

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

England & Wales · Charity number 1189502

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY WORSHIP, CHRISTIAN TEACHING, HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, AND THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS.

Activities: Weekly Church meetings on Sunday's. Midweek Growth Group meetings. Youth and Children's activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£111,335	£109,947	-	-
2024-03-31	£91,740	£93,796	-	-
2023-03-31	£86,392	£90,166	-	-
2022-03-31	£87,622	£71,040	-	-
2021-03-31	£68,309	£32,204	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Titheridge	Chair	2020-05-15
David Monk		2023-09-26
Nehemie Nsengiyumva		2020-05-15
STEPHEN DELVES		2020-05-15
Suzanna Berger		2021-06-22

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Number 1189502 (England and Wales)
Date of Registration 15th May 2020
End of Financial Year 31st March 2025

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves
Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyumva
Ms. Suzanna Berger
Mr. David Monk (Appointed 26th September 2024)

Elders

Mr. S Delves
Mr. S Berger

Governing Document Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Dated 15th May 2020

Charitable Objects:

The objective of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in particular but not exclusively, by worship, Christian teaching, holding of prayer meetings, and the public celebration of religious festivals

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report, which incorporates the trustee's report, and the financial statements of Hope Church Aldershot for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the 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) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin1 (effective January 2015)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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- To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs);
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- To advance education

in such a way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Constitution Document. The Charity has a formal process for the recruitment of new Trustees to bring additional skills and experience to the Board of Trustees.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. New Trustees are selected for their expertise which they can offer the Charity and are invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings before their appointment.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Trustees, who shall not be less than 3 in number, hold meetings every second month. The Trustees are all required to be members of the Trust and those who held office during the year are shown on page 1.

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and have also examined other operational and business risks and have established systems to mitigate significant risks. The Charity's Risk Register is reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The Trust is involved in the running of a congregation based in Aldershot. It is involved in many community based projects as can be seen in the review of activities below.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

These are set out in the "Review of activities" section below.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

General

Hope Church Aldershot became fully independent as a Church on 01 October 2020, having been part of a "Multi Site" church structure with its 'parent church' Jubilee Church Farnham.

Hope Church Aldershot met every Sunday at Wellington Community Primary School from April 24 to March 25

Those who consider themselves belonging to Hope Church total to 90 adults and 40 youth and children as of March 2024. The average weekly attendance in March 2023 was 58 adults and 14 youth and children, which was indicative of the year that had passed.

In September 24 Candace Petzer stepped down from her role as Youth Worker as her husband was redeployed within the military.

Our work continued with asylum seekers as they came into Aldershot and with folk from other nations in other contexts.

Children & Youth ministries:

As Hope Church Aldershot we are intentional in providing excellent Youth and Children's ministry as part of our vision to invest in the next generation and their families. The Youth and Children's ministries have been developed over previous years and includes a well-attended Youth Group which meets every Friday at Park Church Hall and every other week for Basement on a Sunday (year 7-9). We have had to adapt our provision with the loss of a Youth Worker from September 24 making our Basement group year 7-13, running a small group for our older teenagers with volunteers (Attic, year 9-13) and stopping our Friday night youth group.

Our Youth ministry attendance continued with 15-20 regular attendees and the academic year concluded with an enjoyable and well organised trip to NewDay, a Christian Youth Festival held in Norfolk.

On Sundays at Hope Church Aldershot, we provide 'Sparks' for preschool children aged 0-3 years and 'Blaze' which covers those children aged between 3-11 years.

Numbers continue to average circa 18 children attending each week across all the groups.

Adult ministries

We continue with our monthly pattern of our services. On the first Sundays are our 'All In Service' where all attendees (adults and children) are together – however it operates much more in a 'Café style' arrangement with people seated around tables. The content is also much more magazine style. This continues to be our best attended service other than major festivals (Easter/Carol Service). We break bread at our 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings and have an extended time of sung worship during our 3rd and 5th Sundays.

We introduced a third mid-week 'Growth Group' which meets in the evening and have a group that meets in the daytime, primarily for older folk in the church. We also continued our Men's and Ladies ministries.

We met together for our third HOPEN family weekend away in a new more local venue of Runways End Outdoor Centre in Aldershot where the focus continued on fellowship and strengthening relationships. The new venue gave us camping and overnight stay options in prepared 'pods' housing up to 4 folk within.

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Adult ministries (continued)

This greatly increased the numbers who could stay overnight and being local meant we also had many more 'day visitors'. We were also able to use the facilities of the centre which made for a much richer experience for the whole church family.

In July and August the Trustees released Steve the remaining 2 months of a sabbatical. Steve used this time to continue his reading and studies around strategies for church growth and to enjoy a longer period of rest and holiday.

Community ministries

Sylvia continues to support our local Grub Hub with pastoral input and working with Aldershot Churches Together we spearhead the local churches response to asylum seekers in Aldershot. A short-term project was set up to provide some stay and play parent and toddler work. We were also able to fund, purchase, wrap and deliver presents for over 100+ asylum seeking children for a second year at Christmas.

The Stay and Play Mum's and Tots group at the local CESSAC Café continued at the community centre on the Garrison. Sylvia is also working with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team in delivering high quality school assemblies and after school's work at some of the local primary schools who have service personnel children attending.

The other community highlight was another excellent Carol Services at the local bandstand in partnership with other churches in Aldershot & Rushmoor BC. We also enjoyed popular festival services at Easter and Christmas with invitations to friends and family.

Other successes

We continue to work with Aldershot Churches Together and worked alongside the Garrison Chaplaincy Team at Pentecost to put on a cross Aldershot Christian community prayer event called the Beacon Service. We were also able to continue our work with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team especially in schools. Steve Delves continued to serve as a trustee of The Source, a local Young People's charity helping with mental health and wellbeing.

