



Hope Church Halifax Trustees' Annual Report for the period
From:01/04/2024 Period start date To: 31/03/2025 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 Spirt. **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:

Hope Church Halifax CIO has had a successful year, having achieved many of our stated aims and fulfilled our duties for the public benefit. Our primary avenue for impact has been through our weekly public worship services, which continue to be a cornerstone of our community engagement.

Key Highlights Include:

- **School Partnerships:** We've developed strong relationships with local primary schools, offering engaging and informative sessions that teach the principles of Christianity in an accessible and respectful manner.
- **Family Engagement:** Our weekly toddler group where young families gather to play, connect, and explore how to live life inspired by the teachings of Jesus.
- **Community Café:** We host weekly tea and coffee meetings open to the public, providing a welcoming and safe environment that fosters connection and community building.
- **Midweek Gatherings:** These meetings offer opportunities for prayer, mutual support, and intercession for the needs of our local area.
- **Pastoral Care:** We continue to provide pastoral support both within the church and to the wider community, responding to individual needs with compassion and care.

Research shows that religious involvement is positively associated with a range of well-being indicators, including greater happiness, life satisfaction, hope, purpose, and social support. It is also linked to lower rates of depression, anxiety, suicide, and criminal activity, as well as stronger marital stability and overall mental health.

(Source: The Human Journey – Health Benefits of Christian Faith)

About our Volunteers:

The heart of Hope Church Halifax lies in our dedicated volunteers, whose tireless efforts bring life, energy, and vibrancy to our community.

Our Financial Review:

Hope Church Halifax CIO is primarily funded through voluntary donations from church members, regular attendees, and supporters. These generous contributions enable us to carry out our mission and sustain our operations. During the year under review, expenditure was directed towards ministry-related activities, as well as the administrative and property costs necessary to support those ministries. The core objective of the charity remains the preaching of the Gospel within the UK, the provision of pastoral care to our congregation and visitors, and the facilitation of various outreach initiatives.

We are pleased to report that income exceeded expenditure by **£508.99** this year. This surplus was largely due to substantial one-off gifts from supporters, which have helped us maintain a healthy financial reserve. Serving a community in a deprived area in North Halifax, we are encouraged to see that contributions from regular attendees and visitors accounted for **50% of total expenditures**—a **6% increase** compared to the previous year. Given the current level of reserves, the trustees are satisfied with both the financial performance and the overall financial position of the charity.

Our Reserves Policy:

The trustees are confident that the current level of reserves is sufficient to cover approximately **11 months of expenditure**, providing a robust buffer to support the charity's operations. A minimum reserve threshold of **8 weeks' expenditure** has been established to ensure financial stability and continuity.

Based on projected regular giving and existing reserves, the trustees believe the charity is well-positioned to meet its financial needs for at least the next **21 months**, supporting both ongoing ministry and outreach activities.

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		

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 31/09/2025

Address for correspondence: 131 Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DU

Pastor: The Reverend Doug Clark

Banker: HSBC

Independent Examiner: n/a

Hope Church Halifax: Receipts & Payments

Year ended 31st March 2025

INCOME	2024-2025
Collections	£18.90
Bank Transfer Gift Aided	£13,428.00
Bank transfer Non Gift Aid	£2,750.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	£2,946.53
Gifts	£19,500.00
Other	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
	£38,643.43
	Regular Giving
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries	£24,102.76
Venue Equipment	£569.60
PA/AV/Music Equipment	£0.00
Office Equipment	£0.00
Venue Hire	£4,911.00
Unit Hire	£5,305.93
Unit Expenses	£1,359.38
Publicity and 'Branding'	£43.96
Software & licences	£540.36
Communion	£0.00
Food	£255.41
Printing & Admin	£651.64
Pastor's Book Allowance	£67.36
Pastor's Hospitality Allowance	£0.00
Training/Conferences	£0.00
Resources	£0.00
Others	£327.04
	£38,134.44

Hope Church Halifax: Statement of assets

Year ended 31st March 2025

	Designated Fund (Restricted)	General Fund (Unrestricted)
Monetary Assets		
Bank account	£ 0.00	£34,270.00
Money Owed to Church	£ 0.00	£1573.00
Gift Aid claim (outstanding)		£1573.00
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
2. Item costing more than £1000.00 are included in Fix assets at cost
3. Items that are of a fixed asset type that cost £1000 or less are written off in the year acquired
4. Gift Aid is due to be claimed in year October 2025

D. Ventres

22.10.25

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 / 2025.

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.

D. Ventresca

Date; 22.10.25

