



KING'S
ARMS

WORSHIP
LOVE
MULTIPLY

2022



WORSHIP, LOVE, MULTIPLY

We spent some time recently as a strategy team talking about our dream. What do we long for and dream of? What is our big picture 'WHY'?



A lot was said but I think I can summarise it as a dream of seeing God's kingdom filling the earth; everything correctly aligned and in relationship with our loving creator!

But, HOW could this possibly come about? We believe Jesus laid it out in Matthew 28:19–20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Simply put, it will happen as we multiply healthy disciples, groups and churches everywhere.

So, WHAT do these disciples, groups and churches do? Three words best sum up our purpose both as individuals and as a community; **Worship, Love** and **Multiply**.

We're called to worship God and enjoy relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit. We're called to love one another, living out heaven's culture here on earth and we're called to multiply disciples everywhere so that we can see God's kingdom fill the earth.

As we move forward out of this pandemic we're looking to build in each of these areas. It's been a gruelling few years, with the war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis, there's never been a more critical time to make sure foundations are solid and the basics are done right.

To that end, this booklet outlines some of the things we feel the Lord is leading us to focus on in this season.



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WORSHIP GOD

We believe that worshipping God is what we are made for! The first time I (Simon) walked through the doors of King's Arms, worship had begun, Damion Miller was leading and I felt like I had come home. As things have grown and developed over the years we have never lost this calling and passion.

PURSuing THE PRESENCE OF GOD:

Josh John who has recently taken on the leadership of our worship teams shares this regarding worship as we go forward:



“Over this season we want to be a community of ‘firestarters’. Those who burn with a desire to worship Jesus, carry His presence and ignite kingdom fire to spread into our families, communities and areas of influence. We’ll put on worship nights where we hear His voice and unleash prophetic songs that bring His freedom and healing. We want our team, the songs we sing and how we play them to reflect the diverse community gifted to us. We’ll do this by releasing worshippers who are given space to be their authentic selves and allow for their voices to be heard.”

We will pursue writing songs that speak of the journey we are on and want to prioritise these songs. Our desire is to also see the next generation of worshippers fulfil the call on their lives so we’ll start a band that gives our youth opportunities to grow with the view to them playing at our Sunday meetings.”

We also sense a fresh move of the Spirit with signs and wonders breaking out amongst us and God setting people free. Following my recent message on this (kingsarms.org/breakingfree) there was a real resonance across the church. Already, stories are coming in of people stepping out in courage, offering to pray for others and discovering healing and breakthrough.

Just last week I had a delicate word of knowledge about a person whose mother had tried to kill them with a knife. A lady responded and God powerfully came to set her free from the trauma of that moment and she encountered His love in a breathtaking way.

ENCOUNTERING THE FATHER:

One of the foundational messages right at the core of our community has been that we are all called to know God as Father in a deep and life-changing way.

We are feeling called to refresh that message in our lives not just for those who've been around a long time but especially for those who are newer. As part of that, over the next 12 months we're going to be running some 'Encounter the Father' Saturday mornings just for our King's Arms community where we get to connect with God in His presence and work out how we carry this message to the world.



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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Jesus said that one of the hallmarks and primary ways that people would know that we are His disciples is because of how we love one another (John 13:35).

BUILDING AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY:

Coming out of the last few years has taught us the power of community. It was those who had genuine community, beyond the Sunday morning, that were best able to weather the storm. We've relaunched our Sunday meetings in a slightly different way, with each having its own community and leadership. This was done with the desire to build more places where people can make real, lasting, friendships that extend out of a gathering point and into their lives.

We've also given a fresh emphasis to 'GroupLife', moving to two sign-up opportunities for groups per year. This creates greater continuity and enables people to make deeper connections

before potentially changing groups (although many continue in their groups too).

We've also launched 'one church' social events to bring us together now that we're in multiple different Sunday gatherings (four including our Online gathering!) and will look forward to seeing many other planned and spontaneous times together to emerge.

CARING FOR THE POOR:

King's Arms has always had a call to the poor and disadvantaged and there has never been a time in our nation where that call has been more critical. We have recently received **Friday Night Meeting** back as a ministry of

the King's Arms Church and are thrilled to have Emma Johnson leading that team. This was one of the first ministries of the church and continues to provide a weekly hot meal to the homeless and other vulnerable people.

