

VISION 2024

Building for

BREAKTHROUGH

Go therefore and *make disciples* of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

MISSION:

“Helping people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ”

VISION:

“To become a thriving ‘Glocal’ community of people who:

KNOW God, GROW Together and
GO! Make a Difference”



VALUES:

Give Generously	(GG)
Reach-out Relationally	(RR)
Attend Accountably	(AA)
Contribute Cheerfully	(CC)
Enjoy Jesus Everyday	(EE)
Follow Holy Spirit Fearlessly	(FF)
Unite Undoubtedly	(UU)
Love Limitlessly	(LL)

We thank God for the journey so far! This year, the church turns 87, and we're grateful for His faithfulness since 1937. Last year we celebrated our 10 year anniversary of being pastors of LCC. During that time the Lord has done so many wonderful things amongst us - a group of ordinary people serving an extraordinary God. However, we continue to serve with the strong conviction that **our BEST days are ahead!**

Last year was a significant year in the church. We had the privilege of being released to take a much appreciated 3 month Sabbatical. During that time many people stepped up to lead, serve and preach at a whole new level as the church entered a new season. We saw relationships strengthen, gifting sharpen, and giving go to a whole new level.

Most importantly, we sensed faith in God arising both individually and corporately. And we have just loved times of God's manifest presence being made known during times of gathered worship. It's been so good!

As we look forward to the season ahead, we sense the Lord stirring us corporately to overcome mindsets of

limitation or lack, and to embrace in faith “what God can do with a few...” A few people, with a few resources in the hand of a mighty God can see breakthrough and expansion in and through us. The lives of men, women, boys and girls are waiting to be impacted as LCC reaches them with the Good News of Jesus Christ This season we are “building for breakthrough!”

As you read this booklet, may your hearts be **encouraged as we look back, and inspired as we lean forwards** to the journey ahead.

With our love and blessings,

Dave and Leanne
Senior Pastors



KNOW GOD: KNOW - GROW - GO!

Worship & Witness Looking Back, 2023-24

Life-giving Worship Services



KNOW GOD: We gather to **worship** God in a life-giving worship service, and learn to apply His Word to our lives. We long to **witness** the reality of His Kingdom among us, through His divine presence, healing and gifts of the Holy Spirit in use.



Last year we saw:

- **Sunday Service attendance grow:** We have **113 people** regularly attending (at least once per month), with many more new people who are either new or attend less often.
- **LCC Partners: 52 adults** are partners, and we saw **8** new people become partners this year.
- **The Next Steps Journey** course continues to be successful in seeking to integrate new people into the life of the church. It helps them to **“discover family and find their fit”** by being welcomed into Partnership, joining a Life Group, and serving as part of a team.
- **Kingdom Transformation:** We document any response to salvation & the message. These are followed-up weekly. We are hearing testimonies of healing, and God’s provision in people’s lives, as well as seeing the release of spiritual gifts. There is a growing sense of God’s manifested presence in our midst as we gather to worship.
- **2 baptism services** (including one on Easter Sunday), and **8 people** went public with their faith and got baptised!
- **Encounter Nights & Prayer & Fasting weeks** continue to be significant amongst us as we lean into the Lord.

GROW TOGETHER:

KNOW - GROW - GO!

Discipleship & Development
Looking Back, 2023-24



GROW TOGETHER: We gather together in pairs/ small groups (*Life Groups*) to grow in our relationship with Jesus, through **discipleship**. It includes the **development** and release of leaders for the Church, and teams for planting expressions.

Last year we saw:

- **Life Groups:** These run termly, with groups catering for men, women, prayer, Bible Study and online groups too (to cater for those who cannot meet in-person e.g. due to child-care challenges).
 - **Elevate**, (our youth ministry for school years 6+.on a Friday night), relaunched using the Main Hall, to make space for growth using a wider range of equipment.
 - **Sunday Stars** (school years reception to 5) continues to grow on a Sunday. We are now running 4 Sundays per month, as the team grows.
- **The Completion of LD #1 (Leadership Development cohort 1), and the launch of LD #2 (2nd cohort).** LD #2 consists of **8 men and women** who are currently on a **4 month course** with Ps. Dave and Leanne, being trained and equipped in various aspects of leadership. This relational based course involves group sessions together, small group meals and 1:1 sessions, all designed to equip and help participants to reflect and grow on their unique leadership journeys.