The Trustees of Hope Church Aldershot continue to thank God for His blessing through the regular monthly giving and several one-off gifts that will enable the development of the work and ministry of the church.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

In preparing their statements on public benefit, contained within this Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees have, in accordance with s.4 of the Charities Act 2006, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, as well as the specific guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

The Trustees believe that public benefit is provided by the activities listed in the "Review of activities" above. The Trustees also note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been heavily restricted in our development and involvement in community activities.

d. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/INCOME GENERATION

The Charity receives most of its funding from voluntary contributions supplemented by gift aid. Where appropriate it will seek grants or donations to support its activities.

It relies on the generosity of donors for its continuation in operation.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

- The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves of the charity. They have agreed that the trust should work toward holding a reserve equivalent to three months of salaries (currently approximately £17,250).
The charity's funds available on the balance sheet on the 31 March 2025 was £48,245

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The church intends over the next few years to continue and to expand its activities in Aldershot.

PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Mr S Delves & Mr M Titheridge both receive a salary for their work for the church as set out in Note 10 to the financial statements. Their respective salaries were agreed by the other Trustees and they were not present during the discussions. They also received the sum of £2,668 during the year for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. All expense payments are authorised by other Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Salaries for all staff are set by the Remuneration Committee (made up of non-paid Trustees), in accordance with the charity's Remuneration Policy and approved by the Trustees. Local and national comparators are taken into account, alongside individual responsibility levels and performance.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

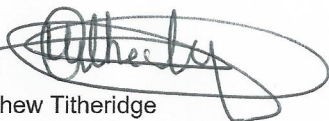
Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and of the incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the CIO's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. 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 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:



Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Dated:

19/12/2025

Hope Church Aldershot

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Mr Michael Homer AFA MIPA

Independent Examiner for and on behalf of
MCH Accountants Ltd
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Dated: 19/12/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2025
(Including income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	4	111,335	-	111,335	91,740
Total Income		<u>111,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,335</u>	<u>91,740</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	109,947	-	109,947	93,796
Total Expenditure		<u>109,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,947</u>	<u>93,796</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		<u>1,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>- 2,056</u>
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April 2024		46,857	-	46,857	48,913
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025		<u>48,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,245</u>	<u>46,857</u>

All the church's operations are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

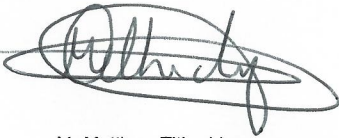
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	-	519
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	5,346	1,433
Cash at bank and in hand		43,055	45,614
Total Current Assets		<u>48,401</u>	<u>47,047</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- (156)	- (709)
Net Current Assets		<u>48,245</u>	<u>46,338</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>48,245</u>	<u>46,857</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund		48,245	46,857
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
Total Funds	11	<u>48,245</u>	<u>46,857</u>

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by



Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Hope Church Aldershot 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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recorded on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when it becomes probable the charity will receive the income, the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount of income due to be received can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to discharge them.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

All Equipment 25% straight Line

Assets costing less than £500 are expensed within the SOFA.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff.

Funds

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

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 cost 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.

2. Cash Flow Statement

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

3. Tangible Fixed Assets		Equipment
		£
Cost	1st April 2024	3,609
Additions		
Cost at	31st March 2025	<u>3,609</u>
Depreciation	1st April 2024	3,090
Charge for year		519
Depreciation at	31st March 2025	<u>3,609</u>
Net book value	31st March 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>
Net book value	31st March 2024	<u>519</u>

4. Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
a) Voluntary Income				
Gift Aided Donations	90,887	-	90,887	74,138
Gift Aid tax refund	20,446	-	20,446	17,559
Other Donations	2	-	2	43
Total Income	<u><u>111,335</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>111,335</u></u>	<u><u>91,740</u></u>

Of the £91,740 total income for the year to 31 March 2024, £91,740 was unrestricted and £0 was restricted.

5. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities:				
Mission & Outreach	9,677	-	9,677	7,877
Youth and Children	1,343	-	1,343	1,207
Giving to Other Charities	13,845	-	13,845	3,250
Gifts & Grace Basket	547	-	547	1,347
Pastoral Care and Development	164	-	164	636
Office & Administration	7,511	-	7,511	4,846
Staffing Costs	75,868	-	75,868	73,679
Professional Fees	992	-	992	954
Total Expenditure:	<u><u>109,947</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>109,947</u></u>	<u><u>93,796</u></u>

Of the £93,796 total expenditure for the year to 31 March 2024, £93,796 was unrestricted and £0 was restricted.

Support Costs included in the above consist of:

Staffing Costs	12,871	-	12,871	7,368
Office and Administration	7,511	-	7,511	4,846
Governance Costs	992	-	992	954
Total	<u><u>21,374</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>21,374</u></u>	<u><u>13,168</u></u>

Governance costs in 2025 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31-Mar-25 £
	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

None

7. Debtors and Prepayments	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,651	1,385
Other Debtors	-	48
HMRC Paye and NI	3,695	-
Total	<u>5,346</u>	<u>1,433</u>

8. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	-	80
Pensions Payable	157	262
HMRC Paye and NI	-	367
Total	<u>157</u>	<u>709</u>

9. Staff Costs

The Charity employed four members of staff (2024: three) during the year. The costs were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	70,532	64,971
Manse Expenses & Travel	3,077	3,017
Life Insurance	318	494
Employers Pension Contributions	5,285	5,197
Total	<u>79,212</u>	<u>73,679</u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

10. Trustees and related parties

Mr Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £41,085 (2024: £39,286) and pension contributions of £3,059 (2024: £2,928)

Mr Matthew Titheridge (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary of £5,871 (2024: £3,745) and pension contributions of £470 (2024: £300)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

11. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	48,401	-	48,401
Current Liabilities	- 156	-	- 156
Total	48,245	-	48,245
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	519	-	519
Current Assets	47,047	-	47,047
Current Liabilities	- 709	-	- 709
Total	46,857	-	46,857

12. Statement of financial activities, comparative funds - year ended 31 March 2024.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	91,740	-	91,740
Total Income	91,740	-	91,740
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	93,796	-	93,796
Total Expenditure	93,796	-	93,796
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	- 2,056	-	- 2,056
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	46,857	-	46,857

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HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

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Hope Church Aldershot normally meets every Sunday at Wellington Community Primary School.

