Charity registration number: 1206546

HOPE CHURCH ROTHERHAM
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Hope Church Rotherham
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Hope Church Rotherham
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The charitable objects of the Church are:

(i) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of fundamental truths of the AOG in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

(ii) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit.

(iii) Advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

Significant Activities

We intend that all our activities aims are in line with God's will for His Church according to the scriptures, which includes loving all people, introducing them to Jesus Christ, and equipping them to have a beneficially transforming impact in their communities and beyond.

Our Purpose:
To bring glory to God the Father.

Our Vision:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ who are making disciples.

Our Values:

Hosting God's Presence - We believe in being open to God the Holy Spirit, by listening and receiving from Him which will result in transformation.

Operating in Faith. We believe in stepping out in faith and bravely following Jesus, seeing things anew from God's perspective.

Purposefully Sharing Jesus. We believe in intentionally sharing the Good News of Jesus in words and actions with everyone.

Expressing God's love in our church family. We believe in being a church community in which each person knows they have a unique and vital part to play, as they use their gifts to encourage and help each other grow.

We are so thankful to all of the people who have supported Hope Church and its projects in a voluntary or financial capacity. The value of the volunteer efforts is invaluable. Various projects and programmes run throughout the week at Hope Church including the following:

Sunday Morning Family Worship – The services are lively and engaging for all ages and run from 10:30am – 12:30pm. Complimentary refreshments are served afterwards. The average weekly attendance on Sundays has continued to average 180 adults and children and the number of people in church membership for the period covered was 112 adults. ChurchSuite, the church online database, currently has 215 adults & children registered. Pre-service prayer takes place every Sunday from 9:30am each week, encouraging people to come and engage in purposeful prayer for the meeting and current needs of the church, community and beyond.

Hope Kids – This is Sunday morning junior church. Children from the ages of 3-11 are welcome to attend. It runs alongside the main Sunday service and offers opportunity for the children to hear Bible stories and participate in songs, games and crafts. All Hope Kids volunteers are DBS checked and follow Hope Church Rotherham's safeguarding policy and procedures. Numbers attending Hope Kids have continued to steadily rise over the past year with 33 children registered on ChurchSuite.

Hope Acorns – Hope Acorns has been placed on pause from this period. It was not financially viable to continue due to the decrease in participants. It was agreed to relaunch Hope Acorns once the new building has been purchased.

Amplify Youth Club – This is open to all youth who are senior school age. Bi-weekly activities include worship, Bible studies, topical discussions, games, quizzes and tuck shop. The group join other youth groups in periodic regional events, taking place across Rotherham and Sheffield. Social outings include the annual weekend away which takes place in September of each year. Amplify youth meet bi-weekly on Fridays from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

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Significant Activities - continued

Hope Oaks – This is a monthly gathering of people aged 60+. This work is directed and managed by one of the church elders. People are welcome from all walks of life. The group meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Attendees can expect to participate in worship and the study of the Word along with sharing life and testimonies. In addition, external speakers are occasionally invited to the group. A cooked meal usually follows and this is all funded by the voluntary monetary contributions collected at the end of the meeting. Periodic outings and social events also take place at Hope Oaks. 35 people are currently registered with Hope Oaks.

Worship Team – The worship team which consists of two discipleship groups meet weekly for rehearsals and discipleship. There are currently 25 members in the team. The team serve in a varied range of roles covering music, media and creative arts. As part of the ongoing worship training, members from the team along with teams from other churches in the area and beyond have been attending 'Heart & Skill'. This is a worship discipleship course taking place over several Saturdays during the year. The course includes times of worship along with inspiration teaching and specialist tuition. This course is directed by the overseer of worship (also the pastor of pastoral care) and has input from guests tutors. Other activities include, social evenings and a young people's musical development group taking place one per month.

Discipleship Groups – There are currently nine discipleship groups that meet weekly around the region (other than the last week of the month when corporate prayer & worship takes place at the church on the last Tuesday). The aim of the groups is to gather together for fellowship, prayer and study of the word. The theme is often following on from the Sunday message but also may include pre-prepared material specifically designed for small groups. Social events also take place within the groups from time to time, particularly during summer and Christmas. The discipleship groups are designed to be the first port of call for pastoral care should any issue arise. The delegation of pastoral care is designated to the discipleship group leader who will then manage the matter within the group itself. Should it be a more urgent or serious matter, the discipleship group leader will escalate it to the pastor of pastoral care, who will then put the appropriate measures in place. During the first part of 2026 a new daytime group was launched, allowing for greater access for people who cannot attend an evening group. This is facilitated by the associate pastor.