Leadership Development

GO! MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Ministry & Mission

KNOW - GROW - GO!

Looking Back, 2023-24

MINISTRY: Last year we saw:

- **Serving teams build:** 52 different people actively serve on one or more teams. We intentionally promote and celebrate multi-generational serving teams of adults and children! We have now adopted a regular serving pattern for all Sunday team rotas, so that people know when they are serving on a particular team. This helps those heroes who serve on *multiple* teams or *more than once* per month.
- **Kids' Take-over Services:** We regularly have family services, but for the first time we had 2 Kids' Take-over services which saw children and young people lead and participate across all teams, including speaking. They did so well!
- **Our annual volunteer's Christmas meal** take place to celebrate and thank all our serving team heroes.
- **We also trialled our first ever New Year's Eve Celebration (with Watch Night Service),** which saw so many families attend. Food from around the world was enjoyed, fun was had with a fantastic quiz, and we entered the New Year worshipping Jesus! Feedback from people is that they enjoyed it, and so it will return again next year!



GO! MAKE A DIFFERENCE: We reach out to serve people in **ministry**, and seek to reach the lost with the Good News through **mission**. We do this through our serving teams, worship services, evangelism, outreach events, & with our Mission Partnerships.



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GO! MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Ministry & Mission

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Looking Back, 2023-24



MISSION: Last year we:

- **Held our annual community events: Kids' Christmas Party, Light Party and Easter "Eggstravaganza" led by the kids' team.** Using a variety of activities, great relationships were built with children and parents, and the Gospel clearly shared.
- **Continued our bi-monthly Community Café:** This warm and safe space, helps to connect with people who are isolated or lonely, over coffee, cake and a chat.
- **Launched a monthly Care Home Outreach.** Once a month, the team, led by Sandra, visited Gainsborough Hall to chat with the residents about life and faith, and to provide a listening ear. As a result we were invited to conduct a Carol Service there over Christmas (in addition to re-visiting Sebright House again!)
- **Gave out 125 Christmas hampers** to people in need of food and some love at Christmas, directly to the community and through local schools, Warwick District Foodbank and Helping Hands.
- **Held our annual Carols By Candlelight outreach event, over 2 services.** 183 people attended, with at least 58 from the local community, who do not usually attend our church services.

Working with others

Looking Back, 2023-24

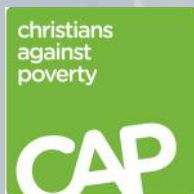
MISSION PARTNERSHIPS:

KNOW - GROW - GO!

We continue to work alongside and support our missions partners financially. Last year we gave:



Helping to give people a hand up not just a hand out



Junior Partner of local CAP Debt Centre



Supporting Warwick Christian Union's outreach events



Helping local churches reach & disciple young people



Bringing transformation to communities in South Asia



Helping to end Human Trafficking.



Supporting Seth's Heart Transformation Ministry to make disciples in Ghana and beyond



LCC is a Partner Church, and voucher issuing agent



Members of LCC are active Street Pastors



Helping Jews find Jesus as their Messiah



The family of churches we belong to



Siloam's Children Bible Camp in Poland

AoG, GB	£1,050.00
CAP Debt Centre	£3,000.00
Hamper Appeal	£2,762.47
Empart UK (India)	£950.00
Helping Hands	£700.00
HTM: Seth's Ministry Trip to Uganda	£1,050.00
Hope For Justice	£700.00
Jews for Jesus	£1,000.00
LCC Hardship Fund	£500.00
Other Churches	£500.00
Romanian Trip (Danni):	£150.00
Siloam: Polish Children's Bible Camp	£1,000.00
Street Pastors	£300.00
Thrive Youth Ministries	£400.00
Warwick University Christian Union	£500.00
W.D. Foodbank	£700.00
TOTAL	£15,262.47

LAST SEASON: GET READY TO



Share Your Story

As
simple
as
"ABCD"

4 keys to share your story
with your world:

A-sk God
B-e Aware
C-onnect (*before you correct!*)
D-are to Share! (*PTO for 4E's*)



EVERY DAY
WHERE ONE !

