

HEART FOR THE HOUSE

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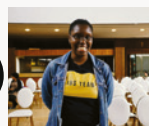




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**Dear Church,
We are stepping into a significant and powerful
season together—Heart for the House.**

This is our annual opportunity to give over and above our tithes and offerings, enabling us to strategically build for the future and continue to see God's Kingdom advance through our church. It's a pivotal time where faith, generosity, and unity come together, allowing us to dream bigger and step boldly into all that God has called us to.

Our prayer for this season is simple: that every person, in every location, would receive a fresh revelation—you are called, you are needed, and you have a part to play.

Like a stained glass window, where every distinct piece—different in

shape, size, and colour—comes together to form something breathtaking, so too does the Church come alive when each of us brings what we have. Every gift, every act of faith, and every offering plays a vital part in revealing the greater picture: the beauty and glory of Jesus through His Church.

This year, we are also launching a new preaching series: People of the Fine Print.

Throughout Scripture, we see that God's story wasn't carried forward only by the well-known heroes whose names we easily remember—like Moses, David, or Mary—but also by



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countless others whose names are tucked away in the margins. These seemingly ordinary men and women played extraordinary roles through simple acts of obedience, quiet faith, unseen generosity, and courageous surrender.

In the same way, we believe God is calling each of us to see that our “yes” matters. Even what feels small becomes significant in His hands. Your faithfulness, generosity, time, and presence all carry eternal weight.

As we lean into His call, we step into a greater story—one where every act of surrender builds His Church and reveals His glory.

Our prayer is that through this season, every person would find their place, embrace their purpose, and offer their lives afresh to God.

Let’s lean in with open hearts, full of expectation, saying, “God, here I am—use me.”

We’re so grateful to be on this journey with you and excited for all that’s ahead for us as a church.

With love,

Tim and Nicola

**“How can they believe
in the one of whom they
have not heard? And how
can they hear without
someone preaching to
them? ... ‘How beautiful
are the feet of those who
bring good news!’**

Romans 10:14–15 (NIV)





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Hillsong Foundation UK

Generational strategy

Our annual Heart for the House offering is part of the Hillsong Foundation UK.

The purpose of the Hillsong Foundation UK is to continue to build a church that impacts the cities and nations for the cause of His Kingdom. We are committed to playing our part in seeing His People and His Church advance in our time in history, while also remaining dedicated to leaving a legacy for the next generation. We aim to achieve this by focusing on three key areas - our National Initiative, Local Initiatives and Social Impact Initiatives.

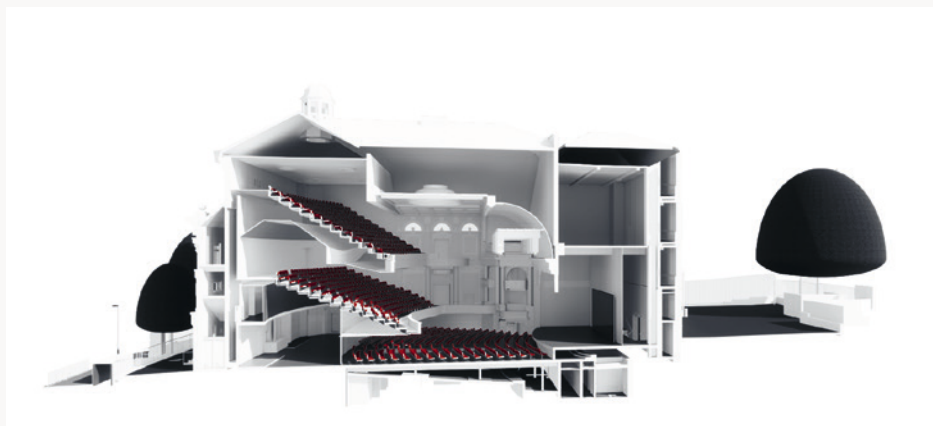
We know that each generation builds on the foundation of the one before. Each generation has different obstacles to conquer, but we believe we have an opportunity to make an impact today that will set up the generations to come.

One key aspect of this vision is to see every Hillsong location in the UK have a permanent facility to extend the reach of the gospel, and impact local communities with the love of Jesus. We are believing for the church to put stakes in the ground, and for us to be the head and not the tail when it comes to the facilities we have to house the work of the church. Together we can leave a legacy of good stewardship that sets up the church for the future.

The Hillsong Foundation UK is currently is focusing on:

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.



National Initiative

We can achieve more together through the collective effort of our entire Church. Currently, our National Initiative supports the ongoing renovation and upgrades of the Golders Green Hippodrome in North London. This venue holds immense potential for personal transformation and community outreach. It also offers revenue-generating possibilities, which will support our generational strategy of securing permanent facilities across all our locations.



Social Impact

Our aim is to create a meaningful impact on society through Social Impact. This year, we will continue supporting our UK Social Impact Initiatives, such as Refugee Response, Greenlight, AMP, and Community Groceries. Additionally, we will support our longstanding global partnerships. These initiatives and partnerships enable us to have a significant and sustainable social impact.



A drummer is captured in a dynamic pose on a stage, illuminated by vibrant blue spotlights. The drummer is wearing a dark cap and a long-sleeved shirt, focused on playing a drum set that includes a snare, toms, and cymbals. The background is dark, with stage equipment and another person in white visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is energetic and professional.

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Romans 12:4–8 (NIV)



Everyone Has A Part to Play.

People of the Fine Print - The Divine is in the Detail

It is always the bold print that catches your eye first — the catchy slogans, the clever puns, the irresistible headlines: Buy One, Get One Free! No Strings Attached! But everyone knows the truth lives in the fine print. That's where the real story is told, where the conditions and costs are revealed. The devil, as they say, is in the details.

In faith, the same rules apply. The headlines of Christianity are dazzling and true: Jesus Saves! God Loves You! But the real wonder is in the fine print. The substance of Christ's Gospel isn't only found in the grand declarations but in the small, unseen acts of love — the daily, unnoticed obedience and generosity that earth misses but heaven never forgets. And this is where it gets real: this means everyone has a part to play.

The Power of the Small

In a world chasing 'main character energy,' celebrating the visible while neglecting the hidden, Christianity offers the most thrilling counterculture. The Kingdom of God operates upside down. The least are the greatest. The widow's mite is the most powerful of sacrifices. The mustard seed grows into the biggest tree.



Rather than chasing headlines, we serve a God who delights in the unseen. Those who feel they have little to offer are often the ones God uses mightily. A boy's lunch feeds thousands (John 6:5-14). The faith of a few friends unlocks a paralytic's miracle (Mark 2:1-12). Five daughters advocate for justice and change Israelite law forever (Numbers 27:1-11).

With God, the fine print is where the wonder happens. It's where the Kingdom of God grows – quietly, beautifully, powerfully. The fine print is the substance that makes the headline real.

