

THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING HOPE

England & Wales · Charity number 1197334

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN MILFORD HAVEN AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTY OF PEMBROKESHIRE AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING HOPE'S STATEMENT OF FAITH AND THEOLOGICAL POSITION (SEE APPENDIX A).

Activities: The objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian faith, especially but not exclusively within Milford Haven and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith. This takes the form of church services, children's activities held mainly at the Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Pembrokeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£23,030	£22,444	-	-
2023-12-31	£22,869	£18,913	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,369	£15,933	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katerina Elizabeth Sutton		2025-06-16
Linda Christine Lewis		2021-12-15
Lucy Jane Mackenzie		2024-01-10
Rev Andrew Pitcairn Bookless		2021-12-15
Rev Stuart Ronald Phillips		2026-03-27

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Accounts

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CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

CHARITY REG. NO: 1197334

The Church of the Living Hope
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1197334
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st December 2024

TRUSTEES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Andrew Bookless	Ex Officio
Allison Johnstone	Chair
Linda Lewis	
Janet Llewellyn	
Graham Andrew	
Lucy Mackenzie	From 01/01/2024
Derek Koziel	Treasurer until 10/01/2024
Lucy Mackenzie	Treasurer from 11/01/2024

The Trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Constitution of The Church of the Living Hope, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation since 04/01/2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Church of the Living Hope
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity 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 charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. 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 the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - ✓ accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Everything in perfect order.

S.M. Davey.

S.M. Davey.

Dated: *10-8-2025.*

Church of the Living Hope
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian faith, for the benefit of the public especially but not exclusively within Milford Haven and the surrounding county of Pembrokeshire, and such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity Trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with The Church of the Living Hope's Statement of Faith and Theological Position.

In order to fulfill these Objects, the Trustees this year -

1. Agreed that The Church of The Living Hope would Affiliate to The Anglican Convocation in Europe

This decision was made by the Trustees following extensive discussion, which also involved the Leadership Team and an indicative vote at the church AGM. It was decided that it would be in the best interests of the Charity to do this, not least because of the support, oversight and connection with other churches that this arrangement brings. This new arrangement replaces the previous oversight that the church had received, which had also been beneficial while it was in place.

2. Developed further the policies and procedures of the Charity

During 2024, the Safeguarding Policy for the church was updated and a Bullying and Harassment Policy was agreed and added to the existing policies.

3. Continued to support the work of the Church Minister (Rev Andy Bookless), and the Church Leadership Team, as they guided forward the worship life and outreach of the church.

The notes from Leadership Team meetings continued to be reviewed by the Trustees, in order to ensure that all church activities were carried out safely and responsibly, and that adequate finance was available.

4. Continued to monitor the Church's finances in the light of their annual Budget, seeking to ensure that money was spent in a way that is consistent with the Objects of the Charity.

The charity remains in a healthy financial mission with no pressing financial concerns.

5. Sought to ensure that the church remains a welcoming and outward-looking church that is accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds within the wider community.

In making decisions this year we have kept "the advancement of the Christian faith, for the benefit of the public" at the forefront of our priorities. We are grateful for the guidance of The Charity Commission in regard to Public Benefit.

Church of the Living Hope
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and Performance

Development of the Church

Leadership Team

A small Leadership Team, led by the church Minister - Rev Andy Bookless continued to plan and guide forward the worship life and outreach of The Church of The Living Hope. The team remained unchanged during 2024, and included four other people - Helen Bookless, Linda Lewis, Shirley Harrison and Graham Andrew, although Graham Andrew decided to stand down at the end of the year. The team meets regularly to pray, discuss activities and plan the way forward.

Sunday Worship

The general pattern for Sunday worship continued unchanged during 2024, with weekly meetings on both Sunday mornings and evenings, although one initiative that was launched at the start of the year was the plan of having a monthly "Come and See Sunday", for which church members were especially encouraged to invite new people to come and join us for worship for the first time on these Sundays. A small number of new people did come along on weeks when this occurred

We also had some variations in our Sunday morning pattern, which aims to be especially accessible to young families, including a pancake morning, which went well, and the showing of two family friendly films. We also benefited once again from the input of a number of visiting speakers, mainly at the evening service, among them Rob Jones and Julian Richards who continued to provide us with oversight for much of the year.

