

REPORT

NEW COMMUNITY NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT 2016–2017

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Annual Report 2016–2017

New Community Church is a resource church called to serve the city, the nation and the nations.

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Introduction

This has been a year that has seen a lot of change.

We have been undergoing some major internal restructuring and re-evaluating our vision and mission to the city, the nation, and the nations. Part of this process was the commissioning of Thrive Church, formerly our Eastleigh congregation, who are called to serve the Borough of Eastleigh.

There have been lots of preparations both within Central Hall and the wider community for the opening of Hope Community School in September. We have been so encouraged by the increasing numbers of local people that we are now engaged with through our various initiatives both at Central Hall and St. Andrew's in Sholing.

We are grateful to God for his faithfulness in the midst of these changes, his generous provision and his kindness to us.



Billy & Caroline

We look forward to more in 2018 and beyond!

Church Life

Last year we saw many more people hear about Jesus for the first time and get to know him better, through our three services, numerous midweek activities and both local and international projects.

Over the 2016–2017 year, an average of 435 people (including children) attended one of our three main services each Sunday, meeting to worship God together. Four people made their faith public by being baptised at one of our services and many new faces came through our doors, with 20 people attending our Belonging lunches.

During this year our Sunday morning teaching series began to focus on the first two key elements of our church mission; 'Know Christ' and 'Belong'.

Connect groups continued to thrive and throughout the year 17 groups have

been meeting regularly together to enjoy activities such as reading the Bible together, working through resources that follow our teaching series, enjoying meals together, engaging in prayer and supporting one another.

Each Sunday up to 125 children attended one of our three services, enjoying Bible-based children's activities and teaching. An average of 45 youth attended one of our three services, of which 23 went to the Christian festival, Soul Survivor, in the summer. All this was possible thanks to our great children and youth teams committed to leading in this area.

Our student work began again in October with a series of student lunches welcoming new and returning students to church. Approximately 50 students attended one of our services each Sunday on a regular basis, 32 of which

came on our student weekend away in the New Forest.

Each month we hosted a day of prayer and fasting, committing to seek God and pray for breakthrough for friends, family, the city, nation and internationally and meeting together at Central Hall for a time of corporate worship and prayer. Monthly extended worship nights were also held for those looking to go deeper into worship in an informal setting.



One Church, Three Services

10am Service at Central Hall

Our 10am service at Central Hall has continued to be a place of inspiration and encounter with Jesus for all ages and backgrounds – attracting many visitors over the year.

Our children's and youth work continued to thrive with 70-80 children having fun each week as they learned more about Jesus. Our monthly God's House has been especially popular. This year we trained block welcomers and introduced a prayer ministry team, which has been instrumental in a number of people giving their lives to Christ.

In 2017/18 we want to bring fresh focus to our welcome, to give fresh confidence to everyone to invite friends and family to church. We will continue to focus on creating an environment of encounter with Jesus through worship, inspiration and challenge through our teaching, and of transformation through our prayer ministry.

10.30am Service at St Andrew's, Sholing

Our New Community base at St Andrew's Church in Sholing has become a beacon of light within the community reaching out to those around.

This year we have enjoyed developing our friendly and welcoming community in Sholing, providing a place of friendship and belonging for people of all ages and backgrounds. We have been covering our local area in prayer and have engaged in a number of outreach activities, seeing many new faces coming through our doors.

In the year ahead, we want to establish further connections within the local area, particularly focusing on children and families, which we believe to be a growth area for us as a community. We look forward to seeing all that God does in Sholing as we continue to seek Him.

New 6pm Service at Central Hall

Over the summer months we gathered a team, prayed, sought God and made strategic plans for our new 6pm service at Central Hall to be launched in October 2017.

The new service at Central Hall aims to intentionally reach out to people who do not yet know Jesus and will be focused around creating a safe space for encounter that is accessible to all and easy to invite people to. Our aim is to be authentic, passionate and welcoming; always offering people an invitation to respond to the gospel and meet with Jesus.

