# The Community of Hopeweavers

Annual Report 2025

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Charity number 1191614

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We are an Acknowledged Anglican Religious Community; a dispersed fellowship of friends who seek God together through stillness, silence and creativity. The community became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO on 2 October 2020.

The Trustees are Members of the Community and elect Guardians who chair the organisation.

https://hopeweavers.org.uk/

**Trustees at September 2026**
Ann Spooner – Guardian
Jennifer Lambert – Guardian
Rev Kia Pakenham – Guardian
Dr Alison Marmont – Secretary
Rev Paul Lambert – Treasurer
Sue Halliday
Rev Helen Mitchell
Helen Hewitt
Lynette Colman
Angela Whitmore

**Trustees serving during report period (2025), no longer serving.**
Rev Philippa Mills
Paul Leppitt

**2025 Membership**
Members: 50
Volunteers: 25

## Purpose

Hopeweavers offers sanctuary spaces and opportunities for individuals and groups who seek silence and stillness by:

- creating space away from our everyday lives for refreshing in peace and quiet.
- places where we can dream dreams and receive from God in stillness and calm.
- encouraging and valuing creativity as a way of responding to God.

## Events in 2025

**Gathering of Promises**

The Community comes together every January for members new and old to make their promises, hear from the Episcopal Visitor and reflect on a particular theme together.

The vast majority of the Community joined online for this service in January, as did many friends and supporters. The service had a theme of 'Behold, beheld: Rooted in Christ', first introduced to us at an ARCiE conference in June 2024 and then explored further by the Trustees at their Away Day in October 2024. Trustee Ann Spooner had created an image of a tree and its roots based on the words and this was used as the front cover of the Order of Service. As part of the service each member was given a wooden tree, each one individually crafted by new member, Mark Ripley. Members listened to a song called 'Rooted' and were encouraged to think about being part of a 'forest of hope' – the Community made up of individuals all rooted together, sharing resources. Our new Episcopal Visitor, Bishop Paul Davies, spoke on the theme, providing encouragement and challenge.

5 new members joined the community and 1 left so we had 50 Members of Hopeweavers in 2025.

**Summer Celebration and AGM**

Hopeweavers gathers in-person every summer to host the annual AGM and provide an opportunity for members to connect, share their faith and explore creativity and stillness as a community.

June 2025 was the fourth summer gathering. The hybrid AGM was held in the morning in-person and via Zoom. It was followed by a workshop on what inspires us, who we can inspire and how we inspire others. This discussion produced rich and precious contributions from members, which were fed back during Midday Prayer.

The theme of the day was 'Inspiration' and members were invited to bring in creative work relating to the theme. There were creative and contemplative activities including making paper boats, a workshop about breath prayer, a group weaving and just catching up with one another.

**Visit to Hilfield Friary**

Since around 2012, Hilfield Friary has provided sanctuary space to Hopeweavers members and family by offering accommodation at Bernard House each August. Those joining are requested to cover the costs of their stay, with a discount for those who may struggle with payment to ensure accessibility.

In August 2025, 24 Members, friends and family stayed in Bernard House over 12 nights. 3 of these guests were children. Guest highlights included: eating together and getting to know other

members; using the craft room and getting creative; joining in with aspects of the Hilfield Youth Camp; and taking walks in the beautiful surroundings.

## Ongoing Activities

**Daily Office**

Morning Prayer and Night Prayer have continued to be delivered online by volunteers. This year, they have been moved from Facebook to Zoom. This is more inclusive for members and a more reliable platform, although some have missed to option to catch up on sessions via recordings. The pre-recorded version of Morning and Night Prayer available on Facebook for the fallow months of April and August have been appreciated.

Attendance at the Friday evening Breaking of Bread on Zoom remains low but is greatly valued by those able to join.

**Quiet Days and Soul Days**

Hopeweavers runs Quiet Days and Online Soul Mornings for Leaders. These are open to members and non-members to explore faith, stillness, and creativity prayerfully and in community.

