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To: The Manager

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Please pay Church Urban Fund Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Church Urban Fund and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society

Signature(s)

Date

Please return your completed form to Church Urban Fund

MY ONE-OFF GIFT

£10 £20 £30 £40 £50

other amount £

I enclose my cheque / postal order / charity voucher made payable to Church Urban Fund

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Signature

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Gift Aid Declaration

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I am a UK tax payer and would like Church Urban Fund to reclaim tax on all my donations in the previous 4 years and all future donations.

I understand that I must pay an amount of income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is equal to the amount of tax all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that year. I will inform Church Urban Fund if I am no longer a UK taxpayer.

THANK YOU

Please return this form in the FREEPOST envelope provided or send to: Church Urban Fund, Church House, 27 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3AZ

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The Direct Debit Guarantee

This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits

- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Church Urban Fund will notify you in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Church Urban Fund to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by Church Urban Fund or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Church Urban Fund asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

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THE FINANCIALS HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED TO TRANSFORM LIVES

Being good stewards of your resources is important to us and we gratefully acknowledge the immense contribution we have received from your church collections and your individual donations and regular gifts, both large and small, without which none of this work would be possible. **Thank you.**

HOW WE USE YOUR GIFTS

83p in every £1 goes directly to church-based social-action and transforming lives

- **46p** to the Together Network
- **37p** to the Together Grants
- **13p** to governance and fundraising
- **4p** to research and communications



THE MULTIPLICATION FACTOR

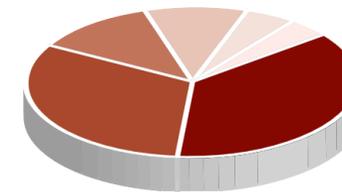
Just like the gift of five loaves and two fish given in faith by that little boy, we're also able to see your gifts multiply for the benefit of 100s of lives through church-based social-action. In 2014 for every £1 that was raised by churches and individuals, we were able to raise additional monies in order to invest £4.70 back into charitable activities, transforming lives and communities.



INCOME & EXPENDITURE

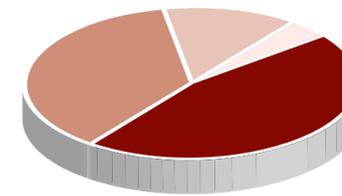
Total Income £4.19m

- ➔ **37%** Individuals
- ➔ **32%** Near Neighbours
- ➔ **12%** Trusts
- ➔ **10%** Other
- ➔ **5%** Legacies
- ➔ **4%** Churches & Community



83% of expenditure spent on charitable purposes

- ➔ **46%** Together Network
- ➔ **37%** Grants
- ➔ **13%** Governance and Fundraising
- ➔ **4%** Research & Communications



"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

2 Corinthians 9:12



September 2015

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR HARVEST

Dear <Salutation>

Harvest is a time when traditionally we reflect and thank God for the blessings in our lives. At harvest I'm often reminded of the Feeding of the 5,000, where one young lad brought what he had - five loaves and two fish. Jesus took this, blessed it, broke it and distributed it, where it miraculously multiplied until the 5,000 men, plus women and children were filled and satisfied.

Your gifts to Church Urban Fund are a bit like that...

Through our work we're able to multiply every pound that you have donated, and also gifts from churches, to sow £4.70 back into the work of transforming lives and communities. We partner with local Church of England dioceses, other denominations and secular organisations to fulfil their aspirations for their local communities - we call this the Together Network. Through these partnership we're able to penetrate deep into local communities, helping to transform lives and communities. And because of your gifts we are able to bring you personal stories and case studies of transformation and renewal, where even a small investment can have great rewards.

Thank you for all the times you have shared your Harvest with us

Your support has helped bring about spiritual and social transformation around the country. You have allowed us to equip, empower and support the local church in a diverse range of social-action community initiatives. Whether through prayer, a one-off gift, regular gifts, or practical support, all your efforts make a vital difference to those who find themselves at the fringes of society.

Once again thank you for sharing your harvest and using your gifts to see lives and communities in England transformed.

At Church Urban Fund we believe in life in all its fullness - for everyone, in all communities. We're so grateful that you do too.

With every blessing,

Paul Hackwood

Canon Paul Hackwood
Chair of Trustees, Church Urban Fund



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IMPACT OF THE TOGETHER NETWORK

The Together Network supports church-led social action on the ground, helps to raise funds for local projects, builds local partnerships and facilitates skills development through training and events.

