



# PARTNERSHIP NIGHT

JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. FOR WE WERE ALL BAPTISED BY ONE SPIRIT SO AS TO FORM ONE BODY—WHETHER JEWS OR GENTILES, SLAVE OR FREE—AND WE WERE ALL GIVEN THE ONE SPIRIT TO DRINK. EVEN SO THE BODY IS NOT MADE UP OF ONE PART BUT OF MANY.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

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# WELCOME TO PARTNERSHIP

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AT ALIVE. WE LOVE SEEING LIVES CHANGED AND WORKING OUT THE VISION OF EVERY PERSON KNOWING CHRIST, GROWING IN THEIR FAITH, AND GOING OUT INTO THEIR COMMUNITY AND WORLD.

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE FIVE WAYS TO CONNECT INTO ALIVE - WE CALL THIS PARTNERSHIP.

- Sunday services
- Life Groups
- Serving
- Giving
- Prayer

We hope this booklet gives you some useful information on what Partnership means at Alive and provides a more detailed look into the leadership and financial structures of the church.



# LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Alive Church is led by Stuart and Irene Bell alongside the Lead Team.

The Lead team (previously known as Vision Core Team) oversees the spiritual life of Alive Church, including operations. Each member has responsibility for the outworking of the Alive vision and values through their defined and agreed areas.

- Stuart and Irene Bell: Senior Pastors and Locations' Leads
- Howard Williams: Assistant Pastor and Ministry Lead
- Dan Hargreaves: Ministry Lead
- Joy Blundell: Influence Lead
- Glen Ross: Operations Lead
- Jonas Eyles: People Development Lead

## DIRECTORS

Directors meet quarterly and ensure that Alive Church operates legally and efficiently fulfilling its obligations in accordance with the charity commissioners.

## ALIVE CHURCH DIRECTORS

- Steve Campbell - C3 Church
- Paul Benger - IKON Church
- Lynsey Norris - Alive Church
- Modupe Olakunle-Olabode - Alive Church
- Stuart Bell - Alive Church
- Irene Bell - Alive Church

## ADVISORS

The Senior Pastors are able to consult when necessary with respected leaders from outside our organisation who can offer advice, help and greater security as Alive grows.

## ALIVE ADVISORS

- Jack Groblewski - NC4 Church USA
- Scott Wilson - ICLM Denmark

## GROUND LEVEL NETWORK

Alive Church is part of this network of Churches.

Alive Church is a registered Charity  
Registered Charity No: 1140435

Alive Church is a registered company limited by guarantee having no share capital. Company number 7494717

# 5 AREAS OF PARTNERSHIP

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Our Sunday services are a wonderful opportunity to meet together to passionately worship God and celebrate all that He is doing in our Church, our lives, and the lives of others. We thank God for His active involvement in our lives and, through His word, are encouraged and built up to go out and live every day for Him. In 2022 Alive Church's 7 locations had an average of 797 people attending weekly Sunday services. On average the total weekly Sunday attendance per month for the whole Church was 3474.

### THE AVERAGE WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR EACH LOCATION IS:

- Alive Gainsborough - 42
- Alive Grantham - 125
- Alive Lincoln Central - 321
- Alive Lincoln North - 113
- Alive Lincoln South - 146
- Alive Scunthorpe - 33
- Alive Wymondham - 17

## ON AVERAGE EACH WEEK WE CONNECT WITH:

- Alive Kids - 187
- Alive Youth - 84
- Alive Young Adults - 117

In 2022 across the Church we had 248 new people, 26 baptisms and 27 dedications.

## LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are an opportunity to meet new people, be supported and disciplined in following Jesus. They are a place for discussion and application of biblical principles to our lives, changing and transforming the way we live. Across Alive Church we currently run over 50 life groups.

## SERVING

Jesus is called the Servant King as He came to serve others rather than be served Himself. If we are to be more like Jesus, acts of service should be part of our life. Serving with others on a team helps us connect to the church and gives opportunities to learn, grow and meet new people.

