

# HOPE CHRISTIAN TRUST

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IN THE LANDS  
OF THE BIBLE**



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**ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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### **Glossary of abbreviations used in this report:**

<b>"BBC"</b>	Bethlehem Bible College
<b>"HES"</b>	Hebron Evangelical School
<b>"the Trust"</b>	Hope Christian Trust
<b>"TLS"</b>	The Lighthouse School
<b>"TSS"</b>	The Shepherd Society
<b>"ZAB"</b>	Zababdeh Ministries (formerly Tabitha)

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have chosen to produce these financial statements on the Receipts & Payments basis as permitted in Section 133(1) of the Charities Act 2011 to accord with best practice examples produced by the Charity Commission and to comply with the charity's trust deed.

### **Objects and activities for the public benefit:**

The purpose of the Trust is to support communities in the lands of the Bible by helping to relieve poverty, encouraging the development of community life, supporting the provision of education and aiding the infirm and disadvantaged. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the policy for support activities for the year.

The Trust develops its supportive works for the public benefit, which are currently directed mainly towards Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (the West Bank and Gaza) through its policies which aim to:

1. Assist in the development of Christian ministry in the lands of the Bible, particularly through the ministry of Bethlehem Bible College.
2. Support students (primarily but not exclusively Palestinian) at various levels of education ranging from pre-school to Doctorate level, all in the furtherance of their general education and, for some, in the provision of theological education in the Christian faith. The Trust provides and encourages teacher training, helps to provide educational equipment and support for schools and centres in Bethlehem, Hebron, the Northern West Bank (in the Zababdeh area) and in Gaza. It funds and supports teachers and staff working in these schools and visiting educationalists giving support and professional training.
3. Provide relief to the poor, infirm and disadvantaged. It supports projects to show love and care for families and children with disabilities and those who have special educational needs, who are often marginalised in their communities. The Trust has also provided occasional assistance in the provision of medical equipment and help with the expenses of medical care.
4. Encourage the development of communities in the area by assisting with the provision of a variety of facilities and resources.

The Trust carries out these activities through its varied ministries which might represent standalone supportive projects or ones that are commenced alongside other established charitable bodies from the UK and local NGOs. No formal agreement is put in place with these other parties and the Trust does not enter any formal commitment to provide ongoing support for the work of any of its ministries. The

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ministries are merely administrative divisions within the Trust; they are not separately established charities nor are they incorporated.

The Trust's income is generated from:

- Appeals made by the trustees to grant-making bodies.
- Appeals to the public through talks given at public meetings and churches
- Contact with persons and/or bodies who are known to be supportive of the Trust's activities.

In all of these appeals the prospective donors are made aware of the purpose of the fundraising and given an outline of how it will be used to help those in need.

## Policy for provision of support

The work of the Trust in providing support to its ministries falls into two separate segments:

- Receipt and distribution of new and established/ongoing donations for longstanding ministries, such as the Bethlehem Bible College, the Lighthouse School, etc.
- Assistance using general donations received by the Trust to assist other ministries or people that have an immediate need for support in a single element of their work.

The Trust has been working in the "lands of the Bible" for over thirty years and has established a network of trusted local associates in their respective areas together with contacts at many established charitable organisations who work in the corresponding localities. With this wide source of information, the Trust is made aware of situations that might be within its scope to provide assistance.

Upon receipt of the advice of need the trustees gather information as to the extent of the requirement, its viability (if relevant), sustainability and the background of the recipient(s). Following a meeting of trustees to consider the application in principle, a visit is made by one or more of the trustees or by a local established associate of the Trust to gather sufficient detail regarding the requirement for the trustees to assess the need, the integrity of the project and the Trust's ability to assist.

The Trust is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance that donations should be made only to registered charities but in view of the areas in which their work is focused, this cannot always be relevant. The trustees have discussed this issue and consider that their research in advance into the proposed beneficiaries and the procedures to endeavour to ensure that the gifts reach the expected recipient(s) are adequate and there is a transparent audit trail.

## The main ministries that the Trust supports

**Bethlehem Bible College ("BBC"):** A major part of the Trust's time and resources is expended in supporting BBC.

The Trust helps students with both their welfare and training at the inter-denominational Bethlehem Bible College and the development of theological education, both in Bethlehem and in the college's study centre in Gaza. The principal centre of BBC is a Christian college located in Bethlehem, within the territory of the West Bank. It was founded in 1979 by local Arabs (when the Trust's connection was first established), to offer high-quality theological education and train Christian leaders for service in both the local churches and the local community. It aims to strengthen and revive the Christian community and support the local Christians in the Holy Land to try to combat the escalating Christian exodus.

Responding to a growing need for theological training for Arabic speaking Christian servant-leaders for churches and society within Israel, BBC extended its program to an additional campus in Northern Israel. Galilee Bible College, in Nazareth, was thus formed in 2007 and extends BBC's mission of training Christian leaders throughout the Holy Land. This College is steadily growing in independence of the Bethlehem campus.

