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The whole Gospel to the whole person for the whole city
25 Years of The Whole Gospel, for the Whole City, for the Whole Person

In preparation for writing this report I have waded through hundreds of photos, Missionary journals, prayer letters, and annual reports all telling the story of a group of Christians who have loved people in a place called Derby. Selecting what went into this document has been very hard as inevitably there are back stories of sacrifice and love that will be known only to God in heaven. However through all of this research I have seen three words that encapsulate this journey of 25 years of Mission; Faith, Hope and Love.

Firstly, I see a people who have faith in God the Trinity and their Mission to reconcile all things in Christ. For 25 years God has supplied the workers, the finance, the food and the resources for Christian Mission and Social Action in Derby. It was faith in the Mission of God that bought Geoff Holland to Derby from London to found DCM. It was faith in the Missionary God that bought me from France to Derby to continue the work as Director and CEO.

Secondly Hope, that things could be better than they are now. Hope for addicts, the homeless, the indebted and deprived communities. This love of God has called for sacrificial giving, sometimes with pain, but God in his kingdom work of renewing and transforming the world he created and loves. It was in response to this invitation that Geoff Holland felt the call of God to move to Derby to start DCM. Over the following couple of decades many others partnered with him in seeking to share in word and deed the Good News of God’s saving work in and through Jesus, before Geoff passed the baton onto Ally Kay. Over all these years people have joined in the partnership, most as volunteers, some as paid staff, all in response to God’s call and as part of their Christian service.

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Director & Chair of Trustees

This year’s review celebrates 25 years of mission work through Derby City Mission. In his message to us Bishop Alastair uses five Ps to summarize the work and impact of DCM. I’d like to join with him in this alliteration by using another P, that of Partnership.

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Practicalities

DCM puts faith into practice in imaginative and effective ways. Food and fellowship are two of the basics provided by Jesus, and delivered consistently by DCM in our city. There are many other ways this practical help happens.

Poverty

We have experienced two and a half decades of economic ups and downs. One constant is the continuing tragedy of those who fall beneath the net. DCM specialises in noticing and making a difference as Jesus did.

Promise

DCM fulfils the promise of good news to the poor – by itself living off the fruits of promise. The continuing commitment and generous giving of all who support DCM. Jesus tells us that faith is trust in the promise that allows it to be fulfilled. DCM makes this witness daily.

Premier

These features make DCM a premier agency of God’s love – practical, prioritising the poor, promoting this promise.

After 25 years there is one further word to say – THANKS

Rev'd Dr Alastair Redfern
Bishop of Derby
It is a real joy for me to congratulate Alasdair Kay and the team at Derby City Mission on the 25 years that they have ministered in our city. The Mission has always been at the forefront of the church’s ministry to our city as it has served the poor and marginalised and evangelised our community in various ways.

Ally’s leadership of the Mission has enabled the churches of the city to unite together and serve the city in many different ways, from feeding the poor to reaching out to those who spend the weekend in the bars and clubs of our town through Street Pastors.

Derby City Mission has allowed the churches to speak with one voice into the issues and needs of our city and has drawn together our very different church groups so that we are able to identify and support one another in the work of the kingdom.

As leader of City Vision for the last 10 years I have come to value and enjoy Ally’s leadership and perseverance for the kingdom. I know that God will continue to do great things in Derby through this vital ministry.

David Hyling
Derby City Church

I cannot overstate the contribution the Derby City Mission has made to the safety of the public in Derby.

The value of the work that the street pastors do in our city centre, week-in-week-out, to add a measure of calm, comfort, reassurance and restraint to those suffering the ill-effects of drink and radically other substances cannot be overstated.

Their time given so willingly, at unsociable hours of the day and night, has a worth that cannot realistically be calculated. I applaud the Mission, the Street Pastors and all the volunteers as you reach your 25th anniversary.

Mick Creeden
Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary

DCM began the year after I arrived in Derby. It has been a constant source of the Lord’s blessing that DCM began the year after I arrived in Derby.

It has been a massive privilege working here and being a part of this amazing organisation! We thank you for the boundless energy and passion that she has shown in getting alongside the poor and showing God’s love.

Rev Beth Honey
Pioneer Minister in the Diocese of Derby

The work, ministry and impact of Derby City Mission across our city is immense.

