Hope Church
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Charity Registration No. 1189502

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Number	1189502 (England and Wales)
Date of Registration	15th May 2020
End of Financial Year	31st March 2026

Trustees
The following Trustees served during the year:

Mr. Stephen Delves
Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Mr. Nehemie Nsengiyumva
Ms. Suzanna Berger
Mr. David Monk

Elders
Mr. S Delves
Mr. S Berger
Mr. G Cook

Governing Document Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Dated 15th May 2020

Charitable Objects:
The objective of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in particular but not exclusively, by worship, Christian teaching, holding of prayer meetings, and the public celebration of religious festivals

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Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 33 The Borough Farnham Surrey GU9 7NJ
Independent Examiner	Michael Homer AFA MIPA MCH Accountants Ltd 68 Charlton Road Andover Hampshire SP10 3JN

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report, which incorporates the trustee's report, and the financial statements of Hope Church Aldershot for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin1 (effective January 2015)

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

Hope Church Aldershot is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) and was set up and registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 15 May 2020. Charity number 1189502

The objects of the Charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs);
- To serve the public, relieving sickness and financial hardship through the provision of counselling and support;
- To advance education

in such a way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed under the terms of the Constitution Document. The Charity has a formal process for the recruitment of new Trustees to bring additional skills and experience to the Board of Trustees.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. New Trustees are selected for their expertise, which they can offer the Charity and are invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings before their appointment.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Trustees, who shall not be less than 3 in number, hold meetings every second month. The Trustees are all required to be members of the Trust and those who held office during the year are shown on page 1.

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and have also examined other operational and business risks and have established systems to mitigate significant risks. The Charity's Risk Register is reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The Trust is involved in the running of a congregation based in Aldershot. It is involved in many community-based projects as can be seen in the review of activities below.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

These are set out in the "Review of activities" section below.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

General

Hope Church Aldershot became fully independent as a Church on 01 October 2020, having been part of a "Multi Site" church structure with its 'parent church' Jubilee Church Farnham. Hope Church Aldershot moved location to All Saints Church, the Royal Garrison Church in May 2025 and moved their meeting time to 16.00 to 17.30.

Those who consider themselves belonging to Hope Church total to 90 adults and 40 youth and children as of March 2025. The average weekly attendance in March 2024 was 62 adults and 18 youth and children, which was indicative of the year that had passed.

Our work continued with asylum seekers as they came into Aldershot and with folk from other nations in other contexts. We had the privilege of baptising 2 folk in the church in May 2025.

Children & Youth ministries

As Hope Church Aldershot we are intentional in providing excellent Youth and Children's ministry as part of our vision to invest in the next generation and their families. The Youth and Children's ministries have been developed over previous years including our Basement group year 7-9 fortnightly at church on a Sunday and running a small group for our older teenagers with volunteers (Attic, year 9-13).

Our Youth ministry attendance continued with 15-20 regular attendees and the academic year concluded with an enjoyable and well organised trip to NewDay, a Christian Youth Festival held in Norfolk

On Sundays at Hope Church Aldershot, we provide 'Sparks' for preschool children aged 0-3 years and 'Blaze' which covers those children aged between 3-11 years.

Adult ministries

We continue with our monthly pattern of our services. On the first Sundays are our 'All In Service' where all attendees (adults and children) are together – however it operates much more in a 'Café style' arrangement with people seated around tables. The content is also much more magazine style. This continues to be our best attended service other than major festivals (Easter/Carol Service). We break bread at our 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings and have an extended time of sung worship during our 3rd and 5th Sundays.

We continued to have three mid-week 'Growth Group' which meets in the evening and have a fourth group that meets in the daytime, primarily for older folk in the church. We also continued our Men's and Ladies ministries.

We met together for our annual HOPEN family weekend away at Runways End Outdoor Centre in Aldershot where the focus continued on fellowship and strengthening relationships. The flexibility and locality of the venue gives us camping and overnight stay options in prepared 'pods' housing up to 4 folk within each pod.