With the support and encouragement of Rev. John Angle (a founding trustee of Hope Christian Trust), the BBC has further developed its teaching ministry in Gaza. Until the recent problems arose in that area, students from Gaza came to study at the Bethlehem campus, and lecturers visited and held classes in Gaza. All this had to stop, but Christians in Gaza asked the BBC to continue to help them develop their Biblical and theological understanding. BBC, through the efforts and support of the Trust, has enabled Gazans to study for the College's M.A., B.A and

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Diploma programmes, through visiting international lecturers and through distance and/or on-line learning.

The Trust continues to receive donations for the support of BBC as a result of appeals made and from regular donors. Usually, talks are given to interested groups by the trustees and these have generated further gifts, but this has not been possible in the year under review current year due to Covid 19 restrictions. The College has asked that the Trust continues to hold monies given for its work until it requests their transfer to Bethlehem.

**Hebron Evangelical School: ("HES")** is a long-established school in this large conurbation south of Jerusalem, providing a high standard of academic and social education for children from economically challenged families. There are currently approximately 300 students, between 4 and 12 years old who are taught English from an early stage. There are about 20 boarders at the school. The school has a long waiting list. Boarders return home to visit their parents at weekends and during school holidays.

Most students come from very poor homes affected by health problems, bereavement or the ongoing problems associated with the sporadic conflict in the land.

A rapidly growing deaf unit has been a focus of support in previous years for the Trust and offers special training for students with hearing impairment. The school aims to reintegrate children into mainstream education as soon as possible.

The Trust provides some support mainly from its general funds and from some regular donations.

**The Lighthouse School: ("TLS")** A 250 strong primary/elementary school (including a kindergarten) in the poor Zeitun district of Gaza City, founded in 2005. In recent years, much of the Trust's support has been directed towards the fabric of the school but in the last two years the Trust has been largely involved in supporting the costs of educational provision. In 2017, a benefactor approached the Trust to establish, with their help, a specific Resilience Fund to help with periods of weak cashflow at the school. Both educational materials and funding are hard to come by but the school endeavours to reach out to support the deprived families in the area by giving children a good education and also some humanitarian support.

The Trust has continued to provide support for teacher training and has helped with the establishment of a professional development programme aided by visiting educationalists from the U.K. This has been limited during the year under review due to Covid 19 restrictions, but financial support and some Zoom training opportunities have been given.

**The Shepherd Society ("TSS"):** The "caring arm" of Bethlehem Bible College helping needy families mainly in the Bethlehem area but also in Gaza.

More recently, it has provided aid for Syrian refugees who have fled the fighting and are now in camps in Jordan. In addition, the Shepherd Society is endeavouring to provide aid into Gaza, where the need is huge. The Trust has regular donors to the Society and passes on support from churches, charities and other benefactors in the UK. Special efforts to encourage support have been made during the year to help a particularly serious problem in the Bethlehem area arising from the Covid 19 pandemic.

**Zababdeh Ministries ("ZAB"):** Zababdeh is a large village in the northern part of the West Bank. A Community Centre was initially established by the Dutch charity Tabitha Ministries, based upon an initiative of Rev. Dr. Atallah Esawi who is a native of the area. He sought to support the Christian community living in the northern part of the West Bank and to work together with the local Imam.

The Centre provides a day nursery for children of up to six years of age, various "camps" for older children and a meeting place for all local children and women. A guest house facility is in course of construction to provide 11 letting rooms on the upper floor. This should provide additional income to support its work that extends wider afield through its support for the unemployed and help for families in need by providing food parcels and contributing towards

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medical and educational costs as well as utility bills. The Trust provides assistance for these activities and has previously raised funds for such items as air conditioning, playground equipment and a water pump, as well as various refurbishments of the building. Although the day care facility has continued (albeit with lockdown breaks due to Covid19) other activities have been seriously curtailed.

The Trust has generated grants from charitable organisations and raised monies by appeal to assist financially with the construction and ongoing running costs of the Centre. The funds raised are held in a restricted fund until the monies are requested by the local management of the Centre.

In previous years the Trust has given some small specific financial support to **Aboud Evangelical School**. The Trust has not actively raised support but has been a channel for support from the UK to **The House of Hope in Bethlehem** and to some other Christian ministries in the land (e.g., **Planting and Seed Ministry near Bethlehem** and **Ahli Hospital in Gaza**) During the year **Love into Action** in Bethlehem, due to visa problems, have moved their activities to Jordan and future decisions as to the Trust's involvement have yet to be made in their new situation. It has not been possible this year to visit these projects and no specific support has been given due to Covid 19 restrictions.