Dare To Share

4 steps to start
a spiritual convo:

Think:
"4 E's"

E-nquire *About Them* (be curious, lean in, double listening)
E-xpect *A Miracle Moment* (flip it to faith)
E-xplain *The Difference* (God Makes (or the Gospel simply)
E-nd *The Conversation* (Continue, Pray, Invite)



EVERY DAY
WHERE ONE !

RE-VISION, 2023-24:

Some key highlights from last year's priorities:

PEOPLE:

- We celebrated the **10th Year Anniversary** since Pastors Dave and Leanne were officially inducted as leaders of the church.
- We taught how to **"Share your story"** on Sunday mornings to equip people to live life missionally. We also ran a **HABITS** course through the Life Groups to start the journey to **"BE disciples who MAKE disciples."**
- We launched and ran **phase one of our Leadership Development programme** to identify, train and release vital leadership roles within the church across different levels.
- Ps. Dave & Leanne now have a **wider role within the AoG**, as **Zone Leaders** within the Central Area. They bring support & influence to about 33 churches and their pastors.
- Ps. Dave is also an **AoG Coach** to support and help develop Ministers in Training within the movement, to obtain their ministerial status.

- Ps. Dave & Leanne enjoyed a much appreciated **three month Sabbatical**, made possible due to the **strengthening** of teams and leaders within the house. During this time, more internal speakers were trained and released, we heard encouraging interviews from key people in the church, and we had many guest pastors come to share God's word. A year of variety of voice and sharing of the load!

PROPERTY:

- A small **Property Development Team** with professional experience, was identified and released to help us explore options for improving the site at Charlotte Street.
- A **professional Market Valuation** was conducted for the entire site (Church Centre and Manse) to understand a) the current rebuild costs for insurance purposes and b) an indication of the value of the site.
- A **Topographical Survey** took place, which has given us site and building elevation drawings, useful for any future development.

RE-VISION, 2023-24: *cont...*



PLANTING:

- Ps. Leanne attended a **Church Planting course** at AoG's Missio Dei Bible College.
- We are having **strategic, learning conversations with practitioners within AoG, apostolic mentors**, as well as with the Church Planting Director, Ps. Misheck Manhanha.
- Ps. Dave & Leanne have been piloting a **Missional Life Group**, sharing Jesus with neighbours who aren't YET Christians.



INCOME AND ACCOUNTS

A comparison of 2022-23 vs 21-22 (Note: our latest completed financial year ran from Jul '22 to Jun '23)

- **Total Income:** increased from £121,138 to **£135,957** (yr. 22-23) (+12%, Year on Year [YoY])
- **Regular Tithes and Offerings:** increased from £102,095 to **£108,738** (yr. 22-23) (+6.5% YoY)
- **Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC:** increased from £20,835 to **£26,632** (+28% YoY).

THINGS TO CELEBRATE:

- We are in a good financial position.
- LCC has **no debt**, and **5 months reserves policy**
- **10%** of total income is given away to missions
- All salaries are set by **independent trustees**
- We have a small **hardship fund** which people can apply to if struggling financially.
- Our accounts are **externally examined**, and we've been given a **"clean bill of health"**.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
FAITH AND
GENEROSITY!**

FINANCES: 2022-23

GET READY TO GO: Vision Offering 2022-23

Purpose: We set the vision priorities for the year ahead of **Developing our Discipleship** (incl. Leadership Development), **Progressing our Property**, and **Preparing for Planting**. **Total Given: £24,077** (incl. Gift Aid)
How was the money spent?:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Present Ministries and Mission (this has contributed towards the work celebrated on pages 4-11)	£6,052
Property: Commercial Market Valuation	£1,200
Property: Topographical Survey	£2,220
People: Leadership Development (course, books, refreshments)	£ 175
People: Leadership Development—AoG Conference (tickets, accommodation, food, travel)	£2,515
Planting: Training Course & books, and travel for meetings	£715
TOTAL:	£ 12,877

The balance of **£11,200** will be used to **"forward -fund"** into 2024 (for property & planting).

