Jesus said, “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”

John 10:10

Life giving God, as we hope and dream for our church and community grant us faithfulness to your word, intimacy in our fellowship and love for our neighbours. Help us to be generous with our time, kind in Spirit, gracious in service and fruitful in witness; that here in Collyhurst & Monsall we may see your kingdom come and your will be done. Amen
WHO WE ARE?

OPEN EVANGELICAL
God’s word is important to us and we want to see people in relationship with Jesus

PRAYERFUL
We want to seek God and be a church where others can seek God

AMBITIOUS
Difficult being here but we want to reach people with the good news of Jesus

INCLUSIVE
All welcome, we don’t want to exclude anyone from what we have to offer

RELATIONAL
everything starts with our love for each other and it is an important part of who we are

RELEVANT
It can look odd, but we try to do what works rather than what others perceive as ‘right’.

COMMITTED/TRUSTWORTHY
We stick with each other and we stick at things; we punch above our weight!

VIBRANT/MODERN
We use IT, modern worship songs, videos; we are an ageing congregation, but we don’t feel like one

CARING
Back to relational - a church of the people and for the people
We are Church of the Saviour, based in disadvantaged yet extraordinary Collyhurst, Manchester - a place filled with hope. We are a vibrant church with a twist on traditional worship, and even with an aging congregation we aren’t stuck in the past and are willing to do all we can to reach out to the people in any way that is possible, relevant and committed to fulfilling our Mission Action Plan– we are close-knit, adaptable, quirky and look to break through into our community to be a church of the people, for the people, seeking God in every way we can, spreading the Good News. We are loving, impartial, sharing, diverse and all-inclusive of those who need, want or are curious of the word of Jesus and/or what our church has to offer, regardless of what ‘box’ they fit into – we want to connect with our people in Collyhurst. We have use of various IT equipment, video and we regularly worship to songs in the Christian chart, to which people of every age love to sing and dance to. We use the space and resources we have as well as we can, including a small Sunday school session where art, craft and the word of Jesus is enjoyed by children and adults alike.
WHERE WE ARE?

LOW NUMBERS
Attendance is in the danger zone, we don’t hide but we want to change it
AGEING CONGREGATION
we do have young people, but we need to grow younger and we are trying
DISCONNECTED COMMUNITY (IN ONE SENSE)
our projects attract and hold people but they don’t make the transition to worshipping
NEGATIVE & SUSPICIOUS COMMUNITY
people do not network well in Collyhurst – wary of anything which smacks of authority
SCHOOLS ON OUR DOORSTEP POSSIBILITIES
we are uniquely positioned to be able to reach countless families if we had the resource
WARM/MODERN CHURCH WELCOME –
we have a great building – not a fancy building but a very functional one
‘USED’
in our low moments we feel like the community picks us up and drops us a bit but we understand that is their territory too

Collyhurst and Monsall have a half century of constant demolition and rebuild, for this reason there is a sense of disconnect with traditional church attendance. If you add the fact that 98% of property is social housing and over 70% of people are multi-generational benefit dependent you can see that people are suspicious of anything that looks like authority. Over the years the people who were displaced due to the redevelopment who had any church connections have become older and died. This has left us with an older and somewhat none churched low numbered congregation. All this could make you feel “why bother” well that’s not our attitude. We have a massive heart and desire to reach out and love the people who need to know the love of Jesus. We have two church schools in the parish. One aided “Saviour School” and the other controlled “St Augustine’s “Church members are on both governing bodies. We have engaged in the many “experience” activity’s and when we hold school services we have some good turn outs. The problem is capturing and building up these many contacts. We have a very comfortable and well-maintained building that we are hoping to expand. This is so that the debt centre and 2 other Christian congregations that use our building will have offices and much needed storage. We long to see the to see the Holy Spirit poured out in our much neglected and misunderstood community, we want to be here serving this community for decades to come.
### Parish Population
- **2017**: 0
- **2018**: 3

