

# Investing in connections

God has been teaching us how to grow as people who

*Love God, Build Community & Share Jesus*  
so that

*Everyone would know the transforming power of life with God*  
and

*We might see Harrogate filled with communities of  
followers of Jesus.*

*We have been seeking to do this with our whole lives.  
As we continue to do this we want to build relationships.*

**At this time of increased isolation and loneliness we want to invest in connections, particularly into the next generation.**

In 2022, 49.63% of adults (25.99 million people) in the UK reported feeling lonely 'occasionally, sometimes, often or always' and 7.1% (3.83 million) said they experience 'chronic loneliness' meaning they feel lonely 'often or always.' This has risen from 6% in 2020, indicating that there has not been a return to pre-pandemic levels of loneliness.<sup>1</sup>

Young people are among those most likely to experience loneliness. In a 2020 YouGov poll 69% of 13-19 yr olds said they felt alone "often" or "sometimes" in the last fortnight and 59% feel they have no one to talk to "often" or "sometimes".<sup>2</sup>

*We can do something about this*



<sup>1</sup> Campaign to End Loneliness with Dr Heather McClelland (2023) <https://campaigntoendloneliness.org/facts-and-statistics/>

<sup>2</sup> Mental Health Foundation. Loneliness during Corona-virus. [https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/unlock-loneliness\\_\(2020\).](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/unlock-loneliness_(2020).)



*One generation will commend your works to another.*

Psalm 145:4

*God sets the lonely in families,  
he leads out the captives with singing.*

Psalm 68.6

**As we build connections between all generations we want to increase our investment in the next.**

We want to continue our investment into our Children and Families work to see children and their parents gain a foundation of faith.

We are exploring how we can develop our team of youth volunteers, and whether we can match our financial investment into Children and Families to create a similar paid role for young people. An income increase of £15-20,000 would allow us create a Youth Leader role to go alongside our Children and Families Mission Leader.

We also want to invest into physical space for our growing youth and children's groups by re-developing the west end of the hall to create an extra "den" like space for young people. The costs for this are not yet known.

## *Ways you can invest* <

### **Prayer**

Ask God to show us how He's calling us to invest in the next generation.  
Pray that He would call the right people to join our children and youth teams.  
Pray for our young people and those of the town.

### **Time**

Is God calling you to give time to join a children's or youth team, train as a youth mentor or be part of the Toddler group team or Take Time?

### **Make a one-off gift**

Would you be able to make an extra gift this year specifically for our work with young people?

### **Be a regular giver**

The bulk of our income comes from regular giving from committed Kairos family members. Are you able to start giving to Kairos or increase what you currently give?

# Any questions?

## Where does Kairos' money get spent?

We use it to make sure the church runs well by investing into our work with Kairos Communities, Children & Families, Young People, and people of all ages!

Our biggest areas of expenditure are people – paying for our Operations Manager and Children and Families role, and making sure we give to the Leeds Diocese what it costs to have a full-time Pioneer Minister in place – this cost is currently £60,000 per year. Please speak to Philip Doyne (Treasurer) if you would like to see the latest Annual Accounts.

## How can we make our commitment?

We need to know what committed giving there will be before we make our 2024 budget and make any decisions about next steps into youth investment.

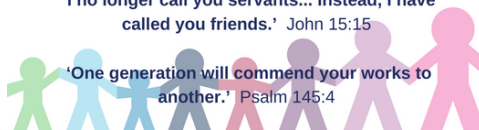
If you consider yourself a member of Kairos please fill in the attached form and return to us by Sunday 5th November, even if your giving is remaining the same as currently. You can use the bank details on this form to make one-off gift if you would like to, or send a cheque to the office.

You can also fill out the form and find out other ways to give on our website: [kairoschurch.net/giving](http://kairoschurch.net/giving)



*An invitation to connection*  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with  
all your soul and with all your mind.' Matt 22:37

'I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have  
called you friends.' John 15:15



'One generation will commend your works to  
another.' Psalm 145:4

Please fill in the next page and return the to the church office.  
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Kairos Network Church, 2 Harlow Terrace, Harrogate, HG2 0PN

I will pray for children  
and young people ☐

*Yes! I want to invest.*

I can give time and am interested in:

Joining the Sparks Childrens Team ☐

Helping with Toddler Group ☐

Mentoring a young person ☐

Joining the Blaze Youth Team ☐

I/We can give a one-off gift of \_\_\_\_\_

I/We commit to giving £\_\_\_\_\_ over the next year to Kairos Network Church.  
In weekly/monthly instalments of £\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Gift Aid Declaration Kairos Network Church**

Please treat all future gifts of money that I make from the date of  
this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year  
(6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the  
Church will reclaim on your gift for that tax year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. These details will be shared only for the purpose of Gift Aid and accounting.  
Please notify Kairos if you: 1. Want to cancel this declaration. 2. Change your name or  
home address. 3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

### **Standing Order or One-Off Gift**

If you are setting up a new standing order, changing an existing one or would like  
to give a one-off gift then please set that up with your bank using the following bank  
details:

Kairos Network Church CAF Bank Account: 00022112 Sort Code: 40-52-40