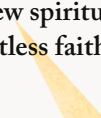
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Fine print has another quality: there's lots of it. Headlines are short, but the fine print is dense with detail and meaning. So, it is with us.

There is only one headline in Christianity: Jesus. There's no room for another name in lights beside His. He is first and foremost, forever. The story is about Him.

But in the fine print, there is space for all of us. We are all invited to participate – to put flesh on the Gospel, to bring the love of Jesus into everyday life as we become more like Him. Paul's image of the body in 1 Corinthians 12 is perfect: Christ is the head, and we are the body. No part is insignificant.

We are called to live this fine print faith together – not in isolation but immersed in Jesus' bride: the Church. The Book of Acts doesn't showcase a movement built by a few spiritual superstars but by countless faithful, ordinary believers.





And today is no different. The Church isn't built by a handful of famous names but by the many faithful, the unseen, the fine print.


Living in the Fine Print

If fine print exists to add substance to the headline, then so must our lives. We must live in a way that makes the bold declarations of our faith tangible. If the headline of Christianity is that God loves us, that He is building His Church, then our lives – as humble apprentices to Jesus – must serve as the proof.

This call is written all over Scripture. “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Colossians 3:17). “We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us” (2 Corinthians 5:20).

And this includes the smallest acts. When you pray for your child, encourage a struggling colleague, serve in a host team, or simply show up with a willing heart, you are living in the fine print. When you surrender your time, talents, and resources to Jesus in unseen obedience, you are part of the fine print of faith.

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The Master of the Fine Print

If you need a model of what it means to live in the fine print, look no further than Jesus Himself. Despite orchestrating the greatest headline in human history – the salvation of our souls through His death and resurrection – He spent His days modelling the beauty of a fine-print life.

He washed feet. He ate with outcasts. He noticed the overlooked. He valued community. He healed the sick and swerved the credit.


Jesus taught us that the Gospel isn't just about bold statements and grand moments – it is about daily, embodied love.

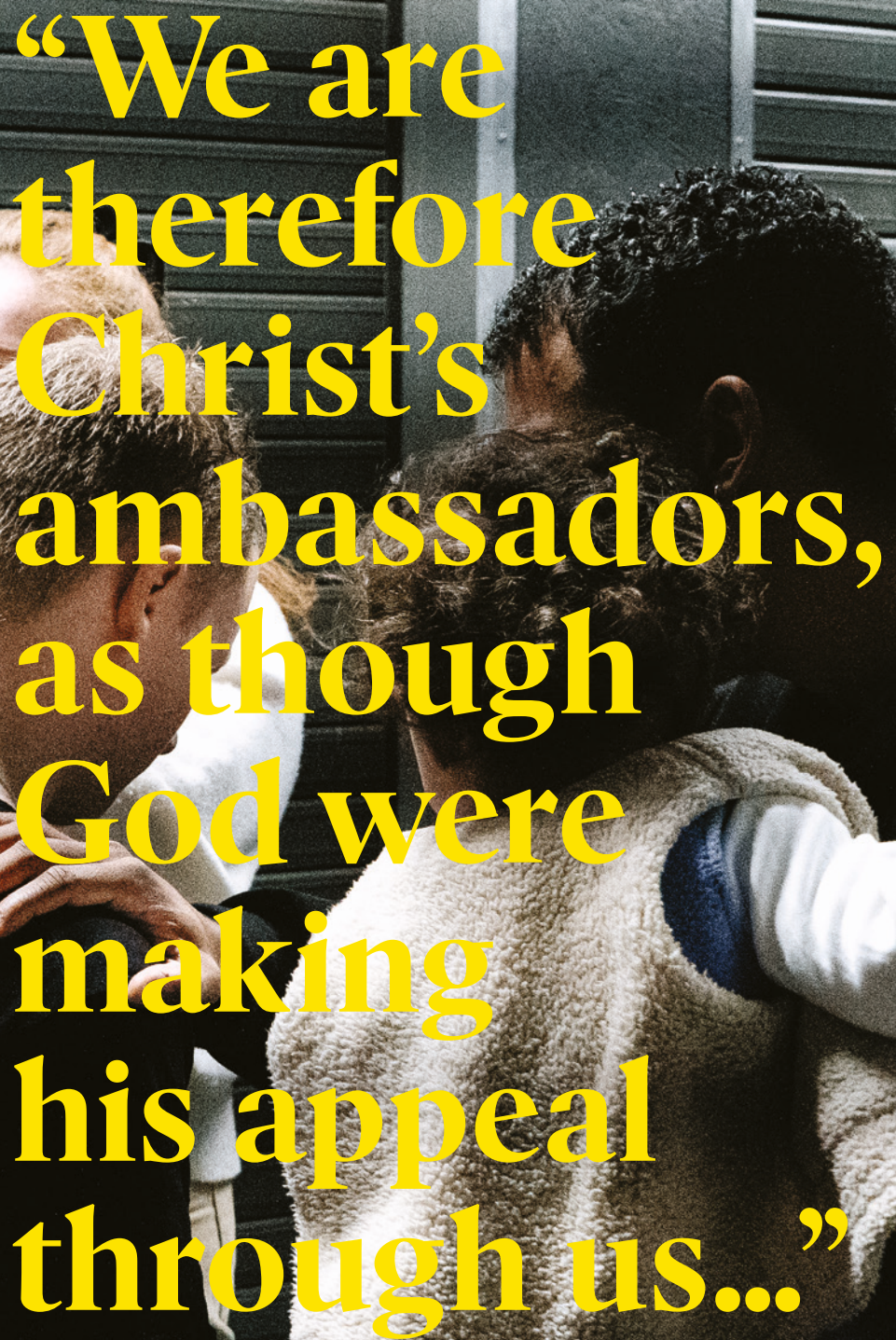
A Call to the Fine Print Life

So, today, this is your invitation to the fine-print life. This is your call to find your place in the story: to participate, to play your part. If you feel small or unseen, you are exactly where God does His most powerful work. You have a significant role to play in the quiet faithfulness of daily life.

Live faithfully. Live generously. Join a Group and serve your community. Call a neighbour. Get involved in social justice. Because in the Kingdom of God, there are no extras. No sidelined saints. No wasted obedience.

On this occasion, it's the divine, not the devil, that's in the details. And everyone has a part to play... including you!



A photograph of a group of people in a supportive embrace. In the foreground, a person with dark curly hair is seen from the back, wearing a white and blue striped long-sleeved shirt. They are being embraced by others. To the left, a person with reddish hair is partially visible. The background consists of dark, horizontal slats, possibly a door or a wall. The overall mood is warm and supportive.

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2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)



Ben Nicholson

Hope and Purpose: The Community Grocery at Hillsong Newcastle

How did you first come to Hillsong Newcastle?

