Hope Churches

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2025

Stewardship
Active generosity

1 Lamb's Passage, London EC1Y 8AB
www.stewardship.org.uk

HOPE CHURCHES

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	17 Hunloke Way Malmesbury SN16 9FL
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Constitution dated March 2013, as amended May 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1151101
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Ian Cambray-Smith Mark Faithfull David Jones Susan Jones
NAMES OF ADVISERS EG BANKERS	CAF Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Nick Spear ACCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

INDEX

Page 1	Legal & Administrative Details
Pages 2-4	Trustees' Report
Page 5	Independent Examiner's Report
Page 6	Receipts and Payments Account
Page 7	Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Page 8	Notes to the Accounts

Administrative information

The charity's principal address is: 17 Hunloke Way, Malmesbury, SN16 9FL.

The trustees who served during the year and at the date of the approval of these accounts were:

- Mark Faithfull
- David Jones
- Ian Cambray-Smith
- Susan Jones

Aim and purposes

Hope Churches is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (reg: 1151101) and is governed by a Constitution dated 6 March 2013 (as amended 26 May 2019). Its charitable purposes are:

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in schedule A of its constitution.

- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Objectives and activities

The aims of the charity are primarily outworked through the operation of Hope Church in the town of Malmesbury, Wiltshire. 2025 was the thirteenth year of operation for Hope Church. The Church continued to hold public worship services every Sunday along with a programme of complementary mid-week activities including mid-week bible study and home groups called Centre. The church continues to offer live streams of its services which allows members who are otherwise unable to travel to the church to participate online.

Hope Church has a very practical, inclusive and family friendly approach to all its activities, enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Good News of Jesus, increasing their knowledge of Scripture and how to apply these to daily living.

- Pastoral care for people both within and outside the Hope Church family.

- Outreach work to share the Gospel

Achievements and performance

Worship, prayer and establishing Services of Christian Worship are held every Sunday morning in the main hall of Malmesbury Town Hall. These are characterised by modern, high-energy worship and a very relaxed and child friendly atmosphere.

The service includes bible-based teaching from the Church Pastors and Elders, visiting speakers and members of the congregation. The sermons are recorded and made freely available on the Church website and Apple, Google and Spotify podcasts.

Achievements and performance continued

All services and events are open to all and free of charge and are funded by the donations of the congregation and friends of Hope Church.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

In support of the charity's objective to relieve need and hardship we continued our initiative Good News Shoes which, in partnership with a local Clark's Shoe Shop, provides vouchers for school shoes to primary school aged children who come from families in need (defined as qualifying for free school meals) in the town of Malmesbury.

We also continued a summer time initiative during our Adventure Club holiday programme to offer free meals to children who attend, covering the food gap during school holidays for children who normally receive free school meals.

Financial review

Total incoming resources for unrestricted funds were £42,538 including Gift Aid claimed and bank interest. There were no restricted funds received this year for 'Good News Shoes/Food'. The cost of 'Good News Shoes/Food' came to £1,596 this year.

We received £139 interest from the bank, included in the total figure above.

The deficit for the year was £6,866 (2024: £1,972). The charity ended the year with cash of £61,762, of which £44,316 was unrestricted. Lead Pastor Mark Faithfull was paid a salary of £7,598 and Lead Pastor Lydia Faithfull was paid a salary of £7,598 in respect of their employment as church pastors. These amounts include gross salary and employer's pension contributions. No other Trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year for acting as a Trustee. Andrea Phillips works part time as Children's worker, responsible for our regular Sunday School and running holiday craft activities during school holidays.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have set a target for reserves of around six months running costs (£25,000), in order to protect the work of the charity from sudden changes in donation levels and to fund the replacement of any material equipment that should fail. Total unrestricted funds at the end of 2025 were £44,316, all of which was available to support the reserves policy.

Mindful of the need to continue to invest in the infrastructure of the growing church and fund the charitable objectives, the Trustees have agreed that they should continue to build the reserves of the charity over the next few years with the aim to purchase a suitable building to support the charity's activities. No additional funds were specifically designated from unrestricted funds to support this vision as the charity had operated at a budgeted deficit for the year.

Volunteers

The majority of the work of the charity is performed by volunteers, including the Pastors and Trustees. It has been gratifying to observe more members of the congregation get involved in practical ways in the running of Sunday services, special events, midweek groups and pastoral care.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is managed and administered by the trustees who give due regard to the spiritual leadership of the church which is provided by the Pastors and Elders. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees by a majority vote.

The Trustees at the end of 2025 were: Mark Faithfull, Ian Cambray-Smith, David Jones, and Sue Jones who are supported by a book-keeper and treasurer.

The spiritual leadership of the church is provided by the Lead Pastors, Mark and Lydia Faithfull. The Pastors are assisted by the Church Elders: David and Sue Jones and Associate Pastors Steven and Michelle Howarth.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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.

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

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Faithfull
Mark Faithfull (Oct 23, 2026 15:35:05 GMT+1)
.....

Oct 23, 2026
.....

