HOPE CITY CHURCH

Financial Statements for the

Year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Number **1191850**

Hope City Church

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees/Directors
Michael Needs
Susan Brookes — Resigned January 2026
Graham Phillips
Belinda Maddox
Keri Grant
Darren Banks

Charity Number
1191850

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable incorporated trust registered in autumn 2020.

Trustees

The trustees as named on page 1 have served throughout the period, except those who have been appointed or ceased to act as trustees during the current year, as indicated. New Trustees are chosen by invitation in order that the Trust may have representation from a wide range of experience from within the body of the fellowship. We match our skill requirements with knowledge and experience and where there are gaps we offer appropriate training.

Trustee Induction and Training

There are no specific policies and procedures for induction/training of trustees. However, they are inducted according to individual requirements. A copy of the Trust Deed is supplied, along with the Trust policies and procedures and copies of recent board meeting minutes and accounts. Individual Trustees roles/responsibilities are negotiated with all the trustees so that their roles complement each other.

Objectives and Activities

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith primarily, but not exclusively within Wolverhampton and the surrounding area
2 Such other charitable purposes which put into practice the Christian faith including the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness. The advancement of education and community activities. All in a manner consistent with the doctrinal distinctives and ethical statements adopted by the church

Throughout the year the trustees have paid due regard to the Charities Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance provided to charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and Performance

Since its opening in autumn of 2020 the church has met weekly and continues to grow in numbers.

A leadership team has been set up to deal with the spiritual running and direction of the ministry.

The church meets every Sunday morning at the University of Wolverhampton Science Park.

Midweek fellowship meetings have been established.

The church has been able to fund a full- time minister. The church has a voluntary internship programme which currently has three interns serving on it.

A group from the church undertake evangelism in Wolverhampton.

Several courses have been held for new and inquiring christians e.g. Alpha

The children's and youth work has developed during the year with a Youth Alpha Course being held.

The church is a full member of AMiE The Anglican Mission in England. Which is an anglican diocese affiliated to the Anglican Network in Europe that seeks to establish Anglican churches in England outside the Church of England.

Future Plans

The further establishment of the church community is the ongoing aim and to equip the members to fulfil their God given destinies.

Further develop the children and youth ministries.

To further the membership and links with AMiE and local churches

Financial Review

The full results of the Trust for the year are set out in the attached financial statements.
The income for the year was £67,197 (2024 £55,492) with expenditure of £59,976 (2024 £48,556)

Reserves Policy

A reserves policy was set at three months fixed costs currently around £8,000.

Risk Policy

The management team conducts an ongoing review of major risks as part of its regular monitoring and reporting.
Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures in regard to Good Practice Child Protection Policies,
Fire Safety and Health and safety inspections where the Trust's activities operate. Financial risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions by the team and reviews on a regular basis.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its financial activities for that year together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the year, adequately distinguishing any material, special trust or other restricted fund of the Trust. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue in its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statements of Recommended Practice 2019 and the regulations made under section of the Charities Act 2011. 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 irregularities. The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

This report was approved by the trustees on

DATE 14/10/2026

Trustee .....

NAME of TRUSTEE....M J Needs (Chair Hope City Church Board of Trustees)

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Independent Examiners Report

For the year Ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and

(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination . I confirm that no 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 respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 ;or

(4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

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.

Name and qualification
Address

Colin Dalton FCA
794 High Street,,
Kingswinford
West Midlands, DY6 8BQ

Date : 14/10/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure) for the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025	2024
Income			
Income from charitable activities			
Income	2	67,197	55,492
Total Income		67,197	55,492
Expenditure			
Charitable Activities			
Church Running Costs	3	59,976	48,556
Total Expenditure		59,976	48,556
Net Income		7,221	6,936
Funds brought forward		30,078	23,142
Total funds carried forward		37,299	30,078

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2025 or 2024 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet as at 31 Decmber 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	3,055		3,876	
Bank & Cash		37,838		27,605	
Total current assets		40,893		31,481	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	7	3,594		1,403	
Net Current assets			37,299		30,078
Total assets less current liabilities			37,299		30,078
Net Assets			37,299		30,078
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds			37,299		30,078
Total funds			37,299		30,078

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under Section 477 (1). No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2025 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on .....14/10/2026.....

Name:...M J Needs (Chair of Hope City Church Board of Trustees)

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Notes to the accounts
for the year to 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS102) second edition published October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Practice

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the church's general purpose.

Restricted funds are donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the church for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the church is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in these accounts but may be described in the trustees annual report .

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2. (a) Voluntary Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tithes and offerings	56,716	45,760
Gift Aid Tax Refund	10,481	9,732
	67,197	55,492

3. Costs of Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ministry costs	36,249	30,859
Rent of premises	12,278	8,424
Computer and Communication costs	1,071	586
Safeguarding	289	189
Youth and Chidrens work	2,258	215
Music licence	301	288
Ministry gifts	1,240	840
Insurance	354	330
Office Expenses	1,599	1,165
Travel costs	613	111
Small Equipment	400	1,494
Training	397	815
Consumables	242	712
Outreach	945	769
Resource costs	72	259
Pastoral Gifts	270	197
Subscriptions	1,062	981
Governance	264	250
Bank Charges	72	72
	59,976	48,556

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4. Net movement in funds for the year
The net movement in funds for the year is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examination	264	250

7. Staff Costs
Remuneration was paid only paid to Graham Phillips- senior leader

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary Costs	30,864	25,150
Pension Costs	905	679
Casual Salaries	-	5,030
Stipend	4,480	-
	36,249	30,859

5. Trustee donations, expenses and related party disclosures
Other than Graham Phillips none of the trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits as a trustee or from an employment in the charity (2024 - None).
No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year (2024 - None).
Donations from trustees during the year totalled £9,940
There were no other related party transactions during the year requiring disclosure (2024 - None)

6. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid due	3,055	2,593
Sundry debtor	-	1,283
	3,055	3,876

7.Creditors : amounts falling due in one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	3,594	1,403
	3,594	1,403