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I joined King’s Church as a 15-year-old in January 2009, back when we were just one site in Catford. I had recently become serious about following God, and I had attended some youth events and Christmas Carol services. I loved what I saw, and I decided I wanted to be a part of this vibrant community. It was full of life, but more than that: it was clearly a church on a mission to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

Over the years, I’ve seen how God has continued to build His church here in South East London. I remember the exciting journey to multi-site in Lee and Downham, the launching of a fourth site into Beckenham, the launch of 21 days, the recovery from Covid, and many stories of God’s great faithfulness along the way.

It’s a huge privilege to begin serving as Lead Pastor, and to be part of the next chapter of this story. I’m hugely grateful for Steve’s

leadership, and the remarkable foundation that he and others have laid. His heart, vision, and years of committed service have helped shape King’s into the church it is today.

As we look ahead, I’m full of faith that we will continue to grow together—loving God, serving our city, and building a church for his glory. Whether you’re new to King’s Church or have been part of this family for many years, I’m excited to see how God will move among us in the seasons ahead.

I can’t wait to walk this journey with you.



Joe Macnamara (Lead Pastor)

SEPTEMBER 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe. M." in a cursive style.

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THE STORY SO FAR.

1995-2010

Early Days

1878

Catford Hill Baptist Church starts in 1878, led by a pastor in his early 20s. The church plant was part of Charles Spurgeon's vision to reach London.

1985

Catford Hill and Allerford Chapel come together to become King's Church Catford.

1995

Steve and Deb Tibbert arrive to lead King's, a small, faithful church of around 200 people.

1996

We begin to run the Alpha course which has run each term since, seeing hundreds of lives changed as a result.



2000–2005

Small Steps

2000

King's starts to grow and King's Centre 2000, a major extension of the building, is completed.

2001

The Jericho Road Project, our mercy ministry to the homeless and disadvantaged, is launched, and South Lee Christian Church joins King's.

2004

Over 500 people are now coming to King's. To accommodate this surge in growth, a further extension to the auditorium is completed.



2005–2010

Move to Multiple Meetings

2005–2008

As the number of people joining continues to rise, we become a church with multiple meetings – a second meeting starts in 2005 and a third in 2008.

2008

The *Gracism* series helps us take intentional steps in building a diverse church.



2010

We purchase a new building in Lee which will go on to house a new site and our offices.

2011

King's becomes a multi-site church as Downham Family Church joins us and we launch the Lee site. We have over 1,000 people attending each Sunday.

2014

The newly refurbished Lee auditorium opens, accommodating 500 people.

2017

We explore the blessings and challenges of diversity further in our *Invited* series. To serve our growing team, we move the offices to fantastic new facilities on our Lee site.

2018

King's gathers over 1,500 each Sunday. We launch Vision 2030 and a fourth site opens in Beckenham.



2020

We gather for our first 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, with hundreds meeting every night as one church to pray and worship together.

2020

King's goes online after the government announces nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.

2024

The church has regathered and has over 1600 on Sundays across our four sites and Steve Tibbert announces the leadership transition of King's.

2025

We launch our 3 year pledge towards investing in our future together as the next generation take on the leadership of the church.

2025

Joe Macnamara is appointed as Lead Pastor of King's Church London.

Inspired by Scripture.

The church in Antioch, which we read about in the book of Acts, is both an encouragement and a challenge to us at King's. Like us, they were a large church in a strategic city, socially and ethnically diverse, with a desire to serve the poor, strengthen the worldwide church, and reach the nations. Their example of gracious courage and Spirit-led generosity has a lot to teach us as we look to imitate them in being a church that will reach, restore and resource.

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Reach

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. Acts 11:21

Restore

When [Barnabas] came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose. Acts 11:23

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Resource

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13:3

Reach

And a great many people were added to the Lord. Acts 11:24

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Restore

So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. Acts 11:29

Resource

And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27

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Prophetically led.

We believe that God speaks today, often through prophetic individuals who know the church well. Over the last decade, three words in particular have encouraged us to believe God for greater things, and shaped the way we see our future.



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King's is like Niagara Falls, strong and secure. You do not need to worry about King's...

