

Hope Community Church Craigavon

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charities Number : NIC106305

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References and Administrative Details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC106305
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Trustees

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Esther Uprichard	Malcom Adamson
Andrew Gilpin	Basil O'Malley
Glyn Owen	

Principal Office-Bearers

Clergy:	Revd Craig Cooney
Church Treasurer:	Andrew Gilpin
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Independent Auditor

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments for Hope Community Church Craigavon for the year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and Activities

Hope Community Church (CMC) is an Anglican Congregation in the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

Our aim is to be a growing, living Church of Christian people in the Craigavon area who live and worship in such a way that those in our community, who are not yet committed to Christ or are unconvinced by the Christian faith, will come and join us, reaching out to each consecutive generation and drawing them into the Kingdom of God. We want to express the Love and Power of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we experience forgiveness and healing and are equipped and trained for the work of the Kingdom. In this, we desire to work and pray towards renewal in the Church and revival in Craigavon. We believe that this is facilitated through Sunday Services and mid-week home groups, youth and children's activities as well as through other events which can encourage the Church actively to give away what God has given us, thus benefitting the community around us.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Below you will find a summary of the main activities undertaken by the Parish to carry out its charitable purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements during the year. This will include its purposes, achievements, beneficiaries, etc.

Hope CC is located in central Craigavon, which is an urban mixed-use area consisting of residential developments, retail and governmental, civic and judicial buildings. The Church can provide a focal point for local residents and community groups as community space is limited in the area. We hope to open up our buildings to establish relations with local community groups.

The local area has both an established community and a transient one. Nearby to Hope CC, we have Craigavon Area Hospital, Rushmere Shopping Centre, Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre and Craigavon Court House. We have a large number of people passing by each day and young families make up a significant proportion of the population. Most of the congregation live within the Craigavon Area, including the neighbouring towns of Lurgan, Portadown and the surrounding countryside.

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Public Worship –

We held one service each Sunday throughout the year starting at 10:30 preceded by prayer at 10:00

An online service also broadcasts live each Sunday.

The first Sunday of every month includes Holy Communion.

We have benefited from a high standard of teaching and preaching from Clergy and visiting preachers alike. The overall style is challenging, thoughtful and evangelical; we are committed to encouraging Church Members towards whole life discipleship.

Our Church family reflects a wide age-range, from the very young to the more elderly with the age of those present ranging from newborns to 80+. We have been encouraged by seeing an increase in the number of teenagers and those in the 18-30 age-range, and are praying for more local families to join us in Hope.

At Hope we encourage every Member of the congregation to use the gifts God has given them to serve in whatever capacity they feel led, remembering it's not only serving people, it's loving them 'Serve one another humbly in love' Galatians 5:13. We have been blessed to see many people step forward and use these gifts in administration, finance teams, children and youth leaders, safeguarding trust co-ordinators, welcome and hospitality teams, catering teams, cleaning team, gardening teams, audio and video technicians, website and social media co-ordinators and worship teams.

Strengths at present include the involvement of many people across the many areas of ministry in the Church, increasing attendance at services, new membership and the growth in the number of children and youth. This has resulted in continued financial commitment that will be essential as we move out into the community. The feeling of welcome expressed by newcomers is also encouraging. Hope home groups are providing discipleship and seeing growth in giftings and confidence in the members.

The target audience is cross-generational with new younger people expressing their pleasure at the range of age groups in the congregation and seeing the value of the all-age character of the Church. The Rector has addressed this very well through careful Bible teaching on areas such as prophecy, healing and the gifts of the Spirit have allowed people to listen to God in a safe environment and be taught and trained to grow in discipleship. A Church website, weekly newsletter, YouTube channel and Facebook page reach out to the community to inform and encourage people to come to Sunday worship and other Church activities.

Changes to staff

In September 2023 the Trustees we delighted to recommend a change in title of our current 'Connections Pastor' Jamie Bambrick to become our 'Associate Pastor'. This decision was approved by the Church Management Team.

In September 2023 we also welcomed out new full time Youth and Community Pastor Laurence Bellew along with his wife Millie. Laurence joins Hope CC bringing with him a wealth of experience in Youth Work.

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Community Outreach

- **Hope Kids**

Our outreach and ministry to primary school aged children and their families is key to us. The team of approximately 25 people, organised on a rota basis, following an online programme, an excellent resource that helps us explore the Bible creatively. Up to 35 children join us each Sunday and through games, storytelling, song and craft are taught about their Heavenly Father and are encouraged to enter into a personal relationship with Him.

