

The Charity Registration Number is :- 1192224

Hope Church Wirral
Report and Accounts
31 October 2025

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Report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Hope Church Wirral.

The charity is also known by its operating name, Hope Church Wirral.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1192224.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England & Wales. The governing document of the charity is the constitution of the CIO as approved by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) .

The governing document is dated 09 November 2020

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the

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The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Richard Anthony Holmes

Sheila Farrington - appointed on 23 April 2024

Anna Kasha

Daniel Kasha

Katie Lauren Starkey

Jonathan David Brennan

Dr Alexander John Rankin

At the Annual General Meeting, Chris Rankin retire as trustees, but are eligible for reappointment.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

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Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

To advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of beliefs and practices in the Schedule hereto in Wirral and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship, or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Wirral and wherever else in the world and trustees from time to time think fit.

To promote and fulfill such other charitable objectives, beneficial to the community in Wirral or other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

We have continued to hold our Sunday gatherings, growing numerically as a church, and reaching more and more people through our in-person and live-streamed services. Our aim remains to empower Christians and create a safe, warm, and welcoming environment for those who are exploring their faith. Our regular attendance grew rapidly this year, including new families, and a number of people moving to the area specifically to find community.

Our Youth and Children's work has continued to go from strength to strength this year. In January 2025 we appointed a part-time Children's Worker, followed by two part-time Youth Workers in September 2025. Their appointment has helped us increase both the number of activities on offer and the number of children and young people engaging with the church. Our Toddler Group, Roundabout, continues to have a huge impact on new parents and carers, with parents and carers commenting on how helpful it has been to have a consistent place to bring their children week on week.

We continued to support both MCYC and Wirral Youth for Christ throughout the year, with a number of our congregation serving at MCYC camps and a record number of young people attending. At Easter 2025 we ran a youth weekend away, joining another church in Liverpool to take 50 young people away together. In July 2025 we also held a Hope Away from Home day at Barnstondale, which was a huge success.

We continued to rent out our church halls for community use, increasing our regular bookings throughout the year and further cementing our role within the local community.

In July 2025, seven members of our church community went to LIV Lanseria, a long-standing partner organisation in South Africa. The team led projects, spent time with the communities, and built upon the strong relationship already there.

Other highlights of the year include our Christmas appeal, this year run in partnership with Charles Thomson Mission, through which many people from our church and wider community donated Christmas presents to families in need in the local area.

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The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

1. holding regular services for worship
2. holding regular activities for various age groups to demonstrate the relevance of the Christian faith to everyday life
3. providing facilities for the local community
4. visiting and supporting the aged and sick persons and others in need
5. supporting various persons and groups engaged in ministering to the needs of others in various parts of the UK and abroad

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The contribution of volunteers during the year.

The charity depends on the support of its volunteers, which is much appreciated. The charity had over 70 Volunteers who donated in excess of 3000 hours of their time doing roles that helped the church fulfil its charitable objectives including running Sunday Services, Children's work and outreach within our community. We have a number of specialist volunteers overseeing Safeguarding and Finance Support. The arrangements with volunteers are difficult to value precisely in monetary terms and have not been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The volunteers and the charity accept and agree that no contract of employment is created by these arrangements.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year. Throughout the year, the charity actively pursued its purpose of serving the public benefit through a range of meaningful activities. Firstly, regular services for worship were held, providing a space for spiritual reflection and devotion. Moreover, the organisation organised various activities for different age groups to demonstrate how the Christian faith is relevant to everyday life. By offering facilities for the local community, the charity created a sense of belonging and inclusivity, serving as a hub for social interactions and gatherings. Another vital aspect of their work involved visiting and supporting the elderly, sick individuals, and others in need, demonstrating their commitment to providing compassionate care. Furthermore, the charity extended its reach by offering support to individuals and groups engaged in ministering to the needs of others across different regions of the UK and abroad. Collectively, these endeavours exemplify the charity's unwavering dedication to its purpose, uplifting and benefiting the public it serves..

