

Heart for the House





Hi church!

Each year we are so inspired by the generosity of those in our church who give sacrificially to see God's Church advance and His Kingdom established here in the UK. What an incredible church you are! We are so thankful for all that God has done and we are full of faith for all that is ahead of us!

We have a deep conviction that God wants to use every single one of us to reach the people in our cities, nation and the world. The Heart for the House offering is a practical way for us to take steps forward in playing our part in this mission. Something powerful and significant happens when the people of God rally together to give with faith and expectation. We have exciting opportunities in front of us as a church and we believe God is looking for His people to be bold and confident as we continue to step into all that He has for us.

This year we continue to focus our giving on three specific areas: Our National Initiative, Local Initiatives and Social Impact Initiatives. Take a read through this brochure for more information.

Let's continue to be a church that builds into the now, but is also committed to leave a legacy for the future generations to come. We love you and are so grateful to partner alongside you as we see His Kingdom continue to advance.

Much love,
Tim and Nicola

"For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things"
Romans 11:36 [NIV]



Who we are becoming as believers is more important than what we do. It's through who we are becoming that informs our outward actions. Our desire is for our church to have a Biblical foundation of what it means to become more like Christ in all areas of our life. One of those areas is becoming people who have a revelation of the power of generosity. They want to partner with God to see the renewal of all things. The more we learn about the way Jesus lived His life, the more we are inspired and challenged to follow in His footsteps and live a life of generosity.

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35 [NLT]

Becoming

vision

As a church we have a bold vision. We know that each generation builds on the foundation of the one before. Each generation has different obstacles to conquer, but we believe that we have an opportunity to make an impact today, that will set up the generations to come. One key aspect of this vision is to see every Hillsong location in the UK have a permanent facility. This will not only improve our church's experience of Sunday services and mid-week events, but it gives us the ability to have a greater impact on our local communities and reach those who haven't yet experienced the good news of the gospel. Together we can leave a legacy of good stewardship that sets up the church for the future.

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4 [ESV]





We are part of the Church of Jesus Christ – Christ’s plan for humanity, which started well before we were born and will continue well after we are gone. As a church we are reminded to look at the bigger story of what we are a part of. Pentecost Sunday marks the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit came. It’s through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can live the life God has called us to. Without His help, we cannot achieve anything.

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”
John 14:15-17 [NIV]

His Church

Gratitude

As believers it's important to remember God's faithfulness and His goodness in our lives. We have so much to be thankful for! Sacrificial giving is our hearts response of gratitude for who God is and what He has already done.

We would also like to take the time to say thank you to all those who have sacrificially contributed over the years. Your giving counts! We are so grateful to each one of you and inspired by your generosity.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 [NIV]



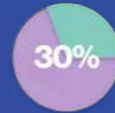


Our collective sacrifice is about the greater Church but also about us in our local communities – our homes. Like in the Acts church, we break bread together and are united in heart and mind. We are a family of believers, living stones being built together to become Christ's Church. Jesus uses the local church as a vehicle to bring renewal on the earth and it's our responsibility to allow Christ to weave us into that tapestry and then play our part in building the local church in our time in history. Through the local church we not only become greater disciples of Christ but we also have a greater opportunity to share the gospel with those who are yet to experience the love of Jesus in their life.

My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels! Ephesians 3:10 [MSG]

Our Home

Local Initiatives



These initiatives are an opportunity to meet specific needs across all of our Hillsong UK locations. Each location will focus on either “Generations” or “Welcome Home.” This targeted approach allows us to invest directly into the life of our locations and continue to see them move forward.



Central London
Creating spaces to facilitate relationship building for our community, and to better connect new people into the life of our church.

North London
Furthering our renovation project in our permanent facility, including much needed upgrades on the bathrooms.



Southeast London
Investing into the next generation by equipping and resourcing our Youth and Kids ministries.



Southwest London
Enhancing our Sunday services with key upgrades to production equipment, plus investing into a portable coffee bar for the foyer.

Guildford
After upgrading our kids, families, and production areas, we are focusing on community. With our Sunday socials, midweek gatherings, and the required production equipment.

Croydon
Focusing our Youth and Kids ministries, by providing upgraded equipment and new resources.

Reading
Revamping our foyer and outdoor spaces with fresh signage to allow for better connection points and investing into our Youth and Kids ministries with new equipment.

Oxford
Investing into new spaces to build stronger connections in our community, and adding resources to our Kids and Families areas to enhance our Sunday services.

Newcastle & Liverpool
Furthering the work within our community grocers, creating safe spaces for those in the community to feel welcome.



Kent
After investing in a new café bar and upgrading the toilets, we're now sowing into our Kids and Families areas within church, adding new lighting and play equipment to the Kids Church rooms and refreshing the Parent Led Areas.

