

# HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1206546

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2024-01-15

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; (B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; (C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£400,072	£354,822	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Harris		
Barry Eastwood		
HANNAH LAMBERT		
Paul Morris		
Peter Shaw		

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**HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1206546

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# Accounts

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**HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 15 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**



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# Hope Church Rotherham

## Trustees' Report For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

### Objectives and Activities

#### Aims and Objectives

The charitable objects of the Church are:

(i) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of fundamental truths of the AOG in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

(ii) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.

(iii) Advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

#### Significant Activities

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond.

#### Our Purpose:

To bring glory to God the Father.

#### Our Vision:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who are making disciples.

#### Our Values:

**Hosting God's Presence** - We believe in being open to God the Holy Spirit, by listening and receiving from Him which will result in transformation.

Operating in Faith. We believe in stepping out in faith and bravely following Jesus, seeing things anew from God's perspective.

Purposefully Sharing Jesus. We believe in intentionally sharing the Good News of Jesus in words and actions with everyone. Expressing God's love in our church family. We believe in being a church community in which each person knows they have a unique and vital part to play, as they use their gifts to encourage and help each other grow.

We are so thankful to all of the people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the volunteer efforts is invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following:

**Sunday Morning Family Worship** - The services are lively and engaging for all ages and run from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Complimentary refreshments are served afterwards. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has continued to average 180 adults and children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 118 adults. Pre-service prayer takes place every Sunday from 9:30am each week, encouraging people to come and engage in purposeful prayer for the meeting and current needs of the church, community and beyond.

**Hope Kids** - This is Sunday morning junior church. Children from the ages of 3-11 are welcome to attend. It runs alongside the main Sunday service and offers opportunity for the children to hear Bible stories and participate in songs, games and crafts. All Hope Kids volunteers are DBS checked and follow Hope Church Rotherham's safeguarding policy and procedures. Numbers attending Hope Kids have continued to steadily rise over the past year with an average of 30 children attending each week.

**Hope Acorns** - Hope Acorns is the parent and toddler group which meets each Monday during term time between 10:00am-12pm. The first visit is free and then a nominal fee of £2 is required to attend. During the time, the children have the opportunity to participate in music and movement, storytime, individual playtime, craft, snack time with the inclusion of a baby sensory group for 0-1s. Hope Acorns is open to everyone from the church and local community. It's great to see parents from the local community engaging in these sessions with their children. The department is also working in partnership with pre-school agencies across the borough.

**Amplify Youth Club** - This is open to all youth who are senior school age. Weekly activities include worship, Bible studies, topical discussions, games, quizzes and tuck shop. The group join other youth groups in periodic regional events, taking place across Rotherham and Sheffield. Social outings include the annual weekend away which takes place in September of each year. Amplify youth meet each Friday from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

**Hope Oaks** - This is a monthly gathering of people aged 60+. This work is directed and managed by one of the church elders. People are welcome from all walks of life. The group meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Attendees can expect to participate in worship and the study of the Word along with sharing life and testimonies. In addition, external speakers are occasionally invited to the group. A cooked meal usually follows and this is all funded by the voluntary monetary contributions collected at the meeting. Periodic outings and social events also take place at Hope Oaks. A holiday to Scarborough is planned for July 2025. 39 people are currently registered with Hope Oaks.

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**Hope Church Rotherham  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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**Significant Activities - continued**

**Worship Team** – The worship team which consists of two discipleship groups meet weekly for rehearsals and discipleship. There are currently 23 members in the team. The team serve in a varied range of roles covering music, media and creative arts. As part of the ongoing worship training, members from the team along with teams from other churches in the area and beyond have been attending 'Heart & Skill'. This is a worship discipleship course taking place over several Saturdays during the year. The course includes times of worship along with inspiration teaching and specialised tuition. This course is directed by the overseer of worship (also the pastor of pastoral care) and has input from guests and specialist tutors. Other activities which the worship team have introduced this year has included multi-cultural worship evenings, social event and development of skills on new instruments.