## **Achievements and performance:**

With the widespread location of the trustees within the UK, meetings often take the form of conference calls or electronic messaging. There have been three formal meetings on Zoom during the year and several occasions where Trustees discussed informally issues relating to the Trust. Regular reports on visits to the area by Trustees were circulated for information and comment. Two prayer/information letters were circulated to Trust supporters during the year and monthly reports were sent to all those supporting Bethlehem Bible College and the Shepherd Society in the UK. Trustees during the year received updates/reports on various ministry projects and discussed how best they can offer support to those in which they have been involved on a long-term basis. Much discussion has taken place around the revision of the Trust's policy documents to bring them up to date and align procedures with current Charity Commission guidance. However, the main topic in the year under review has been the significant impact of the local conflict upon their established projects (the Bethlehem Bible College and the Lighthouse School). Volatility in the Middle East continued to escalate, and the trustees remain cognisant of the risks involved in travel and working in this part of the world, which has not been possible in the year under review due to the covid pandemic. Trustees endeavour to keep up to date with all developments through regular contact with reliable local sources and other Christian organisations but they have not been able to travel to the area through the period of this report.

During 2020 the Trustees carefully considered the future of the Trust having concluded that within the next two years the aspects of the Trust which involved Bethlehem Bible College and the Shepherd Society should be transferred to a new Trust, to be called the Bethlehem Development Trust registered with the Charity Commission. Specific support for these two ministries will, in due course, be removed from the objectives of HCT. Detailed documents have been prepared for evaluation and discussions took place with the College Board. This is an ongoing discussion which hopefully with full agreement of all parties will be satisfactorily resolved. Unfortunately, progress has been slow in bringing this to a satisfactory conclusion, but it is confidently hoped that these transitions will take place by the end of 2021. This will result in the transfer of all activities involving the College in Bethlehem and the Shepherd Society being transferred to a new trust, independent of Hope Christian Trust giving rise to a slimming down of the fund raising and supportive activities of the Trust. This is regarded unanimously as a prudent and beneficial move by the Trustees looking towards the future and should assist succession planning.

Applications were successfully made to several charities and trusts both in the UK, USA and Europe for funds. HCT has produced leaflets about its work and continued to develop its website. An information sheet is now produced regularly to keep supporters up to date and encourage prayerful and practical support.

A trustee was involved in the Planning Committee for the next Christ at the Checkpoint Conference, organized by Bethlehem Bible College, was to be held in but, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this has provisionally been postponed until 2022.

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In the summer of 2012 several Christians in Gaza asked Bethlehem Bible College to re-establish a programme of theological and general education in Gaza; courses had stopped several years ago due to severe travel restrictions following fighting. Several courses were held in Gaza during the academic year 2012-2013. A programme of study at BA and MA level was established and at the beginning of the Autumn Semester 2013 three students continued to study at BA level and eight students began a three-year MA. One such course is very relevant to the area - discussion of reconciliation and conflict resolution. Other courses were also established and one of the trustees of the Trust has acted as Director of the Gaza Study Centre in addition to teaching some of the modules. Due to the precarious environment for students and teachers, the Trust has supported BBC with others in setting up an e-learning programme. There has been continued education sustained by the Trust during the year under review and three courses on Zoom have been taught.

Development of the Bible College Extension in Gaza has been fraught. BBC Palestinian lecturers cannot get permission to travel into Gaza and it is left to qualified teachers who have international status to seek permission to enter through Israel to teach. The possibility of entry through Rafah and travel through the Sinai as an alternative route of entry is currently extremely dangerous. Nevertheless, the Trust has continued to receive donations for the support of students at BBC (and TSS).

The establishment of a teaching extension programme in Gaza has progressed and HCT has been involved in its planning and organisation. In addition, the Trust has raised the necessary funds for a rolling programme of study planned for the next three years to attain BBC Diploma, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts programmes. This has incurred extra expense for the Trust for visits and the establishment of Skype/video conferencing facilities to enable the continued participation of the trustees in the programme.

For some time, much of the population of Bethlehem has lived below the established poverty line. As a result, Bethlehem Bible College established the Shepherd Society as its "caring arm" that supports those in need both in the Bethlehem area and in Gaza. In March 2016, the Society received an award for providing the most support to Christian and Muslim families in the district. Gifts generated by fundraising by the Trust for TSS have been used for:

- Revolving loans to help families to start their own businesses.
- Family sponsorship – currently 75 families are supported with this sponsorship (25% from U.K.)
- Support with utility costs by clearing outstanding bills to prevent cutting-off of supplies.
- Assistance with children's education – TSS has helped to keep over 600 children in area schools.
- In addition, some donations were received to enable gifts to be sent to support Christians in war-torn Syria (this was separate from the Trust's Syrian Refugee Appeal).

TSS has been particularly active during the Covid 19 pandemic and the Trust has raised financial support to help

The Trust has been involved since the inception of the Family Centre in Zababdeh which has been a joint (non-contractual) project between the Trust and the Dutch Christian organisation known as the Tabitha Ministries. Funding has been provided by way of gift and loan, for the development of a new building to provide a community centre including a conference centre, guest house facilities and base for local clubs, societies, etc.