Hope Church Aldershot membership total was 88 as of March 2024. The average weekly attendance in March 2023 was 64 adults and 26 youth and children, which was indicative of the year that had passed.

In August 2023 we employed Matt Titheridge as our Finance and Operations Manager. Employed for 1 day his main duties are to manage our operations structure. He continues to act as our Chair of Trustees in this role. In September Ruth Harrison stepped down from her role as Youth Worker and in February 2024 we also employed Candace Petzer as our Youth Worker for 2 days a week to lead our young people's work and its teams.

It is worth noting that we continued to work with asylum seekers as they came into Aldershot.

Children & Youth ministries:

As Hope Church Aldershot we are intentional in providing excellent Youth and Children's ministry as part of our vision to invest in the next generation and their families. The Youth and Children's ministries have been developed over previous years and include a well-attended Youth Group which meets every Friday at Park Church Hall and every other week for Basement on a Sunday (11-14 years).

Our Youth ministry attendance continued with 15-20 regular attendees and the academic year concluded with an enjoyable and well organised trip to NewDay, a Christian Youth Festival held in Norfolk

On Sundays at Hope Church Aldershot, we provide 'Sparkbeams' for preschool children aged 0-3 years and 'Blaze' which covers those children aged between 3-11 years.

Numbers continue to average circa 18 children attending each week across all the groups.

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We continue with our monthly pattern of our services. On the first Sunday we rebranded our 'Family Service' to our 'All In Service'. The meeting continues to be where all attendees (adults and children) are together – however it operates much more in a 'Café style' arrangement with people seated around tables. The content is also much more magazine style. This has become our best attended service other than major festivals (Easter/Carol Service). We break bread at our 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings and have an extended time of sung worship during our 3rd and 5th Sundays.

We now have 2 mid-week Growth Groups' which meet in the evening and a third group that meets in the daytime, primarily for older folk in the church. We also continued our Men's and Ladies ministries.

We met together for our second HOPEN family weekend away at Bishops Waltham where the focus continued on fellowship and strengthening relationships. The numbers were slightly lower and this has stimulated thinking as to a more local venue for future HOPEN's.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

Adult ministries (continued)

Hope put on 2 FAQ series, one general and one on the topic of parenting – to help answer some of the tougher questions where faith and life converge.

In July the Trustees released Steve to have 1 month of his sabbatical, with the other 2 months held back until 2024. Steve used this time to study, looking at strategies for church growth. Steve also used this time to attend the New Wine annual conference in Detling, Kent.

Community ministries

Sylvia Cook, our Community Children & Family Worker, continues to support our local Grub Hub with pastoral input and working with Aldershot Churches Together we spearhead the local churches response to asylum seekers in Aldershot. A short-term project was set up to provide some stay and play parent and toddler work. We were also able to fund, purchase, wrap and deliver presents for over 100+ asylum seeking children for a second year at Christmas.

The Stay and Play Mum's and Tots group at the local CESSAC Café continued at the community centre on the Garrison. Sylvia is also working with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team in delivering high quality school assemblies and after school's work at some of the local primary schools who have service personnel children attending.

The other community highlight was another excellent Carol Services at the local bandstand in partnership with other churches in Aldershot & Rushmoor BC. We also enjoyed popular festival services at Easter and Christmas with invitations to friends and family.

Other successes

We continue to work with Aldershot Churches Together. In January we supported a Welcome to Wellesley evening put on by local residents of that development and Grainger – the developers. We delivered and supported local town-wide prayer meetings (including a prayer station event on Good Friday) and school's work. We were also able to continue our work with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team, especially in schools and at Christmas. Steve Delves completed his term of serving at Wellington School as a Governor and is now a trustee of The Source, a local Young People's charity helping with mental health and wellbeing.

The Trustees of Hope Church Aldershot continue to thank God for His blessing through the regular monthly giving and several one-off gifts that will enable the development of the work and ministry of the church.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

In preparing their statements on public benefit, contained within this Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees have, in accordance with s.4 of the Charities Act 2006, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, as well as the specific guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

The Trustees believe that public benefit is provided by the activities listed in the "Review of activities" above. The Trustees also note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been heavily restricted in our development and involvement in community activities.

d. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/INCOME GENERATION

The Charity receives most of its funding from voluntary contributions supplemented by gift aid. Where appropriate it will seek grants or donations to support its activities.

It relies on the generosity of donors for its continuation in operation.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves of the charity. They have agreed that the trust should work toward holding a reserve equivalent to three months of salaries (currently approximately £17,250).

The charity's funds available on the balance sheet on the 31 March 2024 was £46,819

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The church intends over the next few years to continue and to expand its activities in Aldershot.

PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Mr. S Delves & Mr. M Titheridge both receive a salary for their work for the church as set out in Note 10 to the financial statements. The salaries were agreed by the other Trustees and they were not present during the discussions. They also received the sum of £2,026 during the year for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. All expense payments are authorised by other Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Salaries for all staff are set by the Remuneration Committee (made up of non-paid Trustees), in accordance with the charity's Remuneration Policy and approved by the Trustees. Local and national comparators are taken into account, alongside individual responsibility levels and performance.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

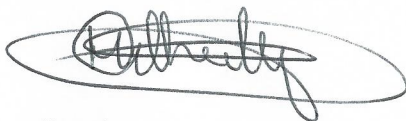
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and of the incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the CIO's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. 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 and signed on their behalf by:



Signed:

Mr. Matthew Titheridge

Chair of Trustees

Dated:

17/01/2025

Hope Church Aldershot

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those 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.