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Bankers

HSBC UK

Accountants

KBH Accountants Ltd - 255 Poulton Road, Wallasey, CH44 4BT

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 October 2025

The financial position of the charity at 31 October 2025 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income	14,337	(2,977)
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	68,062	56,749
Restricted Revenue Funds	3,024	-
Total Funds	71,086	56,749

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 October 2025 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The church building has been transferred from Hoylake Chapel Fellowship Trust but has not been valued and it will be valued in next year's accounts

Policies on reserves.

It is the policy of this church to hold in reserves the equivalent of three months' salary costs. This policy will be reviewed in twelve month's time.

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Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

Olivia Higgins
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255 Poulton Road

Wallasey
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. 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.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on __14th August____ 2026.

Jonathan Brennan

Jonathan David Brennan
Trustee

Hope Church Wirral

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity on pages 8 to 29 for the year ended 31 October 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 5, you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

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Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

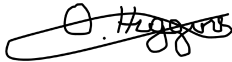
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-



Olivia Higgins - Independent Examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

255 Poulton Road
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This report was signed on ____14th August 2026

Hope Church Wirral - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	101,263	5,949	107,212	69,125
Charitable activities	A2	3,343	-	3,343	10,112
Other trading activities	A3	21,544	-	21,544	20,013
Other	A5	-	-	-	3,627
Total income	A	126,150	5,949	132,099	102,877
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	114,837	2,925	117,762	105,854
Total expenditure	B	114,837	2,925	117,762	105,854
Net income for the year		11,313	3,024	14,337	(2,977)
Net income after transfers	A-B-C	11,313	3,024	14,337	(2,977)
Net movement in funds		11,313	3,024	14,337	(2,977)
Total funds brought forward		56,749	-	56,749	59,726
Total funds carried forward		68,062	3,024	71,086	56,749

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hope Church Wirral - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	69,125	-	69,125
Charitable activities	A2	10,112	-	10,112
Other trading activities	A3	20,013	-	20,013
Other	A5	3,627	-	3,627
Total income	A	102,877	-	102,877
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	B1	-	-	-
Charitable activities	B2	105,854	-	105,854
Total expenditure	B	105,854	-	105,854
Net income for the year		(2,977)	-	(2,977)
Transfers between funds	C	-	-	-
Net income after transfers		(2,977)	-	(2,977)
Net movement in funds		(2,977)	-	(2,977)
Reconciliation of funds:-	E			
Total funds brought forward		59,726	-	59,726
Total funds carried forward		56,749	-	56,749

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hope Church Wirral - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

Hope Church Wirral - Resources applied in the year ended 31 October 2025 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2025 £	2024 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	14,337	(2,977)
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	-	-
Other applications of funds	-	-
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	14,337	(2,977)

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 October 2025

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Last year Total Funds 2024 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	56,749	-	56,749	59,726
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	11,313	3,024	14,337	(2,977)
	68,062	3,024	71,086	56,749
Closing revenue funds	68,062	3,024	71,086	56,749

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Last Year Total Funds 2024 £
Revenue accumulated funds	65,243	3,024	68,267	56,749
Revenue designated funds	2,819	-	2,819	-
Total funds	68,062	3,024	71,086	56,749

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hope Church Wirral - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

Hope Church Wirral Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2025 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Income from operations	112,287	84,495
Refunds from HMRC on gift aided donations	19,812	14,755
Other operating income	-	3,627
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	132,099	102,877
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	132,099	102,877
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	115,290	103,380
Depreciation and amortisation	1,452	1,454
Governance costs	1,020	1,020
Total expenditure in the year	117,762	105,854
Net income before tax in the financial year	14,337	(2,977)
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	14,337	(2,977)
Retained surplus for the financial year	14,337	(2,977)

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hope Church Wirral - Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2025

	Note	SORP Ref	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets		A		
Tangible assets	10	A2	35,157	36,609
Current assets		B		
Debtors	11	B2	6,955	2,716
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	31,188	21,674
Total current assets			38,143	24,390
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	C1	(2,214)	(4,250)
Net current assets			35,929	20,140
The total net assets of the charity			71,086	56,749

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

Restricted funds					
Restricted Revenue Funds	16	D2	3,024	-	-
			3,024		
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	16	D3	65,243	56,749	56,749
			65,243		
Designated Funds					
Designated Revenue Funds	16	D3	2,819	-	-
			2,819		
Total charity funds			71,086	56,749	

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 7.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Jonathan David Brennan

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on _____ 2026

The notes attached on pages 13 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Dividends are accrued when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

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Donated goods, facilities and services

Donated fixed assets are recognised at the current fair value. All such donations are recognised as donation income, and debited to fixed assets.