A highlight in terms of our Sunday evening worship was a Welcome Service on Sunday 17th November, when we were joined by members of other Pembrokeshire churches and Bishop Stuart Bell preached and welcomed us into the Anglican Convocation in Europe.

Midweek Meetings / Prayer

This year, we continued to have a variety of Midweek meetings in people's homes for Bible Study and Prayer. These included two "Growth Groups", and also a weekly prayer meeting. At one stage, the Growth Groups were paused to give people the opportunity to participate in a course entitled "Life on the Frontline", which focused on encouraging church members to live out their faith wherever they were, including in their work and home settings.

We also focused this year on strengthening our life of prayer. We had been holding some occasional longer prayer times, but this year we took the decision to have a monthly pattern which included longer times for worship and prayer each month, based in a church member's home. In addition to this, some people started doing regular Prayer-walking in the community, and a new WattsApp group was started, focused on prayer for the community.

Towards the end of the year, the Leadership Team made a decision to pause the Growth Groups, and instead to have some fortnightly midweek meetings in which church members came together to think about our Beliefs, Values and Culture as a church and to strengthen our unity and identity, as we seek to reach out to others. It was planned to begin these meetings at the start of the new year.

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Membership

The number of "Church Members" of The Church of the Living Hope (technically known as Associate Members) increased during 2024 from 32 to 35. This is consistent with a steady year on year increase that has been taking place since the church started.

Outreach to the Community

One major new initiative that was part of our outreach this year, was the fact that we began to run some "Healing Cafes", based in Pembrokeshire Yacht Club, to which people were invited to come along to for refreshments and to receive Healing prayer. In preparation for this, a group of church members had done some video-based training, produced by New Wine Cymru. These Healing Cafes have attracted some people who aren't currently part of the church congregation, as well as some others who could be described as on the fringe of the church. As well as this, we did on occasions offer healing prayer and hand out some leaflets outside some local shops.

We also again took part in the Milford Haven Carnival, an extremely well-supported community event, and continued to run the "Little Fishes" Parent and Toddler Group, based in Hubberston Community Centre. This group enables the church to serve young families and their children within our community, while also building links with them and communicating the Christian message in a simple and gentle way.

The church continues to see both its work with children and young people and its more general outreach to the local community as real priorities. In the light of this, we began planning at the end of 2024 towards starting a new group for teenagers, aimed initially at church young people and their friends, to be launched in January 2025.

We continue to publicise our outreach activities through our online presence, which includes a Website and Facebook page, through personal invitation, and on occasions through leaflets and posters.

Policy on Grant making

Although we do not make formal grants, we adhere to the principle of "Tithing", which means that we plan to give 10 % of our income to other charities and Christian groups, whose activities are consistent with our objectives. In making these gifts, we do not look to receive anything in return. For example, we give to Tearfund, a charity whose purpose is the relief of poverty and suffering in some of the poorest parts of our world and New Wine Cymru - a Welsh interchurch network, encouraging church leaders in their mission.

Contribution made by volunteers

As Trustees, we are very conscious that many aspects of church life are dependent on having a committed team of volunteers, working together so that the church can grow and flourish. In the Church of the Living Hope, there are volunteers who play a part in many different roles, in working with children and young people, as musicians, in providing refreshments, in hosting church activities, in welcoming others, in providing practical and administrative help and as members of our Leadership Team, and Trustees.. We are grateful to all those who support and contribute to the life of the church in these and other ways.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s)

Name

Linda Lewis

Position(s)

Chair of Trustees

Date

21/08/2025

[Handwritten Signature]

Treasurer

21/08/2025

Church of the Living Hope
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM :-						
Donations & Legacies	2a	23,030	0	0	23,030	22,869
Other Trading Activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	2c	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	2d	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		23,030	0	0	23,030	22,869
EXPENDITURE ON :-						
Raising Funds	3a	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	3b	-22,444	0	0	-22,444	18,863
Other Expenditure	3c	0	0	0	0	50
TOTAL PAYMENTS		-22,444	0	0	-22,444	18,913
NET GAINS (LOSSES) on Investments		0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		586	0	0	586	3,956
TRANSFERS between Funds		0	0	0	0	0
Gain (losses) on Revalued Assets		0	0	0	0	0
NET Movement in FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
Balances Brought Forward		17,392	0	0	17,392	13,436
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		17,978	0	0	17,978	17,392