Setting up and developing a church-based holiday club. Together Lancashire helped a church on a poor estate to secure funding to use its church hall for families and children to use during school holidays. Following a successful pilot, the church has continued to run holiday clubs during the school holidays. The clubs have helped to provide positive activities for the children such as teaching healthy eating. The holiday club has provided a real lift for the church and new energy for other projects, including a drop-in for families to address isolation and improve wellbeing.

Setting up a Safe Families for Children project. Together Liverpool has played a key role in helping to bring Safe Families for Children to the area. SF4C help to provide temporary care for children while their parents seek help or support. Together Liverpool helped to build local links, secure funding, introduce key organisations and secure buy-in and put a management system in place.

IN 2014 THE TOGETHER NETWORK...

CONTINUED TO SUPPORT OVER 1,800 SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

SUPPORTED OVER 220 NEW PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

TOOK PART IN 400 EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS SHARING OUR WORK WITH ALMOST 8,000 PEOPLE

SUBMITTED OR HELPED TO SUPPORT 77 FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS HELPING TO RAISE £345,000 TO FUND SOCIAL-ACTION WORK IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Helping people to eat healthily - the Slowcooker Course. Together Middlesbrough found out that residents couldn't afford to eat because they were in fuel poverty – unable to afford the gas or electricity to use their cookers. They worked with local foodbanks to provide funding and support for a slowcooker course which showed people how to prepare hot nutritious meals for the cost of running a light bulb. Each participant was then given a slowcooker and larger pack to get them started.

Supporting the Murston Community Bank Together Canterbury has supported the community bank, helping them to develop a long-term and sustainable funding strategy to cover its running costs. The Murston bank is the first community bank to be based in a church. It provides all the normal banking services such as deposits, making withdrawals and affordable loans. The church is also a community hub and runs coffee mornings, book borrowing services, as well as links to the Citizens Advice Bureau and the community police officer.

Places of Welcome. Thrive Together Birmingham have been coordinating this growing network of Places of Welcome – local places of hospitality and welcome run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it.

Helping a church-based work club to grow and develop. Together for Change in Coventry diocese were asked to help a church struggling with rising demand for its job-club services. They were able to raise funds for extra computers and helped to develop an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course, to make finding work more likely for users. They approached the CEO of the local Job Centre, who was so impressed with the church-based work clubs that a full-time team member was appointed to support the work. This led to discussions to see how the work could be extended across Coventry. Up to 200 people a week are being supported by the 5 church-based job-clubs.

The Church in England reaches approximately 10 million people each year through its community activities, even excluding 'familiar' church activities.

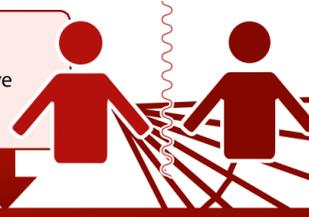
<http://www.cuf.org.uk/sites/default/files/PDFs/Research/Executive-Summary-Good-Neighbours-2014.pdf>

A HARVEST OF TRANSFORMED LIVES

We describe poverty as a web, which can be hard and difficult to escape from. Thank you for making a difference to so many lives across the country. Here are just a few accounts of people whose lives have been transformed by projects funded with your gifts.

POVERTY OF RELATIONSHIPS:

When people lack strong and supportive relationships on which individual, family and community life are built.



SIMI'S STORY

Simi had a stable and sheltered upbringing. Her husband died leaving her with three children under five. Simi was vulnerable at this time, with only a widow's pension to live on. She met a man who coerced her into a life of prostitution. He became her pimp and partner. After 18 years she miraculously got free from this life and now volunteers with the STEP project to help others.

'A problem shared is a problem halved. We've all been in the same boat. I would be lost without this project and so would a lot of people. There are people here who you can talk to. We share, we help each other out, we cuddle each other, we cry on each other shoulders. And there are so many people who need that love, they need to be shown God's love to help them through their passage of life.'



MARCIA'S STORY

Marcia lives with her 2 year old daughter. She has an on/off relationship with her daughter's father and struggles with a lack of support and isolation, especially since giving up work to have her child. Her feeling of helplessness is made worse as the area has now become quite rough with kids doing drugs and frequent drugs raids.

