



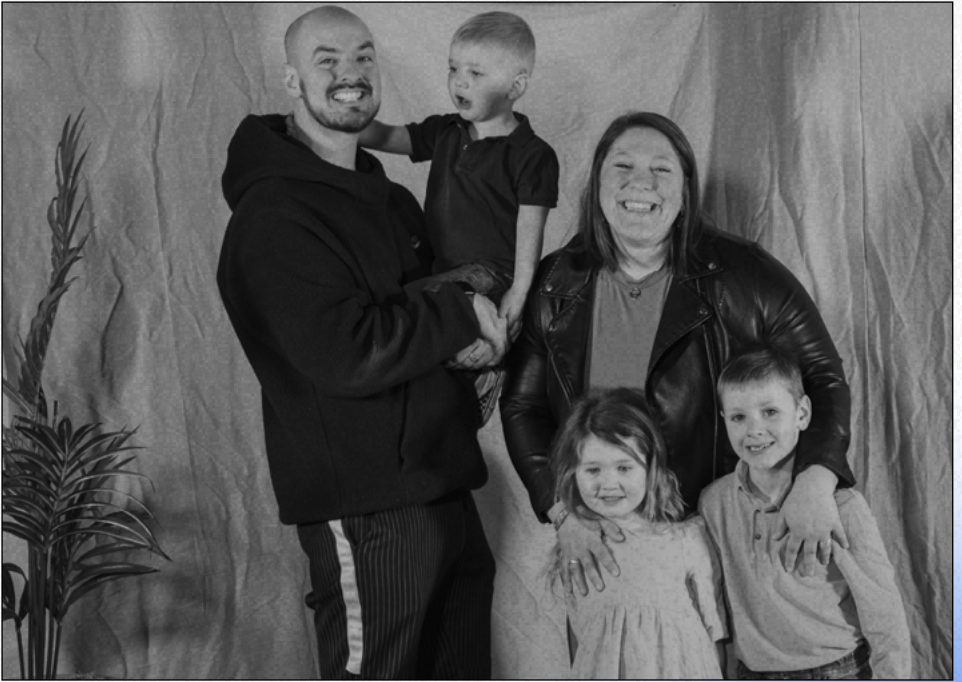
*Transformation starts with us.*



# Vision Builders

May 2023





# Our Vision

How significant does it feel for us to be building His house at this time in history! With so much at stake in the spiritual climate, there's never been a more poignant time for us to stand firm (Ephesians 6:13).

It's been a remarkable 12 months since our last Vision Builders offering; we have seen the C3 Hope family expand, the roof fixed (hooray!), our Hope Community Foundation is now working with more people than ever; through the varying projects from the Community Grocery through to our Polka Dots playgroup, and we had our first overseas mission trip out to Romania to work with a charity called Nightingales. This has all been facilitated through the generosity of many, and we are so grateful for the above and beyond giving from across the church family.

For us, the goal hasn't changed, nor will it ever. To fulfil the vision of God here on earth. That His kingdom come and His will be done. A prophetic word spoken over C3 Hope this year has been that the army is on the move, and as we commit to spiritual formation and gearing up for all that lies ahead, we must come to the realisation that 'Transformation starts with us.' In our homes, our campuses and our communities.

Vision Builders is part of our annual church calendar, and an opportunity for all who call C3 Hope their home to bring their first and best to God, as we look to see His Kingdom expanded together.

It has been such a great joy to be able to give towards something we know is making a tangible difference in our city and beyond, and as we come to another Vision Builders offering, our prayer is that the joy of giving would overtake us all, because we know the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 9, which encourages the church that '*God loves a cheerful giver!*'

Let us be God-led, Christ-centred, Spirit-filled and People-focused as we pray about what we could give as an act of worship and obedience to the one who gave it all for us.

Join us in the miracle that is happening before our eyes. Thank you so much again for playing our part.

*Jo + Lois*

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# Isaiah 61:1-7 declares

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to **proclaim good news** to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim **freedom for the captives** and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. **They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.** They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called **priests of the Lord**, you will be named **ministers of our God**. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of your shame you will receive **a double portion**, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so, you will inherit a double portion in your land, and **everlasting joy will be yours**.

**This is our vision; this is our calling.**

"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked in Luke 10 was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?'"

But the good Samaritan reversed the question:  
"If I don't stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

Martin Luther King Jr.



# Our generosity will

Advance the gospel and share the message of Jesus Christ to our city and beyond, through our in-person and online gatherings.

Expand our mission both locally and globally to see the hope of Jesus brought to every life, no matter how seemingly hopeless or dark.

Help build a Christ-centred, unified community where lives are healed, and miracles happen among us daily.

Maintain strength and integrity in our church; a church of health, holiness, and wholeness.

Help us embrace and provide for the most in need in our community through the continuing renovation of The Hope Centre.