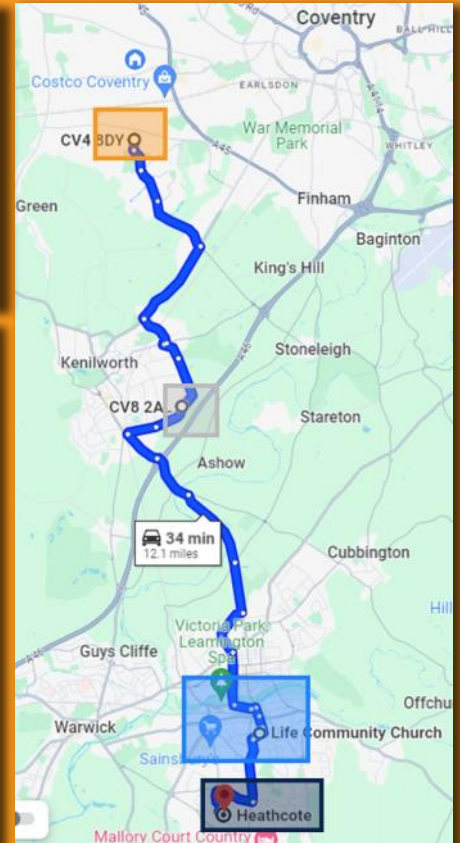
Building for **BREAKTHROUGH**



His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, **do it.**" John 2:5 (NKJV)

The Lord turned to him and said, **"Go in the strength you have** and save Israel out of Midian's hand. **Am I not sending you?"**
Judges 6:14 (NIVUK)

BREAKTHROUGH
God's Plan prevailing
through man



THE SEASON AHEAD:

We thank the Lord for the journey so far. He has been so faithful to the church in the past and we are convinced that LCC's **best days are ahead!** We believe that the Lord is leading the church into a season of **breakthrough** - in and through our lives - to impact our community and take ground missionally. This season we are **“building for breakthrough...”**

In December, Ps. Misheck Manhanha brought a prophetic Word to LCC, about the church **overcoming limitation**, needed for us to advance and see breakthrough happen. God has called all of us individually and collectively to see his plans prevail through us. As we change our mindsets to believe **“what God can do with a few...”**, imagine the impact we will make. **Building for Breakthrough requires us to:**

1. Develop our Discipleship:

Making disciples is on the heart of God. In fact it was Jesus' Great Commission to us all before he left the Earth. We are seeking to continue the journey of exploring what it really means to be **“disciples who make disciples”...**

2. Increase our Influence:

For the church to grow and expand, we need to continue the journey of **Leadership Development** within LCC, as we identify, train and release leaders in different areas. Ps. Dave & Leanne have also been asked in this season to serve **AoG** by connecting **with Pastors and Leaders in our Zone** (around 33 churches) to bring support and influence.

3. Progress our Property:

This year, we need to invest significant money to **improve the existing building** at LCC, in which there has been a Christian witness since 1900.

4. Mobilise into Mission:

The leadership team believes that now is the time to take the **church planting dream forward** by training and equipping a core launch team for our first church plant. The Lord has been impressing upon us 4 different locations over time, with a strong burden for West Coventry initially, as well as possibly 3 other areas (including where LCC currently is – ***please see the map***). This is also the year, for the church to **“leave the building”** as we offer **“Prayer on the Streets”** to those who need it. Come and be part of the adventure!

VISION PRIORITIES & OFFERING, 2023

In addition to our regular tithes and offerings, this year's Vision Offering will be used to advance LCC's mission of:

“Helping people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ”

As we enter the season of **“building for breakthrough”** we will progress the journey to:

- **Develop our Discipleship**
- **Increase our Influence**
- **Progress our Property**
- **Mobilise into Mission**

Specifically, we will seek to further our **Vision Priorities** in the following ways*:

1. PRESENT Ministries (approx. 25%):

To support the core budget to strengthen existing ministries and mission, and to cover overheads.

2. PEOPLE (approx. 10%):

To **develop our discipleship** in Life Groups and practical workshops, and to train and release more leaders to **increase our influence**.

3. PROPERTY (approx. 55%):

To add to existing building fund to **progress the property** by:

- Purchasing wireless equipment for the worship team, to tidy the stage area.
- Relocating the sound and media desk to a new dedicated space, increasing seating capacity, and improving storage facilities.
- Investigating and repairing the party (retaining) wall by the Manse, and improving the aesthetics of the Manse garden.