'It's been hard to find people to be around, it's not just for her it's for me as well. You need that stimulation, something to look forward to. It keeps me going, so finding this was really really good. I don't know what I'd be doing. It's hard I've found it mentally hard. It can't just be the two of you all the time, you do have to have a network of people that I can talk to and share my experiences with. And I've found that really good.'



IAN'S STORY

Ian had been brought up in the care system since he was about 11. This left him a damaged, lonely young man, hating everyone and trusting no one. After several spells in prison he tried to commit suicide when his young daughter died. During his last sentence the prison chaplain introduced him to Jesus Christ and helped him to learn to read and write.

'The day before my release I had several options of where to go. Then I heard about WALK. I had really bad anxiety problems. They kept telling me they loved me. I would shut myself away in my room. But the lads just nurtured me. And didn't pressure me. They just showed me love. They've found me a job in a charity shop and are helping me with my anxiety.'

POVERTY OF RESOURCES:

When people lack sufficient resources, such as income, skills, qualifications or health to achieve a good standard of living.



ROGER'S STORY

Roger had been a coach driver for 40 years, but got into trouble with the law about two years ago, since then he's been unemployed. A problem with his benefits meant that he was sanctioned and he went without money and food for four weeks, it was then the police found him and referred him to St Peter's.

'After my conviction I basically lost all direction in life. I've tried to get a job without success, but it's tough being unemployed after 40 years of employment. I live in the hostel here now as my home has fallen into disrepair. I'm hoping to start volunteering soon. I can honestly say the people here are friends now.'



STEVIE'S STORY

Stevie dropped out of college, as he felt it wasn't for him, and just wanted to get into work. He worked until last year. Then he was fortunate enough to get into an internship which really inspired him, he's now looking for a fulltime position.

'The market for jobs is not really open for everyone. The positions for young people are more and more just apprenticeships. It feels like there are not many opportunities for people growing up. But projects like this (SPEAR) can lead to people feeling like 'Oh I can do this! There is a place for me, there is a role for me. There are options for me.'



LOUISE'S STORY

Louise lives with her young son. She was on benefits and had mounting debts. This resulted in huge amounts of stress, which affected the quality of home life. Life just seemed like a roller-coaster. Louise started to attend the HOPE project for weekly food parcels, it was then she started to get help with her debts.

'You don't realise what keeping a secret does to you. It was good to share it with someone. It's a weight off your mind and you feel freer. Then they gave me support to go to the banks. I wouldn't have had a clue. That has really helped. I've had help to change to a credit union account and it's made me feel a bit more in control. You know there's some body there if you need them. I feel more in control now.'

All names have been changed and images posed by models to protect anonymity.



POVERTY OF IDENTITY:

when people lack a strong sense of self-worth and a belief in their own ability to respond to challenges. Where these are missing it can lead to low self-esteem, a lack of resilience and aspiration, poor mental health, and even drug and alcohol misuse.



MARK'S STORY

Mark had a period in the 90s of getting in trouble with fighting. This saw spells in prison and his relationships break down. After a time in alcohol rehabilitation projects he found out about the Hope Project. He started volunteering and has risen to the role of caretaker.

'I started to volunteer about a year ago. I enjoy coming here. If I didn't have this place, I wouldn't like to think where I'd be now. I love every single minute of being in here. I feel that I'm a benefit to the community. This place has made me who I am today.'



MICA'S STORY

Mica started to come to the group about four years ago after suffering abuse from her father. She enjoys the group and has continued to come as a result. She has started to run a jewellery making course and has seen her creative skills flourish.

'For me this helps to get me out of the house, I get anxiety attacks because of my father living in the city now and not wanting to bump into him. It's nice to be able to come out and join a ladies group that you know are going through different things and can support each other.'



SUKIE'S STORY

Sukie had been in foster care since the age of 3 and had barely known her birth family. Growing up she never had a sense of belonging at school or with her foster parents. But when Sukie started volunteering at the Murston Community Bank all that changed.

'Knowing that you're making a difference in someone's life makes you feel better. It gives you the drive to carry on, to keep going and to help other people. I never really had a family, but the church has become my family.'

'...coming here to this Church Urban Fund-supported centre, the Ace of Clubs. They care for people on the very edge. They enable people to find their way back into the mainstream of life when they want to.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year address, January 2014. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01pmh5x>