Online Soul Mornings continued in 2025, with a mixture of members and non-members attending and many attending regularly. In-person Quiet Days continued in Hedge End and Southsea and were also offered in Bath, providing an opportunity for new volunteers to train as Quiet Day leaders. Events bookings are managed online and attendance numbers fluctuate. The ability to book at the last minute is appreciated by attendees.

Two Quiet Days were delivered for Portsmouth Diocese specifically as part of their pre-licensing retreat Readers' weekend.

**Sanctuary Space**

Members continue to offer Sanctuary Space in various ways to neighbours, friends, colleagues and refugees and examples are shared with members via the Hopeweavers Newsletter.

**ARCIE (Anglican Religious Communities in England)**

A Member sits on the ARCIE committee, representing Hopeweavers and being a voice for Acknowledged communities in that forum. This member has joined the small committee planning the next in-person conference which will be in October 2026. Several Hopeweavers travelled to London for the day conference in 2025.

**Members Groups**

Members are given the opportunity to stay connected and explore their faith through member groups which meet regularly throughout the year. Groups are led by volunteers from the community and members are given the option to change groups annually to meet their needs.

In 2025, we had 6 Members Groups with between 4 and 9 members alongside 6 triplets/pairs. 2 groups meet in person, 1 does some online and some in person, with the other 3 meeting solely online. There has been regular attendance, with just a few individuals struggling to engage.

**Monthly Members' Newsletter**

The Members' Newsletter is an important anchor in our Community life and is distributed to Members, Enquirers, the Bishop Visitor and Warden. Each newsletter explores a different theme and provides a platform to share stories of how members offer sanctuary space as well as advertising dates of Hopeweaver events. Some content from our Members' newsletters is also sent out to 'Friends' of the Community.

**Online Engagement**

In addition to the daily office held on zoom, informal monthly Zoom meetings provide a space for members to catch up regularly. The chats are well attended and members have valued this opportunity to connect with one another online.

The Members Space on Facebook continues to be used to share prayer requests, details of events of interest, pictures of their own creative work etc on this Facebook space from time to time.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| THE COMMUNITY OF HOPEWEAVERS | 1191614 |
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# Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | 1/1/2025 | To | 12/31/2025 |
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## Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
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| **A1 Receipts** | | | | | |
| Donations | 3,181 | - | - | 3,181 | - |
| Fees for charitable services (Events) | 1,643 | - | - | 1,643 | - |
| Gift Aid | 1,334 | - | - | 1,334 | - |
| Income for Summer Residential | 1,715 | - | - | 1,715 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total***(Gross income for AR) | 7,873 | - | - | 7,873 | - |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total receipts*** | 7,873 | - | - | 7,873 | - |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Admin Stipend | 1804 | - | - | 1,804 | - |
| Travel and expenses | 130 | - | - | 130 | - |
| Books, CD's, Magazines, etc. | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Membership subscriptions | 145 | | - | 145 | - |
| Post, Print and Stationary | 220 | | - | 220 | - |
| Heat and Light | 181 | | - | 181 | - |
| Art Materials and Candlles | 235 | | - | 235 | - |
| Food | 66 | | - | 66 | - |
| Property maintenance | 0 | | - | - | - |
| safeguarding, training and supervision | 102 | - | - | 102 | - |
| Insurance | 299 | - | - | 299 | - |
| Venues | 1423 | - | - | 1,423 | - |
| Office expenses and IT | 514 | - | - | 514 | - |
| Other | 2091 | - | - | 2,091 | - |
| donations | 706 | - | - | 706 | - |
| ***Sub total*** | 7,916 | - | - | 7,916 | - |
| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total payments*** | 7,916 | - | - | 7,916 | - |
| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | - 43 | - | - | - 43 | - |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | 18,871 | | - | 18,871 | - |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 18,828 | - | - | 18,828 | - |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### B1 Cash funds

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Balance from last year | 18,871 | - | - |
| | Net of receipts / payments | - 43 | | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | ***Total cash funds*** | 18,828 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

### B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| | - | - | - |
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### B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| | | - | - |
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### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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### B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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