4. PLANTING (approx. 10%):

To **mobilise into mission** by:

- training and equipping a **core launch team**, and set aside money for resources & buildings.
- Training a team of people to reach out to people using **“Prayer on the Streets”**.

***Exact amounts and proportions may vary depending on the total given/pledged and as needs unfold. These are our current thoughts.**

VISION SUNDAY: How can I play my part?

Sunday 25th February is this year's Vision Sunday.

During this service, we will have a special Vision Offering to further the vision priorities as expressed on the previous pages. **This year, as with previous years we are simply inviting you to come openly before God and to ask Him what He wants you to give or pledge to give. Then in faith, step out and obey. Remember, "Whatever He says to you, do it." (John 2:5).**

On the day, you can **make a one-off donation**, or you can **make a faith pledge—a promise you make before God—to be redeemed over the next 12 months.**

Our time together, as in the past few years, will be a real celebration. We invite you to make a priority of attending, but if you're away, it would be helpful if you would submit your pledge **before 25th February**, by completing our **online pledge form**:

www.life-cc.org/visionsunday

If you have been a part of LCC over these last few years, we invite you to **trust God once again**. If you are new among us, then you can join us on this exciting journey of faith into the future the Lord has for us of reaching our community with a **life-giving message of hope and love.**

Approach - We invite you to:

PRAY: Come before the Lord and ask Him what He would like you to give **over the next 12 months.**

PREPARE: Look at your finances, but you may also need to take a step of faith and obedience. ***Please do not go into debt.***

PLEDGE: Come forward as an individual or family to offer your faith pledge or gift before God.

We ask you to pray for yourself and others at this vital time. Each of our collective obedience in this offering, really does make all the difference in accelerating the vision the Lord has for LCC.

Faith Pledge STORIES

Last year, in our Vision 2023 Offering, so many of us both young and old, played our part in making faith pledges before God. We asked Him how much, and then stepped out in faith and obedience to go on a journey to redeem those pledges over the next 12 months. We've heard so many stories of God's faithfulness over the past year. Here are 2 testimonies to encourage you...



Veronica



I would like to share a story about the breakthrough in my finances and business when I decided to pledge an amount that I had never done before.

It was not easy taking the step of Faith as I didn't have the money sitting in my bank, but I felt the nudge by the Spirit of God, and obeyed.

The same week of simply making the decision to step out in faith, I experienced the true manifestation of the word in Deuteronomy 8:18: "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth".

“Through it all, I saw the hand of God in so many ways which was evident that the seed I had pledged was speaking for me.”

As an entrepreneur it can be challenging running a small business, knowing what your customers are looking for etc. This time I immediately began to get a flow of ideas in my biz which yielded amazing results; referrals that led to paying clients and without marketing or advertising that month, my business hit great targets. That same period, I felt God's leading to accept an offer from head-hunters from a Global tech company based in Canada. For this opportunity I was asked to name what I wanted, and I had over 30K increase.

Through it all, I saw the hand of God in so many ways which was evident that the seed I had pledged was speaking for me.

I can't emphasize enough how truly powerful it is to sow intentionally. The word of God sure works. (Ask me, and I shall tell you more!)

Ed and Sharon



(Sharon writes:)

Praise the Lord!

I am Sharon, an Electrical engineer, and my husband, Ed Pradeep, is a software engineer.

Together, we have a delightful 2-year-old son named Joshua.

We moved from India to the UK in 2022. Leaving behind secure jobs, a comfortable life, and active involvement in a thriving church community in India. We faced uncertainties in the UK due to high inflation and a cost-of-living crisis. Despite the challenges, we trusted in God's promise to be with us.

God amazingly led us to LCC and in January 2023, we became part of LCC, a warm and welcoming church deeply rooted in the word of God.

Last year prompted by the Holy Spirit and inspired by testimonies, we pledged an offering for LCC's vision.