### United Benefice with Christ Church Harpurhey

### Parish Share
- **£12,000**

### Social Housing
- **70%**

### IMD
- one of the 1% most deprived in England

### Unemployment
- **49%**

### what are we doing?

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**Blessed are the poor they shall be called the children of God**
Saviour Church takes seriously the words of Jesus in John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” Our Mission Prayer recited every Sunday prays that we get closer to God, Each Other and the community. We are committed to honour God through Spirit filled worship and loving service of those around us. This is reflected in all we do. The Gateway Project offers advice and support to those struggling with financial issues including benefits, rent and council tax. Connections encourages people to drop in for a chat, cup of tea or coffee and take part in arts and craft activities. The annual Fun Day and Christmas pantomime has always proved extremely popular and successful. Remembrance Sunday always brings the wider community together as worship is led at the Cenotaph opposite the church. Our School involvement includes serving on Board of Governors, taking part in assemblies, promoting a Christian ethos and forging school/parish links. Prayer and Bible Study are high on our agenda. There is a weekly Prayer Meeting and we are following the Jesus Shaped People Programme of parish renewal which includes person centred bible study sessions. The Tub to Table Project encourages people to become involved in growing and eating their own vegetables. Some of the produce is used in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This list is not exhaustive and we are continually searching for relevant ways to proclaim the Good News and give Glory to God.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

VIABILITY
we want to be viable because for the sake of the whole community of Collyhurst

LARGER CONGREGATION
A mission priority to grow our congregation

YOUNGER CONGREGATION
A mission priority to become a younger congregation

AMBITIOUS CONGREGATION
we need to keep the ambition and so the morale needs to stay high

TRANSFORMED CONGREGATION
we are going to keep making sure that our focus is on OUR lives changing

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATION
because our lives are changed we might offer the same to others

SERVING CONGREGATION
we want to do the practical stuff; its needed in this community

RELEVANT
we need to be whatever the people need so we get to tell our story

Here at Church of the saviour we have hopes and dreams of a worshipping and growing Christian presence in our church and community. We want to see the transition of those who currently and regularly join us at connections on Tuesdays, as well as those who go to gateway debt advice, and those who visit here for other reasons to come to know Jesus. We have an ambitious congregation who desire to have a deeper relationship with God. We want and welcome resources that will continue to help and guide us in our learning and studying both personally and in groups. We are a transforming congregation and continue being transformed. We hope to see that because our lives are changed and changing, we can offer the same to others. We are a serving congregation and we are viable to the people and area of Collyhurst. We want to do the practical stuff whenever and wherever we can; moving forwards together as a team. We want to see a larger and younger congregation. We have links with our two schools but again we are needing the transition for them to come to know Jesus. We want to be relevant. We need to be whatever the people need us to be so that we get to tell our stories of faith, hope and belonging.
### Stage 2 - Prioritise

**How we will get there** - a description of the priority actions if we are to ‘get there’.

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| **Priority 1 - PEOPLE** focused with special priority for those ‘on the edge’ | - We will take up and or develop opportunities offered by Gateway, Connections, Schools, Tub2Table and Big Local to meet, serve & befriend people of the local community.  
- We will encourage journeys of faith within these new friendships through invitations to special services and through sharing our faith stories and the good news  
- A multi-media approach to declaring Good news through increasing our digital presence and the creative use of art, posters and audio-visual technology in the church & grounds |
| **Priority 2 - TEACHING** that is story based, principled and visionary | - As a congregation and in smaller groups we will seek an understanding of the Good News and the different ways we might share it with those we serve and relate to.  
- As a congregation and in smaller groups we will learn to share our own faith stories and how we can share them with those we meet and relate to.  
- We will practice on/with each other and keep it real, relevant and inclusive |
| **Priority 3 - TEAM BUILDING** that enables his followers to be equipped, challenged, and united | - Seek to live more openly as a loving, caring family committed to sharing and support  
- Identify, encourage and equip the God given gifts in each member of our fellowship and the friends that walk with us releasing them into appropriate teams of ministry and service  
- Work with Deanery MAP and the cluster |
| **Priority 4 - PRAYER** that focuses on his mission, seeks the Father’s will, and celebrates Kingdom progress | - Continue resourcing personal daily devotions  
- Prayer diary / weekly news sheet / deanery news sheet  
- Prayer meetings / services, prayer Tree / |
| **Priority 5 - PROPHECY** that challenges hypocrisy, evil, false values, and injustice. | - Public declaration of who we are and for what we stand  
- Work out how we can tell the stories we gather through our mission and ministry |
| **Priority 6 - Develop Building and Grounds** | - Low maintenance flower bed Rectory frontage and adjacent to Rectory garage  
- Eliminate Knotweed  
- Create more storage space, Gateway M40 office and multipurpose rooms  
- Resurface car park, solar panels, eco church |
WHAT DO WE HAVE?

