

# **Living Hope Bible Church**

**Registered Charity Number 1195113**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the period 9 July 2021 to 31 December 2022**

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Trustees**

Nathan Tarrant (Chair)  
Thomas Allen  
Alan Clark

**Charity number**

1195113

**Address**

St Martin's Chapel  
124 High Street  
Lydd, Romney Marsh,  
TN29 9BA

**Independent Examiner**

**John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE**  
Caladine Limited  
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Report of the trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the period 9 July 2021 to 31 December 2022.

**1 Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of basis of faith, primarily (but not exclusively) within Romney Marsh and the surrounding neighbourhood.

**2 Structure, governance and management**

Living Hope Bible Church is a CIO governed by its Constitution registered with the Charity Commission on the 9 July 2021.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Nathan Tarrant  
Thomas Allen  
Alan Clark

The Church is run by the trustees. New trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution. The Church is a member of the Association of Confessional Baptist Churches UK and the Association of Grace Baptist Churches SE.

**3 Review of Activities**

The activities of the church are its regular ministry of public worship on Sunday morning and a bible study on a Wednesday evening.

There are currently nine members of the congregation. Our main evangelist activity is spending time engaging in conversations with local people.

**4 Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

**5 Financial review**

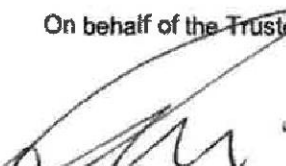
For this first period of operation, these financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. There was a net surplus for the period of £2,914 and a balance on cash funds of £2,914 at 31 December 2022. During the period the charity received a donation of a freehold property, St Martin's Chapel, 124 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9BA valued at £200,000.

The Church has a reserve policy of ensuring at least three months of annual expenditure is held in reserve, in order for the church to be able to meet its financial commitments.

**6 Risk Management**

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



Nathan Tarrant  
Trustee  
Date: 14/10/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Living Hope Bible Church CIO

I report to the trustees of the church on my examination of the accounts of Living Hope Bible Church ('the CIO') for the period 9 July 2021 to 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



**John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE**  
Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 17 October 2023

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b>£</b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> <b>£</b>	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2022</u></b> <b>£</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Offerings	16,327	-	16,327
Other Donations	440	-	440
Building Support	353	-	353
Mission Support Offerings	2,348	-	2,348
Other income - The Old Living Hope Bible church	5,502	-	5,502
Donation of Freehold property	200,000	-	200,000
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>224,970</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,970</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Missions Support	5,028	-	5,028
Advertisng & Marketing	87	-	87
Cleaning	28	-	28
Charitable & Political donations	100	-	100
General Expenses	696	-	696
Insurance	1,439	-	1,439
Legal Expenses	2,373	-	2,373
Light, Power, Heating	3,129	-	3,129
Water Bills	2,548	-	2,548
Printing & Stationery	25	-	25
IT Software and Consumables	190	-	190
Repairs & Maintenance	5,221	-	5,221
Subscriptions	600	-	600
Telephone & Internet	592	-	592
Acquisition of Freehold property	200,000	-	200,000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>222,056</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,056</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,914</b>
<b>Cash funds at 9 July 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,914</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash funds

2022

£

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2,914

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2,914

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Non monetary assets

£

Freehold Property - St Martin's Chapel, 124 High Street, Lydd, Kent. TN29 9BA

200,000

Liabilities

£

Independent Examination Fee

960

Approved by the Trustees on 14/10/2023 and signed on its behalf by

  
Nathan Tarrant  
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

**2 Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives, unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

**3 Trustees**

Donations from trustees, and persons connected to them, were £10,799 during the period.  
The Church insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance paid on behalf of the trustees.  
There were no other expenses paid to trustees in the year.

The church building, known as St Martin's Chapel, was donated to the church by its trustee Alan Clark.

**4 Related Party Transactions**

There were no other related party transactions.