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AS I REFLECT ON THE KINGSGATE STORY so far and all that God has done over the years, I am both hugely grateful and tremendously motivated by the fact that there is so much more to come!

Our mission as a church is **transforming lives from our neighbourhoods to the nations by the power of God's love** – we exist to help people on their journey of Knowing God, Living in Freedom, Growing in Community and Making a Difference. As I consider the last 30-plus years of our history so far, we have SO much to celebrate as we've seen the Lord do His transforming work in these areas, both in our lives and through our lives.

However, the reality is that there are still hundreds of thousands of people in our cities and regions who are away from God and are missing out on His great plan for them. So, we must keep on going for the sake of the multitudes all around us, as well as for the sake of future generations.

Over the past few years we've had many great words about the future, including a confirmation that the initial word to THINK BIG, which was given to us when we started with nothing, is still a word that we are to keep running with now, in a time when we have so much. We've had a great journey so far, but I know that in many ways **this is just the beginning**. That's why our 2020 Vision – turning the church INSIDE OUT – is so pivotal for our future. The good news is that we can be confident that God is calling us and that He will continue empowering us to move forward.

I'm looking forward to the next chapter and I hope you are too!

Dave Smith Senior Pastor





Inpilee

A TIME "WHEN SALVATION AND THE FREE FAVOURS OF GOD PROFUSELY ABOUND" (LUKE 4:19 AMPC)

WHAT IS OUR VISION?

As a leadership team, we clearly sensed the Lord saying that the focus of our four-year vision (2017-2020) was to turn the church INSIDE OUT. The Lord gave us a key scripture from Ezekiel 47:1-12 which encapsulates this.

This scripture presents a picture of a river that starts at the temple in Jerusalem, and then flows down the valley into the desert region ending up at the Dead Sea where a miracle of desalination takes place, bringing life and an abundance of fish and fishermen. By the banks of the river are trees, bringing food and healing. In *The Message* Bible, there is this wonderful phrase: 'Wherever the river flows, life will flourish . . . Where the river flows, life abounds' (Ezekiel 47:9). Significantly, the deeper and further out the river goes, the greater the impact!

This is not a literal river, but a prophetic picture of God's presence and power flowing from inside the temple out to the desolate places, bringing life wherever it goes. It's a great picture of the Lord wanting to flow from inside us out to where people are. Like Ezekiel's river, which gets progressively deeper, we believe we will move forward with an increase of the power of God's love flowing out from us, transforming the lives of multitudes around us, in our cities, regions, the nation and the nations.

Over the last three years we've begun to make significant progress as we focused on the direction of the river (turning Inside Out), and the deepening of the river (our 2019 Vision focus was Going Deeper Together). Now, in 2020, the fourth and final year of this vision, we sense a call to focus on the impact of the river – on the fruit of the trees for food, the leaves of the trees for healing, and especially the turning of the salty waters into fresh waters, resulting in MULTITUDES OF FISH and fishermen. This prophetic picture language points to its ultimate fulfilment in the manifesto and ministry of Jesus Himself. Very significantly, in Luke 4:18-19, Jesus gets up in a synagogue in Nazareth and takes a

scroll, from which He reads a portion from another Old Testament prophecy, Isaiah 61:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' (Luke 4:18-19 NIV)

Most commentators agree that 'the year of the Lord's favour' is a reference to the Old Testament concept of **JUBILEE**, which was the 50th year in the calendar and was to be characterised by a time of special **FREEDOM AND LIBERTY** (see Leviticus 25). It is hugely significant and wonderfully exciting that Jesus finished reading from the scroll and said, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing' (Luke 4:21 NIV). The rest of His earthly ministry was very much characterised by this glorious manifesto.

So, for us in 2020, we sense this is a 'hinge year': it is both the *culmination of a four-year vision* – turning Inside Out – and the *commencement of a new decade* – where we receive a new anointing to partner with the Holy Spirit to continue the Jubilee ministry of Jesus.

In summary, the focus of this year's 2020 Vision is on *Jubilee*: a time 'when salvation and the free favours of God profusely abound' (Luke 4:19 AMPC)

OWNING THE VISION

So, how do we see this exciting vision become a reality?

