

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH

## EASTER EVENT 2024

### VISION

To share the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. Individual churches can then host their own Good Friday services at a time that suits them. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches gather together in the run up to the event to seek the Lord, to intercede and pray over the town, and to see God move in power at the event itself.

### ELEMENTS

A number of elements will come together to achieve this vision:

- **Live Music:** A band will perform Christian and appropriate secular music to draw the interest of the community. The band will also end the event with similar music and may play at certain points during the event. This band will also lead the worship at the worship and prayer nights. A proficient sound engineer will work with the band from the start.
- **Live Drama:** A group of proficient and skilled actors will write, rehearse, and perform an element of the Easter story as street drama, in amongst the crowd, using the space and features of the square. The actors are to be mic'd up and filmed and projected onto the screen as it happens.
- **Video Content:** High quality video content, comprising a number of short, impactful testimonies of what Jesus has done in people's lives.
- **Prayer Ministry:** A small group of people who are trained in delivering prayer ministry to the general public, to be situated at two or three points around the square in prayer tents.
- **Hospitality:** Good food and hot drinks (Christian vendors and/or working with local businesses).
- **Children's Activities:** A group to plan, produce and run children's activities and/or provide activity packs so families can engage with the event.
- **Showcase Tents:** Tents to showcase the work of the churches in the town, for example the Bower House, the Cube, Jubilee Foodbank.
- **Take-Away Bags:** A group to plan, prepare and give out take-away bags that might contain details about the churches in town, a New Testament, a gift or treat, and so forth.
- **Administration:** A group of gifted administrators to oversee the event, including permissions, finance, safeguarding, risk assessments, and so forth.

### COMMUNICATION

This event will be advertised well by a group of people gifted in creating advertising materials both in print and on social media. This will be planned well so that communication and the type of communication will increase as the event draws closer, to generate a buzz and momentum.

### SUPPORT

The support, cooperation, resources, and prayers of the churches in the town will be essential in making this event fruitful for the Gospel. Gathering together at the worship and prayer nights will be essential. We recognise we have differences in theology and practice on a number of areas in the faith, but we can unite around the cross in our shared desire to see people come to faith in Christ, and so a gracious openness of heart towards one another will reap blessings for us and for the town. The Steering Group and I will be inviting people in due course to serve in the areas listed above. Thank you.

Rev'd Christopher Brown and the Steering Group.