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.
All operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		YE 31 DEC 2024 Total £	YE 31 DEC 2023 Total £
ASSETS			
Cash Funds:	Notes		
Current		17,978	17,392
Savings		0	0
		17,978	17,392
Represented by:			
General Funds (Unrestricted)		17,978	17,392
Restricted Funds	4	0	0
		17,978	17,392
Non-cash assets			
Gift Aid unclaimed for 2023-24		0	2,046
Small Donations Scheme Gift Aid unclaimed re 2023-24		0	1,405
		0	3,451

The CIO had given no pecuniary guarantees and had incurred no debts or other liabilities at 31 December 2024

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 10 to 11.

The Trustees declare they have approved the financial statements above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s) *Hinda Lewis*
 Full Name(s) *Hinda Lewis*
 Position(s) Chair of Trustees
 Date 21/8/2025

[Signature]
 Treasurer
 21/08/2025

Church of the Living Hope
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP

2. RECEIPTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Voluntary Receipts & Donations	4	23,030	0	23,030	22,869
Grant: Grace Church West Wales (Reg.No. 1186689)		0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0
		23,030	0	23,030	22,869
b) Other Trading Activities (incl. Fundraising)					
Fundraising Events Incomes		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
c) Income from Charitable Activities					
Unrestricted Donations from Charitable Activities		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
d) Other Income					
Other Incomes		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
e) Income from Investments					
Interest Income		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. PAYMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
a) Expenditure on Raising Funds		£	£	£	
Fundraising Events Expenses		0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities (incl.Governance Costs)					
Charitable Operations Facilitation		-4,247	0	0	3,813
Personnel Costs		-14,136	0	0	10,641
Outreach Expenses		-385	0	0	428
Designated Expenditures		0	0	0	407
Gift and Grants	4	-3,055	0	0	2,030
Administration & Governance		-621	0	0	1,544
		<u>-22,444</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,863</u>
c) Other Expenditure					
Other		0	0	0	50
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure	Balance 31-Dec-24 £
Benevolent Fund Restricted	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

The restricted funds are explained in note 6 of the accounts.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash reserves of the charity.

5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND DONATIONS BY TRUSTEES

£652 expenses were claimed by a Trustees in regard to Trustee duties (Last year: £280).
 One Trustee was employed by the charity and was paid a total of £10,764 (Last year: £9427).
 Expenses waived by trustees were (immaterial).

6. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

All money given by donors to a Restricted Fund is used for that purpose. Where there are expenses incurred in the delivery of goods or services in an area covered by a Restricted Fund, money may be drawn from this Restricted Fund to cover the relevant expenses in delivery of the service covered by that Fund. An explanation of the different Funds follows.

Financial review

Year End financial position

The Charity was founded in January 2020. In the past year it has received a mixture of one off donations and regular giving from members of the Church congregation.

The ongoing operational budgets have been set to ensure that operational costs are kept below the level of the regular monthly giving resulting in a surplus of £17,392 at the end of 2024. Of this sum £7,000 has been allocated as reserve funding.

Reserves Policy

Based on current operations level, the Church of the Living Hope holds a reserve of £7,000

Our income is primarily based on the freewill giving of church members. The reserve is therefore available for use in the event of a significant drop in our income, whether long or short-term. It would be used to cover outstanding commitments including hall hire and Minister's salary. It is also kept for use if the charity were to close for unforeseen reasons. In that event it would enable us to wind down gradually, over a period of 6 months so that members can come to terms with the situation and find another church.

Given the financial oversight by the Trustees there is no current risk of the Charity not being able to continue as an ongoing concern.

THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1197334

Accounts

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CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1197334

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CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1197334
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st December 2023

TRUSTEES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Andrew Bookless - Ex Officio
Allison Johnstone - Chair
Linda Lewis
Janet Llewellyn
Graham Andrew
Selina Johnson - resigned 27/09/2023

Treasurer - Derek Kozel until 10/01/2024 (Not a Trustee)

The Trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Constitution of The Church of the Living Hope, a charitable Incorporated Organisation since 04/01/2022

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The Church of the Living Hope
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of The Church of the Living Hope on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 Charity no 1197334 set out on pages 5 to 13. I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023. Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

Name: Paul Knight

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

The Church of the Living Hope (Charity number 1197334)

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Principal Address : 14 Gleneagles Close, Hubberston, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 3SG.