Mr. Michael Homer AFA MIPA
Independent Examiner for and on behalf of
MCH Accountants Ltd
68 Charlton Road
Andover
Hampshire
SP10 3JN

Dated: 20th December 2024

Hope Church Aldershot

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024
(Including income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	4	91,740	-	91,740	86,392
Total Income		<u>91,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,740</u>	<u>86,392</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	93,796	-	93,796	90,166
Total Expenditure		<u>93,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,796</u>	<u>90,166</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		- 2,056	-	- 2,056	- 3,774
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		48,913	-	48,913	52,687
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>48,913</u>

All the church's operations are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

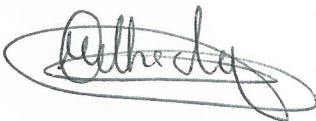
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	519	1,422
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	1,433	1,362
Cash at bank and in hand		45,614	46,819
Total Current Assets		<u>47,047</u>	<u>48,181</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- (709)	- (690)
Net Current Assets		<u>46,338</u>	<u>47,491</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>46,857</u>	<u>48,913</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund		46,857	48,913
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
Total Funds	11	<u>46,857</u>	<u>48,913</u>

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by



Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Hope Church Aldershot 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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recorded on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when it becomes probable the charity will receive the income, the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount of income due to be received can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to discharge them.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

All Equipment 25% straight Line

Assets costing less than £500 are expended within the SOFA.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short- and medium-term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff.

Funds

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

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 cost 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.

2. Cash Flow Statement

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

3. Tangible Fixed Assets		Equipment £
Cost	1st April 2023	3,609
Additions		
Cost at	31st March 2024	<u>3,609</u>
Depreciation	1st April 2023	2,187
Charge for year		903
Depreciation at	31st March 2024	<u>3,090</u>
Net book value	31st March 2024	<u>519</u>
Net book value	31st March 2023	<u>1,422</u>

4. Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a) Voluntary Income				
Gift Aided Donations	74,138	-	74,138	70,022
Gift Aid tax refund	17,559	-	17,559	16,023
Other Donations	43	-	43	347
Total Income	<u>91,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,740</u>	<u>86,392</u>

Of the £86,392 total income for the year to 31 March 2023, £86,225 was unrestricted and £167 was restricted.

5. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable Activities:				
Mission & Outreach	7,877	-	7,877	4,408
Youth and Children	1,207	-	1,207	1,389
Giving to Other Charities	3,250	-	3,250	7,084
Gifts & Grace Basket	1,347	-	1,347	1,052
Pastoral Care and Development	636	-	636	359
Office & Administration	4,846	-	4,846	6,170
Staffing Costs	73,679	-	73,679	68,804
Professional Fees	954	-	954	900
Total Expenditure:	<u>93,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,796</u>	<u>90,166</u>

Of the £90,166 total expenditure for the year to 31 March 2023, £89,214 was unrestricted and £952 was restricted.

Support Costs included in the above consist of:

Staffing Costs	7,368	-	7,368	6,880
Office and Administration	4,846	-	4,846	6,170
Governance Costs	954	-	954	900
Total	<u>13,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,168</u>	<u>13,950</u>

Governance costs in 2024 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £
	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

None

7. Debtors and Prepayments	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,385	1,362
Other Debtors	48	-
Total	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,362</u>

8. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	80	75
Pensions Payable	262	218
HMRC Paye and NI	367	397
Total	<u>709</u>	<u>690</u>

9. Staff Costs

The Charity employed four members of staff (2023: three) during the year. The costs were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	64,971	60,502
Manse Expenses & Travel	3,017	2,996
Life Insurance	494	466
Employers Pension Contributions	5,197	4,840
Total	<u>73,679</u>	<u>68,804</u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

10. Trustees and related parties

Mr. Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £39,286 (2023: £37,219) and pension contributions of £2,928 (2023: £2,762)

Mr. Matthew Titheridge (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives, he received salary of £3,745 (2023: Nil) and pension contributions of £299.60 (2023: Nil)

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

11. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	519	-	519
Current Assets	47,047	-	47,047
Current Liabilities	- 709	-	- 709
Total	<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	1,422	-	1,422
Current Assets	48,181	-	48,181
Current Liabilities	- 690	-	- 690
Total	<u>48,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,913</u>

12. Statement of financial activities, comparative funds - year ended 31 March 2023.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	86,225	167	86,392
Total Income	<u>86,225</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>86,392</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	89,214	952	90,166
Total Expenditure	<u>89,214</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>90,166</u>
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HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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Hope Church Aldershot

Legal and Administrative Information

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Date of Registration 15th May 2020
End of Financial Year 31st March 2023

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves
Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyuma
Mrs. Suzanna Berger

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Mr. S Delves
Mr. S Berger
Mr. D Sullivan

Governing Document Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Dated 15th May 2020

Charitable Objects:

The objective of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in particular but not exclusively, by worship, Christian teaching, holding of prayer meetings, and the public celebration of religious festivals

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report, which incorporates the trustee's report, and the financial statements of Hope Church Aldershot for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the 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) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin1 (effective January 2015)

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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In September 2023 we employed Sylvia Cook as our Families and Community worker. Employed for 3 days her main duties are to develop our work in the community and lead our ministry with children and their families.

We were able to meet without disruption throughout the year. It is worth noting that in addition to the continued influx of asylum seekers into Aldershot we also began to gather folk from other nations in other contexts.

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Our Youth ministry attendance grew to 15-20 regular attendees. This was due to invitation extended to young people from a new youth group. Free16 is an open midweek youth group that meets on a Tuesday after school in partnership with Emmaus Road Church, Aldershot.

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We reduced down to 3 midweek 'Growth Groups' which were able to meet physically and we also continued our Men's and Ladies ministries.

Perhaps our biggest development was our first HOPEN event – Hope in the Open. 60 of the church family camped in a field in Bishops Waltham over a very hot weekend in June. Despite pollen bombs the event was a great success with a chance to focus on fellowship and strengthen relationships. We were also close enough to Aldershot that we were able to have an outdoor service on the Sunday and use the opportunity to baptise someone into fellowship of the church.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

Community ministries

Employing someone to lead our community work provided a significant gear shift in our work. Sylvia was able to support our local Grub Hub with pastoral input and we as a church were able to provide additional financial support over the winter period.

Hope Church spearheaded the work of Aldershot Churches Together with the gathering asylum seekers in Aldershot. We were able to provide clothing and specifically uniforms for 60+ children who were offered local school places. We were also able to fund, purchase, wrap and deliver presents for over 100+ asylum seeking children at Christmas. One-off and short term projects were also put together including a meal for local Iranian asylum seekers and a toddler group at the hotel where the asylum seekers were staying.