In previous financial years the trustees considered a longer-term plan for continued support of ministries in the Lands of the Bible but with the continuing volatility in the areas where the Trust works this has caused support to be more reactionary in its nature. It is hoped that a solution can be found to the conflicts and strife so that the Trust can resume its longer-term plans for the support of overseas ministries.

In all these supportive activities, there is oversight by the trustees who, in their overseas visits, can be reassured those funds provided by the Trust have been used appropriately and the various projects in which they are involved are sustainable.

## **Financial Report:**

During the year under review the Trustees undertook a review of the many Restricted Funds that are administered by the Trust. Part of this review sought to change the names of the funds to better indicate their purposes and part sought to group together some funds where there was a common beneficiary,

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for example there were four BBC funds, two of which relate to projects terminated by the College. As the donors were happy to continue giving to the College these funds were amalgamated into the BBC General Fund. A similar situation arose with TSS.

Where monies are held for established specific ministries they are recorded in the respective restricted fund and they are held as part of the bank balances at either Lloyds Bank or NatWest Bank. The trustees strive to maintain the balances on these accounts within the level of protection afforded by the FSCS so that the Trust's resources are protected by this government scheme.

The work of the Trust has been severely hampered in the year under review by the pandemic and by the re-igniting of the conflict in the Holy Lands. This has made it impossible for the couriers to circulate and make the distributions that so many of the beneficiaries depend upon. It has also been seen to have impacted upon the banking system for many so that where possible giving to the needy has to be made through the Moneygram network. In these instances the trustees have been sure to obtain email receipts from the beneficiaries to ensure that the money has reached its intended destination.

The operation of the Trust is simple in that donations received for any specified purpose are accumulated in Restricted Funds thereby establishing a limit as to how much can be given away. The Trust's General (unrestricted) Fund exists to finance its operating costs and any general donations that it might seek to make.

During the year under review the Trust received donations of £7,470.06 for its General Fund whereas in the previous financial year, when six significant one-off donations were received, the total was £12,491.72.

The accounts show £8,602.87 being received from tax recovery for Gift Aided donations in the year ended 31.3.2021 whereas £193.37 was received in the previous year. The total amount was initially included in Designated Funds until the fund allocation was verified and was later distributed by transfer to the relevant fund.

Despite the difficulties of distribution to beneficiaries, the trustees continued their fundraising efforts so that the income for restricted funds increased from £90,063.42 (y/e 31.3.2020) to £116,134.49 and total monies received rose from £102,555.14 to £130,524.37, an increase of 27%.

Distributions were made during the year to beneficiaries where the recipients either had established bank accounts or where Moneygram payments could be made (this system ensures that beneficiaries provide adequate ID before the monies are released). The total payments made by the Trust during the year rose to £83,414.02 from £75,973.22 (y/e 31.3.2020). Of the distributions from General Fund totalling £12,511.32 this was expended as follows:

- £335 to support families suffering with Covid19.
- £1,000 to support the Hearing-Impaired Unit at Hebron school.
- £7,883 to assist with the rebuilding of Zababdeh Community Centre.
- £2,257 to help support Rev. Esawi in his outreach ministry at Zababdeh.
- £38 for stationery supplies.
- £629 for postage incurred.
- £104 for bank charges (less £21.00 recovered from a Restricted Fund)
- £36 to renew the website domain address.
- £250 notional donation to assist with the purchase of a new computer for a volunteer to administer the accounts.

Total funds held by the Trust rose to £181,932.71 from £134,822.36 (y/e 31.3.2020). Of this total at the end of the year under review £126,998.47 (£73,927.26 at y/e 31.3.2020) relates to the balances held on the various restricted funds whilst the Trust has maintained its General Reserve (Designated Fund) of £50,006.56. This, together with the balance on the General Fund of £4,927.68, is considered by the trustees to provide adequate liquidity for its foreseeable needs and possible emergency situations.

The need to make use of bank and Moneygram transfers caused an increase in bank charges from £59.80 to £251.00 across all funds.

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The Trust continues to receive some income in US dollars and whilst this is conveniently transferred into its US\$ account, the extreme fluctuations of exchange rates during the year under review gave rise to a net loss of £1,064.64.

With the limitations on travel imposed by both Covid19 and the conflict in the Holy Lands, the trustees made no trips abroad. Travel undertaken by them in the UK was met from their own resources.

## **Risk Review:**

The trustees are cognisant of the risk associated with working in a politically unstable area such as Bethlehem and the West Bank. The work of the charity is constantly kept under review in the light of the volatile situation in this area. Being alert to these potential problems, the Trust takes steps to mitigate perceived risks wherever possible both to monies transmitted to beneficiaries and to its own personnel who make visits to the war-torn areas.