Around Christmas 2023 and into early 2024, I went through a dark time — I had a severe mental breakdown. Things got so bad that I ended up needing to go to hospital. Looking back now, I really believe that season was part of God's calling on my life. Not long after, I was fortunate to be referred to a mental health clinic for men, which happened to be right across the road from Hillsong Newcastle. While I was there, my counsellor Jeremy asked if I might be interested in volunteering with the Community Grocery, since he knew Jonny, the Location Pastor. At the

time, I was struggling with severe agoraphobia and couldn't really speak to anyone — which was hard because I'd always been a people person. I couldn't even leave the house without feeling overwhelmed. But when Jeremy introduced me to Jonny and a few others from the church, things started to change. Jonny encouraged me to start volunteering at the Community Grocery to help rebuild my confidence and social skills. When I first met Joe, the manager, I was so nervous I could barely speak. But they welcomed me so warmly, made me feel at home, and patiently showed me the ropes. That gave me a sense of purpose again.

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How did your life start to change from volunteering?

Starting in June last year, when I began volunteering, everything shifted for me. It was the turning point. Through the Grocery, I made so many new friends and ended up doing the Alpha Course later that year. In September, I officially joined the church, and honestly, it's been the catalyst for so much growth — in my life and my relationship with God.

What's your experience been like serving on the team?

After the breakdown, I had to leave my job, so volunteering gave me structure again. I started with just one day a



week and now I'm there three days a week. At the Grocery, we provide affordable food — fresh fruit, veg, frozen goods — but it's not just about food. We have a coffee shop too, which is just as important. It's a place where people, especially those who feel isolated or are homeless, can come in, have a chat, and be treated with dignity and respect. We want to create a space where anyone — whether Christian or not — can feel safe, welcomed, and valued. For me, volunteering is deeply personal. Hearing people say the Grocery has changed their life is amazing.

What impact do you see the Grocers having on the wider community?

Over the past year, we've seen the Grocery grow massively — more people coming through the doors, more signing up through word of mouth. We serve a really diverse community — there's a strong Iranian refugee community, and many others from around the world. People know it's a place where they won't be judged. They know they'll be met with kindness and understanding.

What stand-out memories do you have from being part of the team?

Christmas was a real highlight for me. We were able to give away 48 Christmas hampers to people in the community. It was magical, honestly. Seeing the gratitude, the emotions on people's faces — it hit home just how powerful what we're doing really is. People brought cards to say thank you. There was so much love and appreciation. I'll never forget it.



Have you made close friendships through serving?

Absolutely. I walk into church on Sundays now and people come up to greet me, shake my hand, call me by name. Sometimes I think, how do they know me? — but it's amazing. Acceptance is everything, and at Hillsong Newcastle, I've found a family. It's my home now.

If someone was considering joining a team, what would you say to them?

I'd share my own story, without hesitation. Serving has completely changed my life. It's made me feel whole again. If you're feeling like something is missing, if you're searching for meaning and purpose — serving others for Jesus fills that space in the most powerful way.

How do you feel about the future?

Honestly, I can only see good things



Left: Ben serving on the coffee team, sharing his testimony to the church and being baptised.



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ahead. The Grocery is busier than ever — we’ve had our best numbers over the past six weeks — and it feels like just the beginning. There’s such a sense of excitement and growth, not just in the Grocery but in the church as a whole. I’ve even joined the coffee team at church now. For the first time in my life, I truly feel like I have a purpose. Through my own journey, I’ve learned that even when you feel like giving up, there’s hope in Jesus. If I can inspire even one person to keep going, to find that hope, then I’ll have lived out the purpose God has given me.



Local Initiatives

As part of our commitment to making a tangible difference, 30% of all Heart for the House giving is dedicated to local initiatives. These initiatives present a unique opportunity to address the specific needs of each Hillsong UK location. By focusing on either “Generations” or “Welcome Home,” each location can invest intentionally in its community.







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Reading

As our congregation continues to grow our biggest need is to create more room for people, and so this year, we’re planning to invest Heart for the House giving into improving our Sunday experience. This will be primarily through an investment in our Production, and specifically in our AV and lighting. Together, this (along with the money raised from last years Heart for the House which has been set aside for a foyer upgrade) will see us taking significant strides forward over the coming months.

Newcastle

Looking back, last year we made a significant investment into our Community Grocery and plan to do the same this year. The external grant funding for this initiative has been reduced, and the Heart for the House offering will ensure we can continue to invest in the costs necessary to maintain this offering, feeding thousands of people in our city. We’ve seen great examples of people coming for their weekly shop and then finding connection and community in church life. In addition, we are looking to invest in enhancing our Kids Church and Auditorium spaces.

Liverpool

This year, we’re excited to invest in transformative upgrades that will elevate our campus. We’re planning essential electrical upgrades to the Studio Space, future-proofing it for years to come. Additionally, we are planning to expand the Main Space by removing a wall and relocating the electrical and plumbing

systems, creating a more spacious and flexible area for events and activities. We'll also be contributing any additional money raised to support the ongoing work of our Community Grocery.

Southwest London

This year, our investment priorities include securing venue hire for Youth gatherings—covering 20 Fridays across one or two years—purchasing new lighting for Youth, and refreshing or replacing equipment for our Kids & Families programs. These enhancements aim to create vibrant, welcoming spaces for the next generation. Last year's investments in a new coffee machine and

production equipment have already been well received and actively used by our community.

North London

This year, we're investing in the Golders Green Hippodrome—an exciting development that ties in with our broader vision. You can find more details in the National Initiative section.

Croydon

This year's giving will help towards venue hire for local events for our church community—creating more space for you to invite friends. It will also fund a wireless microphone system and other equipment to make our “welcome home” experience even better.

Central London

In 2025 we're focusing our investment on the Hub Café—our most frequently used space by volunteers, staff, and the wider community. Plans include refurbishing the seating area, replacing worn-out chairs and tables, and upgrading the coffee bar with new equipment, kitchen storage, utensils, shelving, and décor. This builds on last year's improvements, which included updated office furniture for the Hub, as well as enhancements to our Kids and Families areas on Sunday.

Southeast London

This year, we're planning to upgrade the sound desk in our main hall, repurposing the existing one to equip the Minor Hall with a functional setup for staff meetings, midweek gatherings, and community events—something we currently don't have in place. Last year's giving allowed us to invest in new equipment for our Kids and Families room, creating a more engaging and welcoming space for young families.





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Kent

We’re aiming to install heating and cooling units in both the Voltage and Champions Kids rooms—spaces that currently become uncomfortably cold in winter and overly warm in summer. Creating a more comfortable environment will make a significant difference for the children and teams who use these rooms each week. Last year’s giving was used to enhance our Kids and Families spaces with new equipment, and this year we’re excited to continue building on that foundation.

Oxford

We’ll be using this year’s giving toward several exciting upgrades, including enhancements to our Kids spaces, new

“Welcome Home”

signage for the foyer, and a mounted Hillsong Hub Café sign at the entrance of the leisure park—creating a warm and inviting atmosphere from the moment people arrive. Last year’s giving helped fund signage and improvements to our midweek venue, strengthening our presence and functionality throughout the week.