With a relaunch at a new venue and a fresh focus on making disciples who are transformed by Jesus and multiply, naturally, we are excited to see what God will do.

Re-track was established during the pandemic to serve the town by helping those who found themselves out of employment to get their lives back on track. We had the privilege of caring for many individuals in difficult seasons of life; to guide, listen and even pray for people in this situation was an honour. The job centre even called us a "critical service" at this time.

Whilst government investment has meant some of those areas of need are now covered elsewhere, we want to continue to invest in helping our church family connect with some other arising needs of our local community through initiatives and the distribution of emergency food parcels.

We also have five groups focused on bringing the gospel in words and action into various communities that are poor, disadvantaged or often overlooked in some way. We're longing for this to be an increasing passion and have a vision of having more than 20 groups reaching and discipling many from the most vulnerable in our community.



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Harry Brown, a leading practitioner in disciple making, recently said “The only way to complete the great commission is when ordinary people are multiplying disciples in their natural networks.”

DISCIPLE MAKING:

One of the fresh things God has been doing amongst us is laying on our hearts to raise disciples who go on to multiply their lives and in turn raise up others. I've been running a course focusing on this, over the last two terms, and have been thrilled to have been able to train those hungry to see disciples who make disciples.

We are going to continue to press in and our vision is to see hundreds of people trained to multiply disciples in their natural networks and relationships. Some years ago God promised us that He will pour out a tsunami of love which will come violently and into every part of the community; the darkest,

deepest and hidden places. We would love to see disciples multiplying into those places!

CHURCH AND SITE PLANTING:

Rather than one mega-site, we feel the Lord leading us to a number of smaller expressions that are able to Worship, Love & Multiply. This began with our University location and spreading into our Online meeting. The Lord recently gave us a building in the village of Blunham to launch another new location. We're keen to see this develop over the next year. Our initial gathering at Blunham was full of excitement as people were able to see the space and pray together over what the Lord will want to do.

We would also love to continue investing into church planting in the Middle East. Our good friend Michael F. has recently been working with believers in AzĒrb4ij4n*. We would love to invest in two new church plants there and help an additional church to rent a space to meet in. They had been meeting in the pastor's home but, after baptising another five people recently, have run out of space!

GIVING AWAY:

We'd also love to continue to support the King's Arms Project and all of their amazing work. If possible, for the third year running, we would love to give another £20k gift to support them.

DEVELOPING KING'S HOUSE:

Finally, there are a number of areas of development that we need to make at King's House to ensure that our building continues to serve both our church and the tens of

thousands of guests who come each year. We are so grateful for the way God has provided for us to pay hugely towards the cost of having our fantastic building (such as the mortgage and utility bills, etc.) with the income earned from renting out King's House. This releases a huge amount of pressure on the church's finances. However, there is some essential work needed that can't be covered by that income. The flat roof over the offices is in desperate need of replacement (we have been putting it off for years!) and we also need to increase our general budget to fund the increase in costs that we are facing as a community.








*name altered to obscure searching



FUNDING

THE VISION 2022

Although many of the things we feel God calling us to this year won't require funding there are a number of areas that will. Here's a summary of the key areas we feel led to invest in.

FOCUS	
	FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING RELAUNCH
	RE-TRACK
	KING'S ARMS PROJECT
	SEED FUNDING FOR BLUNHAM LOCATION
	MIDDLE EAST CHURCH PLANTING FUND
	KING'S ARMS GENERAL BUDGET INCREASE
	KING'S ARMS BUILDING FUND

NEED

STAFFING AND RENTAL COSTS

STAFFING AND SUPPORT COSTS

GIFT TO SUPPORT THEIR MINISTRY

STAFFING AND INITIAL LAUNCH COSTS

PLANTING 2 CHURCHES IN AZERBAIJAN AND PROVIDING RENT FOR A THIRD

GENERAL INCREASE FOR RISING COSTS

OFFICE FLAT ROOF REPLACEMENT AND OTHER SMALL WORKS

GOAL

£13K

£7K

£20K

£15K

£10K

£15K

£20K

TOTAL
£100K



HOW CAN I PRAY?