Risk related to the charity's operations in the UK are confined to those associated with all small voluntary organisations and the trustees believe that, as far as is possible and practical, plans are in place to meet those potential risks.

The Trust is also aware of the potential risk arising from the small number within its management team and recognises that each member brings individual skills which might not be readily replicated by other existing volunteer members. Some action has been taken to mitigate risk by spreading administrative tasks across a wider body of trustees and volunteers and with planning for the development of an independent Trust – the Bethlehem Development Trust - to take responsibility for a major part of its ministry with the Bethlehem Bible College.

The trustees now believe that in the event of departure or prolonged ill-health of any one member it could continue to operate, albeit at a reduced level. That, by its nature, HCT does not have any commitments or liabilities is considered a strength allowing it to respond rapidly to changes, both internal and external. This absence of established contractual liabilities also reduces the responsibility of the Trust should any unforeseen event arise that might impact upon its workings.

The Trust continues to be vigilant in relation to its responsibilities within the guidance given by the Financial Action Task Force outlined in Recommendation 8. No donation was received in the year which warranted further investigation in relation to money laundering. The Trustees visit and inspect potential new beneficiaries in the Bible Lands in an endeavour to ensure that monies donated go to the source of need.

The Trust's Risk Policy was comprehensively updated in July 2016 and reviews are undertaken by the trustees where one of their group is a priest in the Church of England and previously an Ofsted Inspector; Ofsted is a body appointed by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector to oversee the work of the schools in the UK. To fulfil the roles of each of an inspector, a priest and academy governor/director the appointee is fully checked as to their background and suitability to work with children and must attend regular courses on all areas of risk assessment, etc. Knowledge gained in this role is shared with the other trustees and particular attention is given to Safeguarding Provision within the projects supported by the trust.

At the end of the financial year in March 2020 adjustments were made in the pattern of support for the ministries the Trust supports due to the Covid 19 pandemic. A trustee was due to visit the land in early March and this was cancelled. The Trustees became aware of the increased difficulties facing many of organisations and people they were supporting particularly in Zababdeh, Bethlehem and Gaza. Discussions took place amongst the trustees as to how a special fund-raising effort could be made to give relevant and much needed support and this was carried over through into the current financial year and along with many other charities this has not been easy.

## **Structure, governance and management:**

HCT is a charity that is constituted as a trust and was registered with the Charity Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1989. All matters concerning the structure, governance and management of the charity are contained in a trust deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1989.

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Additional/new/replacement members of the trust are identified and invited by existing trustees to become trustees of the charity in accordance with the trust deed.

The current trustees are all UK residents and undertake the day-to-day management of the charity on an unpaid basis, albeit that travel expenses are borne by the Trust or donations from supporting charities. Regular visits to the Bible Lands continue to be undertaken (when permitted) by trustees to provide oversight of the operations that are supported by HCT.

There have been no resignations nor appointments to the board of trustees during the year under review, as has been the case for several years.

## Reference and administrative details:

### a) Other operating names:

The charity also receives gifts in the following names, which are current fund-raising projects (ministries) to support Christian communities overseas:

- Bethlehem Bible College
- Lighthouse School
- Hebron School
- Zababdeh Family Centre
- The House of Hope
- The Shepherd Society

### b) Principal address:

The correspondence address for matters relating to all areas of the charity's work is:  
2, Orchard Court,  
Claverham,  
North Somerset.  
BS49 4TB

### c) Management & Custodian Trustees:

- The Rev. John Angle – chairman
- Mrs. Janet Angle – secretary
- Mr. Peter Burden
- Mrs. Rosemary Burden
- Mr. Paul Warren
- Mrs. Christine Warren

### d) Bankers:

Lloyds TSB Bank plc,  
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&

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### e) Independent examiner:

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Approved by Trustees  
Janet 30/12/21

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## Receipts & Payments Account for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2021

