

Church and Community Working Together



Walking with the Cross

Hundreds gathered to 'Lift High the Cross' as we walked through town, sang hymns, heard readings and worshipped in the Harvey Centre.



Carols in the Harvey Centre

See the report on Page 2. Our thanks again to BB's who have been hosting us for the Good Friday Walk with the Cross and Carols in the Harvey Centre for several years.

Review of the Year

Particular highlights included the Good Friday Walk, the Festival including the International Day, the Awards and Carol Singing in the Harvey Centre. But Heart4Harlow is about much more than this. See Ron Kingsmill's article on page 3.



The theme of the Heart4Harlow Photographic Exhibition at Harlow Library and part of the Festival, reminds us of Paul's letter to the Colossians 1:19,20 - "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things".

Heart4Harlow exists to be an expression of churches partnering in mission. At the heart of Christian faith is being the light of Christ in our communities and we partner with the 'men and women of peace' seeking to share God's love in deed and word, ministers of God who in Christ is reconciling all things.

From such has come huge transformation in our world. The NHS for example finds much of its roots in the thinking and actions of Christians during the last two centuries.

But values of love and goodness



Maggie Hulcoop, Chair of Harlow Council, presents one of the Awards

are always under threat, as our sisters and brothers in the Middle and Far East know far more than us.

By God's grace, and only by his grace and in his strength, our prayer is that God's church in and around Harlow continues to shine as a light in deed and word. In this way Christ is made known and in this way God calls out to all, calling all to himself.



The International Day at Harlow Museum



Heart4Harlow Awards

The evening is an opportunity to appreciate and say thank you to the people and businesses who have made an excellent contribution to our communities and business-life in Harlow and district.

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The Heart 4 Harlow Forum dates for 2019. We meet at Roydon URC church at 7.45.

Tuesday 12th
February

Wednesday 8th
May

Monday 23rd
September

All Christians in any form of leadership – whether in your employment in the community (including civic and church) or the voluntary sector – are warmly welcomed.

Monthly prayer gatherings are normally on the 4th Sunday of the month from February to November. These are at 6.30pm at St Mary's Churchgate Street, Old Harlow.

There is further opportunity for **weekly prayer** at 8–9am every Thursday in the St Paul's chapel (entry is via the Terrace door, facing College Square). Do come!

Carols in the Harvey Centre



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- Ann Kosla

As always the worship band and sound technician were brilliant – thanks for all your hard work.

Thanks too for the ladies from RCG and our resident crooner – both a real joy. turned up or prayed.

Thanks to Street Pastors and everyone who took part.

I believe that opportunities such as this and the Good Friday ‘Walk with the Cross’ have greatly affected the spiritual atmosphere in Harlow.

We are experiencing a new openness to the gospel and partnership with many community minded agencies so let us continue to come together in acts of worship, witness and prayer.

Ann Kosla

It is always great when churches come together to worship as a witness to the community and spiritual forces. To proclaim Jesus is King in the Harvey Centre this Christmas was powerful.

There were so many churches involved, each using their gifts and talents for what proved a very special time of worship.

Our special thanks to BB's and the Harvey Centre for allowing us to gather. Thank you all who bought a drink or a cake from BB's as our way of saying “thank you”.

More about Heart4Harlow

The current trustees are Robert Findlay, Martin Harris (Chair), Ron Kingsmill (Treasurer) and Ann Kosla. In appointing trustees from time to time there is consultation with the wider church through Leaders' Forums.

Trustees need to be those actively engaged with taking forward the aims and values of Heart4Harlow. They meet roughly 6 times a year, including three formal trustee meetings.

Community Links

Heart 4 Harlow is seeking to further strengthen its links with all sections of the community, helping the church to engage through Prayer, Partnership and Participation.

1. **Commerce** (Shops, Agriculture & Business): Robert Findlay is organising Harlow Showcase to raise awareness of Business, Agriculture and Commerce to show that Harlow is a great place for work, education and to call your home.
2. **Civic** (Local Authority & Councillors, MP, Police and Fire Services) Ian Beckett and Tom Newens are encouraging the churches to pray and speak to local councillors, the Fire and Police to encourage and support them;
3. **Art, Culture and Education** (Schools, College & UCH, Arts associations) Sarah Mitchell is helping to facilitate ways that churches can work with schools and share good practice
4. **Health & Wellbeing** (Charities & Community Groups, NHS & the care sector) Ron Kingsmill leads this group to support the NHS, Charities and Voluntary sector.
5. **Churches and Chaplaincy** We are seeking a group of ministers & Chaplains to facilitate Walk with the cross, Community Praise and Carols in the Harvey Centre.