Guildford

This year giving, our focus will be on enhancing the Foyer and making exciting upgrades to our Welcome Home area. We’re also thrilled to announce plans to launch a Kids’ Church for children under three by the end of the year, which will allow us to purchase the necessary

equipment for this new space. Last year, some opportunities for a midweek hub became available and we are in the process of exploring what those might look like for us as a location. We have therefore entirely ring-fenced last years Heart for the House offering to enable us to move if the right opportunities were an option for us.

Edinburgh

This year, we're excited to make key investments to elevate our campus experience. First up, a Campus Camera for the Media Team will ensure high-quality photos and videos for our weekend

services, so volunteers no longer need to bring in their personal cameras and equipment. We're also introducing a Comms Set for Production, designed to improve communication between the stage manager, AV team, and producer—replacing the current, system with a more streamlined approach. Finally, we're adding a Campus Acoustic Guitar, a valuable addition to our kids and youth programs. With funds allocated from last year's investment still available, we're ready to continue enriching our musical offerings for the next generation.

Birmingham

This year, we're excited to invest in Generations, focusing on essential upgrades and supplies for our Kids and Youth programs. Additionally, we're turning our attention to Welcome Home and Production, with a particular focus on enhancing our lighting—both stage and backlighting—to improve the overall experience. Last year, we allocated funds to upgrade equipment for the Kids and Family room and enhance our Sunday services, ensuring a more vibrant and engaging environment for all.





Ayodele Ogunye

Finding Family: Friendship at Hillsong North London

How did you first hear about our church?

I first came to Hillsong back in early 2018. A friend of mine, who used to attend Hillsong Central, found out that I lived nearby and invited me to come along. That's how my journey with Hillsong began. I attended throughout 2018, but in 2019, I moved back home to Nigeria. By the time I returned to the UK, it was 2020—and with the pandemic, physical church services weren't happening. During that time, I didn't really engage with church at all.

What was it like walking into church again?

The first Sunday I walked in, I met someone named Osa at the door—he's now become like an older brother to me. He introduced himself, told me about joining a team, and encouraged me to get involved.

Tell us more about the Venue Team and what you do.

The Venue Team is all about setting up the space for Sunday services and helping with anything building-related during the service. If there's an issue with the electrics, plumbing, or even just needing more seats for an event, we're the ones who make it happen. It's all about creating an environment where people can encounter God without any distractions.

What's your experience been like being part of the Venue Team?

Well, this is the interesting part of my story. Right now, I actually co-lead the Host Team, which is a step that feels really tied to my personal journey. When I first joined the Venue Team, I was honestly a shadow of myself. At the time, I was engaged and things in my life seemed to be going really well — both in my personal life and at work. Joining the team was supposed to be a space where

I could just serve quietly and maybe find some stability. At first, I would come, serve, and leave. I wasn't really connected yet. But then, three months after joining, my engagement ended. It was devastating. I had thought that getting involved with church would "fix everything," but life doesn't always work like that.

After the breakup, I kept showing up. I was trying to figure things out — trying to heal. It wasn't until a couple

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of months later, when I finally sat down with Pastor Chris and opened up about everything, that real healing started for me. He prayed with me, gave me advice, and it was through that conversation that I realised I needed to lean into the community — not just serve, but belong. After that, I just kept going — serving wherever I could. And little by little, everything grew. At first, there were only about three of us on the Venue Team. But by the end of 2023, it had



become a full, thriving team. It's been amazing to see how far we've all come — not just in the work we do, but in our own personal journeys too.

Would you say that serving on a team has given you more confidence in connecting with people?

Absolutely. I'd say that God really used serving to restore my sense of self. When I first came to church, I was honestly just a shadow of who I had been. I had lost confidence — in my abilities, in handling conflict, even in knowing what I enjoyed. I mean, at one point, I loved baking, but by the time I joined, even that had fallen away. Starting to serve changed everything. I still remember the first time I helped with setting up the church — it was such a simple thing, but it meant so much to me. Without most people even knowing it, just being part of a team, being part of something bigger than myself, had this incredible impact. It gave me the space to rebuild, to reconnect with who I was. Serving didn't just fill a schedule — it restored my confidence and helped transform my life, piece by piece.

Was there a particular moment that really stood out to you over the last few years of serving? Something that personally impacted you?

Definitely — actually, two moments come to mind. The first was attending conference last year. It was my first-ever conference, and I had the chance to serve alongside my friends. We were part of the team that looked after the other volunteers, making sure they had



a great experience. It was amazing — getting to serve together, attending events, just being part of it all. That experience was special for me. And second, around the same time, I turned 30. My birthday felt like a huge milestone, not just because of the number, but because of how much my life had changed. My friend Hilde organized the celebration for me, and Mabel took photos — it wasn't just a party; it was this beautiful gathering of my family, my friends, and my church family. Two years earlier, I could never have imagined celebrating like that. It felt like this full-circle moment — a reflection of how much restoration and growth had happened in such a short time.

How has serving on a team impacted your walk with Jesus?

Serving has brought me so much closer to God — more than I ever expected. It really opened my eyes to the deeper meaning of serving. At

first, you think of serving as simply pouring yourself out for your community, helping others. But what I quickly realised is that while you're giving out, God is also pouring so much back into you. In my case, joining a team wasn't just a good idea — it was a specific instruction from God. I think He knew my personality; He knew that by committing to a team, I'd also be committing to showing up consistently, to building a relationship with Him week by week. Serving has made my walk with Jesus so much deeper. We're always reminded that we serve for an audience of One — for Him — and to do that well, you really have to lean into prayer and ask for His guidance.

If someone was considering joining a team but wasn't sure, what would you say to them?

I always tell people: Go where God calls you. It's so important. You might feel drawn to a certain team because it matches your skills or interests, and that's great — but sometimes God has a completely different plan. When I first started, I joined the venue team because there was both a need and a match with my skills. But when it came to moving onto the host team later, that was something I would have never imagined myself doing. It wasn't even on my radar. But God had other plans — and honestly, I'm so grateful He did. So my encouragement would be: don't overthink it. When God points you toward a place, don't worry about whether you feel ready or qualified. Trust that if He's leading you, He'll equip you. Everything you

need will fall into place. It's really just about saying yes.

What is the vision you see for the church in North London?

It's a big one — but it's something I think about a lot. For me, the vision is really about growth — seeing the church expand and having an even greater influence in our local community and beyond. Since the beginning of this year, it's been amazing to watch how much people have grown, and how many are stepping up with willing hearts, eager to support and serve. That tells me that God is preparing us for more — expanding our capacity to reach others. Right now, we're running two services, but I believe there's a time coming when we'll need even more. More services, more people serving, and ultimately more people encountering the love and light of God through the life of the church. When that happens, it won't just be about numbers — it will be about hearts being transformed. People will walk into the church and see something different; they'll be drawn in by the joy and life they see in us, and they'll want to know what it is. If I had to describe the dream, it's this: God's house — always full. I see a future where the church is bursting with life, not just with new people every week, but with people who are genuinely hungry for more of Jesus. People who have encountered God and can't get enough — who want to serve, to grow, and to help others experience that same love. That's the future I believe we're heading toward.