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endow- ments	Totals	Total Funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Receipts from generated funds						
Voluntary income	7,470.06	6,825.18	116,104.49	-	130,399.73	102,555.14
Investment Income	-	6.56	-	-	6.56	-
Receipts from charitable activities	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
Other receipts	88.08	-	-	-	88.08	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,558.14</b>	<b>6,831.74</b>	<b>116,134.49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,524.37</b>	<b>102,555.14</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	666.82	-	10.45	-	677.27	362.51
Charitable activities	11,558.74	-	69,827.61	-	81,386.35	75,510.76
Other payments	285.76	-	1,064.64	-	1,350.40	99.95
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,511.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,902.70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,414.02</b>	<b>75,973.22</b>
<b>Net receipts/payments before transfers</b>	<b>- 4,953.18</b>	<b>6,831.74</b>	<b>45,231.79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,110.35</b>	<b>26,581.92</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9,719.27	-	20,152.08	-	29,871.35	25,216.18
gross transfers between funds - out	-	8,412.85	-	-	8,412.85	25,216.18
<b>Net receipts/payments before other gains/losses</b>	<b>- 4,379.75</b>	<b>- 1,581.11</b>	<b>53,071.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,110.35</b>	<b>26,581.92</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward	9,307.43	51,587.67	73,927.26	-	134,822.36	108,240.44
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>4,927.68</b>	<b>50,006.56</b>	<b>126,998.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,932.71</b>	<b>134,822.36</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>						
					<b>31.3.2021</b>	<b>31.3.2020</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
Hope CT General Fund	4,927.68	-	-	-	4,927.68	9,307.43
<b>Designated</b>						
General Reserve	-	50,006.56	-	-	50,006.56	50,000.00
Gift Shop	-	-	-	-	-	1,587.87
<b>Restricted</b>						
Bethlehem Bible College - 240Club	-	-	-	-	-	890.00
Bethlehem Bible College - General	-	-	25,684.16	-	25,684.16	12,285.48
Bethlehem Bible College 1000 Project	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Bethlehem Bible College - Specific Gifts	-	-	151.00	-	151.00	151.00
Gaza Study Centre	-	-	3,219.61	-	3,219.61	3,231.95
Hebron Evangelical School	-	-	471.25	-	471.25	435.00
Hope Community Support	-	-	1,011.22	-	1,011.22	111.22
Hope CT Specific Gifts	-	-	757.25	-	757.25	651.00
Hope Missions Support (formerly Christian Community Support)	-	-	17,879.78	-	17,879.78	7,044.44
House of Hope	-	-	2,130.30	-	2,130.30	873.24
Lighthouse School	-	-	29,221.22	-	29,221.22	14,336.88
Lighthouse School Community Support	-	-	1,943.94	-	1,943.94	3,600.44
Lighthouse School Resilience Fund	-	-	13,868.54	-	13,868.54	13,868.54
Lighthouse School US Dollar Holding	-	-	10,567.77	-	10,567.77	5,035.92
Love into Action	-	-	150.00	-	150.00	150.00
Shepherd Society - General	-	-	16,270.32	-	16,270.32	9,449.14
Shepherd Society Family Support (revised name)	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Syrian Refugee Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	550.00
Zababdeh Community	-	-	3,672.11	-	3,672.11	313.01
<b>Total all Funds</b>	<b>4,927.68</b>	<b>50,006.56</b>	<b>126,998.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,932.71</b>	<b>134,822.56</b>

# HOPE CHRISTIAN TRUST

Supporting Christian communities in the lands of the Bible - Registered Charity No.328456

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st March 2021

### Cash Funds

<u>Details</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Totals 31.3.21</u>	<u>Totals 31.3.20</u>
Cash	434.23	-	-	-	434.23	-
Current Account	4,493.45	-	126,998.47	-	131,491.92	134,822.36
Deposit Account	-	50,006.56	-	-	50,006.56	-
	<b>4,927.68</b>	<b>50,006.56</b>	<b>126,998.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,932.71</b>	<b>134,822.36</b>

### Other Monetary Assets

<u>Details</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Totals 31.3.21</u>	<u>Totals 31.3.20</u>
Debtor:						
Gift Aid Tax reclaim forecast for year to 31.3.2021	457.25	-	12,230.82	-	12,688.07	13,290.27
	<b>457.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,230.82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,688.07</b>	<b>13,290.27</b>

The above forecast amounts for y/e 31.3.2021 have yet to be verified by HMRC and are estimates based upon the Trust's records of Gift Aided donations received in the year ended 31.3.2021.

### Investment Assets

<u>Details</u>	<u>Fund to which assets belong</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value 31.3.2021</u>	<u>Value 31.3.2020</u>
None	n/a	-	-	-

### Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use

<u>Details</u>	<u>Fund to which assets belong</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value 31.3.2021</u>	<u>Value 31.3.2020</u>
Laptop Computer (refurbished)	General	Gifted to Trust f.o.c. in 2018	nil	nil

### Liabilities

<u>Details</u>	<u>Fund to which liability relates</u>	<u>When due</u>	<u>Amount due 31.3.2021</u>	<u>Amount due 31.3.2020</u>
None	n/a	-	nil	nil
Contingent Liability - refundable deposit received for Christ at Crossroads Conference	Bethlehem Bible College specific donations	n/a	151.00	151.00

Approved by the trustees of Hope Christian Trust

Signed .....  
Rev. J. Angle, chairman

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# HOPE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2021:

### note 1 - Accounting policies

These Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 section 130(2) and SORP (FRS102) as amended in February 2016.