Donated goods that are not fixed assets are accounted for at a fair value, unless it is impractical to reliably measure the value of the donated items.

In the absence of any direct evidence of fair value of donated goods, then a value is derived from the cost of the item to the donor or, in the case of goods that are expected to be sold, the estimated resale value after deducting any anticipated costs of sales.

If it is impracticable to measure the fair value of goods donated for resale, or the costs of valuation outweigh the benefits, the donated goods are recognised as income when sold, with an equivalent amount being recognised as an expense.

The costs of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those goods upon receipt. When the goods are distributed freely or for a nominal consideration, then the carrying amount is adjusted at the time of sale, to the value at the point of distribution and the adjustment is shown as a cost of donations made.

The carrying amount of any stock held for distribution is assessed for impairment at the reporting date. All donated goods are recognised as donation income, and debited to trading stock. When trading stock is subsequently sold, or appropriated to meet an expense, then the carrying value of the stock is recognised as an expense. In accordance with the SORP, goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries, or for consumption by the charity are included in '*legacies and donations*'. Goods donated for resale are included in '*Income from other trading activities*'

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt. If the goods held are to be distributed freely or for a nominal consideration, then the carrying amount is subsequently adjusted to reflect the lower of deemed cost adjusted for any loss of service potential and replacement cost. Replacement cost is the economic cost incurred if the charity was to replace the service potential of the donated goods at its own expense in the most economic manner.

Donated services and facilities (including seconded staff and use of property) are included in the accounts on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity.

All donated services and facilities are recognised as donation income when received, (provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably) and recognised as an expense with an equivalent value.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated.

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 5.

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Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2025 £	2024 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,452	1,454
Pension costs	2,141	2,404

5 The contribution of volunteers

The charity depends on the support of its volunteers, which is much appreciated. The charity had over 40 Volunteers who donated in excess of 3000 hours of their time doing roles that helped the church fulfil its charitable objectives including running Sunday Services, Children's work and outreach within our community. We have a number of specialist volunteers overseeing Safeguarding and Finance Support. The arrangements with volunteers are difficult to value precisely in monetary terms and have not been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The volunteers and the charity accept and agree that no contract of employment is created by these arrangements.

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6 Staff costs and emoluments

<i>Salary costs</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	52,978	36,728
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	2,141	2,404
Total salaries, wages and related costs	55,119	39,132

7 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

Any liabilities and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

8 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

As per the charity constitution:

(a) The Pastor for the time being Jonathan David Brennan will automatically be a charity trustee, for as long as he or she holds that office.

(b) If unwilling to act as a charity trustee, the office holder may: (i) before accepting appointment as a charity trustee, give notice in writing to the trustees of his or her unwillingness to act in that capacity; or (ii) after accepting appointment as a charity trustee, resign under the provisions contained in clause [12] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees). The office of ex officio charity trustee will then remain vacant until the office holder ceases to hold office.

9 Heritage assets not included in the accounts

The property was purchased by Hoylake Chapel 25 years ago and transferred to Hope Church on 7th July 2022. The valuation will be done in the current year.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Current Year</i>	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 November 2024	38,213	2,758	-	40,971
At 31 October 2025	38,213	2,758	-	40,971
Depreciation				
At 1 November 2024	2,292	2,070	-	4,362
Charge for the year	764	688	-	1,452
At 31 October 2025	3,056	2,758	-	5,814
Net book value				
At 31 October 2025	35,157	-	-	35,157
At 31 October 2024	35,921	688	-	36,609

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,076
Other debtors	6,955	640
	6,955	2,716

