers between funds - in		0	0	0
Gross transfers between funds - out		0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(24627)	50320	25693
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward		285470	133622	419092
Total funds carried forward		260843	183942	444785

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2024:

	<i>Unrestricted funds 05/04/24 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 05/04/24 £</i>	<i>Total funds 05/04/24 £</i>
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>			
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	108936	1106	110042
<i>Investments</i>	1655	7033	8688
<i>Other income</i>	1459	0	1459
<i>Total income</i>	112050	8139	120189
<i>Expenditure on:</i>			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	112060	0	112060
<i>Total expenditure</i>	112060	0	112060
<i>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfers</i>	(10)	8139	8129
<i>Transfers</i>			
<i>Gross transfers between funds - in</i>	0	0	0
<i>Gross transfers between funds - out</i>	0	0	0
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(10)	8139	8129
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>			
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	285480	125483	410963
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	285470	133622	419092

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

		As at 05/04/2025	As at 05/04/2024
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		860	860
Debtors	8	18109	17517
Cash at bank and in hand		427191	401970
		446160	420347
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	9	(1375)	(1255)
Net Current Assets		444785	419092
Net Assets		444785	419092
Represented by:			
Unrestricted - General Funds	10	85569	85007
Unrestricted - Designated Funds		175274	200463
Restricted Funds		183942	133622
Funds of the church		444785	419092

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr G Powell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "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)" ("the Charities SORP") and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Hope Church Huddersfield constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2. Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3. Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

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Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the fees of the independent examiner.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5. Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £1000 are capitalised.

The charity has not purchased any assets that cost more than £1000.

1.6. Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the settlement amount.

1.7. Pensions

The charity makes contributions to either the NEST scheme that it administers to meet its auto-enrolment obligations or to an employee's existing stakeholder pension plan. Employees contract directly with either NEST or the pension plan provider.

2. Income Received

	Unrestricted 2024/25 £	Designated 2024/25 £	Restricted 2024/25 £	Total 2024/25 £
Donations	109928	-	56807	166735
Total - Donations & Legacies	109928	-	56807	166735
Bank Interest	1853	-	8513	10366
Total - Investment Income	1853	-	8513	10366
Other Income	1803	-	-	1803
Total - Other Income	1803	-	-	1803
Total Income 2024/25	113584	-	65320	178904

Other Income includes receipts of £1496 from church members and guests for events arranged by the Church.

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Income Received in the previous period:

	<i>Unrestricted</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Designated</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2023/24</i> £
<i>Donations</i>	108936	-	1106	110042
<i>Total - Donations & Legacies</i>	108936	-	1106	110042
<i>Bank Interest</i>	1655	-	7033	8688
<i>Total - Investment Income</i>	1655	-	7033	8688
<i>Other Income</i>	1459		-	1459
<i>Total - Other Income</i>	1459	-	-	1459
<i>Total Income 2023/24</i>	112050	-	8139	120189

3. Mission Donations

	<i>Unrestricted</i> <i>2024/25</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2024/25</i> £	<i>Unrestricted</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2023/24</i> £
Mission - Donations	3951	3951	8711	8711
Total - Mission Donations	3951	3951	8711	8711

All donations were made from Unrestricted funds. Donations were made to the following organisations:

	<i>Total</i> <i>2024/25</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2023/24</i> £
FIEC	2951	2461
Samuel Allen	1000	-
Spen Valley Church	-	2000
OMF International	-	1500
Matt & Pippa Green	-	2500
Huddersfield University Christian Union	-	250
	3951	8711

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4. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted 2024/25 £	Designated 2024/25 £	Restricted 2024/25 £	Total 2024/25 £
Direct Costs				
Staff Costs	76571	-	-	76571
Ministry	2789	300	-	3089
Guest Speakers	-	-	-	0
Evangelism	482	-	-	482
Venue Hire	19544	-	-	19544
Rented Office	3062	-	-	3062
Printing & Stationery	469	-	-	469
Insurance	336	-	-	336
Licences	1712	-	-	1712
Equipment	558	-	-	558
Children & Youth	594	-	-	594
Catering	79	-	-	79
General - Other Expenses	1555	24889	15000	41444
Total - Direct Costs	107751	25189	15000	147940
Governance				
Professional Fees	1320	-	-	1320
Total - Governance	1320	-	-	1320
Total - Charitable Activity Cost	109071	25189	15000	149260

The Independent Examiners fee for completing the Independent Examination was £1320.

General – Other Expenses:

The expenditure of £24889 from Designated funds relates to the due diligence checks completed in respect of the purchase of a former social club building.

The expenditure of £15000 from Restricted funds relates to the return of gifts received specifically for the purchase of a former social club building.