Mark Faithfull

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

HOPE CHURCHES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Churches ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:
1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Nick Spear
Nick Spear (Oct 23, 2026 16:09:22 GMT+1)

Nick Spear ACCA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Oct 23, 2026

HOPE CHURCHES

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts						
Donations		34,220	-	-	34,220	39,801
Other income		-	-	864	864	-
Gift aid receipts		8,179	-	-	8,179	7,325
Bank interest		139	-	-	139	144
Total receipts		42,538	-	864	43,402	47,270
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	45,476	-	1,076	46,552	46,811
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	1,620	-	2,096	3,716	2,430
Total payments		47,096	-	3,172	50,268	49,241
Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers		(4,558)	-	(2,308)	(6,866)	(1,972)
Transfers between funds	5	(2,308)	-	2,308	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,866)	-	-	(6,866)	(1,972)
Cash funds as at last year end		31,182	20,000	17,446	68,628	70,600
Cash funds at this year end	A	24,316	20,000	17,446	61,762	68,628

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

HOPE CHURCHES

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		24,316	20,000	17,446	61,762	68,628
		24,316	**20,000**	**17,446**	**61,762**	**68,628**
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		6,652	-	-	6,652	8,105
Other debtors		335	-	-	335	-
		6,987	**-**	**-**	**6,987**	**8,105**
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Trade creditors		1,161	-	-	1,161	1,952
PAYE/NI and pensions due		-	-	-	-	252
Fee for Independent Examination		2,310	-	-	2,310	1,170
		3,471	**-**	**-**	**3,471**	**3,374**

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Value £
Contents and equipment	23,282
	23,282

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Faithfull
Mark Faithfull (Oct 23, 2026 15:35:05 GMT+1)

MARK FAITHFULL

Date: Oct 23, 2026

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

HOPE CHURCHES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs (see note 4)	20,771	-	-	20,771	20,733
Rent & property costs	14,506	-	-	14,506	14,280
Insurance	334	-	-	334	318
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	1,128
Administration & support	4,799	-	-	4,799	5,248
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	114	-	-	114	105
Other ministry costs	4,951	-	1,076	6,027	5,000
	45,476	-	1,076	46,552	46,811

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Organisations:					
SAT-7 Trust	-	-	500	500	-
Creation Ministries International	500	-	-	500	
Malmesbury PCC	880	-	-	880	1,000
Other small grants to organisations	240	-	-	240	160
Grants to individuals	-	-	1,596	1,596	1,270
	1,620	-	2,096	3,716	2,430

4 Transactions with related parties

Mark Faithfull and Lydia Faithfull served as church leaders and were each paid £7,598 (2024: £7,227), comprising gross salary and employer's pension contributions, for serving in that capacity and not as trustees. These payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity for duties unrelated to their duties as a trustee.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	31,182	42,538	(47,096)	(2,308)	24,316
Designated funds					
Building Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	17,446	-	-	-	17,446
SAT-7		864	(1,576)	712	0
Good News Shoes	-	-	(1,596)	1,596	-
	17,446	864	(3,172)	2,308	17,446
Total funds	68,628	43,402	(50,268)	-	61,762

The designated **Building** fund represents funds set aside by the trustees to secure a future church building (known as the Home 4 Hope project).

The restricted **Building** fund was created from donations received to help secure a future church building (known as the Home 4 Hope project).
The restricted **SAT-7** fund represents funds raised for a SAT-7 promotional event.
The restricted **Good News Shoes** fund is to distribute Clarks shoes vouchers to families who are struggling to buy their children's school shoes, and to fund the food for the children's club.

Hope Churches (AES No : 1151101) - Final accounts 2025 for signing from Stewardship

Final Audit Report 2026-10-23

Created:	2026-10-23
By:	Ying Hwei Grindle (yinghwei.grindle@stewardship.org.uk)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAALFO4K4PoYbZhiDj7WlUQ7XjvXlE6L-fu

"Hope Churches (AES No : 1151101) - Final accounts 2025 for signing from Stewardship" History

Document created by Ying Hwei Grindle (yinghwei.grindle@stewardship.org.uk)
2026-10-23 - 09:59:38 GMT

Document emailed to Mark Faithfull (mark@thehope.church) for signature
2026-10-23 - 10:01:47 GMT

Email viewed by Mark Faithfull (mark@thehope.church)
2026-10-23 - 14:34:33 GMT

Document e-signed by Mark Faithfull (mark@thehope.church)
Signature Date: 2026-10-23 - 14:35:05 GMT - Time Source: server - Signature appearance selected: TYPE

Document emailed to Nick Spear (nick.spear@stewardship.org.uk) for signature
2026-10-23 - 14:35:07 GMT

Email viewed by Nick Spear (nick.spear@stewardship.org.uk)
2026-10-23 - 15:07:19 GMT

Document e-signed by Nick Spear (nick.spear@stewardship.org.uk)
Signature Date: 2026-10-23 - 15:09:22 GMT - Time Source: server - Signature appearance selected: TYPE

Agreement completed.
2026-10-23 - 15:09:22 GMT