Pastoral Care – Hope church endeavours to continually care for the people who choose to come under its covering. The first stage of care is through the engagement of a local discipleship group. The leadership of the church passionately believe in finding a place to belong to one of these small communities of the church family. However, the team recognise that not everybody will desire to be a part of a small group for whatever reason. In this instance pastoral care would come from a central team should a matter arise. Visitation of the sick, the giving of gifts, for various occasions including sickness, bereavement, and special celebrations - telephone calls and in person meetings - via an appointment system - are all expressions of pastoral care at Hope Church.
During the year pastoral care has continued to develop well and is in a strong position. The team have defined roles and follow strict reporting systems in line with current GDPR guidelines. Policies are in place for visits and gifts. The Bereavement Journey – a seven week journey helping people navigate grief was delivered once again this year. There were 7 participants in total who benefitted from this course. There is another course planned for 2026/2027.

Hope Missions – Hope Church has a strong emphasis on mission be it local, national or international. In October the church holds an annual missions conference. This is designed to educate and raise awareness of the current needs at home and abroad. However, due to staff sickness this year's conference had to be cancelled. Hope Church currently supports the following organisations with prayer and monthly financial donations:

- One by One
- World of Worth
- HAS Missions
- Back to Jerusalem UK
- Gospel Ministries
- Turkana Well Project – Nairobi Kenya
- Venco Nakov - Macedonia
- Local Community Fund
- Rotherham Foodbank

Turkana Well – 'Living Water' Project - In May 2025 two of the Hope Church Rotherham pastor's visited Lodwar Nairobi (Kenya) to witness the completion and commissioning of the 'Living Water' well project. We are pleased to confirm that the people of this region can now access safe clean water. The completed project came in at £22,800. However, another contribution of £950.00 was donated towards the installation of some compound security fencing to deter vandalism. Surplus donations raised for the project but not used were given to the Turkana feeding project, which Hope Church supports on a monthly basis in the region. This is a project that supports the supply of school meals so that the children can attend school.

Men of Hope – The men's ministry of Hope church includes social and more formal activities. In the last year, the men of hope have enjoyed various events ranging from breakfasts, teaching and discussion events, snooker competitions and crazy golf.

Women of Hope – The women's ministry of Hope church meet several times per year. The gatherings consist of coffee mornings, afternoon tea events along with more formal gatherings. In November 2025 the ladies held a successful Christmas wreath making event which attracted over 38 people including guests from the community.

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Significant Activities - continued

Resource Team – This team meet regularly to discuss and look at implementing resources to help and equip the church. Welcome bags and first steps literature are among the items sourced and produced by this team.

Training & Development – Hope church have benefitted from hosting a range of courses to help people explore the Christian faith and also learn and grow as a follower of Christ. Courses offered included:

- Hope: Engage – Alpha (6 attendees)
- Hope: Engage – Church membership (20 new members)
- Hope: Engage – Church social night quiz (39 attendees)
- Hope: Engage – Basic Introduction to Christianity (16 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – The Bereavement Journey (7 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Training night with Dr John Andrews (80 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – Apologetics – 'Questions of the faith' (17 attendees)
- Hope: Equip – The Bible Book Club (12 attendees per month)
- Hope: Equip – Leadership training (All department leaders)
- Quiet Retreat time ' The Cross of Christ' – (13 attendees)

The courses will be repeated periodically and new courses will be introduced moving into 2026-2027

Events – The Church has held or attended a number of events over the year. These included:

- Hope Church Volunteer 'thank you' evening – This was a free event held at the Holiday Inn Rotherham which included a sit down meal and barn dance. Everyone appreciated the evening. (82 attendees)
- Spring Harvest – Skegness (24 attendees)
- Hope Church Christmas Party (96 attendees)
- Church Christmas service – 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

Rotherham Foodbank – Rotherham foodbank continues to serve the local community through the distribution of food parcels based on a referral basis from recognised agencies. When clients come to site there is also an opportunity for them to be signposted to other services such as debt advice, health care, and other relevant agencies. Rotherham foodbank distributed 2897 food parcels in the period. The breakdown of parcels distributed was 2250 adults and 647 children we are grateful for the work and service of all our volunteers who make this valuable service possible each week. Continued partnership working includes engaging with agencies such as Citizen's Advice Rotherham, Trussell, Tesco and Asda to name a few. The 'Good News' team continues to offer pastoral support, prayer and information relating to the Christian faith.

