

Church and Community Working Together



All Online

During lockdown, we continued to meet weekly & monthly. Our face to face meetings are underway now but we continue to be online for weekly prayer and you can join our monthly prayer meetings on Zoom



New College Chaplain

Shaun Moore (pictured) got underway as new FE College Chaplain in September. Earlier in the year we gave thanks to God for the ministries of Mauricio and Sibelet at one of our regular Forums. To find out how to support Shaun contact admin@heart4harlow.org.

What is normal?

Our world craves "normality" but we as Christians know that the new normal began at the resurrection. This new age features uncertainty, wars, rumours of war, change and many more things we fear. This has been inked in for us: just as we began to breathe a sigh of relief Covid-wise, war breaks out on our European doorsteps. In the trauma of the childbirth of a new creation this is what Jesus (Mark 13 etc) and Paul (Romans 8) speak of as "normal".

In this last year we have seen signs of childbirth, God's kingdom breaking in in answer to the Lord's prayer. We have seen the community links discovered and re-discovered due to Covid. and have discovered God's provision. In these and much more we are assured of God's Spirit at work and we find Hope for today and the New Creation which we await. This Review tells some of the stories from our communities in Christ.

Our Hope in Christ makes us engage all the more in this world, to the glory of God. We do not await "pie in the sky when we die". Our assurance of eternity rests upon the evidence of God's work in this world - supremely in Christ seen through the work of the Spirit of Christ amongst us.

Heart4Harlow involvement has included the Dementia Drop-in at Latton, Kintsugi Hope (following a Forum-presentation) the developing ministry locally of Red Balloon Foundation (toddlers, children's and youth work), the Hope4Harlow drop-in in the early months of 2022, and the appointment of new FE College Chaplain Shaun Moore.

In the summer we were approached by Red Balloon Foundation ("RBF") who were thinking towards applying for funding to appoint a children's and youth worker in this area. We were asked if we thought there would be support for this. Following consultation we gave a

thumbs up. It is a joy that Salome and Florence are now working amongst us. RBF joined us at a Forum in the Autumn and spoke of the wide ranging ministries (not just children and youth) they can



Salome and Florence, who work with Red Balloon Foundation

offer to local churches - seeking to be scaffolding to empower the local church. To explore how RBF might partner with you, contact Lizzy Lysaght c/o office@rbf.org.uk Ph 020 3086 8186.

Find out more of what Hope means in practice by reading on.



Heart4Harlow Community Awards

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To find out more or for any other questions etc, contact us at admin@heart4harlow.org

We are delighted to have relaunched the Heart 4 Harlow Awards in 2021, with a new look and feel but the same heart.

We provided a much longer nomination period (April to November) and published all nominations on the website, emphasising that all those nominated should be congratulated.

A shortlist of nominees for each category have been invited to the Heart 4 Harlow Awards Celebration on Wednesday 20th April.

The Celebration is due to be professionally hosted and to include entertainment from local performers. The aim is to celebrate the contribution of all the nominees, with a winner and runner up for each category to be presented with a Heart 4 Harlow Award, created by students from Harlow College.



In order to make the Celebration accessible to as many people as possible, tickets prices will be nominal. You may wish to consider a donation towards the costs of the awards - to do so you can use the QR code.

Ron Kingsmill



Health & Wellbeing

In the past year, Heart 4 Harlow has encouraged church members to engage with the fantastic joint response of different agencies to the COVID 19 pandemic. Various members of the Churches assisted with delivering food parcels, helping with shopping and any other help needed.

Alongside the Harlow Dementia Action Alliance, St Mary at Latton church and Rainbow Services, we started a Dementia Friendly Coffee morning. Beginning on Zoom, this moved face to face, as restrictions began to ease and now meets weekly on a Friday morning.



A Dementia-Friendly Coffee Morning

Following a visit from Kintsugi Hope at our first Heart4Harlow Forum of 2021, we have worked with St Stephen's Church to see if their mental health Wellbeing Groups could work in Harlow. We are delighted that the first group started in January.