We also began a Mum's and Tots group at the local CESSAC Café, a community centre on the Garrison. This serves Hope parents with young children but also engaged with local parents from the military.

The other community highlight was an excellent series of Carol Services at the local bandstand in partnership with other churches in Aldershot and our own service with invitations to friends and family.

Other successes

In September we were delighted to celebrate 20 years of ministry with Jubilee, Farnham - our 'mother' church. We continued to work with Aldershot Churches Together in providing community services at Easter and Christmas, as well as town-wide prayer meetings and school's work. We were also able to continue our work with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team especially in schools and at Christmas. Steve Delves continued to serve Wellington School as a Governor and a team of us were able to provide manpower for a clear-up day in November at the school.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves of the charity. They have agreed that the trust should work toward holding a reserve equivalent to three months of salaries (currently approximately £17,250).

The charity's funds available on the balance sheet on the 31 March 2023 was £46,819

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The church intends over the next few years to continue and to expand its activities in Aldershot.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

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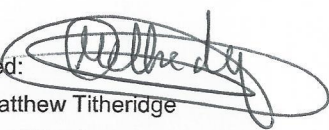
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This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 
Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Dated: 09/02/2024

Hope Church Aldershot

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those 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.



Mr Michael Homer AFA MIPA
Independent Examiner for and on behalf of
MCH Accountants Ltd
68 Charlton Road
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SP10 3JN

Dated: **29th January 2024**

Hope Church Aldershot

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023
(Including income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	4	86,225	167	86,392	87,622
Total Income		<u>86,225</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>86,392</u>	<u>87,622</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	89,214	952	90,166	71,040
Total Expenditure		<u>89,214</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>90,166</u>	<u>71,040</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		- 2,989	- 785	- 3,774	16,582
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April 2022		51,902	785	52,687	36,105
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2023		<u>48,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,913</u>	<u>52,687</u>

All the church's operations are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.


Hope Church Aldershot
Charity Registration No. 1189502

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	1,422	2,324
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	1,362	1,204
Cash at bank and in hand		46,819	49,473
Total Current Assets		<u>48,181</u>	<u>50,677</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- (690)	- (314)
Net Current Assets		<u>47,491</u>	<u>50,363</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>48,913</u>	<u>52,687</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund		48,913	51,902
Restricted Funds	6	-	785
Total Funds	11	<u>48,913</u>	<u>52,687</u>

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by



Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Hope Church Aldershot 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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recorded on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when it becomes probable the charity will receive the income, the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount of income due to be received can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to discharge them.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

All Equipment 25% straight Line

Assets costing less than £500 are expensed within the SOFA.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff.

Funds

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

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 cost 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.

2. Cash Flow Statement

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

3. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Equipment £
Cost	1st April 2022	3,609
Additions		
Cost at	31st March 2023	<u>3,609</u>
Depreciation	1st April 2022	1,285
Charge for year		902
Depreciation at	31st March 2023	<u>2,187</u>
Net book value	31st March 2023	<u>1,422</u>
Net book value	31st March 2022	<u>2,324</u>

4. Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a) Voluntary Income				
Gift Aided Donations	69,855	167	70,022	68,452
Gift Aid tax refund	16,023	-	16,023	17,338
Other Donations	347	-	347	1,832
Total Income	<u>86,225</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>86,392</u>	<u>87,622</u>

Of the £87,622 total income for the year to 31 March 2022, £86,922 was unrestricted and £700 was restricted.

5. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Activities:				
Mission & Outreach	4,408	-	4,408	1,546
Youth and Children	1,389	-	1,389	374
Giving to Other Charities	7,084	-	7,084	7,091
Gifts & Grace Basket	100	952	1,052	750
Pastoral Care and Development	359	-	359	479
Office & Administration	6,170	-	6,170	6,401
Staffing Costs	68,804	-	68,804	53,799
Professional Fees	900	-	900	600
Total Expenditure:	<u>89,214</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>90,166</u>	<u>71,040</u>

Of the £71,040 total expenditure for the year to 31 March 2022, £70,390 was unrestricted and £650 was restricted.

Support Costs included in the above consist of:

Staffing Costs	6,880	-	6,880	5,380
Office and Administration	6,170	-	6,170	6,401
Governance Costs	900	-	900	600
Total	<u>13,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,950</u>	<u>12,381</u>

Governance costs in 2023 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31-Mar-23 £
	785	167	952	-
Total	<u>785</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>-</u>

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

Grace Basket - Financial Support to the those in need

7. Debtors and Prepayments	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,362	1,204
Total	<u>1,362</u>	<u>1,204</u>

8. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	75	50
Pensions Payable	218	108
HMRC Paye and NI	397	156
Total	<u>690</u>	<u>314</u>

9. Staff Costs

The Charity employed three members of staff (2022: two) during the year. The costs were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	60,502	47,031
Manse Expenses & Travel	2,996	2,638
Life Insurance	466	367
Employers Pension Contributions	4,840	3,763
Total	<u>68,804</u>	<u>53,799</u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

10. Trustees and related parties

Mr Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £37,219 (2022: £36,154) and pension contributions of £2,762 (2022: £2,681)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

11. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	1,422	-	1,422
Current Assets	48,181	-	48,181
Current Liabilities	- 690	-	- 690
Total	48,913	-	48,913

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	2,324	-	2,324
Current Assets	49,892	785	50,677
Current Liabilities	- 314	-	- 314
Total	51,902	785	52,687

12. Statement of financial activities, comparative funds - year ended 31 March 2022.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	86,922	700	87,622
Total Income	86,922	700	87,622
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	70,390	650	71,040
Total Expenditure	70,390	650	71,040
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	16,532	50	16,582
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2022	51,902	785	52,687

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189502

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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Hope Church Aldershot

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Number	1189502 (England and Wales)
Date of Registration	15th May 2020
End of Financial Year	31st March 2022

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves
Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyuma
Mrs. Suzanna Berger (Appointed 22 June 2021)

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Mr. S Delves
Mr. S Berger
Mr. D Sullivan