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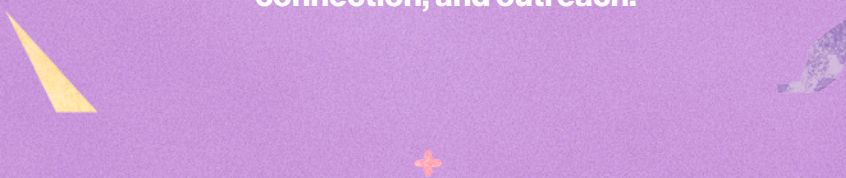




National Initiative

In January 2022, we were blessed to acquire The Golders Green Hippodrome—a treasured London landmark that has since been beautifully reimagined as a vibrant hub for our community.

This historic venue has become the heartbeat of our North London congregation, now hosting two dynamic Sunday services, along with baptisms, Team Nights, Sisterhood One Day, and gatherings for our Young Adults and Youth, among many other events. 60% of all Heart for the House giving goes directly toward funding the development of the Hippodrome, helping us grow this vital space for worship, connection, and outreach.



The versatility of the Hippodrome has also enabled the growth of our Amplified Arts Academy, an initiative dedicated to helping local young people discover and develop their creative gifts, offering a platform where their talents and potential can truly shine.

Transforming and maintaining this space has required a significant investment in both infrastructure and facilities. Since the purchase of the Hippodrome, we've made vital improvements and repairs, 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 used to fund necessary works to begin in the dress circle balcony, which

included refurbishing seating and bringing necessary upgrades to fire safety, stairwells and facilities.

2024 Investment Highlights

In 2024, we invested in key upgrades, including the Lower Balcony and Handrail, Network & Wi-Fi enhancements, comprehensive surveys (*covering heating, structural, and fire safety*), and various general building improvements.

Investing in a Legacy – Building for the Future

Acquiring and maintaining a building of this scale and historical significance comes with considerable cost—but we believe the value it brings to our church and community is immeasurable.

The Hippodrome was purchased for £6.8 million, and since then, over £1 million has been invested in essential improvements to make the space safe, functional, and welcoming.

12-Month Plans

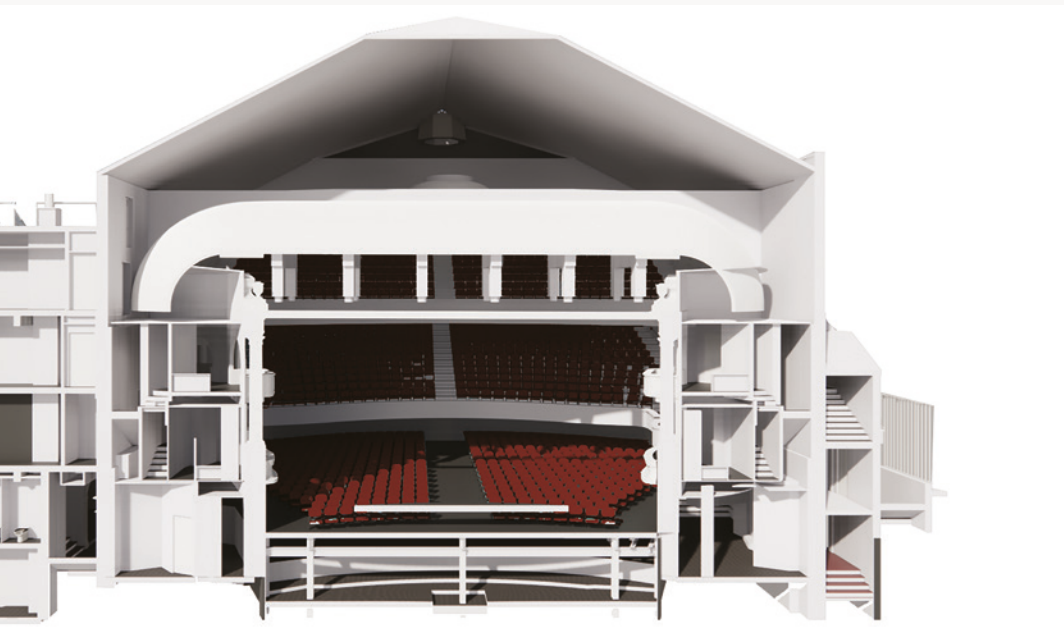
In the year ahead, we're excited and need to



invest in architectural plans, drawings and technical specifications that will shape the future of these key areas, laying the groundwork for unified, inspired spaces and meaningful community impact.

Foyer - Creating Space, Enhancing Experience

To improve flow and functionality, the current rear wall will be removed and a new insulated wall will be built. This upgrade will create a distinct and seamless separation between the bustling foyer and the auditorium—enhancing both the atmosphere and acoustics of each space.



Auditorium - A Fresh Take on Comfort and Functionality

We're looking at introducing brand-new tiered seating in the stalls, seamlessly matching the elegance of the dress circle. A flexible, removable platform will provide enhanced versatility, while the front-of-house

area will be repositioned for improved sightlines and accessibility.

To complete the transformation, the entire stalls area will be refreshed with new flooring and premium carpeting—bringing both style and comfort to every seat.

Upper Circle - Seamless Seating

To ensure a continuous theme throughout the auditorium, and the best experience for everyone who uses it, we are looking to upgrade the upper circle seats to be aligned with the current dress circle seating. A continuous lighting bar will be mounted to the strengthened balustrade, enhancing stage visibility with front-facing lighting around the entire upper circle.



Stage: Reimagining the Stage for Greater Possibilities

We're working closely with our team and



design partners to review and refine the approved stage access routes, ensuring smooth and practical transitions to and from the rear and side entrances. This next phase of development will address key level changes and optimise movement for both performers and crew, in our services and for other events. The stage itself will be extended to maximise the full width and depth of the space—unlocking its full potential for dynamic performances and productions. To support this transformation, a versatile truss system will be designed, combining both

suspended and ground-based elements to accommodate a wide range of technical and creative needs.

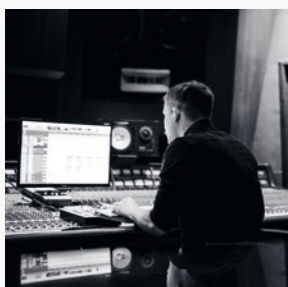
Outside Façade Restoring Heritage, Enhancing Welcome

The exterior of the Hippodrome is set to be beautifully restored, with repairs to the façade, flat roofing, and windows, followed by a fresh coat of paint to revive its iconic appearance. Access will be improved with the removal of the existing entrance steps, levelling of patio slabs, and resurfacing of the car park—creating a smooth, accessible

arrival experience for all. A striking new entrance canopy will be added, seamlessly connecting to original structural points. Enhanced by elegant new signage, architectural lighting, and a modern LED screen, the exterior will not only honour the building's heritage but also provide a vibrant and inviting welcome to all who visit.