Adult ministries (continued)

This greatly increased the numbers who could stay overnight and being local meant we also had many more 'day visitors'. We were also able to use the facilities of the centre which made for a much richer experience for the whole church family.

Community ministries

Sylvia continues to support our local Grub Hub with pastoral input and working with Aldershot Churches Together we spearhead the local churches response to asylum seekers in Aldershot.

Sylvia is also working with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team in delivering high quality school assemblies and after school's work at some of the local primary schools who have service personnel children attending. She also helped staff the 'Little Saints' Mums and Tots group at All Saints Church, something we could offer as part of the venue change.

We ran our first 321 course as an introduction to the Christian faith in partnership with the Garrison Chaplains.
The other community highlight was another excellent Carol Services at the local bandstand in partnership with other churches in Aldershot & Rushmoor BC. We also enjoyed popular festival services at Easter and Christmas with invitations to friends and family.

Other successes

We continue to work with Aldershot Churches Together and worked alongside the Garrison Chaplaincy Team at Pentecost to put on a cross Aldershot Christian community prayer event called the Beacon Service. We were also able to continue our work with the Garrison Chaplaincy Team especially in schools. Steve Delves continued to serve as a trustee of The Source, a local Young People's charity helping with mental health and wellbeing.

The Trustees of Hope Church Aldershot continue to thank God for His blessing through the regular monthly giving and several one-off gifts that will enable the development of the work and ministry of the church.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

In preparing their statements on public benefit, contained within this Trustees' Annual Report, the Trustees have, in accordance with s.4 of the Charities Act 2006, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, as well as the specific guidance on public benefit and fee charging.
The Trustees believe that public benefit is provided by the activities listed in the "Review of activities" above. The Trustees also note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been heavily restricted in our development and involvement in community activities.

d. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/INCOME GENERATION

The Charity receives most of its funding from voluntary contributions supplemented by gift aid. Where appropriate it will seek grants or donations to support its activities.

It relies on the generosity of donors for its continuation in operation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves of the charity. They have agreed that the trust should work toward holding a reserve equivalent to three months of salaries (currently approximately £18,500).

The charity's funds available on the balance sheet on the 31 March 2026 was £39,173

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The church intends over the next few years to continue and to expand its activities in Aldershot.

PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Mr S Delves & Mr M Titheridge both receive a salary for their work for the church as set out in Note 10 to the financial statements. Their respective salaries were agreed by the other Trustees and they were not present during the discussions. They also received the sum of £4,881 during the year for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. All expense payments are authorised by other Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Salaries for all staff are set by the Remuneration Committee (made up of non-paid Trustees), in accordance with the charity's Remuneration Policy and approved by the Trustees. Local and national comparators are taken into account, alongside individual responsibility levels and performance.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and of the incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the CIO's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. 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.

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

Signed: Dated: 16/10/2026

Mr. Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 March 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

Mr Michael Homer AFA MIPA
Independent Examiner for and on
behalf of MCH Accountants Ltd
68 Charlton
Road Andover
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SP10 3JN

Dated: 16th October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2026 (Including income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	4	96,225	-	**96,225**	111,335
Total Income		96,225	-	**96,225**	111,335
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	105,297	-	**105,297**	109,947
Total Expenditure		105,297	-	**105,297**	109,947
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		- 9,072	-	- **9,072**	1,388
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April 2025		48,245	-	48,245	46,857
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2026		39,173	-	**39,173**	48,245

All the church's operations are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026

	Notes	2026	2025
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	-	-
Current Assets:			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	2,610	5,346
Cash at bank and in hand		36,727	43,055
Total Current Assets		39,337	48,401
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(164)	(156)
Net Current Assets		39,173	48,245
Total Net Assets		39,173	48,245
Income Funds			
General Fund		39,173	48,245
Restricted Funds	6	-	-
Total Funds	11	39,173	48,245

Approved by the Trustees on the

Signed on their behalf by

Mr Matthew Titheridge
Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Hope Church Aldershot meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recorded on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when it becomes probable the charity will receive the income the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount of income due to be received can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to discharge them.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

All Equipment 25% straight Line

Assets costing less than £500 are expended within the SOFA.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution pension to all eligible staff and, at the Trustees' discretion, to other paid staff.

Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Cash Flow Statement

Under section 7 of FRS102 in relation to the Cash Flow statement, exemption has been claimed on the basis that Hope Church Aldershot is a small charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2026

3. Tangible Fixed Assets		**Equipment**
		£
Cost	1st April 2025	3,609
Additions		
Cost at	31st March 2026	3,609
Depreciation	1st April 2025	3,609
Charge for year		-
Depreciation at	31st March 2026	3,609
Net book value	**31st March 2026**	**-**
Net book value	31st March 2025	519

4. Income	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
	£	**£**	**£**	£
a) Voluntary Income				
Gift Aided Donations	78,504	-	**78,504**	90,887
Gift Aid tax refund	17,671	-	**17,671**	20,446
Other Donations	50	-	**50**	2
Total Income	**96,225**	**-**	**96,225**	111,335

Of the £111,335 total income for the year to 31 March 2025, £111,335 was unrestricted and £0 was restricted.

5. Expenditure	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2026**	Total 2025
Charitable Activities:	**£**	**£**	**£**	£
Mission & Outreach	10,852	-	**10,852**	9,677
Youth and Children	2,084	-	**2,084**	1,343
Giving to Other Charities	9,686	-	**9,686**	13,845
Gifts & Grace Basket	360	-	**360**	547
Pastoral Care and Development	463	-	**463**	164
Office & Administration	6,858	-	**6,858**	7,511
Staffing Costs	73,917	-	**73,917**	75,868
Profesional Fees	1,077	-	**1,077**	992
Total Expenditure:	105,297	-	**105,297**	109,947

Of the £109,947 total expenditure for the year to 31 March 2025, £109,947 was unrestricted and £0 was restricted.

Support Costs included in the above consist of:				
Staffing Costs	12,030	-	**12,030**	12,871
Office and Administration	6,858	-	**6,858**	7,511
Governance Costs	1,077	-	**1,077**	992
Total	19,965	-	**19,965**	21,374

Governance costs in 2026 consist entirely of fees due to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

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6. Restricted Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-25	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31-Mar-26
	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

The Restricted Funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves.

Restricted Funds are held for the following purposes:None

7. Debtors and Prepayments	2026	2025
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,588	1,651
Other Debtors	-	-
HMRC Paye and NI	1,022	3,695
Total	**2,610**	5,346

8. Creditors and Accruals: amounts due within one year	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees	-	-
Pensions Payable	164	157
HMRC Paye and NI	-	-
Total	**164**	157

9. Staff Costs

The Charity employed three members of staff (2025: four) during the year. The costs were:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Gross Salaries & Employers NIC	64,809	70,532
Manse Expenses & Travel	3,410	3,077
Life Insurance	513	318
Employers Pension Contributions	5,185	5,285
Total	**73,917**	79,212

There are no employees with emoluments over £60,000

10. Trustees and related parties

Mr Steve Delves (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary and housing allowances of £43,326 (2025: £41,085) and pension contributions of £3,212 (2025: 3,059)

Mr Matthew Titheridge (Trustee) was employed by the charity in accordance with the CIO Constitution. During the financial period, in furthering the charity's objectives he received salary of £6,164 (2025: £5,871 and pension contributions of £493 (2025: £470)

11. Net Assets between Funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2026 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**Total 2026 £**
Fixed Assets	-	-	**-**
Current Assets	39,337	-	**39,336**
Current Liabilities	- 164	-	**- 164**
Total	**39,173**	**-**	**39,172**

Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	48,401	-	48,401
Current Liabilities	- 156	-	- 156
Total	48,245	-	48,245

12. Statement of financial activities, comparative funds - year ended 31 March 2025.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	111,335	-	**111,335**
Total Income	111,335	-	**111,335**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	109,947	-	**109,947**
Total Expenditure	109,947	-	**109,947**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	1,388	-	**1,388**
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025	48,245	-	**48,245**