The answer is that this will happen by every one of us who call KingsGate our spiritual home getting fully involved. As well as continuing to serve and seeking God about how we should give financially (see Giving To The Vision section, p30), there are five key areas that are particularly related to the Jubilee ministry of Jesus as presented to us in Luke 4:18-19 and Isaiah 61.



PRAY FOR AN OUTPOURING LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Ultimately, we are dependent on the Lord pouring out His Spirit in revival power in a way that we've not yet seen in our nation and in our lifetime.

Significantly, the whole key to Jesus' ministry was that, at His baptism, He received the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22). He was then led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He fasted for 40 days and was tempted by the devil. Having overcome, He returned 'in the power of the Spirit' (Luke 4:14 NIV). The first words that He quotes from Isaiah 61 in the synagogue in Nazareth – 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me' (Luke 4:18a NIV) – are the foundation for everything else that follows. So, for us too, if we are going to see a greater manifestation of the ministry of Jesus, we need to pray for a greater outpouring of His Spirit.

First, we need to see a greater outpouring of the Spirit on us as the people of God. If you've never been baptised in the Spirit, pray that this will be the time when He fills and empowers you. For those of us who have received the Spirit, let's fast and pray for a greater empowering and then for the faith to activate what He's already given us. Secondly, we need to pray for our VIPs and for our communities.

It is very powerful to pray consistently and specifically for people in your sphere of influence who don't yet know the Lord. They may be family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, school or college friends. These are **V**ery **I**mportant **P**eople, and so we want to encourage you to put these people on your **VIP** list as a way of reminding yourself to pray and intercede for them every day.

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Pray for each person by name, that God would:

- Open their eyes to see their need for Him, removing any 'rocks' in their lives that might be blocking their understanding of the gospel.
 - 'The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.' (2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV)
- Take away any obstacles or arguments that they may have against God and His church.
 - 'We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.' (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV)
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to be working in their hearts, convicting them of sin and bringing them to a place of openness and repentance.
 - 'I [Jesus] am sending you to them [the lost] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (Acts 26:17-18 NIV)
- Pray that, if they are local, they will come along to an event at KingsGate such as a LifeGroup social, a Connect Group, Celebration Service or Alpha. Why not be the one to invite them!
 - '[God our Saviour] wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.' (1 Timothy 2:3-6 NIV)
- Pray that whatever sphere we are in, we would be Kingdom Ambassadors demonstrating the love and goodness of God to all those around us.

PRAYER WALKING

Prayer walking is as simple as it sounds - praying as you walk! One simple definition is 'praying on-site with insight'. When we prayer walk we are stepping into our God-given authority to bless people and places in Jesus' name. This simple activity is a great way to bring transformation to our local communities by asking God to break in with His love and power.

Getting started

Know the places and people that make up your local community. Ask God to show you how you can pray with greater insight for the people, places and events in the community. What positive qualities and opportunities does the community have to offer? Are there any signs that God is already at work? How could you serve your community? God may show you ways to display His love by practical acts of kindness.

If appropriate, find out what the needs are in your local community by speaking to those in your area. What challenges are people likely to face as they go about their daily lives? As you prayer walk, the focus is on those living in your community, so be intentional about praying for God's blessings on what you see and feel. Even in difficult areas, pray positively. Focus on God's plans and purposes for the place and people who live there. 'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done...' is an excellent place to start.

Are there problems with unemployment, crime or poverty in your area? What needs and concerns are there? What do you see that detracts from people's quality of life? You could put all this information onto a physical map of your community or write it down in one place. This will help inform your prayers and you can add to it as you prayer walk.

How to pray

Pray for discernment: ask the Lord to show you what He sees and to know His heart for your community.

Pray for blessing: ask for God's intervention in the life of each person and home you pass. You may want to pause at key buildings such as a school, community centre, hospital or local business. Ask for His will to be done in this community 'as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10 NIV).

Pray with empathy: see and feel what the residents live with every day; intercede for the things that express brokenness and grieve God's Spirit. Give thanks for the blessings and all the good things you see in your community.

Pray from scripture: prayers based on God's Word can be very powerful.

Pray in God's power: allow times of silence for the Holy Spirit to speak to you, then speak out with confidence in the power of Jesus' name.