Would you be interested to know more about a particular area as it develops or be involved? If so, then please contact one of those mentioned above or Robert Findlay; or you can visit our website and complete the online form to join a mailing list.

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Health & Wellbeing

The Health & Wellbeing Core Group has now met 3 times with representation from PAH, St Claire's Hospice and churches. Our aim is to be a link between churches and the vibrant health, social care and charity sector within the town. As Chair of the Group I was invited to attend the Harlow Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board. I was also privileged to attend an Integrated Care Partnership workshop which was attended by many people from all groups interested in health and wellbeing to look at ways we can work better together.

We identified three Actions from our first meeting:

1. Communication concerning matters of health & wellbeing. It is early days, but this is being developed through the H4H Health & Wellbeing Mailing List, through the H4H Website and through the Community Links in churches.
- 2 To clarify the main database that will be used by organisations across the town to promote health and wellbeing services. After consultation we have identified 'Harlow Frontline' as the database most supported. We will now promote this and encourage churches to register their own services on it, and use it to refer people to other services.
- 3 To develop some form of mobile display to promote Health and Wellbeing at appropriate events through the year. This is still being considered.

We are delighted with the response of the churches to the homeless through Hope4Harlow, which last year saw 7 churches providing night shelter during January and February and in some cases longer. I have also been gathering a small group of leaders from charities which identify with Christian values called 'Heart 2 Serve'. We meet 3 times a year to support and pray for one another.

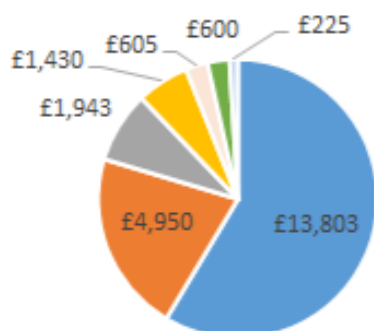
I am very excited by the vibrant Health and Wellbeing sector I believe that the Church should be at the centre of this as we are concerned with health and wellbeing in its fullest sense. I hope that we will be able to play some part in assisting the church to engage with, contribute to and have an influence upon this important aspect of life in our town.

Ron Kingsmill

"I am pleased to commend this Heart 4 Harlow community links initiative... as churches seek to re-engage with the different areas of the wider community" - Bishop Stephen Cottrell

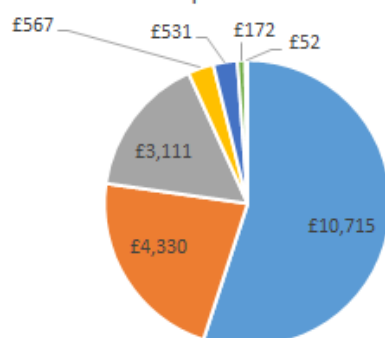
Financial Report and Budget

H4H Income 2018



- Heart 4 Harlow Awards (Tables)
- H 4 H Awards (Sponsorship)
- Individual Donation
- Church Donation
- Other Income
- Charity Donation
- H 4 H Festival Sponsorship

H4H Expenditure 2018



- Heart 4 Harlow Awards Costs
- Heart 4 Harlow Festival
- Payroll
- Insurance
- H 4 H Office
- Publicity
- Misc

Budget for 2019

Income

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| H 4 H Awards | £14,000 |
| Church Donations | £1,300 |
| Individual Donations | £800 |
| Other Income | £100 |
| Charity Donations | £600 |
| Marquee Donation | £0 |
| Offerings | £0 |
| Anonymous Donations | £40 |
| Total | £16,840 |

Expenditure

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| H 4 H Awards | £11,000 |
| Payroll | £3,000 |
| Donation to Harlow Showcase | £1,000 |
| Insurance | £600 |
| Miscellaneous | £100 |
| Publicity | £100 |
| Office (Including IT/Website) | £600 |
| Promotional material | £200 |
| Annual Report | £200 |
| Travel | £0 |
| Total | £16,800 |

Heart 4 Harlow received £23,566 last year and spent £19,479. Both represent around 5% growth on the previous year.

Balances at the end of the year were £22,846.

Please note these figures are still to be verified by the independent examiner.

Our budget for this year removes expenditure for the Festival which will not take place this year and instead includes a donation to the Harlow Showcase which you can read more about on page ?

Ron Kingsmill, Treasurer,
for the trustees