Birmingham
Acquiring key items that will elevate our Sunday services by purchasing



new production equipment, auditorium and foyer assets, and investing into our Kids and Families areas with new resources.

Edinburgh
Upgrading equipment and resources for Families & Kids ministries and investing into our local Youth initiative through Summer Camp sponsorships.

National Initiatives

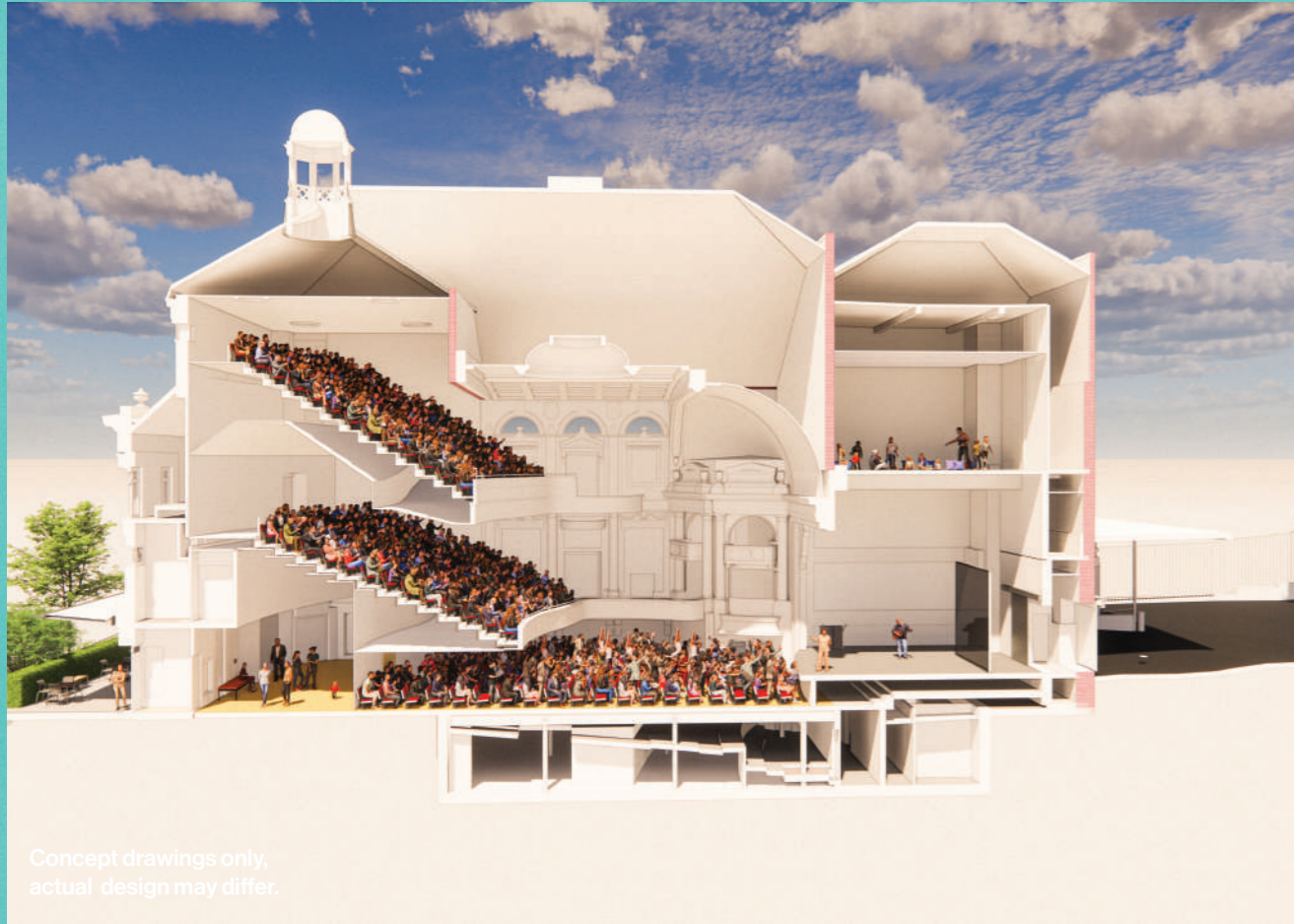
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In January 2022, we acquired The Golders Green Hippodrome, a historic London landmark, which has since transformed into our vibrant and welcoming community hub. The Hippodrome is now the main home for our North London community, hosting Sunday services, which have expanded to two services since the move. It has also facilitated baptism services, Team Nights, Sisterhood United, Young Adults and Youth gatherings, among many other events.

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actual design may differ.





Additionally, this versatile space has allowed us to expand our Amplified Arts Academy. The project empowers local youth to explore their artistic talents, creating opportunities that amplify their potential.

