

Kings Centre Redevelopment:

We are in the planning and preparing stage to renovate spaces that are outdated and unfit for purpose. The square footage we have holds potential to be a centre of community and city-wide mission. We see this as a 'bridge' to the community, which can journey with people who do not know Jesus, meet practical needs and be a safe spaces for families to join with community.

We already run the following from the centre: ESOL classes for refugees (partnership with Bristol City Council), Once a month Kings club seniors meal, Street Church homeless outreach, Stay & Play (partnership with St Matthew's church) parent & toddler group, Coffee Morning, Foodbank (partnership with North Bristol Trussell Trust Foodbank) and a church based Youth service.

We believe this is a centre that can mirror the sentiment found in this scripture:

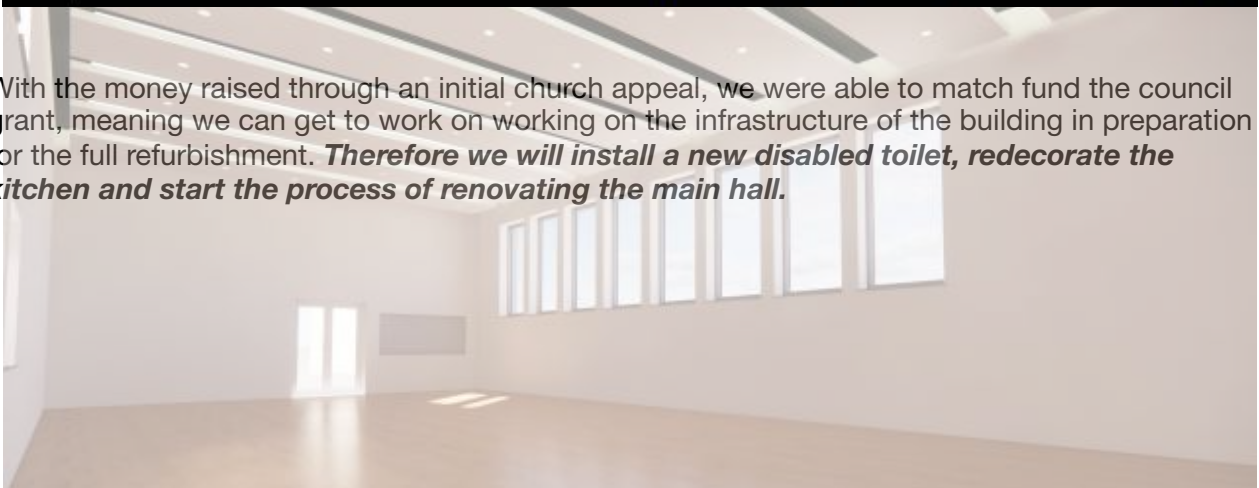
““The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, ‘You are set free!’ I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God’s great acceptance has begun.””

Luke 4:18-19 TPT

As we want to increase the provision we offer through the centre by adding in extra foodbank sessions, creative and community events, and debt/ signposting support (amongst much more); **we successfully applied for a council grant of £30k** to go towards a renovation of the main hall, a redecorated kitchen with an installation of disabled toilet facilities. Part of this grant application was to survey our locality, and this has affirmed our conviction to create a safe community space for the whole family and that meets practical needs.

SUMMARY OF COMBINED RESULTS (BOTH ONLINE SURVEYS & PAPER QUESTIONNAIRES) A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE SURVEYED		
Question	Answer	Overall percentage
Best things about this area of Bristol	Its diversity, community spirit & multicultures	44%
	Its central location	34%
Main problems in this community	Addiction (drugs, alcohol, substances)	50%
	Homelessness	31%
In what ways the church can provide support	Continue running Food Bank & Street Church	29%
	Run workshops, courses, groups and activities	28%
What should happen to the Kings Centre building	Improve its facilities	77%
	Use the building for something else	13%
Which new facilities there should be	Café area	61%
	Youth space	53%
How often people would use the Kings Centre	30 or more times	31%
	1-10 times	21%
About those surveyed	Female	59%
	Male	41%
	Aged 26-49	38%
	Aged 50-69	32%
	Live 0.5 mile from the Kings Centre	48%
	Live 6 or more miles from the Kings Centre	19%

With the money raised through an initial church appeal, we were able to match fund the council grant, meaning we can get to work on working on the infrastructure of the building in preparation for the full refurbishment. **Therefore we will install a new disabled toilet, redecorate the kitchen and start the process of renovating the main hall.**



Full plans:

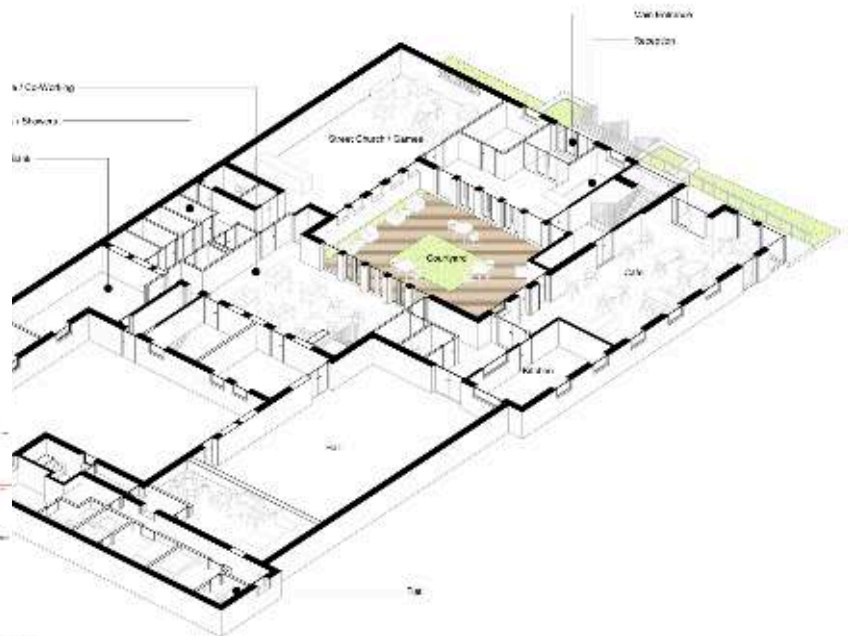
We wanted any potential works to be started with the whole building in mind. We can now visualise what the entire refurbished building can look like:

What the building layout currently is:



3D Axo Ground Floor

What it can be:



What we hope to see in the future:

In response to the community survey, there is opportunity for enterprise initiatives for job and work progression opportunities. For example, we hope to get a **community cafe** on site for the use of people coming to the programmes of the centre and as an asset to the community. **A further grant will be submitted in the hope we will receive £50k to create the cafe space.**

This programme is a building block process where we help people with the fundamentally basic needs they may have through a debt centre, foodbank sessions, warm spaces over winter. Then we build on them through signposting and befriending through relational groups like toddler sessions and street church; before ultimately building community and relationships to support people and introduce them to Jesus if they are interested.

The big Ask:

We are seeking continual financial support to turn this vision into a reality. There is a giving pot set up on the church website and one-off gifts can be made, alongside monthly donations.

We are also seeking people to help, either volunteer in one of our existing groups, or in offering a specialist skill such as administration or DIY. Likewise, if someone has the inspiration to start something new that would benefit the community, we would love to chat about it.

Our God-given dreams for this centre, and more importantly, who this centre will be able to bless and support, are beyond what we can make happen in the natural. But together, and with God's presence, much more than we can imagine can be achieved. Please consider partnering with us in this mission.