Our Vision




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What's God saying to us?

Jesus has always been in the business of building His Church. Across generations, cultures and cities, He has gathered ordinary people into communities that worship Him, follow Him and carry His good news into the world and we get to be part of that story here in Nottingham. Grace Church belongs to Jesus, and we have the extraordinary privilege of joining Him in what He's doing.

Our vision is to build a thriving community that reaches Nottingham with the gospel and multiplies beyond. We want to be a church that cherishes the presence of God, marked by genuine community and increasingly shaped by the life of Jesus. And we want what God is doing among us to spill beyond these walls, so that more people encounter Jesus and His Church multiplies beyond us.

Every season brings its own opportunities and challenges, so each year we pause to ask: what is God saying to us now, and what might He be inviting us into? The destination doesn't change, but the steps towards it do. As we have asked this question and sought the Lord, we believe He is drawing our attention this year to the following priorities: a call to holiness, godly rhythms and sharing the gospel.

These priorities are not separate activities but are, in fact, inextricably linked. Together, they describe a movement: we begin by recognising the awesome holiness of God; we respond to His invitation - "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" - by pursuing Him and making space for Him in the rhythms of everyday life; and as we encounter Him, He transforms and empowers us to make Him known to those around us.

So this year, let's pursue holiness, build godly rhythms and share Jesus. As we do, may we thrive as His people, reach our city with the gospel, and see His Church multiply beyond us.

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Thriving Community

We're all called to 'go' and make disciples – people who follow the way of Jesus – and bring them into God's family. That's because church is much more than a group of individuals, going it alone. It's a loving community where everyone is welcomed and looked after. The word 'thrive' means to prosper and flourish and that's exactly what we want for our church and for everyone in it. So every decision we make, the way we do Sundays, the ministries we run – all of it is done with this in mind.

Reaching Nottingham

This beautiful community that we're part of isn't meant to be insular, like a club that we keep to ourselves. In fact, it's the total opposite: we want to throw our doors open and share what we have with our city and our neighbourhoods! Whether it's inviting people into our homes, serving the poor, or talking to people about Jesus and inviting them to church, we're here to reach Nottingham with the gospel in our words and our actions. That might look different for each of us but we all have a part to play in this exciting adventure.

Multiplies Beyond

We believe God has called us to go beyond Nottingham and start new churches in other cities across the UK, doing our bit to share the good news of Jesus. Over the last few years we've sent teams to plant new churches in Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle, plus one other in Cyprus, and most recently sent people to our newest church in Leicester. This family of churches is called Grace Connection; we're still in the early years of this wider family of churches but we're full of faith for what our future looks like together.

Our Priorities

If we're going to see our vision fulfilled, we need some practical steps that we take together to help us get there, things we prioritise in any given season. These might change over time as different needs arise and as God speaks to us, but they will always be focussed on seeing our vision become reality. This year our three priorities are:

1 A Call to Holiness

In the spring of 2026, we sensed God speaking to us prophetically about pursuing holiness - about being a people who are set apart for Him, ditching idols where we see them. We want to respond to that invitation by pursuing God wholeheartedly, turning away from anything that draws us from Him, and becoming increasingly like Jesus.

2 Godly Rhythms

We want this pursuit of Jesus to be worked out in the everyday rhythms of our lives. We'd love to grow in this together, helping one another establish patterns and habits that create space for God and deepen our discipleship. We also want to make space within the rhythms of church life to seek God together too: to pray, worship, fast and repent, so that we can listen and encounter Him.

3 Sharing the Gospel

Over the last year or so, we've noticed an increasing hunger across our church family to share the gospel. This hasn't come through a particular programme or initiative, but simply from a growing desire to take Jesus to more and more people. We want to follow where God seems to be leading us and create a culture where sharing the gospel is a normal, natural and joyful part of our lives. We want to become a people who are increasingly confident and equipped to tell others about Jesus, inviting more people to know Him and become part of His Church.

Dates for the Year

To help you plan for the year, we've laid out some of the key dates from our church calendar. There's always some flexibility with these as the year progresses, but hopefully it helps give some shape to the months ahead.

October

6 - 8 Prayer & Fasting
13 Alpha

November

2 Prayer & Worship Night
8 Baptism Sunday
9 Foundations Course
21 Pursuit Conference
28 Christmas Evangelism

December

6 Carol Services
9 12 o'clock Service
Carols & Christmas Lunch
20 Family Carols
25 Christmas Day Service

January

1 - 31 Month of Prayer
4, 11, 18 & 28 Weekly Prayer & Worship Nights

February

8 Leadership Course
7 & 14 Pledge Days

March

7 Nations Sunday
15 Prayer & Worship Night
20 Easter Evangelism
26 Good Friday for Families & Good Friday Service
28 Easter Sunday & Baptisms

April

21 The Bereavement Journey

May

11 - 13 Prayer & Fasting
23 Baptism Sunday

June

10 - 12 Let's Go Love Nottingham
21 Prayer & Worship Night
27 Dedications

August

2 - 6 Newday
29 Bank Holiday Picnic

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