### note 2 - Nature and purpose of Funds

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Nature of Fund</u>	<u>Purpose of Fund</u>	<u>One-off Project or Revolving Activity</u>
General Fund	Unrestricted	Available for the general purposes of Hope Christian Trust in accordance with the objectives outlined in its Trust Deed.	Revolving
General Reserve Fund	Designated	Funds set aside for support of the Trust in the event of increased demand for assistance or reduced income for the Trust.	Revolving
Gift Shop	Designated	Previously held income from goods sold in the UK, sent from artisans in the Holy Lands - this now traded through Bethlehem Bible College.	Revolving
Gaza Study Centre <i>formerly BBC Gaza Study Centre</i>	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, and to meet UK costs all relating to the Gaza Study Centre.	Revolving
Bethlehem Bible College General	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for the general purposes of Bethlehem Bible College.	Revolving
Bethlehem Bible College Specific	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, for specific small projects undertaken by the College or nominated student support.	Revolving and one-off projects within this Fund
Hebron Evangelical School	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for Hebron Evangelical School.	Revolving
Hope Christian Trust Specific Donations	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, for the support of specific projects other than those for which a Restricted Fund has been set up.	Revolving and one-off projects within this Fund
Hope Community Support <i>formerly Christian Community Support in Gaza</i>	Restricted	Established to hold monies raised from time to time for the welfare of Christians in Gaza.	Revolving
Hope Missions Support	Restricted	Established to receive occasional donations for the support of named workers in the missions supported by the Trust	Revolving and one-off projects within this Fund
House of Hope	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from periodic appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for the House of Hope.	Revolving
Lighthouse School	Restricted	Established to receive general donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for the Lighthouse School.	Revolving and one-off projects within this Fund
Lighthouse Community Support <i>formerly Lighthouse Amash Family</i>	Restricted	Established originally to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust for a teacher's family made homeless by fire, subsequently widened in view of later conflicts.	Revolving
Lighthouse School Resilience Fund	Restricted	Established to hold donations used to support the negative cashflow experienced from time to time. Replenished by the school when times of positive cashflow arise.	Revolving
Lighthouse School US Dollars	Restricted	A fund established to hold US\$ donations for the school in order to mitigate exchange costs. Shown in these accounts at their GBP value.	Revolving
Love into Action	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for the Love into Action charity's general use.	Revolving
Shepherd Society General	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically for the Shepherds Society general use.	Revolving
Shepherd Society Family Support <i>formerly Specific Donations</i>	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, explicitly for the support of projects set up by the Society. Now merged into the General Fund.	Revolving and one-off projects within this Fund
Zababdeh Community <i>formerly Zababdeh</i>	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, especially for the work with the Tabitha Ministries in Zababdeh	Revolving and on-off projects within this Fund

### Funds that ceased operation during the year under review:

Bethlehem Bible College 240 Club	Restricted	Previously established to hold subscriptions to the 240 Club started by the College but was subsequently closed as the College no longer maintained this separate fundraising activity.	n/a
Bethlehem Bible College 1000 Project	Restricted	Fund to originally hold contributions towards the College's 1000 Project; the Project has subsequently been closed by the College	n/a
Gift Shop	Designated	Previously held income from goods sold in the UK, sent from artisans in the Holy Lands - this now traded through Bethlehem Bible College where the shop is located.	n/a
Syrian Refugee Appeal	Restricted	Established to receive donations arising from appeals lead by the Trust, specifically to help Syrian refugees in the Holy Lands. This was an initiative by the Zababdeh Community into which the Fund has been absorbed	n/a