Governing Document Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Dated 15th May 2020

Charitable Objects:

The objective of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in particular but not exclusively, by worship, Christian teaching, holding of prayer meetings, and the public celebration of religious festivals

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report, which incorporates the trustee's report, and the financial statements of Hope Church Aldershot for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the 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) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin1 (effective January 2015)

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

Hope Church Aldershot is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) and was set up and registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 15 May 2020. Charity number 1189502

The objects of the Charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs);
- To serve the public, relieving sickness and financial hardship through the provision of counselling and support;
- To advance education

in such a way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Constitution Document. The Charity has a formal process for the recruitment of new Trustees to bring additional skills and experience to the Board of Trustees.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. New Trustees are selected for their expertise which they can offer the Charity and are invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings before their appointment.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Trustees, who shall not be less than 3 in number, hold meetings every second month. The Trustees are all required to be members of the Trust and those who held office during the year are shown on page 1.

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and have also examined other operational and business risks and have established systems to mitigate significant risks. The Charity's Risk Register is reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The Trust is involved in the running of a congregation based in Aldershot. It is involved in many community based projects as can be seen in the review of activities below.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

These are set out in the "Review of activities" section below.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

General

Hope Church Aldershot became fully independent as a Church on 01 October 2020, having been part of a "Multi Site" church structure with its 'parent church' Jubilee Church Farnham.

Hope Church Aldershot normally meets every Sunday at Wellington Community Primary School.

Hope Church Aldershot membership total was 58 as of March 2022. The average weekly attendance fluctuated between 55 and 75 (including children) as we recovered and returned from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We were also able to appoint David Sullivan as an Elder of the church in November 2021.

The Covid-19 Pandemic continued to impact our activity. Gathering over the winter was disrupted by following safe practice and restrictions mainly due to the terms of our contract with Wellington School.

We have met physically throughout the year, however much of our activity has been about returning and recovering from the impact of the pandemic.

The other significant factor that has affected our ministry has been the influx of asylum seekers into Aldershot.

Children & Youth ministries:

Hope Church Aldershot has a significant Youth and Children's ministry. The Youth and Children's ministries have been developed over previous years and now includes a well-attended Youth Group which meets every Friday at Park Church Hall and every other week for Basement on a Sunday (11-14 years).

Our Youth ministry attendance has been around 10-15 regular attendees, fluctuating throughout the year. Our Youth Worker had a serious medical operation at the end of the financial year. The youth team was expanded and the overall disruption was minimised. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the national Christian Youth Conference called 'Newday' was cancelled once again, meaning our youth group were unable to attend this year.

On Sundays at Hope Church Aldershot we normally provide 'Sparkbeams' for preschool children aged 0-3 years and 'Blaze' which covers those children aged between 3-11 years.

We continued to average circa 22 children attending each week across all the groups.

Adult ministries

As restrictions were lifted we returned to meeting physically at Wellington school. As previously stated this was challenging for some who were impacted by the impact of the pandemic.

The monthly pattern of our services is that on the first Sunday we have our 'Family Service' where all attendees (adults and children) are together. We felt it prudent to put these on hold for a while and remain grateful for our incredible Children's Team who stepped up to provide excellent kids work to facilitate us being able to meet safely.

We have been able to provide and maintain 4 midweek 'Growth Groups' providing a mix of hybrid activities over both digital platforms and 'in person' meetings where possible as we came out of Covid-19.

Our Young Adults ministry (YAGS) came to a natural end as the need for support diminished.

Our Men's and Ladies ministries continued to be disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

Community ministries

Unfortunately, our regular community activities were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the Wellington Community School Day and Victoria Day. We did however manage to provide an outside 'Carol Service' at Christmas, held in the school playground at Wellington Community Primary School. Attendance was 60 in number.

At the close of the year we were delighted to welcome refugees from the Middle East and Central America. Their presence was so appreciated and challenged us to consider how we might support them going forward. Given the nature of their status as refugees many would be moved on with 24 hours notice at the Government's behest. We funded and provided Christmas gifts for 26 children and young people who were locally based asylum seekers

Other successes

We have increased the hours of our employed Youth Worker (Ruth Harrison) to 3 days per week from October 22 allowing us to continue to build and enhance our commitment to invest in our young people and the next generation.

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted Christmas 2021 and so we were in a good position to repeat our 'Advent' initiative leading up to Christmas for our regular church families.

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HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (continued)

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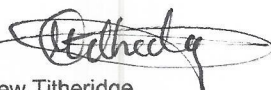
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This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:



Mr Matthew Titheridge

Chair of Trustees

Dated:

21/11/2022

Hope Church Aldershot

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Dated: 21/11/2022

Hope Church Aldershot

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022
(Including income and expenditure account)

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Charitable Activities	5	70,390	650	71,040	32,204
Total Expenditure		<u>70,390</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>71,040</u>	<u>32,204</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		<u>16,532</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>16,582</u>	<u>36,105</u>
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April 2021		35,370	735	36,105	-
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2022		<u>51,902</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>52,687</u>	<u>36,105</u>

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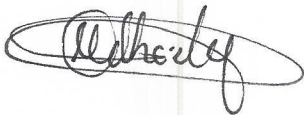
Hope Church Aldershot
Charity Registration No. 1189502

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	2,324	3,226
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	1,204	1,462
Cash at bank and in hand		49,473	32,159
Total Current Assets		<u>50,677</u>	<u>33,621</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- (314)	- (742)
Net Current Assets		<u>50,363</u>	<u>32,879</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>52,687</u>	<u>36,105</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund		51,902	35,370
Restricted Funds	6	785	735
Total Funds	11	<u>52,687</u>	<u>36,105</u>

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by



Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

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Basis of Preparation

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Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff.

Funds

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

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 cost 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.

2. Cash Flow

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

3. Tangible Fixed Assets		Equipment £
Cost	1st April 2021	3,609
Additions		
Cost at	31st March 2022	<u>3,609</u>
Depreciation	1st April 2021	383
Charge for year		902
Depreciation at	31st March 2022	<u>1,285</u>
Net book value	31st March 2022	<u>2,324</u>
Net book value	31st March 2021	<u>3,226</u>

4. Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a) Voluntary Income				
Gift Aided Donations	67,752	700	68,452	36,541
Gift Aid tax refund	17,338	-	17,338	9,155
Other Donations	1,832	-	1,832	22,613
Total Income	<u>86,922</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>87,622</u>	<u>68,309</u>

Of the £68,309 total income for the year to 31 March 2021, £67,124 was unrestricted and £1,185 was restricted.

5. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Activities:				
Mission & Outreach	1,546	-	1,546	701
Youth and Children	374	-	374	310
Giving to Other Charities	7,091	-	7,091	4,938
Gifts & Grace Basket	100	650	750	550
Pastoral Care and Development	479	-	479	69
Office & Administration	6,401	-	6,401	2,508
Staffing Costs	53,799	-	53,799	22,528
Professional Fees	600	-	600	600
Total Expenditure:	<u>70,390</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>71,040</u>	<u>32,204</u>

Of the £32,204 total expenditure for the year to 31 March 2021, £31,754 was unrestricted and £450 was restricted.

Support Costs included in the above consist of:

Staffing Costs	5,380	-	5,380	2,253
Office and Administration	6,401	-	6,401	2,508
Governance Costs	600	-	600	600
Total	<u>12,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,381</u>	<u>5,361</u>

Governance costs in 2022 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31-Mar-22 £
	735	700	650	785
Total	<u>735</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>785</u>

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

7. Debtors and Prepayments	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,204	1,462
Total	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,462</u>

8. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2022 £	2021 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	50	600
Pensions Payable	108	71
HMRC Paye and NI	156	71
Total	<u>314</u>	<u>742</u>

9. Staff Costs

The Charity employed two members of staff (2021: two) during the year. The costs were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	47,031	19,983
Manse Expenses	2,638	943
Life Insurance	367	25
Employers Pension Contributions	3,763	1,597
Total	<u>53,799</u>	<u>22,548</u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

10. Trustees and related parties

Mr Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £36,154 (2021: £17,373) and pension contributions of £2,681 (2021: £1,314)

Hope Church Aldershot

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

11. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	2,324	-	2,324
Current Assets	49,892	785	50,677
Current Liabilities	- 314	-	- 314
Total	51,902	785	52,687

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	3,226	-	3,226
Current Assets	32,886	735	33,621
Current Liabilities	- 742	-	- 742
Total	35,370	735	36,105

12. Statement of financial activities, comparative funds - year ended 31 March 2021.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	67,124	1,185	68,309
Total Income	67,124	1,185	68,309
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	31,754	450	32,204
Total Expenditure	31,754	450	32,204
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	35,370	735	36,105
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2021	35,370	735	36,105

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

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Hope Church Aldershot

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Number 1189502 (England and Wales)
Date of Registration 15th May 2020
End of Financial Year 31st March 2021

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves
Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyuma

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Mr. S Delves
Mr. S Berger

Governing Document Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Dated 15th May 2020

Charitable Objects:

The objective of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in particular but not exclusively, by worship, Christian teaching, holding of prayer meetings, and the public celebration of religious festivals

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report, which incorporates the trustee's report, and the financial statements of Hope Church Aldershot for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the 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) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin1 (effective January 2015)

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

Hope Church Aldershot is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) and was set up and registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 15 May 2020. Charity number 1189502

The objects of the Charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs);
- To serve the public, relieving sickness and financial hardship through the provision of counselling and support;
- To advance education

in such a way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Constitution Document.

The Charity has a formal process for the recruitment of new Trustees to bring additional skills and experience to the Board of Trustees.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. New Trustees are selected for their expertise which they can offer the Charity and are invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings before their appointment.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Trustees, who shall not be less than 3 in number, hold meetings every second month. The Trustees are all required to be members of the Trust and those who held office during the year are shown on page 1.

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and have also examined other operational and business risks and have established systems to mitigate significant risks. The Charity's Risk Register is reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The Trust is involved in the running of a congregation based in Aldershot. It is involved in many community based projects as can be seen in the review of activities below.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

These are set out in the "Review of activities" section below.

**HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (continued)**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

General

Hope Church Aldershot became fully independent as a Church on 01 October 2020, having been part of a "Multi Site" church structure with its 'parent church' Jubilee Church Farnham.

Hope Church Aldershot normally meets every Sunday at Wellington Community Primary School. Meetings have been heavily disrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic whilst we have followed government guidance.

Hope Church Aldershot membership total was 50 as of March 2021. The average weekly attendance fluctuated dramatically during 2020/21 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

It would be an understatement that the Covid-19 Pandemic activities at Hope Church Aldershot have been massively impacted by safe practice and government restrictions.

We have however managed to maintain and provide hybrid activities across all aspects of church life.

Children & Youth ministries:

Hope Church Aldershot has a significant Youth and Children's ministry. Activities were heavily affected during Covid-19. The Youth and Children's ministries have been developed over previous years and now includes a well-attended Youth Group which meets every Friday at Park Church Hall and every other week for Basement (11-14 years) and Attic (14-18 years).

Our Youth ministry has been maintained to reach ages 11 to late teens during the Covid-19 pandemic through weekly digital platforms and 'in person' meetings where possible. Attendance has been around 10-20 regular attendees, fluctuating throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the national Christian Youth Conference called 'Newday' was cancelled, meaning our youth group were unable to attend this year.

On Sundays, at Hope Church Aldershot we normally provide 'Sparkbeams' a crèche, for 0-3 years and 'Blaze' which covers those children aged between 3-11 years. Outside of the Covid-19 pandemic we have on average circa 22 children attending each week across all the groups.

Our provision of Children's ministry has also been maintained through weekly digital platforms in the form of 'Blaze Blasts' and regular 'Blaze' meetings through digital platforms on Sundays for children aged 3 – 11 years. Attendance has been between 10-15 regular attendees, fluctuating throughout the year. Unfortunately, the annual weekend 'Spring Away' was cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

Adult ministries

Our meetings on Sundays have been a mix of activities held on digital platforms and 'in person' where possible. These have included: weekly Sunday worship held on Facebook Live, weekly Sunday meetings, coffee and communion held on Zoom and weekly Sunday preaching uploaded on YouTube.