Some practicalities

Breaking into pairs or small groups can help you to pray for different parts of your area and is safer than prayer walking alone.

As you prayer walk, be aware of your surroundings: what you see, smell, hear and touch. But, also, be aware of what God is saying to you as you move around your community; if any Bible verses pop into your head or if you have any pictures, visions or words of knowledge, then turn these natural and supernatural senses into prayer.

Prayer walking is a way of claiming a specific area for God. When Joshua and the army were claiming Jericho, God instructed them to walk once around the city for six days, and seven times on the seventh day (see Joshua 6). Why not commit to making

prayer walking a regular habit! As you keep praying, continue to ask for God's blessing; praying for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done in your community. If you feel that God is highlighting specific things or challenges, think about how to take action: how could you be part of God's solution practically, as well as prayerfully? Whatever you do, don't stop praying!

You can find out more about prayer walking by visiting the WayMakers website: **& waymakers.org/pray/prayerwalking**



SERVE THOSE IN NEED LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Central to Jesus' manifesto in Luke 4:18 is a focus on those in need, including the poor, the broken-hearted, the prisoners. Moreover, reading on in Isaiah 61 there is an added emphasis on the call to rebuild and restore ruined cities (Isaiah 61:4).

For many years we've been increasingly involved as a church in serving those in need and seeking to bless the communities that God has called us to. As we have been preparing for this year's vision, we have been stirred afresh by the manifesto of Jesus and moved by the needs that have come to our attention. Wouldn't it be amazing if 2020 was the year in which we individually and collectively served those in need like never before?

The best way to be meaningfully involved in Overseas Missions is through a personal connection. Many people have found that sponsoring a child through Compassion is a great way of having a personal connection to what God is doing in the nations. You can find out more about the amazing work that Compassion are doing and begin to sponsor a child at **@ compassionuk.org**. Also, in 2020 we are planning to continue developing the connection between us as a church community and the community of Bulembu in eSwatini. We will do this by sending a team from KingsGate to Bulembu in November, by giving to a specific need they have identified, and by supporting two of our members as they spend a month in eSwatini recording some stories of incredible life transformation. We will also be strengthening our relationship with Heart for Lebanon this year. A great way to stay connected to our Overseas Missions partnerships is by receiving regular prayer updates. If you would like to receive prayer updates from

Bulembu and Heart for Lebanon, visit **O** kingsgate.church/missions where you will also be able to find out more about joining this year's Bulembu team.

Community Action

We have partnerships in each of our centres through which we're able to serve the needs that are present in our cities. We want to build on these partnerships during 2020 and it may be that you, perhaps along with your LifeGroup, could join in with these opportunities to serve those who are in need.

For example, our foodbanks saw a 20%-50% increase in demand across our cities during 2019, so during our fasting seasons in 2020 we will regularly be gathering food to help restock. Foodbank shopping lists will be available each time we fast so that we can contribute to the increasing need in our cities like never before throughout the year. We will also be working together in our local communities by gathering food from a number of our LifeGroups, with some groups serving as foodbank drop-off points for their immediate neighbours.

We will also be providing school uniforms for families of primary school-aged children. This is one of the needs that we have served in our local communities in previous years, and it has become apparent through our contact with local schools that the need for this help is growing, so we will all have an opportunity to contribute very practically towards this.

Visit **O** <u>kingsgate.church/communityaction</u> where you can find out more about all of our projects.

Serving Our Communities

As well as through our Overseas Missions and Community Action projects, each of us can get involved personally by serving those in need in our workplace, neighbourhood and street. We know that Jesus' heart for us as believers is that we would have eyes to see those in need in our communities and that we would readily serve them. In fact,

when we do so, it's like we're serving the Lord Himself. We see this in a parable that Jesus taught to His early disciples:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-40 ESV)

So, in 2020 and beyond, let's take to heart this challenge to serve those in need like never before. Let's ask God for eyes to see the needs around us and to respond accordingly. Let's challenge ourselves to go to new levels in doing our part to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom to captives, sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed so that the favour of God will be abundantly and freely experienced by those in need across our communities.

