



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)

Elders

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.

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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.

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.

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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 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.

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 2022 was £49,473

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 £4341 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).

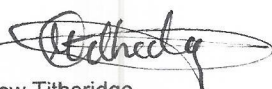
Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and of the incoming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

21/11/2022

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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 2022

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
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Dated: 21/11/2022

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	4	86,922	700	87,622	68,309
Total Income		<u>86,922</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>87,622</u>	<u>68,309</u>
Expenditure on:					
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>

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.

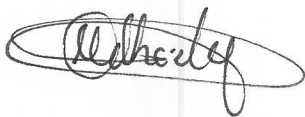
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	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

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

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	735	700	650	785

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	1,204	1,462

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	314	742

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	53,799	22,548

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)

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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