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Charitable Activities cost for the previous period:

	<i>Unrestricted</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Designated</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> <i>2023/24</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>2023/24</i> £
Direct Costs				
Staff Costs	72713	-	-	72713
Ministry	4029	190	-	4219
Guest Speakers	75	-	-	75
Evangelism	87	-	-	87
Venue Hire	18608	-	-	18608
Printing & Stationery	41	-	-	41
Insurance	325	-	-	325
Licences	1902	-	-	1902
Equipment	1370	-	-	1370
Children & Youth	1223	-	-	1223
Catering	280	-	-	280
General - Other Expenses	1306	-	-	1306
Total - Direct Costs	101959	190	0	102149
Governance				
Professional Fees	1200	-	-	1200
Total - Governance	1200	-	-	1200
Total - Charitable Activity Cost	103159	190	0	103349

5. Staff Costs

	Total 05/04/25 £	Total 05/04/24 £
Gross Salaries	67860	64782
Pension Contributions	6790	6471
Employer NICs	1921	1460
Total Staff Costs	76571	72713

The average number of people employed by the charity during the year to 5 April 2025 was 2.

No employee was paid at a rate in excess of £60,000 per annum.

6. Trustees Remuneration

Lewis Allen was paid a salary of £35680 (£34065 in 2023/24) for his role as Senior Pastor. Employer's pension contributions of £3570 (£3399 in 2023/24) and Employers NICs of £1025 (£783 in 2023/24) were made on his behalf. He did not receive any remuneration for his role as a Trustee.

David Dent was paid a salary of £32180 (£30717 in 2023/24) for his role as Associate Pastor. Employer's pension contributions of £3220 (£3071 in 2023/24) and Employers NICs of £896

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(£677 in 2023/24) were made on his behalf. He did not receive any remuneration for his role as a Trustee.

7. Related Party Transactions

Aggregate donations, excluding Gift Aid tax refund, of £17220 (£16929 in 2023/24) were received by the charity from the Trustees and their spouses.

8. Debtors

	Total 05/04/25 £	Total 05/04/24 £
Tax Recoverable	18109	17517
Total Debtors	18109	17517

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 05/04/25 £	Total 05/04/24 £
Accruals	1375	1255
Total Creditors	1375	1255

10. Statement of Funds

	Balance at 5 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Designated Funds					
Building	195118	-	24889	-	170229
Hardship	5345	-	300	-	5045
Total	200463	-	25189	-	175274
General Funds					
General	85007	113584	113022	-	85569
Total	85007	113584	113022	-	85569
Unrestricted Funds	285470	113584	138211	-	260843
Restricted Funds					
Building	133304	65020	15000	-	183324
Ministry Development	318	300	-	-	618
Total	133622	65320	15000	-	183942
Total Funds	419092	178904	153211	-	444785

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Statement of Funds for the previous period:

	<i>Balance at 5 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance at 5 April 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
<i>Building</i>	195118	-	-	-	195118
<i>Hardship</i>	5535	-	190	-	5345
Total	200653	-	190	-	200463
General Funds					
<i>General</i>	84827	112050	111870	-	85007
Total	84827	112050	111870	-	85007
Unrestricted Funds	285480	112050	112060	-	285470
Restricted Funds					
<i>Building</i>	125165	8139	-	-	133304
<i>Ministry Development</i>	318	-	-	-	318
Total	125483	8139	-	-	133622
Total Funds	410963	120189	112060	-	419092

General: unrestricted funds used for the general running expenses of the church.

Building: to be used for the purchase or lease of a church building and / or the equipping, furnishing and maintenance of a church building.

Hardship: to be used for the relief of members and others associated to the church who are suffering financial hardship.

Ministry Development: the development of those in training for full time Christian ministry and the support of "Ministry Apprentices" who serve the church and undertake introductory Christian ministry training in a voluntary capacity.

11. Analysis net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 5 April 2025	Designated 5 April 2025	Restricted 5 April 2025	Total 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	68875	175274	183042	427191
Other current assets	18069	-	900	18969
Current liabilities	(1375)	-	-	(1375)
Total	85569	175274	183942	444785

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Analysis of net assets between funds for the previous period:

	<i>Unrestricted</i> <i>5 April 2024</i> £	<i>Designated</i> <i>5 April 2024</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> <i>5 April 2024</i> £	<i>Total</i> <i>5 April 2024</i> £
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	68066	200463	133441	401970
<i>Other current assets</i>	18196	-	181	18377
<i>Current liabilities</i>	(1255)	-	-	(1255)
<i>Total</i>	85007	200463	133622	419092