HEAL THE SICK LIKE NEVER BEFORE

In Jesus' manifesto in Luke 4:18-19 it's clear that a part of His ministry would include healing and miracles. This was very obviously fulfilled throughout His earthly ministry: He was anointed by the Holy Spirit and 'went around doing good and healing' (Acts 10:38 NIV). This healing power continues today by the Holy Spirit and as followers of Jesus we are told to 'heal the sick' (see Matthew 10:8). Some healings are total and instantaneous and other healings are more gradual, but we believe that nothing is impossible for God and we want to be ready to offer healing like never before.

As you go about your daily life, look out, be expectant and pray for opportunities to see the power of God's love made known to others through physical healing. There may be occasions when you're with people and they tell you about a physical need. Here is a simple guide to how you can offer prayer for healing to those who are sick:

A - ASK WHERE HEALING IS NEEDED

Sometimes it's helpful to ask some questions to help you know how to pray. As you ask, be listening to the Holy Spirit for anything He may show you. You might find it helpful to ask the person these types of questions:

- How long have you had this condition?
- Do you know the cause of the condition?
- What is your current level of pain or discomfort on a scale of 1-10?

B - BEGIN TO PRAY

When we pray for healing, we do so in the authority of Jesus' name (Philippians 2:9-10). This means that we are not trying to persuade God to heal someone, but rather we can take authority over sickness and pain when we pray, knowing that Jesus has paid the price for their healing and wholeness e.g. 'Father, in Jesus' name I ask You to heal [name]'s knee and I command all inflammation, swelling and pain to go right now.'

Things to remember when praying:

- Be loving and be bold
- You may want to encourage the person to close their eyes if they're comfortable doing so
- If appropriate, ask if you can lay hands on the person where they need healing or on their shoulder
- Keep your eyes open to see any signs of God moving in the person
- Use short, specific prayers and always pray in the name of Jesus
- Use your normal tone of voice and simple language
- Stay alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit and follow Him
- Encourage the person to let you know if they feel anything physically, e.g. heat, tingling, trembling, etc. If they do, pray for an increase and continuation of what God is doing

C - CHECK WHAT GOD IS DOING

You might want to ask:

- What is going on / did you feel anything?
- Has the pain / discomfort level improved at all?

• If they can, test out their healing by doing something they couldn't do or that was painful before. Is there any improvement?

Thank God for what has been happening so far.

D - DECIDE WHAT TO DO NEXT

- If the person is healed, thank God and move on to Point E.
- If you sense that God is healing the person and there are signs of this, such as pain levels decreasing, ask if you can continue to pray.
- Always ensure that the length of time you spend praying for someone is appropriate
 to the context of where you're praying and the comfort of the person you're praying
 for. Please stop if they want you to.

E - END WELL

This is absolutely key as we want every person to experience the love and compassion of God when we pray for them, and to leave feeling encouraged and built up. Some keys to ending well, regardless of outcome when you pray for healing, include:

- Rejoice in their healing and give all glory to God
- Strongly encourage the person to keep on taking any medication / treatment and following the advice of their doctor until their doctor tells them otherwise
- Encourage them with any ways that they may be able to maintain their healing
- Remind the person that they're loved by God and let them know that you will continue praying for them in your own time
- Bless them as they go!

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Central to Jesus' manifesto was that the Spirit has anointed Him to share the good news of the Kingdom: 'proclaim good news... proclaim freedom... proclaim the year of the Lord's favour' (Luke 4:18-19 NIV).

In 2020 we are sensing the call to partner with the Lord in proclaiming the good news like never before – to family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and to our wider community. As we **GO AND SHARE** we will have many more opportunities to invite people to **COME AND SEE** for themselves. We are praying that as we do, we will see unprecedented numbers of salvations and baptisms (see Acts 2:38-41).

'Come and see' was an invitation that the very first followers of Jesus gave to others. We know that inviting others to 'come and see' at opportunities like our Sunday services, special occasions such as Celebration Services throughout the year, Alpha or community activities that we host, can be the gateway to a life-changing experience for them.