Their influence and presence that they have now have across many sections of our community is born out of years of servant-hearted and incarnational approach to ministry, and of seeking to reflect the real love and grace of Christ in all they do. The full results, will only really be understood in the light of eternity, but can be seen now in the countless lives that God has transformed through their faithful and sacrificial service.

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For the last 25 years, Derby City Mission has taken a lead in evangelism and social action often within the most deprived communities in the city. This has all been done with such a small infrastructure and limited paid staff, largely because of engagement with the local church and community which has produced so many willing volunteers. As a local Baptist Minister I would like to thank all those involved in the founding and sustaining of Derby City Mission for the way you have enabled and supported the churches of Derby to engage together in mission and serve our city in God’s name.

Graham Watkins
Ozzy Rd Baptist Church

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There are many volunteers who work faithfully behind the scenes who aren’t mentioned elsewhere in this booklet, like our admin volunteers Bernice Watkins, Richard Price, Kim Dalton, Paul Harrison, Betty Killick, Sonia Lightboler, Judith Wainwright and Alison Pawlowycz; our maintenance maestros Brian Miller, fabulous fundraiser Geoff Short, our cleaner and gardener Colin Smith and our designer Giles Davies.

Graham Pyman
Turpin Rd Baptist Church

In putting together this booklet to mark the celebration of 25 years since the founding of Derby City Mission it has sadly not been possible to mention by name everyone who has been involved with DCM. However all who have worked in the mission are known to God and it is for his glory that we labour. Therefore we would sincerely like to thank all those who have given of their time and energies, their finance and their prayers towards the work of serving God’s church in the city.

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The Riverside Centre
Canaan Trust
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Derby Rotary Charity Trust
City Vision
Diocese of Derby
Derby Methodist Circuit
Various churches in Derby and Derbyshire
Community Action, Derby
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University of Derby
AdviceUK
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Seconded to DCM for Nightsheet: Chandra Morby (Derby Methodist Circuit) and Paul Brookhouse (The Hope Centre)

Goodbyes

It is with sincere thanks that we say goodbyes to Directors Karen Golder, who stepped down in June, and Peter Frymann, who will step down in September after serving as Treasurer for 4 years. He has been a man of great faith and such a blessing. Sharon Frost also stepped down as Missionary with Responsibility for the Jubilee Project at the end of July. She said, ‘I have had the most enjoyable 4½ years but have no more to offer this role. I leave DCM with fond memories, it has been a massive privilege working here and being a part of this amazing organisation! We thank you for the boundless energy and passion that she has shown in getting alongside the poor and showing God’s love.

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1989: Soon after the launch, Geoff did open air evangelism each week outside the Audley centre nr the Spot, in East St and outside St Peter’s Church, with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) assisting with drama.

1989: The First Committee of trustees comprised (left to right) Robert Archer, Eddie Skelton, Margaret Holland*, Rev David Kendrew, Geoff Holland, Rev David Gough, Rev Duncan Whyte (General Secretary of London City Mission) and Colin Clark (Chairman). (*not committee member)

1989: David Parry (now Canon David Parry) worked with Chinese Community Centre worker, Harry Wong, to develop a Saturday afternoon Chinese Club for the children with teaching, crafts, games and music.

1990: A 6-month leadership training course at Osmaston Baptist Church trained 30 volunteers from a number of churches in Derby in scripture, evangelism and basic counselling skills to equip them to be involved in open air and door-to-door ministries.

1990: The first Christmas meal was held for 40 elderly people contacted through door to door visiting who were served by children from Bemrose Community School at Junction Baptist Church. It became an annual event and with increasing numbers of people coming, a New Year’s party was also held.

1992: Wayne Allen headed up the first Year Challenge Programme through which many volunteer workers were placed to train and work alongside churches and in their communities.

1992: DCM extended into Chaplaincy work, Geoff to taxi drivers and stallholders in Guildhall and Eagle Centre Markets; Wayne Allen, and later David Parfitt, to news vendors and James Lindsey at Derby Royal Infirmary.

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Circa 2000:
- Staff Team L–R: Dennis Hooton, Administrator Judith Taylor, Gill Stables, Geoff Holland, Steve Willetts and James Lindsay

Other Church based staff during this era included John Tattersall, Peter Gale and James Bathurst.

2000: Geoff was invited by Rev Paul Taylor to start an evangelistic service at St Peter’s Church on Friday lunchtimes, which is still running today.