Help us be and make disciples who make disciples as the great commission calls. Growing and becoming more like Christ as we journey with one another and multiply our Groups across the region.

Cause Christ-led change in cultures in universities, schools, media, welfare, and politics by empowering and equipping each other.



Patrick & Bina Ogbebor  
 "We have seen a  
 continuous  
 flow of God's provisions"

"We give financially to the church because we love God and our giving is a form of worship. The two major commandments, to love God and to love man can be expressed through giving.

Money is needed for the execution of God's work, e.g., the maintenance of the building, the execution of community projects, welfare of members, missions, and the payment of church workers.

In Malachi 3:10, God's word commands us to give to meet the needs in His house. When we give, we store up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:20), so it is a form of heavenly investment.

As a family, we've experienced instances where we have seen a continuous flow of God's provisions as we faithfully give in worship to the church."

"For me, giving into Vision Builders comes down to two simple questions: 'Do I want to see the work of the church expand?' and 'Am I financially stable to give?' If the answer to both questions is 'yes' then I'd encourage you to join us as we come together to give.

There's a real need in our community that is waiting for the local church to rise up. I'm believing that as a church we can join together to reach those on our own doorstep. Together, we can spread the message of the gospel and show the love of Christ

'Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.'  
 Isaiah 58:10"



Becky Webb  
 "Together, we can spread  
 the message of the  
 Gospel and show the love  
 of Christ"

# The impact of our overall giving last year



We are so grateful for the generous and sacrificial giving of so many, and it's led to us being able to push forward on many fronts as a church family. We've been able to put time and energy into developing our Groups and have established many new Groups, plus a wider team of Regional Group Leaders overseeing now almost 40 Groups available across the region. This is where most of our discipleship will happen and where we can expand on and dig deeper into what God is doing in our Sunday gatherings.

Alongside that, we have been able to [support churches across Europe](#) and the world, and through C3 we have supported work through churches on the ground in Afghanistan during the conflict. We also [supported work in the community right on our doorstep](#) - from our Hope Community Foundation through to the work of Together for Sheffield, who coordinate churches working together across the city.



We've seen much work happening at The Hope Centre, with rooms renovated for ministry use and others rented long term to increase revenue for the mission at hand. We have also begun some major projects such as the heating and lighting across the building, to make it a usable and valuable space to facilitate all we do.

Finally, we have begun to develop our online presence with new equipment which will enable us to increase our reach and the possibilities of what we can do as a team, whilst also encouraging and developing creativity so we can display the glory of God in the best way we know how.

*This is a team effort, and we really could not have done this without you.  
Thank you once again for your generosity!*





Joe & Sorcha

"We give because God has given to us."

"For us, it's simple – we LOVE our church, and we love getting to partner with God in building and supporting it.

We give because we believe in the work that our church is doing to equip the body of Christ and to reach our community. We give because God has given to us.

We are believing for this offering to increase our ability to help others in need within our city, and for them to experience the love of God through our outreach as a church. We are also believing that through this continued investment we will see the next generation rise up, know their God and do mighty exploits in this city."

"We are strong believers in giving cheerfully and sacrificially to God's work. This is one way of contributing what we can, to see God's kingdom established here on earth.

All that we have belongs to him anyway. We are simply custodians!

As we plan for another Vision Builders offering, we trust that God's spirit will stir the hearts of us all to give whatever we can to see His kingdom come among us!"



Wale & Funso Olarinde

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# What we're giving to



## Strengthening discipleship and pastoral care.

Continuing to emphasise and develop our discipleship pathways and multiplication within our Groups.



## Mission both local and global.

Meeting the needs of those on our doorstep and those further afield.



## Continuing to bring the Hope Centre back to life.

Saving the team time and resources to spend elsewhere in renovating the building that's bringing Hope to our community.



## Raising up the emerging generations.

Developing, equipping and releasing leaders and influencers of all generations into their God-led faith adventure.

Our Vision Builders goal: **£100,000**

# Ways to give

*Here are three ways you can give:*

A one-off gift	<p>You could give a one-off cash gift directly into the offering on Sunday 21st or 28th May. You can give online via the Vision Builders page on our website, or directly to the bank account.</p> <p><i>You can find our bank details below.</i></p>
Monthly standing order	<p>If you decide to give monthly, you can set up 10 monthly instalments (of any amount you choose), starting June 2023.</p> <p><i>You can find our bank details below.</i></p>
Pledge	<p>You could also decide to commit to a pledge, to be redeemed before 31st March 2024, using our pledge forms online and in-person.</p>

## Our bank details:

Account name: C3 Trust UK

Sort code: 20-76-89

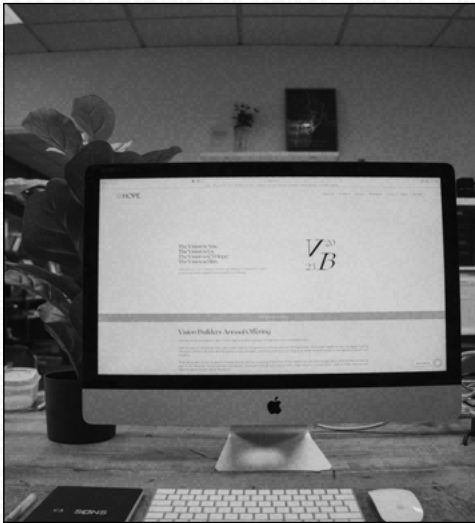
Account number: 80457590

Ref: Your Gift Aid code (if applicable) and C3 Hope.