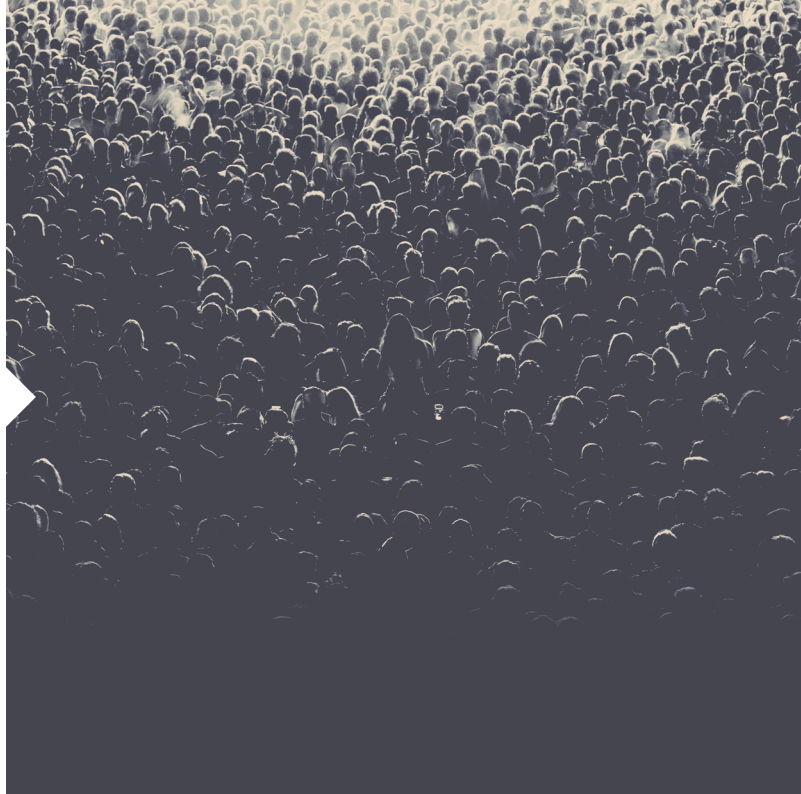
...but I am calling you to be like Victoria Falls, a church whose reach goes much further, a wider calling.

Given to Steve in Zimbabwe in 2013

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Time to see 5000,
it's time to see God's best,
It's not just growth or buildings,
money and the cost,
It's Catford, London, UK too,
to reach the millions lost.

Guy Miller – April 2010



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You took the step, you paid the price, to
be in this room tonight. Now comes the
harvest. This night marks the beginning
of a whole new season – a season of
favour, a season of harvest, a season
of amazing miracles. And I think that
what's coming is now a season of
seeing just what God can do.

Steve Nicholson – September 2014

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I believe we have
a God-given call to
build a church that can
serve many thousands in our
city and be a blessing to
hundreds of churches in
the UK and beyond.

Steve Tibbert (2018)



Reach.
Restore.
Resource.

Reach.

The atmosphere of the New Testament is one of mission empowered by the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of the Gospel. The church in Antioch was born out of the scattering of believers under persecution (Acts 11:20-1).

We believe that the next season of the King's story will be an intentional and rapid expansion towards proclaiming the Gospel and building a church of 5,000.





1. “Come and See”

We believe God is calling us to build a church of 5,000 believers, each of them known by Jesus and precious to Him. We will continue to encourage everyone at King’s to invite friends, family and neighbours to Sunday meetings, especially at key moments such as Christmas and Easter. Hundreds of people have already visited King’s in direct response to an invitation to “come and see” Jesus for themselves; for many this has been the first step in their own journey to faith.

Over the last 30 years, King’s has seen immense growth. As the number of people attending the church has continued to increase, we have extended our facilities, moved to multiple meetings and opened new sites – a growing family needs more rooms!

As more people come to faith and the church grows, we will need yet more places to meet. We envision starting new sites across south east London, with multiple meetings at most of our venues.

2. “Go and Tell”

We want each of us at King’s to play our part in fulfilling Jesus’ Great Commission to His church: to “go and make disciples of all nations”.

We believe this is a call to the many not the few! With that in mind, we will seek to equip every believer to be able to share their faith. We will encourage people to reach out in their communities, families and workplaces, to initiate other outreach activities, and to take every opportunity to invite people to “come and see”.

We also believe God is calling us to be involved in spreading the Gospel not just in London and the UK, but in the nations beyond. King’s and its members already have links with churches in other nations all around the world.

In addition to our support of overseas churches and projects, we want to encourage individuals and groups to get involved in short- and long-term overseas mission, sending people out to continue reaching the nations and plant new churches.