Objectives and Activities

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In order to fulfill these Objects, the Trustees have sought this year -

1. To develop further the policies and procedures of the Charity
In addition to existing policies, a Trustees Code of Conduct, a Conflicts of Interest Policy and a Social Media Acceptable Use Policy were agreed during 2023.
2. To support the work of the Church Minister (Rev Andy Bookless), and the Leadership Team he has appointed, as they seek to guide forward the worship life and outreach of The Church of the Living Hope
The notes from Leadership Team meetings are reviewed by the Trustees, who seek to ensure that all church activities are carried out safely and responsibly, and that adequate finance is available for the activities that are planned.
3. To monitor the Church's finances in the light of an annual Budget the Trustees have agreed, and to ensure that money is spent in a way that is consistent with the Objects of the Charity.
Our overall expenditure was well within the Budget.
4. To continue to ensure that the Church benefits from helpful external oversight.
Throughout 2023 oversight and guidance for the Church of the Living Hope was provided by Julian Richards and Rob Jones, two experienced church leaders, who have expertise in planting new churches, and whose advice and input has been invaluable. In addition to this, the Trustees and Leadership Team have been considering whether to affiliate to a wider network of churches. (The Anglican Convocation in Europe)
5. To ensure that the church remains a welcoming and outward-looking church that is accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds within the wider community.

In making decisions this year we have kept "the advancement of the Christian faith, for the benefit of the public" at the forefront of our priorities. We are grateful for the guidance of The Charity Commission in regard to Public Benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

Achievements and Performance

Development of the Church

Leadership Team

A small Leadership Team, led by the church Minister - Rev Andy Bookless - has continued to plan and guide forward the worship life and outreach of The Church of The Living Hope during 2023. The team remained unchanged during 2023, and includes four other people - Helen Bookless, Linda Lewis, Shirley Harrison and Graham Andrew - two of whom are also Trustees. The team meets regularly to pray, discuss activities and plan the way forward.

Sunday Worship

The Church of the Living Hope had been meeting for worship for just under a year at the start of 2023, and during that first year had developed its worship pattern, with a regular Sunday evening service and a morning meeting also gradually being introduced.

At the beginning of 2023, we moved to a new pattern which involved some kind of activity every Sunday morning, as well as the evening services. The morning pattern of weekly services, or activities, especially strengthened our links with children and families. We now have a monthly Sunday morning pattern that offers a range of activities and services depending on the Sunday of the month - Cafe Church, Family Service (followed by a Shared Lunch), an informal Chill and Chat time and an Any Questions time, all of them accompanied by refreshments of some kind.. All these activities are designed to be relaxed and informal, and suitable for children and families, while we are also pleased to welcome some older people. On the Sunday morning before Christmas we showed the children's film "The Star" (having bought the appropriate license).

Our Sunday evening services have also continued to develop, with the growing involvement of members of our Leadership Team and others in welcoming people and praying at the start of the services, and a number of excellent guest preachers speaking to us this year. We have continued to offer refreshments after the services, which help to cultivate a sense of togetherness and belonging, and have also regularly offered prayer for healing for any who would appreciate this.

Small Groups/Spiritual Life

We continued to have Growth Group meetings for Bible Study and Prayer during this year and also a weekly prayer meeting, which took place in a church member's home. In addition to this, we ran an Alpha Course, meeting in the homes of some of those who were attending in the earlier part of the year, which enabled a small group of people (some of whom were relatively new to church activities) to explore more of what the Christian faith is about. This group was a real help to some of those who attended, and we intend to run further Alpha Courses in the future.

Other activities connected to the spiritual life of the church included a Church Away-Day in June, held at Crundale Village Hall, at which one of our Overseers - Rob Jones - spoke about deepening and strengthening our relationship with God. A small group of people also began to be involved in regular prayer walks, praying for God's blessing on the Community. A few extended times of prayer were held in the Coffee Bar of Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre.

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Membership

The number of "Church Members" of The Church of the Living Hope (technically known as Associate Members) increased during 2023 from 29 to 32. There are also a significant number of adults who attend regularly, but who have not at this stage become church members.