We recognise that Central Hall is surrounded by students and young adults, and want to bring a focus to reaching them and others of their generation (older youth, students, 20s, young professionals; many of whom might not yet know Jesus). We're really excited to see what God is going to do through this new venture!

New Community Eastleigh

This year our 10.30am New Community service over in Eastleigh turned 18 and felt God's call to establish themselves as their own church community.

To mark the transition, the Eastleigh team and regular attendees of the service were prayed for during our Community Sunday in September and were released into their community to become Thrive Church, where we are sure that they will indeed thrive!

It was a privilege to have New Community Eastleigh as part of our church family for many years and we thank them for their contributions to the 2016-2017 year. We look forward to partnering with them as Thrive Church as part of the wider Pioneer family into the future.

Outreach

This year willing volunteers gave their time and support to share the good news about Jesus and pray with people for their needs.



Alpha

We ran two very successful Alpha courses (October/November 2016 and April/May 2017) with a total of 23 guests. The majority of those who attended had little or no faith/church background. We also had a few guests from other faith backgrounds. Several people were filled with the Holy Spirit and many others got connected and involved at the church after completing the course.

Healing on the Streets

Almost every week of the year, members of our Healing on the Streets teams faithfully went out to pray for people in their local communities, seeing many people touched by God. One particular family came for prayer several weeks in a row.

The Turning

This year we were blessed to have a team from The Gate Church in Reading visiting Southampton to lead the church in outreach on the streets. During the Turning several people from New Community Church went along to the training and engaged in the outreach activities. Over the ten-day period, we saw over 500 people respond, many of whom prayed a prayer of salvation.

Weekly Outreach

On Wednesday afternoons a small team of people went out from Central Hall to talk to people on the streets and to introduce them to Jesus, to which we saw a great response.

Local Projects

Find out more about the fantastic local projects within the network that provide practical support to help many people within our local communities.



- At the start of 2017, the Community Café celebrated its 10th birthday. In that period we have had the privilege of serving over 40,000 free meals to our local community, including to some of the most vulnerable people in Southampton. The café continues to be a vibrant and bustling hub receiving around 75 guests each week and is served by an incredible team of about 50 volunteers.
- We held our 10th Christmas Café in December 2016, seeing around 170 guests and 60 volunteers over the three days we were open, giving out presents, including warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks, to all our guests including warm coats, gloves, scarves and socks.
- Tiny Treasures community toddler group at Central Hall saw between 30 and 50 children each week.
- Stay and Play toddler group in Sholing saw between 24 and 35 families each week.
- 66 couples and individuals received counselling through our Central Counselling and Training Service (CCTS).
- 12 individuals received support from our Bereavement Support Team.
- Many items of baby clothes, toys and equipment were collected and redistributed to families in need by our Baby Branch project.
- The community zoo trip provided the opportunity for families to get out of the city, who wouldn't otherwise have been able to.

International Projects

With your generous support – praying, fundraising, and volunteering for overseas trips – we were able to make a positive difference to many international communities.



New Community Kibera

This year teams made two visits to Kibera, Kenya, to support our project helping those in one of the world's largest slums. The teams volunteered to help support the work of our micro-enterprise development programme, football coaching academy, community healthcare training and building developments.

As part of the micro-enterprise development programme, many local people were educated in micro-enterprise development, providing them with knowledge that would enable them to run their own small businesses.

Between 280 and 500 children received meals twice a month, along with sports activities and teaching about Jesus, as part of the feeding project. 60 local volunteers received teaching to become community healthcare trainers, so they, in turn, could instruct people in their community.

Local football coaches were up-skilled through the soccer academy, helping to reduce youth crime and gun-related deaths by providing a positive and constructive use of time for young people. Work continued on the building of a new community centre, which will be used for education, feeding programmes, meetings and more.