Wayfinding & Statuary Signage

Wayfinding and statuary signage will be thoughtfully assessed and refined to seamlessly reflect the GGH brand identity, enhancing both function and style.



Creative Spaces

We will be looking to invest in dance and music studio spaces to support church content, ministry, youth programs, recording, training, and the Amplified Arts Academy.

Investing in The Hippodrome's Future

Over the coming years, we will embark on transformative improvements to The Hippodrome, with an estimated investment required of £4 million. These enhancements are designed to create a modern, welcoming space for all. While the scope of the planned

works is substantial, our vision is clear: to elevate The Hippodrome so it can fully meet the needs of the North London community, while establishing a world class venue that can generate revenue to support our church's ministry and outreach efforts.

The potential for The Hippodrome to make a meaningful impact on both our church and the wider community is immense, and we're just beginning to unlock its full possibilities.

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



James & Donna Ewen

Building Community: Serving Together at Hillsong Edinburgh

What led you to become part of our Edinburgh location?

James: We've always been passionate about the local church and church planting. We were looking for a new community where we could get involved and help it grow. When we visited Hillsong Edinburgh, we loved the vision and heart of the church. It was still in its early stages, and we could see there was a real need. We felt excited to jump in and be part of building something. We officially joined in August 2018.

Since gathering again after Covid, would you say the church has found momentum?

James: It's been a journey, but yes, we've seen real growth. As the church has rebuilt, we've welcomed a lot of new people, which has been amazing. There's

a sense of momentum moving in the right direction.

Donna: Absolutely. I think something really shifted at the start of this year. Sundays feel noticeably busier, but more importantly, people are staying after services, connecting, and building relationships. We've had new faces not just attending, but actively looking for ways to get involved and serve. You can feel the difference — there's a real sense of new life and energy in the community.

Did you jump into production and worship right away, or did it take a little time? What led you to start serving on a team?

James: I got involved with the production team fairly quickly, which was great. It really helped me get to

know people and feel more connected to the community.

Donna: I didn't jump into the worship team straight away. I hadn't been part of a worship team for a few years, and I honestly thought that season of my life might have passed. I figured there were other ways I could serve, so initially, I joined the host team—it felt like an easier way to meet people and settle in. Later, the pastor asked if I'd consider joining the worship team. At first, I was hesitant. I wasn't sure if I could play at the level they needed, or if I even knew the songs well enough. But he encouraged me to come along to team nights, just to hang out and get a feel for it. It was a welcoming environment—no pressure, just learning and connecting. Over time, the team gently nudged me, asking when I might want to start playing. I noticed there were only a few keys players at the time, and they were covering a lot. I realised I could help ease the load, so I stepped in. And honestly, it turned out to be so much fun being part of the worship team.

Tell us a little about your experience serving on a team—how have you found it? Are there any friendships or moments that stand out to you?

Donna: Being part of the worship team has been special. You spend so much time together that the people on the team have become some of my closest friends within the church. You see each other through everything—the good days, the tough days, the moments when someone's tired or celebrating a win—and you support

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and encourage one another through it all. I've loved seeing the younger team members stepping into new roles and growing in their skills, but I've also appreciated that it's a team made up of all different ages. I'm probably considered one of the “older” ones now, but I think the diversity—married couples, families, singles—makes the team stronger and healthier. Sure, there are times it's tiring, but when you're in the room and you see people worshipping Jesus, the tiredness just fades away. It's always worth it. I really love being part of the team.

Is there a particular moment or memory from your time on team that stands out to you?

Donna: For me, it's been those quieter moments when you realise just how much community has been built. I think of someone like Dorcas on the worship team. When she first joined, she didn't know many people and was finding her footing. Over time, it's been amazing to watch her come out of her shell—joining in with the jokes, really becoming part of the team, and growing so much in her faith. There was one rehearsal night where we had a free worship evening, and she had a powerful encounter with the Holy



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Spirit. At first, I worried something was wrong, but it turned out she was just deeply touched. Since then, I can see a change in her and she stepped into leading a song this past Easter service, which was just so beautiful to witness. Moments like that—seeing people grow, flourish, and step into their calling—are what make being part of the team so incredibly special.

Would you say that being part of a team has deepened your faith?

James: Definitely. I think being a Christian, being part of a church, and serving—it’s all deeply connected. It’s hard to separate one from the other. Jesus gave us the ultimate example of serving others, and as we follow Him, reflecting His nature, it’s what we’re called to do. I believe that through serving, your relationship with God grows deeper. Attending church on a Sunday is amazing, but when you step into serving and really become part of the family of God, it enriches your faith journey so much more. It moves you from just attending to truly belonging—and that deepens your walk with God in a powerful way.

Donna: Yeah, I completely agree. It reminds me of something John Mark Comer talks about—he simplifies it to: Be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. It really resonated with me. Serving challenges you sometimes—especially when you’re tired or stretched—but it’s in those moments you get to choose to be more like Jesus, to encourage others, to show up with love. Jesus didn’t just stay comfortable. He was out in people’s homes, sharing meals, praying, teaching, caring. He also took time to be alone with His Father, but He lived fully engaged with the world around Him. Serving is an extension of being with Jesus. When you truly understand what He’s done for us, serving becomes a natural act of worship—a joyful sacrifice out of love.

If someone was thinking about joining a team, what would you say to encourage them?

James: I would absolutely say—go for it! Serving is such a great way to get to know people on a deeper level and to really become part of the church

community and the family of God. Plus, it's an incredible way to grow in your own walk with God too.

Donna: Definitely. I think sometimes people hesitate because there's a bit of fear around what joining a team might involve—questions like, what's the commitment? Am I capable? And that's completely normal. But honestly, it's just about showing up and being willing to help. And if you start on a team and realise it's not quite the right fit—that's okay! The goal is to help people find where they feel most at home. For some, that happens straight away; for others, it takes a little time. But once you find that sweet spot, where your gifts meet a need, it's incredibly fulfilling. So my advice would be—take the leap and get involved!

How do you think your day job and your volunteer role at church connect, if at all?

Donna: For me, there's probably a more obvious link because I'm a music teacher. So being part of the worship team feels like a natural extension of what I already do day-to-day. But I would also say that I don't let my job title—or even my role at church—define me. It's just about being a good steward of the gifts God's given me and making a contribution where I can.

James: I'm an entrepreneur, so I guess I bring a bit of that make-it-happen mindset into serving as well. In business, you have to believe in people's potential, and I think that

carries over into church life too. I love encouraging others, helping them step out, and reminding them that it's okay to make mistakes—it's all part of the growth journey. Everyone has gifts to bring, and it's amazing to help them develop confidence and see those gifts come alive.