Outreach to the Community

The Church continued to run a Parent and Toddler Group, known as "Little Fishes" during 2023, which continued to attract a good number of people to its activities at Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre. We are grateful to the dedicated team of leaders who enabled this to happen. A small team of people also continued to be involved in some outreach on the streets.

In addition to this, the church organised a free "Fun, Food, Family and Friends Day" at Hubberston Community Centre on Saturday 22nd April, which included a range of activities, including a Bouncy Castle, various games and craft activities, story-telling and refreshments, which attracted about 100 children, as well as many adults. It was good to be able to organise this for people in the local community, many of whom we had had no previous contact with.

We also took part in the Milford Haven Carnival, an extremely well-supported community event, entering a float for the first time, and during the course of the day handed out a thousand leaflets about church activities to people who were present. The church float won an award in the category that it was entered in.

As a church, we continue to see our outreach to the local community as a real priority, and we are looking for ways to develop this further. We publicise our outreach activities through our online presence, which includes a Website and Facebook page, through personal invitation, and on occasions through leaflets and posters.

Policy on Grant making

Although we do not make formal grants, we adhere to the principle of "Tithing", which means that we plan to give 10% of our income to other charities and Christian groups, whose activities are consistent with our objectives. In making these gifts, we do not look to receive anything in return. For example, we give to Tearfund, a charity whose purpose is the relief of poverty and suffering in some of the poorest parts of our world.

Contribution made by volunteers

As we have only one paid member of staff, most of the running of our organisation is dependent on the contribution of volunteers. These include Trustees, Members of our Leadership Team, Children's Workers, those who provide refreshments, Worship Leaders, and those who provide administrative and practical help. We are grateful to all those who support and contribute to the life of the church in these and other ways.

Financial review

Year End financial position

The Charity was founded in January 2020. In the past year it has received a mixture of one off donations and regular giving from members of the Church congregation.

The ongoing operational budgets have been set to ensure that operational costs are kept below the level of the regular monthly giving resulting in a surplus of £17,392 at the end of 2023. Of this sum £7,000 has been allocated as reserve funding.

Reserves Policy

Based on current operations level, the Church of the Living Hope holds a reserve of £7,000

Our income is primarily based on the freewill giving of church members. The reserve is therefore available for use in the event of a significant drop in our income, whether long or short-term. It would be used to cover outstanding commitments including hall hire and Minister's salary

It is also kept for use if the charity were to close for unforeseen reasons. In that event it would enable us to wind down gradually, over a period of 6 months so that members can come to terms with the situation and find another church.

Given the financial oversight by the Trustees there is no current risk of the Charity not being able to continue as an ongoing concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church of the Living Hope is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Our governing document is a Constitution Document.

Our Board of Trustees consists of members of the congregation and headed by a Chair of Trustees

Existing trustees and associate members can nominate other members to be trustees. Trustees will then assess their suitability, vote and appoint them.

Further information can be found in our Constitution and Associate Membership document

All trustees are required to undertake trustee training and safeguarding training and be have regard to our charity's policies and procedures and relevant Charity Commission guidance

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: The Church of The Living Hope

Registered Charity Number: 1197334

Charity's principal address: 14 Gleneagles Close, Hubberston, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 2SG

Board of Trustees

Andrew Bookless - Ex Officio

Allison Johnstone - Chair

Linda Lewis

Janet Llewellyn

Graham Andrew

Lucy Mackenzie - Trustee and Treasurer from 10/01/2024

Previous Treasurer - Derek Kozel until 10/01/2024 (Not a Trustee)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

Trustees' Responsibilities

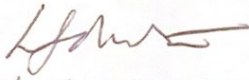

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s)

Name	 ALISON LUCIA JOHNSTONE	Treasurer	 LUCY JANE MACKENZIE.
Position(s)	Chair of Trustees		
Date	10 th October 2024		

The Church of the Living Hope
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	*E'mt Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM : -						
Donations	2a	22,869	0	0	22,869	29,369
Other Trading Activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	2c	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	2d	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		22,869	0	0	22,869	29,369
EXPENDITURE ON : -						
Raising Funds	3a	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	3b	18,913	0	0	18,913	15,933
Other Expenditure	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		18,913	0	0	18,913	15,933
NET GAINS (LOSSES) on Investments		0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		3,957	0	0	3,957	13,436
TRANSFERS between Funds		0	0	0	0	0
Gain (losses) on Revalued Assets		0	0	0	0	0
NET Movement in FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
Balances Brought Forward		13,436	0	0	13,436	0
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		17,392	0	0	17,392	13,436

