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# ANNUAL REVIEW 2013



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The most exciting part of my work during my first year as Chair of the Church and Community Fund has been discovering the breadth of innovative work that is being done in parishes throughout England. I've been moved and humbled by the imaginative projects which we have been able to support, many of them working in places of severe deprivation. These projects have shown that the church is acting in obedience to the call of the gospel, to serve our neighbour and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.



In 2013 we awarded a total of 31 grants amounting to just over £490,000, one of which I am pleased to report was an award of our first grant to a project under Theme 3 (CCF community engagement replication grant). The trustees were excited to award £60,000 to The Feast, a deserving project that is winning international recognition for its work in healing our fractured communities. More about this Theme 3 project can be found on page 2 of this report.

Under themes 1 and 2 – which focus on expanding the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal or developing community projects that focus on church growth - we awarded a total of 30 grants. The average grant size awarded for Themes 1 and 2 was £14,440. You can read about the impact of some of these CCF funded projects on pages 3-5.

I'd like to thank the many people who have supported the work of The CCF for their faithful service and prayers in this continuing ministry. In particular I would like to thank my predecessor as Chair - The Venerable George Howe. I also give great thanks to Andrew Hawkings who stepped down as our grants manager at the end of the year. These men, along with the faithful and hard-working members of the board, have revitalised the work of the CCF and set it on its new path in service of the church.

I look forward to the on-going service and work of the CCF as we explore and invest in future innovative and commendable projects in 2014 and beyond.

**The Very Revd Peter Bradley**  
**Dean of Sheffield Cathedral**

# THE FEAST: £60,000

## BIRMINGHAM: THEME 3



**The Feast is a youth charity specialising in the engagement of Christian young people with their peers of different faiths, in the hope that together they will build more cohesive, peaceful, and positive communities across our increasingly diverse and divided world.**

Founded in Birmingham during 2009 with a single youth worker, the ministry progressed well with the addition of new staff, schools and faith groups. In 2011 The Feast was invited to consider expanding to other areas of the UK by Scripture Union and Near Neighbours.

As a result, discussions commenced in Bradford and Tower Hamlets with the formation of local leadership groups in each area who undertook local development and fundraising. Then in May 2013 they were very excited to welcome their first youth worker in Bradford and Keighley.



In June 2013 The Feast submitted a proposal to the CCF for assistance towards their replication outside Birmingham, and as a result of the generous support awarded, the project was able to recruit a part-time youth worker in Tower Hamlets, starting in February 2014.

With this foundation established, The Feast has now been asked to explore growth into a fourth location in the UK and are even piloting youth work overseas.

The investment of CCF has enabled The Feast to serve more churches as they grapple with the discipleship and witness of their young people by utilising interfaith dialogue to help them learn to love their neighbour as Jesus taught, and to always be ready to share their faith with gentleness and respect.

**“ By bringing young people of different faiths together in small group encounters, The Feast seeks to break down fear, dispel myths and build friendship based on trust and mutual respect.”** The Ven. Rachel Treweek, The Feast, Hackney

[www.thefeast.org.uk](http://www.thefeast.org.uk)

## CHESTER: THEME 1

# HOLY TRINITY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, BLACON: £10,000



The CCF's grant of £10,000 has funded an innovative community outreach programme. A Community Outreach Worker was appointed in October and a month later, with the help of a small team of volunteers, they opened a café which has been set up along side a GP surgery. The GP surgery has temporarily relocated to the church hall during a redevelopment of land opposite the church.

The café is open every Monday and Thursday morning and provides hot drinks and light refreshments in the waiting area. The aim is to create a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere to all, providing opportunity for people to talk and be listened to. Attendance at the café varies from 5 to 24 people at each session and in total has welcomed over 70 people to date. Several different classes and groups such as craft courses, the Knit and Natter group, and a parent-toddler group have sprouted up as a result of the Café's success.

## LONDON: THEME 1

# ST. MATTHEW'S FULHAM: £18,900

The St Michael's Centre Fulham is working with disadvantaged young people, children and families from the Sands End estate and other local housing estates. With the help of an £18,900 grant from the CCF they were able to hire a full time youth worker, who has aided the development of a mentoring programme for young people that seeks to raise aspirations, build self-confidence, equip with them with new skills and create leadership opportunities in the local community.