Volunteer roles on a Sunday and midweek: 487

Volunteer roles across community projects: 121

# GIVING

Giving of our finances to God is a biblical principle that predates any covenant with God, that is, it is a life principle and not an old or New Testament principle.

Acts 4:32-37 highlights that the first believers shared all they had and that in doing so no-one among them had any need. The money was brought to the Apostles to be shared out. Barnabas sells his field to give to the Apostles for them to use in helping others.

Paul's comments on the riches of God's love for us and for him becoming 'rich' in God is a state of internal change and blessing not necessarily an external one.

2 Corinthians 6:10 says

**'...AS SORROWFUL, YET ALWAYS REJOICING; AS POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH; AS HAVING NOTHING, YET POSSESSING EVERYTHING'.**

In 2022 the Lead Team decided to extend the financial year end by 6 months therefore creating an 18 month set of accounts.

The decision to change the year end was made to bring our accounting in line with the operations of Alive Church, which generally run from January to December. Operating the finances this way will assist with setting budgets alongside the annual vision for the Church.

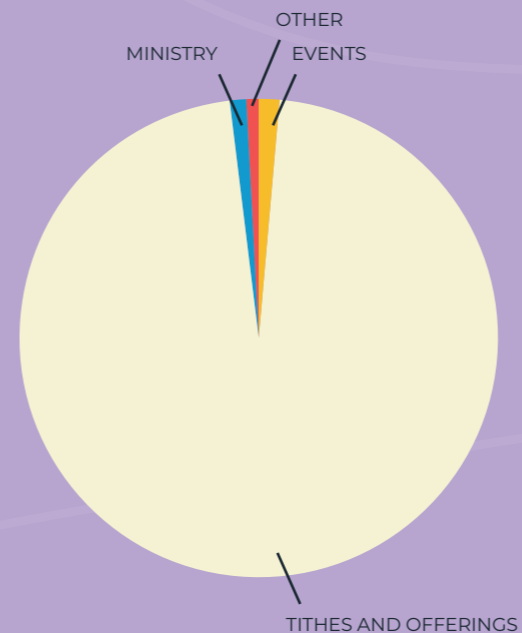
## INCOME JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2022

Tithes & Offerings Income	£1,250,375	Includes all weekly, monthly and online giving including gift aid
Other Income	£9,248	Includes rental income, book sales, coffee donations
Events Income	£17,626	Mens, Youth, Worship Conference & Christmas Spectacular
Ministry Income	£15,146	Income from ministry events such as young adults, kids fun days, youth trips
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,292,395</b>	

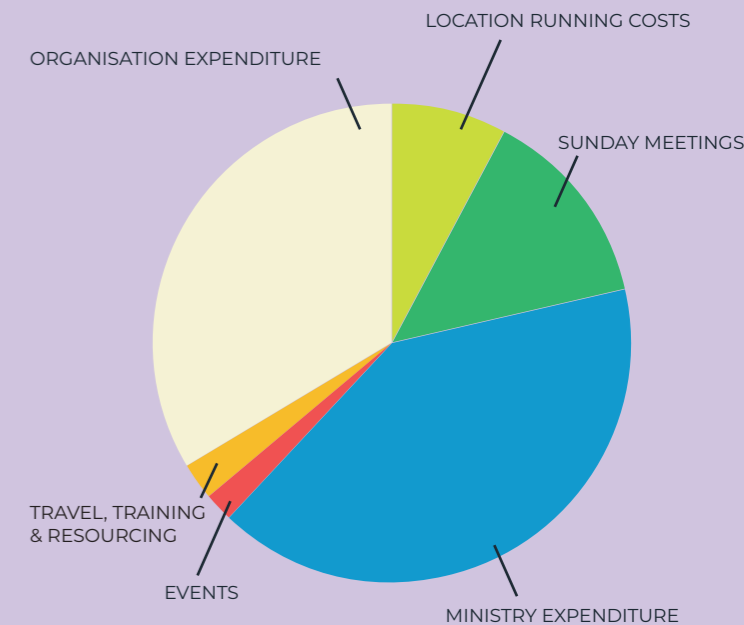
## EXPENDITURE JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2022