The Hippodrome has required a significant investment in both the building and facilities. To date, your generosity as a church has enabled us to acquire the building, securing the future for this growing community in the life of our

church. We've also carried out essential upgrades and repairs to the building, including:

- Decoration, initial fitout and move in costs to building
- Roof repairs
- Structural works
- Electrical and lighting upgrades
- Security system upgrades
- Fire safety upgrades
- Setting up the auditorium, stage and seating

The 2023 Heart for the House offering was able to fund necessary works to begin using the dress circle balcony, which included refurbishing seating, bringing upgrades to fire safety, stairwells and facilities.

A building of this size and heritage incurs substantial costs, both to purchase and maintain. But we believe acquiring this iconic venue, and our plans for it, will be

transformational for the life of our church and the local community. We were able to purchase The Hippodrome for £6.8 million, while to date, a little more than £1 million has gone into bringing the venue up to standard. Priority works for the next phase include:

- Opening the foyers to form a larger, more welcoming and usable space
- Renovating bathrooms to a modern standard throughout the building
- Upgrading the stage, back-stage and balcony areas of the auditorium
- Investing in dance, music and film studio spaces for church content, ministry, youth, recording, training and the Amplified Arts Academy

In the future, further valuable investment will bring the building right up to date. Major areas of works will include renovations to exter-

nal façade and improvements to outside areas, further upgrades to foyer spaces including a café, kids and family spaces and hospitality facilities, and works to auditorium including redecoration, heating and ventilation upgrades and stage and loading dock improvements. The cost of these final improvements is currently estimated to be approximately £4.5 million.

The planned works are significant, but our goal is to invest in The Hippodrome so it can truly serve the needs of its North London community, as well as creating revenue that supports our church's outreach. The possibilities for The Hippodrome's contribution to our church and the community are vast. We've only just begun to tap into this potential and eagerly anticipate what the future holds.

Find out more: www.hillsong.com/uk/foundation

Social Impact

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As a church we have a longstanding history of and commitment to making a significant Social Impact through being the hands and feet of Jesus. We are privileged to play our part in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth through meeting the holistic needs of everyday people. We currently outwork this through a range of local initiatives and global partnerships. A portion of Heart for the House contributes to the funding of these initiatives each year. We are so grateful to everyone who has played their part through prayer, serving on teams and financial giving. We are expectant to see how we as a church can continue to embody this expression of God's love in many more ways to come!

Over 2023 we've maintained our support for those in need through our Greenlight, Refugee Response and Community Grocery initiatives.

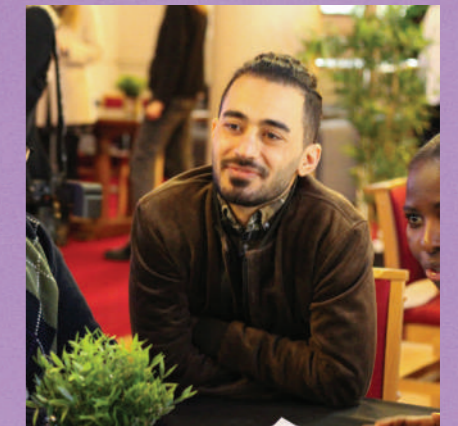
Greenlight

Greenlight have been able to assist vulnerable people who are unable to access basic healthcare due to being without stable accommodation. Our multidisciplinary medical teams in Kent and within areas of London have helped meet the needs of many people, via wound care, physio advice and referrals to other health services. Our Care and Connect Team continue to meet pastoral needs and provide signposting to a range of community agencies we work in partnership with. We see the complex needs of homeless populations in a breadth of areas in the U.K. and are looking forward to building our team further and resourcing this much needed area.



Refugee Resettlement

Through the UK Government Community Sponsorship Programme, we have been able to resettle eight families from Syria and Afghanistan in recent years. The aim of the programme is to help them with setting up life in the UK and integrate into local communities. We have supported each family to access statutory services, and navigate a new country and culture. In the last year our primary focus has been on helping families move into new housing, enter employment and live more independently.



Asylum Seeker Support

For the last few years we have been working with those seeking asylum in the UK, providing practical support and social activities. Every Monday, we run our Community Café in collaboration with HTB Church in West London. We host 80-100 asylum seeking guests each week in a welcoming space, where they can practise their conversational English, receive a meal and find other forms of advice and support. In addition to this we run weekly English classes to develop writing, reading and grammar skills,



plus we have been able to support around 1,000 people through our clothing bank. This year we are hoping to add to our support with a digital skills training course, art workshops, and employment programmes to help people achieve greater autonomy in their lives.

Football United

Our weekly football sessions for young refugees continues to be a popular project in our North and South London locations. Every week

around 70 young people who are new to the UK come and play football, put their struggles aside, make friends and build their confidence.

In summer 2023 we held our second annual training camp, giving 24 key young people an opportunity to engage in a three-day offsite programme of professional football training, alongside mental health and life skills workshops. We are excited to return to the camp this year and the young people

are expectant for another inspiring time away.