**Discipleship Groups** – There are currently eight discipleship groups that meet weekly around the region (other than the last week of the month when corporate prayer & worship takes place at the church on the last Tuesday). The aim of the groups is to gather together for fellowship, prayer and study of the word. The theme is often following on from the Sunday message but also may include pre-prepared material specifically designed for small groups. Social events also take place within the groups from time to time, particularly during summer and Christmas. The discipleship groups are designed to be the first port of call for pastoral care should any issue arise. The delegation of pastoral care is designated to the discipleship group leader who will then manage the matter within the group itself. Should it be a more urgent or serious matter, the discipleship group leader will escalate it to the Pastor of pastoral care, who will then put the appropriate measures in place. There are plans to launch two new groups in the period 2025-2026. During this reporting period all groups have been trained on the functionality of the Churchsuite App enabling members to keep up to speed with all things happening in church life.

**Pastoral Care** – Hope church endeavours to continually care for the people who choose to come under its covering. The first stage of care is through the engagement of a local discipleship group. The leadership of the church passionately believe in finding a place to belong in one of these small communities of the church family. However, the team recognise that not everybody will desire to be a part of a small group for whatever reason. In this instance pastoral care would come from a central team should a matter arise. Visitation of the sick, the giving of gifts, for various occasions including sickness, bereavement, and special celebrations - telephone calls and in person meetings - via an appointment system - are all expressions of pastoral care at Hope Church. During the year pastoral care has developed well and is in a strong position. A team is now established with defined roles and reporting systems in line with current GDPR guidelines. Policies have been put in place for visits and gifts. The Bereavement Journey – a seven week journey helping people navigate grief was delivered once again this year. There were 10 participants in total who benefitted from this course. There is another course planned for 2025/2026. Ongoing training with some of the pastoral care team is planned to take place in the coming year so that there will be multiple facilitators of the bereavement journey.

**Hope Missions** – Hope Church has a strong emphasis on mission be it local, national or international. In October the church holds an annual missions conference. This is designed to educate and raise awareness of the current needs at home and abroad. In October 2024 the church hosted Open Doors who shared about the persecuted church and hosted a secret church event which was well attended. The missions' team also inform the church members through monthly short talks on unreached people groups. Hope Church currently supports the following organisations with prayer and monthly financial donations:

- One by One
- World of Worth
- HAS Missions
- Back to Jerusalem UK
- Gospel Ministries
- Turkana Well Project – Nairobi Kenya
- Venco Nakov - Macedonia
- Local Community Fund
- Rotherham Foodbank

**Turkana Well – 'Living Water' Project**

During this last financial year, Hope church Rotherham has provided the funds donated from the huge generosity of its members to sink a borehole in Turkana (Nairobi). Approximately £25k was raised and we are pleased to report that the project is complete and has come in on budget. This will now provide fresh water to a region which is so dry and arid. The provision of this facility will potentially create a township in the region, purely due to the fact of fresh water being readily available. There will be a commissioning service in May 2025 where two of our church members will be travelling to Nairobi to attend this event.

**Men of Hope** – The men's ministry of Hope church includes social and more formal activities. In the last year, the men of hope have enjoyed various events ranging from breakfasts, teaching and discussion events and snooker competitions.

**Women of Hope** – The women's ministry of Hope church meet several times per year. The gatherings consist of coffee mornings, craft events along with more formal gatherings. In May 2024, the Women of Hope ministry held a conference, 'Pursuit', with guest speaker Helen Yousaf. There were 86 attendees represented from a number of churches locally and further afield. There are a number of coffee mornings and activity based events planned for 2025-2026.

**Resource Team** – This team meet regularly to discuss and look at implementing resources to help and equip the church. Welcome bags and first steps literature are among the items sourced and produced by this team.

**Training & Development** – Hope church have benefitted from hosting a range of courses to help people explore the Christian faith and also learn and grow as a follower of Christ. Courses offered included:

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**Hope Church Rotherham**  
**Trustees' Report (continued)**  
**For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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**Significant Activities - continued**

- Hope: Engage – Alpha (18 attendees)
- Hope: Engage – Church Membership – (27 new members)
- Hope: Equip – The Bereavement Journey (10 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Exploring Spiritual Gifts (47 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Exploring Evangelism (15 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – The Bible Book Club (12 attendees per month)
- Hope: Equip – Leadership Training (All department leaders)
- Hope: Equip – Departmental Training Various Topics – 4 Groups (40 attendees)
- Quiet Retreat time – (20 attendees)

The courses will be repeated periodically and new courses will be introduced moving forward.

