Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	1	2025		31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name This Hope CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1170568

Charity's principal address

4 St Peter's Road
West Mersea
Essex
Postcode **CO5 8LJ**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Joseph Haward			
2	Hannah Land			
3	Judy Swann			
4	Caroline Laver	Treasurer		
5	Sarah Steele			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Members Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	The activities may include but are not restricted to: · regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; · baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle; · the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month; · evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; · the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; · nurture and growth of Christian disciples; · education and training for Christian and community service; · giving and encouraging pastoral care; · supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom

	and abroad; · encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians. The public benefits that flow from these activities are: (a) an enhancement of community, whereby regular gathering together promotes well being, and lessens loneliness within the local community; (b) increased social cohesion; (c) enhanced sense of wider commitment to the needs of others, and an active participation in works that support those in need; (d) education and teaching that reaches beyond the local community and impacts people internationally.
Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)	
You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers.	

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

(a) regular community support that brings local people together to explore faith and build relationships;
(b) pastoral care to local people from a wide variety of backgrounds and situations;
(c) mental health support for people across the UK;
(d) published books that have provided education;
(e) teaching within schools and universities;
(f) pastoral care within businesses;
(g) radio interviews and segments giving a wider voice from the church perspective;
(h) the provision of services such as funerals, weddings, and children's blessings;
(i) journalistic articles;
(j) individual pastoral support for those in mental health difficulty;

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Should the charity cease its work, any funds left in the bank after all expenses have been paid would be gifted to another charity doing similar work, or with similar values.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	CAROLINE LAVER	
Full name(s)	Caroline Laver	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	31/10/2026	

This Hope Final Accounts Year 10 2025

Income	**Total**
Regular gifts	4024
Other income	1868
TOTAL	5891

Expense	
RENT	0
Council tax	1323
CC expenses	2258
	0
TOTAL	3581

Balance	2310

BANK SUMMARY

Bank balance 1st Jan 2025	4930
Income	5891
Expense	3581
Balance 31 Dec 25	**7240**