



## Hope Metro Oswaldtwistle (Individual Member)

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### **Please give a description of your church, mission statement and activities, style of worship etc**

Hope Metro Church is situated in a former factory in Watson Street, of Rhyddings Street, Oswaldtwistle. Before 2014 we met in Accrington Academy for two years and before that we were at Cannon Street Community rooms in Accrington. The former factory has been changed into a modern multi-purpose church and conference centre. We are registered charity.

Hope now has an average of 150 attending each Sunday, mostly young families and youth. It has a full-time pastor, a full time conference and café manager, and also part-time workers. We are planning a one-year worker scheme and have four interested in training with us. Hope's **Peek-a-boo toddler group** has 80-100 children Tuesday and Wednesday, not counting parents and guardians, and around half that amount on our new Thursday mornings. It has **midweek meetings** (bible study, prayer and praise, topical teaching nights) on Wednesday. Three times a year, these are replaced with four or five Connect Home Groups. The **youth club** meets on a Friday with three dozen members. It has various organisations to minister to youth, men and women, and works in partnership with Community Solutions. We are in the final stages of transforming the rear of the church into a new **pre-school** complete with outside and inside play areas, classrooms and facilities, enough for 70 children a day. Hope has a **lively style of worship** led by four-piece band (drums, guitars and keyboard) with lead singers and worships with a blend of Hillsong music and their own. We do not have a national body affiliation so far. We are a free independent evangelical church, though we are looking at to whom we might be affiliate in future.

We are in our second year of affiliation to the Evangelical Alliance.

We also are members of Hyndburn Evangelical Ministers' Forum (HELM) which meets in Oasis, Accrington.

We belong to ACT – Accrington Christians Together.