Community Groceries

Liverpool

In November 2023 we celebrated one year of our Community Grocery in our Liverpool location and launched a Community Grocery in our Newcastle location! The Community Groceries are a much needed resource for people to shop for food with dignity, choice and to embed into our local church communities.



Since launching the Community Grocery in Liverpool we've had so many opportunities to connect with the community around us. We have been able to provide over 85,100 meals to date and feed 12,698 people.

The grocery has enabled us to have meaningful conversations with our members and walk through life with them. The grocery has been so much more than food support for people, it's been a warm welcome for people on their lowest day and an accepting and loving environment for people to be themselves and be loved for who they are.

Newcastle

We have a prayer we say up here at Hillsong Newcastle which is, 'In the Northeast as it is Heaven!' It is our heart cry to see the Kingdom of God established here and so it's been a heavenly stake



in the ground for our local church community to see our Newcastle West Community Grocery established and its doors open at the end of 2023!

Since opening on 28th November, we have seen over 430 households in our surrounding area sign up to use the grocery and begin to engage with it. We're averaging approximately

100 people shopping a week which provides roughly 1,900 meals per week for our beneficiaries. It's been such a gift to see the people of Newcastle come in and be greeted with friendly faces and be given the ability to shop with dignity.

Our church community has really stepped up to help volunteer in the grocery and make it happen, with over 30

volunteers currently involved. We're so excited to see the God potential for the Community Groceries to grow in greater measure as we begin to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our city, by helping meet the needs in our community. The astonishing thing is, this is only the beginning!

Find out more: www.hillsong.com/uk/social-impact

Amplified Arts Academy



AMP is a London-based performing arts school for young people aged 4-17. We exist to inspire and equip young people to reach their full potential. Our goal is to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where students can develop in character, craft, and confidence.

Saturday programmes run throughout the academic year in Golders Green and Canning Town, and we are now excited to be working with Barnet Council and the Department for Education to deliver AMP holiday camps. These camps provide free arts-based activities and hot food to local young people from low-income families, to help combat increased inequality during the school holidays when families are cut off from free school meals and childcare.

In 2024 we are excited to be celebrating 10 years of AMP! During this time, we have had the joy of working with just under a thousand young people, with some



students having been with us during the entire 10-year period. We have given away just over £103,000 worth of free training to young people who might not otherwise be able to access or afford the kind of programmes AMP offers. Some of our students have gone on to pursue successful careers in the arts, where others have gone on to study medicine and architecture at some of the UK's top universities.

To celebrate our milestone anniversary, we will be holding a bigger than ever AMP Showcase at the Hippodrome on Saturday 13th

July. Our AMP students are excited to present *Once Upon OUR Time!* - a fun retelling of classic fairy tales as you've never seen them before! This brand-new show has been created with and by young people and features dance, acting, vocals and music.

We are so grateful to be part of a church community that supports this work. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us through their generosity during Heart for the House year after year and by praying for us.

To find out more about AMP and the programmes we offer, or to support our work please visit www.amplifiedartsacademy.com or contact: info@amplifiedartsacademy.com

AMP Showcase 2024:
Celebrating 10 Years!
Date: Saturday 13th July
Address: Hillsong North London,
North End Road, NW11 7RP

Get your tickets for the Amplified Showcase here.



Global Impact Vision Rescue

As a church we have a long-standing friendship and partnership with Vision Rescue, which was pioneered by Biju Thampy in 2004. It has grown tremendously from Biju's original vision of feeding children living in poverty on the streets of Mumbai, to now resourcing whole communities across Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

65 million people in India currently live in slums and 47% of children in slums are estimated to be malnourished, at risk of exploitation, uneducated and in high-risk situations. 2024 is a pivotal year in the history of Vision Rescue. This year, they celebrate 20 years of working with children and their families, to free them from exploitation by engaging them in education. Vision Rescue understands that multiple forms of inequality or disadvantage sometimes

compound themselves. So children not having food, not being in school and their parents not being in employment makes life very challenging and complex. They seek to empower the family unit in order to free children from poverty. Over the last 20 years, Vision Rescue has been able to directly engage 18,492 children in education, enrol over 5,600 in public schools and provide over 6.5 million meals. During 2023, 653 new students enrolled in Vision Rescue's Beacon schools



in Mumbai bringing the total to 1,217. In Chennai 250 children were taught from six tuition sites and in Kolkata 121 children received informal education out of three buses. Vision Rescue held 43 dental camps, which enabled 7,693 beneficiaries to access dental care. This year they aspire to purchase a new dental van to provide much needed dental care to so many more children and families.

Find out more: www.hillsong.com/uk/bwc/vision-rescue

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and through Him and
to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory
forever. Amen.**
Romans 11:36

