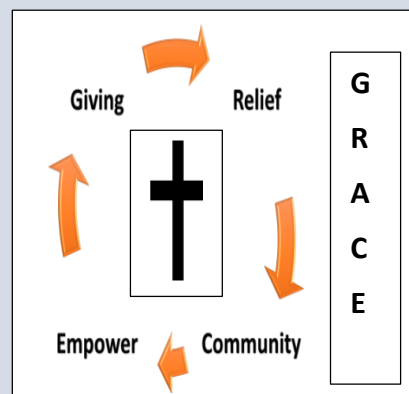


Hope House – A Grace Filled Community

As the work has developed at Hope House in Beeston we have increasingly developed the idea of being a Grace Filled Community. That is, a Christ Centred community that enables people to join together to **G**ive generously and without judgement, bring **R**elief to those in need **A**nd welcome everyone to be part of this **C**ommunity. In this way we are able to **E**mpower people not just to help themselves but also join in and help others.



Hope House Multiplies

When we first helped set up various foodbanks across Nottingham a part of the vision was always to see some of them develop with the same holistic model as Hope House. Currently plans are forming to enable Bridgeway Hall Methodist Church in the Meadows to develop this way. Discussions are also underway for 2 other foodbanks. Eventually we think that each of these will set up as local independent charities led by local Christians, with support from Hope Nottingham. In order to help the work multiply this way across the city, Hope House in Beeston will increasingly be run by the wonderful team there, whilst I give more time to supporting the development of this work of mission in unity in other parts of the city. Your ongoing prayers and support are much needed and very welcome. Thank you **Nigel Adams, Director**

Professional Support in a Community Environment

Many of the people we support struggle to access mainstream advice and support, especially as this is increasingly only available, on line, by phone or by appointment. Hope House provides a much friendlier more accessible environment with outreach support provided by Citizen's Advice and others. Different types of help are available all in one place without appointment, providing integrated support for the most vulnerable. Alongside this there is also skills tuition, employment assistance, health and prayer support so as to bring Hope to people in the most holistic way possible.

Building works!

Welcome (soon) to the new Hope House!

Work began in November 2015 to modernise the old Church at Boundary Road. Grant funding from Wren, Notts County Council, Beeston Consolidated Charity and Beeston Benevolent Society has paid for a new kitchen, toilets, heating and lighting. And also with help from wonderful volunteers and generous building merchants we have constructed new advice rooms and a clothing store. The completed project will really help us welcome and support more people and to offer them a wider range of expert advice and support.

The work will be completed in June 2016 & we look forward to inviting you to come to a grand re-opening! Details to follow soon!



Volunteer 'Thank you'!

We had a wonderful time in January with a celebration at Hope House with many of our wonderful volunteers, during which we had a time of worship and praise and a time to recognise all you wonderful volunteers around the City. Thank you and God bless you for all your time and commitment to serving people in need.



We are having a further volunteer celebration event on the East side of the City on 12th July 2016 and we look forward to being able to celebrate with you then - details to follow.

So much more than food

In the last year Hope Nottingham has given out **8160 food parcels** through the Trussell Trust Foodbanks we support across Nottingham. But food, clothing and furniture is just where the helps starts. Offering advice, employment support, mentoring and prayer all make a difference. In the first 3 months of this year alone we have enabled 9 people get work. But there is much more work to be done...



CHRISTMAS PANTO VISIT

'Oh no it isn'tOh yes it is!!!'

Our grateful thanks to the Nottingham Playhouse for providing many members of the Hope Community free tickets to go to the Christmas Pantomime.

A fantastic time was had by all – for some of them this was their first ever visit to a Pantomime!!

Thank you!

Christmas meal provided by our Hope Community ☺

Thanks to all the members of the Hope Nottm Community who cooked and served up a wonderful Christmas lunch to all the members of our 'Friendship Club'.

They cooked and served a full Christmas lunch to around 50 people and this was a wonderful achievement. Also all were entertained with Christmas carols by the Adams trio!

Thanks to you all!



Please note our **NEW PHONE NO.**

0303 040 1110

Calls to this number are charged at local landline rates.

Volunteering opportunities with Hope Nottingham!