- 1 New life and creativity in our worship
- 2 An outpouring of signs and wonders for our church to see many healed and set free
- 3 A fresh revelation of the Father Heart of God
- 4 Development of deeper community across the church with new friendships being made and people welcomed into community
- 5 Friday Night Meeting and Re-track as they care for the poor and for 15 new groups to be launched
- 6 A leader and successful launch for our new Blunham location
- 7 The three church plants in Az£rb4ij4n
- 8 For fresh vision and pioneering for many in the church

As you pray please do be listening to God and if you receive any prophetic words that may help us as we move forward you can email them through to prophetic@kingsarms.org.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

WHERE DO I START?

IF YOU'RE NOT GIVING REGULARLY

34% of the King's Arms community give on a regular basis. In fact they give 90% of the annual offering. That leaves a massive opportunity for the remaining 66% to contribute to our family.

If 200 people were to start giving £25 per month, we would raise £60,000 in a year; over half of the money we need.



x 200 PEOPLE

START GIVING

£25
PER MONTH

=

£60,000

If you're not giving regularly to the King's Arms then please consider doing a **£25 challenge** and committing to give **£25 each month** to partner with us in achieving all that God is calling us to this year.



GROWING IN GENEROSITY

IF YOU'RE GIVING REGULARLY BUT NOT TITHING

The biblical foundation for giving for God's people throughout history is the 'tithe'. This represents the first ten percent of your income given to God, for the support of His work, as a sign that you believe that He is your source of wealth and life itself. God's people were even told that if they 'tested' God by giving it, then He would amaze them with what He would do. We now no longer live under God's old covenant (or agreement) with His people but His new covenant, through Christ. What this means is that each one is free to decide to give in response to what Christ has done for us. As we do this, God in turn promises to provide for our needs (2 Corinthians 9:7-11).

Do we then have to tithe as followers of Jesus? Clearly not - we are under a new covenant. It's actually a far better covenant than the old one. However, this question should provoke us; should those who follow Jesus, under the new covenant, give less than those who lived before?

This is why we believe Jesus spoke about money far more than any other single subject. Our "heart is where our treasure is" (Matthew 6:21) and if we are serious about following Jesus then the tithe is just the entry point to a life of radical generosity; trusting and knowing that the "Father knows what you need".

RADICAL GENEROSITY

IF YOU'RE ALREADY TITHING, WHAT ABOUT RADICAL GENEROSITY?

As we follow Jesus we realise that He is not one who just gave out of duty but loved the church to the point that He gave Himself up for her.

Romans 8:32 says:

"HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL - HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO GRACIOUSLY GIVE US ALL THINGS?"

These truths show us that to follow Jesus doesn't just mean dutiful giving but to follow Him into a life of radical generosity. What does that look like for you? What is He saying to you and what do you think you should do about it?

FAQS

Is this offering to be given on the day or can I give in the future?

We are hoping to raise the money through a combination of one-off gifts given during the Vision Sundays and ongoing monthly giving across the year. If you would like to give a one-off gift but don't have the money right now then you can pledge an amount and indicate when in the future you would like to give on the giving envelope. This will help with our budgeting.

What happens if I cannot keep giving a regular gift?

We don't believe that it's right to give under compulsion so everyone is free to stop giving at any time.

Can I see a detailed plan of the church and building finances?

Yes, absolutely. We run all of our accounts with transparency so anyone is free to see a detailed view of our church and building finances at anytime. Contact rob.brown@kingsarms.org.

Who can I talk to about other questions?

We would love to hear from anyone who has further questions about the finances or the vision of the King's Arms. Please feel free to email any questions to simonh@kingsarms.org.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE:
KINGSARMS.ORG/GIVE
Select 'Vision Offering' Fund



BANK TRANSFER:
King's Arms Trust (Bedford)
Sort Code: **60-83-01** A/C No: **20222499**



CHEQUE:
Payable to King's Arms Trust (Bedford)



CASH:
Please use a giving envelope and fill in all the details



CARD:
Please use the card machine available at the Vision Stand

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