School of Ministries

SOM has had another very encouraging year, training and equipping church leaders and other ministries across Africa, Asia and also in the UK. We estimate over 1,300 leaders have attended SOM courses, at 30 centres across 12 nations.

One of our key centre leaders in Uganda told us that “SOM is not only changing the leaders and their churches, it is changing the city”.

There has been a strong focus on developing our work in Asia, with a number of centres in India, but which now includes a school of 160 leaders in Nepal. During the year we also started

an ambitious project to rewrite all our modules to be more adapted to the developing world.

In September 2016 we set a “faith” budget for the coming 12 months which far exceeded our expected sources of income. Once again we have been amazed at the Lord’s faithfulness to us.

The Beatrice Project

The Beatrice Project works alongside vulnerable girls in rural Zimbabwe.

This year, 300 girls received free sanitary pads for a year so they could continue to attend school. These girls (aged 10–17), took part in

monthly workshops, learning about reproductive health and other topical issues affecting young women. A sewing machine and start-up materials were bought for the girls to start making washable/reusable sanitary pads and items.

Le Vay

Our New Community Le Vay project came to a close in March 2017.

The community retreat, led by Mike and Amanda Thom, provided a practical, spiritual and cultural experience to hundreds of people over the

years. Our hope for the future is to find a property closer to home, to enable more people to discover the gentle rhythms of grace, be shaped by prayer, experience the joy of working the land and the beauty of community.

Training & Resources

Last year, we were able to help train and inform people in a variety of different roles.

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CCTS

In the 2016/2017, year our Central Counselling and Training Service (CCTS) successfully continued to offer quality therapeutic help to all those approaching the service. We continued to run training courses at certificate and diploma level with 36 counsellors receiving training through our service.

60 individuals and six couples came to our counselling service for help and support.

Feedback from clients:

"I have a better understanding of why I have the issues I have. I found the practical side helpful. My counsellor made me feel comfortable, made it a safe place to be and she made me feel important. She explained things clearly when I didn't understand."

"Counselling has helped me feel more at ease with myself. The counsellor was patient and understanding."

"I was able to see a really clear difference in the way I approached my life over the past few months. The compassion of my counsellor was helpful; using visual aids and the activities we did were particularly helpful. The counselling process is probably one of the greatest things I've ever done and has had a profound impact on how I view myself."

Church Training and Resources

Many individuals also benefited from the various short courses, Bible studies, retreat days, and one-off events we ran in addition to our three services.

Staff & Team

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Adam Clewer
Billy & Caroline Kennedy
Clive & Jane Wiseman
John Deagle
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Simon & Jo Bates
Theo & Sarah Amer

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Chan Abraham
Chris Romilly
Kevin Rayner
Shelly Frame
Theodora Ugo

School of Ministries

Graham Bower
Katrina Mack
Peter Butt

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Partnerships

Pioneer

New Community Church are part of the 'apostolic' Pioneer network of churches founded in the mid-80s. Pioneer are committed to the re-evangelisation of our nation and to seeing the Kingdom of God expressed in every sphere of society and culture.



Southampton Christian Network

New Community Church are members of the Southampton Christian Network (SCN), united in the conviction that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. The network exists to facilitate citywide communication, joint prayer and mission opportunities that help churches and organisations work together as one body.

Hope Community School

New Community Church is the partner church of Hope Community School, Southampton's first mainstream Free School for children aged 4–11 years. We are committed to supporting the school and contributing to its Christian ethos. We also aim to enhance the life of the local community, for example by encouraging individuals to volunteer with the school.

In addition, our Central Hall premises underwent refurbishment in 2017 to become the temporary site for the school, until the permanent facility on Chapel Road has been built.

Love Southampton

In response to the challenges we see across our city each and every day, we work with Love Southampton to support the City Council through partnership with local churches, united in our love for God and our love for our neighbour.

