

Living Hope Belfast Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100126

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Purpose of Living Hope Church – Belfast is to give every man, woman and child, in the area where the Church is working, the opportunity of understanding the Gospel and to provide a Church where they can grow and develop in ministry for the glory of God.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£186,601	£184,804	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr John Mccoubrey		
Mr John Roberts		
Mr Matthew Davis Ba (Hons) Biblical Theology		
Mr Michael Totten		
Mr Reece Johnston		
Mr Stephen Francey		

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Living Hope Accounts 2024

Starting Balance @ 1.1.2024 **£11847.05**

Income

Offerings **£127004.73**
(Covenant Scheme) **£79304.00**
(Freewill) **£47700.73**

Gift Aid Rebate **£18820.03**

Special Offerings & Gifts **£16908.03**

Building Fund **£8744.80**

Salary Contribution **£7740.00**

Charges & Tickets **£6677.03**

Refund **£706.51**

TOTAL INCOME **£186601.13**

Living Hope Accounts Expenditure

Salaries & Pension Contribution	£92670.13
Gifts to Ministries, Individuals	£19950.95
Conferences & Accommodation, Mission Costs	£14072.97
Donation to Living Hope Charity	£12488.22
SSE Electric	£8263.61
CCI Subscription	£6199.36
Firmus Gas	£3966.23
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Upkeep	£3690.62
Catering, Food & Cleaning	£3174.07
Building Insurance	£2992.48
Phone & Internet	£2896.85
New Equipment & Furniture	£2599.15
Employers National Insurance	£2434.57
Printers & Ink	£2230.90
Stationary & Postage	£2036.39
Bank Fees	£1019.53
Resources	£994.70
NI Water	£860.19
Accountant	£724.00
Copyright Licence	£532.20
Petrol Expenses & Travel	£375.75
Refund	£340.00
UCB	£150.00
Cash in hand	£141.52
TOTAL	£184804.39
Finishing Balance @ 31.12.2024	£13643.79

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Accounts

Summary of the Living Hope Church Accounts 2023

Starting Balance @ 1.1.2023 **£1082.70**

Income

Offerings		£122677.21
(Covenant Scheme)	£72186.47	
(Freewill)	£50490.74	

Gift Aid Rebate £18691.50

Special Offerings & Gifts £11981.03

Building Fund £4620.00

Salary Contribution from Charity Account £7323.93

Charges & Tickets £3623.70

Refund £227.26

TOTAL INCOME **£169144.63**

Living Hope Accounts Expenditure

Salaries & Pension Contribution	£90806.03
Gifts to Ministries, Individuals	£23923.93
SSE Electric	£7598.98
CCI Subscription	£4810.30
Catering & Food	£4157.97
New Equipment & Furniture	£3975.31
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Upkeep	£3750.67
Printers & Ink	£2990.05
Building Insurance	£2943.32
Phone & Internet	£2778.17
Firmus Gas	£2292.76
Stationary & Postage	£1912.09
Employers National Insurance	£1560.40
Resources	£1012.79
Bank Fees	£904.21
NI Water	£889.13
Accountant	£688.00
Conferences & Accommodation	£603.33
Copyright Licence	£314.16
Petrol Expenses	£290.68
UCB	£90.00
Solicitor	£48.00
Travel Expenses	£40.00
TOTAL	£158380.28
Finishing Balance @ 31.12.2023	£11847.05

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Annual report

Trustee Report for Living Hope Belfast Church-NIC100126 For 2023

Place of operation

The church has premises at 25 Shankill Parade, Belfast, BT13 1DS.

Trustees

Pastor Matthew Davis Mr John McCoubrey Mr Stephen Francey Pastor Reece Johnston, Mr John Roberts, Mr Michael Totten

Responsibility of the Trustees

The charity raises funds to fulfil its public benefit purpose by taking an offering twice on Sunday's. This money is properly accounted for and recorded by keeping financial records that are prepared and submitted to an independent reviewer – Mr Andrew Bassett of JAB Accountants, 103 Cregagh Road, Belfast, BT6 8PY.

Accounts

The church started the year with a balance of £1082.70 its income for the year was £169144.63 and its expenditure was £158380.28. It was left with a bank balance of £11,847.05

Loans

The Church has no loans to be repaid and no debts.

Employees

As of December 31st 2023 the church employed 4 full time workers and 1 part time worker.

Objectives and Activities

The benefits flowing from this purpose include an improvement in the knowledge and understanding of the Gospel for those people who choose to be part of the congregation. The Church meetings are free of charge, open to all and the public benefit of such meetings is expected to be through the promotion of family stability, wellbeing and making a positive contribution to society. The intended beneficiaries of this purpose are those people who choose to attend as the Church is open and available to all. We provide a service to people of the local community by the making available dedications of their children, weddings and funerals and the offer of any other assistance where we can help.

Programmes and Achievements

In 2023 we provided and ran a variety of activities and programmes that met the needs of a growing congregation including two meetings on Sundays, a midweek meeting on a Tuesday evening that alternated between a prayer meeting and a Bible study which was well attended. We also ran a variety of meetings and activities for all ages including a Sunday School, Discipleship course and Lunch club for Senior Citizens.

A Gospel Mission was organised by bring Heavens Gates and Hells Flames and plans were being prepared for members of the church to attend a two week mission to the Helping Hands Ministry in the Philippines.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Living Hope Belfast Church as of December 2021

The Living Hope Belfast Church owns the premises at 25 Shankill Parade, the cost of building was approximately £800,000.00.

The Living Hope Belfast Church currently has no loans or debts outstanding

The main assets of the church are a variety of furniture, electrical equipment and technology used for the work of the church.

The approximate value of all assets and equipment is £20,000. All buildings, assets and equipment are held in trust by the existing trustees of the Living Hope Belfast Church.

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

OF

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the account to be reached

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

SIGNED: _____



Andrew Bassett

DATE: _____

03/10/2024

Professional Qualification or body:

Associate of the Chartered Institute
of Management Accountants

JAB Accountancy
103 Cregagh Road
BELFAST
BT6 8PY



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Living Hope Accounts 2022

Starting Balance @ 1.1.2022 **£8204.36**

Income

Offerings £109,402.25

(Covenant Scheme) *£75,128.41*

(Freewill) *£34,273.84*

Gift Aid Rebate £18,911.72

Special Offerings & Donations £10,647.43

Salary Contribution £2,973.76

Refund £500.00

TOTAL INCOME **£142,435.16**

Living Hope Accounts Expenditure

Donation to charity £7191.68

Salaries & Pension £81,954.61

SSE Airtricity £6,580.57

Gifts – ministries & individuals £14,500.89

CCI Subscription £3,679.69

Building repairs, upkeep and maintenance £2,816.43

New van £6,300.00

New equipment & furniture £2,925.31

Printers & Ink £2,407.59

Food & Catering	£3,560.78
Building Insurance	£2,713.29
Phone, internet & website	£2,679.68
NI Water	£1,636.71
Firmus Gas	£2,332.60
Bank Fees	£907.32
Stationary & Postage	£1,652.30
Employer's National Insurance	£1,379.18
Communion Cups	£1,205.88
Accountant	£648.00
Resources	£775.76
Solicitor	£510.00
Petrol & Vehicle Repairs	£376.54
Copyright License	£296.88
Conference Accommodation	£299.07
Social Concern & Baby Bank	£124.15
Travel Expenses	£83.50
Refund	£10.00
Cash in Hand	£8.41
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08/06/2023

Professional Qualification or body:

Associate of the Chartered Institute
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TaxAssist Accountants
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