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

*E'mt = Endowment

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 CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

ASSETS	Notes	31-Dec 2023 Total £	31-Dec 2022 Total £
Cash Funds:			
Barclays Bank		17,392	13,436
		<u>17,392</u>	<u>13,436</u>
Represented by:			
General Funds (Unrestricted)		17,392	13,436
		<u>17,392</u>	<u>13,436</u>
Non-cash assets			
Gift Aid unclaimed for 2022-23		2,046	0
Small Donations Scheme Gift Aid unclaimed re 2022-23		1,405	0
		<u>3,450</u>	<u>0</u>

LIABILITIES

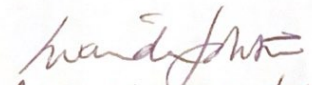


The CIO had given no pecuniary guarantees and had incurred no debts or other liabilities at 31 December 2023.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 10 to 11.

The Trustees declare they have approved the financial statements above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature(s)			
Full Name(s)	ALLISON LUCINDA JOHNSTONE		
Position(s)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer	
Date	10 th October 2024		
		LUCY	JANE MACKENZIE.

The Church of the Living Hope
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis in accordance with FRS 102 SORP

2. RECEIPTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	*E'mt Funds £	31-Dec 2023 Total £	31-Dec 2022 Total £
a) Donations						
Voluntary Receipts & Donations		22,869	0	0	22,869	29,369
Grant:		0	0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>22,869</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,869</u>	<u>29,369</u>
b) Other Trading Activities (incl. Fundraising)						
Fundraising Events Incomes		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c) Income from Charitable Activities						
Unrestricted Donations from Charitable Activities		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d) Other Income						
Other Incomes		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
e) Income from Investments						
Interest Income		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

3. PAYMENTS		Unrestricted	Restricted	*E'mt	Total	Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
a) Expenditure on Raising Funds						
Fundraising Events Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities (incl.Governance Costs)						
Charitable Operations Facilitation		3,813	0	0	3,813	3,443
Mission		428	0	0	428	1,985
Personnel Costs		10,641	0	0	10,641	10505
Discipleship		212	0	0	212	}
Gift and Grants		2,080	0	0	2,080	}
Aministration & Governance		1,544	0	0	1,544	}
Marketing		194	0	0	194	}
		<u>18,913</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,913</u>	<u>15,933</u>
c) Other Expenditure						
Refreshments		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance				Balance	
	01-Jan-23	Income	Expenditure		2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0

The restricted funds are explained in note 6 of the accounts.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash reserves of the charity.

5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND DONATIONS BY TRUSTEES

£0.00 was reimbursed to 0 trustees in relation to expenses incurred (2023: £0).
 Expenses were claimed by one Trustee in regard to Trustee duties £280.72
 One Trustee was remunerated as an office holder by the charity and was paid a total of £9,427.06
 Expenses waived by other trustees were immaterial.
 Total donations by trustees were £0 (2023: £0).

6. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

During this financial year £0.00 are restricted funds.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1197334

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Trustees' Annual report

For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

Principal Address

14 Gleneagles Close, Hubberston, MILFORD HAVEN, Dyfed, SA73 3SG

Trustees

Name	Office	Date appointed	Date resigned
Geoff Wright	Chairperson	04/01/2022	26/09/2022
Derek Kozel	Treasurer	04/01/2022	26/09/2022
Andrew Bookless	Ex-Officio	15/12/2021	
Linda Lewis		15/12/2021	
Graham Andrew		15/12/2021	
Selina Johnson	Secretary	04/08/2022	
Janet Llewellyn		05/10/2022	
Allison Johnstone	Chair	31/08/2022	

Structure, Governance and Management

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Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:-

The Objects of the charity are the advancement of the Christian faith, for the benefit of the public especially but not exclusively within Milford Haven and the surrounding county of Pembrokeshire, and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity Trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Church of the Living Hope's Statement of Faith and Theological Position.