**Events** – The Church has held or attended a number of events over the year. These included:

- Hope Church Volunteer 'thank you' evening – This was a free event held at the Holiday Inn Rotherham which included a sit down meal and barn dance. Everyone appreciated the evening. (80 attendees)
- Spring Harvest – Skegness (21 attendees)
- Amplify youth weekend away at Cloverley Hall Shropshire.
- Traditional Christmas carol service

**Rotherham Foodbank** – Rotherham foodbank continues to serve the local community through the distribution of food parcels based on a referral basis from recognised agencies. When clients come to site there is also an opportunity for them to be signposted to other services such as debt advice, health care, and other relevant agencies. Rotherham foodbank currently serves between 60-80 clients per week. This year has seen the introduction of a working partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau and Christians Against Poverty. This year has seen the introduction of the 'Good News' team which offers pastoral support, prayer and information relating to the Christian faith.

**Christians Against Poverty** – The debt relief centre manager is employed two days per week, working with and managing a number of volunteer befrienders. The centre manager also works alongside Rotherham Foodbank, giving advice and help during the foodbanks opening hours. In addition to this, home visits are conducted each week with accompanying befrienders, to assist those in debt by working as advocates, consolidating debts to monthly manageable payments with their creditors. Budgeting plans are also compiled with the clients as part of the service. Hope Church is in partnership with Christians Against poverty and pay a monthly fee in accordance with the agreement.

**Schools Work** – Hope church has been specifically working with two local schools in Rotherham, undertaking assemblies, RE education, holiday clubs and afterschool clubs. The partnership with the schools has increased and strengthened over the years. The contract and funding for the HAF summer clubs has been in conjunction with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

**Evangelism Team** – The evangelism team meet in Rotherham town centre on the first Saturday. The team handout literature and crafts whilst having informal chats with the public of Rotherham exploring faith questions.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements as laid out in the significant activities section of this report.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Additional Note**

**Local Partnerships**

The Church is affiliated with Assemblies of God and takes part in area-wide events such as local hub and area meetings along with special events, such as training days and the AoG national conference. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational lunch once per month that the senior pastor attends.

The church has also been adopted as an official partner with two local schools to support their RE curriculums and special assemblies.

The church was commissioned once again to deliver a project last year which included running a two week holiday school club in one local school. The theme for this year was on the Biblical story of David and Goliath. Activities also included giant inflatables, breakdance workshops, a mini play performance, songs with actions and outdoor water play, Rotherham Borough Metropolitan Council provided funding for this project which was monitored and assessed upon completion. Other partners in the project included 'Early Help' and the Department for Education'.

**Hope Church Rotherham  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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## **Financial Review**

### **Financial Position**

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. Hope Church have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves policy is to have a sum set aside that will cover three months payments of salary, rent and insurance. The trustees are pleased to report that this has now been achieved and is currently in reserve for this purpose.

### **Additional Note**

#### **CIO**

On the 15th January 2024 Hope church formally registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

On the 31 March 2024 Hope Church Charity 1069689 transferred its assets to this new Charity 1206546.

The charity 1069689 will remain open for the foreseeable to collect legacy donations which will be transferred to the new charity on a quarterly basis.

### **Risk management**

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence. The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. This was adopted on 20th September 2023 and recognises the greater role of the Church in social action.

The Church is organised under the Senior Pastor, Paul Morris, along with the team of elders.

The church and its leadership engage with AoG local and national events throughout the year.

### **Trustee Selection Methods**

The Church actively seeks new Trustees. Considerations for future candidates to be Church Trustees are based around their expertise and vision and values when it comes to serving the house at Hope Church Rotherham.

### **Additional Note**

The Trustees are responsible for deciding policy and ensuring that it is implemented. They meet at least five times a year as a full board, and they have established a number of committees which they attend throughout the year. Day to day management is delegated to the Senior Pastor, Paul Morris, alongside the secretary/treasurer, Matthew Key. They are responsible for carrying out the decisions of trustees and for working with the Charity's professional advisors.

Other than as noted below, the trustees give of their time freely and do not receive any pay, emoluments or other financial benefit. Whilst the trustees are not paid for their time they can claim expenses, details of which are disclosed in the accounts.

Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

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**Hope Church Rotherham  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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**Additional Note - continued**

In planning our activities for the year the trustees have read and had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

H Lambert (appointed 15/01/2024)  
Mr P Morris (appointed 15/01/2024)  
Mr P Shaw (appointed 15/01/2024)  
Mr B Eastwood (appointed 15/01/2024)  
Mr A Harris (appointed 15/01/2024)

**Other Personnel**

Matthew Key - Secretary and Treasurer

**Charity Number**

1206546

**Principal Address**

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**Independent Examiner**

Christopher Walters  
Nuvo Accountancy Limited  
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DE21 5EL

**Hope Church Rotherham  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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**Other Information**

**Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year**

This includes:

Two full-time & six part-time staff

Senior Pastor – Full-time  
Associate Pastor – Part-time  
Finance & Administration manager – Full-time  
Community Pastor – Part-time  
Pastor of Pastoral Care – Part-time  
Training & Development Pastor – Part-time  
Foodbank Administrator x1 – Part-time  
CAP Debt Centre Manager – Part-time

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



H Lambert

Trustee  
13 October 2025

**Hope Church Rotherham**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham**  
**For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Church Rotherham (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 2025.

**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.

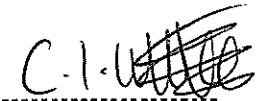
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

  
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Christopher Walters  
Date 20/10/25  
Nuvo Accountancy Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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**Hope Church Rotherham**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

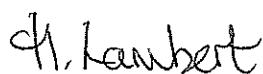
		<b>31 March 2025</b>		
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	164,900	117,882	282,782
Charitable activities:				
Hope Church		24,310	81,626	105,936
Investments	<b>4</b>	11,354	-	11,354
		<u>200,564</u>	<u>199,508</u>	<u>400,072</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities:	<b>6</b>			
Hope Church		(217,446)	(137,376)	(354,822)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		(16,882)	62,132	45,250
Transfers between funds	<b>16</b>	2,607	(2,607)	-
Other gains		295,478	129,379	424,857
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>281,203</u>	<u>188,904</u>	<u>470,107</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<u><u>281,203</u></u>	<u><u>188,904</u></u>	<u><u>470,107</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**Hope Church Rotherham  
Statement of Financial Position  
As At 31 March 2025**

		<b>31 March 2025</b>		
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets	<b>12</b>	282	5,988	6,270
		<u>282</u>	<u>5,988</u>	<u>6,270</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	<b>13</b>	-	2,000	2,000
Cash at bank and in hand		283,921	180,916	464,837
		<u>283,921</u>	<u>182,916</u>	<u>466,837</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	<b>14</b>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>280,921</u>	<u>182,916</u>	<u>463,837</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>281,203</u>	<u>188,904</u>	<u>470,107</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>281,203</u>	<u>188,904</u>	<u>470,107</u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
Restricted Funds				188,904
Unrestricted Funds				281,203
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16</b>			<u><u>470,107</u></u>

On behalf of the board



H Lambert  
Trustee  
13 October 2025

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**Hope Church Rotherham**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Period 15 January 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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## 1. General Information

Hope Church Rotherham is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1206546. The principal address is Office 12, Bizspace, Bowbridge Close, Bradmarsh Business Park, Rotherham, S60 1BY.

## 2. Accounting Policies

### 2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

### 2.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2.3. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

### 2.4. Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

### 2.5. Resources Expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### 2.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	3-4 years straight line
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### 2.7. Pensions

The charity operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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**2.8. Transfer from Hope Church Rotherham (1069689)**

Included in the SOFA as 'Other gains' is the transfer of funds on 31 March 2024 from the charity Hope Church Rotherham (1069689).

**3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>31 March 2025 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	164,900	117,882	282,782

**4. Investment Income**

	<b>31 March 2025 Unrestricted funds £</b>
Bank interest receivable	11,354

**5. Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>31 March 2025 £</b>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	3,326

**6. Analysis of Expenditure**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly £</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8) £</b>	<b>31 March 2025 Total £</b>
Hope Church	89,495	14,908	250,419	354,822

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**7. Grants Payable**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>Grants to Institutions</b>
	<b>£</b>
Hope Church	14,908
	<u><u>14,908</u></u>

Grants paid to institutions, included above, are as follows:

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
One by One	(1,200)
Gospel Ministries	(1,800)
Turkana Feeding Project	(1,800)
B2JUK	(1,800)
World of Worth	(1,350)
HAS Missions	(600)
V Nakov Macedonia	(1,200)
Open Doors	(2,672)
Herringthorpe URC	(300)
S Jenkins - Albania	(500)
Hope Church Rotherham (to cover its post cessation expenses)	(1,686)
	<u><u>(14,908)</u></u>