Restore.

The church is a place of restoration. Partly, this is because the Gospel restores people as we become believers and find new purpose, wholeness and life.

But it is also because we see things that we cannot simply walk past. There are needs and injustices all around us. Biblical churches restore communities, not just individuals, and if we ever “shut up shop” as a church, the local community should miss us and the positive impact we have on the area.





1. “Inside”

Over the years, King’s has seen thousands of people who have come through our doors experience healing and restoration. Many have come to faith here, and as we have grown as disciples, we have had our lives radically transformed by meeting Jesus in the midst of His people. We want this to multiply and to deepen in the future.

There are a number of ways we currently express the Gospel that have been particularly powerful in seeing lives change. Obviously this includes our Sunday meetings, but also settings like Alpha, our groups, and courses such as The Marriage Course, Restored Lives (for anyone separated or divorced) and Freedom in Christ.

However, we want to extend and develop these to help bring restoration in new areas. This will include parenting, helping people find freedom from addictions and numerous other courses.

2. “Outside”

We have contributed towards restoration in our local community through the Jericho Road Project, which we want to continue. However, we want to broaden what we do in the local community so that our work is not only amongst the most disadvantaged, as vital as that is, but affects other sections of society as well.

Some of these projects will be funded and run through the church, whether they are expressed at one site or all of them. This will include working with young people on the margins of society who are endangered by the threat of serious youth violence. We will partner with charities that have particular expertise, such as the mentoring scheme for children run by Transforming Lives for Good.

In addition, we hope to see a number of other restore projects develop, led by individuals from King’s, supported by their group. As people sense a call to serve the local community, they will discover others in the church who have the same vision, and then begin a group focused on that issue. This will encourage initiatives and enable us to bring increasing restoration in our community.



Resource.

Our vision as a church does not stop at the M25. “Resource” refers to the ways in which King’s can best serve and equip the wider body of Christ, both nationally and internationally.

We have lots to learn from the church at Antioch here. They recognised that their role was not just to make disciples in their own city, but to serve the global church with resources – people, expertise, money, and practical and theological help.
(Acts 11:27-30, 13:1-3, etc)





1. Nationally

We believe King's has an important role to play in the UK. Some of this comes from the fact that we are a large, urban and diverse church, and we can therefore help other churches with our example and our experience (even as we continue to learn ourselves!). Our resources – Sunday teaching, worship songs, material for groups, courses, articles, books, videos and the like – already reach widely, and we expect this to increase.

We are actively involved with Newday, a Christian youth festival which gathers thousands of young people each summer from churches across the UK and beyond. We take many of our own young people and youth leaders, as well as helping resource the event with event volunteers, speakers and our worship team.

We believe that the gifts God has given us are there for the benefit of the church nationally, and we want to use them wisely.

2. Globally

The Gospel crosses international boundaries, and so does our responsibility as a church. We are part of the Newfrontiers family of churches, which has thousands of churches in over 90 nations.

Steve Tibbert, who was the Senior Pastor of King's for 30 years, now leads the global Newfrontiers apostolic team and we support him in this important role. This includes serving the annual Global conference. We also want to play our part in serving many churches in the wider Newfrontiers family with practical, theological, financial and leadership resources. This could be through the theological influence of Andrew Wilson, our Teaching Pastor, as well as by coaching pastors, hosting conferences, training interns, providing financial support, sharing best practice, strengthening churches, and so on.

Yet we want to look beyond this. Our calling is not just to the UK, or even our family of churches, but to the nations, and the commission Jesus gave His church to go into all the world and make disciples. At times this will mean sending missionaries, teachers, money and skills overseas, without losing sight of our local church in London.



Turning Vision into Reality.

Each of us who calls King's home has a part to play in turning this vision into reality. It will involve our time and our talents, our prayers and our pounds.

King's is a remarkably generous church, with hundreds of people giving generously, regularly and sacrificially. The growth and impact we have seen thus far would not have happened without it, and future growth and Kingdom impact won't happen without it either.



The Invitation.

As we step into this new chapter, we're inviting everyone at King's to participate in this next stage by investing in our future together.

We have an opportunity to give with faith and generosity to build for the generations to come. Together, let's continue to reach, restore and resource.



Our Faith Target.