Christians Against Poverty – The debt relief centre manager retired in September 2025. We would like to put on record our thanks for all of her years of service and fruitfulness within the role. Many people have been lifted out of debt because of this important ministry role. However, it was decided not to fill the position but rather close the CAP Centre and refer debt advice to Citizen's Advice Rotherham who are also one of our partner agencies. Hope Church continues to financially contribute to Christians Against poverty and pay a monthly fee in accordance with the agreement. This expires after twelve months on the notice period of terminating the contract.

Schools Work – Hope church has been working with local schools in Rotherham, undertaking assemblies, RE education, holiday clubs and afterschool clubs. The partnership with the schools has increased and strengthened over the years. The contract and funding for the HAF summer clubs has been in conjunction with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. All projects have been successfully completed this year including an Easter club, summer club and after school clubs hosted by the youth of Hope Church Rotherham.

Evangelism Team – The evangelism team meet in Rotherham town centre on the second Saturday of each month. The team handout literature and crafts whilst having informal chats with the public of Rotherham exploring faith questions.

Public Benefit

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. From Hope Centre, the church and projects are better able to benefit the whole public of Rotherham. The trustees are happy that Hope Church more than meet the public benefit requirements as laid out in the significant activities section of this report.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional Note

Local Partnerships

The Church is affiliated with Assemblies of God and takes part in area-wide events such as local hub and area meetings along with special events, such as training days and the AoG national conference. There is also a Rotherham wide minister's interdenominational lunch once per month that the senior pastor attends.

Financial Review

Financial Position

The Church's financial records are updated on a regular basis. All the normal secure counting and banking procedures are followed. Hope Church have several bank accounts at two banks. Each account relates to a particular purpose.

Over this last year the financial policies have been reviewed and new policies and controls have been developed to mitigate any areas of risk.

In accordance with the governing SORP a Statement of Financial Activity has been produced. Also tangible assets are recorded in a Balance Sheet and depreciated where appropriate on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to have a sum set aside that will cover three months payments of salary, rent and insurance. The trustees are pleased to report that this has now been achieved and is currently in reserve for this purpose.

Additional Note

CIO

On the 15th January 2024 Hope church was formally registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

On the 31 March 2024, Hope Church Charity 1069689 transferred its assets to this new Charity 1206546.

The charity 1069689 will remain open for the foreseeable to collect legacy donations which are transferred to the new charity on a quarterly basis.

Risk management

The trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charity. The types of risks the charity faces are periodically identified reviewed and prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence.

The appropriateness and adequacy of internal controls and identification of any further actions required to mitigate key risks identified are also part of the overall risk management process.

Building Update

The church continue to meet at Clifton School in Rotherham on Sundays and various other sites around the town for the midweek events. In the early part of 2026 Rotherham Council rejected the change of use for Reresby House which put a pause on the purchase. An appeal was launched and to date we are still waiting on the outcome and decision of the independent adjudicator. The owner of the property consequently put the building up for auction which sold in April 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Hope Church Rotherham (hereafter referred to as the Church) is affiliated to the British Assemblies of God (AoG), and is constituted as a trust using the model deed negotiated centrally by the AoG for its churches. This was adopted on 20th September 2023 and recognises the greater role of the Church in social action.

The Church is organised under the Senior Pastor, Paul Morris, along with the team of elders.

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Governing Document - continued

The church and it's leadership engage with AoG local and national events throughout the year.

Trustee Selection Methods

The Church actively seeks new Trustees. Considerations for future candidates to be Church Trustees are based around their expertise and vision and values when it comes to serving the house at Hope Church Rotherham.

Additional Note

The Trustees are responsible for deciding policy and ensuring that it is implemented. They meet at least five times a year as a full board, and they have established a number of committees which they attend throughout the year. Day to day management is delegated to the Senior Pastor, Paul Morris, alongside the secretary/treasurer, Matthew Key. They are responsible for carrying out the decisions of trustees and for working with the Charity's professional advisors.

Other than as noted below, the trustees give of their time freely and do not receive any pay, emoluments or other financial benefit. Whilst the trustees are not paid for their time they can claim expenses, details of which are disclosed in the accounts.

