

Living Hope Christian Church
Linnaeus Street, Hull
HU3 2QA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519594

1/17/2026

**Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial
Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**



Annual General Meeting: 3rd December 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

PERIOD 2024-2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF CHARITY

The advancement of the Christian religion through the promotion of the Christian Gospel by proclamation, example and the relief of poverty or human suffering in the area of the neighbourhood of Kingston upon Hull, surrounding villages and places throughout the world.

As Trustees we are both members of Living Hope Church. In addition we both serve as Elders within the church's governance leadership structure. From our personal involvement with the affairs of the church we can confirm the church's compliance with its's charitable objectives as above.

In addition we have reviewed the report submitted by Pastor Jonathan Jolly along with the financial data included in this document. We can confirm the church's compliance with its's charitable objectives as above.

Finally, the enclosed Report was presented to our Annual General Meeting in which there were no objections raised to the contents herein.

As Trustees we are satisfied that Living Hope Christian Church has complied with its' charitable obligations along with the legal requirements of UK Charity Law.

Dr.Pride Njeatih & Mr.Emmanuel Nwoke

Point of contact for Trustees:

Living Hope Church
Linnaeus Street
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Organisation :

Eldership : The oversight of the ministry is vested in the Pastor as leading Elder, with the co-operation of fellow Elders. The Eldership as a whole shall be responsible for the spiritual leadership of the fellowship, including matters of discipline

Leadership Team :

(Deacons) The administrative affairs of the fellowship will be undertaken by Deacons, comprising of the Pastor as Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer and at least one more member.

Membership: The membership shall be composed of those who accept the fellowship's Declaration of Faith.

Trustee reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number- 519594

Principal address:

Trustees

Emmanuel Nwoke

Pride Njeatih

Independent Examiner

Jonathan Harvey

94 Richmond Lane

Hull

HU7 3AE

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Business & Commercial Service Centre

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6/7 Park Row

Leeds

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PASTOR'S REPORT

PERIOD : April 1ST 2024- March 31st 2025

In the past year (Apr 2024-Mar 25) it is with a deep sense of indebtedness and thankfulness to the grace of God that we as Living Hope Church have continued to function as a local church and have complied with all our church constitutional obligations.

During this period like most city-based churches there have been some folk who have visited and stayed and others who have simply moved on elsewhere. We acknowledge with affection and thankfulness for their services offered. It is noted that in general, the trend of our average Sunday attendance for this period (Apr 24-Mar25) has increased across all ages. However, the attendance of midweek meetings continues to be significantly lower. There are many multifactorial explanations for this ongoing trend such as changes in shift patterns and childcare demands.

We have been able to perform these functions in response to the generous financial and practical support of our regular church members and adherents.

We appreciate the continued commitment of our Eldership and many others in areas of ministry activities such as Sunday School, administration and hospitality.

ESSENTIAL REPAIRS: During this financial period, we have invested monies received from the FIEC (previous financial year) into essential infrastructure maintenance: Roof repair over the Ignite Centre, major ground clearance around church site and installation of signage. These are in addition to the ongoing burgeoning costs of maintaining two properties and salary costs for Pastor.

We are deeply grateful to God in blessing His people to give both generously, sacrificially and above all cheerfully to the work of Living Hope Church. Giving must also be seen in the time and investment of energies into the ongoing needs of our church family.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES & MISSION

Throughout this period the church has met for weekly Sunday worship along with regular midweekly meetings for Bible instruction and prayer.

The church has remained to support the Pastor and Eldership in their ministry of the Word, Sacraments and pastoral oversight. The church has benefitted from the preaching gifts of our Elders as well and other speakers.

In addition to these the church acknowledges the hugely beneficial Women's ministry entitled *Soul Sisters* led by Pastor's wife Rachel.

The church is grateful that through its regular cohort of volunteers has brought Bible instruction to children of all ages and Youth. We are in particular indebted to the ongoing support of Mrs Beth Harvey who co-ordinates the Sunday School work.

During this period the church has benefitted from the introduction of a choir with accompanying musicians. Supported, as always by our volunteers with expertise in all things technical.

Additional Capital investment of a replacement Sound Desk has helped enormously in our *inhouse* and online sound quality.

