

**LIVING HOPE CHURCH TEESSIDE**

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**for the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025. Prior period figures shown in the accounts represent the initial eighteen-month reporting period.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and with the Charities Act 2011.

**Reference and Administration Details**

Charity name:	Living Hope Church Teesside
Registered charity number:	1200624
Charity's principal address:	11 Thorn Side, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 0RT
Charity's Independent Verifier:	Josh Rae Tax Assist, Tees Valley Business Centre, Orde Wingate Way, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0GD

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Living Hope Church Teesside is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity is overseen by a Board of Trustees that meets quarterly.

The trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr J Fletcher (Chair)	Mrs H Harrison (Treasurer)
Mrs L Carlin (Secretary)	Dr S Harrison
Mrs V Wilkinson	Mr D Brown

All the trustees act in a volunteer capacity.

One of the Trustees, Haleema Harrison, was given a gift card to the value of £100 in appreciation of services provided to the Charity in the preparation and submission of the accounts to the Charity Commission.

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None of the other trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity either in this reporting period or the prior period. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

New trustees will be appointed whenever appropriate. Suitable candidates will generally be selected from within Living Hope Church, will be considered based on their skills, knowledge, experience and sympathy with the aims and ethos of Living Hope Church. New trustees will have the opportunity to review appropriate documents, including the accounts, as part of the induction process.

The Charity recognises the requirement to keep Trustees current to best administrate the charity and give help and advice to the leadership team. Training and updates from the Charity Commission will be given and circulated as frequently as possible.

#### **Key Management Personnel:**

The day to day running of the church is delegated to the leadership team headed up by the senior pastors, Jeremy and Jill Fletcher.

#### **Volunteers**

The church relies heavily on a 'volunteer workforce' in carrying out its activities. The value of these volunteers is impossible to quantify and, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general time of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

However, the trustees would like to express their gratitude and acknowledge the invaluable contribution of time given freely by so many who help make the church and its activities a success. Approximately 24 volunteers gave their services during the reporting period.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The main objective of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.

The main activity is the provision of a Christian church and its associated activities.

In planning the activities of the charity, the Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion.

The charity's activities are available to the people of Ingleby Barwick and the wider area to make a positive contribution to the local and wider community.

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The strategies for achieving the charity's aims include weekly Sunday services, mid-week groups, events, training and outreach activities.

The charity provides financial support to other Christian causes based in Teesside and the wider area.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Charity has carried out its activities to provide a Christian church in Ingleby Barwick with the intent of supporting people of the Christian faith with a regular gathering for all ages, including children, and supporting a variety of charitable activities in the UK and abroad.

Regular Sunday meetings are held with teaching, refreshments and children's activities – all supported by volunteers. Mid-week groups are also held to provide personal support and help in the Christian faith.

A number of events and courses, focusing on the spread of the gospel, have been held during the reporting period. These include the Alpha course, the Marriage course as well as Easter and Christmas Craft Nights and an Afternoon Tea. These events were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those who came.

The main measure of the charity's achievements is the number of people attending the weekly Sunday meetings, the mid-week small group meetings and the various other courses, events and activities. The Charity has seen a steady increase in the number of new people, including families with young children, coming to church regularly. There has also been an increase in the number of people regularly attending the mid-week groups throughout the period under review.

In pursuit of its objectives, the charity supports and collaborates with the following charitable organisations and local churches:

Churches Together on Ingleby  
Churches Together in Teesside  
Sowing Seeds  
Moses Project  
Luis Palau Foundation  
Safe Families  
Fullers Field  
PACT North East  
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

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**Financial Review**

During the reporting period, income decreased by £8,756 to £38,343 and total expenditure on charitable activities decreased by £5,443 to £26,066 resulting in a net surplus of £12,277. The balance on unrestricted funds at the end of the reporting period was £42,242.

The support to missions, which includes support to local Christian ministries as well as supporting needy families within the church and the local community, is £7,748. This included a £1,000 donation to the Luis Palau Foundation who partnered with the churches in Teesside to host an outreach event called Festival Teesside in the summer of 2024.

The main source of income for the year was donations.

**Cash Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to retain sufficient liquid reserves that would allow the charity to continue operating should the income from donations vary adversely. They have set a reserves policy which requires maintaining free cash balances in the unrestricted general fund amounting to £6,500, being approximately 3 months running costs of the charity. This level of reserve will allow the charity's core activities to continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

The reserves policy will be reviewed by the Trustees every 12 months.