Details of other remuneration paid to Paul Morris as Senior Pastor and as permitted by the charity constitution are given in the notes to the accounts.

In planning our activities for the year the trustees have read and had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

H Lambert
Mr P Morris
Mr P Shaw
Mr B Eastwood
Mr A Harris

Other Personnel

Matthew Key - Secretary and Treasurer

Charity Number

1206546

Principal Address

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Independent Examiner

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Other Information

Average Number of full-time employee equivalents in the year

This includes:

Two full-time & six part-time staff

Senior Pastor – Full-time
Associate Pastor – Part-time
Finance & Administration manager – Full-time
Community Pastor – Part-time
Pastor of Pastoral Care – Part-time
Training & Development Pastor – Part-time
Foodbank Administrator x1 – Part-time
CAP Debt Centre Manager – Part-time

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

H. Lambert

H Lambert

Trustee
12 October 2026

Hope Church Rotherham
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Church Rotherham
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Church Rotherham (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

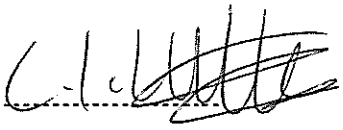
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.



Christopher Walters
Date 4/11/26
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Hope Church Rotherham
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31 March 2026 Total funds	31 March 2025 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	194,236	75,925	270,161	282,782
Charitable activities:					
Hope Church		6,853	77,853	84,706	105,936
Investments	4	9,477	-	9,477	11,354
		210,566	153,778	364,344	400,072
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Hope Church		(208,882)	(148,224)	(357,106)	(354,822)
NET INCOME		1,684	5,554	7,238	45,250
Transfers between funds	16	4,654	(4,654)	-	-
Other gains		-	-	-	424,857
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		6,338	900	7,238	470,107
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		281,204	188,903	470,107	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	287,542	189,803	477,345	470,107

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Hope Church Rotherham
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31 March 2025 Total funds
		£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	164,900	117,882	282,782
Charitable activities:				
Hope Church		24,310	81,626	105,936
Investments	4	11,354	-	11,354
		200,564	199,508	400,072
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:	6			
Hope Church		(217,446)	(137,376)	(354,822)
NET INCOME		(16,882)	62,132	45,250
Transfers between funds	16	2,607	(2,607)	-
Other gains		295,479	129,378	424,857
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		281,204	188,903	470,107
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	281,204	188,903	470,107

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Hope Church Rotherham
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31 March 2026 Total funds	31 March 2025 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	**12**	142	2,994	3,136	6,270
		142	2,994	3,136	6,270
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	**13**	1	2,894	2,895	2,000
Cash at bank and in hand		289,499	194,119	483,618	464,837
		289,500	197,013	486,513	466,837
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	**14**	(2,100)	(10,204)	(12,304)	(3,000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		287,400	186,809	474,209	463,837
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		287,542	189,803	477,345	470,107
NET ASSETS		287,542	189,803	477,345	470,107
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				189,803	188,903
Unrestricted Funds				287,542	281,204
TOTAL FUNDS	**16**			477,345	470,107

On behalf of the board

H. Lambert

H Lambert

Trustee
12 October 2026

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1. General Information

Hope Church Rotherham is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1206546. The principal address is Office 12, Bizspace, Bowbridge Close, Bradmarsh Business Park, Rotherham, S60 1BY.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

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

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.3. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

2.4. Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods - Foodbank

The costs involved in undertaking the valuation of donated stock outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and to the charity of having this financial information. No value is ascribed to these goods in incoming and outgoing resources.

2.5. Resources Expended

Resources expended are included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the reporting accountants fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Support costs are those costs not directly allocated to an activity of the Charity but support those activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	3-4 years straight line

2.7. Pensions

The charity operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2.8. **Transfer from Hope Church Rotherham (1069689)**

In the 2025 year, included in the SOFA as 'Other gains' is the transfer of funds on 31 March 2024 from the charity Hope Church Rotherham (1069689).

Further transfers from that charity have been received in the current year and are also shown as 'other gains'.