MISSION: LOCAL

The offer of the Gospel is offered without discrimination to all who attend our mainstay services and voluntary activities.

We are grateful to our volunteers who serve alongside Pastor in the Ignite Café each Wednesday.

We continued to support a local Evangelist in facilitating an annual Christmas outreach meal to Turkish Muslims.

MISSION: NATIONAL (FIEC COMMITMENT)

The church continues to support the FIEC as part of our commitment to UK Mission. Our affiliation highlights to prospective visitors our doctrinal positions on major salvific doctrines and other essential matters such as sexual ethics and church governance. Pastor continues to benefit from ongoing training updates via the FIEC Pastors' network.

MISSION: INTERNATIONAL

We have continued to support the Persecuted church through Release International. We continue to support mission in Nigeria through Sahlom Global Missionary Outreach. We continue to support the ministry work AsiaLink.

RELIEF OF POVERTY

We have offered emergency financial relief to some within our fellowship. For confidential purposes names have been withheld from our public records.

We have continued in our spiritual and practical support of those Christian organisations that contribute to the relief of the poor:

On behalf of the Eldership and as Pastor of Living Hope I heartily commend this Report to the glory of God. It demonstrates our continued compliance to our Charitable Objectives.

Pastor Jonathan J. Jolly

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Living Hope Christian Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Living Hope Christian Church for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I have examined the charities accounts, and I have found no material matters that have come to my attention during the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

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 content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Jonathan Harvey
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	2025 Total funds (£)	2024 Total funds (£)
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Income and Endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	2	18,388.09	41,093.00	59,481.09	102,097.43
Other trading activities	3	19,706.50		19,706.50	0.00
Investment income	4	0.00		0.00	10,616.00
Total		38,094.59	41,093.00	79,187.59	112,713.43
Expenditure					
Raising funds		0.00		0.00	0.00
Charitable activities		66,462.26	25,245.00	91,707.26	63,088.53
Total		66,462.26	25,245.00	91,707.26	63,088.53
Net income/expenditure		-28,003.67	15,848.00	-12,519.67	49,624.90
Reconciliation of funds					
Total brought forward		35,884.00	41,040.00	76,924.00	27,299.10
Total carried forward		48,556.33	15,848.00	64,404.33	76,924.00
		(absorbed into main funds)			

REF 1: INCOME/RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	Notes (restrict ed funds)	Restric ted	Genera l	Total	Total

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		Funds	Funds	2024 /	2023/202
		41,000.	13,425.	2025	4
General Offerings	FIEC Donation	00	73	13,425.73	70,646.96
Gift Aid Offerings	Soul sisters	53.00	30	30,073.30	28,649.45
Tax Recovered (Gift Aid)			73	13,214.73	0.00
Special Offerings/Harvest			0	2,192.00	0.00
Car Park charges			0	5,106.50	10,616.00
Rent/Hall Hire/Ignite Flat			00	14,600.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Sundry	Shalom ministries	40.00	575.33	575.33	2,801.02
		41,093.00	79,187.59	79,187.59	112,713.43

REF 2: EXPENDITURE/PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS

Evangelism/Teaching resources			110.22	110.22	
Missionary/Charity Outreach	shalom ministries	40.00	1,684.00	1,684.00	734.43
FIEC			487.50	487.50	718.65
Light/Heat/Water			9,040.31	9,040.31	10,939.79
Salaries, Tax & N. I Pension Payments			8	26,353.58	26,364.25
Travel/Expenses claim			2,077.79	2,077.79	1,758.13
Visiting Speakers			3,358.60	3,358.60	534.30
Building/indemnity Insurance			0.00	0.00	400.00
Maintenance and repairs	FIEC Donation	25,205.00	31,134.56	31,134.56	2,310.66
Telephone & Internet			798.70	798.70	705.29
Equipment/Other books			798.70	798.70	705.29
Cleaning & Janitorial			5,008.61	5,008.61	1,511.55
Printer and Stationery			966.94	966.94	1,154.50
Licenses/DBS			281.42	281.42	59.39
			511.75	511.75	955.06

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Contents:

£80,669.00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES AS DETAILED IN REF 1 ABOVE

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Miscellaneous income (£)	0.00	0.00

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Rents received (£)	19,706.5	10,616.0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2025.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Employees	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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End of Report