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,344	3,433
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	870	817
	2,214	4,250

13 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 November 2024	56,749	59,726
Surplus after tax for the year	14,337	(2,977)
At 31 October 2025	71,086	56,749

14 Related party transactions

Jonathan Brennan received remuneration for his work as pastor of £32,375 (2024: £29,013) and Employer's pension contribution costs £1,724 (2024: £1,800)

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15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 October 2025	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	35,157	-	-	35,157
Current Assets	32,300	2,819	3,024	38,143
Current Liabilities	(2,214)	-	-	(2,214)
	65,243	2,819	3,024	71,086

At 1 November 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	36,609	-	-	36,609
Current Assets	24,390	-	-	24,390
Current Liabilities	(4,250)	-	-	(4,250)
	56,749	-	-	56,749

16 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 15 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2024 £	Movement in funds in 2025 £	Transfers between funds in 2025 £	Funds carried forward to 2026 £
		See Note 17		
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	56,749	8,494	-	65,243
Designated Revenue Funds	-	2,819	-	2,819
Total unrestricted and designated funds	56,749	11,313	-	68,062
Restricted funds:-				
UKSPF Digital Connectivity	-	3,024	-	3,024
Total restricted funds	-	3,024	-	3,024
Total charity funds	56,749	14,337	-	71,086

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17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	123,331	(114,837)	-	8,494
Designated Revenue Funds	2,819	-	-	2,819
Restricted funds:-				
UKSPF Digital Connectivity	5,949	(2,925)	-	3,024
	132,099	(117,762)	-	14,337

18 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 16 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds These funds are held for meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted funds:-

UKSPF Digital Connectivity We received funding from VOLA Merseyside to improve digital inclusiveness in our area. This funding improved the wifi connection in the church, and allowed us to purchase some new computer equipment.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Every member of the charity is obliged to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts from individuals				
Small donations individually less than £1000	78,632	-	78,632	54,370
Refunds from HMRC on gift aided donations	19,812	-	19,812	14,755
Hulme Tithe	2,819	-	2,819	-
Total donations and gifts from individuals	101,263	-	101,263	69,125

Donations and gifts from individuals (Include HMRC refunds on gift aided donations) - Prior Year analysis

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Prior year	69,125	-	69,125

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	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies VOLA Consortium	-	5,949	5,949	-
Total private sector revenue grants	-	5,949	5,949	-
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies				
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies A1	101,263	5,949	107,212	69,125
<i>Prior year</i>				
	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £	
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies A1	69,125	-	69,125	

21 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

<i>Current year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total funds 2024 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading Events and activities	3,343	-	3,343	10,112
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	3,343	-	3,343	10,112
<i>Prior year</i>				
	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £	
Primary purpose and ancillary trading Events and activities	10,112	-	10,112	
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	10,112	-	10,112	

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22 Total Income from charitable activities

<i>Current year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Total income from charitable trading	3,343	-	3,343	10,112
Total from charitable activities A2	3,343	-	3,343	10,112

Income from charitable activities - Prior Year analysis

<i>Prior year</i>	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Total income from charitable trading	10,112	-	10,112
	10,112	-	10,112

23 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Income from letting and licensing of property for non charitable purposes	21,544	-	21,544	20,013
Total from other activities A3	21,544	-	21,544	20,013

Income from other, non charitable, trading activities - Prior Year analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Prior Year	20,013	-	20,013

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24 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

Current Year		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities		46,191	-	46,191	29,013
Defined contribution pension costs - charitable activities		2,112	-	2,112	1,800
Temporary Staff - Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activities expenses		3,829	2,656	6,485	1,356
Pastor expenses		4,151	-	4,151	1,802
Building project work		-	-	-	9,803
Other costs		-	-	-	-
Total direct spending	B2a	56,283	2,656	58,939	43,774
Prior Year		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds	
		2024	2024	2024	
		£	£	£	
Direct charitable activities expenses		1,356	-	1,356	
Pastor expenses		1,802	-	1,802	
Building project work		9,803	-	9,803	
Total direct spending	B2a	43,774	-	43,774	