3. **Income from Donations and Legacies**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2026 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	194,236	75,925	270,161

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2025 Total funds £
Donations and gifts	164,900	117,882	282,782

4. **Investment Income**

	31 March 2026 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2025 Unrestricted funds £
Bank interest receivable	9,477	11,354

5. **Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	3,134	3,326

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	31 March 2026 Total
	£	£	£	£
Hope Church	64,699	21,802	270,605	357,106

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	31 March 2025 Total
	£	£	£	£
Hope Church	89,495	14,908	250,419	354,822

7. Grants Payable

	31 March 2026 Grants to Institutions	31 March 2025 Grants to Institutions
	£	£
Hope Church	21,802	14,908

Grants paid to institutions, included above, are as follows:

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
One by One	(1,300)	(1,200)
Gospel Ministries	(2,450)	(1,800)
Turkana Feeding Project	(3,400)	(1,800)
B2JUK	(6,895)	(1,800)
World of Worth	(1,300)	(1,350)
HAS Missions	(650)	(600)
V Nakov Macedonia	(1,800)	(1,200)
Open Doors	(3,407)	(2,672)
Herringthorpe URC	-	(300)
S Jenkins - Albania	-	(500)
Hope Church Rotherham (to cover its post cessation expenses)	-	(1,686)
Rotherham Elim	(100)	-
V Doyle (Missionary)	(250)	-
M&M Lees (Missionaries)	(250)	-
	(21,802)	(14,908)

8. **Support Costs**

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	Hope Church	Hope Church
	£	£
Employee costs	138,794	150,635
Premises expenses	60,521	54,592
General administration	68,156	41,866
Depreciation	3,134	3,326
	270,605	250,419

9. **Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	2,100	3,000

The Independent Examination fees disclosed above includes the compilation of the Annual Report and financial statements of this Charity, and, in the previous year, of the previous unincorporated charity (Registered charity : 1069689).

10. **Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	130,866	132,387
Social security costs	3,123	4,038
Other pension costs	2,014	1,967
	136,003	138,392

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

11. **Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 8 (2025: 8)

12. **Tangible Assets**

	Plant & Machinery
	£
Cost	
As at 1 April 2025	9,596
As at 31 March 2026	9,596
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2025	3,326
Provided during the period	3,134
As at 31 March 2026	6,460

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Net Book Value	
As at 31 March 2026	3,136
As at 1 April 2025	6,270

13. **Debtors**

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	2,895	2,000

14. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
Other creditors	10,204	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,100	3,000
	12,304	3,000

15. **Pension Commitments**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £2,014 (2025: £1,967).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

16. **Movement in Funds**

	As at 1 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	281,204	210,566	(208,882)	4,654	287,542
Restricted funds					
Rotherham Food Bank	64,226	64,316	(57,463)	1,110	72,189
Financial Inclusion Funding	20,426	10,653	(29,192)	-	1,887
Christians Against Poverty - Rotherham Debt Centre	926	-	(873)	647	700
Hope Church Community	27,081	1,476	(1,237)	-	27,320
Hope Church Missions	5,719	8,600	(8,852)	(1,610)	3,857
Hope Church Building Fund	35,240	42,421	(33,237)	-	44,424

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Vision	35,285	3,467	(9,233)	-	29,519
Tackling Destitution Together fund	-	22,845	(8,137)	(4,801)	9,907
Total restricted funds	188,903	153,778	(148,224)	(4,654)	189,803
Total funds	470,107	364,344	(357,106)	-	477,345

	As at 15 January 2024	Net movement in funds	Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	-	278,597	2,607	281,204
Restricted funds				
Rotherham Food Bank	-	66,702	(2,476)	64,226
Financial Inclusion Funding	-	20,426	-	20,426
Christians Against Poverty - Rotherham Debt Centre	-	926	-	926
Hope Church Community	-	27,789	(708)	27,081
Hope Church Missions	-	5,142	577	5,719
Hope Church Building Fund	-	35,240	-	35,240
Vision	-	35,285	-	35,285
Total restricted funds	-	191,510	(2,607)	188,903
Total funds	-	470,107	-	470,107

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Net movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	200,564	(217,446)	295,479	278,597
Restricted funds				
Rotherham Food Bank	55,687	(69,134)	80,149	66,702
Financial Inclusion Funding	39,414	(37,755)	18,767	20,426
Christians Against Poverty - Rotherham Debt Centre	100	(344)	1,170	926
Hope Church Community	27,128	(12,888)	13,549	27,789
Hope Church Missions	16,695	(16,905)	5,352	5,142

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Hope Church Building Fund	35,590	(350)	-	35,240
Vision	24,894	-	10,391	35,285
Total restricted funds	199,508	(137,376)	129,378	191,510
Total funds	400,072	(354,822)	424,857	470,107

Rotherham Foodbank - The Foodbank provides emergency food and support to people in crisis in Rotherham and has a vision to ensure that no-one in Rotherham has to go hungry, with a particular emphasis on tackling child poverty within the borough.