1996: Christmas Connection was started in empty shops in the Audley Centre and the Eagle Centre, providing Christmas presents for children of Basics Bank clients and those referred from schools and churches. All staff were involved in delivering parcels to the families.

1997: Also joining through Year Challenge, James Lindsay was attached to Alvaston and Boulton Lane Baptist churches doing door-to-door, and children’s work in the churches, as well as leading assemblies in 7 local schools and doing chaplaincy at the DRI.

1997: Dennis Hooton joined DCM, initially working with the elderly and helped Maggie Holland with Tea Time. He then took over responsibility for 4 Basics Bank clinics at St Mark’s Chaddesden, Boyer St, Osmaston Rd and Peartree Baptist churches.

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2007: Committee: Wendy Palmer, Andy Ward, Chairman Tim Paisley, Geoff Holland and Mark Woodward

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Admin Staff
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- 1996–2002 Judith Taylor
- 2002–2010 Penny Twist (also Deputy Director)
- 2004–2010 Peter Woodward
- 2010–2013 Robin Miller
2008: Alasdair Kay took over from Geoff Holland as Director on 1st May but Geoff remained Chairman of the Executive Committee until 2010.

2009: In partnership with Ascension Trust, the Police, churches and Derby City Council, the first Street Pastors took to the streets on Friday and Saturday nights to care, listen and help people.

2009: Continuing work started by gap year student Andy Blower, outreach to street homeless people on the streets with food and companionship found a home as the Recovery Project at Ozzy Rd Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoons.

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2010: Sharon Frost trained as a debt & welfare benefits advisor for the newly-launched Jubilee clinics. Andy & Ruth Clark retired but still remain heavily involved as volunteers.

2010: In response to David Cameron’s Big Society initiative, The Big Response conference started dialogue between Derby City Council, faith-based organisations and individuals already in such projects.

A major, yet hidden part of what DCM does began to evolve around this time, facilitating partnership between churches and the city and providing governance for churches to work together in mission. This continues our theme of working to bless the city and build the church.

2010: John & Sylvia Gatt took on the role of managing the Basics Bank.

2010: Healing on the Streets (HOTS), offering prayer for any request on Saturday lunchtimes at the Spot, was launched with volunteers from 14 churches.

2011: DCM moved from Quarn Drive to 25 Charnwood St and the building was dedicated by Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams. Through the generosity of supporters and God’s faithfulness DCM was able to purchase the building in May 2013 without a mortgage.

2011: In December the DCM Charity Shop opened its doors, managed by Kulbir Raju and a team of volunteers, with the aim of raising additional funds for the Jubilee project. Sadly it struggled to be financially viable and closed a year later.

2012: After a life changing retreat at Ffald-y-Brenin, Alasdair launched Derby House of Prayer (D:HOP) with 3 x 24/5 prayer weeks at Advent, Lent and Pentecost, a weekly prayer meeting for church leaders and daily rhythms of prayer for staff and volunteers.

2012: In response to the city council’s cuts in funding for hostel bed spaces, DCM, in partnership with 8 city-centre churches, opened Derby Churches Nightshelter providing hot food and a warm, safe place to sleep for 35 people per night from December 2013–March 2014.

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Street Pastors

The Street Pastors have now been operational in Derby City Centre for in excess of five years. There are currently 48 trained pastors, a number of whom were there from the beginning when the scheme went live in February 2009. In recognition of their loyalty, five year’s service medals were presented at a Celebration Evening at the Roundhouse in March 2014.

A positive note throughout the year is that once again there has been a reduction in cases of people ending up as drunk and incapacitated. There has been a decrease in drunkenness most years and this year is the lowest with only 228 cases. This is great news when compared with 2009/10 when Street Pastors had to assist 531 drunk people. The number of people found to be in distress has stayed at a low level (98). Those in this condition have often arrived there through excess alcohol. Spending time with drunk and distressed people can be very time consuming for the teams but the welfare of such people is what the role is all about. Often the teams go beyond the 4 am finish until such time as they are safe and well recovered.

The following graph provides an encouraging picture of the fall in drunkenness and cases of distress.