Although Hope4Harlow could not, and (due to the fantastic work of Streets2Homes) did not need to, run its usual shelters in January and February, in collaboration with Chocolate Run a drop in was available in January and February for several evenings providing a meal and friendship.

In our regular Health and Wellbeing meetings, we keep in touch with what is going on in Michael Roberts Charitable Trust, St Claire's Hospice and Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Please pray for us as we seek the best way that we can make a difference to the Health and Wellbeing of residents and workers in Harlow in 2022.

Ron Kingsmill - Chair of Health & Wellbeing Core Group

If you would like to receive updates on one or more of the Core Groups, for yourself or as a representative for your church, then please visit our website and choose '[Contact>Mailing Lists](#)' from the menu. There you will be able to subscribe to updates from the Core Groups you're interested in.

Heart4Harlow Meetings and Forum

Heart 4 Harlow Forums

An opportunity for all Christians to take counsel together as to how the Spirit of Christ is leading us, and to explore ways of partnering together in mission.

All are warmly welcomed.

Prayer Gatherings

are normally on the 4th Sunday of the month from February to November at 6.30pm.

These are now in person with the option to join via Zoom.

We move around different churches so that we can have a prayer focus on each locality.

Every other prayer gathering engages with the Community Links established through the Core Groups and in other ways.

In addition, there is further opportunity for **weekly prayer** Thursdays 8-9am presently on zoom.

Do join us!



Civic: Building relationships within our Civic community



The Civic group in 2022 is looking to facilitate a half day round table conversation which will enable local organisations to tell us about how they have been affected by Covid, and what wellbeing schemes they have planned to help the town bounce back from this challenging season. More details will follow later in the year. The plan is for this meeting to take place towards the early summer - by which time we hope groups should be able to meet and mix more freely.

Darren McIndoe - Chair of Civic Core Group



Business and Commerce



Despite the challenges that we all faced in 2021, I was able to attend and number of online meetings as H4H's Business and Commerce representative with Harlow Chamber of Commerce, St Clare's Hospice and Harlow Business Forum.

Praying for our brothers and sisters in Business and Commerce has been and remains vitally important, with various restrictions and challenges in place or likely to be experienced in the future.

Economic recovery is likely to be slow and arduous but with strong community links established and maintained I know we can and will make a difference and our prayers will be answered.

We still aspire to have a Business and Commerce "Group" but at the moment I am working alone. This presents challenges in terms of networking in "normal times" as I work full-time in London. I hope and pray that someone will be willing to work alongside me in 2022.

Ian Beckett - Chair of Business and Commerce Core Group



Churches and Chaplaincy

Well, what can I say, this has again been a peculiar year. We were unable to meet for our walk with the cross at Easter because of the Covid restrictions, we did produce an online walk. We are delighted to be able to meet at Easter 2022 as we have done previously but again we wait for the world to get back on its feet. This we hope will have an evangelistic tone.



Christmas 2021 after consultation with some of the group and with BB's in the Harvey Centre we felt it was inappropriate to create a gathering in these uncertain times. This decision was taken prior to the Omicron variant becoming prevalent, but still it felt like it was the right decision. We had further discussions regarding the validity of the gathering in the Harvey Centre at Christmas. We usually meet when it is late night shopping, but we had

observed very few non-church people around. We thought we might like to ask the Harvey Centre if we could meet earlier in the day and perhaps the beginning of the week before Christmas when there are more people around. I will explore all this for next Christmas assuming we are free to do so.