We have also occasionally managed to meet 'in person' throughout the year for 'Refresh' meetings held on Sunday evening to worship and seek God together in a Covid secure environment. Attendance has been 10-15 regular attendees when these activities have been possible.

We have been able to provide and maintain 4 midweek 'Growth Groups' throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a mix of hybrid activities over both digital platforms and 'in person' meetings where possible.

Our Young Adults ministry (YAGS) has also continued during the Covid-19 pandemic with a mix of digital meetings and 'in person' meetings (when government restrictions have allowed). Attendance has been between 5-10 attendees. These meetings have been maintained on average every 3 weeks.

Our Men's and Ladies ministries have also been heavily restricted during the Covid-19 pandemic. Monthly Women's Breakfast and monthly Men's Curry night have both stopped during Covid-19.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (continued)

Community ministries

Unfortunately, our regular community activities were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the Wellington Community School Day, Victoria Day and Carol Service. Other outreach activities such as Alpha, Christmas and Easter services were not able to take place during the Covid-19 pandemic. We did however manage to provide a 'Caroloke' at Christmas held in the car park at Wellington Community Primary School. Attendance was 20 – 25 car fulls of people.

During the year we supported Euro Relief complete with a financial gift to help the work they complete with refugees in their camp in Moria following our relationship with Euro Relief through one of our young people (Jonty Woodbridge) serving with them.

Other successes

We have increased the hours of our employed Youth Worker (Ruth Harrison) to 2 days per week from January 2021 allowing us to continue to build and enhance our commitment to invest in our young people and the next generation. on the excellent foundations.

One notable success during the Covid-19 pandemic was our 'Advent' activities leading up to Christmas for our regular church families leading up to Christmas.

The Trustees of Hope Church Aldershot continue to thank God for His blessing through the regular monthly giving and several one-off gifts that will enable the development of the work and ministry of the church.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

In preparing their statements on public benefit, contained within this Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees have, in accordance with s.4 of the Charities Act 2006, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, as well as the specific guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

The Trustees believe that public benefit is provided by the activities listed in the "Review of activities" above. The Trustees also note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been heavily restricted in our development and involvement in community activities.

d. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/INCOME GENERATION

The Charity receives most of its funding from voluntary contributions supplemented by gift aid. Where appropriate it will seek grants or donations to support its activities.

It relies on the generosity of donors for its continuation in operation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves of the charity. They have agreed that the trust should work toward holding a reserve equivalent to three months of salaries (currently approximately £14,000).

The charity's funds available on the balance sheet on the 31 March 2021 was £32,879

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The church intends over the next few years to continue and to expand its activities in Aldershot.

PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Mr S Delves receives a salary for his work for the church as set out in Note 11 to the financial statements. The salary was agreed by the other Trustees and he was not present during the discussions. He also received the sum of £2141.79 during the year for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. All expense payments are authorised by other Trustees.

HOPE CHURCH ALDERSHOT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (continued)

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Salaries for all staff are set by the Remuneration Committee (made up of non-paid Trustees), in accordance with the charity's Remuneration Policy and approved by the Trustees. Local and national comparators are taken into account, alongside individual responsibility levels and performance.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and of the incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the CIO's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. 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 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 
Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

Dated: 25/11/2021

Hope Church Aldershot

Independent Examiner's Report

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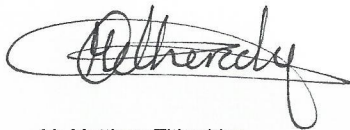
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Hope Church Aldershot

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Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff. At the year end there were contributions of £70.67 outstanding.

Funds

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

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 cost 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.

2. Cash Flow

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

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3. Tangible Fixed Assets		Equipment	
		£	
Cost	1st April 2020	-	
Additions		3,609	
Cost at	31st March 2021	<u>3,609</u>	
Depreciation	1st April 2020	-	
Charge for year		383	
Depreciation at	31st March 2021	<u>383</u>	
Net book value	31st March 2021	<u><u>3,226</u></u>	

5. Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
a) Voluntary Income			
Gift Aided Donations	36,451	90	36,541
Gift Aid tax refund	9,155	-	9,155
Other Donations	21,518	1,095	22,613
Total Income	<u><u>67,124</u></u>	<u><u>1,185</u></u>	<u><u>68,309</u></u>

6. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities:			
Mission & Outreach	701	-	701
Youth and Children	310	-	310
Giving to Other Charities	4,938	-	4,938
Gifts & Grace Basket	100	450	550
Pastoral Care and Development	69	-	69
Office & Administration	2,508	-	2,508
Staffing Costs	22,528	-	22,528
Professional Fees	600	-	600
Total Expenditure:	<u><u>31,754</u></u>	<u><u>450</u></u>	<u><u>32,204</u></u>

Support Costs included in the above consist of:

Salaries	2,253	-	2,253
Office and Administration	2,508	-	2,508
Governance Costs	600	-	600
Total	<u><u>5,361</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>5,361</u></u>

Governance costs in 2021 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

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7. Restricted Funds	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 Mar 2021 £
	1,185	450	735
Total	<u><u>1,185</u></u>	<u><u>450</u></u>	<u><u>735</u></u>

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:

8. Debtors and Prepayments	2021 £
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,462
Total	<u><u>1,462</u></u>

9. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2021 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	600
Pensions Payable	71
HMRC Paye and NI	71
Total	<u><u>742</u></u>

10. Staff Costs

The Charity employed two members of staff during the year. The costs were:

	2021 £
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	19,983
Manse Expenses	943
Life Insurance	25
Employers Pension Contributions	1,597
Total	<u><u>22,548</u></u>

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

11. Trustees and related parties

Mr Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £17,373 and pension contributions of £1,314

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12. Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	3,226	-	3,226
Current Assets	32,886	735	33,621
Current Liabilities	- 742	-	- 742
Total	<u>35,370</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>36,105</u>