**8. Support Costs**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>Hope Church</b>
	<b>£</b>
Employee costs	150,635
Premises expenses	54,592
General administration	41,866
Depreciation	3,326
	<u><u>250,419</u></u>

**9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
Independent examination of the financial statements	3,000
Other assurance services	-
Tax advisory services	-
Other financial services	-
	<u><u>3,000</u></u>

The Independent Examination fees disclosed above includes the compilation of the Annual Report and financial statements of this Charity and of the previous unincorporated charity (Registered charity : 1069689).

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**10. Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	132,387
Social security costs	4,038
Other pension costs	1,967
	138,392

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

**11. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the period was: 8

**12. Tangible Assets**

	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
As at 15 January 2024	-
Additions	9,596
As at 31 March 2025	9,596
<b>Depreciation</b>	
As at 15 January 2024	-
Provided during the period	3,326
As at 31 March 2025	3,326
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
As at 31 March 2025	6,270
As at 15 January 2024	-

**13. Debtors**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>	
Other debtors	2,000

**14. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	3,000

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**15. Pension Commitments**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the period the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,967.

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

**16. Movement in Funds**

	As at 15 January 2024	Net movement in funds	Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	-	278,596	2,607	281,203
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Rotherham Food Bank	-	66,701	(2,476)	64,225
Financial Inclusion Funding	-	20,427	-	20,427
Christians Against Poverty - Rotherham Debt Centre	-	926	-	926
Hope Church Community	-	27,790	(708)	27,082
Hope Church Missions	-	5,142	577	5,719
Hope Church Building Fund	-	35,240	-	35,240
Vision	-	35,285	-	35,285
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	191,511	(2,607)	188,904
<b>Total funds</b>	-	470,107	-	470,107

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Net movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	200,564	(217,446)	295,478	278,596
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Rotherham Food Bank	55,687	(69,134)	80,148	66,701
Financial Inclusion Funding	39,414	(37,755)	18,768	20,427
Christians Against Poverty - Rotherham Debt Centre	100	(344)	1,170	926
Hope Church Community	27,128	(12,888)	13,550	27,790
Hope Church Missions	16,695	(16,905)	5,352	5,142
Hope Church Building Fund	35,590	(350)	-	35,240
Vision	24,894	-	10,391	35,285
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	199,508	(137,376)	129,379	191,511
<b>Total funds</b>	400,072	(354,822)	424,857	470,107

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Rotherham Foodbank - The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Financial Inclusion Funding - This is a three year project (commenced 2022) in partnership with the Trussell Trust and the Citizens Advice bureau. The fund allows clients accessing the Rotherham foodbank, to have direct onsite contact with an advisor, gathering relevant advice and support to sign post them to the appropriate agencies and support networks. The partnership also allows clients to have contact with an online advisor if preferred to the in person offer.

Christians Against Poverty - The Rotherham Debt Centre manager will be retiring in September 2025. There are no plans to fill this position. It is anticipated that the partnership will formally end with Christians Against Poverty twelve months after September 2025 as per the terms and conditions of the formal agreement.

Hope Church Community - This fund is for designated community activities including but not exclusive to school holiday clubs, parent and toddler groups and community events. Income generated is usually through grant applications.

Hope Church Missions - The Missions fund incorporates all income and expenditure related to local, national and international projects that Hope Church Rotherham CIO support throughout the year.

Hope Church Building Fund - It was agreed by the trustees to keep this fund open to hold income generated for the prospective new building for Hope Church. This would continue to hold funds for a building deposit, legal fees and general expenses applicable to purchasing a new building for Hope Church.

Vision - these are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members.

Footnote.

In most cases, the above funds in part represent ongoing funds taken on from the former unincorporated charity Hope Church Rotherham (1069689).

Transfers between funds are internal contributions made towards fund overheads.

The 'other gains' reported are the transfer of funds from Hope Church Rotherham (1069689) on 31 March 2024.

**17. Transactions with Trustees**

The following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	31 March 2025 Total
		£	£
Mr P Morris	Governing document provision	42,701	42,701

As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

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**18. Related Party Disclosures**

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £71,707

In the year, the charity employed Victoria Morris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in the year was £12450.

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £36863.