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Derby is now well established as a university city. The Street Pastors have regular engagement with students tasting the night life. One student on a photography degree course, Amiee Hill, asked if she could come out with the Street Pastors as an observer to photograph the work which she could use on her course. These are some of her images of our Street Pastors at work and this is what Amiee had to say about the experience:

I have been out with the Pastors for three nights now in total and each one has been a unique and eye opening experience. I was not fully aware of the work that the Pastors do but now I am surprised by how much time and energy they put into helping vulnerable people on nights out in the city centre. I believe that the group add a lot of positivity to the city community, being there for people who need them more than they would realise. Because I have also not been brought up as a Christian too, I feel a stronger connection to Christianity now I have got to know many pastors. I enjoy the way the pastors preach through actions rather than words; it sends a stronger message of giving peace and togetherness to a large group of mostly young people.

Healing on the Streets

HOTS Derby has continued with a really dedicated team under the leadership of Rev Roger Gray, Pastor of the Haven Christian Centre while Alasdair has been occupied with his MA studies and Ordination training. We have managed to have a team in Derby City Centre almost every other Saturday and the regular presence has opened up many opportunities to pray for healing and to share the Gospel with people in a gentle and non-pressured way. It constantly amazes us that people even want to be at The Spot for us to pray and minister the love of God to them. Many of those who ask for prayer are not purely suffering from physical ailments but are troubled in some way or another and are wanting people to listen to and stand with them. Being Church together on the streets is an exciting place to be.

M-Power

M-Power is the hidden work that we do facilitating churches and city agencies to work together and contributing strategy, support and signposting. We have been very active this year mainly in response to the Government cuts and the ensuing pressure this has brought on places and people, victims of exclusion and deprivation.

Together for the Common Good and Growing Communities

This is a strategic group combining inter-faith dialogue and social action, whereby the local authority and Christian churches co-operate to improve the Normanton, Abbey and Arboretum Wards in Derby.

Fresh Expressions

We are thrilled to have Rev Beth Honey as one of DCM’s directors helping us work with Fresh Expressions of Church and contextual evangelism in Derby’s most deprived areas. Beth and her husband Ben lead Dunvest Oak, an emerging Fresh Expression in the Dunvest estate area. DCM has been partnering with Derby Diocese.

Easter Procession

We were able to assist this year’s Normanton Churches Easter Procession organised by DCM director, Anthony Adams, by providing insurance and governance. This event has gone from strength to strength in recent years and it is wonderful to see churches in Normanton publicly declaring their faith and love for Jesus.

St Chads Centre

We have been able to help the Normanton Leaders’ Forum get this excellent centre off the ground by providing support with accounts and governance. This has meant that this centre is now a hub of language classes, micro industry, debt advice and welfare advice, alcohol recovery support as well as a meeting space in Normanton.

Baptist Cluster Fun Days

Through DCM director, Graham Watkins and Karen Goldier, we have been able to facilitate the Baptist churches in Derby in putting on fun days for the Arboretum and Stockbrook areas. Hundreds of local people attended these days and many children were blessed as they engaged with the activities.

Working with the City Council

DCM works with other charities and the City council in areas such as licencing, alcohol and drug harm reduction, financial exclusion, support to people with housing and homelessness issues, night time economy and social cohesion. Much of this is unseen and yet vital to enable advocacy and support to our city’s most neglected people.

DCM in the Media

Alasdair now writes a monthly column in the Derby Evening Telegraph called Faith File and he is a regular Toudmocutch on Sally Pepper’s show on BBC Radio Derby. He is also often called upon to comment on the radio regarding matters of faith and social justice.

Alpha Away Day

This year we were able to co-ordinate with our good friends at Littleover Methodist Church and Jubilee Church to host the city’s Alpha away day. This day enables churches to come together for a really good day on the subject of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. We have been thrilled that every year we see people come to faith through these days.

Jubilee Project

2014 has been a challenging year with the new problems people have had to cope with, especially around the Welfare Reform. Clients on benefits have to contribute something towards their yearly Council Tax bill. Sanctions to benefits have been harsh, and generally Jubilee no longer write in mandatory reconsiderations to ask for these often unjust decisions to be reconsidered as we have found that these have no long term benefit that we can best adapt this service to make it more appropriate to the new desperate needs of the poor.

We are aware of 6 clients who have turned to Jesus this year and have seen an increase in requests for individual prayer. The jubilee teams continue to do a most excellent job; many clients will return for many months after receiving advice to continue the friendships they have found with us. This just reassures us that our non-judgemental and compassionate approach is working well.