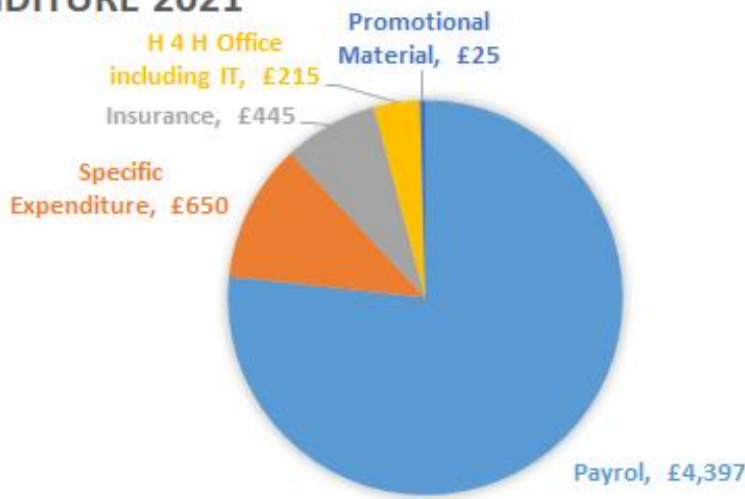
The prayer meeting on the 4th Sunday in the month has become a hybrid of those present and those on-line, and this has meant that everyone can remain comfortable and take part. We have started to move round to different churches and Jane continues to co-ordinate that and I am very grateful for everything she does. I also appreciate all those who lead worship and take part and would like to encourage everyone to hold our town in prayer.

Thanks everyone for your support and encouragement.

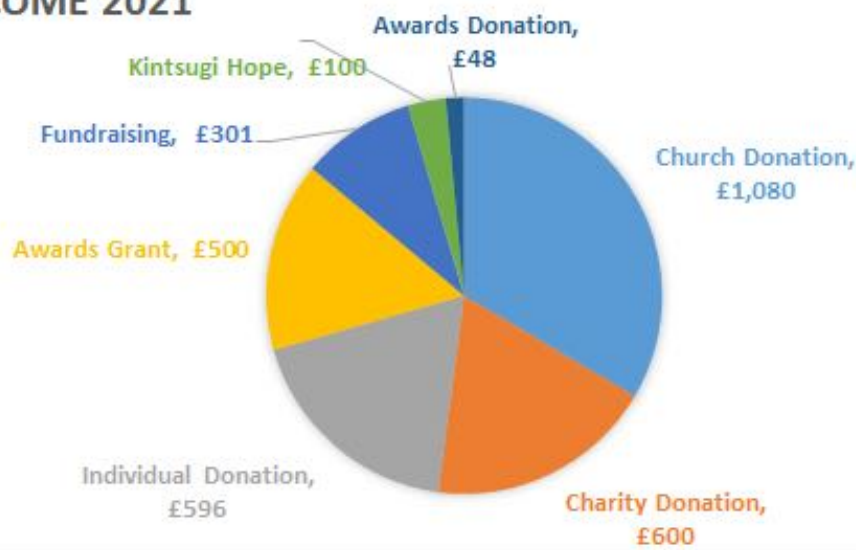
Alison Taylor - Chair of Churches and Chaplaincy Core Group

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H4H EXPENDITURE 2021



H4H INCOME 2021



Finances Report

As we budgeted, expenditure exceeded income by £2,507, this being taken from reserves.

Income was 16% higher than the previous year and expenditure 11% higher.

We are thankful to the 3 Churches, 1 Charity and 3 individuals who gave regularly to the work of Heart 4 Harlow throughout the year.

If you would like to make a donation to the general work of Heart 4 Harlow then use the QR code below. Please turn to page 2 if you would like to use the separate QR code to support the Awards.

If you would like any further information about Heart 4 Harlow Finances then please contact ron@heart4harlow.org.uk

Ron Kingsmill,
Treasurer



Arts, Culture, Education & Sport

The main focus of our group, other than praying, was to conduct a survey of churches to get a picture of the number of churches which already support local schools. The responses indicated that some churches had very good links with schools and others did not. There was not a large response to this survey so we are going to do it again in the next few months.



It has been a challenging year in all areas - the arts, culture, education, and sport – and we have

continued to uphold all these areas in prayer.

In the coming year we hope to meet more regularly, encourage new members to our group who have a passion for the arts and culture as these areas are currently not represented within the group. We also want to encourage more churches to develop links with their local schools and are considering ways to do this.

We look forward to all that God will do in us, for us and with us in the coming months.

Sarah Mitchell
Chair of ACES Core Group

