

Hope Church Halifax Trustees' Annual Report for the period
From:01/04/2023 Period start date To: 31/03/2024 Period end date
Charity registration number: 1184189
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Objectives and Activities:

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- 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:

Hope Church Halifax CIO have been successful as we have achieved many of our stated aims and performed our duties for the benefit of the public well. This has been mainly achieved through the weekly public worship service.

Highlights include our partnership with to the local primary schools providing teaching on Christianity.

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Our Financial Review:

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Income exceeded Expenditures this year by £6,296.41. Hope Church received substantial once off gifts from our supporters which has enabled us to maintain 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 44% of expenditures. Which is an increase of 8% from last year. Given the level of reserves, the trustees consider the charity's results and the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Our Reserves Policy:

The trustees consider that reserves are adequate to cover 10 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 18 months.

Our 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		Resigned 30/11/2020
Mr V Ferreira	Chair	
Mr P Surtees		30/11/2020

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Viviers Ferreira

Full name(s) Viviers Ferreira

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date 08/12/2024

Pastor: The Reverend Doug Clark

Banker: HSBC

Independent Examiner: n/a

Hope Church Halifax: Receipts & Payments

Year ended 31st March 2024

INCOME		2023-2024
Collections		£0.00
Bank Transfer Gift Aided		£16,280.00
Bank transfer Non Gift Aid		£1,950.00
Gift Aid Reclaim		£3,531.56
Gifts		£25,500.00
Other		£62.33
Grants		£0.00
		£47,323.89
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries		£27,772.99
Venue Equipment		£830.96
PA/AV/Music Equipment		£0.00
Office Equipment		£383.64
Venue Hire		£3,685.50
Unit Hire		£5,420.39
Unit Expenses		£1,157.30
Publicity and 'Branding'		£63.08
Software & licences		£820.92
Communion		£0.00
Refreshments		£116.70
Printing & Admin		£671.42
Pastor's Book Allowance		£104.58
Pastor's Hospitality Allowance		£0.00
Training/Conferences		£0.00
Resources		£0.00
Others		£0.00
		£41,027.48
Balance Brought Forward 22/23	£27,465.32	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£6,296.41	

Balance	£33,761.73	
Grant Balance Brought Forward 22/23	£7,048.42	
<u>Grant designated expenses</u>		
Unit Hire	-£5,420.39	
Unit Expenses	-£1,157.30	
Total Grant	£470.73	

Hope Church Halifax: Statement of assets

Year ended 31st March 2024

	Designated Fund (Restricted)	General Fund (Unrestricted)
Monetary Assets		
Bank account	£ 470.73	£33,291.00
Money Owed to Church	£ 0.00	£958.00
Gift Aid claim (outstanding)		£958.00
Fixed assets	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
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
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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Hope Church Halifax

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

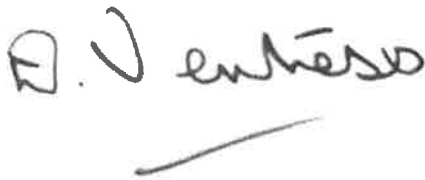
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

O. Ventres

Date; 17.10.24

Actions taken by Independent Examiner of Accounts 2023/2024:

- Trustees minutes seen confirming awareness of need for independent examination and appointment of Derek Ventress to carry out that examination.
- Total income checked to confirm requirement for independent examination.
- Excel Spreadsheet formulas checked.
- Transfer of data to income and Expenditure sheet checked.
- Start and End balances checked against bank statements
- Checked spending of restricted income grants.
- Income samples checked against bank statements
- Expenditure samples checked against receipts and bank statements.
- Gift Aided contributions sampled and checked against income.
- Sample of bank statement entries checked against income and expenditure sheets.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Ventress', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Derek Ventress
17.10.24