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BUILD **RISE** **25-26**

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The Vision



Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds
the house, the builders
labour in vain.

*Every person giving generously with
a spirit of faith, in worship of God.*

*Building and maintaining excellent
facilities for the glory of God.*

*Reaching and equipping people to have
an influence in our towns, cities, nation
and the world.*

Dear Church,

2024 was a really exciting year for us here at Alive. The church is flourishing with over 1180 new people visiting the church and nearly 200 decisions to follow Christ last year. We are so glad that you are a part of the journey.

God's people have always built things in order to honour Him and facilitate the vision He has given to them, from Old Testament altars to contemporary cathedrals and church buildings.

Whenever building takes place in the Bible, there are principles that God establishes for His people to follow:

- Building is birthed out of vision
- Building is for God's glory
- Building is for the gathering of believing people
- Building is strong when done in unity and peace
- Building requires sacrifice
- Building needs generosity and investment
- Building always serves that which is not made with human hands.

This year our focus is found in Psalm 127 which says **'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.'**

Our strongest desire is to only build what God is building and to be a people who clearly hear His voice and follow His plans.

Rise and Build has always been about our future vision and not just the upkeep of buildings and resources. It is about the church as a whole investing into our future together. In 2025 our plans are to continue our investment into emerging generations, to sow into 'A Day to be Alive', and to once again create seed funding for future planting. Through Rise and Build we get the opportunity to invest into lives, to see them transformed by the good news of Jesus. As you read this brochure you will be able to see what we have been able to accomplish over the past 12 months and our goals for the coming year.

It is vitally important that our vision progresses so we don't stand still and that the facilities and resources we own represent us well. Improving our facilities / equipment and investing into our growing vision is one way in which we thank the Lord for everything He has done for us.



Stuart and Irene

Our church in 6 locations

*Multiple ministries serving our
church, nation and world*



Gainsborough

Grantham

Lincoln Central

Lincoln North

Lincoln South

Scunthorpe



2024 We Celebrated...

LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Gainsborough

Continued lease for another year on the Alive Offices and Hub. This has been an incredible asset to the location as we run all our groups and activities during the week and weekends in this facility. It is centrally located and provides us with a visible presence in the town.

Grantham

GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND WORK

The quinquennial inspection was completed by Simons Design. They provided a 96 page document outlining everything that needs to be maintained and repaired.

The roof over the office area was fully repaired where we had a significant leak.

The internal damage to the office ceiling was fully repaired.

The office was repainted and redecorated.

Additional power sockets were installed in the office

Office lighting was upgraded to LED.

Repairs to the stonework have just been completed on the section of the building facing Avenue Road. This was done as an emergency repair as stonework was dislodged and fell out, posing a safety issue to pedestrians. Daniel Christie

prepared the architect's brief for this and the work was carried out by Lang Associates. They also re-pointed some areas on the nave and repaired some roof tiles to prevent further damage to the inside of the building.

Flood lighting in the main auditorium was replaced.

Fire risk assessment was completed.

The damage caused by the attempted lightning rod theft is currently being repaired and the scaffold is still up.

Damaged lead flashing on one section of the roof was repaired per advice from the builder and consultation with Daniel Christie.

2024 We Celebrated... LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

- Boiler was repaired and rewired
- Hive boosted to ensure heating is maintained

ARCHITECT PROJECT

- Measured survey was completed in October by CMS
- Initial consultation with architect and principal designer was held Oct at the church
- Land Registry documents received
- Stat pack requested and received
- Architect initial designs outlined to present at Rise and Build

Lincoln Central

- Kids, Youth and YA investment to enable greater ministry opportunities throughout the year
- Redeveloped the Beaumont Room into a lounge for Life Groups, Small Discipleship Courses, Pastoral Meetings, Wedding + Baptism preparation classes

- Heating solution in ladies toilets
- Redeveloped the Wigford Room to a studio space
- Redeveloped the Newland Room to a meeting room
- Redecoration of stairwell (including new carpet)
- Redecoration of external and internal windows
- New radio microphones for the auditorium
- Smartened front foyer
- Architectural work to plan for the next 10 years

Lincoln North

- Rental for BGU Building on Sundays
- Equipment
- Lincoln North Strategic Lead salary contribution

Lincoln South

- Future Generations investment - It's been brilliant to welcome Caitlin to Lincoln South and we are so grateful for her investment into our young people.

Scunthorpe

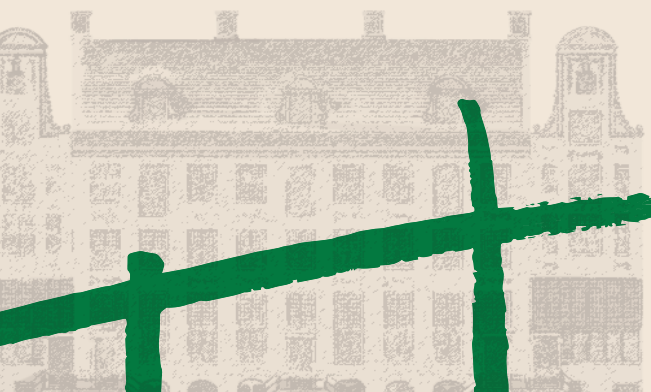
- Room Hire for:
 - Sunday Services,
 - Tuesday Women's Prayer (fortnightly),
 - Wednesday Youth Meeting (fortnightly)
 - Thursday General Prayer Meetings
- Stationery and other equipment for Kids Work
- General supplies for hospitality:
 - Communion
 - Hospitality (biscuits, milk, coffee, filters, sugar, cups, bottled water, etc)
 - Microphone & Music Stands





24/25 Giving & Targets

	2024 Giving	2025 Faith Target
Gainsborough	£10,709	£12,000
Grantham	£55,348	£60,000
Lincoln Central	£49,788	£60,000
Lincoln North	£17,960	£25,000
Lincoln South	£39,321	£45,000
Scunthorpe	£1,081	£3,000
Total	£174,207	£205,000



2025 Project Plans

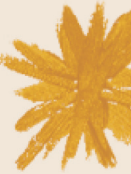


Gainsborough

- Continue with the lease for another year for the Alive Gainsborough Offices and Hub.
- Investment into portable stage lighting, new radio microphones and equipment to enhance our Sunday services with our growing worship team.

