

# **Hope Church Huddersfield**

**St Patrick's Centre, 2, Trinity Street, Huddersfield,  
HD1 4DA**

## **Church Facility and Operational Activity Detail**

**2nd October 2024**

### **Background**

Hope Church Huddersfield was originally established as a Charitable Trust in 2011. The church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and operates under a Constitution that was registered with the Charity Commission in April 2019 (registered charity number, 1183191).

Over the last thirteen years the Church has become well-established within the community and has steadily grown in membership.

We have been meeting in Brian Jackson House on Sundays for the last nearly twelve years for both services. Other meetings and activities take place in hired venues in the town and in members' homes. These include a weekly parents' and toddlers' group and youth group, both meeting on Fridays at Gledholt Methodist Church, and a monthly prayer meeting at the Methodist Mission, Lord Street.

We are proposing to relocate the church to St Patrick's Centre, 2, Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DA. This is a distance of fewer than one hundred yards from our current hired Sunday venue.

The church meets on Sundays at 10.30am, where there are upwards of one hundred and forty adults and children in

attendance. Between thirty and forty adults and children attend the 5pm service.

Services are attended by a wide cross-section of the local community from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. We are active in providing practical and spiritual and emotional support to those amongst us who are facing various life challenges. These include attenders and church members seeking asylum and those with lower incomes, health difficulties and other challenging life situations. The securing of premises will enable us to expand this support to needy members of the local community.

As we establish ourselves in our new premises, we are open to bringing in other organisations in our work of offering support to the community.

We enjoy good relationships with other churches in and around Huddersfield, and provide ministry and other support as needed.

Our meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

## **Proposed Operational Hours**

The Church's expected weekly functional operations at St Patrick's are as follow:

### **Sunday**

- Main Service (10.30-11.50am)
- Evening Service (5-6.15pm)

### **Monday**

- Office use – 3-10 people

### **Tuesday**

- Office use – 3-10 people; English language class (2-3.30pm). Expected attendance of 12 people
- Evening Seminars. Expected attendance of 20 people

## **Wednesday**

- Office use – 3-10 people
- Monthly Seniors' Meeting (2-4pm). Expected attendance of 12 people
- Monthly Prayer Meeting (7.30-9pm). Expected attendance of 40 people

## **Thursday**

- Office use – 3-10 people
- Drop-in café (10-12 noon)

## **Friday**

- Office use – 3-10 people
- Parent and toddler group (10.30-12noon). Expected attendance of 20 people
- Youth Group – Expected attendance of 20 people

## **Saturday**

- Closed

## **Travel Proposals and Growth Assessment**

The Church currently has 92 members. Members and regular attenders travel to our current Sunday rented premises by various means. These include by car (a number giving lifts to others), bus, train, bicycle and walking. Car use is the preferred travel option of approximately two-thirds of attendant adults. Those using public transport take advantage of the close proximity of the train and bus stations to where we meet. A number who come by car pay for metred parking in the immediate vicinity of Brian Jackson House, or make use of local car parks. Several park beyond restricted parking and walk to worship. We expect these habits to continue unchanged, given that our future location is in the same area.

Since the Church was established in 2011, we have seen moderate growth over the thirteen-year period. Our predictions are for a further similar level of steady growth over the next ten years, and we do not anticipate a significant change in the proportions of

people taking their respective modes of transport. The church encourages car sharing as well as the use of sustainable transport methods.

## **Summary**

Because our main activities are on Sundays, and our only current mid-week meeting of any size is a monthly meeting after shop closing time, we believe that our proposed move to St Patrick's will continue to bring minimal impact on other activities in the immediate locality, and on congestion and parking.

We consider St Patrick's to be an ideal location for Hope Church in Huddersfield:

- Its location minimises any potential disruption to any neighbouring parties
- It means that attenders will continue to their establish travel habits, which have a low-impact on the wider local infrastructure
- It allows our existing members and visitors to utilise sustainable transport provision and car-share as much as possible
- It secures our future in the centre of Huddersfield
- It allows us to continue and develop our community role in supporting and working with those in need within Huddersfield in these increasingly challenging and difficult times.