Volunteers needed for Hope Nottingham's Furniture Recycling Project! :-

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do, so the following roles are crucial in helping us operate our Furniture Recycling project, especially as the National Trussell Trust collection days at Tesco stores rapidly approach.

Lifters/Shifters – we need your help on the van as part of the team to lift and carry donated furniture during the week, and distribute to people in need. This also includes taking donated food to our various foodbank satellites around Nottingham.

Drivers – are you over 21? Have you held a full licence for more than 2 years? Do get in touch if you are able to get involved.

The van teams go out Mondays-Thursdays usually between 9.30am-4pm. A light lunch is provided.

If you are interested in the above, please call Michael for an informal chat at the office on 0303 040 1110 or via his email: michael.singh@hopenottingham.org.uk.

Safeguarding is key to our services so you will be expected to complete an application form and provide references.

Volunteers needed for Hope Nottingham helping with the CLEANING

We desperately need help with cleaning the building at Hope House – our cleaning slot is on a Friday morning 9.30 – 11am! 😊

If you have spare time and would like to find out more about what's involved, please get in touch with Sue Hillier on 0303 040 1110 or sue.hillier@hopenottingham.org.uk

Volunteers needed for the upcoming Tesco National Foodbank collection days!:-

The Tesco National Foodbank collection days are coming up on 30th June – 2 July 2016.

We need volunteers to be in the stores of Tesco Beeston, Toton and Carlton for a 1 hour slot (or more if you want!) on those days, to ask customers to make food donations and to say thank you!

These twice annual food collections at Tesco are vital to maintain adequate food supplies for the foodbanks. If you can help please contact Sue Hillier on sue.hillier@hopenottingham.org.uk

and please indicate your preferred
time slot and Tesco store in
your email to Sue 😊
(the Carlton store time slots are available from
Sue)

[Thank you!](#)

The foodbank at St Martha's Broxtowe - CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

It has been a hectic month at the Broxtowe food bank. Not only were donations from the Tesco events shoehorned onto the shelves in the back room at St. Martha's, but space also had to be found for the seasonal items which were being put on one side for families. With the bags brought in from other churches and items from boxes in the supermarkets we had to step carefully whenever we moved!

Even so there were anxious days. As elsewhere, we never know when someone will call at the Hope Centre cafe at the front of the church and present a voucher. It can be quiet, then suddenly the bags that were made up are all given out and we are circling around each other making up food for a large family and the buzzer goes again and there's another similar call from someone else. No milk left! No squash! Thanks to the successful vision of raising funds through our Bring and Buy event we can now cover such emergencies, get in extras for Christmas, and help the host church.

It really is fantastic how people come together to support the surrounding community. And so wonderful too that one of the sister churches offered to say 'thank you' to the volunteers at St. Martha's by inviting them to a Christmas lunch on 11th December. They were joined by others connected with the centre and seventy of us were served a meal which had been prepared by a team from St. Swithun's, Woodborough. Good fellowship and a most welcome opportunity to sit still for once.

The centre had another, differently, busy day on 23rd December. Families who had brought in vouchers earlier had been invited to come back and boxes were made up for them, not only with the standard offerings but also with fresh fruit and vegetables, and even a frozen chicken to go with the half dozen mince pies – enough for twenty households. Now that was team work!

"I wish I could take my feet off and give them a rest" said one volunteer.

"I'm gobsmacked at people's generosity – humbled" said someone else.

We all are.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your help, together with many others, has contributed to supporting and improving the lives of many people across Nottingham. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped. Don't stop! The need is still there please continue to support us if you can.

Please keep up to date with what's happening at Hope Nottingham either through our new website www.hopenottingham.org.uk or our Facebook page ☺

Contact tony.richmond@hopenottingham.org.uk if you'd like to set up a standing order or you'd like to receive newsletter by email

You can also give online at www.hopenottingham.org.uk

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(term time only)

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Health Liaison: Laura Ward (Mon & Tue 9.30-2.30)

Development Manager: Michael Singh, full time

Community Pastor: Capt. Paul Ward, full time

OP's Manager & PA to the Director: Helen Clark (Mon & Thur 8-4)

Director: Nigel Adams, full time