



Trustee report covering Catch The Fire Manchester's activities between February 1st 2023 and January 31st 2024.

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 meet and talk with each other in a safe environment, creating a welcoming environment for our community. Alongside these in person meetings, we hosted weekly Zoom meetings where people gathered together to pray for each other and for the wider community.

Church Buildings

Since its inception CTFM has had the privilege of hiring venue space at Gorse Hill Methodist Church (GHMC). As a result of our long term relationship with the venue owners and our shared mission to serve the community in Gorse Hill, Stretford and Greater Manchester, we have been able to agree 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 and community groups, 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 the wider community can reach out for support. This year we have transitioned away from using Church Centre as our primary method of internal communication and have built a WhatsApp community where there is space where all of the different groups in our community can come together to pray and support each other. This has really improved engagement across the board and more people have been able to join those groups.

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.

Ignite Learning Community, our Home Ed Community also went from strength to strength growing to serve around 20 families and 40 or so children.

Our stay and play toddler group, Little Sparks, has also thrived. We have been able to create a space where the community really feels at home and the children are thriving. As well as relationships with new parents, we have been able to develop connections with child miners in the area and as a result we are serving a much larger part of our



community than we have previously been able to. Through little sparks we serve around 30 families in addition to the families that attend our Ignite Learning Community.

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 2023 and January 31st 2024 was £65,287. Our outgoings during the same period were £62,276 During this year our spending on venue costs was similar to previous years. We increased spending on Hospitality and Travel as we invested in the growth of our wider team by taking them to the national gathering of the Movement that we are part of.

We are still spending more than we are bringing in each year and therefore eating into our reserves. This is not Ideal and efforts are being made to increase our income through investing in methods that make it easier for the church family to give. We will also be working to lower our outgoings by reviewing spends on software and finding cheaper or free solutions to some of our needs.

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 prepped and delivered, sung worship sets, and incredible hospitality, to ministry to children delivered to really high level, home ed classes, play groups run, administration and peer support groups. This church would not function without the generosity of people who give their talent and time to see our aims and objectives met.

Administrative information

Catch The Fire Manchester is situated in Gorse Hill. This is a community in Stretford, just west of Manchester city center in the borough of Trafford. It began in Nov 2016 with a small group of interested parties meeting and praying together, believing that this small group of people, filled with the Holy Spirit, could have a really positive impact on this community. 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. Graham and Agnes joined the board in May 2024.

Mr Thomas Allsop, Mrs Deborah McLean, Mr Kieron Densham - Chair of Trustees and Lead Pastor, Mrs Agnes Bruna and Mr Graham Densham - Finance Officer.

Approved by Catch The Fire Manchester Board of Trustees on 26/11/24 and signed on their behalf by Kieron Densham (Chair of Trustees and Lead Pastor)



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

2/1/2023

To

1/31/2024

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	37,873	-	-	37,873	36,751
Gift Aid tax recovered	27,237			27,237	5,910
Grants receivable	-			-	1,500
Interest receivable	77			77	-
Other income	100			100	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,287	-	-	65,287	44,161
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,287	-	-	65,287	44,161
A3 Payments					
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Charges	512	-	-	512	570
Grants to other charities	9,158	-	-	9,158	4,520
Grants to individuals	3,080			3,080	-
Hardware, books and supplies	1,508	-	-	1,508	1,472
Hospitality	5,492	-	-	5,492	3,964
Insurance	373	-	-	373	429
Office expenses	4,731	-	-	4,731	2,300
Rent/hire of rooms	10,351	-	-	10,351	10,065
Staff costs	25,994	-	-	25,994	25,804
Travel and accommodation	1,077	-	-	1,077	415
Sub total	62,276	-	-	62,276	49,539
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,276	-	-	62,276	49,539
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,011	-	-	3,011	- 5,378
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,862	-	-	4,862	10,240
Cash funds this year end	7,873	-	-	7,873	4,862

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Balance	3,425	-	-
	Savings Account Balance	4,448	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,873	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Not Applicable	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Not Applicable		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Not Applicable		-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Not Applicable		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Kieron Densham	14/11/2024

CATCH THE FIRE - MANCHESTER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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 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.



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L M Howson MAAT
Independent Examiner

Dated 26th November 2024

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