

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**HOPE CHURCH BINGHAM**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:  
SCOTLAND SC050500**

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# HOPE CHURCH BINGHAM

## Trustees Report 2024

The trustees present their report for the charity for the year ending 31st December 2024

### Objectives and Activities

#### Objectives

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Bingham and the surrounding neighbourhood
- Other charitable purposes as shall put into practice the Christian faith including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education and the provision of community facilities

#### Activities

- Preaching of the Word and gathering on a Sunday
- Discipleship including Bible Studies and giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Evangelism and mission through the church cafe and meetings
- The teaching, encouragement and inclusion of young people in weekly and monthly organised meetings in the church building

#### Highlights of the year

- Church membership was 17 at the end of the year
- Regular activities during the year included
  - Sunday Morning gathering and evening prayer meetings
  - Weekly Mens and Womens Bible Study Groups
  - Weekly Children's activities - Wee Hope and Hope Kidz
  - Weekly International Conversation Group and Bible Explore
  - HCB football team - weekly matches and training
- Other activities included
  - Successful Holiday Bible Club for children in August - Space Squad - over 20 attending
  - Act Like Men conferences - around 50 people attended the 2 events
  - Regular church family meals on Sundays
  - Community Easter Event for family - around 15 families attended

- 2 Mission Teams from the US to support the church's work including the Holiday Bible Club
- Spring School of Theology - 3 days of bible teaching with around 15 people attended each day.
- Christmas Events for the community - with over 30 people of all ages at each event.

## **Financial Review**

The charity now has a bank account with Virgin and has produced its second annual set of accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024. A copy of these accounts and other relevant financial reports are attached.

The trustees carry out a regular review of the financial controls and policies (including the safeguarding policy) in place for the safe running of the charity and confirm they are sufficient.

Reserves Policy - the Trustees have agreed that the Charity should have a minimum balance in it's bank account of at least 2 months of the annual budget. For 2024 this amounts to about £6,000 and it is noted the balance is in excess of this.

During 2024 the following grants were paid to our mission partners (approved at the church meeting in January 2023)

- £600 - [REDACTED]
- £600 - [REDACTED]
- £600 - [REDACTED]

All these partners matched the priorities for partnership outlined in the Church's Mission Policy and the grants were for the benefit of the activities of the organisations that they work with in proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

A copy of the independent examiners report is/will be attached to this report which states there are no significant concerns. The trustees of the charity will ensure all/any recommendations will be reviewed and implemented.

## **Future Plans**

The charity will continue with all the activities as set out above and has no plans to alter its objectives and aims. The trustees will be considering ways to increase the activities of the church in the advancement of the Christian faith.

This will bring its challenges but it has been our experience that when facing challenges of all types we can trust in Almighty God to provide for our needs as he has promised to do. We have never been let down by Him and we go confidently into the next year knowing that He will provide for all our needs.

## **Structure and Governance**


The full name of the charity is Hope Church Bingham.

The Structure of the charity is as shown in the governing document (constitution) and consists of the Members and the Board which is made up of Charity Trustees (who are elected by Members in accordance with the procedure as set out in the Constitution)

## **References**

The registered office of the charity is - Hope Church Bingham, 135 Mountcastle Drive South, Edinburgh, EH15 3LR

The Charity Number is SC050500

The Charity Trustees are - 

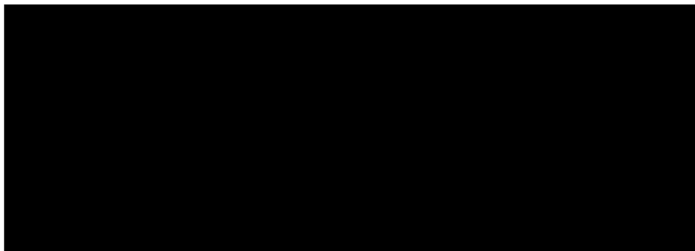
## **Statement of trustees responsibilities**

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 continue to ensure that the Church complies with all relevant legislation including Data Protection, Health and Safety.

The Trustees have identified the risks which impact their work.

Approved by the Trustees on 1 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by Gerald White, Trustee





# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the  
trustees/members of

HOPE CHURCH BINGHAM

Registered charity number SC050500

On the accounts of the  
charity for the period

Period start date  
Day Month Year

to

Period end date  
Day Month Year

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2024

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2024

Set out on pages 6 to 8

(remember to include the page  
numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's  
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

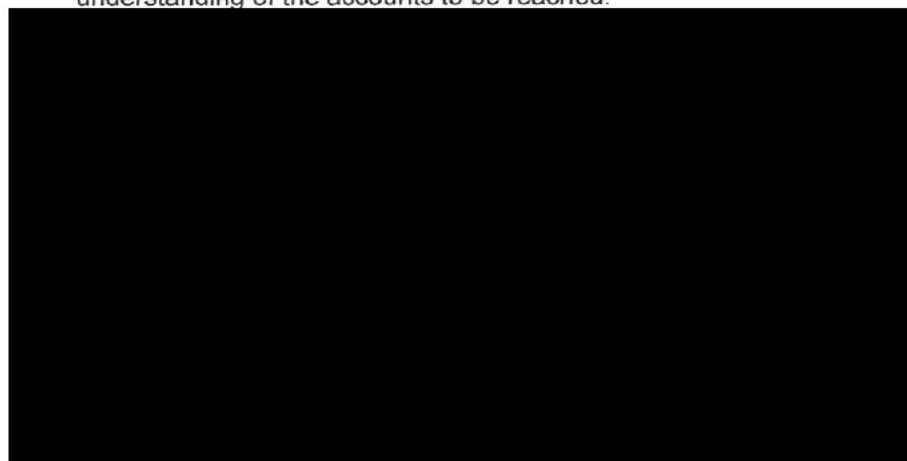
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:



**Receipts and payments accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Total funds current period to nearest £</b>	<b>Total funds last year to nearest £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	14,562		14,562	11,977
Grants	22,108	5,502	27,611	34,080
Income from investments other than land and buildings	0		0	0
	137		137	627
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	2,249		2,249	0
	39,056	5,502	44,558	46,683
<b>Total receipts</b>				
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	39,868		39,868	32,976
			0	0
Grants and donations	1,800	5,220	7,020	0
Governance costs:			0	0
Audit/independent examination	230		230	0
Preparation of annual accounts	100		100	0
<b>Total payments</b>	41,998	5,220	47,218	32,976
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	-2,942	283	-2,659	13,707
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for year</b>	-2,942	283	-2,659	13,707

**Hope Church Bingham**

SC050500

**Statement of balances  
as at 31 December 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Total funds current period to nearest £</b>	<b>Total funds last year to nearest £</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	13456	252	13,707	0
Surpl andus/(deficit) shown on receipts payments account	-2,942	283	-2,659	13,707
<b>Cash and bank balances at end of year</b>	<b>10,514</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>13,707</b>



**Notes to the accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those to run the activities of the Church

Restricted funds are to facilitate short term missions teams  
teams travelling from overseas to help the Church.

To support the recruitment of a Church administrator.

To provide events to the local community

**Grants**

These are from an individual for the proclamation of the  
Gospel of Christ

**Trustee remuneration details**

One trustee [REDACTED] is paid under sections 67 & 68	Gross	£ 8,166
of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2025.	Pension contributions	762
as the part-time Church Administrator.	Total	<u>8,928</u>

**Trustee expenses**

Two trustees had expenses for literature and provision of accommodation reimbursed. 169

**Transactions with trustees and connected persons**

Trustees donated £7,480 in the year.