



**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**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 2024

**Trustees**

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves  
Mr. Matthew Titheridge  
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyumva  
Ms. Suzanna Berger  
Mr. Dave Monk

**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 2024**

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 2024.

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 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 2024 (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 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.

###### 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. 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.



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### **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.

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**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**

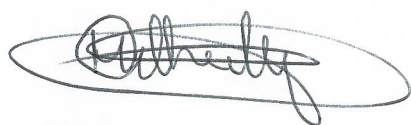
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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  
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Dated: 20th December 2024



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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 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and gifts	4	91,740	-	91,740	86,392
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>91,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,740</u>	<u>86,392</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable Activities	5	93,796	-	93,796	90,166
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<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
<b>Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024</b>		<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.

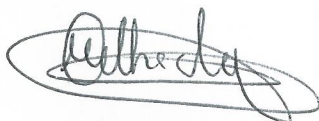
Hope Church Aldershot  
Charity Registration No. 1189502

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	3	519	1,422
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
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>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- (709)	- (690)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>46,338</u>	<u>47,491</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>48,913</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
General Fund		46,857	48,913
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	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.

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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.



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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 £
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<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	-
<b>Total</b>	<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
<b>Total</b>	<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
<b>Total</b>	<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)

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,857</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,857</b>

	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,913</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,913</b>

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

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and gifts	86,225	167	86,392
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,225</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>86,392</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	89,214	952	90,166
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>89,214</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>90,166</b>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	- 2,989	- 785	- 3,774
<b>Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>48,913</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,913</b>