Research published in 2017 showed that two-thirds of non-Christian adults in England say that they already know a practising Christian, and that person is usually either a friend or a family member. The research also revealed that non-Christians overwhelmingly described the Christian they know as being friendly, caring, good-humoured and generous¹. This means that people view Christians positively, despite the stories we

¹ https://talkingjesus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Talking-Jesus-web-short.pdf

often hear in the media, and it places us in a very favourable position from which we can invite those in our world to come and see Jesus.

Why not start to pray and plan who you could invite to 'come and see'? Make a shortlist: who could you invite to a Sunday service, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Christmas? Look over your VIP list and, as you pray for people in your world, ask God for the boldness to invite them.

'Go and share' is our personal invitation to engage with the mission that Jesus gave us: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:19-20 AMP)

We can engage with this mission during 2020 by preparing ourselves to share our testimony of how Jesus has impacted our lives, prayerfully motivated by the truth that everyone we know and everyone we will ever meet would have a better life with Jesus than they have without Him.

In order to be prepared for this, we may simply require greater boldness so that we can confidently share our story. However, it may also mean that we need to set aside time to prepare ourselves better for sharing opportunities. There are some really good resources to help you be prepared on <code>## transformedlife.co.uk/making-difference/my-mission</code>. You can use these resources to set your course for a year in which you're better positioned than ever to share the good news like never before, knowing that God has placed you as His ambassador in every area of your life.

Let's start to pray now for a powerful anointing across the whole church - adults, young people and children - so that we have a new clarity and boldness in our proclamation to help us as we play our part in reaching others with the good news of Jesus.

THROW A PARTY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

As we pray, serve, heal and share the good news like never before this year, we want to celebrate and throw a party like never before! The Old Testament passage that Jesus quotes in Luke 4 summarises what it will look like as we see an increase of His rule and reign on the earth by presenting us with a magnificent picture of transformation: '... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair' (Isaiah 61:3 NIV).

For us as believers we can celebrate and have true and lasting joy thanks to knowing the goodness of God in our lives now. And it doesn't just stop there - we have the wonderful prospect of heavenly celebration and joy when we enter eternity, too! As recipients of this celebration and joy, we want to freely give it away to those around us.

Hence, this summer we want to release a wave of celebration through a 50-day party season (starting on Sunday 17 May) during which we'd love you to celebrate the goodness of God by inviting your neighbours, friends and colleagues to a party. A party could be as simple as getting together for drinks, afternoon tea, organising an outing to the beach or cinema, hosting a curry and quiz night or barbecue. In fact, whatever would suit you and your friends could become a party of celebration and joy! This is an opportunity for you to have fun with your friends, family, LifeGroups, wider church family and neighbours. When people ask why we're throwing parties, our response will simply be, 'Because we have so much to celebrate in our lives!'

Across the whole of KingsGate, we're aiming for hundreds of parties to be thrown in

hundreds of locations across our cities and regions. Party host packs will be available in the lead-up to this season, but we'd encourage you to begin thinking about and planning what you could do to celebrate with the people in your world, both personally and with your LifeGroup.

Let's be believing that as we throw a party like never before in 2020, many people in our world will be found and there will be great cause for many parties in heaven as those who once were lost come to know God and receive His joy for themselves (see Luke 15) – that's what our 2020 Vision is all about!



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

KINGSGATE LEICESTER

We began an exciting new chapter in KingsGate Leicester by launching into Fullhurst Community College, a new location which is much closer to the city centre.

THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST MY KING

YOUTH SERVICE

We launched a Friday-night Youth Service in Peterborough, run 'by young people, for young people'. It's been amazing to see hundreds get connected into the life of our youth ministry as a result.

COMMUNITY ACTION

In Peterborough, we've provided 166,000 meals for 9,000 people through Foodbank. Through Care Zone 2,570 items of furniture for 614 homes were provided, which helped almost 1,500 people. We've invested over 240 hours serving Cambridge through partnerships with local charities and the council, and we've partnered with Open Hands, a homeless charity, in Leicester. We've also established a relationship with Brickworks Community Centre in Finsbury Park in London.

WE WELCOMED MORE PEOPLE

We had our largest ever total weekend attendance across all of our centres at our Christmas Celebration Services in December 2019, which means that more people than ever before had an opportunity to hear the good news of the great joy that Jesus brings.