Methodist Church

As a church, we are partnering with the Southampton Methodist Circuit working in Sholing, Woolston and Eastleigh.

New Community Network 2016/17 Financial Report

'The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.'
Galatians 5:6

On an annual basis, we review and forecast a plan for our budgets and pray about where God wants us to use His money, whilst walking in faith that God will challenge us and stretch us to fulfil our vision. During the year 16/17, our total income was £1,146,937, of which £770,056 (67%) relates to voluntary giving, consisting of unrestricted and restricted giving, Gift Aid, and gift in kind services. The committed giving (tithing income) was 56% of total giving.

We are so thankful for those who give generously to New Community Church. Your donations are making a huge difference. This year we gave away nearly £135k (2015–2016: £91k)

to individuals and institutions both in Southampton and abroad, to nations including Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Uganda, the USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Our Gift Day offering for 2017 raised an impressive £56,385 (2015–2016: £34,468). This year we also saw further significant reduction in our financial deficit by another £71k.

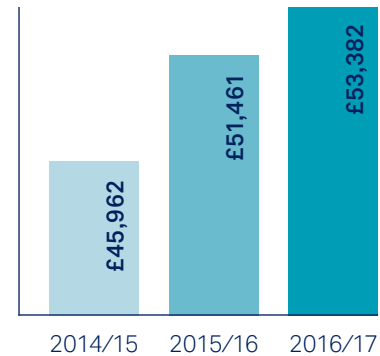
Tithing Income

Tithing allows us the opportunity to put God first financially, giving back to Him that which he has entrusted us with. Our offerings are therefore over and above our tithes and come from a grateful heart of thanksgiving. If you regularly attend New Community Church and do not tithe, please pray about what you can start giving.

Tax-Efficient Giving

For all those that have signed and returned a gift form for New Community Church to benefit on the tax relief every time you give, we would like to say a huge thank you. This year we were able to increase the value of your giving at no extra cost to you and raised around £114k in Gift Aid.






Average Monthly Giving



Finances

Find out more about the financial position of New Community Network over the previous year.

Find out more

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For more information on different ways to give, please contact our finance team.

2016–2017 Income: £1,146,937

Events & Rental

16%

NCE (Coffee Shop)