**Risk Management**

Care of children is probably the greatest risk and therefore we ensure that all people working with children have an enhanced DBS check and the Safeguarding policy is adhered to. We are members of an organisation that assists with all safeguarding issues.

This report was approved by the Board on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Signed on its behalf by:



Chair of Trustees

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds for the period £	Total funds for the prior period £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations	2	38,343	38,343	47,099
<b>Total income</b>		<b>38,343</b>	<b>38,343</b>	<b>47,099</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	3	26,066	26,066	31,509
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>26,066</b>	<b>26,066</b>	<b>31,509</b>
<b>Net income for the period</b>		<b>12,277</b>	<b>12,277</b>	<b>15,590</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>12,277</b>	<b>12,277</b>	<b>15,590</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		29,965	29,965	14,375
<b>Total funds carried</b>		<b>42,242</b>	<b>42,242</b>	<b>29,965</b>

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
for the period 6 April 2024– 5 April 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total for the period £	Total for the prior period £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	4	4,536	4,536	4,669
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>4,536</u>	<u>4,536</u>	<u>4,669</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	5	7,382	7,382	9,855
Cash at bank and in hand		35,603	35,603	18,402
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>42,985</u>	<u>42,985</u>	<u>28,257</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	5,279	5,279	2,961
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>37,706</u>	<u>37,706</u>	<u>25,296</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>42,242</u>	<u>42,242</u>	<u>29,965</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>42,242</u></u>	<u><u>42,242</u></u>	<u><u>29,965</u></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds		<u>42,242</u>	<u>42,242</u>	<u>29,965</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>42,242</u></u>	<u><u>42,242</u></u>	<u><u>29,965</u></u>

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These accounts were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 4th February 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

*Haleema Harrison*

Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**1. Accounting Policies**

**a) Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with assets and liabilities recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Income Recognition Policies**

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised within the accounts when received.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**c) Donated Services and Facilities**

Volunteers make a significant contribution to all aspects of the charity's activities. However, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general time of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**d) Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### f) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

#### g) Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

Asset Category	Annual rate
Equipment (costing over £500)	20%
Equipment (costing less than £500)	Written off in year of acquisition

#### h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the transaction price. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

#### i) Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments.

#### j) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations

	This reporting period		Prior period
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	30,966	30,966	37,794
Gift Aid	7,377	7,377	9,305
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,343</b>	<b>38,343</b>	<b>47,099</b>

All income in the prior period was unrestricted.

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## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS** for the period April 2024 – 5 April 2025 (continued)

### **3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>This reporting period</b>		<b>Prior period</b>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	
	£	£	£
Other ministry expenditure	9,809	9,809	11,307
Missions	7,748	7,748	9,266
Rent of community centre	6,000	6,000	7,673
Depreciation	1,611	1,611	2,318
Other administrative expenditure	898	898	945
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,066</b>	<b>26,066</b>	<b>31,509</b>

### **4. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>This reporting period</b>		<b>Prior period</b>
	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At the beginning of the reporting period	8,004	8,004	5,428
Additions	1,478	1,478	2,576
Disposals	(150)	(150)	-
At end of the reporting period	<u>9,332</u>	<u>9,332</u>	<u>8,004</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At beginning of the reporting period	3,335	3,335	1,017
Disposals	(150)	(150)	-
Depreciation	1,611	1,611	2,318
At end of the reporting period	<u>4,796</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>3,335</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At the beginning of the reporting period	<u>4,669</u>	<u>4,669</u>	<u>4,411</u>
At the end of the reporting period	<u>4,536</u>	<u>4,536</u>	<u>4,669</u>

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**5. Debtors**

	<b>This reporting period</b>	<b>Prior period</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income tax recoverable re Gift Aid	7,377	9,305
Other debtors	5	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>9,855</b>

**6. Creditors: amounts falling within one year**

	<b>This reporting period</b>	<b>Prior period</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rent	5,279	2,961
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>2,961</b>



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Living Hope Church Teesside

#### On accounts for the year ended

05 April 2025

#### Charity no (if any)

1200624

#### Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05 / 04 / 2025**.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

4 / 2 / 26

Name:

Joshua Rae

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