Looking ahead, what's your vision for Hillsong Edinburgh over the next few years?

James: Honestly, I'd love to see numerical growth — reaching more people is really important because we want as many as possible to hear about Jesus and encounter Him. But even more than that, I'm believing for spiritual growth within our community — seeing people go deeper in their relationship with God, finding freedom, healing, and stepping fully into who He created them to be. That's what excites me the most.

Donna: Yeah, absolutely. It's beautiful seeing people truly love being in God's presence — not just for the good feelings, but building strong foundations in their faith. I believe from that place, people will naturally influence the world around them — whether it's in healthcare, education, media, government, or sport — bringing the Kingdom of God into every part of society. And I'm especially passionate about seeing young people — even little kids — encountering Jesus early in life, growing up confident in their faith. We're already seeing miracles happening in Kids' church, which is just incredible.



Social Impact

As a church we are committed to and passionate about significant and sustainable Social Impact both locally and globally. We believe in seeing transformational change in the lives of individuals, communities, cities and nations that brings a generational impact and works towards the renewal of all things. We currently outwork this through a range of local initiatives and global partnerships. 10% of Heart for the House contributions are dedicated to driving social impact initiatives that make a real difference.





Over 2024 we maintained our support for those in need through our Greenlight, Refugee Response, Amplified Arts and Community Grocery initiatives. During 2024 we also worked on establishing more Social Impact initiatives at a local level, and by raising up Social Impact Reps across our locations to greater outwork our efforts. We have begun equipping each location to identify and embed partnerships with local charities to serve and bless cities across the U.K. We are so grateful to the part you have all played and look forward to this expression being further embedded in the fabric of all of our locations.



Greenlight

Our Greenlight team have continued to support and assist the needs of the street homeless population who are unable to access basic healthcare due to being without stable accommodation. Our three multidisciplinary medical teams in Central London, Croydon and Kent helped meet the needs of beneficiaries, via wound care, advice and urgent referrals to other health services. Our Care and Connect Teams continued to meet pastoral needs and provide signposting to a range of community agencies we work in partnership with.

During August, in London, we re-launched

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our Greenlight Teams with more training, fresh vision and welcomed 50 new volunteers to serve in our teams. Whilst we ran a reduced service in 2024, we were still able to connect with over 100 beneficiaries providing them with medical care, signposting and pastoral care during August-December.

During Christmas, Greenlight supported a Christmas party for a group of vulnerable women, offering an opportunity to feel seen, thought of, push pause on the pain and challenges of life and to celebrate. Our

Greenlight team also blessed a hostel in central London with a Christmas party, with team taking time to organise, decorate and provide gifts and meals for 100 people. Greenlight's ability to shine light, hope and love into the lives of those who feel incredibly marginalised continues to be an amazing testimony.

Refugee Response Football United

Every year, the UK sees between 3,000-4,000 unaccompanied minors seek asylum in the UK. These young people have often travelled for months or years from

various parts of the world, experienced trauma before and or during their journey and face a unique set of needs and challenges, including isolation, lack of language skills and mental health issues. Our two football sessions in partnership with Spurs FC Foundation and Fulham FC Foundation continue to remain full of passion, skill and competition! Each week 80 young refugees and asylum seekers find a place where they can forget about their challenges, engage in sports, make friends and build their confidence and skills.



Led by a team of 20 volunteers who coach, referee and provide support to the young people, this expression continues to provide opportunities for people to feel safe, work on their language, self-confidence and football skills.



This year we also had our fourth annual training camp, giving 24 key participants an opportunity to engage in

a three-day offsite programme of professional football training, mixed with mental health and life skills workshops. For the year ahead we'll also be expanding this expression to include support with employment and digital skills training.

Asylum Seekers Support

For the last few years, we have been working with those seeking asylum in the UK, providing practical support and social spaces. Each Monday, in collaboration with HTB Church, we run our Community Café and host 90-100 asylum seeking guests in a welcoming space. Here they can practice their conversational English, receive a meal and find other forms of advice and support. In 2024 our team of hairdressers provided 10-15 free haircuts every week to guests who otherwise would not be able to afford one.

In addition to this, we run weekly English classes for around 20



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people to develop their writing, reading and grammar skills. At Christmas we were able to bless over 400 children and young people with a gift bag thanks to donations from our church and the Love Christmas campaign.

This coming 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.

AMP

Amplified Arts Academy (AMP) is a performing arts programme for young people. AMP exists to empower, inspire, and equip the next generation to reach their full potential. We believe that art has the power to speak truth, shape culture and enrich lives. Our mission is to remove the social and economic barriers to first-class artistic education and provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where students can develop in craft, character, and confidence.

In 2024 we worked with 124 young people via our Saturday programmes in Canning Town and Golders Green and awarded just over £10,000 worth of financial provision to remove the financial barriers experienced by many families who may not otherwise be able to access the type of programmes AMP offers. We ran 4-day AMP Easter and Summer Camps, in partnership with Barnet

Council and the Department for Education, providing holiday activities and hot meals for 67 children. We also celebrated 10 years of AMP with alumni from across our journey returning to perform alongside current students!

Going forward, we are believing for the finance and resource to start new AMP expressions in additional Hillsong locations, to enable more children to experience the benefits AMP brings.

Community Groceries

Our Community Groceries remain a much-needed resource for people to shop for food with dignity, greater choice, good value and all within one of our local churches. In November 2024 we celebrated two years of our Community Grocery in our Liverpool location and celebrated one year of our Newcastle Community Grocery.

Liverpool

Despite periods of the grocery being closed, whilst our church was





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relocated, we still managed to provide 48,682 meals and multiple opportunities to connect with the community. There have been many testimonies of the welcome and care offered through an influx of young people from within and outside

of church serving in the grocery.

2024 saw the launch of our Community Café expression, welcoming 225 people over three afternoons, to break down feelings of isolation and build a culture of community and hope. We had a beautiful Christmas Giving expression this year and through the generosity of church blessed 50 grocery members with luxury hampers and provided 50 dressing gowns for our community partner Savera, supporting women who have experienced ‘honour’-based violence.

Newcastle

Our grocery has gone from strength to strength, becoming deeply rooted in the heart of the West End. It has become more than just a place of provision—it’s a refuge, a safe space, and a source of hope for many. Week by week, we’ve seen a growing number of members walk through our doors, alongside an incredible team of volunteers from all walks of life—many of whom aren’t even part of our church community. Witnessing the grocery’s journey unfold and the tangible difference it has made has been truly inspiring.



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Beyond the 60,851 meals provided, our wraparound care programs have created lasting impact. From running the Alpha course, cooking classes, hosting a weekly Tots group and a summer Youth Program with Youth for Christ, we've been able to support our community in practical and meaningful ways. Monthly drop-ins with local police and fire services, housing support sessions, and a weekly breakfast drop-in for grocery members

have also played a key role in fostering connection and care.