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2021

## note 3 - Analysis of Receipts & Payments

Fund name	Balance 1.4.2020	Receipts		Payments		Balance 31st Mar 2021			
		Detail	Amount	Detail	Amount	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	
General Fund (including Hope General Fund US\$)	9,307.43	Gift Aided donations	1,829.00	Stationery and postage	666.82	4,927.68			
		Non-GA donations	5,160.50	Gifts and donations	11,454.74				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	480.56	Trustees' expenses	-				
		Bank interest	-	Bank charges	104.00				
		Sundry income	-	I.T. update costs	35.78				
		F/Exchange gains	88.08	Gratuities	250.00				
		Transfers in	3,861.79	Transfers out	3,288.36				
General Reserve	50,000.00	Interest Received	6.56	Transfers out	-	-	50,006.56	-	
Gift Shop	1,587.67	Sales of goods	-	Transfers out	1,587.67		-		
Bethlehem Bible College - General Fund	12,285.48	Gift Aided donations	10,340.00	Postage & stationery	10.45				
		Non-GA donations	20,035.38	Support for the College	26,000.00				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	3,053.65	Educational materials	-				
		Gift shop sales	30.00	Bank charges	21.00				
		Transfers in	5,971.10	Transfers out	-				
Bethlehem Bible College 1000 Project	750.00	Non-GA donations	-	Transfers out	750.00			-	
Bethlehem Bible Coll. Specific Donations	151.00	Sundry income	-	Transfers out	-			151.00	
Bethlehem Bible College 240 Club	890.00	Non-GA donations	790.00	Transfers out	1,680.00			-	
Gaza Study Centre	3,231.95	Non-GA donations	-	Student welfare	12.34			3,219.61	
Hope Community Support	111.22	Transfers in	900.00					1,011.22	
Hebron Evangelical School	435.00	Gift Aid donations	180.00	Support for school	465.00				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	276.25						
		Transfers in	45.00						
Hope Christian Trust - Specific Donations Fund	651.00	Gift Aid donations	100.00	Release of specific gifts as directed	-				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	6.25	Transfers out	-				
Hope Missions Support (revised name)	7,044.44	Non-GA donations	16,750.54	Welfare payments	9,126.94				
		Gift Aid donations	6,900.00	Student expenses	4,216.51				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	100.00	Bank charges	63.00				
		Transfers in	491.25						
House of Hope	873.24	Non-GA donations	1,970.00	Release of gifts	2,327.60				
		Gift Aid donations	1,500.00	Bank charges	21.00				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	135.66	Transfers out	-				
Lighthouse School	14,336.88	Gift Aided donations	8,375.00	Support for the School	7,685.59				
		Non-GA donations	11,776.85	Student welfare	3,660.00				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	1,961.00	Bank charges	21.00				
		Transfers in	4,138.08	Transfers out	-				
Lighthouse School Community Support	3,600.44	Gift Aid donations	-	Support payments	-				
		Non-GA donations	-	Transfers out	1,656.50				
Lighthouse School Resilience	13,868.54	One-off Non-GA	-	Support for School	-			13,868.54	
Lighthouse School US \$	5,035.92	Gift Aid donations	8,337.00	Support for School	1,980.00				
		Transfers in		Exchange losses	825.15				
Love into Action	150.00	One-off Non-GA	-		-			150.00	
Shepherd Society - General Fund	9,449.14	Gift Aided donations	7,110.00	Support for Society	9,000.00				
		Non-GA donations	6,826.13	Student welfare	1,492.20				
		Tax recoverable (GA)	2,136.25						
		Transfers in	1,241.00	Transfers out	-				
Shepherd Society Family Support	200.00	One-off Non-GA	-	Transfers out	200.00			-	
Syrian Refugee Appeal	550.00	Tax recoverable (GA)	253.25	Transfers out	803.25			-	
Zababdeh Community (including Zababdeh US\$)	313.01	Gift Aided donations	5,281.28	Support for activities	3,714.43				
		Non-GA donations	810.00	Bank charges	21.00				
		Tax recovered	200.00	Exchange losses	239.49				
		Transfers in	4,904.53	Transfers out	3,861.79				
<b>Totals of each fund type 31.3.2021</b>						<b>4,927.68</b>	<b>50,006.56</b>	<b>126,998.47</b>	
<b>Total all funds 1.4.2020</b>	<b>134,822.36</b>							<b>Total of all funds 31.3.2021</b>	<b>181,932.71</b>

# HOPE CHRISTIAN TRUST

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2021

### note 4 - Trustees remuneration

<u>Authority under which paid</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No remuneration was paid to any trustee - the Trust has no contracted personnel within its organisation	£ nil
No provision is made by the Trust to provide any pension or other financial benefit to any of the trustees	£ nil

### note 5 - Trustees travel expenses

<u>Details</u>	<u>Number of trustees</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>
Reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the work of the Trust and its ministries	0	£ -	£ -
		<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>£ -</b>

### note 6 - Other transactions with trustees and connected persons

<u>Nature of relationship</u>	<u>Nature of transaction</u>	<u>Number of trustees</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>
Trustee	Reimbursement for subscription to Website host	1	£ 35.76
Trustee	Reimbursement for inkjet cartridges	1	£ 37.72
Trustee	Reimbursement for purchase of Government guidance for trust management	1	£ 160.75
Volunteer	Donation towards new computer for book-keeping from home	0	£ 250.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 484.23</b>

### note 7 - Other information

To the best of the trustees' knowledge, the Trust has no liabilities or obligations either actual or implied, other than the requirement to deliver monies held in the Restricted Funds to the respective beneficiaries.
The Trust has not granted any lien or pledge over any of its assets.
No endowment funds have been received at any time during the life of the Trust
The Trust has no fixed assets other than a refurbished laptop computer gifted to the Trust at no cost in October 2018 and now considered to have no book value.
The Trust has no current assets other than the cash balances shown in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities, a nominal stock of postage stamps and stationery held from time to time, along with the software purchased previously and installed on the above-mentioned laptop computer.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF

**HOPE CHRISTIAN TRUST**  
**(Registered Charity Number 328456)**

I report on the accounts of the Hope Christian Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the "Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement:**


My examination was carried out in accordance with 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:**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

  
**Philip Shepherdson, ACA (ICAEW)**  
**The Rectory, High Street,**  
**Avebury,**  
**Wiltshire SN8 1RF**

Date 3 JANUARY .....2022