Currently the Jubilee project is being reviewed as Sharon Frost left DCM at the end of July after 4½ years of pouring herself out for the poor. All being well, this social action programme will be able to address the new areas of hardship suffered by the most vulnerable in our city.

Recovery Project

The Recovery Project continues to run on Wednesday afternoons at Ozzy Road Baptist Church and it has been a very busy year.

We give a warm welcome to people struggling with alcohol and drug addiction, homelessness or vulnerable housed, and with health or financial problems. Many people find themselves overwhelmed by several issues, and cannot see a way out. Given the economic background of reductions in council provision and increased use of sanctions, it is not surprising that the number of people coming to this project has increased, and that those people are often in desperate need. This is a pattern reflected across all the church daytime food projects in the city. The Project has also provided a point of continuity for many of the homeless guests that used Derby Churches Nightshelter.

We continue to partner with Youth With A Mission, Derby and their Urban Discipleship Training Scheme students have again been wonderful in befriending and participating in this project all year. A special thank you goes to Hannah Smith and to Brian & Linda Miller who prepare the mountain of sandwiches each week, as well as those providing homemade cake. This year, we have welcomed new Nightshelter volunteers who have supplemented the team.

Although the situation is worsening for many at the margins of our society, we are greatly encouraged by the progress made by some of the Recovery Project regulars. One man who had suffered for many years with a severe alcohol problem is doing very well in a Christian Rehabilitation Centre. Another younger man is now in prison but still in contact with us and is very much on a faith journey. These stories are a huge source of hope to us and an encouragement to keep supporting these vulnerable people through the most difficult times.

Reviews from 2014

Street Pastor Photography: Amiee Hill
Something amazing happened last winter in Derby. Co-ordinated by Derby City Mission and with support from across the city, every night from 28th November to 31st March, one of 7 churches (in rotation) opened their doors to provide a safe place for up to 35 of Derby's street/homeless people.

About 250 volunteers were involved in this project welcoming our homeless guests, cooking and serving hot meals, playing chess and scrabble and most importantly talking and listening. We employed overnight staff who took over at 10pm and watched over our guests as they slept in sleeping bags on church hall floors (and in the case of the Cathedral – the church itself). A breakfast was provided in the morning. The church venues involved were Pear Tree Baptist Church, Monday’s, Central URC, Tuesday’s, Derby Cathedral and some weeks Friends Meeting House (Wednesday’s), Derby City Hope Centre (Thursday’s), New Life Christian Centre (Friday’s), Ozzy Road Baptist Church (Saturday’s) and St John’s Evangelist (Sunday’s). Volunteers came from about 50 different churches as Christians and others from every background worked together to respond to Jesus’ message to feed the hungry and provide shelter to those in need. We provided overnight accommodation to 240 different people which in total amounted to 2163 ‘sleepovers’.

Our guests were our priority, and there are so many amazing and wonderful stories of how the Nightshelter transformed their lives. One guest, A, was brought in by the Street Pastors on Christmas Eve having been found homeless. Although he had little English and had had most of his documents stolen, we were gradually able to help him during the Nightshelter and after that from DCM’s office. He is now able to communicate well in English, is in full time employment and has a tenancy. He is also part of a church family and keen to be a volunteer next winter if his shifts allow.

Volunteers have played a key role in what we have achieved and are our priority too. We are so grateful for the volunteering and giving. Thank you – we couldn’t do it without you.

Schools work

Tim Pawson started DCM as a self-supporting Associate Worker in September 2013. He accompanies a team from Ozzy Rd Baptist worshiping in the three schools of the Roselli & St James Federation, taking part in three weekly assemblies, one in each school, as well as weekly craft and computer clubs. There were extras too, like the Harvest and Christmas assemblies where all the federation children packed into Ozzy Road Baptist Church.

In October, DCM was approached by Pear Tree Junior School, a multi-cultural community, to provide food support to vulnerable children. Tim started helping at a breakfast club four mornings a week, and to volunteer two afternoons per week assisting in the classroom. The Family TreeTime Club started half way through the spring term, to provide a meal, and give the children time to play and the opportunity for the family to sit down together and communicate. Since then, we have started providing a craft activity to focus learning together too. We have had from 4 to 34 people using the service, with one pregnant Asian lady and her three children being the only regular guests. She opened up over the weeks, and last week we offered to pray for her as she is anxious about the birth of her baby.

