



February 1st 2022 and January 31st 2023

Catch The Fire Manchester - Aim and Purposes

Catch The Fire Manchester (CTFM) exists to advance the Christian faith in Greater Manchester for the benefit of the public in accordance with our statement of faith by creating a place of worship and a worshipping community that walks out the pastoral and evangelistic mission of the Church.

Objectives and Activities

CTFM conducts a number of public meetings from Sunday morning celebrations, worship events, designated prayer ministry events as well as mid-week small group bible study/devotional/fellowship times. All of these events focus on allowing the community to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and the gospel of Jesus and to develop and walk out their own faith. This is done through sung worship, sharing scripture, pastoral and prayer ministry as well as peer-support networks. We aim to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of a wider Christian community in Greater Manchester.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Our varied calendar of events allows anyone and everyone, regardless of their previous experience of the Christian faith or lack thereof, the ability to access a meaningful connection with their own faith journey. We meet in person for our weekly worship gatherings on a Sunday. As part of these meetings we really prioritize connection and relationship, making space for people to talk with each other in a safe environment, creating a welcoming environment for our community. We also hosted monthly worship and prayer nights to create space for people to go deeper in their walk with God.

Church Buildings

Since its inception CTFM has had the privilege of hiring venue space at Gorse Hill Methodist Church (GHMC). Historically we have been able to use these spaces at a very reasonable price. More recently, the cost has increased due to the need to use the space more frequently for the various events and programmes that we are running. As a result we have agreed to a long term arrangement with GHMC to lease out office space at the church building, allowing us to have a footprint in the community full time and creating a safe place for those in need to reach out for support. We also now have a full calendar of events through the week and while we still share this space with a number of other charities, including a community cafe and a community food distribution charity, we are the primary venue users.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care at CTFM is managed by the Lead Pastors supported by a number of volunteers. These volunteers run a peer-support network that aims to ensure any and all members of the wider community can access the support they need both to develop their faith journey but also on a much more practical humanitarian level. Our web platform continues to be a useful tool where people can reach out for support. Likewise the Church Center App offered us chat spaces where people post prayer needs and the community comes together to pray and support each other.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is something we value at CTFM as a clear demonstration of our own gratitude towards God and trust in Him to continue to provide for us. This year, we placed a lot of focus on supporting local families in need by both supporting the Community Cafe and the Community Food Distribution from our buildings. We also set up a food pantry called the StoreHouse where long life food items are available to the whole community whenever the building is in use. We have also continued to run the Re-Store, where good quality warm coats were made available for free to our community during the colder months. Over the Christmas season we ran a Giving tree event where members of our community were able to anonymously ask for gifts for their children and members of the community could buy gifts for them.

Ignite Learning Community, our Home Ed Community also went from strength to strength growing to serve around 15 families and 30 or so children. Many of these families had smaller children too so we also launched a Stay and Play Toddler Group to serve the families in our area and we see around 15 families in addition to those above come weekly. This year we also ran a number of seasonal events for the community including a light party at Easter time and a Christmas family craft sessions and Nativity and Carol Services.



Wider Connections

Kieron and Laura Densham, The Lead Pastors at CTFM are connected with local, national and international networks which support them as they lead CTFM. These include locally, The Greater Manchester Prayer Gathering, a local Pastors and Leaders Prayer Group and more widely, Catch The Fire Partners and the work they are doing in the UK and Europe to see the gospel of Jesus made accessible to all.

Financial Review

Total receipts in unrestricted funds between February 1st 2021 and January 31st 2022 was £44,161.00. Our outgoings during the same period were £49,539.00.

During this season our spending on venue costs increased due to the increase in the number of events and programmes we were offering. With this also came an increase in hospitality spending and honorariums to bring in guest ministers to support the work we were doing. While we spent more than came in during this period, the finances available in our reserves enabled us to not just continue the work but increase the support we were offering to the community in Gorse Hill.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We have a wonderful community at CTFM who pour their hearts into the development of this charity and the mission it stands for. We love and appreciate them all wholeheartedly. The work that they do has seen many lives touched both by practical support as well as facilitating a deepening relationship with God. The team of volunteers and the magnitude of the work they carry out is significant. From sermons, sung worship, and hospitality, to children's ministry, administration and peer support groups. This church would not function without the generosity of people with regards to their talent and time.

Administrative information

Catch The Fire Manchester is situated in Gorse Hill. This is a community in Stretford, just west of Manchester City in the borough of Trafford. It began in Nov 2016 with a small group of interested parties meeting and praying together and stirring each other up to faith and good works. This small group grew and we became a registered charity in March 2017. We officially launched CTFM in March 2018 and have been operating since.

Structure, governance and management

CTFM is governed by 3 trustees. The Chair is Kieron Densham who, alongside his wife, is also the Lead Pastor of the church. This group of trustees, informed by the Lead Pastors and the leadership team at CTFM, is responsible for final approval and decision making on all matters of general concern and importance for this community. All parties are listed below and are gifted leaders in their own right both within a faith and secular context. We continue to be so thankful for their support and input as we move forward.

Kieron has served on the board of trustees since the charity's inception in March 2017.

Tom and Deborah have served since December 10th 2020.



Mr Thomas Allsop - Trustee and Treasurer

Mrs Deborah McLean- Trustee and Health and Safety Officer

Mr Kieron Densham - Chair of Trustees and Lead Pastor

Approved by Catch The Fire Manchester Board of Trustees on 09/05/24 and signed on their behalf by Kieron Densham (Chair of Trustees and Lead Pastor)

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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Catch the Fire - Manchester			1171974		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	2/1/22	To	1/31/23		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Donations	36,751	-	-	36,751	32,453	
Gift Aid tax recovered	5,910			5,910	3,784	
Grants receivable	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,161	-	-	44,161	36,237	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
Not Applicable	- 0	- 0	- 0	-		
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Total receipts	44,161	- 0	- 0	44,161	36,237	
A3 Payments						
Advertising	- 0	-	-	-	5	
Accountancy fees	570	-	-	570	255	
Grants payable	4,520	-	-	4,520	127	
Hardware, books and supplies	1,472	-	-	1,472	4,574	
Hospitality	3,964	-	-	3,964	1,417	
Insurance	429	-	-	429	376	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,300	-	-	2,300	1,903	
Rent/hire of rooms	10,065	-	-	10,065	8,175	
Staff costs	25,804	-	-	25,804	24,635	
Telephone & internet	- 0	-	-	-	395	
Travel and accommodation	415	-	-	415	453	
Sub total	49,539	-	-	49,539	42,315	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Not Applicable	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-	
Total payments	49,539	- 0	- 0	49,539	42,315	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,378	-	-	- 5,378	- 6,078	
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,240	-	-	10,240	16,318	
Cash funds this year end	4,862	-	-	4,862	10,240	
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds		
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Balance	4,862	-	-		
	Total cash funds	4,862	-	-		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds		
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
B2 Other monetary assets	Not Applicable	-	-	-		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
B3 Investment assets	Not Applicable		-	-		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	PA Equipment		2,442	1,400		
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)		
B5 Liabilities	Not Applicable		-			
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval		
		Kieron Densham		20/05/2024		

CATCH THE FIRE - MANCHESTER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 Act

have 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.



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L M Howson MAAT
Independent Examiner

Dated 4th June 2024

Finansure Limited, 2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF