



## Summer Outing: Walking Two Miles Together

The centre organized a summer outdoor outing on June 18th. We are grateful to God for providing suitable weather with ample sunshine and for blessing everyone with a team spirit. We started from Tower Hill and walked two miles along the Thames River, passing by Tower Bridge, London Bridge, and the Monument. The journey took four hours. Below are some participants' reflections:

“Thank you, brother Yong for your dedicated and professional, heartfelt photography! It was a wonderful and heartwarming day outdoors. Thank God, praise the Lord! Thank you so so much!”

“Grateful for our journey together! Cherishing the beautiful memories! Thanks to Brother Yong for the professional photography! Thank you, everyone.”

“Thank you, Aaron, for your meticulous planning and leadership. Thank you, Ivy, for taking care of everyone. Thank you, Kitty and Shui Lan, for providing delicious food and bearing heavy burdens. I also want to thank everyone for accompanying and encouraging me, and for carefully watching over my steps, ensuring that I safely completed the entire journey.”

“Thank God! I started to worry that I couldn't keep up with everyone, but with Elder Aaron and Ivy taking care of me from the front and back, I didn't fall behind during our walk. I had a very meaningful and joyful fellowship summer outing. I'm grateful for the care. I didn't feel tired at the time, but after getting home, my legs were sore and swollen, and I just wanted to lie down because I hadn't walked that much in years!”

A perfectly happy journey, everyone is safe and joyful!



## Summer Chinatown leafleting (Jun-Jul 2024)





## Harmful Gambling

In 2020, at least 7% of the UK population was affected by "harmful gambling." Statistics show that those involved in "harmful gambling" are more likely to experience financial difficulties and have poorer overall physical and mental health. The impact of "harmful gambling" is often severe: multiple studies report that gambling leads to bankruptcy and housing problems, including homelessness, and over a quarter of those involved in "harmful gambling" face divorce or separation. Conservative estimates suggest that the government spends one billion pounds annually providing services to those affected by "harmful gambling." Evidence indicates that the business strategies devised by gambling companies are likely to lead to "harmful gambling," such as advertising strategies targeting former gamblers and games designed to create addictive behaviours. It is estimated that 60% of the gambling industry's revenue comes from the 5% of gamblers involved in "harmful gambling."

The church should equip believers to seek social justice and prosperity. Reflect on how to live out Christ in their lives, view gambling companies, and treat those affected by "harmful gambling" with kindness.

Public Health England, "Gambling-related harms evidence review: summary"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gambling-related-harms-evidence-review/gambling-related-harms-evidence-review-summary--2#results>



## Part-Time Staff and Summer Volunteers

May the Lord personally choose, call, and send His faithful servants to participate in the ministry of gambling addiction outreach.

We also hope that the Gospel Gambling Addiction Centre can have more cooperation with the broader church community in service.

### Neil Wong

We thank the Lord for providing an IT staff member for the centre! Neil came to the UK from Hong Kong in October last year. Through Jesus' guidance, Neil met Maureen, a director of the centre, at All Souls Church and learned that the centre's website needed updating and reorganization. Neil then assisted in restoring the centre's website to normal operation. Neil previously worked as an IT assistant in several multinational companies, responsible for system maintenance, network security, and technical support. Neil is skilled in teamwork and project management. After arriving in the UK, Neil hopes to continue developing in the field of information technology and expand his skills and experience in the new environment. Neil looks forward to utilizing his expertise and collaborating with other staff and volunteers to help the centre expand its gospel gambling addiction ministry, contributing to the British society and the Chinese community.



### Wilson Chen

This year marks Wilson's second year as a summer volunteer at the centre during June and July. Wilson was born into a Christian family and is currently a third-year psychology student at the University of St. Andrews. Wilson immigrated to London with his family in 2021. He loves watching NBA basketball and is interested in clinical psychology. Wilson enjoys work that involves interacting with people and hopes to broaden his horizons while serving different communities.





## Income & Expenditure

The Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation's finances depends entirely on support from churches and believers within the church community. Please support our ministry through prayer, donation, and volunteering.

	Year 2023/24	Year 2022/23
Local Donation	£37,921	£38,053
Overseas Donation	£452	£690
Other Income	£970	£4,198
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£39,343</b>	<b>£42,941</b>
Staff /Volunteers Allowance	£41,114	£46,622
Rent & Insurance	£2,113	£2,062
Office Expenses	£1,018	£946
Ministry/Activity	£2,889	£4,604
Other	£70	£1,118
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£47,204</b>	<b>£55,352</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>-£7,861</b>	<b>-£12,411</b>

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