Grantham

- Mortgage Repayments
- Two additional days for Facilities Administrator
- Match funding and work on building Including
 - New signage outside
 - Decorating toilets
 - Coffee Lounge repair to the walls and then repainting
 - High cleaning of the auditorium
 - New carpet throughout as flagged on the quinquennial inspection
 - Hearing loop
 - New fire doors as flagged on our Fire Risk Assessment
 - Roof and Gutter repairs
 - Baptistry repairs
 - Sorting drainage around the building to stop water ingress
 - Stonework repairs
 - Repairing the kitchen floor
 - Rewiring the auditorium



Lincoln Central

- Kids, Youth and YA investment to our Emerging generations
- Continued Architectural work for plan over next 10 years
- Redevelop back of Church including production area, info point & refreshment stations
- Redecoration of Brayford & Boardroom
- Upgrade in Reception area
- Signs for all rooms in the building with a new welcome to Church front door signage
- Continue to maintain a standard of excellence in the building

Lincoln North

- Building Rental
- Equipment
- Contribution to Life Pastor Salary
- Margin

Lincoln South

- Continued investment into future generations
- Begin development of a community hub - seeking to create a community focussed space to host our community projects and serve the local area.
- Continue to raise money for our miracle building & home
- Storage improvements

Scunthorpe

- We are aiming to continue investing in our Kids & Youth work. The Youth will continue to be involved in our Sunday services, recreational activities, as well as weekend away together with other young people at other Alive locations.
 - Sound Equipment Upgrade (cables for speakers/sound, speaker stands)
 - Storage Area: Shelving
 - Hospitality: Trolley / Refreshments
- Kids:
 - Materials/crafts/stationery
 - Food party/celebrations (around 3x a year)
 - Christmas gifts
- Youth:
 - Youth Nights
 - Days/Evenings Out
 - Food party/celebrations (around 3x a year)
 - Christmas gifts

Our United Commitment

Today's investment for tomorrow's opportunities

Our offerings will position us to respond to the ever increasing influence that God is giving to us as we reach people in our own communities, nation and overseas.

In 2025 plans are to continue our investment into Emerging Generations. In addition to this we will sow into 2025's A Day to be Alive, our annual day of celebration, where we gather together to champion our unity and worship God together.

In 2025 we will be gathering for A Day to be Alive on Sunday 18th May at the Lincolnshire Showground.

Finally, we will once again be creating a seed fund for future planting.

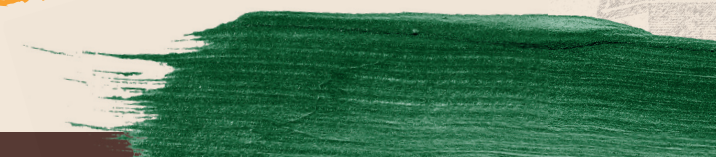
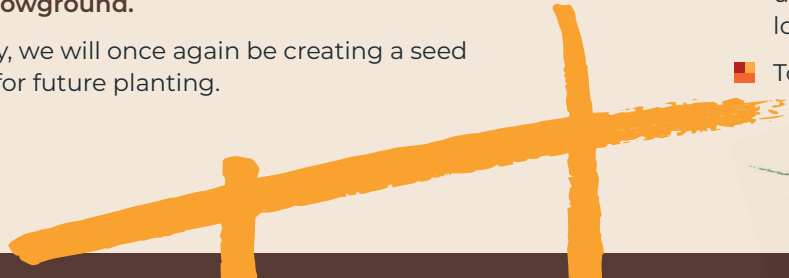


Giving

Any offering of this size will be sacrificial. We will have to rise to the challenge. A sacrificial offering enables every one of us to freely give the best we have for a greater purpose.

This is your opportunity:

- To make a difference
- To do something significant with the potential to outlast your life
- To help build a church that has the call of God upon it and a mandate for influence in its location, nation and world
- To be a part of a miracle



Next Steps

Prayerfully consider the amount of giving that is appropriate for you.

- This should be your first step in becoming involved in the Rise & Build Offering. Pray for faith and wisdom.

Make your commitment to Rise & build

- On Sunday 9th March 2025 you will have the opportunity to make your commitment during any of our services, by completing the Rise & Build giving card. There will also be opportunities to give to the offering for a couple of weeks following Rise & Build Sunday.

Whilst we cannot all give the same amount, we can all give. This way everyone can play their part. You will have several options available to you;



Make a regular weekly or monthly contribution.

- Regular giving can be easier to manage, is rewarding and quickly builds up over time.
- Give regular weekly/monthly amounts via Standing Order. Just fill in the Standing Order details on the Giving Card.

Make a one-off gift.

You can make direct deposits into our account. The details are...

Name: Alive Church Buildings Account

Sort Code: 05-06-41

Account Number: 66720553

Cheques should be made payable to:
Alive Church Buildings Account.

- **Visit our website alivechurch.org.uk/riseandbuild for more information and to give online.**

- **SCAN the QR code to go directly to giving page.**





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