WE REACHED MORE PEOPLE

KingsGate Cambridge ran an Easter egg hunt in the city centre for the first time ever, LifeGroups in Peterborough served over 6,500 people through Easter egg hunts in the local community, we've connected with lots of local children and teachers by running Prayer Spaces in schools, and we saw many more people connect with us across all of our centres as we served at and ran our own local events to bless our communities.



LOOKING BACK

We are so grateful to God and to the many of you who regularly and faithfully bring your tithes and offerings into the ongoing ministry and mission of KingsGate Community Church, thus enabling us to help so many people in so many ways.

In addition to our regular giving, in 2019 we gave for the third time into our '2020 Vision Offering'. Because of many people's generous and sacrificial giving into this offering, we were able to finance Inside Out initiatives across all our centres, as well as invest in an advertising campaign for our Easter and Christmas Celebration Services and invested into the launch of a Youth Service in Peterborough. It also enabled us to install an LED wall in the Peterborough building, provide bursaries for our Internship programme and fund the appointment of three Pastors in Training. Furthermore, we have been able to continue to invest in the development of our database management system and transfer our current website onto a new platform which will enable future development. Additionally, we were able to purchase hardware to enable us to livestream our services, enabling all our centres to receive the same teaching on the same Sunday. We've also been able to set aside funds so that we can invest in the PA/AV infrastructure in West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge to speed up set-up ready for when the centre moves to two services.

We also helped to finance the ongoing running costs of KingsGate London which has now launched in its new venue in Finsbury Park. It's a great new venue and is significantly cheaper than the Museum of London. This means, going forward, any shortfall for London during 2020 will now be financed from our Mission Fund. Please pray that KingsGate London will start to become an established and growing centre.

We also transferred 10% of the offerings into our Mission Fund. This helps to resource our Community Action projects, such as the Care Zone in Peterborough, as well as

resourcing our partnerships with Overseas Missions projects. This also enabled us to respond to critical needs such as the devastation caused by the cyclone in Mozambique.

More details about this offering will be available at the Committed Members' evenings and at our Annual General Meeting.

As a leadership team, we are hugely grateful to every single person who gave financially in 2019 to help resource the vision.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2020 we have another opportunity to seek God and to give into the fourth year of our four-year 2020 Vision special offering.

As well as setting aside 10% for our Mission Fund, this year we will also be setting aside an additional £20k into a Body Needs Fund to assist people in financial crisis within the church. This offering will also be used to continue resourcing the key areas identified when we launched the 2020 offering:

Inside Out Initiatives

As we turn the church Inside Out, we want to continue to be ready to resource new initiatives that enable us to GATHER and GO.

Leadership Development

We would like to continue to fund the equipping and training of future leaders, such as pastors, worship leaders, leaders for KingsGate Youth and KingsGate Kids ministries, and our Pastors in Training. We also want to be able to offer bursaries (where appropriate) to our interns. These leaders will help to both strengthen existing KingsGate centres and establish new centres.

Cambridge

2020 is a significant year for the Cambridge centre as it celebrates its 10th birthday. This year we would like to help fund a special celebration in the Cambridge centre, as well as a focused time of blessing the city.

Technology

There continues to be an ongoing need to invest in technology that supports KingsGate as a whole. In 2020 we would like to invest in upgrading our digital presence.

FUTURE BUILDING NEEDS

Peterborough

We have been blessed with an amazing purpose-built facility in Peterborough, which we moved into in 2006. The building has not only given us the ability to significantly grow the Peterborough congregation, but has also provided a base where staff can serve the wider KingsGate family. There are still some areas to be developed, but we are well on the way to reaching our goal of having a completed building. In 2020 we would like to purchase a new sound desk for the KingsGate Peterborough auditorium as the current sound desk is 14 years old and at the end of its life. We would also like to continue making ongoing improvements to the Peterborough building and site.

Other KingsGate Centres

We are also aware that both Cambridge and Leicester may have future building needs that we want to be ready to respond to.

Once we have received the offering and know how much is available, we will be able to prioritise, from the categories above, when and how the money is spent.

If you would like to give into this offering, please complete the 2020 Vision Giving Guide.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR, HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM



