



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

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| 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

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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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

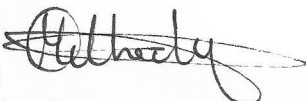
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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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 2021

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.



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Dated: 25/11/2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2021
(Including income and expenditure account)

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Income from: | | | | |
| Donations and gifts | 5 | 67,124 | 1,185 | 68,309 |
| Total Income | | <u>67,124</u> | <u>1,185</u> | <u>68,309</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 6 | 31,754 | 450 | 32,204 |
| Total Expenditure | | <u>31,754</u> | <u>450</u> | <u>32,204</u> |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year | | <u>35,370</u> | <u>735</u> | <u>36,105</u> |
| Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2021 | | <u>35,370</u> | <u>735</u> | <u>36,105</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.

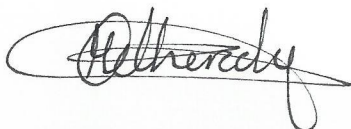
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

| | Notes | 2021 £ |
|--|-------|---------------|
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | 3,226 |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 8 | 1,462 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 32,159 |
| Total Current Assets | | <u>33,621</u> |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9 | - 742 |
| Net Current Assets | | <u>32,879</u> |
| Total Net Assets | | <u>36,105</u> |
| Income Funds | | |
| General Fund | | 35,370 |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | 735 |
| Total Funds | 12 | <u>36,105</u> |

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by



Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

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. 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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

7. Restricted Funds

| | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Balance at 31 Mar 2021 £ |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 1,185 | 450 | 735 |
| Total | <u>1,185</u> | <u>450</u> | <u>735</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>1,462</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>742</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>22,548</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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

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> |