



Briefing Pack: 17 November 2022

Purpose:

To articulate what the HOPE Centre is, God's vision and the strategy to deliver it. The slides also show how the HOPE Centre will be organised along with the rest of the activity at St Paul's.

Aim:

To have a common understanding of the HOPE Centre and a description which is easy to articulate not only to the church family but to the community, press, other organisations, and churches.

Parking Lot:

There are still questions to answer but solutions will become clear as we grow and deliver.

What is a Sports Centre?

Definition of a Sports Centre

- a place for people to take part in a range of sporting activities; may provide facilities such as a sports hall, café and meeting rooms.

What do you think of when you think of the Olympiad?

- Where my kids learnt to swim?
- Where I go to destress in the gym?
- I don't play sport there, but I enjoyed the Beer Festival there?

What is the HOPE Centre to you?



"It's not just Sunday; it's what happens here Monday to Saturday too"

It's a flexible space in the heart of the community

It's the community's space in the heart of town

HOPE@StPauls

It's where anybody can go when you need somewhere quiet and peaceful

It's the 'community bit' of St Paul's - the community's church

H elping
O ther
P eople
E ngage

It's where I go to.....



The HOPE Centre Aim

A place of; fun and friendship, safety and support for all

The HOPE Centre Vision

Bringing hope to the heart of our community in partnership with others.

The HOPE Centre blessing

Lord Jesus, God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in You, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit



Interim building

- 2nd toilet
- Servery
- Satellite Office/reception
 - Furniture/equipment
 - Lighting/security

Outside

- HOPE Centre sail

Inside

- Artwork (rainbow)
- HOPE banner/artwork

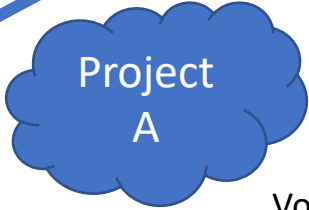
On-line basics

- Events calendar
- Availability
- Bookings/reservations
- Submit action project applications
- Giving
- Paying for events/bookings (Sum Up?) holding deposits
- Submit prayer requests



STRATEGY

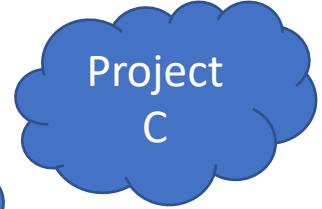
- Start HOPE Centre now and grow organically
- Finish the basics/interim
- Keep praying
- Set up the pipeline
- One action project at a time (low hanging fruit)



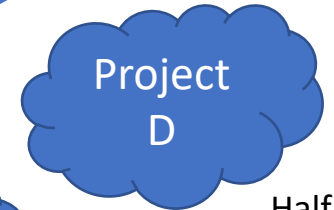
Volunteers lunch



Alzheimer's support café
Compassion/contemplation space



"First aid" service for
singles, bereaved, elderly



Half term holiday
activity

FUTURE VISION

- Open 6 days a week 9-4
- Commercial bookings
- Charity rates
- Fulltime Benefice Office
- Strong Partnerships
- Coffee shop every week
- Christian bookshop/library
- Monthly events
 - Music
 - Christmas Fair
 - Jumble sales
 - Repair shop
- Projects
 - Training
 - "First aid"
- Full faculty
- Diverse, inclusive
- Low maintenance
- Depending on Jesus
- Obedient to the Word and Spirit of God
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NOW

STRATEGY
Start HOPE Centre now and grow organically

Project A

Project B

Project C

Project D

Mission (to be a ...)

