

Hope Church Halifax Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From:01/04/2020 Period start date To:31/03/2021 Period end date

Charity registration number: 1184189

Find us: www.hopehalifax.org

Objectives and Activities:

At Hope Church we are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of our church family. We are a community of Gods people of all ages, background and temperament and our mission is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, baptising them into the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **When planning our activities, Hope Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.** Our services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacraments. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church family through:

- Worship and prayer: Learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care
- Mission and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we are able to meet in the community that we are servicing.

Trustees are advised of their obligations under charity law and the Charity Commission guidance on trustees' duties, and are informed of the content of the church's constitution.

Achievements and Performance:

Throughout a challenging year navigating around COVID restriction Hope Church Halifax CIO have achieved many of our stated aims and performed our duties for the benefit of the public. This has been mainly achieved through the weekly public worship service remotely or physically.

Highlights also include our service to the local primary school providing teaching on Christianity, and our successful Christmas season which with COVID-19 we have had to adapt our practices to include more online content and services so that the community can still benefit from teaching on Christianity and the nurturing of their own faith. We look forward to continuing achieving our aims and objectives in the coming year.

Volunteers:

The driving force behind Hope Church activities is our volunteers, who work tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Financial Review:

Hope Church Halifax principally receives its funding from voluntary donations by the members of the church, regular attenders and supporters. Expenditure during the year under review is spent on the ministry costs of the church and the administration and property costs supporting those ministry costs. Ministry is the key objective of the charity,

which is principally the preaching of the Gospel in the UK; the pastoral care of the members, regular attenders and visitors to the church; and various outreach activities conducted in the UK.

Expenditures exceeded Income in the year by £17000.04. Hope Church launched in August 2019 and received substantial once off gifts from our supporters, which has enabled us to have a healthy reserve. Hope Church is servicing in a deprived area in the north of Halifax and income received from regular attendees and visitors equated to 41% of expenditures. Given the level of reserves, the trustees consider the charity's results and the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Reserves Policy:

The trustees consider that reserves are adequate to cover 11 months expenditure, to act as a buffer fund, and will not be allowed to fall below 8 weeks expenditure. The expected level of funding and reserves will be adequate to support the charity's needs over the next 19 months.

Structure, governance and management:

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr DC Clark		
Mr R Owen		April 2021 – December 2021
Mr P Surtees		December 2021
Mr V Ferreira	Chair	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) VIVIERS FERREIRA

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR

Date 29/9/2021

Address for correspondence:

131 Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DU

Pastor: The Reverend Doug Clark

Banker: HSBC

Independent Examiner: Derek Ventress

Hope Church Halifax: Receipts & Payments

Year ended 31st March 2021

INCOME		
	Designated Fund (Restricted)	General Fund (Unrestricted)
Collections		£0.00
Bank Transfer Gift Aided		£8,795.00
Bank transfer Non Gift Aid		£4,500.00
Gift Aid Reclaim		£0.00
Gifts		£2,260.00
Other		£30.00
	£0.00	£15,585.00
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries		£27,377.41
Venue Equipment		£1,406.78
PA/AV/Music Equipment		£48.53
Office Equipment		£1,310.99
Venue Hire		£1,057.50
Publicity and 'Branding'		£113.77
Software & licences		£634.62
Communion		£0.00
Food		£0.00
Printing & Admin		£446.00
Pastor's Book Allowance		£89.44
Pastor's Hospitality Allowance		£0.00
Training/Conferences		£0.00
Resources		£0.00
Others		£100.00
	£0.00	£32,585.04

Reserve brought over 01/04/2020 £47,685.38

Excess of Expenditure over Income -£17,000.04

Reserve 31/03/2021 £30,685.34

Hope Church Halifax: Statement of assets

Year ended 31st March 2021

	Designated Fund (Restricted)	General Fund (Unrestricted)
Monetary Assets		
Bank account	£ 0.00	£30,685.34
Money Owed to Church	£ 0.00	£ 1305.00
Predicted Gift Aid claim for 2019-2021		£3503.75
Fixed assets	£ 0.00	£ 1299.00
Money which Church Owes	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Notes:

1. The Financial Statement have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulation 2006 using the Receipts and Payment Method
2. Item costing more than £1000.00 are included in Fix assets at cost (Apple computer)
3. Items that are of a fixed asset type that cost £1000 or less are written off in the year acquired
4. No gift aid has been claimed do date. This will be recovered in November 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Church Halifax

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hope Church Halifax (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 section 145 of the 2011 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.

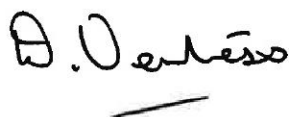
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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:



Name: Derek Ventress BSc, AKC, PGCE

Address: 20 George Street, Cleckheaton, BD19 3NA

Date: 09 October 2021