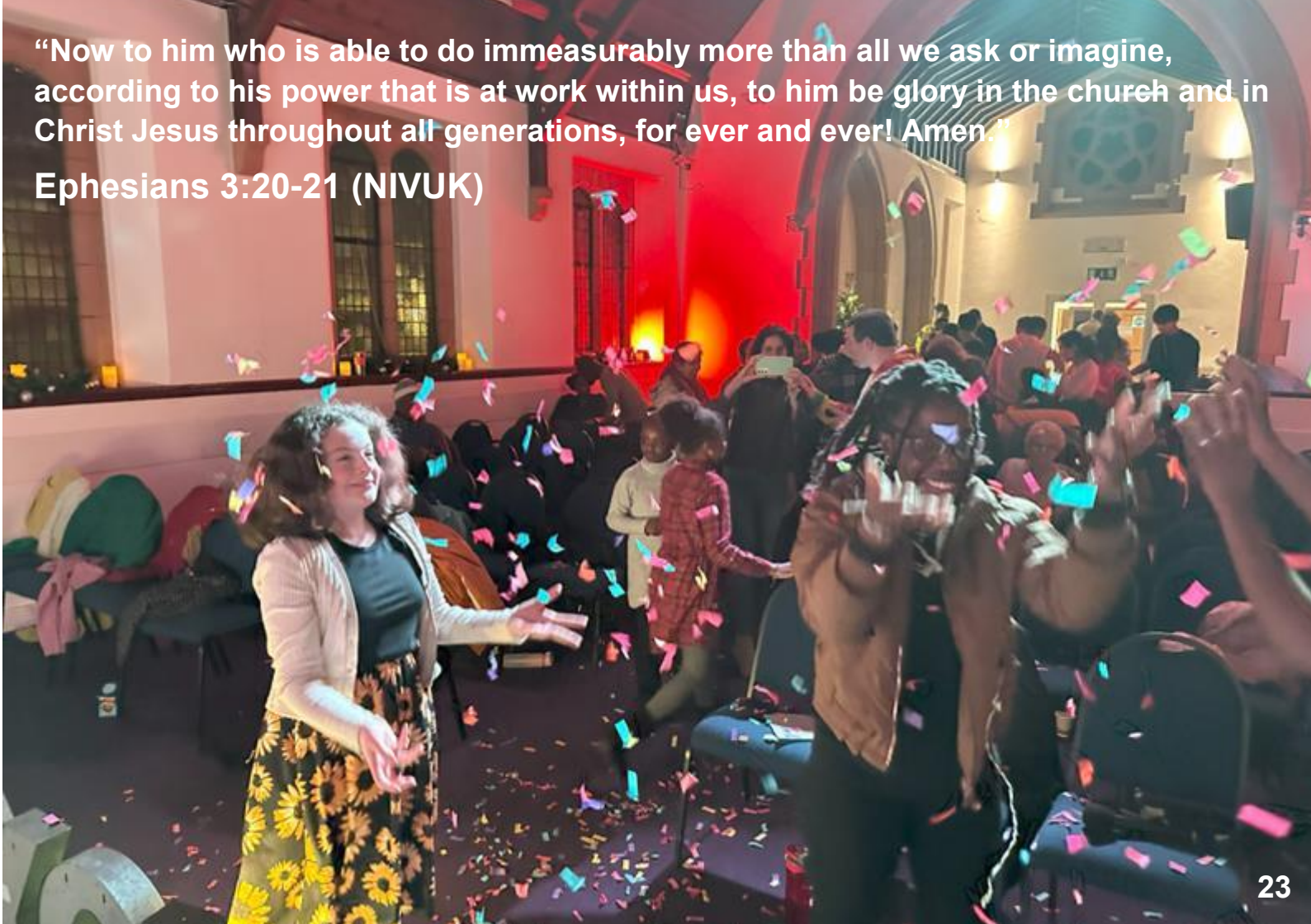
God's provision, faithfulness, and goodness unfolded in various aspects of our lives. We witnessed God's faithfulness as we secured a house, jobs, and a nursery for Joshua.

Navigating the job market, my husband initially faced challenges, including an offer retraction due to headcount reduction. However, supported by God's sustaining word and the prayers of our church community, he secured a position in his dream company within a month.

Even in securing childcare for Joshua, where vacancies were scarce until September 2024, God's faithfulness prevailed, providing us with a nursery close to our home. Our journey to the UK has been a testament to the unwavering presence of God and the strength found in our newfound community at LCC.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIVUK)





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