Throughout the year, our church has had the privilege of giving generously through various initiatives. We've run nappy drives to support grocery families, back-to-school drives providing essential supplies for children, and in the autumn, Sisterhood came together to donate hats and scarves for City Refugee Welcome. At Christmas we came alongside our community partner Causeway and provided 100 gifts for survivors of human trafficking.

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

2024 KEY STATS

- Each month we welcomed and supported 300 guests in our Refugee Community Cafe - and provided 3,560 meals over the year
- Received 812 hats, scarfs and gloves for the street homeless via Sisterhood Winter Appeal
- Sponsored 588 children via Compassion Sunday and Hillsong Conference
- Provided 455 free haircuts for our refugee community
- Served 485 meals to the vulnerable during Impact Week
- Provided 109,533 meals through Community Groceries
- Gifted 2,253 gifts to 23 Community Partners at Christmas
- Collected 497 food items for a neo natal unit



Global Social Impact

Hillsong believes in the power of partnering with global social justice organisations who have the expertise and proximity to outwork effective and high impact programs across the world. Together we seek to release people from the cycle of poverty, deprivation and injustice through prayer, raising awareness and providing opportunities for our church to participate financially.



Vision Rescue

What started as a small act of kindness—feeding six children on a street in Mumbai—has grown to impact over 22,000 children. For 21 years, Vision Rescue has been working to break the cycle of poverty by offering education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and skills training to both children and their families. In India, where 65 million people live in slums, and 42% of Mumbai's population calls these areas home, the

challenges are immense. We believe that to help a child, we must uplift their entire family, fostering intergenerational change.

In 2024 alone, your generous partnership helped 1,345 children enrol in community-based learning centres across Mumbai, 363 in after-school programs in Chennai, and 112 children in our Mobile Learning Centre in Kolkata. Our dental program, which is

expanding with a new van, reached 8,497 children and adults in 2024, providing checkups and treatment to 1,721 individuals. Additionally, over 12,500 people in local communities also participated in awareness sessions focused on health, education, and empowerment.

One of the most heartwarming stories from this year is of a young mother in Mumbai, who, after completing our skills training program, opened her own salon! Her new business has not only empowered her but has also helped ensure that her child can continue their education—a perfect example of the ripple effect your giving creates.

We couldn't have achieved any of this without your unwavering long standing support. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Together, we are changing lives—one child, one family at a time.

“One generation
commends
your works
to another;
they tell of your
mighty acts.”

Psalms 145:4 (ESV)






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Play Your Part



There is a place for everyone to serve in God's house. Being a part of a team is a great way to build friendships and join others with the same desire to see the church grow into a place that reflects God's excellence and creativity.

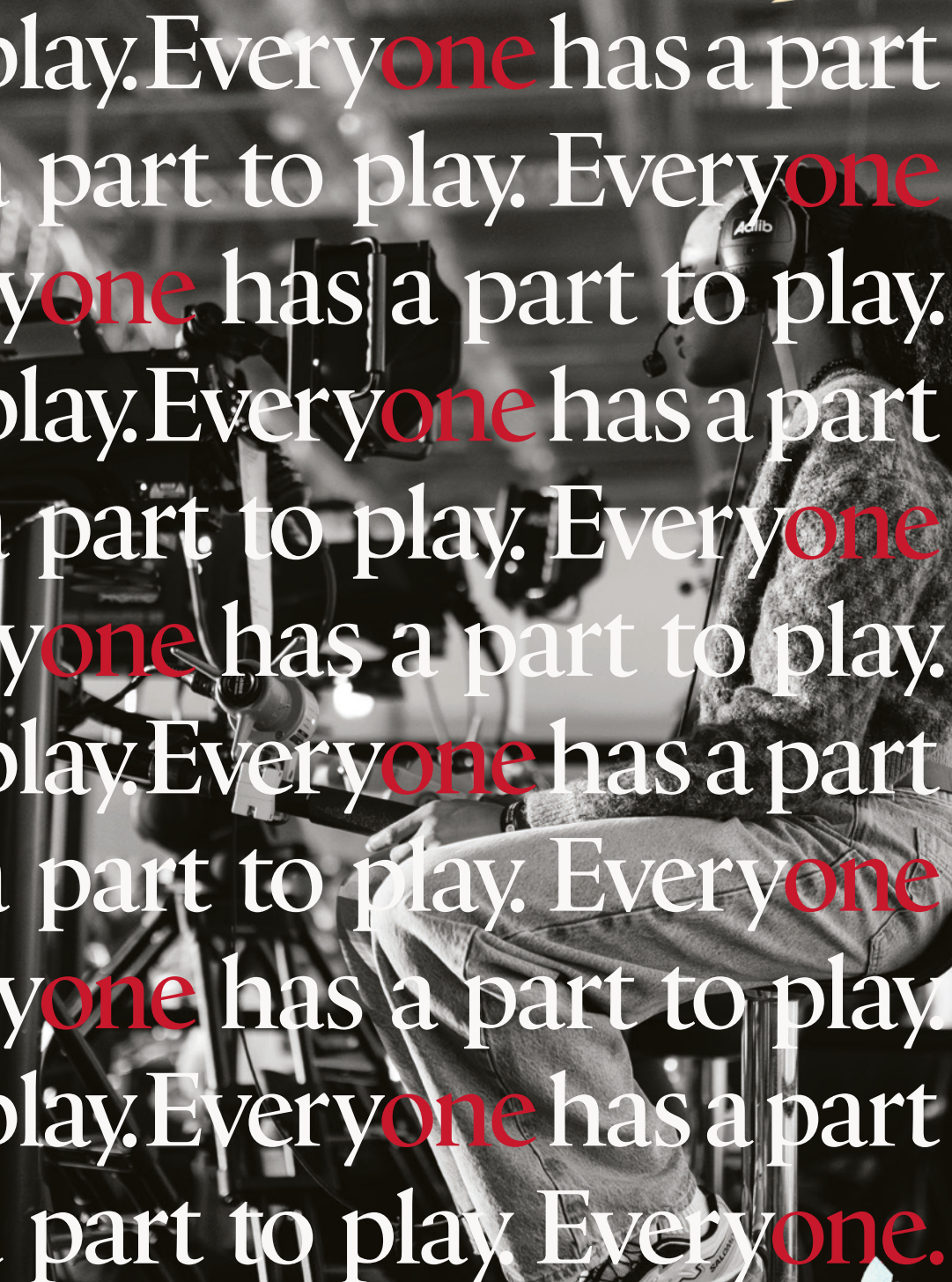
"Hillsong Church is not built on the gifts and talents of a few, but on the sacrifice of many"

One of the character traits that mark us as a community is the incredible volunteer spirit of those who make up Hillsong Church. If you are interested in joining a team, we would love to help. Chat to a team member in the foyer after one of our live services, or sign up below.

Find out more: www.hillsong.com/teams



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