4%

Training & Fee Income

8%

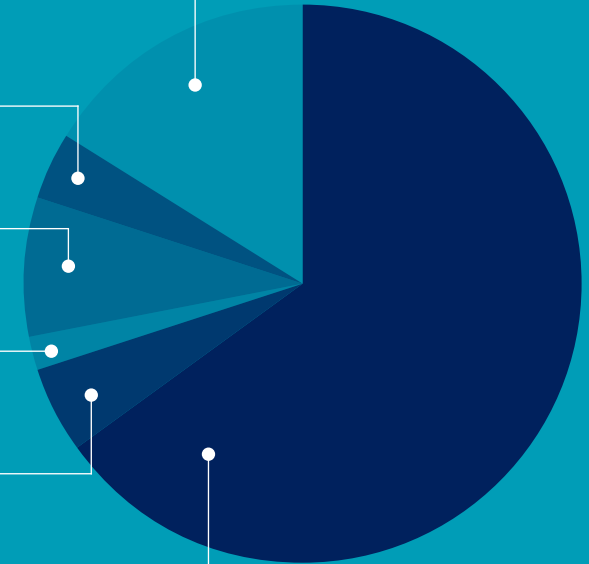
Gift in Kind

2%

Other Income

Voluntary Giving

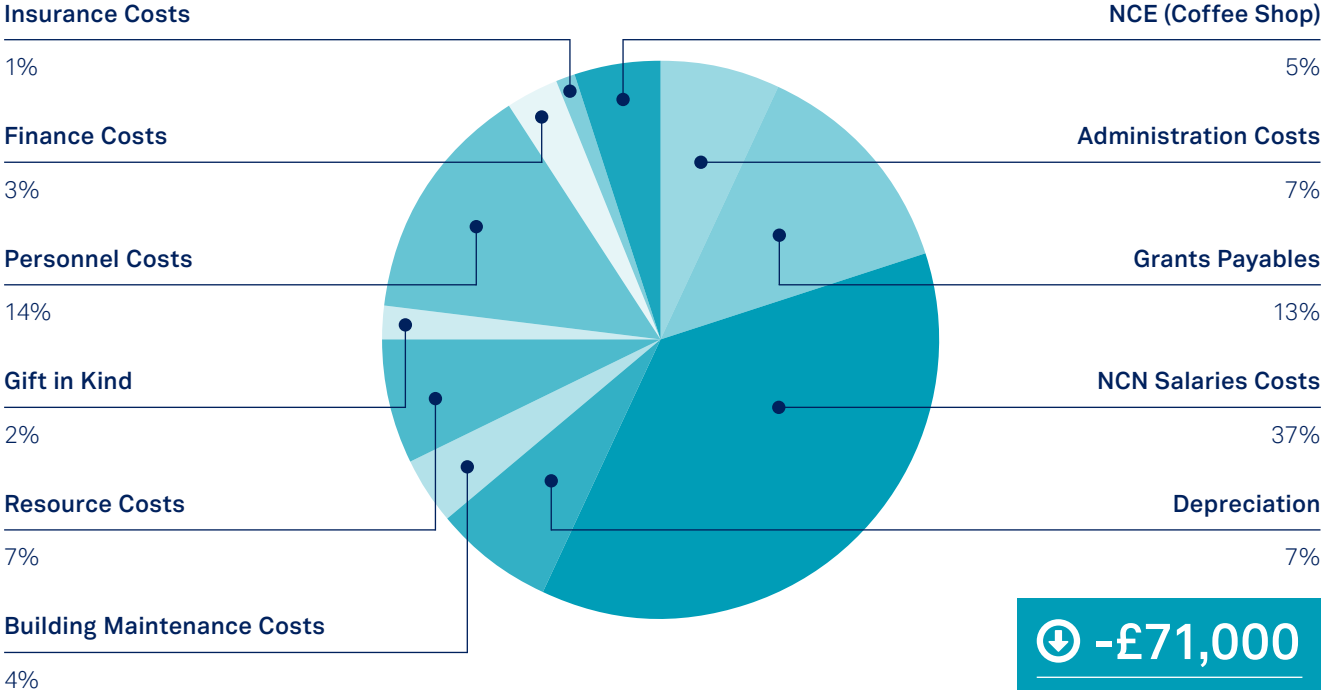
65%



GIFT DAY GIVING

UP 63.5%

Expenditure: £1,075,705



⬇ -£71,000
DEFICIT REDUCTION

2025

LEGACY VISION

New Community Church

A RESOURCE CHURCH

INSPIRING AN ARMY OF ORDINARY
PEOPLE TO BE THE CHANGE
TO TELL THEIR STORIES
TO SHARE THE LOVE

1,000
PEOPLE

 3 LOCATIONS

LEADING OUR CITY
INTO LIFE

CHANGED LIVES, TRANSFORMED COMMUNITIES THE GOAL

MULTI-GENERATIONAL
CULTURALLY DIVERSE

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO BELONG

TO ENCOUNTER
JESUS

INSPIRING OUR
NATION | A BEACON CHURCH. LEADING THE WAY.
GIVING BEYOND OURSELVES
LOVING THE NATIONS

SUPPORTING, EQUIPPING, ENCOURAGING

15,000 | **30** | LOOKING TO GOD
LEADERS TRAINED | COUNTRIES | FOR ALL WE NEED
FINANCIALLY SECURE
DEBT FREE

FOUNDATIONS LAID
NOT STOPPING HERE
STILL MORE FOR THE
NEXT GENERATION | A BEACON OF LIGHT
FOR YEARS TO COME

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