We believe we're called to build a church that can serve thousands of people and bless hundreds of churches. To lay a foundation for the future, we are setting an ambitious **faith target for the next 3 years**. From September 2025 we are believing to raise at least:

- **£3.1 million in Sept 2025 – Aug 2026**
- **£3.2 million in Sept 2026 – Aug 2027**
- **£3.3 million in Sept 2027 – Aug 2028**

This is the equivalent of **at least an additional £500,000 to be given each year** on top of our existing giving, which is an additional £1.5 million over the next 3 years.

This will enable us to:

- **Save £295,000 in interest** by clearing the final £950,000 of our building debt.
- **Refurbish the toilets** at both our Lee and Downham sites.
- Improve our hire **venue for Beckenham**.
- Expand our next generation team and invest in **staffing capacity**.
- Increase our support for **Newfrontiers**.

How can I play my part?

During our Gift & Pledge Days in October 2025, we're asking you to prayerfully consider two things. Firstly, how much you are able to pledge over the next 3 years, and secondly, what additional gift you could bring.

Please take the time to fill out your pledge form enclosed in the envelope, and come ready to hand it in, along with any gift you would like to bring. We would love to see a significant start towards investing in our future together.

Gift & Pledge Days.

Launch of Investing in Our Future Together

5 Oct – Gift & Pledge Day 1

12 Oct – Gift & Pledge Day 2

19 Oct – Gift & Pledge Day 3

You can step into giving at King's at any point. Over the next 3 years, we'll continue to hold Vision 2030 Gift Days in May and October, as moments for giving one-off gifts towards investing in our future together.



Giving at King's.

We believe that everything we have comes from God, and giving is one way we respond to His grace. It's an act of worship and a way to partner in what God is doing through the church. Generosity fuels the life of King's, supporting ministry, helping those in need, and resourcing mission.

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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



Giving at King's.

At King's we teach the biblical principle of stewardship. We believe that everything we have belongs to God and we are stewards of what He has given us. It is with this in mind that we encourage people who call King's their home to give regularly and generously in proportion to their income.

There are several ways to give, but the most helpful way is to set up a Standing Order towards King's and/or Vision 2030.

Giving to King's

This covers all our day-to-day ministries and running costs. It includes all our work with children and young people, running Sundays, developing disciples, and all our worship, outreach and pastoral care.

Giving to Vision 2030

This enables us to extend further, seeing new sites launched, reaching more people, launching many projects to impact our community and being a resource to other churches.

Our Bank Details

Please use the accounts for the site you attend and your surname and initials as your reference.

Sort Code: 40-02-05 (same for all accounts)		
Accounts:	KING'S	VISION 2030
CATFORD	81384872	01264915
DOWNHAM	71701002	61701053
LEE	21701029	71701010
BECKENHAM	21701045	21701037

Give out of what you have

Please don't feel under any obligation to give. Any giving should be out of what you have and not out of what you don't have. If you're facing hardship or debt, you're welcome to ask for prayer on a Sunday or speak to a pastor for support and we can help point you in the right direction.

Find out more

To understand more about our approach to giving and the different ways you can give, visit kingschurchlondon.org/giving.





FAQs

1.

I am already giving regularly. Should I still make a pledge?

Yes. This is an opportunity to review your existing giving and pledge to give an additional amount over the next 3 years.

2.

Where should my pledge giving go?

In order to reach our faith target of £3.1m, £3.2m and £3.3m over the next 3 years, you can either start to give or increase your existing giving to King's and/or Vision 2030.

3.

Will any pastoral staff know what I am giving?

No. Our finance staff team are responsible for counting, processing gifts and keeping records.

4.

What if my financial situation changes?

We understand that circumstances can change, whether for better or worse. Therefore, you can adjust your giving at any time.

5.

How often will we have Gift Days over the next 3 years?

We'll continue to take a weekly offering at our Sunday services. In addition, we'll hold Gift Days each year in October and May, as moments for giving one-off gifts.

6.

Can I get involved after the October Pledge Moment?

Yes. The October 2025 Gift & Pledge Days is the launch of 'Investing in our Future Together'. Anyone can step into giving at King's and play their part at any stage.





If you have any questions about Vision 2030, feel free to speak to any of the Pastors. Alternatively you can email hello@kingschurchlondon.org.

For specific questions about giving, please contact the Finance Team – finance@kingschurchlondon.org or 020 8690 4646.

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