



# THE *2nd* GENERATION

PREPARING FOR THE  
NEXT 40 YEARS

GIFT DAY 2024  
SUNDAY 14 AND 21 APRIL

Solar panels go here



EARLY MOCKUP OF BUILDING  
EXTERIOR

## BUILDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

**W**e're counting down to the 40th birthday of King's, which marks a whole generation of life that has taken place in and around us. Through our April 2024 Gift Day we continue our plans to make the King's Centre fit for purpose for the next generation — to make it our home for the next 40 years.

Through the amazing faith and generosity of our early church family, we purchased the King's Centre back in 1998 and it has been a fantastic asset to the church ever since. We have seen the provision of God in our finances in so many areas: from the day of purchase, to the day the mortgage was paid off, to the present day. But like our own homes, our needs change and things wear out. In recent years we have seen our energy costs increase almost threefold. So we made a plan and here it is...

## THE JOURNEY SO FAR

The journey for this project began some 18 months ago and during that time we have been able to secure the necessary finance and other permissions. We are also actively pursuing any grants that may be available.

The gift day last year saw a staggering response from the church of just over £160k which was so encouraging for us leaders to know that you are behind this project. That figure brings the total we have in the bank for the project to £266k. We expect the cost to be approximately £757k and the difference could be funded by a mortgage but naturally, we would love that mortgage to be as small as possible!

We estimate that the addition of solar panels will reduce our electricity costs by somewhere in the region of £30k per year, which will benefit future generations long after the loan has been repaid.



## THE 2024 GIFT DAY

This project will be the major focus of the gift day this year, but we also want to do two other things:

Firstly, we feel that it would be right to give away a certain amount and this year we have decided to bless the Newfrontiers group of churches headed by Scott Marques. These churches are predominantly in African countries, where Graham and Belinda (former leaders at King's) are now working. Scott has just been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer and during this difficult time a number of churches outside their sphere are standing with them financially to ensure the work they do continues building the Church in those countries. As one of these churches, we would like to give in the region of £10k to them.

Secondly, part of the gift day will be used for the general running of our church. As leaders we have been so encouraged by the increased offerings this year and we thank God for the success of our trading from this building (hiring rooms for conferences) which has seen a considerable increase on previous years. However, the dramatic rise in energy costs is very challenging and we would like to contribute around £60K from the gift day towards this year's costs.

In the very near future we plan to launch this project, which will mean some disruption around the centre for about three months. We hope that as we go through this time of disruption together that there will be a rise of faith as we prepare the building that has served us so well in the past, for generations to come, and all that God will do in and through us in this place. We are grateful to everyone of you for joining in this exciting journey.

## BUILT IN THE '70s

The King's Centre was built in the late 1970's as a warehouse and is not energy efficient — it still has its original roof which needs replacing. So, to prepare for the next 40 years we plan to:

- Re-roof the building and dramatically increase the insulation.*
- Clad the walls of the building to further increase the insulation and reduce maintenance costs.*
- Add solar panels to the new roof to significantly reduce our energy costs.*

We know that these are challenging times for us all but we also know that God has faithfully blessed us with finances year after year. These upgrades will not only save money in the long term, but help us love our world with a greener, more environmentally friendly centre.



## **A FEW IDEAS**

**We don't want our ideas to limit you, we would love you to pray and follow God as he leads, and we've often been amazed at the generosity of those at King's.**

Just one idea to get you started is the break from paying council tax that many of us received in February and March. Could giving the equivalent of one or two month's council tax be a good option?

Other years have seen our King's family joyfully sell things they own or give up holidays and plans for their own home in order to build the church. It's incredible how people have given, and they've sown into something eternal that never fades: God's Kingdom.

Whether you're in a position to give a lot or a little (like the widow in Mark 12:41-44), it's the heart of generosity and faith that God sees. So please don't discount small gifts — acts of faith are significant, and they add up to a lot when multiplied many times across our church!

The stories of transformed lives and souls won to Christ is something we want to see in Eastbourne long into the future. With all its usefulness, visibility and community-enriching qualities, this building is a fantastic tool to help us do just that.

## **INTEREST-FREE LOANS**

For anyone who is in a position to offer an interest free loan, this will reduce our mortgage and save on interest paid. If you can offer this please email [info@kings.church](mailto:info@kings.church) or chat to us at The Connect Point.

# YOUR PLEDGE

We anticipate most people will give online, but we would still love our giving to be an active part of worship. So, if this is you, please take a moment to fill out the details below and drop it in the bucket on one of our Gift Days. It's completely anonymous and will simply help give an idea of what funds will be coming in.

*I will give:*

£

*Please select:*

I have given, or will give in the next few days

I will give later in the year

— OR

*I will raise my regular  
monthly giving by:*

£

*Please select:*

I plan to do this for the foreseeable future

I plan to do this for the  
following number of months:

# WAYS TO GIVE



Scan the QR code to give online now by debit or credit card. *Please give responsibly and without getting into debt.*

[www.kings.church/giftday](http://www.kings.church/giftday)

Use the 'Give to Gift Day' button to give online.

## Internet Banking

**Account name:** Frontiers Charitable Trust    **Account no:** 00639745

**Sort Code:** 202791    Please use the reference “**GIFTDAY**”

## Giving Envelopes

You can use the giving envelopes to give via cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Please mark “Gift Day” somewhere on your giving form.



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