Our children in Hope Kids are valued and are a vital part of the Church and its ministry to others. We have been involved in services during the year including our Nativity and Easter services. In August we ran a Holiday Bible Club which was well attended both by children of Church Members and by other children from the local community

In December we held our annual family Party at 'The Rink'. Alongside skating with Santa, we were able to enjoy the bouncy castles, photo booth and Christmas treats

- **Hope Youth**

We have a healthy number of actively engaged young people aged 11-18. Under the new leadership of our Youth and Communities Pastor we aim to grow this area of ministry to ensure that our strength in number and provision for children can be sustained throughout their journey into teenage years and beyond. The young people meet every Sunday evening where they enjoy fellowship with each other, space to seek and connect with God, and time to consider the impact of faith on their daily lives.

We offer opportunities for our young people to join up with Hope Men and Hope Ladies for social events and away-days. Our young people are encouraged to partake in and lead special services.

- **Hope Home Groups**

Our home groups meet once every two weeks and have around twelve members in each group.

Hope Home Groups provide an opportunity to study the Bible, discuss Christian discipleship and pray for one another, as well as developing friendships in a safe and confidential setting where questions can be asked and problems discussed. The aim is to help people grow in their faith and in their confidence in God's desire to use them to minister to others.

- **Men and Women's Ministry**

Both Ladies' and Men's groups have been meeting at a social level: be it ten-pin bowling, football, meals, grass cutting, movie nights or walks.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Public Benefit

The charitable purpose of Hope Community Church is the advancement of religion.

This is achieved through Christian witness and outreach, and delivered through the provision of public worship and our ongoing outreach programme as described above.

Financial Review

The Parish Income for the year was £326,030 with outgoings of £370,400, resulting in a deficit of £44,370. The main sources of Income are from our freewill offering donations.

The Bank Balance at 31st December 2023 was £402,094.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Parish can continue its activities, and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Parish's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Parish.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees :

Trustee 1:


Mr Glyn Owen

Trustee 2:


Mr Andrew Gilpin

Date: 6/11/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Community Church Craigavon

I report on the Accounts of Hope Community Church Craigavon for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 :

it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your Charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe :

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of Charities Act.
2. That the Accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


James Robinson
WHR Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
56 Upper English Street
Armagh BT61 7LG


Date 6/11/2024

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Not e	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations & Plate Collection		207,518	53,729	261,247	288,999
Gift Aid		-	61,122	61,122	67,754
Bank Loan for Rectory		-	-	-	-
Other Income		3,661		3,661	13,496
Total Receipts		211,179	114,851	326,030	370,249
Payments					
Wages and Salaries		118,163	-	118,163	87,686
Church Running Costs		51,028	-	51,028	43,037
Rental Costs		20,177	-	20,177	30,542
Administration Costs		14,038	-	14,038	26,684
Finance Costs		2,344	-	2,344	16,856
Charitable Donations	4	21,114	-	21,114	31,645
Capital Costs		143,536	-	143,536	-
Total Payments		370,400	-	370,400	236,450
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments for the year		(159,221)	114,851	(44,370)	133,799

On Behalf of the Trustees.:

Mr Andrew Gilpin, Treasurer



Mr Glyn Owen, Trustee



Date :6/11/2024.....

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts		151,353	250,741	-	402,094
Total Cash Funds		151,353	250,741	-	402,094

Assets retained for the Parish's own use				
Rectory House		-	260,000	-
Total Assets retained for the Parish's own use		-	260,000	-

On Behalf of the Trustees :

Mr Andrew Gilpin, Treasurer



Mr Glyn Owen, Trustee



Date : 6/1/2024

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) *Assets retained for the Parish's own use*

The assets of the Parish, retained for its own use comprise :

- Rectory.

The Rectory House is recognised at deemed cost less the current borrowings, which the Management Team deem to represent the estimated fair value of the property at 1 January 2024.

No depreciation has been provided on the Rectory House as the current estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years.

2. Reconciliation of Cash Funds

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Total Cash Funds at beginning of the Year	446,464
Receipts for the Year	326,030
Payments for the Year	(370,400)
Total Cash Funds at end of the Year	402,094

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

3. Charity Allocations from Church Funds

This is a sum allocated annually by the Trustees to support several charities not included in collections for third parties.

4. Transactions with the Trustees

No Trustees have received any money during the year for any work carried out.

5. Governance Costs

There were no governance costs incurred during the year.