- Place of refuge
- Spiritual home
- Beacon of hope
- Wellspring of generosity

FUTURE VISION

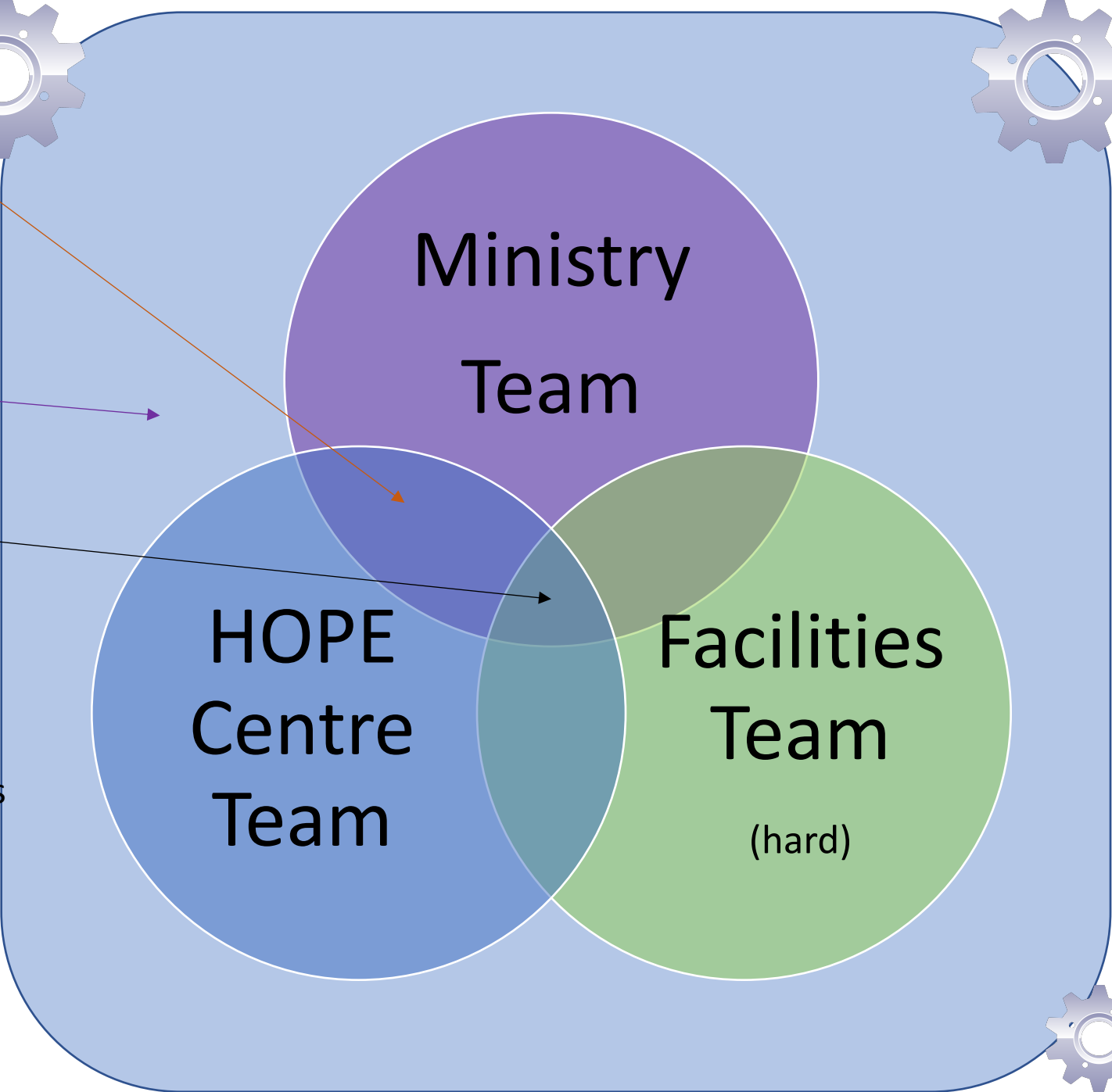
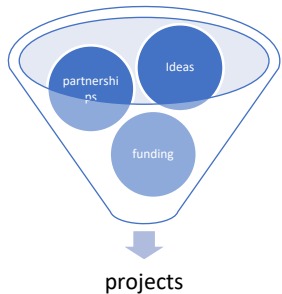
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**Children & Youth
Music
Hospitality
Communications**

**PCC
Finance
Administration**

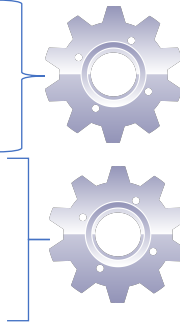
Planning team

HOPE Centre Team
• Commercial letting
• Community projects



- Ministry Team**
- Leadership team
 - Services & Worship
 - Discipleship
 - Prayer
 - Pastoral care
 - Small groups
 - Mission
 - Church family social
 - Safeguarding/H&S (through DCC)
 - Deanery

- Facilities Team**
- Wardens team+
 - Buildings
 - Churchyard
 - Eco church
 - Car park
 - Sound
 - Lighting
 - Media desk



= Volunteer groups



What's still needed to do?

HOPE Centre:

- Resource the HOPE Centre team – start now (policies, pricing, research – don't reinvent the wheel etc.)
- Launch the new website – target December
- Resource the Facilities Team
- Develop a pipeline of activities
- Create a Comms plan - need helpers
- Create a Hospitality team – need helpers

Note

- Keep a photo record of activities in church

Summary

1. The HOPE Centre will operate from three venues: Church, Large Hall and Small Hall
2. The Church Hall committee will effectively join with the HOPE Centre to create one management team to include the “soft facilities management” areas such as employing cleaners
3. The HOPE Centre team will manage the lettings of the venues, supported by the Church Administrator and will run a “pipeline” of community projects and actions – to give them a kick start and provide traceability
4. A new website will be launched reflecting the HOPE Centre activity and the Ministry activity within St Paul’s Church. On-line capability will grow over time to reduce administrative burden
5. The vision for the HOPE Centre will be delivered overtime, driven by the availability of resources; if it doesn’t feel scary then maybe we’re trying to put a limit on God’s capability.
6. Our values are partnership not competition, unity & relationship building, inclusion and diversity, depending on Jesus and obedient to the Word and Spirit
7. The strategy is to finish the interim reordering, start the HOPE Centre now, launch community projects one at a time, keep focused on covering the activity in prayer
8. A (Hard) Facilities Team led by the Warden’s team will look after ALL the buildings, carpark and churchyard. There are sub-teams responsible for sound, media etc.
9. Strategic governance and financial approval is provided by the PCC and delegated to the teams to deliver.
10. The HOPE Prayer Team, Communications Team and Fund-Raising Team will continue
11. A small planning group (current HOPE team) will meet to ensure there is co-ordination across the HOPE Centre, Facilities & Ministry



How can I get involved?

- Join an existing group
 - Youth, music, media, churchyard
- Do something as a homegroup
- Find someone who shares your passion
- Good with your hands?
 - Help refit the kitchen, build the new toilet
- Good with communicating;
 - join the HOPE comms or finance team, test out the new website or write to possible sponsors
- Launch another “themed” café session:
 - contemplation, board games, book club, natty knitters/craft, Alzheimer’s support etc
- Why not organize a:
 - fund-raising event
 - Jumble sale
 - Christmas Fair
 - Half-term club
 - Exercise class - pilates please :)
- Join the HOPE Centre “Chippenham volunteers thank you lunch” planning (one-off engagement event)
- Set up/run a Christian book stand
- Find artists and organize an exhibit
- Join the Church rota or HOPE prayer team