



2023 Year in Review

2023 has been an exciting year for our church here in London. The highs this year have been very high, and some lows we experienced have felt very low indeed. This year has brought more than just numerical growth; after five years of revitalisation, we are beginning to see the fruit of hard work as a healthy church. We started the year by launching small groups, which was such a boost to the church. The fellowship and closeness from meeting weekly to study the Bible and pray together was much loved. Our teens went to their first church camp, and not only did many find Christ, but the comradery from it has changed our youth group for the better. The best this year is seeing:

11 Salvations and 21 Baptisms

It is such a testimony to what God is doing in our corner of the world. Over the past five years, we have now seen a total of 54 salvations and 61 baptisms. What a tremendous blessing to be a part of what God is doing here in our little church.

2023 has had its low points, all of which have been having to say goodbye to some of our best staff and volunteers. Some goodbyes were planned, and a part of what churches do by sending people to work elsewhere. Terry, one of our oldest church members, got the opportunity to go on staff at another church nearby where he is helping to grow their evangelism and discipleship. The Reeves family, a crucial part of our church revitalisation, went to the States for a furlough as they look to do their next church plant or revitalisation. The tough goodbye came from Kaylynn and Jassen losing their visas and being deported back to Texas and the Philippines. We worked hard to keep them in the country and then to get them back, but it seems God has closed the door for them to work at our church. As a church, we have felt these losses so much and now find ourselves in a completely different place from the beginning at the end of the year.

Looking Ahead to 2024

As we look to 2024, we are confident that God will continue to work in our church. We will seek to raise up those in our church to fill the gaps as we continue to share the Gospel in our community. We will also be looking outside our church to bring in new staff to help us grow into the healthy church God wants us to be. We pray that over the next twelve months, God will continue to provide, and our church will continue to play a role in changing lives. We can't wait to share this time next year with you all that God has done in our church.



Christmas Services

The most attended church service in the UK each year is the Christmas Carol service. We had two opportunities this year for people to follow, and despite a massive bug keeping half our church members at home, we still managed to have one of our best attendances. After all our Christmas services, we saw Justin's family for Christmas, a much-needed time of rest and family fun.



Prayer Request

- 1. For Kaylynn and Jassen to find what God has for them next as they can no longer work for our church.
- 2. Our church is looking to hire an associate pastor to help with our growing church and ministries.
- 3. Our family, as we are navigating this season of transition in our ministry here in London.