Tim also helped at Experience Christmas and Experience Easter, two programmes which allow children to experience the biblical events and their message. Experience Easter was visited by 373 children from 7 primary schools over the week’s duration.

Tim helps at The Club, a Roma Community-supported club, which takes place at Pear Tree Baptist Church on Tuesdays for primary and secondary school aged children, and a support group to get to know some of the children, some of whom know very little English. On Friday lunches, he helps at Trinity Baptist’s lunchtime craft club at Beckett Primary school. As he was telling a story about Jesus being the gate, one of the children asked ‘What’s so important about Jesus?’ A helpful discussion followed.

Tim’s vision is that each church should pray for its local school and look for ways to support it. For more information, ideas and support, contact Tim on time@derbycitymission.org.uk.

Prayer

It seems that over the last three years, DCM has moved from a sporadic approach to a consistent rhythm of prayer. We pray together every morning. Staff now take individual retreats and we host the 24/7 prayer weeks for the City. We have only managed two of these this year due to the extensive demands on Missionary’s time and the growth of the organisation with Night Shelter. However we had an excellent day at St John’s College in May, with Mark Youell on Establishing your spirituality for the long haul. The fruit of this day was that we all felt challenged to make our spirituality as a Mission a key objective. To that end, quiet days and retreats are the first things being planned into next year’s diary. We are also thrilled to host Schools workers’ prayer, taking individual days to pray as well as a weekly City leaders’ prayer gathering. We are pleased that so many people join us in praying our prayers of blessing on the City on a Friday and we encourage all of you to join us in this.

Basics Bank

With the number of food parcels for Jubilee clients rising, it has been an amazing boost to get the regular support of food donations from shoppers at ASDA, Spondon, Debbie Jones, Community Life Champion at the Spondon store, has been an enthusiastic advocate of the Basics Bank, negotiating for us to have a permanent food collection trolley in the foyer and collections on two Saturdays in the year when we can be present in store to explain our work to shoppers. The donated food (worth around £70 each week), has greatly boosted our stocks and enabled us to share stock with other food banks and homeless projects, as well as providing food for the Family TreeTime Club at Pear Tree Junior School.

Along with 5 other food banks in the city, we benefitted from a share of 55 boxes of food and toiletry donations kindly made by Derby County football supporters at the match on Easter Monday as part of a LoveDerby initiative in partnership with Jubilee Church.

Special thanks go to John and Sylvia Gat, Veg Vickers, Nigel Aspdin, Celia England; Ann Strong, Penny Halfpenny and their helpers who regularly come in to prepare food parcels and organise the stock. We would also like to thank the Red Cross/Outcast, Stacey’s Bakery in Ilkeston, Happy Hens in Etwall as well as Fare Share Leicester for the support we receive. We are also grateful to the schools and churches who support us through their Harvest Festivals, and throughout the year.

With further cuts looming we see food poverty only increasing and we are reliant on churches and individuals to keep helping us to feed the hungry in our city.

Again this year we have seen God’s blessings financially in a very busy time. The year saw the completion of the purchase of 25 Charnwood Street (without a mortgage) and the first of three years of Derby Churches Night Shelter Scheme offering emergency accommodation to homeless people.

The financial year showed a surplus of some £105K, half of which was donations towards the completion of the purchase of the premises in Charnwood Street and the balance relates to the D.C.S, thus giving us a good start towards the estimated costs of £150K for the coming 2 years. We are enormously thankful to our supporters, (both in prayer and finances), our volunteers, our staff and our grant-making partners.

Major grants (£1,100+) have come from Asda Foundation, Canaan Trust, Derby City Council, Derby Diocese, Derby Homes, Derbyshire Community Foundation, Derbyshire Constabulary, and St Peter’s Church in Derby. There have also been many smaller grants and donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

The information contained in the pie charts opposite has been extracted from the Directors’ Report & Financial Statements 2014, copies of which are available on request.

Finances 2014

INCOME

£127,819

Grants (ex Gift Aid grants)

£34,560

Food donations to Basics Bank

£76,563

Grants and donations

£6,925

Professional Fees

£34,560

Food from through Basics Banks

£7,771

Interest and dividends

£6,602

License Fees

£37,929

Other

£118,567

Wages and salaries

£133,794

Professional Fees

£13,800

Organisation

£89,455

Lease

£217,819

Interest on Admin Loans

£70

Other

£9,525

Professional Fees

£217,819

Interest on Admin Loans

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