**“ This project in its infancy has already been hugely effective in reconnecting with people with significant need yet also huge potential.”**

**The Rt Reverend Paul Williams, St Michael's Centre, Fulham**



## DURHAM: THEME 1

# FOUNDATIONS FURNITURE PROJECT: £10,000

## Foundations FURNITURE SCHEME

The Foundations Furniture Project provides a furniture reuse facility offering free collection of unwanted, usable waste, diverting it from landfill whilst making it accessible for households in Gateshead who face financial hardship. With the £10,000 grant awarded from the CCF their aim was to raise aspirations of Gateshead residents by supplying cost-price, flat pack or free refurbished-used furniture. To date, 135 individuals and families have been helped by receiving furniture to ease the financial and emotional



burden during times of distress. The benefits of their project as a whole has been far-reaching with household members feeling improvements in many areas of their lives including their aspirations, ability to manage the home, confidence, feeling sociable and hope for the future.

“ Before I came to Foundations I was very depressed, ill and helpless. Someone told us about Foundations and now I am so happy, and I always pray for you. Thank you so much. I really appreciate the help at a time when we had nothing. Their hospitality is fantastic.”

Resident of Gateshead, Foundations Furniture Project, Durham

## YORK: THEME 1

# SCARBOROUGH DEANERY, EASTFIELD PROJECT- £17,000

The CCF's grant of £17,000 to the Scarborough Deanery has gone to support many people through community action, practical witness, as well as working with and sign posting to relevant local agencies in order to provide help and support on a whole range of issues and community needs. National Statistics show Eastfield in the top 10% of the most deprived areas in England. The Christian Centre, which provides a range of services by trained volunteers, is a welcoming and supportive place in the community. Through the different services provided, such as drop in facilities, a food bank, debt advice, pregnancy crisis support, and life skills support, the needs of the local community are being met.

“ This is an excellent project, carefully planned, with enthusiastic support in the deanery and the diocese as a whole...this project will re-engage the church with a very needy and neglected community.”

Richard Frith, Bishop of Hull, The Eastfield Project, Scarborough Deanery



# PARISH OF ASTON & NECHELLS: £15,000

The Parish of Aston and Nechells was awarded a grant of £15,000 from the CCF to help build on their existing work with families and community regeneration in two of the most deprived areas of the parish. In May 2013, Aston Churches Together organised a community clear-up concentrating on cleaning up 'grot spots' in South Aston and Witton. There were a number of volunteers from the community who came out to help and one family become regular attendees at the steadily growing Messy Church. This event was so successful they are planning to run another one again this spring. Messy Church has moved from a bi-monthly meeting to a monthly meeting to encourage and build up momentum in the community. Attendance has steadily risen and they are experiencing a loving community being built up within the Church meetings and sustained outside the sessions. The project now seeks encourage opportunities for spiritual growth and discipleship between the Messy Church meetings.



“ There is excellent mission work going on in Aston and Nechells...bringing in new people and developing the church’s profile in an area of considerable deprivation.”

The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Aston, Parish of Aston & Nechells

# DNA NETWORK: £10,000

The DNA Network is a Bishop Mission Order in Chelmsford Diocese that was awarded a grant of £10,000 from the CCF. Using the pioneer principles Jesus taught in Luke 10:1-11, the project aims to grow the church’s community outreach among young people, families and children, refugees, and migrants. The CCF grant has helped the development of activities such as Sport Outreach, a Children’s Homework Club, a Young People’s Prayer Breakfast, and a Refugee Advice Centre. As an outcome of serving a range of people groups, a number of new “SLIM”



(Spirit-Led, Incarnational, Multiplying) churches have emerged, which focus on making disciples of Jesus.

“ DNA Networks has a track record of creating new forms of ministry to connect with unconnected people and to serve those on the margins of society.”

The Ven. Annette Cooper, DNA Networks, an Anglican Fresh Expression

# LEAVE A LEGACY

## HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

If you have been inspired by what you have read within this review then you may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church and Community Fund in your Will. By leaving a legacy to the Fund you will be investing in social outreach and creative endeavours that will help the church grow through serving local communities. Projects supported by the CCF help the church to engage with young people, make the isolated and marginalized feel part of a community, lift people out of poverty and so much more. The CCF helps the Church be at the heart of community life.

## MAKE A DONATION

The Church and Community Fund welcome donations however large or small. Any gift you make will go a long way to support community work of the local church throughout England. If you would like to make a donation please visit the donate page on our website:

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# THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUND THEMES

The CCF aims to grow the Church of England and help develop its capacity to engage with the whole community by supporting projects that...

- 1 Significantly expand the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal.
- 2 Seek innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either a) grow into existing or b) evolve into new communities of Christian faith.
- 3 Replicate models of successful community engagement across the wider Church.

## GET IN TOUCH

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The Archbishops' Council (1074857) is the trustee of the CCF. The Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council appoints a CCF Committee which meets quarterly to carry out the business of the CCF. The Committee considered 114 applications from local projects in 2013 and awarded 31 grants amounting to £490,000. A direct grant of £240,000 was given to the Archbishops' Council.