In order to fulfil these Objects, the trustees were guided by a number of priorities during the year :

1.As a first step, to establish a worshipping congregation in a suitable building within the community . This would enable those who wanted to belong to the church to meet together to worship, to pray and to receive Christian teaching, and could also be the base from which we reached out to serve our wider community. Other church meetings, such as prayer meetings and Growth Groups would also take place to build up the church's life.

2.To appoint a Part-time Minister to guide forward the church in its life and mission. In time, it was also agreed to have a small leadership team to assist the minister in this.

3.To be a church that was actively missional, seeking to reach out to the wider community. Our first step in this regard would be to establish a parent-and-toddlers group.

4.To develop relevant policies and procedures. These should enable the church to move forward in a safe and effective way.

5.To find suitable external oversight for the church to help to guide it forward .We believed that it was important that we called on the wisdom and expertise of other Christian leaders, who would help as we moved forward in the church's life and mission.

6.From the start, it was very important to us that we would welcome all. This priority was expressed in a Statement of Theological Position that was produced before the church was registered as a charity. A part of this says that: 'We gladly affirm the dignity and worth of every human being, created and loved by God. We would want to welcome all people to our church services and activities, regardless of race, background, gender, sexual orientation or practice, and religious or political views.'

In making decisions through the year we have kept "the advancement of the Christian faith, for the benefit of the public" at the forefront of our priorities. We are grateful for the guidance of the Charity Commission in regard to Public Benefit, which has been circulated to all of the trustees.

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Trustees' Annual report (Continued)

For the Period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Achievements and Performance

Development of the Church

Sunday Worship

The Church of the Living Hope met for worship for the first time on the evening of Sunday 9th January 2022 at Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre. This was considered an ideal venue at the heart of our community, and we have been grateful for the help and support of its Trustees in enabling us to meet there. Since then, we have continued to meet in the Community Centre weekly on Sunday evenings, with an average weekly attendance of 25-35 people, although we have sometimes numbered more than that. One encouraging development is that the number of musicians leading our hymns and worship songs increased during the year, and we have also been pleased to see new people joining the congregation.

We offer refreshments after the services, which has helped to nurture a sense of belonging and friendship and we also offer prayer for healing or for other needs.

In addition to our Sunday evening services, we decided to offer something different in the Community Centre on a Sunday morning, which would be more accessible to children and families. On Easter Day 2022, we had an informal Cafe Church service, and we then gradually developed a pattern in the coming months, which led to us offering activities or services in the Community Centre 3 times a month, consisting of a Cafe Church, Family Services (followed by a Shared Lunch) and an informal Chill-&-Chat time, with food. These services and activities began to achieve their purpose, as we gradually saw more children and families joining us, as well as a few older people.

Growth Groups / Prayer Meeting / Imagine Heaven Course

As well as Sunday worship, we have organised weekly "Growth Groups" for Bible study and prayer to encourage people to grow in their faith. Initially, there were two groups meeting online, and then from May 2022 onwards a third group began to meet in person in the group leader's home. These have been a source of encouragement to those who have been part of them.

A small prayer meeting has also met regularly, initially online and then in person.

We also ran an online course called "Imagine Heaven", designed for people who are new to faith, as well as for church members, which looked at "Near Death Experiences" and how they fit in with what Christians believe about heaven and the after-life.

Leadership Team

Since the Church of the Living Hope started, Rev Andy Bookless (a former Church in Wales Vicar) has been recognised as the Church "Minister". The Trustees agreed to employ him part-time in that role, with effect from February 1st 2022, and he has been helping to guide the church forward. From near the end of April 2022 he has been assisted in this role by a Leadership Team, including four other people - namely Helen Bookless, Shirley Harrison, Linda Lewis and Graham Andrew, two of whom are also Trustees. This Leadership Team is accountable to the Trustees, and provides a report of its meetings to the Trustees. It seeks to develop the vision and direction of the church, and also works alongside the Minister and congregation in guiding forward its spiritual life, pastoral care and mission. This team meets regularly and is involved in organising church services and activities.

Church Membership

During the year, the Trustees decided to introduce a system of Associate Membership through which people could officially become "Church Members", although we emphasised that people who were not members were equally welcome to take part in church activities. We did this mainly to enhance the sense of belonging to the church. By the end of the year, 29 people had become Church Members, although this only represents about half of those adults who attend services fairly regularly.

