



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

Charity Number 1189502 (England and Wales)
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

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 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

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 65 as of March 2023. The average weekly attendance in March 2023 was 52 adults and 23 youth and children, which was indicative of the year that had passed.

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.

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 (11-14 years).

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.

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.

Although numbers dropped slightly we 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 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. 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 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.

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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.

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 £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.

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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 10 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 £3,804 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

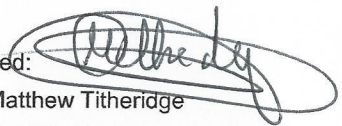
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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: 09/02/2024

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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 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.



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Dated: **29th January 2024**

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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

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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 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.

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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	13,950	-	13,950	12,381

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	785	167	952	-

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	1,362	1,204

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	690	314

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	68,804	53,799

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