Financial Inclusion Funding - This is a three year project (commenced 2022) in partnership with the Trussell Trust and the Citizens Advice bureau. The fund allows clients accessing the Rotherham foodbank, to have direct onsite contact with an advisor, gathering relevant advice and support to sign post them to the appropriate agencies and support networks. The partnership also allows clients to have contact with an online advisor if preferred to the in person offer.

Christians Against Poverty - The Rotherham Debt Centre manager will be retiring in September 2025. There are no plans to fill this position. It is anticipated that the partnership will formally end with Christians Against Poverty twelve months after September 2025 as per the terms and conditions
of the formal agreement.

Hope Church Community - This fund is for designated community activities including but not exclusive to school holiday clubs, parent and toddler groups and community events. Income generated is usually through grant applications.

Hope Church Missions - The Missions fund incorporates all income and expenditure related to local, national and international projects that Hope Church Rotherham CIO support throughout the year.

Hope Church Building Fund - It was agreed by the trustees to keep this fund open to hold income generated for the prospective new building for Hope Church. This would continue to hold funds for a building deposit, legal fees and general expenses applicable to purchasing a new building for Hope Church.

Vision - these are periodical offerings taken to support particular aspects of the work and vision of Hope Church. These funds were raised through the donations of the church members.

Tackling Destitution Together fund - The long-term aim of the Tackling Destitution Together project is to drive down levels of destitution by ensuring people in, or at risk of, destitution can access the right support at the right time and consequently end the need for food parcels.
By working in partnership at both national and local levels with Trussell, Citizens Advice, Local Citizens Advice and local Foodbank strengths our resources and signifies our joint desire to work towards the following specific project aims:
1. To prevent people from falling into destitution.
2. To support people who fall into destitution to move out again swiftly.
3. To stand alongside those who are trapped in destitution long term.

Transfers between funds are internal contributions made towards fund overheads.

17. Transactions with Trustees

The following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	31 March 2026 Total
		£	£
Mr P Morris	Governing document provision	43,706	43,706

During the previous year the following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or a related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	31 March 2025 Total
		£	£
Mr P Morris	Governing document provision	42,701	42,701

As permitted by its constitution, the Church paid remuneration and reimbursed expenses to Paul Morris in his role as Senior Pastor.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

18. **Related Party Disclosures**

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £76,209 (2025: £71,707)

In the year, the charity employed Victoria Morris, who is related to a trustee. The total remuneration paid in the year was £12,743 (2025 £12,450).

The charity donated £6,895 to B2JUK in the year. The UK director of this charity is the daughter of Paul Morris.

The total of all donations received from trustees in the year was £37,634 (2025 £36,863).

Hope Church Rotherham
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	31 March 2026 Total funds £	31 March 2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	270,161	282,782
	270,161	282,782
Charitable Activities:		
Hope Church		
Income from charitable activities	28,079	46,181
Grants	56,627	59,755
	84,706	105,936
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	9,477	11,354
	9,477	11,354
	364,344	400,072
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Hope Church		
Purchases	(64,699)	(89,495)
Grants to institutions	(21,802)	(14,908)
Wages and salaries	(87,160)	(89,686)
Employers NI	(3,123)	(4,038)
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(2,014)	(1,967)
Trustees' salaries	(43,706)	(42,701)
Travel expenses	(2,791)	(12,243)
Rent	(56,938)	(51,841)
Light and heat	(3,583)	(2,751)
Hire and leasing of computer and other equipment	(1,762)	(1,011)
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	(1,461)	(3,543)
Printing, postage and stationery	(1,169)	(1,806)
Telecommunications and data costs	(1,681)	(2,589)
Independent examiner's fees	(2,100)	(3,000)
Professional fees	(48,797)	(18,663)
Bank charges	(64)	(33)
Sundry expenses	(11,122)	(11,080)
Sundry - other	-	(141)
Depreciation	(3,134)	(3,326)
	(357,106)	(354,822)
	(357,106)	(354,822)
NET INCOME	7,238	45,250