25 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

Current Year		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Church events and activities expenses		19,052	-	19,052	16,019
Total charitable trading costs	B2b	19,052	-	19,052	16,019
Prior Year		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds	
		2024	2024	2024	
		£	£	£	
Church events and activities expenses		16,019	-	16,019	
Total charitable trading costs	B2b	16,019	-	16,019	

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26 Expenditure on charitable activities- Grant funding of activities

		Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds		
Current Year		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Grants made to individuals		2,050	-	2,050	1,200
Grants made to organisations		2,555	-	2,555	2,521
Total grantmaking costs	B2c	4,605	-	4,605	3,721

Breakdown of Grants made to organisations

		Current year	Current year	Current year
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	
Current Year		2025	2025	2025
		£	£	£
MCYC		600	-	600
Wirral YFC		600	-	600
Refilwe		1,351	-	1,351
Mustard Seeds		20	-	20
		2,555	-	2,555

		Prior Year	Prior Year	Prior Year
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	
Prior Year		2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£
Grants made to individuals		1,200	-	1,200
Grants made to organisations		2,521	-	2,521
Total grantmaking costs	B2c	3,721	-	3,721

Breakdown of Grants made to organisations

		Prior Year	Prior Year	Prior Year
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	
Prior Year		2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£
MCYC		570	-	570
Wirral YFC		600	-	600
Refilwe		1,351	-	1,351
		2,521	-	2,521

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27 Support costs for charitable activities

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
<i>Employee costs not included in direct costs</i>				
Cost of salaries recharged to other organisations	6,787	-	6,787	7,715
Defined contribution pension costs - recharged employees	29	-	29	604
<i>Premises Expenses</i>				
Rates and water charges	1,010	-	1,010	1,136
Light heat and power	10,213	-	10,213	14,926
Cleaning and waste management	5,722	-	5,722	3,346
Premises repairs, renewals and maintenance	588	-	588	501
<i>Administrative overheads</i>				
Telephone, fax and internet	526	-	526	-
Stationery and printing	2,468	269	2,737	2,021
Liability and contents insurance	4,619	-	4,619	4,362
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	4,800
<i>Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner</i>				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	360	-	360	360
<i>Financial costs</i>				
Bank charges	103	-	103	95
Depreciation & Amortisation in total	1,452	-	1,452	1,454
Support costs before reallocation	33,877	269	34,146	41,320
Total support costs - Current Year	33,877	269	34,146	41,320

All the expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted.

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Prior Year	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£		
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Cost of salaries recharged to other organisations	7,715	-	7,715	
Defined contribution pension costs - recharged employees	604	-	604	
Premises Expenses				
Rates and water charges	1,136	-	1,136	
Light heat and power	14,926	-	14,926	
Cleaning and waste management	3,346	-	3,346	
Premises repairs, renewals and maintenance	501	-	501	
Administrative overheads				
Stationery and printing	2,021	-	2,021	
Liability and contents insurance	4,362	-	4,362	
Sundry expenses	4,800	-	4,800	
Professional fees paid to advisors				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	360	-	360	
Financial costs				
Bank charges	95	-	95	
Depreciation & Amortisation in total	1,454	-	1,454	
Support costs before reallocation	41,320	-	41,320	
Total support costs - Prior Year	41,320	-	41,320	

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

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28 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	1,020	-	1,020	1,020
Total Governance costs	1,020	-	1,020	1,020
<i>Prior Year</i>	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds	
	2024	2024	2024	
	£	£	£	
Independent Examiner's fees	1,020	-	1,020	
Total Governance costs	1,020	-	1,020	

29 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Total direct spending	B2a	56,283	2,656	58,939	43,774
Total charitable trading costs	B2b	19,052	-	19,052	16,019
Total grantmaking costs	B2c	4,605	-	4,605	3,721
Total support costs	B2d	33,877	269	34,146	41,320
Total Governance costs	B2e	1,020	-	1,020	1,020
Total charitable expenditure	B2	114,837	2,925	117,762	105,854