



**Hope Community Church Cambridge
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

Period 14 Feb 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

Submitted to The Charity Commission

Hope Community Church Cambridge

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Charity Information

Trustees	Mr. Martin Brooke (appointed 14/02/2023 resigned 11/2023) Mr. Nicholas Early (appointed 14/02/2023) Mr. David Walker (appointed 14/02/2023) Mrs. Rebecca Wylie (appointed 14/02/2023) Rev Dr. Matthew Lillicrap (appointed 14/02/2023) Mr. Timothy Nolan (appointed 17/05/2023) Mr. Peter Booth (appointed 17/05/2023)
Governing Document	the Constitution dated 14th February 2023
Charity Number	1201948
Registered Office	Teversham Chapel High Street Teversham Cambridge CB1 9AS
Independent Examiner	N/A
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank Plc Kings Valley Yew Street Stockport Cheshire SK4 2JU

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 14 Feb 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

The Trustees have the pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year 2023-24. This is the first set of accounts for this charity following its registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation but remained dormant for the 2023-24 financial period.

Objectives of the Charity

The purposes of the church are: 1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Cambridge, Fulbourn, Teversham, Cherry Hinton and the surrounding area; and 2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life; provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the doctrinal distinctives and ethical statements as may be adopted and amended by the church from time to time.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity.

Review of Activities and Performance

Beginning

Hope Community Church was established by Rock Baptist Church, Cambridge in September 2007. It became an independent body in November 2010. On 5 July 2011 Hope Community Church Cambridge was entered by the Charity Commission (number 1142731). A Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered with the same name of "Hope Community Church Cambridge" on 14 Feb 2023, with the intention of merging it with the above existing charitable trust.

Transferring to CIO

Refer to Explanatory Note in "Notes to the Accounts" section below.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its annual income and expenditure.

Trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Receipts and Payments Account for 14 Feb 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

	£	£
Receipts:		
Standing Orders	0	
Gift Aid Recovery from previous year	0	
Other offering	0	
Miscellaneous Income	0	
Manse and Chapel rental income	0	
Restricted Funds	0	
 Total receipts		 0
Payments:		
Staff costs	0	
General Ministry Costs	0	
Mission (home & overseas)	0	
Outreach Costs	0	
Operation costs	0	
Hardship fund/pastoral needs	0	
Restricted Funds - Expenditure against Restricted Funds	0	
Other - Contingency	0	
 Total Payments		 0
 Excess of Receipts over Payments		 0
 General Bank Account at 14th Feb 2023		 0
General Bank Account at 31st Mar 2024		0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 Mar 2024

Assets:	£
Unrestricted funds	0
Designated funds	0
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>
Total Bank accounts	<u>0</u>
 Liabilities:	
Prepayments	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 Mar 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year.

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Nil

3. Explanatory Note

The Charity was registered on 14 Feb 2023 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with the intention of merging it with an existing charitable trust of the same name (Registered Charity, number 1142731). The CIO remained dormant for the 2023-24 financial period – with no activities, income or expenditure - while a number of steps were taken to facilitate the merger, including:

- a) Obtaining an Order from the Charity Commission to authorise the transfer of the charitable trust assets and liabilities and grant an indemnity under Section 105 of the Charities Act 2011.
- b) Informing existing members and stakeholders of the proposed transfer and making additional undertakings where required.
- c) Preparing the transfer of employees
- d) Setting up and arranging banking, insurance, relevant new contracts etc. for the CIO.
- e) Drafting a Deed of Transfer for the assets and liabilities of the charitable trust.

Once due diligence had been completed, the merger of the two charities was subsequently registered by the Commission with an asset transfer date of 14th May 2024.

Approval

This report was produced by the trustees and approved on 30 / 01 / 2025

Rebecca Wylie REBECCA WYLIE Date 30 / 01 / 2025

Timothy Nolan Tim Nolan Date 30 / 01 / 2025