Organisation Expenditure Including Governance and Running Costs	£429,666	Operational staff salaries, professional fees, insurances, licences, office rental and running costs and additional overheads
Travel, Training and Resourcing	£34,325	Travel costs, training for staff and volunteers, staff resources
Events Expenditure	£24,568	TBN costs, Mens, Youth, Worship Conferences and Christmas Spectacular
Ministry Expenditure	£521,623	Ministry staff salaries including location pastors and ministry leads plus Alive Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Legacy, Pastoral and Discipleship costs
Location Running Costs	£173,732	Buildings running costs and general maintenance, location equipment and location support staff salaries
Sunday Meetings Expenditure	£102,425	All costs associated with Sunday services including room hire, refreshments and resources
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,286,339</b>	

## INCOME BREAKDOWN JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2022



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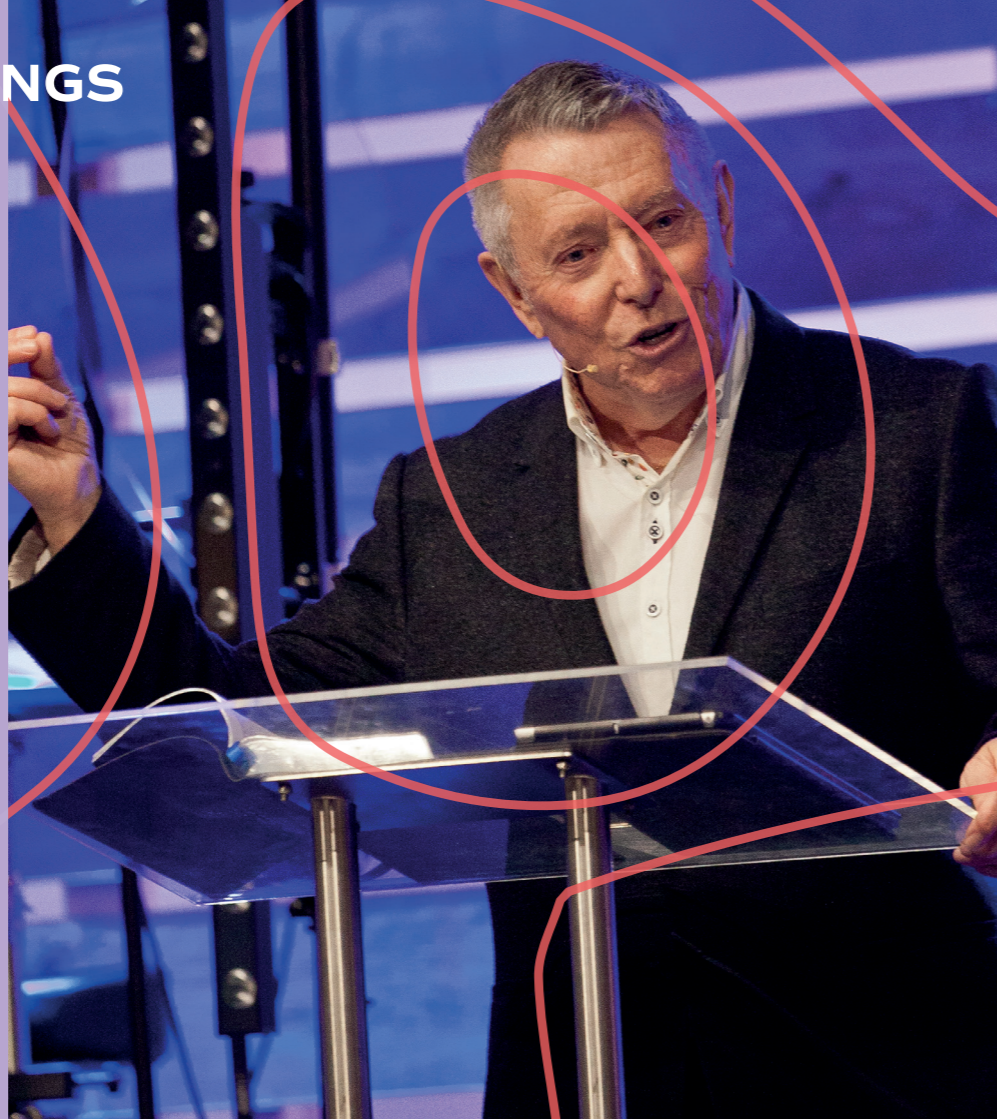