Outreach to the Community

In January 2022 a Parents and Toddlers Group - known as Little Fishes and organised by the Church of the Living Hope - started to be held in Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre, offering play activities for the children, facilitating social interaction for adults and toddlers, providing some refreshments, and having a singing and Bible story time. This followed on from a similar group that had taken place in another local church, prior to the Covid pandemic. The group has been extremely popular, and has a waiting list of people wanting to come. A small but dedicated team has shown great commitment to this group.

We have also reached out on a small scale in other ways, for example, through offering "Healing on the Streets" prayer outside some local shops, through a community needs survey, through a number of church members serving as volunteers in a Warm Space held on Friday mornings in the Community Centre, and by hosting a Light Party for children at the Community Centre

The Leadership Team and Trustees are continuing to think, pray and plan about further ways to develop the life of the church, and our service and outreach to the wider community

Policies and Procedures and other matters

Behind the scenes a great deal of hard work has been done by the Trustees, Leadership Team and others in establishing the charity, including developing some policies and procedures, and a Code of Conduct for Trustees, opening a bank account, undergoing Safeguarding Training, and facilitating the church's activities. This has all contributed to the church being in a healthy and stable position from which we are looking forward to growing and developing our activities further.

We have also established other ways to spread information about the church and its activities, including a Facebook Page and a Website <https://www.thechurchofthelivinghope.co.uk/> .

Oversight and Guidance

The Trustees and Leadership Team of the Church of the Living Hope have looked very carefully into whether to affiliate with some kind of wider network of churches. In the end, we decided not to do this for the time-being, but asked two Welsh church leaders who have considerable experience in starting or assisting new churches, to give us some oversight and guidance. We have been extremely grateful for the input and wisdom shared with us by these two people - Julian Richards and Rob Jones.

We have also appreciated the links that we have with other local churches, and are involved in a national network called New Wine Cymru, which draws together Christians from many different denominations and groups in sharing good practice about how to share our faith with people in our communities.

Policy on Grant making

Although we do not make formal grants, we do adhere to the principal of "Tithing". By this we mean that 10% of our income is gifted to other charities as proposed by church members. In making these gifts we do not look for or receive any kind of return. For example to Tearfund – a charity whose purpose is the relief of poverty and suffering in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Contribution made by Volunteers

As we have only one paid member of staff, our volunteers provide a significant contribution to the running of our organisation. From Trustees, to children's workers, administrative and technical assistants and members providing catering for events and church services. We are deeply indebted to all who give their time and support to enable the functioning of our church.

Financial Review

Year End financial position

The Charity is just under 1 year old and during its first year of operation it has received a mixture of one of grants and regular giving from members of the Church congregation.

The ongoing operational budgets have been set to ensure that operational costs are kept below the level of the regular monthly giving resulting in a surplus of £13,435.75 at the end of the first year of operation. Of this sum £7,000 has been allocated as reserve funding.

Reserves Policy

Based on current operations level, the Church of the Living Hope holds a reserve of £7,000

Our income is primarily based on the freewill giving of church members. The reserve is therefore available for use in the event of a significant drop in our income, whether long or short-term. It would be used to cover outstanding commitments including hall hire and Minister's salary

It is also kept for use if the charity were to close for unforeseen reasons. In that event it would enable us to wind down gradually, over a period of 6 months so that members can come to terms with the situation and find another church.

Given the financial oversight by the Trustees there is no current risk of the Charity not being able to continue as an ongoing concern.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Allison Johnson

Dated

The Church of the Living Hope

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts (set out on page 5) presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in

Signed: 

Name: ROBIN MILNER

Date: 17/5/23

Neon Numbers Ltd
259 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO3 5EE

The Church of the Living Hope

Receipts and Payments Account

For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Start-up donations	3,850	-	3,850	-
Member donations	25,519	-	25,519	-
Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	10,505	-	10,505	-
Charitable projects	1,985	-	1,985	-
Assets and investment purchases				
Stage Equipment	3,443	-	3,443	-
Net Receipts / (Payments)	<u>13,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,436</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash held at 1 January 2022	-	-	-	-
Cash Held at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 13,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 13,436</u>	<u>-</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Assets				
Cash at bank	<u>£ 6,436</u>	<u>£ 7,000</u>	<u>£ 13,436</u>	<u>-</u>