BUILDING
Well used, flexible, useful, comfortable, well-kept grounds, on-site parking

COMMITTED DISCIPLES
the congregation is small but very regular and a good percentage are active

INCOME STREAMS TO MAKE US VIABLE
we have done a lot of work to rent the space and have enough money for now

PLANS TO EXTEND
this links to ambition we need some office space for Gateway

COMMITMENT TO TEACHING AND PRAYER/ CONFIDENT IN TESTIMONY
Jesus Shaped People has had a big effect on us as a congregation

2 SSMs + 2 ALMs PROACTIVE PCC
we can do lots without a stipendiary minister and
we have things to offer that some churches don’t have
We have a very serviceable building; not the usual church building you come to expect but, a very welcoming building, warm all year round, light and airy. We have two main rooms the worship area and the community hall and they are used most days during the week and at weekends for the many activities that take place. With so many people using the building we do have a first-class kitchen to make meals, a brew or anything else you may require, and this area is well used. The grounds around the church are well maintained and have an area where we grow our own vegetables to give to the community or you just might like to sit on the grass and listen to the birds and watch the world go by. With such a serviceable building we have the opportunity to hire the rooms out to many organisations and other Christian churches and this is a great help with the income of the church enabling us always to pay the parish share and maintain the building to a high standard. We are at this present time in the process of trying to obtain a grant to extend the building so the Gateway debt centre, much needed in this area, can have separate offices to do their work. Although we are only a small congregation we are committed to bringing to the people of Collyhurst and Monsall the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and we will try all kinds of ways to fulfil our aim. During the last 12 months we have grown closer together with a Jesus Shape People course sharing with one another the good and the bad happening in our daily life and many of us gave a two-minute testimony of how we came to know Jesus. Very scary but most rewarding! We are also blessed with 2 SSM’s and 2 ALM’s and a very good and willing PCC who always try their best to welcome and befriend newcomers and show that we care for all people.
WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

**SCHOOLS**
2 Church of England primaries (VA, VC)

**GATEWAY**
Debt advice, money education and so much more

**CONNECTIONS**
A weekly drop-in, safe space for companionship food and drink

**DEANERY**
Linking with central administration, mindful of Deanery MAP

**CHRIST CHURCH**
not so much right now and we feel a bit like the poor relation

**COMMUNITY GROUPS**
Tenant Association, Liaison & Consultation groups,

**SERVICE PROVIDERS**
Offering space for everything from probation to Slimming World

**COLLYHURST BIG LOCAL**
A national scheme giving the local community £1,000,000

**GOODNEWS & NEWLIFE CHURCHES**
share our space; one A.O.G. the other a Russian speaking fellowship
At Saviour we are very much part of the Collyhurst community, but we are also servants to this community; called to love our neighbour and respond to human need in loving service. We also believe that wherever practical and possible we should do this in partnership with other people. To this end our building and grounds play host to services other group provide be they local residents, probation and education services. Of some we ask a hire charge, a source of much needed income, and to others we donate the time space and utilities as our contribution. Offering companionship, food and drink are a big part of what we do. We also founded a charity to tackle issues around poverty and debt and to help with computer literacy especially as it affects those trying to access universal credit. We have fully engaged with the deanery intention for all 14 churches to work more closely together and agreed to a united benefice with our neighbouring church at Harpurhey. We would like to do much more with our schools but as with everything else time and resources are limited. So while a little uncertain of the future we trust our Lord Jesus and ask his lead as we engage expectantly with our new Mission Action Plan.
# Church of the Saviour Collyhurst
## Budget 2018 Jan-Dec

### Expenditure

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**TOTAL** £ 42,900.00
Proposed Building Extensions and Development