



Charity Registration Number 1097660

## **Annual Report for Year September 2018– August 2019**

### **Paul Blakey MBE Chair of CICS Trustees:**

CICS started the year with 3 **workers**, Nancy in Todmorden with a strong team of volunteers and Chris and Neil in Halifax, Sowerby Bridge and Brighouse. Sarah Stone, part time Pastor of Halifax Elim, was welcomed to the team in October 2018 . Sadly for us, Neil felt called back to Middlesbrough at the end of the 2019 school year.

Please see the Workers’ report for last year.

We continue to have 9 **trustees** but with many struggling with health and family responsibilities we would welcome anyone able to give time as well as expertise.

At the beginning of the school year we vacated our office at St George’s House as it was used so little and used the money saved to employ the services of an Accountant to steer our way through complex employment issues such as pensions and HMRC. Thank you for all your support in the past, St George’s.

Once again over 2,000 copies of ‘It’s Your Move’ have been distributed to most Y6 pupils in Calderdale. Many thanks to Halifax Elim for allowing us to store the books there, have a Labelling Party and hold our AOM (Annual Open Meeting) and AGM (Annual General Meeting) whilst inviting our Church Distributors to collect them. Thank you to those who came and those who went into the schools.

Both our Open Prayer Events have been in Todmorden this year as we shared with the 8/8 Group and Open the Book Team (Thank you for the wonderful spread you put on for us). Please let us know if we can share with your group – morning, afternoon or evening.

Thanks to Aiden, Caroline and Rosie Greenwood (of St John’s Warley) for raising money through a sponsored slim.

Two longer term volunteers, Alethea Earnshaw and Irene Briggs have had to pull out of Lunchtimes at Crossley Heath – Many thanks for the help you have given there over the years.

Footsteps at Cragg Vale was again a huge success as classes from Primary schools came to the church to learn about Rev Crowther. Although it is now run independently of S.U. and CICS, trustees are still very much involved.

### **Thanks**

This work could not go forward without the dedication, time, effort and finance put in by so many people, not least the time put in to pray for CICS and listen to God's response. We thank you whole heartedly for this and look forward to a bright future.