*As a church we will be taking up our Vision Builders offering on Sunday 21st May (catch-up on Sunday 28th May).*

# Gift Aid

If you are a UK Taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25% of your giving through the government Gift Aid scheme. Please ensure that the Gift Aid on your giving does not exceed the amount of tax you have paid.



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A Gift Aid declaration form will be available on the Vision Builders page on our website for those who are eligible but are not yet registered on our Gift Aid database.

Every penny of the Gift Aid from this offering will be used to resource the vision of C3 Hope.

You can find out more about this and fill in a Gift Aid form via our website - [www.c3hope.church/giving](http://www.c3hope.church/giving). Alternatively, our team are happy to discuss any questions you may have, you can contact them directly via email - [finance@c3trust.org.uk](mailto:finance@c3trust.org.uk)





# Frequently asked questions

## 1. When should I set up my giving?

It would be brilliant for your giving to be set up as soon as you're able to. This helps us with budgets, cash flow and good stewardship of your generosity so we can get it to the right place as soon as possible.

## 2. Why am I giving to C3 Trust UK, and not C3 Hope

C3 Hope is part of C3 Trust UK which is the registered charity under which C3 Hope operates. When you give to this offering and any other offering, we take up at C3 Hope, your giving and any Gift Aid will be designated to the work and mission of C3 Hope.

For more information about C3 Trust UK please visit [www.c3trust.org.uk](http://www.c3trust.org.uk). C3 Trust UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Charity No 1119791 Company Number 05999100.

## 3. How do I know that my money will be used wisely and with integrity?

Through the work of our Finance Team, Executive Team and Trustees, we are

committed to ensuring that we steward our finances diligently and in good faith.

Our charity financial management, transparency and reporting have been greatly commended by our Independent Financial Auditors, UHY Hacker Young who have remarked on improvements we have made over the past years in our overall governance, financial process, and effective management of funds.

C3 Hope is affiliated with C3 Global who provide spiritual oversight to C3 Hope through their European Directors Pastors Steve & Lizby Warren, who also lead C3 Imagine in Amsterdam. This oversight adds additional protection and accountability for the church alongside our local eldership.

The C3 Trust UK Trustees are Chris Davies (Chair), Wale Olarinde, Joanne Hemmingfield, Colin Davies (CEO) and Miran Muthiah. Anna Ibbotson is the Finance Manager and Company Secretary.

## 4. What if I cannot fulfil my pledge?

Chris Davies is our Vision Builders Chaplain and he, along with our Lead Pastors and finance team, is dedicated to helping people

navigate the waters and deliver on their commitments. If you feel like you cannot fulfil your pledge, we suggest you discuss your pledge with Chris so that he can help you proceed in a healthy, yet faith-filled manner. You can reach him on [chris.davies@c3hope.church](mailto:chris.davies@c3hope.church) or get in touch with the finance team on [finance@c3trust.org.uk](mailto:finance@c3trust.org.uk)

We believe that God wants us to find freedom in our finances and does not want us to experience any 'out of control' debt. If you are experiencing 'out of control' debt, your priority should be to see a debt counsellor, and resolve any difficulties through both prayer and sound financial management.

As a church, we believe in the power and priority of tithing, so if you don't currently bring your first 10% to the house of God, then can we encourage you to start there - no obligation to give in this offering! God challenges to Malachi to test him in this to see his faithfulness (Malachi 3:10), and so we would suggest doing the same for the next 12 months and seeing the faithfulness of God in action.

## 5. What about my confidentiality?

All of our records are kept in strict confidence

and follow all GDPR and data protection guidelines. Only those who manage the Vision Builders offering, alongside the Lead Pastors and our Vision Builders Chaplain, can access the records.

## 6. I am new to church. Should I be giving to Vision Builders?

It's completely up to you. Some people jump in and enjoy getting right into the flow of the church, whilst others are more tentative. It all depends upon your choice and your desires.

Please feel under no compulsion to give and no guilt at all if you chose not to. We build C3 Hope on vision first, commitment second. So, look to the Holy Spirit and do what you feel is right to do.

## 7. How will I know my donation has made a difference?

As part of our commitment to transparency, we provide quarterly updates letting you know what has been spent and the impact your giving has made.

If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, email us at [hello@c3hope.church](mailto:hello@c3hope.church)



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