# TITHES & OFFERINGS

Year	Total (Jan-Dec)	Average Monthly Giving
2022	£694,547	£57,879
2021	£665,632	£55,469
2020	£670,361	£55,863
2019	£707,451	£58,954
2018	£733,277	£61,106

The following chart shows the income from tithes and offerings over the last 5 years. You can see the total income from January-December along with the average monthly income.

The trends show that income has dropped from 2018-2021 however in 2022 we saw an upward trend which we are hoping will continue into 2023.



# RISE & BUILD

Rise and Build Sunday is held annually in March. The campaign runs from April - March each year.

	TARGET	PLEGDED
Lincoln Central	£65,000	£50,430
Lincoln South	£100,000	£46,941
Grantham	£30,000	£34,489
Scunthorpe	£750	£48
Wymondham	£3,000	£879
Gainsborough	£3,000	£2,381
Lincoln North	£12,000	£14,133
Alive Church Contribution	£0	£2,560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£213,750</b>	<b>£151,860</b>

Rise and Build this year has funded:

- Lincoln Central asbestos removal
- Grantham mortgage payments
- Lincoln South new building process
- Gainsborough Hub
- A Day to be Alive - September 2022
- Seed funding for Gainsborough and Lincoln North
- Various other local requirements



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make a Difference Sunday is held annually in October. The campaign runs from November - October each year.

	TARGET	PLEGDED
Gainsborough	£3,000	£4,746
Grantham	£10,000	£16,048
Lincoln Central	£50,000	£40,360
Lincoln North	£13,000	£17,957
Lincoln South	£20,000	£18,755
Scunthorpe	£500	£101
Wymondham	£1,500	£1,813
Alive Church Contribution	£0	£437
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£98,000</b>	<b>£100,216</b>

Make a Difference has pledged to the following causes:

- Open Doors is our international partner
- Betel UK is our national partner
- Alive Church Emergency Fund supports people from our Church who are in financial hardship
- Acts Trust is supported by the Lincoln locations local Make a Difference funding.
- Local initiatives such as Butterflies, Toddle In, SNAP and Restore Courses.



# PRAYER

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do. Join us by praying the Prayer Declaration for 2023 over Alive Church.

**Zechariah 2 v 4-5**

**AND SAID TO HIM: "RUN, TELL THAT YOUNG MAN, 'JERUSALEM WILL BE A CITY WITHOUT WALLS BECAUSE OF THE GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS IN IT. AND I MYSELF WILL BE A WALL OF FIRE AROUND IT', DECLARES THE LORD, 'AND I WILL BE ITS GLORY WITHIN'".**

# DECLARATION

**Blessed be God because he is adding to our church those that are being saved.**

**We confess by faith that there is a release of souls to come into our midst from the south, west, north and east and as they come in they are finding hope in the Lord.**

**We confess this day that we are a supernatural church, doing things supernaturally, growing supernaturally, not by power nor by might but by the spirit.**

**He has given us zeal to serve him, we are not tired, we are on fire.**

**We are not decreasing, we are increasing.**

**We are not divided, we are multiplying.**

**We are not subtracting, we are adding in Jesus' name**

**Amen**

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